



Application Pack

Scale A Teacher

Permanent, Full-time

Start date: 20 July 2026 (Week 1 Term 3)

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Tēna Koe

Thank you for your interest in joining Māpua School in 2026. Our kura sits at the heart of a vibrant, supportive community. We are proud of our tamariki, our staff and our school whānau. We work hard to ensure everyone is known, valued and challenged in their learning. Every person matters.

This position is an exciting opportunity for a kaiako who wants to work in a great school! You will model high-quality teaching and contribute to schoolwide curriculum and co-curricular opportunities as we implement our 2026–2028 Strategic Plan. Relationships First pedagogy, strong curriculum delivery, inclusivity and sustaining a strong learning community are key touchstones for us.

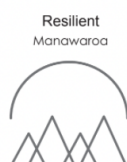
Māpua School is a great place to teach and learn. We have fun, we support each other and we work hard for our tamariki. If you are an optimistic, organised and people-focused educator who wants to make a difference in a forward-thinking kura, we would love to hear from you.

Please feel free to reach out with any patai, or to organise a time to come and have a look around. I'd love to show you around our fabulous kura. I am available during term time, or in the second week of the holidays. Please email me directly (sprestidge@mapua.school.nz to organise this)

Ngā mihi mahana,

Sharon Prestidge - Principal

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ABOUT MĀPUA SCHOOL

Māpua is a coastal village located between Nelson and Motueka in Te Tau Ihu. Māpua School is a full primary (Years 0–8) serving a diverse and community-minded roll of around 250 ākonga.



We love to use our beautiful backyard as much as we can in our learning, so if you visit you might find us down the track at Ruby Bay Beach, across the road at Aranui Park or down at The Domain in the village. We believe that developing a strong identity as individuals as well as valuing diversity in those around us are key attributes for success. We remain committed to the principles of Te Tiriti - partnership, protection, and participation.

We have three learning teams. Awa, Moana and Maunga. Our ākonga begin their school journey in the river in Awa Team (Year 0-3). They are protected by the river banks, reeds, harakeke and eddy, then they venture out into Moana (Year 4-6), slowly at first.....then giving it a crack - testing the boundaries in all the moana offers up. They are protected by the maunga that surrounds them. Maunga Team (Year 7-8) stand tall, protecting those they surround. They grow, nurture, and give back to ensure everyone thrives.



Everything we do reflects our three school values: Respectful (Whakaute) – Resilient (Manawaroa) and Ready to Learn (Rite ki te Ako). These values frame our future strategic planning and we are excited about what lays ahead for our kura.

POSITION OVERVIEW

SCALE A TEACHER (Teaching in Moana Team -Year 4-6- in 2026) (Permanent Management Unit for Te Tirit Partnership also available)

- Scale A teacher
- Responsible to: Team Leader/ Principal
- Start date: 20 July 2026 (Week 1 Term 3)

Purpose of the role:

- Plan and deliver high-quality learning programmes aligned to Te Mataiaho/NZC refresh and our local curriculum
- Build strong learning-focused relationships with ākonga
- Use assessment information to respond effectively to ākonga needs
- Create engaging, inclusive learning that supports neurodiverse learners
- Work collaboratively with your team and contribute to schoolwide culture and initiatives
- Communicate effectively and positively with ākonga, colleagues and whānau

Key responsibilities

Work with Moana Team to deliver high-quality teaching and learning programmes aligned to Te Mataiaho, the NZC refresh and Māpua School's local curriculum

- Implement effective, culturally responsive practice, including Relationships First approaches
- Contribute to a collaborative, positive team culture through regular meetings, shared planning and inquiry
- Monitor progress and achievement of ākonga in your class



- Communicate effectively with whānau, maintaining strong partnerships for learning
- Contribute to schoolwide initiatives and the implementation of the 2026–2028 Strategic Plan

Person Specification

Essential:

- NZ registered teacher (current practising certificate)
- Experience within New Zealand Education (training to teach or teaching)
- Warm, positive, relationship-centred classroom practice
- Sound curriculum knowledge, especially literacy and mathematics
- Inclusive, culturally responsive practice
- Willingness to participate in and contribute to team planning
- Strong communication skills

Preferred Strengths

- Experience in Years 4–6
- Curriculum strength in at least one area
- Ability to foster student agency, collaboration and problem solving
- Confidence to integrate Aotearoa New Zealand histories and local context



Possible Additional Strengths (1 PMU available)

- Ability and willingness to lead Te-Tiriti partnership across the school
- Ability and willingness to work as part of a kapa nurturing and continuing to grow kapa haka at Te Kura Māpua

HOW TO APPLY

Please provide:

- A cover letter outlining why Māpua School is the right fit for you.
- A current CV, including at least two professional referees (one should be your current principal/deputy principal/team leader if applicable).
- A completed Māpua School Application Form (attached separately).

Email your application to: recruitment@mapua.school.nz with the subject line: "Application – Scale A Teacher 2026". Please indicate if you are applying for the permanent management unit for Te Tiriti Partnership.

APPOINTMENT TIMELINE

Advertised: 16 March - 20 April

Applications close: 4 pm, 20 April

Interviews: 27-30 April

Appointment confirmed: by 4 May

Position commences: 20 July 2026

REFeree & PRIVACY INFORMATION

The Māpua School Board may contact your named and unnamed referees as part of the appointment process. All information provided will be treated in confidence and used solely for the purpose of making an appointment.



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