

Flanshaw Centres *Philosophy*

Our centres endeavour to provide an environment where our early childhood curriculum Te Whāriki provides the foundations to a holistic approach to tamariki and their learning. A place where whānau feel welcome and where their tamariki are immersed in a safe and secure environment, full of the love, care and respect they experience at home.

Whānau relationships are highly regarded; we appreciate the importance of these partnerships in providing children with an opportunity to flourish in their capabilities as competent learners.

We offer an environment where play is the most valued pathway for learning, where all seasons play is crucial for children's ability to revisit learning and create an affinity with Papatūānuku without being hindered by the weather.

We value children's development of transferable learning dispositions, they are celebrated as foundational steps for current and future learning. Within our centres we view children's diversity with admiration and celebrate the differences in culture and identity that make each individual child who they are.

We value the history of Aotearoa and strive to project the toanga that is te reo and te ao Māori, weaving this into our daily practice as kaiako to share our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

We also recognise the positive implications that connections to our wider community offer our children; we therefore aim to facilitate reciprocal relationships both within our centres and with our surrounding community. Through strength in philosophy we are able to provide a consistent approach where children are able to flourish within our centres.