

Kaitiakitanga Policy

Designation: Premises & Facilities

Rationale:

At Te Rāwhiti kindergarten, we value the importance of adopting sustainable practices in caring for the environment. We see tamariki as future kaitiaki, guardians of the taonga that is our planet. We believe that the early years are a fundamental time to foster in tamariki a love and respect for papatūānuku and the natural world.

Te Whāriki:

Exploration/Mana Aotūroa: Tamariki experience an environment where they develop working theories for making sense of the natural, social, physical and material worlds.

Procedures:

1. Tamariki will be offered on-going opportunities to observe and, when they choose, to engage in the procedures and practices of caring for the environment.
2. Staff will role-model these activities with care and reverence, such as gardening and tidying up.
3. Tamariki will learn to value the environment through story telling related to papatūānuku.
4. Tamariki will have opportunities to play outside all year round.
5. We will ensure our outdoor environment reflects a natural setting.
6. We will ensure our indoor environment includes aspects of the natural world, such as flowers bought in from the garden and natural resources.
7. We are committed to minimising waste and recycling.
8. We support and encourage whānau and staff who choose to walk and/or cycle to kindergarten and provide places for bike parking.
9. We are committed to engaging in on-going reflection and improvement of our practices to ensure they are as sustainable as possible.

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