

Flanshaw centres *Philosophy*

Our centres endeavour to provide an environment where our early childhood curriculum Te Whariki provides the foundations to a holistic approach to tamariki and their learning. A place where whanau 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. Whanau relationships are esteemed, we appreciate the importance of these partnerships in providing children with an opportunity to flourish in 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 papatuanuku without being hindered by the weather. We value children's development of transferable learning dispositions, they are celebrated as foundational steps to current and future learning. Within our centres we view our children's diversity with admiration and celebrate the distinct differences in culture and identity that make each individual child who they are. We value the history of Aotearoa and strive to protect the Taonga that is the indigenous Te reo and Tikanga of Maori, weaving this into our daily practice through both language and approach we 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 the centres and with our surrounding community. Through strength in philosophy we are able to provide a consistent approach where children feel comfortable to grow and develop within our centres.