



*A Warm Welcome from the Principal.*

Welcome to Katikati Primary School, we are pleased to have your child starting school with us. Katikati Primary School is set within a vibrant and supportive community, where teachers, whānau and the wider community work together to provide children with rich and diverse learning opportunities. We believe strongly in the importance of the home school partnership so please make sure you keep in contact with us.

We are focused on the future and continually strive to inspire and engage children. Literacy and numeracy are essential skills which underpin the wider curriculum and unlock opportunities for children. As such they will always be our major priority. In addition to these skills however, we want to present our children with a broad range of opportunities which include:

- Education Outside the Classroom
- A wide variety of sports
- Cultural Groups
- School Camp
- Kura Kaupapa Learning Pod (see flyer for details)
- A Literacy Enhancement Program
- A proactive Special Needs Department

We want to enable our children to become problem solvers and effective communicators, who are self-confident and equipped to thrive in their adult lives. We strive to personalise learning for our children by utilising teachers' strengths, knowledge and expertise in a collaborative manner. Children will be provided with diverse experiences to engage them in their learning. At all times there will be a focus on hauora, on developing the whole child.

Our teachers are available to discuss your child's progress and achievements at any time during the year. Please email the class teacher or ring the school office for an appointment. We really appreciate hands on support so if you have some time to: help with sporting events; listen to children read; become a member of our Parents of the School Group or simply to come along to the special events held throughout the school year, we would love to see you.

In order to provide the best transition for your child to our school, we request that you come in for an interview before they start school with either Mrs Amanda Willett, Senior DP or Ms Lynda Massey, Junior DP. To help us support your child please supply a copy of their last report, any medical information or specialist reports. If your child: currently receives special support at school; has learning or behaviour needs; has medical concerns; speaks English as a Second Language or has circumstances in their home lives of which we need to be aware, please ask for an appointment with our Special Needs Coordinator Annie Sims who can ensure that we put the best support possible in place for your child.

Welcome to our school. We look forward to working with you and your child.

Andrea Nicholson  
Principal