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The Tekoteko that stands at the top of the whare represents Tautahi the son of Huikai a great chief from Ngai Tahu. The Tekoteko is also symbolic of Henare Whakatu Uru, the man who gave Wharenui School it's name.



The wheku, which is the carved face represents Tāne-nui-a-rangi, Tane who ascended into the heavens to obtain the three baskets of knowledge for mankind.

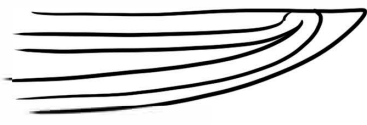
Tāne Mahuta is commonly known as the guardian and protector of the forests and all that dwell within, this paves the connection to Putaringamotu, Deans bush and all the streams that run through the area, he also goes by many names.

Tāne Te Waiora, health and prosperity.

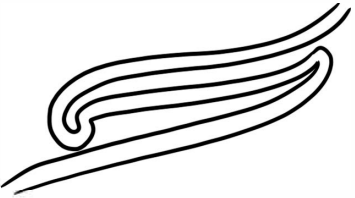
Tāne Whakapiri, Tāne who brings people together.

Tāne Te Wānanga, the bringer of knowledge and understanding in the world of light, Te Ao Mārama. The Maihi are the arms or the wings of the whare and also represent Ranginui, sky father.

The two waka shapes on each side of the maihi represent the diversity of cultures from all over the world who come to share under the same house of learning



Puhoro



The puhoro design typically found painted under the hull of the waka represents waves or water, this puhoro represents the water ways around pūtaringamotu as a place of mahinga kai, food gathering and a place to gather natural resources. Pūtaringamotu translates into the place of an echoe or the severed ear, this relates to our ability to listen.

Ringaringa
Hands, fingers to represent awahi, mananaaki and aroha

Mangopare
The mangopare design traditionally found painted on the rafters inside the wharenui. Mangopare represents the hammerhead shark and is used to symbolize determination, courage and resilience and never giving up.



Poutama
The Poutama design is a representation of stairways traditionally found inside the wharenui as tukutuku panels placed in between each Poupou, the Poutama design symbolizes a stairway to learning and understanding and to becoming the best we can be.

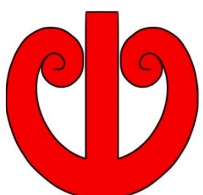
The central pole / Te Pou Mauri
Te Pou Mauri is the pou that holds this whare Together with the main central pole being the life force behind our school values and Te Whare Mauri Ora.

Taura / rope
The rope represents the binding of different cultures and whānau coming together as one, kotahitanga. The rope is also a symbol of our connection to Papatūānuku and our environment.



Taringa / ear
The ear has been place in the design to represent our whānau in the deaf school

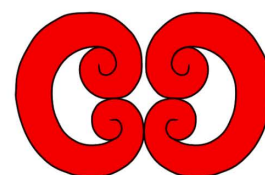
Mana



Aroha



Whanaungatanga



Manaaki

