

Aupaki Mana Ake Team

Linda Van Den Berg- Kaimahi

Kia Ora, my name is Linda van den Berg from the Netherlands, I am a social worker and one of the team of Mana Ake Kaimahi based with Barnardos. I was a liaising Kaimahi for three schools in the Hurunui cluster for the first term of this school year and before that I have been working as a family social & case worker and Group Home Worker overseas. I'm looking forward to using my skills and experience to support tamariki and their whanau, as well as their teachers and schools in the Aupaki cluster.

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Roger Harris - Kaimahi

Hi I'm Roger. I've been working with kids and young people for over fifteen years as a counsellor and a nurse. I've got three kids of my own, all grown up with kids of their own, and one great-grandson. My grandkids keep me young. I enjoy working with young people because when they get help, their lives can really take off, and it's a privilege to be part of that. When I'm not at work, I'm outside sailing, tramping, gardening or chasing my grandkids.

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Greta Spearing - Kaimahi

Hi my name is Greta and I live with my husband, 2 children and our cat. I have a background in Teaching with a particular interest in individual differences and diverse learning needs which led to my most recent employment as the National Fieldworker for the Dyspraxia Support Group of NZ.

I am currently in my final year of a feelings based, intuitive therapy training which also supports this role in working with children, families and schools to support their physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health and wellbeing.

I enjoy experiencing different cultures and countries, learning new skills and spending time in the outdoors with family and friends in a range of pursuits which best suit the season or mood.

I look forward to meeting you and being a part of your schools team of Mana Ake Kaimahi.

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Liz Riley - Kaiarihi/Team Leader

I have worked as an English Secondary teacher and Head of Faculty in a number of Secondary Schools in Canterbury. I have worked as an evaluator at ERO and most recently as a Senior Advisor at MoE. I have a Master of Counselling and Education from Canterbury University. I am looking forward to supporting this experienced kaimahi team within your schools.

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Left to right: Roger Harris, Linda Van Den Berg, Greta Shearing, Liz Riley.