# How Mutukaroa can help you as a Parent

Mutukaroa supports learning-focused relationships with parents.

### It can help you to:

- have more equal learning-focused conversations with teachers, both formal (e.g., three-way conferences) and informal (e.g., discussions before and after school)
- enjoy learning conversations with your child as you learn more about the way they are learning in school
- access relevant information about how your child is progressing in their learning and in class.
- learn more about your child's achievements and learning needs
- find out some ways you can support your child to meet his or her learning needs at home
- access resources used in school to support your child in their learning at home
- have a School coordinator to talk to at any time during your child's schooling if you have any queries about your child's learning.



## **Important to note**

Mutukaroa is focused on learning; the coordinator does not discuss behaviour in meetings. These queries can be discussed with your child's classroom teacher.

Some questions are best answered by your child's classroom teacher. The coordinator can help you to develop these questions to ask the teacher.

As a school we still report as we usually do to parents and the community.

Please make every effort to give honest feedback to the coordinator, so that they can make the programme more effective for everyone. We will send out an evaluation form for you to be able to do this.

# Bridging the gap between Home and School.

If you have any queries feel free to contact our Mutukaroa School Coordinator:

#### **Gemma Harris**

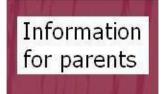
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# What is Mutukaroa?

Mutukaroa is the name of our school and community learning partnership. Mutukaroa is about working with parents and whanau to understand how your child is progressing in their learning over the first three years at school. It is also about supporting parents to help their children in their learning at home.

# Making the most of this opportunity

As a parent you want to know how your child is doing in their learning. Mutukaroa allows you as a parent to know exactly how your child is doing at every stage of their learning.

#### **Mutukaroa is about:**

- Having in depth knowledge of how your child is doing in their assessments and learning from Years 1-3 by having regular meetings with the Mutukaroa Coordinator.
- Sharing specific information about your child so you can feel well informed and confident in what they are doing in school.
- Accessibility Parents can choose where to have meetings, when and what time of day.
- Providing support with translators if required.
- Using parent friendly language.
- Regular learning conversations that equip parents to:
  - understand data about their child's achievement;
  - ask questions;
  - select next steps for learning at home;
  - choose and take home learning resources to support learning at home;

This Diagram helps you understand how Mutukaroa works and your role as a Parent in Mutukaroa. It describes what happens after students in years 1-3 have taken part in an assessment and the results of that assessment are shared with you and your family.

