

Maori as Tangata Whenua and Bi-cultural Partnership.

Rational

Here at Future Kids Preschool we aim to advocate for all tamariki. We do this by giving tamariki opportunities to develop an understanding of their dual heritage of New Zealand, and by responding to the aspirations and expectations of our centre whanau. Future Kids Preschool believes that all tamariki have the right to understand and be confident in their own culture; to learn and understand the Māori language, customs, values and practices; to appreciate the heritage of Aotearoa and to develop the ability to be sensitive to the culture of other people.

Procedures.

- Seeking the aspirations and expectations of all centre whanau, fostering and sustaining what is important each whanau and their tamariki.
- Creating an environment that reflects a sense of whanaungtanga amongst our whanau, tamariki and staff. Building honest, respectful and open relationships with everybody in our learning community. Involvement and participation by whanau as well as the wider community will be welcomed and encouraged.
- Celebrating tuakana-teina relationships by supporting meaningful connections between older and younger tamariki in the centre.
- Tamariki will become familiar with the sound and pronunciation of Te Reo Maori through waiata, greetings, farewells, simple phrases and commands.
- The use of natural materials is celebrated in the programme. Teachers are careful to observe Māori protocols and customs and encourage tamariki to understand the meaning of these protocols.
- Teachers will ensure that Māori families enrolling in the centre will be consulted with in a flexible and sensitive manner. Their cultural differences will be treated with respect and dignity.
- We will encourage sensitivity and awareness of other people's religious and cultural beliefs.