



PORTLAND SCHOOL Te Kura o Tikorangi DIRECTORY - 2026

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SCHOOL DAY:

The following is a daily timetable of bell times:

8.30:	School gates open
9.00-10.45:	First block
10.45-11.30:	Play then lunch
11.30-13.15:	Second Block
13.15-14.00:	Play then afternoon tea
14.00-15.00:	Last Block

SCHOOL TERMS:

Term One – Monday 9th February - Thursday 2nd April

Term Two – Monday 20th April - Friday 3rd July

Term Three – Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

Term Four - Monday 12th October - Friday 18th December



OUR KURA AND COMMUNITY

Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi is a small, well-resourced rural school located 10 minutes south of Whangārei. There is a kindergarten situated on the school's boundary that serves the wider community. Most of the school's students are transported to the school on the board-financed school bus. Eighty five percent of ākonga are Māori and many are of Ngā Puhi descent.



Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi is a product of the community growth as Portland Cement - now GBC - expanded as a thriving commercial entity. Before long, Portland community was increased as workers filled homes, with their whānau, extended whānau and children. As the technology for manufacturing evolved, and the need for more environmentally friendly methods became a priority, the need for manual labourers decreased as did the community population. Whānau moving away meant that almost all of the housing was sold or demolished. However, the school still stands strong today and many, many of those original whānau either still live in the community, or have connections to our kura. We are proud to now say we continue to teach the mokopuna of those whānau who made it possible for us to have our School.



Tikorangi is a hill to the west with a summit 161m above sea level. The major industry is Portland Cement, which is New Zealand's largest cement manufacturer. It has a specialised loading dock on the harbour, and quarries Tikorangi for lime.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

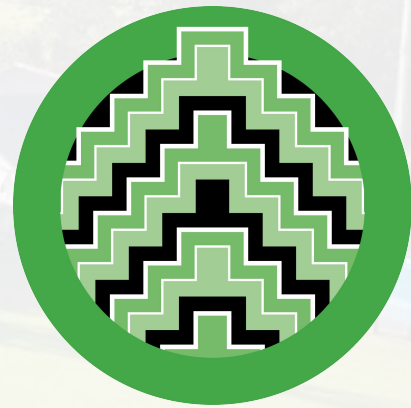
At Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi, our commitment to our school values is ingrained in every aspect of our day. Our tamariki actively contributed to shaping and designing these values, giving them a sense of ownership and a deep understanding of what our values mean to us.

Kaitiaki



I am a Guardian

Kawenga



I am the Best I Can Be

Pono



I am Trustworthy

Manaaki



I uplift the Mana of Others

OUR TEAM

Tumuaki



Whaea Rachel

Tumuaki Tuarua



Whaea Marama

Kaiako



Whaea Ange

Kaiako



Whaea Hayley

Kaiako



Whaea Hannah

Kaiako



Whaea Amie

Kaiako



Whaea Latoya

Kaiako



Whaea Kahu

Kaitunu



Whaea Ngahuia

Kaiawhina



Matua Tyson

Kaiawhina



Whaea Emma

Kaiwhakahaere




Whaea Carol



Health and Wellbeing

PB4L: POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

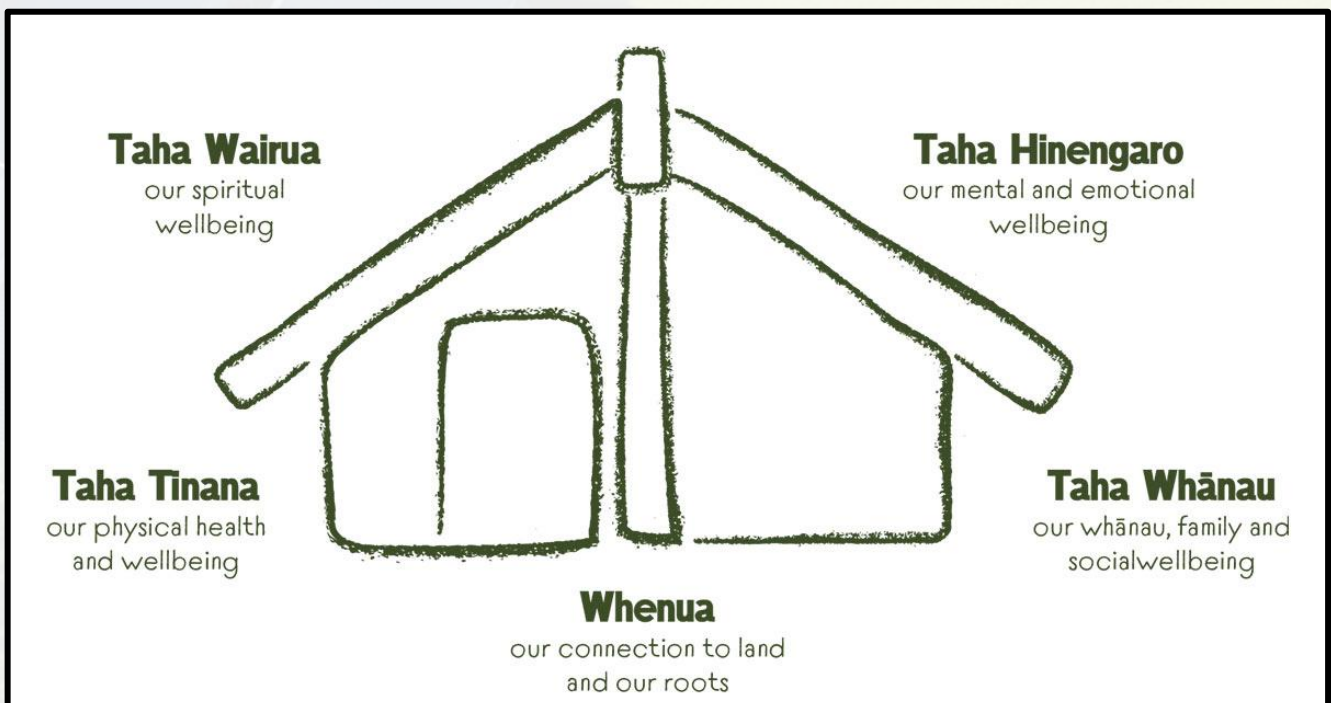
PB4L is a program that supports children by giving them rules and clear expectations that are consistent across the school. PB4L is a school-Wide program that helps Portland School to build a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. The framework is tailored to our school's own environment and cultural needs.

The ZONES of Regulation			
			
Blue Zone Sad Bored Tired Sick	Green Zone Happy Focused Calm Proud	Yellow Zone Worried Frustrated Silly Excited	Red Zone overjoyed/Elated Panicked Angry Terrified

As part of PB4L Portland school uses Zones of Regulation, *Ngā wāhanga oranga*. There are four zones **blue**, **green**, **yellow**, **red**. (*E whā ngā wāhanga: kikorangi, kākāriki, kōwhai, whero*). The zones are used to help identify your emotions and body control and help you develop strategies to regulate your emotions and body appropriately.

TE WHARE TAPA WHĀ

One of the frameworks that we use to guide our teaching is Te Whare Tapa Whā, a Māori model for health and wellbeing that emphasises the importance of balancing the four dimensions of health. By integrating this holistic approach into our teaching, we strive to create a supportive and inclusive environment where all children feel valued and respected.





WHĀNAU KĀKANO

Kākano is the seed. It symbolizes the potential for growth and new beginnings. "Kākano" is the first class your tamariki enter as you start your journey at Te Kura o Tikorangi - Portland School.

Tena koutou katoa! Nau mai haere mai ki Whānau Kākano. Welcome to Whānau Kākano! As the new entrant class, we regularly welcome visitors throughout the year. Feel free to drop by as we would love to show you our mahi.



**KAHURANGI
CREWTER**
Junior class teacher
Whānau Kākano

TRANSITIONING FROM ECES:

Tamariki are encouraged to have a school visit prior to starting school. The purpose of these visits is to ensure a smooth transition from ECE, create familiarisation with the kaiako and kura, help alleviate any anxiety, answer questions, and to ensure that both you and your child are comfortable in our kura.

WHĀNAU MANAIA



ANGE VENDT
Junior class teacher
Whānau Manaia

Tena koutou katoa! Nau mai haere mai! Welcome to Whānau Manaia!

Manaia is the maunga you first see in the Whangarei Harbour - "Manaia" is one of the first classes you enter as you start your journey at Portland School.

It is where we get stuck into our current school programs alongside learning through play, exploration, and inquiry.

WHĀNAU MATAKOHE

Tena koutou katoa! Nau mai haere mai! Welcome to Whānau Matakohe!

Matakohe is in the middle of the harbour and a landmark for our kura - It also represents our “middle” school as we navigate through our kura.

Nau mai haere mai e te whānau.

Please feel free to come and visit us in Matakohe, our amazing tamariki would love to share their learning with you!



AMIE ANDERSON
Middle Class
Teacher
Whānau Matakohe

**HAYLEY
ALDWORTH**
Middle Class
Teacher
Whānau Matakohe



WHĀNAU TIKORANGI

Tena koutou katoa! Nau mai haere mai ki Whānau Tikorangi! Welcome to Whānau Tikorangi!

In our whānau, we believe our senior students, like Tikorangi (the Māori name for Portland), are destined for great things. We are passionate about supporting them to grow as confident, independent learners and leaders of our kura.

Our programme blends ICT and digital technologies to develop future-ready skills, while Te Reo Māori and tikanga are woven into everyday learning, helping our students connect with their culture and identity. We encourage our seniors to take on leadership roles within the school, guiding others and setting a positive example for our wider community.

With three fabulous kaiako during each week, we are available if you need to kōrero with us. Our classroom is always open, and we warmly welcome whānau to visit, spend time with us, and see our students thrive.



MARAMA FLAY-ALKER
Kaiako, Senior Class
Whānau Tikorangi



HANNAH KINGI
Kaiako, Senior Class
Whānau Tikorangi



LATOYA VILIUVA
Kaiako, Senior Class
Whānau Tikorangi

Things you may need to know



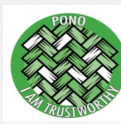
Sun Safety:

Sun safety is so important. Every student is expected to wear a hat during Term 1 and 4. The expectation is that hats are worn for any/every outside time (Break times, school activities such as PE etc). School hats are supplied, however your child may bring a pōtae from home (must be named, and your child's responsibility) There is school sunblock available. However, please ensure a layer is applied before school if possible. If your child has their own sunscreen you prefer, please send some in their school that they can apply each day.

Swimming:

We swim during Term 1 and 4. It is an expectation that every student participates in swimming. Please ensure that all students bring their togs and towel to school! If you wish for your child to keep a pair of togs at school can you please ensure they are named.

If your child is unable to swim they must bring a note to school, contact the school office or contact their kaiako via email.



FACEBOOK PAGE

Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi

Keep up to date with all things Portland on our Facebook page!

Here's what you can expect:

- Updates on events at our kura, from celebrations to important dates.
- Photos celebrating the achievements and activities of our tamariki.
- Posts showcasing the amazing learning and progress of our ākonga.

Don't miss out—join us and be part of our school community online!

School Loop

In addition to our Facebook page, we post updates, important dates, and reminders on School Loop. Families can download the School Loop app or access it through the website to receive notifications directly. This helps ensure you never miss important school information and announcements.



Homework:

At Portland kura we see our tamariki working hard all day at school. Therefore, we won't send home 'homework' for the sake of doing 'homework'. We love to see whānau enjoying reading together for fun and encourage you to spend any 'homework' time reading or enjoying time with your whanau! Read books, make kai, draw pictures, play a boardgame, play sports, make up a dance but most of all have fun! We feel these other skills and time spent together are just as important to ensure your child is 'ready to learn' when they're at school.

Kapa Haka :

Our tamariki can choose to join Kapa Haka! Our roopu practise weekly with a goal to perform at the end of each term, and available festivals around the area. If you have any expertise in this area that you would like to share with us then please contact Whaea Marama.

marama@portland.school.nz

Things you may need to know

Attendance

It is vitally important that once your child is enrolled at kura that they attend every day. Children benefit greatly from consistency and routine and having the opportunity to establish these early sets your child up for success both in the classroom and playground. It is also important that your child arrives to school on time so that we can ensure they have a smooth transition into the day.



DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?



Surely, 1 day a week doesn't matter...
It's only 10 minutes. 10 minutes is nothing...
Actually, this is what it may look like:

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	After 13 years of schooling...
10 minutes a day	50 mins a week	1 ½ days a week	½ a year
30 minutes a day	½ a day a week	4 weeks a year	1 ½ years
1 hour a day	1 day a week	8 weeks a year	2 ½ years
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks	1 ½ years
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks	Over 2 ½ years
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks	Over 5 years
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks	Nearly 8 years

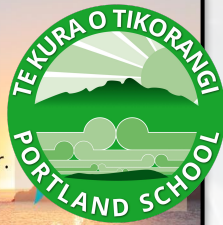


Our School Karakia and karakia mo te kai.

OPENING KARAKIA

**Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Tīhei mauri ora!**

Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day



Breakfast

We have continental style breakfast available for all our Tamariki from 8:30 - 9am every school morning. All our tamariki are welcome and encouraged to have breakfast before we start the school day. Please let us know if you need us to remind your child to have breakfast when they arrive at school. The call of the playground can be very tempting.

School Lunches

Our kitchen facilities are amazing! Delicious healthy school lunches are made onsite by Whaea Ngās and are free for ALL our tamariki. The menus are delicious and nutritious and from what we've had so far, our tamariki LOVE them.

Stationery

Portland School currently supplies all stationery that your child will need at no cost to you.



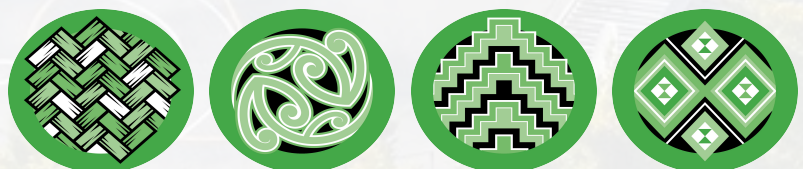
Karakia Kai

(before food)



E Rongo, E rongo
Homai ngā tipu
Hei whakaki te tinana
Hei oranga
Au eke, Au eke,
Hui e
Tāiki e!

Listen! Listen!
Plants are grown,
to fill our bodies
with health.
Come together,
Gather, gather.



Things you may need to know

Technology

We are fortunate enough to have access to several technology options at Portland, particularly in Whanau Tikorangi where we have a strong focus on digital citizenship in preparation for when our seniors move on to Intermediate. We will be using our technology across the school especially for listening to reading, presenting, creating, sharing and access to our digital learning platforms. For more information on the applications we use, please contact your child's kaiako.

TOYS FROM HOME



We would appreciate it if we could please keep all home toys at home. This will help support us with behaviour management and avoid any social issues, and avoid any accidental breakages.

Skateboards, Scooters, and Bikes:

We are so lucky to have scooters, skateboards, and bikes provided for our tamariki to use during the school day. These must be used with the provided safety gear, especially if they are using the skate ramps and rails. Students are welcome to bring their own, however if students bring their own it is their responsibility at school.



Headphones:

We will have some available in the class for the students to share. However, if you wish for your child to have their own pair they are more than welcome to bring their own NAMED pair from home to use.

Nav mai, Haere mai!

As always, our classes are open any time you want to pop in and see our programmes. The kaiako are also always available to answer any questions or concerns. Message us on seesaw, come in and see us, email or arrange an appt with Carol in the office.

Kaitiaki



Kawenga



Pono



Manaaki

