



# Frimley Park Kindergarten

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**Mauria te pono**  
**Believe in yourself**

# Nau mai haere mai.

Welcome to Frimley Park Kindergarten – we're community focused and walk in partnership with whānau to best meet the needs and aspirations of our tamariki.

We create a calm, positive, and homely atmosphere for tamariki to socialise and learn from each other (tuakana/teina). Our group planning values/pou, are manaakitanga, hauora and ako. We collaboratively plan for this throughout our program, environment, language, and within our teaching practices.

Our kaiako have a range of levels of te reo Māori and we are committed to engaging in all aspects of Te Ao Māori. Tikanga practices such as waiata, kapa haka, rongoā, rakau Māori, te reo Māori, and pūrakau are all dynamic aspects of our program and environment.

We share a very strong connection with the Frimley Primary School, as they are located right next to our kindergarten. We often visit the school grounds and embrace the whānau feel that has developed throughout our relationships with the older tamariki, kaiako and leaders. We are a community!

## He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai.

If kindness is shown then kindness is what you receive.

### Our Vision

The tamariki of Frimley Park Kindergarten are nurtured in a homely, playful, and language-rich environment to feel a strong sense of identity and view themselves as a learner.

### Our Philosophy

Our values influence what we think and how we respond in our ways of being and doing. Our group priorities are:

Manaakitanga – Respect  
Hauora – Wellbeing  
Ako – Learning



## Nurturing through nature.

Frimley Park 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 children/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 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, 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 conversations, texts, phone calls, emails, whānau hui, notices, Storypark community notices, Storypark individual messages, website, and Facebook. Our office is always available for whānau.

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 child and letting us know what aspirations you have for them. This supports us to develop an 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 our 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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## Hours & Term Dates

8.30am - 2.30pm | Monday - Friday | 18 January - 19 December 2024

We are closed during term breaks , Christmas break and statutory holidays.

### Term One:

18 January -12 April

### Statutory Holidays:

Waitangi Day – Tuesday 6 February

Good Friday – Friday 29 March

Easter Monday – Monday 1 April

Anzac Day – Thursday 25 April

### Term Two:

29 April - 5 July

### Statutory Holidays:

King's Birthday: Monday 3 June

Matariki: Friday 28 June

### Term Three:

22 July - 27 September

### Term Four:

14 October - 19 December

### Statutory Holidays:

Hawke's Bay Anniversary: Friday 25 October

Labour Day: Monday 28 October

### Fees

Up to 30 hours free early childhood education is offered from 8.30 - 2.30pm when you bring your child/tamati to our kindergarten for the full 20 hours a week. 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

- 8:30 am – 9:30 am:** Settling into the day: Tamariki are invited to place their bags on hooks and put their lunch boxes and water drink bottles on the kai shelf. Tamariki are free to settle into the environment with and alongside their families and kaiako. The kaiako are available for whanaungatanga, to support tamariki and catch up with whānau.
- 9.30 am – 9.45 am:** Tamariki are invited into the indoor environment by the sound of a kaiako playing a Tibetan singing bowl to participate in our kotahitanga ritual. A time to be together and feel a sense of belonging as a group. This is a kaiako-led group ritual that we facilitate with a variety of experiences such as karakia, mihi mihi, song, waiata, storytelling, nursery rhythms, puppetry, pūrakau (local narratives), movement, and group discussions.
- 9:45 am – 10:15 am:** Tamariki are supported by kaiako to leave the mat and wash their hands. We have a small amount of kai from lunch boxes and a drink of water.
- 10:15 am to 12 pm :** Tamariki are free to play in our outdoor and indoor environments. Tamariki grow and learn through uninterrupted play. The tamariki can access all resources available and have agency in their play spaces. In this social setting, tamariki are supported by kaiako on how to manage their emotions and develop relationship life-long skills. Kaiako are always observing, consulting with each other, and tracking tamariki's learning.
- 12 pm – 12:30 pm:** Tamariki are invited to come inside and wash their hands before coming together for lunchtime. They are closely supervised, and supported while eating and drinking.
- 12:30 pm –2:15 pm:** Tamariki are back to free play time. Tamariki alongside kaiako help refresh the environment for the next day.
- 2.15 pm – 2.30 pm:** Tamariki are invited to wash their hands and kaiako provide afternoon tea such as bread buns (made during the day with the tamariki), fruit, or a cracker. This is a time to reflect and go over their learning journal books. Kaiako supports tamariki to transition back with their whānau and catch up with whānau if necessary.

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### 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 for sensitive skin if your child 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 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 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.

# Frimley Park Kindergarten

## Meet our kaiako



Meet our wonderful team of qualified and certificated kaiako.



**Michelle  
Tūhura**



**Mel Te  
Whaiti**



**Louis  
Kittleson**



**Carole  
Mooney**

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