

Did you know...

...that studies show children who learn more than one language have increased memory, greater problem solving skills and concept formation, increased attention, ability to multi-task and ease of learning further languages.

...that the Māori language has the same vowel sounds and similar sentence structure to most other languages in the world apart from English.



Other benefits of Ngā Puāwai

- ▶ Whakapapa/Tuakiri – *Increased sense of identity*
- ▶ Whanaungatanga – *sense of belonging to a wider family*
- ▶ Knowledge of tikanga – *understanding Māori culture and traditions*
- ▶ Manaakitanga – *learning respect*
- ▶ Aroha – *kindness/care for one another and looking after those younger*

Anei tō mātou karakia...

This is our prayer...

E whakamoemiti ana mō tēnei rā;

He whakamaumaraha ki ngā taonga tuku iho;

Ngā maunga, ngā awa, ngā moana, ngā
rākau, ngā manu;

Hei tiritiri mō tātou katoa o tātou wairua te
hanga tangata kotahi;

Kia mahi tahi ai mō te ao hou tino pai rawa.



We give thanks for this day;

We will respect our heritage;

The plants, the land, the rivers, the lakes, the
sea, the trees and the birds;

We will share our views without anger;

Build our friendships, and work together for a
better world.



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Nau mai, haere mai,
whakatau mai, ki te whānau o

NGĀ PUĀWAI

~ Māori Immersion Unit ~



Ka whāngaia, ka tupu, ka puāwai

that which is nurtured grows, then
blossoms



Ngā Puāwai Roopu

Our immersion unit

Te Kura o Wilford

Our school

Marautanga o Aotearoa

The curriculum

In Ngā Puāwai tamariki from 5 years old and of any ethnicity are welcome...

Our unit currently caters for Years 1 to 6 where instruction is in Te Reo Māori and we follow the Maturanga o Aotearoa curriculum.

One of our key strengths is whanaungatanga – relationships. There are opportunities during the day for tamariki to buddy up together to benefit/help/learn from each other – young with old – tuakana/teina.

Tamariki are grouped during literacy and maths times according to their needs. The unit also has a full-time teacher aide to assist with learning.

Four days a week we start the day with 'Te Ha o te Tamaiti' nurturing the gifts of the child and developing their passions.

If you want to understand more come and chat to our kaiako (teaching staff) and/or principal.

The Ngā Puāwai unit has been part of Wilford school since the 1980s. Wilford school takes pride in celebrating the cultural diversity reflected in the make up of the tamariki that attend the school.

The Ngā Puāwai unit is a large part of this with input into the tikanga of the school and the tamariki take a leadership role in teaching the rest of the school about Māori culture, language and waiata.

The unit integrates with the rest of the school for larger activities like school athletics, swimming sports, and other events as part of the schools four houses – Tanemāhuta, Tāwhirimatea, Tangaroa, and Rūaumoko.

Wilford school caters for Years 1-8 and offers a multitude of in-school and extra curricular activities. These include:

- ❑ Kapa haka group and poly club which performs at the annual Polyfest competition
- ❑ Ukulele and other music lessons
- ❑ Weekly swimming all year round in the schools heated indoor pool
- ❑ Well resourced library including Te Reo Māori resources.

The school also utilises a balance of traditional and modern teaching resources including the use of iPads.



Marautanga o Aotearoa is New Zealand's national Māori curriculum supported by the Ministry of Education.

Kōrero (oral language), pānui (reading), tuhituhi (writing) and pāngarau (mathematics) are the learning foundations across Te Marautanga o Aotearoa, and are what the tamariki are assessed in.

The curriculum recognises that true learning is most successful when the Ministry of Education, the school (kura) and whanau at home work together.

