

Welcome to
JUST KIDS

Merrington Crescent



ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Nau mai haere mai and welcome to Just Kids Merrington.

We are a community based preschool in Christchurch East. Our first centre opened on Bickerton Street in July 2003 and today we have 3 preschools in the Wainoni/Aranui area.

Just Kids Merrington is a mixed-license centre in Aranui. Siblings are able to be together, learn together and extend on their relationship within the preschool environment. The teaching team are committed to providing *a warm, respectful, safe environment – a home away from home, which is responsive to the needs and development of all tamariki in their care.*

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask us and we will be more than happy to help.

Just Kids Merrington
13 Merrington Crescent, Aranui
8.30am - 3.30pm

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022 176 8380 (main office contact)
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STORYPARK

Storypark is a secure online program where you can follow your child's learning journey to see what they are interested in while they are at Just Kids. It helps connect you with your child's teachers to ensure they receive the best opportunities in their early years. You can also choose to connect family members and friends who are close to you and your child. We regularly ask for your feedback during your child's learning journey and we encourage you to comment whenever you can!

PARENT VOICE

Our Philosophy states *"Building and strengthening relationships with our tamariki, parents, whānau, colleagues and community is very important to us. We believe that each child and their wellbeing is interconnected with the trusting relationships of their kaiako, parents and whānau."* At the very beginning of your child's journey with us, we invite you to share what is important to you and your whānau/aiga/family. Please complete the "All About Me" information sheet in this enrolment pack so that we can start the journey together, knowing what is most important to you.

WHY CHOOSE JUST KIDS MERRINGTON?

At Just Kids Merrington we provide an inclusive learning environment that supports children to grow and develop social and emotional competency. Our kaiako encourage our children to, participate, explore and extend in their own learning. Our learning environment recognises the value of ako, where children of all ages learn alongside, with and from each other (tuakana-teina).

We support families through building strong relationships, having an open-door policy, seeking parent aspirations for their child and working to realise those aspirations within the daily program. We support whānau by running parent evenings at night and parent hui during the day. We have our own publication "For Under Fives" which has information, tips and advice for parents on child development and how to support children in their early years.

We provide morning and afternoon tea each day. Our menu changes on a regular basis and we ensure that children eat a balanced and nutritious morning tea for sustained energy.

We have a free transport service which supports families to ensure their child is able to attend preschool regularly.

We are passionate about seeing children develop in their oral language and communication skills. We invest in this by being a part of the Duffy Book Program which ensures children receive free books throughout the year.

In short, we are committed to our community, the children in our care and their families and we invite you to join us!

