

We are an Enviroschool and are continually reviewing and adapting our Kindergarten to promote and become more sustainable in caring for our environment. Tamariki are actively engaged in caring for our Kindergarten pets and gardens, enjoying fresh produce for their efforts. We also practice daily tikanga Māori through our routines and develop recycling habits to benefit the physical environment.



John Street Kindergarten
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Our Moemoeā: Partnership, protection, & participation



GIFTING 30 FREE HOURS TO ALL TAMARIKI OVER TWO

Haere Mai Welcome to John Street Kindergarten



The First choice for your child's future...

- 100% fully qualified and registered teachers
- 1:10 teacher to child ratio with additional support of a teacher in training
- Session Times: Monday - Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm – we can cater to support your needs eg: half days for two year olds.
- 65 years' experience and history of successful Early Childhood Education in Waimate
- We offer spaces to children from 2 years to 6 years. John Street has up to 30 hours free for all children.



What is special about us.

Mixed Age setting: We do not separate tamariki into age groups for learning, meaning siblings, older and younger tamariki learn together. These types of relationships are critical for developing social and emotional competence as younger tamariki role model their older peers, while they are gaining from the opportunity to take responsibility and nurture younger tamariki.

Individual learning: Each tamaiti/child has their individual learning needs met through careful observation, documentation, and analysis of their learning. Kaiako support the progression of learning through intentional teaching strategies and resources. We collect whānau aspirations/goals for your child in work in partnership to support these.

Educa Online Portfolio's: Each child has an online profile that can be accessed only by whānau and invited contacts (great for connecting family that lives away or overseas). This provides an up-to-date record of their learning with photos and videos. This is also interactive so you can add your own stories, photos and videos too. We also provide each child with a hard copy book that contains all documentation and is available to them in the classroom.

Social Competence and Emotional Growth: We start our day with a group hui (meeting) to calm the brainstem and set our tamariki on a settled path for learning and we teach tamariki to identify their emotions and use strategies to calm and re focus.

Whanaungatanga is one of our curriculum priorities and we offer a warm, safe, friendly and welcoming environment where we encourage parents and family to participate and be involved in our programme. We have a culturally diverse community which is celebrated and embraced.

A treaty-based curriculum: We follow the principles and strands of our Ministry of Education curriculum Te Whāriki. Within this we not only support your child to flourish in subject domains, literacy, mathematics, science, technology, and the arts holistically but our whole way of being embraces tikanga. This means we highly value relationships, between whānau and kaiako, kaiako and tamariki, our community and local iwi. Our place is reflective of a home or whānau with high expectations for learners balanced with manaki, love, care and respect.

Kahui Ako: Our Kaiako/teachers are part of our local Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) connecting us with our local ECE, primary and secondary colleagues to work together on common goals.

PLD: Our kaiako participate in regular and current Professional Learning Development with our professional body of Kindergarten teachers, Central South Island Kindergartens.

Parent Testimonial

"John Street Kindergarten has been a fabric of Waimate society for a long time and it's unique in helping children grow emotionally, physically and mentally within their different ages and culture. Upon entering Kindergarten, I always find all teachers with their beautiful smiles, always greeting and welcoming me. Ayra enjoys her time at kindy by mixing and making friends with other children, teachers playing games, reading books, art and painting. She enjoys sharing about her day with Mom after school. I chose John Street Kindergarten as it provides 30 hours free education, has a safe and healthy, smoke free, friendly learning environment and meets all health and safety standards. It has trained teachers who love my kid and help her grow!" Sherin Dean



What others say about John Street Kindergarten

"I love that it just isn't about the child but the whole family"

"We feel happy and loved"

"Love big and small children being together"

"We have a fantastic teaching and learning team"

"Positive Vibes and Friendly"

