



Merrington Philosophy

The small team at Merrington preschool are fun, caring, passionate and professional kaiako. We provide a warm, respectful, safe environment – a home away from home, which is responsive to the needs and development of all tamariki in our care.

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 inter-connected with the trusting relationships of their kaiako, parents and whānau. Children learn best when their language, culture and identity is affirmed and celebrated by the family, the wider community and Just Kids preschool at Merrington.

We believe in supporting parents/whānau as first teachers and respecting the aspirations that the whānau have for their tamariki, ensuring that our curriculum and values build on the knowledge and experiences that each child brings with them to our centre. Our broad, rich curriculum ensures that play is a fundamental feature and reflects the holistic way in which children learn and grow.

As a team we value each other and the on-going journey of learning together – kaiako, Parents, whānau and the tamariki. We recognise the importance of Ako, where children of all ages learn alongside, with and from others (tuakana - teina).

Nauku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi.

With your basket and my basket the people will live.