

**Igniting Every Child's Potential**  
*He Tamaiti, He Pitomata*



**Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga**  
Ministry of Education

## Masterton | Whakaoriori

### Symposium programme | Kaupapa

#### Opening Statement | He Kupu Whakataki

This symposium is grounded in Te Tiriti o Waitangi and reflects our commitment to bicultural practice. We recognise tamariki as central to all that we do and acknowledge the role of kaiako and leaders in nurturing their learning, wellbeing, and belonging.

8:15am – 8:55am	Registration   Rēhitatanga
9:00am – 9:45am	<b>Welcome   Mihi Whakatau</b> Kaumātua Ministry of Education speaker MC – Annie Chenery
9:45am – 10:15am	Morning tea   Paramanawa
10:15am – 11:00am	<b>Opening Keynote   Kaupapa Matua – Kathryn Berkett</b> Relational work of teachers
11:00am – 11:05am	Waiata
11:05am – 12:00pm	<b>Session One   Ngā Wānanga Tuatahi – Kerry McBride</b> RFS [Request for Support] processes
12:00pm – 12:45pm	Lunch   Kai tahi
12:45pm – 1:30pm	<b>Session Two   Ngā Wānanga Tuarua – Ali Porteous</b> Understanding self-regulation and behaviour
1:30pm – 1:35pm	Waiata
1:35pm – 2:20pm	<b>Session Four   Ngā Wānanga Tuawha – MOE</b> Communication development in the early years
2:20pm – 2:40pm	Afternoon tea   Paramanawa
2:40pm – 3:25pm	<b>Session Four   Ngā Wānanga Tuawha – Josh Allen</b> Empowerment & Whakamana in ECE
3:25pm – 3:30pm	Waiata
3:30pm – 4:15pm	<b>Session Five   Ngā Wānanga Tuarima – Robert Jensen</b> Inclusive practices for neurodiverse tamariki in ECE
4:15pm – 4:30pm	<b>Closing   Whakakapi</b> <b>Karakia whakamutunga</b>