

## Ko te kura Ōrākei e tū atu nei

**Ko te kura Ōrākei (*hi auē hi*) e tū atu nei**

Ko te Onepū Whakatakataka te pari e

Ko te Waitematā te moana (hi, hi, hi, ha)

Ko Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei te iwi e

**Ko te kura Ōrākei (*hi auē hi*) e tū atu nei**

Ko ngā uara (*hi auē hī*)

ngā mātāpono (*hi auē hī*)

Ko te kairangi

Te auahatanga

Me te whakaute

Te atawhai, māhirahira

Te mana kiritau

**Ko te kura Ōrākei (*hi auē hi*) e tū atu nei**

**Ko te kura Ōrākei (*I au, au, auē hā*) e tū atu nei**

***Poipoia ngātahi, te iho kairangi***

**Hi, hi, hi auē hī!**

Here we are, Ōrākei School

Onepū Whakatakataka is our hilltop

Waitematā is the ocean

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei is the local iwi

Here we are, Ōrākei School

Our values

Our principles

Excellence

Creativity

Most of all respect

Kindness, Inquiring Minds

And Self-belief

Here we are, Ōrākei School

Here we are, Ōrākei School

Together nurturing excellence

**Composer**

**Hone Tobin**

This song follows a Māori themed genre of music common in the 60s. The beginning announces who we are, which is Ōrākei School.

After which key Māori landmarks are identified, like Onepū Whakatakataka, and Waitematā, and there is an acknowledgement to the local iwi, which is Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei.

And again, we state that we are Ōrākei School.

The next part talks about our values, which are, in the order in which is shared in the song, Excellence, Creativity, Respect, Kindness, Inquiring Minds, and Self-Belief.

Values within a school are the foundation from which all schools stand, which is why it is important that they are clearly stated in our song.

We return to the ever present, we are Ōrākei School, and finish the song with the Māori translation of our school motto, which is Together nurturing excellence.