



Riverside

EDUCARE

Māori as Tangata Whenua

Rationale:

We respect the unique position of Māori as tangata whenua in Aotearoa/New Zealand. Awareness, appreciation and knowledge of Tiriti o Waitangi and of the bi-cultural heritage of our country are valued by all kaiako.

Te Whāriki:

Mana Reo - The languages and symbols of children's own and other cultures are promoted and protected.

Procedure:

- The three principals of Tiriti o Waitangi (partnership, protection and participation) are woven into our centre philosophy.
- Te reo Māori is used by all kaiako in both their daily practice and written documentation
- Te ao Māori values are imbedded within our daily practice. Kaiako do this by discussing relevant values and incorporating teaching and learning around
- Kaiako will discuss and inform others of appropriate practice with regard to tikanga Māori.
- Visual aids and language prompts are displayed throughout the centre encouraging teachers to extend their Te reo Māori knowledge
- Kaiako greet children, parents, colleagues and phone enquiries in Te Reo Māori and/or English.
- Kaiako incorporate Te Reo Māori into all areas of the curriculum.
- Professional development funds and time are made available for teachers to extend their tikanaga, Te reo and Te o Māori values.
- Kaiako make, find and provide bi-cultural teaching resources.

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