



ERO Early Childhood Service Akanuku | Assurance Review

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| Early Childhood Service Name | Future Kids Preschool Te Rapa |
| Profile Number | 47301 |
| Location | Hamilton |

ERO's Akanuku | Assurance Review reports provide information about whether a service meets and maintains regulatory standards. Further information about Akanuku | Assurance Reviews is included at the end of this report.

ERO's Judgement

| Regulatory standards | ERO's judgement |
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| Curriculum | Meeting |
| Premises and facilities | Meeting |
| Health and safety | Meeting |
| Governance, management and administration | Meeting |

At the time of the review, ERO found the service was taking reasonable steps to meet regulatory standards.

Background

Future Kids Preschool Te Rapa, is a privately-owned centre, opened in 2017. The management team, including a centre manager, are supported by team leaders in four aged-based rooms. The service has strengthened systems and processes with support from the Ministry of Education since the March 2019 ERO review.

Summary of Review Findings

Positive and meaningful relationships are evident among children and teachers. A sufficient quality and variety of equipment and materials is provided that is appropriate for the learning and abilities of children attending. A range of contextualised learning experiences, both indoors and outdoors, is supported by the design and layout of the premises. The centre's philosophy guides all aspects of service operation. Strategies are in place to respect and respond to parent and whānau aspirations for their children.

Key Next Step

The key next step is to continue to use evaluation processes to further develop assessment and planning that demonstrates an understanding of children’s learning, interests, whānau, culture and life contexts.

Next ERO Review

The next ERO review is likely to be an Akarangi | Quality Evaluation.



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Information About the Service

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| Service type | Education and care service |
| Number licensed for | 120 children, including up to 45 aged under 2. |
| Percentage of qualified teachers | 80%+ |
| Service roll | 104 |
| Ethnic composition | Māori 8, NZ European/Pākehā 70, Indian 11, Samoan 4, Other ethnic groups 11. |
| Review team on site | November 2020 |
| Date of this report | 23 December 2020 |
| Most recent ERO report(s) These are available at www.ero.govt.nz | Education Review March 2019 |

General Information about Assurance Reviews

All services are licensed under the [Education \(Early Childhood Services\) Regulations 2008](#). The legal requirements for early childhood services also include the [Licensing Criteria for Education and Care Services 2008](#).

Services must meet the standards in the regulations and the requirements of the licensing criteria to gain and maintain a licence to operate.

ERO undertakes an [Akanuku | Assurance Review process](#) in any centre-based service:

- having its first ERO review – including if it is part of a governing organisation
- previously identified as ‘not well placed’ or ‘requiring further development’
- that has moved from a provisional to a full licence
- that have been re-licensed due to a change of ownership
- where an Akanuku | Assurance Review process is determined to be appropriate.

Management Assurance on Legal Requirements

All early childhood services are required to promote children’s health and safety and to regularly review their compliance with legal requirements. Before the review, the staff and management of a service completed an [ERO Centre Assurance Statement and Self-Audit Checklist](#). In these documents they attested that they have taken all reasonable steps to meet their legal obligations related to:

- curriculum
- premises and facilities
- health and safety practices
- governance, management and administration.

As part of an Akanuku | Assurance Review ERO assesses whether the regulated standards are being met. In particular, ERO looks at a service’s systems for managing the following areas that have a potentially high impact on children's wellbeing:

- emotional safety (including positive guidance and child protection)
- physical safety (including supervision; sleep procedures; accidents; medication; hygiene; excursion policies and procedures)
- suitable staffing (including qualification levels; police vetting; teacher certification; ratios)
- evacuation procedures and practices for fire and earthquake.

As part of an Akanuku | Assurance Review ERO also gathers and records evidence through:

- discussions with those involved in the service
- consideration of relevant documentation, including the implementation of health and safety systems
- observations of the environment/premises, curriculum implementation and teaching practice.