



Central Kids

We all grow together

Ka tupu kotahi tātou

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

The principles and strands of the early childhood education curriculum, *Te Whāriki: He Whāriki Mātauranga mō ngā Mokopuna o Aotearoa* provides the foundation for our kindergarten programmes. The Central North Island Kindergarten Trust believes that quality learning opportunities for children are best achieved where:

- Kindergarten teaching staff have the minimum qualification, Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood Education).
- The foundation for children's learning is play based in a resource rich environment.
- Children's preferences are respected so they are involved in decisions about their learning.
- Programmes are based on socio cultural practice which includes the children, teachers, parents, and community perspectives.
- Children are encouraged to be confident in their own culture and develop respect and understanding of other cultures.
- The dual heritage of Aotearoa, New Zealand, and respect for Te Tiriti o Waitangi, are reflected in our kindergartens.
- The outdoor environment is valued and children have access at all times to quality outdoor play experiences.

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide the highest quality early childhood education service for young children in the Central North Island that is both accessible and affordable.

WHAKATAUKĪ

Anei te moemoea, mo ngā ririki tokomaha
Whaia te kahurangi, rewa ki Tāwhiti
Kia tiaho Tamanui te ra, kia tiaho tamariki ma

The vision for the child within
Living in the community reaching for the heavens
So the child blooms, bright as the sun rising east