

Te Waka Huruhurumanu ki Ōtautahi Early Learning Centre

Mā te Huruhuru ka rere te manu

With the feathers of knowledge the bird will fly. Preparing our tamariki for the future

Te Waka Huruhurumanu ki Ōtautahi is a whānau based early learning centre that prides itself on providing high quality care and education through Māori concepts, values and beliefs for all. In this bilingual setting we deliver a curriculum that provides genuine interactions and experiences for all tamariki and whanau through embracing their individual needs and holistic development. Through nurturing tamariki, they weave together a korowai of knowledge, skills and attitudes to carry them into the wider world.

Te Reo Māori me ona tīkanga are intergral aspects within our centre philosophy. We aim to provide tamariki and whānau with opportunities for a wide variety of learning experiences through the medium of Te Reo Māori. Our focus on Te Reo Māori me ona tīkanga is our contribution to revitalising our Māori language, upholding, as well as promoting and encouraging, social, cultural and spiritual awareness of all whānau so that they are empowered to be bi-culturally comfortable.

Kaiako will provide a positive learning environment in which tamariki are encouraged and supported to discover as much as possible on their own. We recognise that tamariki who achieve through their own experiences acquire a knowledge that is different to tamariki who are offered ready made solutions. By providing a learning environment where tamariki are encouraged to explore through freedom to make choices, we believe they experience their world in their own terms, with the support and guidance of kaiako. Tamariki and whānau will experience an environment where play based learning is valued.

The foundation of our philosophy is developed around Mason Duries concept of Te Whare Tapawhā and embraced with our core centre values of, whanaungatanga, whakaute, aroha, manaakitanga and Te Reo me ōna tīkanga.