



Information Booklet



Andersons Bay Community Kindergarten

Together a Hand in their Future. Ahakoa he iti, he pounamu

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Thank you for expressing an interest in enrolling your child at Andersons Bay Community Kindergarten. We understand that choosing an early childhood centre for your child is an important decision and we would like to take this opportunity to share with you some information about our centre.

Our kindergarten is community based, we believe it is important to involve family/whānau and the community in the education of your child.

Our dream is that all our children follow their passions and learn to make the world a better place. Learning is fun, meaningful and based on children's interests, passions and curiosities.

Being inclusive is important to us- all families are welcome in the centre at any time, every child is valued as an individual and everyone goes on outings and bush adventures.

Our kindy van provides us with the opportunity to get out and about in the community. We regularly visit the library, art gallery and gardens as well as trips to parents workplaces or out to the peninsula.



The Kindergarten

Andersons Bay Community Kindergarten is a fully licensed early childhood centre catering for children between 2 and 5 years within the hours of 8.15am and 2.45pm. We have a maximum of 30 children at Kindergarten at any one time.

Depending on availability families may choose the number of days and times that their child attends.

Our beautiful renovated villa has a peaceful outlook over the harbour and city. The large outdoor space is constantly changing, full of challenges and spaces for open ended exploration.

We have a large bush area just over the back fence where everyone regularly goes on adventures to explore and enjoy the natural environment.

Parent involvement is an important part of the kindergarten philosophy. The kindergarten is governed by a volunteer group of parents.



Philosophy

Everything that happens at our kindergarten follows the beliefs in our philosophy statement. It includes the following principles:

- Our dream for our tamariki is that they will live their lives following their passions and seeking to make the world a better place.
- Children learn through fun and play in both imaginative and real/authentic contexts. We take every opportunity to learn in and through the natural environment where the children can learn about their world and its challenges.
- Our Kindy is on a journey towards being a bicultural learning environment. Building our Te Reo Māori competency is a key part of this journey.
- We believe that our children are competent and confident learners – each with their own mana and individuality.
- We foster social dispositions and skills so that our tamariki build, maintain and learn with and through relationships with younger and older children and adults. We believe that learning to respect, understand and value difference and fairness is an important part of learning.
- Our tamariki, whānau, teachers and wider community collaborate as a community of learners to identify aspirations and experiences for learning.



The Kindergarten Day

Each day generally follows a basic routine (depending on the weather) where teaching and learning happens inside, outside and often out in the community. We all sit together for morning tea and lunch. We have a story or short group time before eating and at the end of the day to come together as a group and transition into the next part of the day. Children are given opportunities to take part in early literacy and early numeracy experiences, music, collage, painting, play corner, puzzles, books, woodwork, tactile experiences plus much more on a daily basis.

The Curriculum

Our curriculum and assessment practices are based on Te Whāriki (the New Zealand early childhood curriculum). These celebrate the uniqueness of each child, their culture and the group as a whole.

Teachers work actively with all children building positive relationships and facilitating meaningful experiences. We are committed to bicultural development and seek to integrate Te Reo and Tikanga Māori in our curriculum.

Our eldest children are part of a group we call Ako Tahi (Learning together), where they build skills, knowledge and attitudes important for a successful transition to school.

Our team of fully qualified and certificated teachers document children's learning in portfolios that are online and in hard copy. Children love sharing their books with each other at Kindy and the online portfolios within Storypark are great for sharing stories and photos at home and with family further afield.



Morning Tea/ Lunch

Parents provide morning tea and lunch for their child. Water is available for children to access throughout the day. Our Nutrition Policy encourages parents to provide healthy options in lunch boxes. We hold the Pā Harakeke award (gold) from the Heart Foundation.

Fees

Our Kindergarten is FREE for children over the age of 3!

Two year olds who attend Kindy pay fees. Fees are reviewed annually or after special consultation with families.

Childcare subsidies are available for children who choose not to access 20 hours ECE or for those under three. Information and application forms are available online or from WINZ.

We have optional charges that families can choose to pay if they wish to support a special part of our programme, e.g. to employ teachers above the minimum required ratios and van costs

We are looking forward to meeting you and your child in the future at our Kindergarten. Should you have any queries regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact our Head Teacher.





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