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Kia ora, Fakaalofa lahi atu,
Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei,
Malo Ni, Namaste, Witam,
Welcome to our first Whānau
Manaaki Parent & whānau
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***A place where my child
belongs and is free to
be their authentic selves***

*Whānau comments about kindergarten
from Early Childhood Day of Action*



Mō Matou | About Us

Whānau Manaaki kindergarten association operates the service that your tamariki attends. Whānau Manaaki pays staff, provides professional and pastoral support, and maintains properties of more than 100 kindergartens and home-based services across Aotearoa. We offer high-quality teaching and learning with our 100% qualified teachers and trained educators. We also provide transport, and support from social workers and community workers in some regions.

As you know, Whānau Manaaki tamariki get a great start in a caring community-focused environment. Each kindergarten offers its own individual programme, based on Te Whāriki - our world-leading early childhood curriculum.

Your kindergarten or service communicates with you and we decided to provide a regular newsletter or pānui.

We hope you enjoy this First Edition, and thanks again for your continued support of our services.



Mō Matou | About Us

Our Board has the ultimate responsibility for the delivery of quality early childhood education across Whānau Manaaki. This group provides strategic direction, sets our policy framework and makes the “big decisions” that affect all our services.

The overall governance of Whānau Manaaki is the responsibility of the Board which, in turn, is accountable to the Whānau Manaaki community.

The Board is elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year. The Board is comprised of elected members (who are parents/caregivers or members of the community), staff representatives and the Chief Executive.

The Board delegates day-to-day management of Whānau Manaaki to the Chief Executive.



There will be tamariki and whānau moving on to school at the beginning of 2025, have a wonderful time! And to all the tamariki and whānau returning to us next year, we look forward to welcoming you back.

We wish you all a happy holiday and festive season. Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te tau hau.

What is High Quality Childhood Education (ECE)?

The term “high quality early childhood education” is used a lot by lots of different people – indeed, you don’t see signs advertising ECE services that say, “come to us, we are low quality”! Everyone says they provide high quality ECE.

There are indicators of high quality ECE in teacher-led services that are globally agreed because of research that has been carried out over the years. These indicators include parent and whānau involvement in their child’s learning, good teacher: child ratios, qualifications of the teachers and their pay and employment conditions, ongoing professional development, and regulations that keep tamariki and staff safe.

These things lead to learning environments where there are high quality interactions between the tamariki and teachers, and where all children’s culture, language and identity are celebrated and nurtured. These factors enable tamariki to enjoy educational success.

That is why Whānau Manaaki and its staff have embarked on our E Tū Kaha campaign, and why we actively supported the NZEI ECE Day of Action.

We believe every child in Aotearoa New Zealand has the right to high quality ECE. This means we’ll keep providing information to you, and advocating for all children and their whānau.

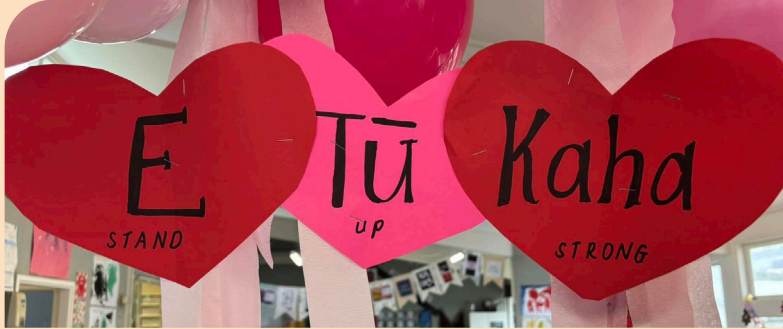


Kindy provides extra love, care and support for our tamariki. Also, amazing support for whānau. Couldn’t survive without them.

Comment left by whānau supporting Early Childhood Day of Action



E Tū Kaha - Stand Up Strong



Our E tū Kaha (Stand up Strong) campaign was created to inform whānau and the greater public of the importance of quality early childhood education and to empower communities to stand up strong for government policies that support the early childhood education sector.

In support of this campaign, kaimahi around the regions took part in the national NZEI ECE Day of Action! As part of the action, tamariki and whānau took part in activities that highlighted the importance of quality ECE.

We are wanting to promote the following:

- Access for all children to quality early childhood education
- Support for whānau to enable them to engage in their tamariki education
- 100% qualified teachers
- Good teacher to child ratios
- Professional pay and conditions for staff
- Regulations that keep tamariki and kaiako safe
- Keeping kindergarten in the public sector

Participating in Our Democratic Process

Our vision is to be a respected leader in early childhood education and a strong advocate for tamariki and whānau.

We actively participate in the democratic process by making submissions and supporting others to do the same.

Public submissions are now being called for the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill. The closing date for submissions is Tuesday, 07 January, 2025.

Writing a submission is easy! It doesn't take long to complete and you don't need to be an expert on the bill to write one, just have an opinion on it!

Together for Te Tiriti has made the process even easier by developing a tool that takes you through the process by prompting you with questions and offering tips (eg: the committee won't accept any submissions that contains offensive language).

You can read more about the Principles of Treaty of Waitangi Bill and make a submission by visiting:

www.parliament.nz

www.togetherfortiriti.nz



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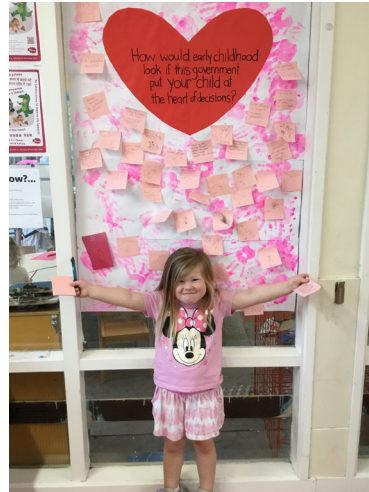


Raumati

Raumati Beach Kindergarten parents & whānau having their say.

Kāpiti

Ngahina Kindergarten decorated the kindergarten red and pink in support of the day of action.



Wellington

Northland Kindergarten also showing their support.



Wairarapa

Senior Teachers join and support kaiako at Lansdowne Kindergarten in Masterton.



South Otago

Poupoutunoa Kindergarten (Left) and Rosebank Kindergarten (below) Kaiako getting behind the kaupapa.



Whanganui

Central Kindergarten created an amazing display for whānau.



Horowhenua

Whānau at Te Manawanui Kindergartens are supporting the kaupapa of the day of action.

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