

4.6 Māori as Tangata Whenua Policy

Rationale

We respect the unique position of Māori as tangata whenua in Aotearoa / New Zealand. OMP encourages an awareness and appreciation of the bicultural heritage of our country. We support Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the use of te reo Māori as a living language.

[Link to TeWhāriki](#) – The languages and symbols of children’s own and other cultures are promoted and protected.

[Link to OMP Values](#) – Being inclusive, appreciative of diversity and child centred.

Procedures

- Kaiako are encouraged to use te reo Māori phrases and words every day.
- Kaiako will discuss and inform others of appropriate practice with regard to tikanga Māori to increase awareness of the partnership inherent with Te Tiriti O Waitangi.
- Visual aids and language prompts are displayed throughout both class at OMP encouraging kaiako to extend their knowledge of tereoreo Māori.
- Kaiako greet children, parents, colleagues, whānau and phone enquiries in both Māori and English.
- Te reo Māori is incorporated into all areas of the curriculum .
- Professional development funds and time are made available for kaiako to extend their tikanga and te reo knowledge.
- Kaiako and team leader endeavor to make, find and provide Māori and natural teaching resources.
- We celebrate bi-cultural events such as Waitangi Day, Matariki and Māori language week with our tamariki.
- OMP are on a journey to be a Treaty led early childhood centre which is enshrined in our philosophy, mission and values.

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References: Te Whāriki (2017) Ministry of Education. Licensing Criteria 2008, C5 and C6.