

## We love Parents and Whānau being Involved

### Parents and Whānau are Welcome

Parents and whānau are welcome here at Preschool: there are many ways to be involved. All families are encouraged to come along to spend time with their children during sessions, playing with them, spending time talking and encouraging their learning.

Parents have a key role to play with the running of the centre: one of these is being parent helpers. We ask parents to come to help, to prepare the children's snacks, and help in a variety of ways. The teachers have a list of suggested jobs. We do understand that some parents work, and are unable to be here during sessions. However, there are lots of other ways to help, such as working bees: these are great fun and are a wonderful way for the whole family to be involved in caring for the Preschool. Working bees are a lovely way to get to know people and develop new friendships and connections with other families.



Parents have many interests and talents: we love parents sharing special talents and skills with us. We have wonderful times when parents and grandparents have shared with us their family stories, their musical talents, shown the children how to do origami, shared the culture of their country, etc. There are many other ways you can contribute to the life of the Preschool: e.g. Grandparents' weeks, sewing, bathing new babies, bringing along pets to the show the children...

### Special Family and Whānau Events

The Preschool has special family and whānau events, such as Dads' evenings, profile nights, Grandparents' events, and regular family and whānau celebrations, such as Christmas and Matariki. These are very special times, and are enjoyed by everyone.



### Management Committee

The Management Committee has parent representatives: parent elections are held every two years. The fundraising committee is also made up of parents. Working on projects together is a lovely way to get to know other parents.

### Partnering with Parents

A very significant way to be involved is to take part in planning for your child. We need to know the dreams and aspirations that you have for your child, and want to work with you to realise these. We encourage you to read the stories in your child's profile book, and also invite family and whānau to add family stories to their child's profile. We welcome the language and symbols of the children's own culture in these.

Parents are an important part of our Christian philosophy and reflect the Preschool's Charter. Families love being involved with their children's education, and we encourage you to actively be a part of your child's "journey" here at Preschool.