



Settlement Road

KINDERGARTEN

Philosophy

Our Kindergarten provides a healthy and stimulating environment by

- **Being inclusive:** Our philosophy of inclusive education is aimed at supporting all children learn and reach their full potential. Children learn at their own pace and style within a nurturing and fun learning environment. Children with special rights learn alongside their friends and are given the freedom to learn at their own pace and style.
- **Bicultural** practices are embedded in our teaching, environment, curriculum and assessment. We see each child as a unique individual who carries their whakapapa with them, and the potential bestowed upon them through these connections.
- **Environment as the 3rd teacher** in response to individual learning styles our environment is flexible and is regularly adapted by the

children and the teachers to remain responsive to children's needs and levels of development.

- **Dispositions** we believe in a holistic approach to learning and development through play. We encourage the positive growth of the child's spiritual, and physical wellbeing to support a lifelong love of learning.
- **Family and community** we value partnerships that foster the spirit of Whanaungatanga within our Kindergarten community. We encourage whanau to participate and contribute to their child's/children's education.
- **Sustainable practices** we feel strongly about fostering sustainable practices and building authentic connections with nature. Through promoting dispositions of kaitiakitanga and manaakitanga, which will grow the culture of respectful relationships with Papatuanuku.