



Frimley Park Kindergarten

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Kindergartens
Te Matau-a-Māui



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, rongōā, 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



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.

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.





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 helps us develop an individualised plan.

We continuously seek feedback on policy reviews and any significant developments for the kindergarten. You are welcome and encouraged to spend time with us during our sessions, for as long as you like. We often require whānau helpers for excursions and appreciate support with this. Additionally, we encourage you to share your talents or skills to support further learning for our tamariki.

Discover - Our Tamariki Management System.

Discover supports our Kaiako and Support Office teams, making it easier and more efficient to manage enquiries, enrolments, waitlists, school transitions, staff rosters and ratios, visitor tracking, invoicing, and all other day-to-day aspects of a successful day at kindergarten.

Discover also provides a user-friendly digital platform for whānau and caregivers - no more paper required. You can make enrolment enquiries online, and the system helps track your progress from enquiry through to attendance, including digital sign-in and sign-out processes. This provides more time for kaiako to focus on the education and learning journey for your tamariki.

Once your enrolment is confirmed, your kaiako team will send you information about Discover along with instructions and PINs. They can assist you in setting up the Home App if needed.



Home

Upon receiving the link, you'll be directed to a login screen where you'll enter your email address in the Username field and click "Reset Password." The system will email you a temporary password, which you can use to create a more memorable password for weekly use.

Kaiako need your support to meet Ministry of Education requirements for verifying your child's attendance via Electronic Attendance Verification (EAV). You can complete this verification either through the email link sent every Sunday evening or via the Home app.

Once on the Parent Portal, navigate to 'Attendance' and then click 'Verify' if you agree with the sign-in/out times. A few clicks and it's all done - giving kaiako more time to discuss the exciting day your tamariki have had rather than chasing signatures.

If you are unable to complete any of our processes digitally, please chat with your kaiako team, and they will be more than happy to talk to you about the alternative options that allow us to comply with the Ministry of Education requirements.



In the heart of your community.

At Heretaunga Kindergartens, we have 100% qualified kaiako who 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 & Fees

Monday - Friday | 8.30am - 2.30pm | 20 January - 19 December 2025

We're open through term breaks (excluding Christmas break, statutory holidays and kaiako professional development days).

2025 Statutory Holidays

Waitangi Day – Thursday 6 February	King's Birthday – Monday 2 June
Good Friday – Friday 18 April	Matariki – Friday 20 June
Easter Monday – Monday 21 April	Hawkes' Bay Anniversary - Friday 24 October
Anzac Day – Friday 25 April	Labour Day – Monday 27 October

Kaiako Professional Development

We will be **closed** on the following dates to support kaiako professional development, ensuring continuous growth and improvement:

- Thursday 17th April (1 day)
- Monday 7th July - Friday 11th July (1 week)
- Friday 3rd October (1 day)

Fees

Tamariki aged 3 – 5 years old are eligible for 20 hours of free early childhood education (ECE). This means that if your child is 3, 4 or 5 years old and attends one of our kindergartens, the cost can be fully subsidised for up to six hours a day and up to 20 hours a week. When you attest your child to the full 20 hours a week at our kindergarten, you will be eligible for a total of 30 hours per week – Free!

Tamariki who are 2 years old are also free at our kindergarten if you intend to use your 20 hours entitlement once your child turns 3.

If you do not attest all or any of your child's 20 hours ECE to this kindergarten, a fee of \$6.00 per hour for any enrolled hours over and above the attested hours will be charged.

Enrolling your child

Complete the enrolment form, bring a copy of the birth certificate and immunisation records. Tamariki can start from their 2nd birthday and can stay right 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 shelve. 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.

Settling your child at kindergarten

Please discuss how you would like to transition your child 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 enrolment 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 requires a sleep, please discuss this with the team. The kindergarten provides individual linen which is laundered weekly.

Sick Tamariki

If your child 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 is not toilet trained they can still attend kindergarten and you will need to supply nappies. If your child 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**

**Kaiako Matua
(Head Teacher)**



**Carole
Mooney**



**Louis
Kittleson**

