



TOITŪ TE TIRITI. TOITŪ TE REO MĀORI. TOITŪ AOTEAROA.

Ko wai au?

Kia ora, my name is Anna Te Aho! I am one of nine tamariki and was born and raised in the small town of Murupara. I never really knew anything other than home until I moved down south to live with my Aunty while I studied to be a teacher. I now teach in Kōwhai classroom at Galatea School, but have decided to take a step back from teaching next year (2025) and join a Reo Māori Wānanga.

Where did you grow up?

Murupara. Our small community beneath the mighty Te Uruwera mountain ranges, along the Rangitaiki river, and just beyond the vast Kaingaroa Forest. My Nanny Lovey and Koro Truby moved away from Pāhauwera to find work. Koro found mahi in the bush, so they settled in Murupara and raised their seven tamariki (my Dad, Uncles, and Aunty).

Have you ever failed at something?

So many things! I'm no good at catching a rugby pass, can't ride a horse YET, and am constantly making mistakes in the classroom. But a common 'mantra' that you'd likely hear in the classroom is to "give it a go because it's okay to make mistakes". Find the lessons in the attempt as long as you give it a go.



What's one of your favourite whakataukī?

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi,
engari he toa takitini.

*Anna-Marie
Kapuarangi Te Aho*



TOITŪ TE TIRITI. TOITŪ TE REO MĀORI. TOITŪ AOTEAROA.

How did you get into your mahi?

Being a teacher runs through the family it seems. I grew up being inspired by my Aunty and Uncle who were teachers at my school. As soon as I finished college I flew far from my norm to Ōtautahi, where I went to the University of Canterbury for three years. I lived with my Aunty and cousin while studying to become a Primary School Teacher. I've been living back in Murupara for two years and have been fortunate enough to teach locally at Galatea School.

What was your favourite subject at school and why?

My favourite subjects at school were science and P.E. Through science I met my Pūhoro whānau. Pūhoro is a programme by Māori, for Māori, and with Māori capability. It opens doors to STEMM-focused opportunities and learning to increase Māori participation in STEMM (science, technology, engineering, maths and mātauranga Māori). Pūhoro took me across the world! You should check it out!



"Give it a go because it's okay to make mistakes"

*Anna-Marie
Kapururangi Te Aho*

Anna-Marie Kapuarangi Te Aho



What do you recommend to help someone get through a bad day?

Journaling, kōrero, and ways you fill your cup. When I'm feeling anxious or worried I ground myself by writing down my thoughts. I set up a to do list for the day, a space for affirmations and gratitude, and an unload spot for me to get the weight off my shoulders. If I have the social battery for it, I may confide in close friends or whānau otherwise I enjoy doing things to fill my cup like going to the beach, bush, or river. Find your outlet.

What's your favourite food in the whole world?

Can't miss with chicken - cooked any way!

What is your favourite whakatauki?

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini. - Success is not the work of one, but the work of many. I truly believe I am a product of my people and will navigate this world knowing that I am a reflection, and representation of those who have carved me into the person I am today. My success is not mine alone but is accredited to anybody who has had a hand in my life and the person I am today, from my ancestors onwards.



"I ground myself by writing down my thoughts. "

Anna-Marie