

Here's the cover letter:

Dear Hiring Committee,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the Kaiako position for Years 5-8 at Otaki School. With 18 years of dedicated experience in Foundation Phase and Special Education, I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to your school's inclusive learning environment.

My professional background is deeply rooted in supporting diverse learners, with extensive expertise in working with students with special educational needs including autism, Down syndrome, ADHD, and intellectual disabilities. My Bachelor of Education in Foundation Phase and current NZ Teaching Registration, combined with specialized certifications in Makaton and Sign Language, have equipped me with comprehensive skills to create adaptive, supportive learning experiences.

My teaching philosophy centers on inclusive education, where every learner is respected, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential. I have consistently demonstrated success in curriculum adaptation, behavior modification, and developing individualized learning strategies that celebrate each student's unique strengths.

Having worked extensively in special education, I understand the importance of creating nurturing, culturally responsive classrooms. My background in both English and Afrikaans, along with my commitment to understanding cultural contexts, aligns well with the bilingual/Maori medium focus of this role.

I am particularly drawn to Otaki School's reputation for innovative and inclusive teaching practices. My skills in differentiated instruction, comprehensive learning support, and commitment to student-centered education make me an ideal candidate for this position.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how my experience and passion can contribute to your school's learning community.

Warm regards,

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