

Kiddies Campus Policies and Practices

Practice Name: MĀORI AS TANGATA WHENUA

Trigger Event(s):

The use of Te Reo and Tikanga Māori is incorporated into Kiddies Campus.

Rationale:

We respect the unique position of Māori as tangata whenua in Aotearoa/New Zealand. We encourage an awareness and appreciation of the bi-cultural heritage of our country. We support the Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the use of Te Reo Māori as a living language.

Te Whariki:

Goal 3 – Communication: Children experience an environment where they experience the stories and symbols of their own and other cultures.

Recommended Procedure:

- Teachers are encouraged to use Te Reo Māori phrases and words.
- Teachers will discuss and inform others of appropriate practice regarding Tikanga Māori to increase awareness of the partnership inherent with Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- Visual aids and language prompts are displayed throughout the centre encouraging teachers to extend their knowledge of Te Reo Maori.
- Teachers are to greet the children, parents, colleagues in both Māori and English. This also applies when answering the telephone.
- Te Reo Māori is incorporated into all areas of the curriculum.
- Professional development funds and time are made available for teachers to extend their Tikanga and Te Reo knowledge.
- Natural teaching resources will be provided.
- Basic vocabulary and simple waiata will be communicated to parents via wall displays and newsletters.

Policy Reference Information:

Education (Early Childhood Services) Regulations 2008

Our Code of Standards – Commitment to Learners

NELP 2

Teaching Standard 1