



Philosophy

Ōrākei Montessori Preschool is committed to follow the Montessori teaching method in partnership with Te Whāriki, our New Zealand Early Childhood Curriculum. Te Whāriki promotes the development of competent, confident learners and communicators, healthy in mind, body and spirit, secure in their sense of belonging and in the knowledge that they make a valued contribution to society, these aims are completely supported in our Montessori Preschool.

We believe children have an innate desire and passion for learning, and that our responsibility as their guides is to support this natural process by designing the environment to foster each child's independence, autonomy and competence. The child's freedom to choose their activities nurtures individual initiative and personal responsibility.

We believe social, emotional and spiritual learning experiences are valued as highly as intellectual learning experiences. Our Montessori community is one in which everyone learns from one another and everyone's contribution is valued and respected.

We uphold the Principals of Te tiri O Waitangi and strive to achieve meaningful, authentic bi-cultural practice. Tikanga Māori and Te Reo Māori are incorporated throughout our programme.

We believe parents/whānau and kaiako share responsibility for supporting children's learning and that funds of knowledge from home are welcomed and valued. Parents/whānau are included in all aspects of our teaching programme. We are proud of our strong parent/whānau community support.

We foster a culture of continual improvement in our teaching practice and environment both inside and outside the classroom.