

## Puna Co-ordinator

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**Te Runanga O Whaingaroa was established in 1991, to access resources and deliver services for the Whanau of Whaingaroa**



*“Te piko o te mahuri Tera te tipu o te rakau – The bow in the branch is indicative of how the tree will grow.”*

**Nau mai  
haere mai  
ki  
Puna  
Awhina**



## What is Puna?

Puna is a type of playgroup that provides a focus on Te Reo Maori and Tikanga.

Parents and Whanau set up the Puna and are involved in the running of the sessions.

The main aim of a Puna is for whanau to get together and encourage tamariki to learn about the tikanga and reo of Whangaroa, and to provide a learning environment that feeds the interests and learning needs of tamariki.



## How often do we meet?

We will be meeting twice a week on Thursday from 10am-1pm and Friday from 10am-1pm.

## Where we meet?

We will be meeting at Kaeo union church hall.



## What do Whanau and Tamariki do at puna?

Whanau will meet together with their tamariki to play and learn. Play is very important for tamariki learning, growth and development.

## What is required of parents?

A positive attitude, this is a playgroup so parents are required to stay with tamariki during Puna. A willingness to learn te reo with their Peepi.

Fees are free so bring along your Peepi Kai and yourself.

## Principles from Te Whariki

**Whakamana** – empower Tamariki to learn and grow by encouraging and allowing them to make choices and take responsibility for their own learning.

**Kotahitanga** – reflect the holistic way that tamariki learn and grow by recognising that all learning is interwoven and happens through relevant and meaningful experiences.

**Whanau Tangata** – include and involve the whanau and local community by respecting differing viewpoints and encouraging whanau and community participation.

**Nga Hononga** – recognise that tamariki learn through interacting with the people, places and things in their environments by providing a wide and interesting range of people, places and things to be with.

