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- Fully qualified and registered teacher.
- A Ministry of Education Curriculum
- 60+ years experience in Early Childhood Education.

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**Haere Mai Welcome to
The Mobile Kindergarten**



About us

We offer spaces to children from 0 years to 6 years. We run four morning sessions per week. Parents or caregivers must remain on site with their child/ren during Session.

Waimate Kindergarten Association operates the last remaining Mobile Kindergarten in New Zealand.

Session Times:

Tuesday: Hakataramea 9am - 12pm

Wednesday: Waituna Creek 9am to 1pm

Thursday: Waihao Downs 9am to 1pm

Friday: Glenavy 9am - 1pm

Our Vision:

To provide quality early education to our rural communities.



One registered Teacher.

Our programme follows the New Zealand National Early Childhood Curriculum, Te Whāriki and prepares children to become lifelong learners.

Philosophy:

- We encourage and empower children to become, confident, socially competent, risk takers.
- We extend children's learning through careful assessment, planning and evaluation. This means that experiences for extending children's learning are planned and provided for every week.
- Mobile Kindergarten works in strong partnership with our families/whānau. Through the Mobile service, they have the opportunity to share in their children's early learning experiences in a teacher led session.
- Whanaungatanga is central to our service. We value and respect the contributions of our whānau and welcome their place in our Kindergarten.
- We acknowledge the cultural identities of our children as reflected in Te Tiriti O Waitangi and offer an inclusive environment that reflects the multicultural heritage of our community.



What others say about Mobile Kindergarten

Parents

- The teachers have helped me get him into a routine and ready for school. Every week brings a new activity and learning experiences.
- This unique service is invaluable to our community. Two teachers and a van load of fun and exciting resources arriving on the backdoor step of our rural location is amazing. The children learn through play and are guided by our wonderful teachers. It is also a great networking support for young parents either new to parenting or new to the community.
- The teachers at the kindergarten are very supportive of our family's culture, community and our children's individual interests.
- Our boys adore kindergarten and the freedom to explore, play, be creative and learn new skills.
- Our Mobile Kindy is a fantastic service for our rural community. It not only allows new people to the community to connect with other parents but also for like-minded individuals to get together and discuss their children and similar interests. A lot of families in this community live a long distance to our nearest preschool and school, some will travel over half an hour for this service so having the mobile kindergarten come to them is hugely important, without this service a lot of these families would become even more isolated. We know all our families look forward to Tuesday morning.
– Parent from Hakataramea Mobile Kindergarten
- As I spoke to parents, the one common thing that they all value most about Mobile Kindy is the fact that there is a trained teacher taking the sessions. We all enjoy the structure of their sessions, the varied learning and themes that they provide, and it is obvious to many of us that they are following the ECE curriculum. This is the whole reason we continue to take our children to Mobile Kindy because not only is it the hub of our rural community but it is also an integral part of our children's learning and development and we choose this over taking the children into other early childhood centres.
Parent – Waituna Creek Primary School
- Firstly it is providing children in our area with the opportunity to transition to school in a safe and caring environment. We work in collaboration with the kindergarten and they join the new entrant classroom once a week for a half hour session to build relationships and experience school life. Even if the children do not attend the Waihao Downs School in the future it gives tamariki the perfect opportunity to experience how school works, guiding success for the future. We are noticing here at Waihao Downs how smoothly the children that attend kindergarten transition into school life. This also proves beneficial to our students as they learn to become leaders early on supporting and helping the kindergarten children in the playground and the classroom forming strong bonds.
Principal – Waihao Downs Primary School

