

NGĀ TŪMANAKO O NGĀ MĀTUA: ASPIRATIONS OF PARENTS

Question 1: What are your aspirations for children within kura?	
<p>Marama McDonald (Mātua, Te Kura o Matapihi)</p>	<p>For my husband and I the most important thing is that their holistic wellbeing is developed. Equally as important I feel that I want all parts of their wellbeing to be fostered – te taha whānau, te taha wairua, te taha hinengaro, te taha tinana; and you know the other really important thing was that their strengthening of their cultural identity would be paramount.</p>
<p>Te Roimata Rangi (Mātua, Te Kura o Matapihi)</p>	<p>It has become important for both myself and wife, that we... we show the kids that we are Māori - even though they are quite fair, for what's important to us in the kura, to identify that we are Māori, so they can establish ngā whakaaro Māori. It was something that my grandmother always wanted that our children, to follow through – to start at kōhanga, to kura, and hopefully to wharekura. So, ideally for me I want my children to be good people.</p>
<p>Renee Williams (Mātua, Te Kura o Matapihi)</p>	<p>For me and my whānau, I think that being strong in their Māori culture and is a huge, important place in their life. They need to, for my kids to come in here and to be strong and confident – in not only themselves, but in their reo, in, in their everything, is a huge thing for me. We had a bit of a debate before our daughter started school, about putting her into a mainstream kura or into a kura Māori, and, I wasn't the one pushing for kura Māori, my tāne was – purely because of my background and very different cultures.</p> <p>But I have no regrets now. I see how confident my tamariki are, yeah the confidence that they ooze around our whānau, just being proud to be Māori, I think is a huge thing and our kura does it very well.</p>
Question 2: How do you know that your child/children are achieving in the kura?	
<p>Marama McDonald (Mātua, Te Kura o Matapihi)</p>	<p>You know, it says whether they're either at the level, or above level or below level, but it's actually speaking ... kanohi ki te kanohi ... kōrero ā-waha, where I really can see that my tamariki are learning the things I want them to learn.</p>
Question 3: How do you know that your children are achieving in kura?	
<p>Renee Williams (Mātua, Te Kura o</p>	<p>I think for me, seeing how happy they are to come to kura. Again, as Marama said with the written reports, they tell you where they're at with all their sort-a, text book sort-a studies, seeing how</p>

<p>Matapihi)</p>	<p>happy my kids are to come to school, seeing how they relate well to their peers and their kaiako and all the staff at the kura, there is no, there's no doubt in my mind that they're not where they should be. They ... they just seem settled, they seem happy, they seem confident, confident with the reo as well, is huge thing.</p> <p>My kids can walk up to anybody and have a conversation i roto i te reo, and stand strong that they know what they are talking about, and that is a huge thing for me because we can't give that to our tamariki at home.</p>
<p>Question 4: What does Māori succeeding as Māori look like to you?</p>	
<p>Marama McDonald (Mātua, Te Kura o Matapihi)</p>	<p>I think for me is that they can, the biggest thing is they can walk confidently in both te ao Māori and te ao whānui. I'm doing some interviews at the moment with some kaumātua. You know, and that's their main priority too. That has always been why they fought so hard for things like kōhanga reo, is because they want our mokopuna to be able to be just as confident in the Māori world as they are in the global world.</p> <p>Realising their potential in that interface between the two worlds. That's what my aim is for my tamariki and that's what their tipuna's aspirations were for their mokopuna.</p>
<p>Te Roimata Rangi (Mātua, Te Kura o Matapihi)</p>	<p>Success . . . happy kids. You can't go far [from] that. If you have happy kids, you have happy parents. With happy parents you get that commitment of their time, and that's a big thing, to have parents involved with the kura ...</p>
<p>Renee Williams (Mātua, Te Kura o Matapihi)</p>	<p>Going back to the values of our school. I think that, all of those things completed is huge success, for my tamariki, if they show manaakitanga, atawhai, tikanga me te reo – all of the things that are established in our kura values, that's huge success to me, for my tamariki.</p>