



Our Philosophy

We are Kumeu Childcare: a Reggio Emilia-inspired Centre who embraces independence, creativity, forward thinking. A place where nurturing, evolving, reflective care and education is of utmost importance.

We are a reflection of a unique community of people connected through Kumeu Childcare: children, parents, whānau, management, teachers, support staff ... who:

- are driven by tamariki excitement and wonder for life
- hold an image of children as unique souls - who embrace learning through the 100 languages
- choose to deeply engage with children through play, to foster their individual identities, their thinking and creativity
- embrace learning environments that invite engagement, inclusiveness, provoke curiosity and encourage the desire to learn

We are a learning community in Aotearoa New Zealand who:

- nurture and empower tamariki to engage in respectful relationships with the natural world, valuing Ranginui and Papatuanuku
- embrace partnerships with tamariki, whānau, teachers and expert others both within our local and wider communities,
- embrace pedagogies of listening, time, space and relationships, as platforms for thinking and moving towards meaning with sensitivity and courage
- incorporate thinking and teaching practices underpinned by Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Te Whāriki- the New Zealand Early Childhood Curriculum
- implement aspects of the Reggio Emilia philosophy and RIE philosophy to support, foster and develop learners.

We are a community of lifelong learners who:

- welcome all children – leaders of the future
- embrace change, innovation, discovery, research and theory
- acknowledge the holistic nature in which we all develop
- celebrate the rich diversity of languages and cultural experiences that families bring to our centre

Our Reggio Emilia-inspired approach to learning and teaching focuses on fostering relationships amongst children, teachers, parents, community, and the environment, building on the premise that each child is unique.