

A photograph of an older woman with blonde hair and a man with dark hair, both smiling and engaged in conversation. The woman is on the left, wearing a light blue button-down shirt over a beige top. The man is on the right, wearing a beige sweater and holding a light blue mug. The background is a softly blurred indoor setting with a bookshelf.

Wellbeing Begins with Communication - Kōrero is Connection




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A photograph of three women sitting outdoors on a wooden bench, smiling and engaged in conversation. The woman in the center is a Māori woman with her hair in a ponytail, wearing a light-colored sweater. The woman on the left is wearing glasses and a dark top. The woman on the right is wearing glasses and a green sweater. The background is a blurred green outdoor setting.

**Our voices carry place,
culture, whakapapa. SLTs
honour the connection
between kōrero and whenua.**



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A photograph of three women sitting together and smiling. The woman on the left is partially visible, wearing a dark top. The woman in the center is an older woman with dark, wavy hair, wearing a grey cardigan over a dark blue top. The woman on the right is a younger woman with long brown hair, wearing a yellow cardigan over a blue and white striped top. They are all looking towards the right side of the frame.

**When people can express who
they are, wairua is strengthened.
Communication is sacred.**



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**SLTs help people find their
voice, and with it, their mana.**




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A photograph of four people—three women and one older woman—smiling and interacting around a table. The older woman is holding a communication board with various icons. The background shows a bookshelf and a potted plant.

**Every word, gesture, breath, and
smile — communication builds
health from the inside out.**



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**SLTs help people stay part of their
world — because connection is
essential to wellbeing.**




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**From safe swallowing to strong
breath support, SLTs help restore
the body's voice and power.**




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A woman with brown hair and a young boy with brown hair are both making a 'fish face' by sticking out their tongues and pulling at their cheeks. They are looking at each other. The background is a blurred indoor setting with a shelf containing various items.

**Our words build bridges — to
whānau, friends, and belonging.
Communication is connection.**



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**Speech-language therapists work
across all pillars of wellbeing —
voice, connection, identity, care.**



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A photograph of four children of diverse backgrounds sitting together and smiling. From left to right: a girl with light brown hair in a ponytail wearing an orange sweater, a boy with glasses and a blue polo shirt, a girl with dark hair wearing a light green hoodie, and a girl with dark hair in a bun wearing a yellow sweater. They are all looking towards the center and smiling.

**Kōrero heals.
Kōrero connects.
Kōrero uplifts.
That's why communication is wellness.**



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**Wellbeing begins when we are
seen, heard, and understood.
That's the power of our profession.**




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A photograph of four people (three women and one man) sitting around a round wooden table, smiling and eating. They are holding plates with food, including what looks like a salad and a sandwich. The background is a bright window with a view of trees. The image has a semi-transparent dark blue overlay.

**Hauora includes the ability to eat,
drink, and share kai with others.**



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**Wellbeing flows from wairua,
whānau, and words.**



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**Behind every conversation is a feeling
waiting to be seen. SLTs support
emotional wellbeing through connection.**



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