

School Implementation Update - Term 1, 2024

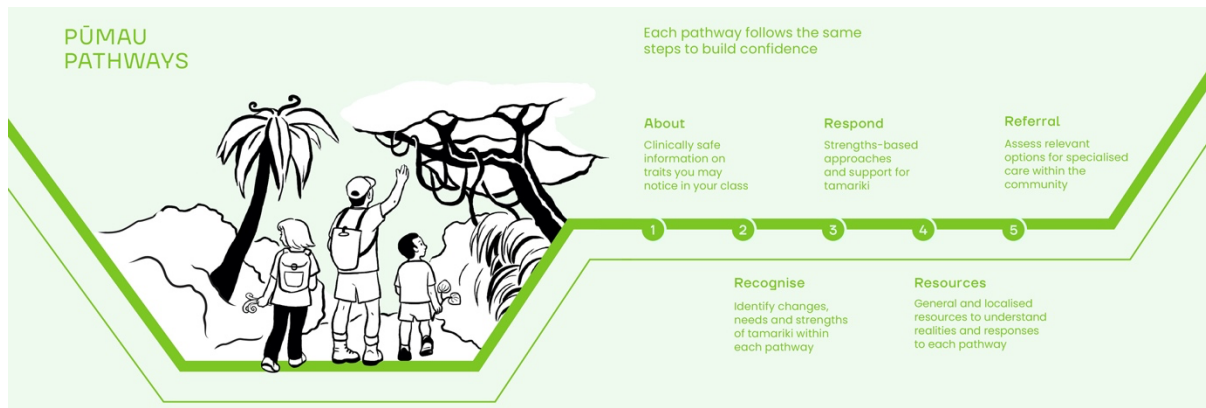
Kia ora koutou,

Please find below our 2024 Term 1 update, along with our exciting launch of Pūmau!

PŪMAU NOW LIVE! www.pumau.health.nz

Introducing **Pūmau** (The backbone of care) - our centralised wellbeing information website for schools and professionals. HUIA publishers have completed the first stage, building on resources previously available on the 'Leading Lights' platform.

Pūmau provides clinically approved guidance for teachers and other school staff to help in recognising and responding to the wellbeing needs of tamariki in the classroom. There you will find information around strategies to use at school or in the classroom, when and where to seek additional support, and how to work with whānau and communities.



This resource has been designed with the guidance of kaiako, support agencies, clinicians, and local Mana Ake teams. It is designed for a classroom context or school environment. Pūmau is not intended to diagnose tamariki or to be used in referring tamariki to specialist care. However, it is designed to equip teachers with information and resources to support wellbeing and hauora in the classroom. Teachers are supported with evidence to recognise a child's additional needs or any changes and challenges within the classroom and to respond early with strategies or by requesting professional support.

Pūmau is strengths-based, inclusive, collaborative, and responsive to the changing natures and levels of children's needs. The Pūmau approach reflects the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi by weaving kaupapa Māori with best-practice guidance. It promotes partnership, participation, and protection of mana through engaging with whānau; respecting the language, culture, and identity of tamariki; and working together to support tamariki to feel safe, valued, and connected.

This first stage is a 'soft launch' of a living platform, for the first school term. This will be followed by a widely used, constantly evolving platform with future developments including growing the resources and directory information tailored to the Northland region.

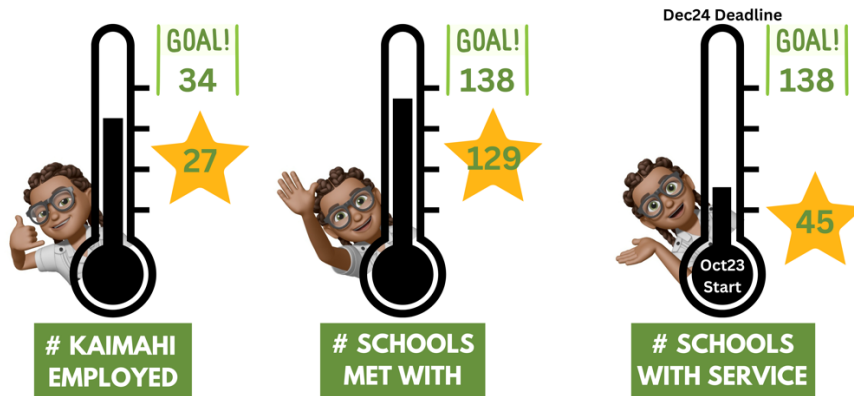
We encourage schools to share this information among your teaching and student support teams. We want to hear your feedback regarding any accessibility or usability concerns, along with your ideas for future development. Please email your feedback to manaake@northlanddhd.org.nz.

For more information about this site, [click here](#). For information on how to use this site, [click here](#).



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Progress



Throughout the Dec/Jan 24 period our seven contracted service providers have now managed to recruit and train approximately 80% of our allocated kaimahi workforce for our schools across Te Tai Tokerau. Our focus for Term 1&2 of 2024 will be all about our providers building connections with our 138 schools, establishing relationships, understanding the needs of each school, and getting “feet on the ground” to provide wellbeing services. If you are still awaiting contact from one of Mana Ake service providers and wanting implementation of the service prioritised in your school then please email us at manaake@northlanddhb.org.nz and we will pass your email on to your allocated service provider so they can connect with you.

Requesting Mana Ake Support. Our current focus for initial service delivery is on providing [Universal \(Tier 1\) school and class-wide supports](#). We aim to make requesting Mana Ake support as simple and relational as possible. Any requests for support should simply be made with your allocated service provider staff who can load the request for support into ‘Enigma’ – our Client Management System. Once services are fully up and running in each school, schools will be given access to this system themselves as a way of loading a request, where their allocated service provider is notified directly on their Enigma dashboard.

Mana Ake School/Community Communication Resources. Mana Ake brochures, flyers, and a range of communication templates are available for schools to use to promote the service in your school and community. Please get in touch with your Mana Ake Kaiārahi who can supply these.

We Love Your Feedback. Here are just some of the things we have heard this month...

“they have been waiting for this day, and it has been worth it”

- School Principal (Far North Area) during Pōwhiri for Mana Ake provider Toi Oho Creative Activators.

“The Mana Ake team was in yesterday and I was so impressed by them all. They brought creative aspects and ideas and I was so excited about the plans they talked about. I decided to put my mental health education and hauora guide away as their ideas were so much more appealing! I loved the idea of getting creative with the tamariki and being able to utilise all their wonderful skills to improve wellbeing..”

- Te Ahua Park, Acting Principal (Kaikohe Intermediate) serviced by Mana Ake provider Ngāpuhi Iwi Social Services

We will continue to send updates out each term.
On behalf of all the Mana Ake Team,
Ngā mihi nui

More Information: www.northlanddhb.org.nz/mana-ake



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