

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



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

## Wellington | Te Whanganui-a-Tara

### 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 speaker
9:45am – 10:15am	Morning tea   Paramanawa
10:15am – 11:00am	<b>Keynote   Kaupapa Matua – Eteroa Lafaele</b>
11:00am – 11:05am	Waiata
11:05am – 12:00pm	<b>Session One   Ngā Wānanga Tuatahi - MOE</b> RFS [Request for Support] processes
12:00pm – 12:45pm	Lunch   Kai Tahi
12:45pm – 1:30pm	<b>Keynote   Kaupapa Matua – Kathryn Berkett</b>
1:30pm – 1:35pm	Waiata
1:35pm – 2:20pm	<b>Session Two   Ngā Wānanga Tuarua – MOE</b> Communication development in the early years
2:20pm – 2:40pm	Afternoon tea   Paramanawa
2:40pm – 3:25pm	<b>Session Three   Robert Jensen</b> Inclusive Practices for Neurodiverse Tamariki in ECE
3:25pm – 3:30pm	Waiata
3:30pm – 4:15pm	<b>Keynote   Kaupapa Matua – Toni Christie</b> Environments that spark joy and wonder
4:15pm – 4:30pm	<b>Closing   Whakakapi</b> <b>Karakia whakamutunga</b>