



TO SCHOOL

Our Year focus for 2022
is Manaakitanga



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What is Manaakitanga?

Manaakitanga loosely translates to the concept of hospitality. In Māori society, looking after visitors and treating others well is of great importance.

Manaakitanga is also about fostering mana (prestige and spiritual power) and showing aroha (love and compassion) to other people. It is one of our GEMS values and something we are always striving to show at Birchville School.

You can express manaakitanga by helping a friend or loved one. You can even help someone you've just met.

Manaakitanga displays the unity of our whānau (families) and hapori whānui (wider community).

The word manaakitanga is broken up into 2 words.

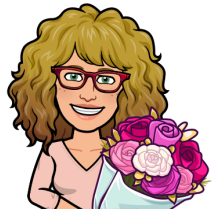
- Mana – to show strength, pride, honour and spiritual power
- Aki – a literal word for supporting, motivating or taking care of someone

Manaaki is the verb from which the word manaakitanga comes. When you cherish, conserve or support someone this is Manaaki. The more you manaaki someone, the more you build both of your mana.

This year much of our learning will focus around this concept and we will be encouraging our tamariki to show manaakitanga in all their interactions with others and in everything they do. For 2022 our junior syndicate (Greenstone and Emerald) will be known as **Kākanō**, our little seeds –and our senior syndicate (Moonstone and Sapphire) will be known as **Putiputi**, our blossoming flowers.



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Principal

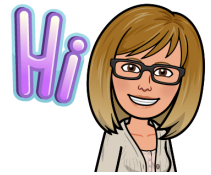
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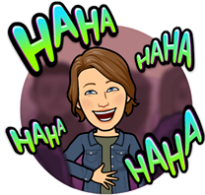
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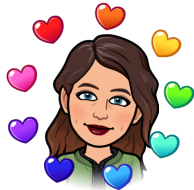
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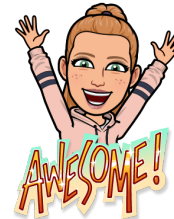
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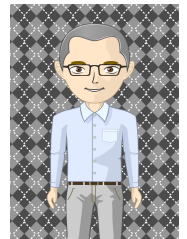
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Finance Manager and
Library coordinator

Sara Fox



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Alan Healey



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Sapphire

Kia Ora, Sapphire has got the amazing team of Matua Jarod and Miss Chamley again this year, with the awesome Mrs White by their sides. Sapphire is mainly Year 5 and 6, with a few Y4's. They have a very exciting year ahead, kicking it off with camp very soon! The kaiako have all had an amazing break over summer and are refreshed and ready to get going! They are excited for a fabulous year in Sapphire where they will be exploring Manaakitanga and what it means to be a great role model to our younger tamariki.



Moonstone

Miss Ayo is venturing out into her own space this year with Year 3/4. She has the wonderful Kaiw ā hina kaiako – Amiria and Dani working in there with her too. Miss Ayo has worked hard over the past few weeks to set up the old Greenstone space, into the new and amazing Moonstone space, and has done a brilliant job. Miss Ayo, and the whole Putiputi team, are looking forward to seeing Moonstone enjoy their new space this year.



Emerald

This year Emerald will be made up of students from years 1–3. The Kaiako in this block are Teresa and Whaea Clare, our amazing Kaiw ā hina kaiako are Whaea Theresa and Whaea Sarah. Please remember your water bottles, sunhats and plenty of kai for those amazing students. We would appreciate it if students come to school with shoes they can take on and off themselves and that are suitable for running and playing games. We can't wait to start the 2022 school year!



Greenstone

Tena Koutou! Greenstone this year is our space for our amazing New Entrant learners. Whaea Rachel is the kaiako, supported by our Kaiw ā hina kaiako Whaea Missey. We will be learning many new things this term and adjusting to new routines at school and we are excited about being able to support these tamariki as they begin their school journeys. Please come and talk to us with any questions that you have, we are here to help! Welcome to Birchville kura and the 2022 school year.



COMING UP IN t1

What's Coming Up @ Birchville School - February 2022						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3 Teacher Only Day - No School	4 Teacher Only Day - No School	5	6 Waitangi Day
7 Day Off for Waitangi Day	8 First Day of Term 1 Mini Whakatau	9 Meet the Teacher	10	11	12	13
14 Sapphire Block on School Camp	15 Sapphire Block on School Camp	16 Sapphire Block on School Camp	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 River Safety Day	25	26	27
28	<p>Please note: Our school is a busy place and change is a constant. While we do our very best to keep our community informed sometimes we need to adapt or change events and/or timelines. We will send out a new calendar page a week before the end of each month to pop on your fridges)</p>					