

Ka whārikitia ngā mahi katoa e ngā uara Māori

Jan Tineti (Tumuaki)

When we developed our values that underpin our curriculum, we actually sat for a long time and discussed where we were going to go as far as what our values were, and again, those values have gone in to this wee booklet and are the underpinning guiding, guidance to our documentation that we have in the school. So, those values are, our communication, our wellbeing and safety, how we treat each other, our local community, our uniqueness and identity as a school and our parents. Those are the things that we value within our school.

When I say that our mainstream teachers are actually now saying that those values, those are very Pākehā concepts in a way, but they've started to say, well manaakitanga will come through a lot stronger there will actually encompass quite a number of those values. So I guess in some respects, that's also the next step in our pathway, is that those values are actually coming through, through the professional development of all the teachers, they're quietly sitting there saying, 'that's not fitting us anymore' and now we've got this better idea of where we're actually heading.

Manaakitanga in the classroom would be the all encompassing of each other and yourself and each other and where you fit within the classroom and looking out for yourself and all your other people that make up your classroom and then, your whole school.

I love the localised curriculum in Merivale, I love that these children feel proud of who they are, I love that the whānau feel proud of Merivale, I love that the whānau come in, I love that I don't need to be the person that speaks for this kura now, that they will get up, and they will be excited about the journey that we have been on. I love that the children are just so excited to be here. They don't see themselves as being the only decile one school, they see themselves as being a part of an amazing journey and they feel proud of who they are and I'm just so proud of that and where the school has come from and where we are going to.

Tania Kuka (BOT)

I love the teachers because they're passionate about our children.

Daphne Papuni (TMOA Kaitātaki ā-rohe CORE Education)

Nā reira, kua tutuki pai ngā mahi o te āhua o te ākongā, kai te whanake tonutia ngā mahi o te marau ā-kura. Hoi anō, ko te painga o *Te Marautanga o Aotearoa* i roto i tēnei kura, he mea whakakotahi i te whānau me te kura. Tēnā tātou katoa.