

## The story of Te Puāwai

A traditional kākahu (cloak) is crafted with symbolism to tell a story that represents cultural pride, honour, and identity.

The type of kākahu we have crafted is called a **Kahu huruhuru**; A cloak where feathers are the predominant feature.

- The feather colours have been chosen to represent our blending with the community and environment.
- The final tie incorporates a four-prong braid to represent our school values wrapped around the wearer.
- The tāniko pattern has been designed by students with colours they have chosen.

## The Tāniko



- The tāniko starts with a **Koru** to symbolise new beginnings when our students start their journey at Tawhai School.
- The central part is a **Niho Taniwha** to represent whakapapa, strength, stability, and identity.
- Running through the middle is **Patikitiki** to represent fuel for the brain, mind, imagination, and dreams. There are four main diamonds to represent the four cornerstones of wellbeing.
- Wrapping around the top and bottom is **Poutama** to symbolise the pursuit of knowledge. The steps all go towards the **Niho Taniwha**.
- The tāniko finishes with a **Koru** to symbolise the advancement to the next stage in their life.

- The four main tāniko elements used (Koru, Niho Taniwha, Patikitiki, Poutama) were chosen to complement our school values of Resilience, Integrity, Responsibility & Respect.

When the kākahu is worn, the two **Koru** meet to form a **Mangōpare**. The symbol of leadership, courage, strength, and tenacity.

