



WAIMAUKU SCHOOL

OPENING DOORS TO LIFE'S JOURNEY

Welcome to Waimauku School,

We are very pleased to welcome you and your child/children to our school. You may find the following information useful.

A child who turns 5 in any given year **before May 1** is classified as Year 1. These children will continue their learning journey the following year as Year 2.

Children who turn 5 in any given year **after May 1** we may refer to as Year 0. These children continue their learning journey the following year as Year 1.

Social and emotional growth, along with solid educational foundations are incredibly important, and we are committed to providing a balanced, nurturing school start for all of our students. We believe that a full, or almost full school year in Year 1 is the best way of providing this.

Learning is progressive, however there can sometimes be the perception that to spend this extra time, from Year 0 to Year 1 is to 'repeat' their learning. This is not the case, and each child's learning is continuous. They neither 'repeat' their year, nor 'go back' in their learning. In our experience, extra time at the beginning of a child's schooling is generally very beneficial and builds confidence, friendships, maturity and learning readiness.

Although this outlines our 'age to year group' guidelines, there are times when exceptions arise, and we are more than happy to discuss this with parents and caregivers.

We are always very excited to welcome our newest students and families to our school community and look forward to our time together.

Kind regards,

Waimauku School