



09 February 2024

Jeff Hunkin and Chalajia Mataroa
Co-Presiding Members
Ngāti Toa School Board
Piko Street
Titahi Bay
PORIRUA 5022

Tēnā kōrua

Ministry Formal Apology

I want to offer your Board and Principal a formal Ministry apology for the error made last year in our advice to you regarding consultation requirements as your Board applied to retain your Year 7 and 8 ākonga to continue in your Level 3 te reo Māori bilingual programme.

When the error in our advice was identified we immediately owned that error, apologised, and rectified the advice to you and all potentially affected schools. The focus as we approached the end of 2023 was to seek to remedy the error, to follow correct process to inform our decision, and to communicate that to you and all potentially affected schools in readiness for 2024.

I also seek to clarify that the error was with the initial Ministry process and not with the Ngāti Toa School Board's application.

At the beginning of the 2024 school year, we formally offer our apology to your Board and Principal for our error and for any uncertainty caused at the time by our failure to follow correct process.

Nāku noa nā

Kate Aldworth
Manager Integrated Services | Wellington North, Tawa and Porirua

cc Kathleen O'Hare, Principal, Ngāti Toa School