

Peterhead Kindergarten





Right from the start, we teach from the heart.

Nau mai haere mai.

At Peterhead kindergarten we believe that our families are our greatest asset and we strive to create a warm and welcoming place where tamariki, whānau, families and kaiako all feel that they belong, that they are heard, that their contributions are important and they are valued as members of our kindergarten whānau.

We are blessed with an extensive playground full of large trees to provide natural shade, open grassy areas and places to run, to play, to wonder and to explore.

Inside we strive to create an environment that is homelike and respectful and which inspires exploration, curiosity, creativity, makes links with our families and celebrates all the cultures within our community.

Our Vision

To nurture the values of Whakamana, Whanaungatanga, Manaakitanga, Kaitiakitanga and Whakaako for our tamariki and their whānau.

Our Philosophy

A place to belong, to laugh, to love, to play, to wonder, to create, to care, to learn together, to believe in ourselves, to know we are special.

Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia ō tātou māhi. Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work.













Nurturing through nature.

Peterhead 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-based localised learning programme based on the Early Childhood Curriculum, Te Whāriki.

As an association we bonour 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.

heretaungakindergartens.co.nz



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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	29 April	22 July	14 October
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12 April	5 July	27 September	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.





Rhythm of the day



8:30am Tamariki arrive and engage in learning experiences inside.

8.30am - 9.00am Optional breakfast for tamariki.

9.00am Morning karakia to open the day. Tamariki engage in learning

experiences of their choice, outdoors and indoors.

10.30am – 11.00am Morning tea, inside and outside. Tamariki engage in learning

experiences of their choice, outdoors and indoors.

12.00pm Mat-time -Wa Whāriki.

12.15pm Karakia and Lunch. Tamariki engage in learning

experiences of their choice, outdoors and indoors.

2.00pm Clean up.

2.15pm Mat-time-Wa Whāriki.

2.30pm Home time.

Settling your child/tamaiti at kindergarten

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

What to bring

- We provide all food (thanks to KidsCan) tamariki do not need to bring a lunchbox
- water bottle
- spare set of named clothes
- sunhats for terms 1 and 4, warm hats as needed when cold
- specific sunscreen if your child/tamaiti has sensitivity

What to wear

Comfortable clothing you don't mind getting messy or wet. 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 the 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 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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Kindergartens Te Matau-a-Māui

Meet our kaiako & Ringawera (Kitchen Hand)

Meet our wonderful team of qualified and certificated kajako.



April MacDonald



Petra du Fresne



Robyn Wyber-Kiwara



Connie Keegan



Rita Brady