



Friday 21st October 2022



‘Growing, Inspiring and Achieving Together’  
‘Ma te tipu, Ma te aweawe Ka angitu tatou’

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WELCOME TO TERM 4



## WHAEA VIKKI RIHARI

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*Ko Whangatauatia tōku maunga,  
Ko Kariri kura tōku awa,  
Ko Tinana tōku waka,  
Ko te Oneroa ā Tohe tōku moana,  
Ko Korou kore me Ōhaki ōku Marae.  
Ko Ngāti Moroki tōku hapū,  
Ko Te Rarawa tōku iwi,  
Nō Ahipara ahau.  
Ko Vikki Rihari ahau.*





Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau and warm pacific greetings,

My name is Vikki Rihari and I am excited for the opportunity to lead Birdwood School as the new Principal. I thought it would be a good idea to share a little bit about myself so you can get to know me. I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know you as well.

I was born and raised in West Auckland and I have lived in Henderson and Massey for most of my life. I now live in Muriwai Valley with my husband Albert and three out of four of my children; Georgia-Ruby (25), Kahurangi (22) and Waiaria (11). My 17 years old daughter lives in Kaitia and attends Te Rangi Āniwaniwa. I am an avid walker and you'll often find me at the beach on the weekends and also love to sing, cook and ... eat. We travel regularly to Ahipara and this is my home away from home. My children have attended Henderson North, Pomaria, Holy Cross, Henderson Intermediate, St Dominic's, Waitākere College and Massey High. I am a proud Westie! I started teaching in 1994 and have spent three decades teaching out west at Henderson North School, Pomaria, Holy Cross and Konini School.

As a new Principal, I am very well supported within the school working closely with Whaea Viv, Matua Kevin, Whaea Sarah - and all the teaching and support staff. If there is something I don't know I can always ask our wonderful office staff Whaea Debbie and Whaea Vicky. In the wider community, I have strong connections to our local Principal networks including Ranui School, Swanson School, and Pomaria. Birdwood is a special place and I feel blessed to be here.

I value relationships most highly. I want to get to know each and every person at Birdwood School; student, teacher, parent, support staff - everyone. For this reason, you will see me out and about in Term 4. I'll be visiting classrooms, spending time in the playground, out at the crossing, and available to chat any time you need to. My contact details are below if you would like to talk at any time.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Vikki Rihari [vikkir@birdwood.school.nz](mailto:vikkir@birdwood.school.nz)





Welcome to Birdwood School  
Principal Whaea Vikki

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Labour Day Public Holiday– No school
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Trip to Theatre
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Teacher Only Day – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Athletics Day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Graduation
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Prizegiving - TBC
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	School Reports to go home