

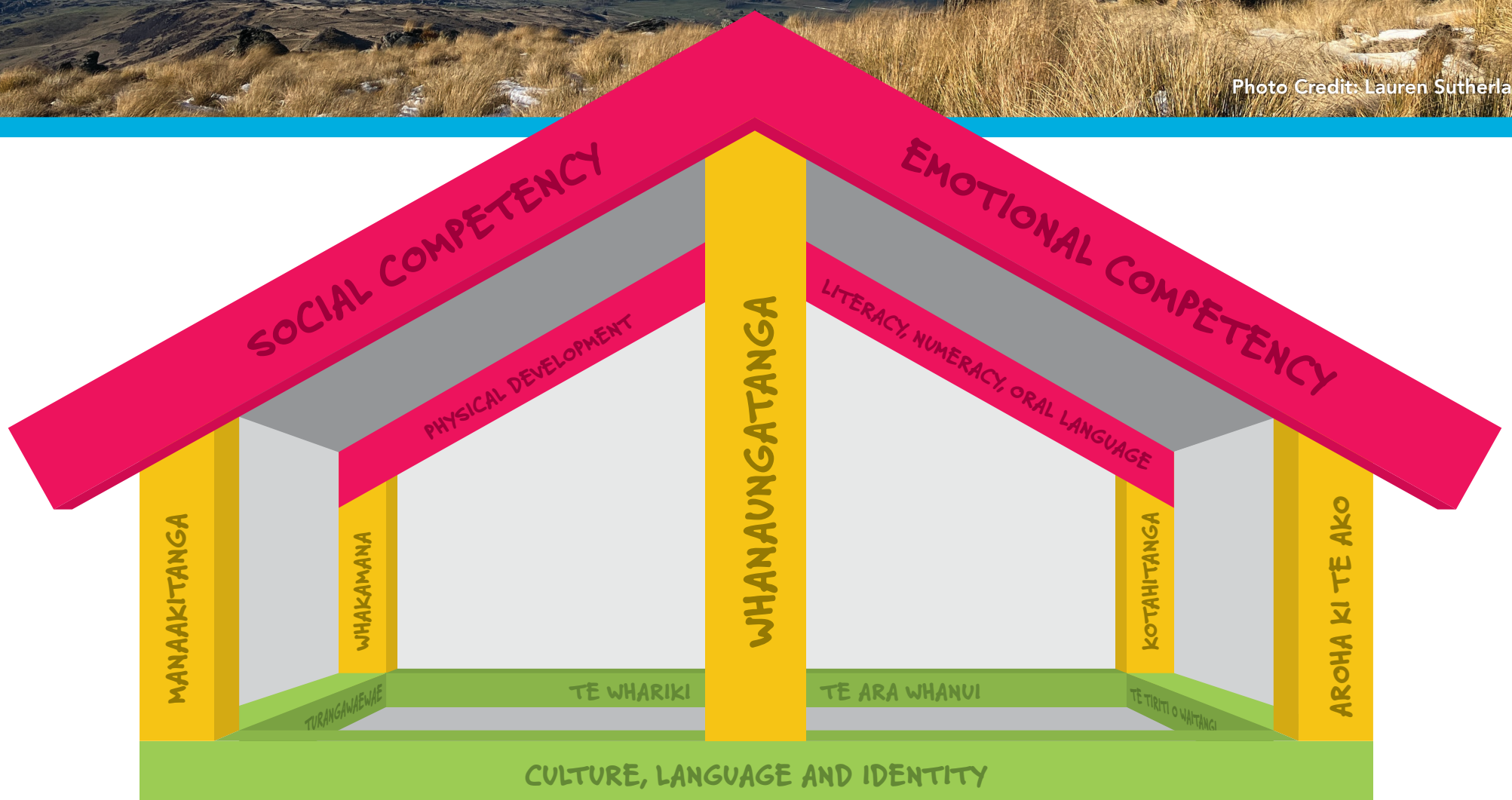
KOPUWAI

Early Learning Centre

OUR CORE PHILOSOPHY



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FOUNDATION

The foundation of our house is built on four essential elements that are central to Early Childhood Education.

These elements create the strength of the structure, supporting everything else:

- **Te Whāriki - Te Ara Whānui**
Our Early Childhood Curriculum
- **Te Tiriti o Waitangi**
The Treaty of Waitangi
- **Tamariki's Culture**
Culture, Language and Identity
- **Turangawaewae**
The place we stand –
Central Otago, New Zealand

PILLARS

The walls of our wharehau represent the values that define the Kopuwai community.

These values are the pillars of our house, holding everything together.

The key concepts are:

- **Manaakitanga**
Respect, generosity, and care for others
- **Whakamana**
Empowerment
- **Aroha ki te ako**
A love for learning
- **Whanaungatanga**
Family, community and building relationships
- **Kotahitanga**
Unity and oneness

ROOF

The roof represents our learning priorities, informed by the latest research in child development, our curriculum Te Whāriki - Te Ara Whānui, feedback from our whānau, and the expertise of our teaching team.

These learning priorities are:

- **Social Competency**
- **Emotional Competency**
- **Physical Development**
- **Literacy and Numeracy, and Oral Language**