



Parkvale Kindergarten

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Te Matau-a-Māui



**Right from the
start, we teach
from the heart.**

Nau mai haere mai.

Welcome to Parkvale Kindergarten. Whanaungatanga (relationships) are at the core of our philosophy. Our kaiako place great importance on collaborative and meaningful connections with tamariki, whānau and the wider community. We pride ourselves on providing a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment. We embrace diversity and are fortunate to have a multi-cultural community who share their knowledge, experiences and culture with us. 'Play' is the work of a child, and our programme emerges from the interests of the child. Social and emotional competence is fostered through social interactions, mindfulness techniques, intentional teaching, role modelling and manaakitanga (caring, nurturing). Our natural environment promotes wonder, awe, risk-taking, curiosity and kaitiakitanga (guardianship). We are teachers with passion and kaiako that care.

He waka eke noa - We are all in this together.

Our Vision

For every child to experience an environment of aroha and play, peacefulness, wonder and challenge, that nurtures holistic foundations for future learning and life.

Our Philosophy

Tamariki and their whānau are the heart of our being. Values of Manaakitanga, whanaungatanga, kaitiakitanga and ako underpin our philosophy. Child paced play is our curriculum, supporting holistic development and valuing children's uniqueness. Through mindful observation and purposeful interaction kaiako guide tamariki to manage their emotions and develop meaningful relationships with others and our natural environment.



Nurturing through nature.

Parkvale Kindergarten is part of the Heretaunga Kindergarten Association which has a proud history of providing quality early learning experiences.

Our stunning environments reflect the unique character of Aotearoa New Zealand with a focus on environmental sustainability. All our kindergartens are proud members of Enviroschools, committed to a long-term sustainability journey, where tamariki connect with and explore the environment.

All our kindergartens offer a play-driven localised learning programme based on the Early Childhood Curriculum, Te Whāriki. As an association we honour our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Every learning journey is unique.

Kindergarten is a place where tamariki learn through play, with and alongside others, building on the skills and knowledge they bring from their home environment.

Kaiako weave together the principles and strands of Te Whāriki in collaboration with tamariki, whānau and community to create a localised and individualised learning programme.

Every tamaiti will have their own profile book which will document their learning journey at kindergarten. Profile books belong to the tamaiti, they can take these home anytime, or you are welcome to read it at the kindergarten.





How we communicate.

To develop and maintain close and respectful relationships, we have a number of ways to keep you informed of your child's progress. That includes daily chats about learning, meetings with the kaiako, whiteboard messages, newsletters, whānau notice board, website and Facebook.

Storypark is an online user-friendly tool we use to share learning and communicate between home and kindergarten. Support is available in learning how to use Storypark. You can download the free app on your phone.



How you can be involved.

We welcome your involvement in kindergarten life and do everything we can to keep you connected.

First and foremost, we invite you to be part of the learning journey by talking with us, sharing what you know about your tamaiti and letting us know what aspirations you have for them. This supports us to develop a individualised plan. We continuously seek feedback on policy review and any significant developments for the kindergarten.

You are welcome and encouraged to spend time with us any time during our sessions, for as long as you like. We often require whānau helpers for excursions and appreciate support with this. We encourage you to share your talents or skills to support further learning for the tamariki.





In the heart of your community.

At Heretaunga Kindergartens we have 100% qualified kaiako that go the extra mile to bring out the best in your tamariki.

We're an association of 16 Kindergartens across Flaxmere, Hastings, Havelock North and Central Hawke's Bay – all with a focus on quality education, sustainability and local partnerships.

We've been here since 1928 and we're here to stay, in outstanding environments that encourage learning and play.

We're your neighbours, your friends, your whānau and we're right where you need us, in the heart of the community.

Meet our qualified kaiako and find out more.

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Session Times

2024 Term Dates | Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 2.30pm

2024 Statutory Holidays

Waitangi Day – Tuesday 6 February

Good Friday – Friday 29 March

Easter Monday – Monday 1 April

Anzac Day – Tuesday 25 April

King's Birthday – Monday 3 June

Matariki Friday – 14 July

Labour Day – Monday 28 October

Hawkes' Bay Anniversary - 1 November

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
18 January – 12 April	29 April – 5 July	22 July – 27 September	14 October – 19 December

Fees

Up to 30 hours free early childhood education when you attest your 20 free hours. Terms and conditions apply.

Enrolling your child/tamaiti

Complete the enrolment form, bring a copy of the birth certificate and immunisation records. Enrolments are accepted from the age of 2 years and tamariki can stay up to their 6th birthday.



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Rhythm of the day



8.30am	Our day starts at 8:30am with tamariki and whānau warmly welcomed by our teachers/kaiako. Tamariki are free to choose what they want to do and where they would like to play. Kaiako support tamariki to set up their indoor and outdoor environments. Our curriculum is play based and children's learning is fostered through their interests and play.
9.45am	Tamariki are gathered together for karakia followed by morning tea.
12.00pm	Tamariki are gathered together for karakia followed by lunch.
2.00pm	Our environment is refreshed throughout the day to provide beautiful play spaces that tamariki will want to explore. Around 2pm we start to pack up the majority of our resources as we transition towards the end our kindergarten day. Our day ends with a coming together time at 2:15pm before we finish at 2:30pm.

Settling your child/ tamaiti at kindergarten

Please discuss how you would like to transition your child/tamaiti into kindergarten, so a personalised plan can be developed.

What to bring

- Lunch box for morning tea and lunch. We promote healthy food and ask that you use reusable packaging. Please refer to the pamphlet provided on enrollment with guidelines to reduce the risk of choking.
- water bottle
- spare set of named clothes
- sunhats terms 1 and 4, warm hats as needed
- sunscreen if your child/tamaiti has sensitivity

What to wear

Comfortable clothing you don't mind getting messy or wet. Children/tamariki learn through play, so they need to be able to move freely, get messy, dirty or wet at times. Lost property can be collected from wicker basket by the entrance.

Sleep

If your child/tamaiti requires a sleep, please discuss this with the team. The kindergarten provides individual linen which is laundered weekly.

Sick Children/tamariki

If your child/tamaiti is sick, please keep them at home to prevent the spread of illness and for their own well-being. In the case of vomiting and/or diarrhoea, they must not attend kindergarten for 48 hours after the last bout. Please contact the kindergarten to let them know that they will not be attending.

Toileting

If your child/tamaiti is not toilet trained they can still attend kindergarten and you will need to supply nappies. If your child/tamaiti is in the process of toilet training, please talk to the teaching team so they can support this process.

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Meet our kaiako



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Meet our wonderful team of qualified
and certificated kaiako.



**Sarah
Hopkins**



**Irene
Schinkel**



**Hine
Andersen**



**Paulette
Moana**



**Joanna
Norris**
