

This kindergarten is a member of Wellington Kindergartens.  
We are proud to offer our families 100% qualified teaching teams - providing a confident start for your child.

## Whānau Contribution

- At the start of each term you will receive a letter from Wellington Kindergartens asking for a donation (Whānau Contribution) to go towards retaining 100% qualified teachers in our kindergartens.
- Your Whānau Contribution is a donation. If you can't pay the full amount, please pay what you can. Every bit helps!
- Your child's contribution is calculated at 50 cents per hour (up to a maximum of \$10 per week) for the hours your child is at kindergarten.  
*For example – a child at kindergarten for 12 hours each week –  
50 cents x 12 hours = \$6.00 per week.*
- You can claim a tax credit (IR526) from Inland Revenue for your donation. We will send you a tax receipt at the end of each tax year (April).
- If you want to receive your request letter by email, please put your email address on your enrolment form.

### Legal Momentum 2005

*'High quality ECE helps prepare young children to succeed in school and become better citizens: they earn more, pay more taxes and commit fewer crimes'.*

## Why are we asking for a Whānau Contribution?

The government's 'Budget 2010' funding cuts target services which employ more than 80% qualified teachers. The more teachers employed over 80%, the larger the funding loss. We employ 100% qualified teachers so the financial impact has been particularly severe for kindergartens.

Since the cuts were announced, we have worked hard to manage the funding cuts within our operations though we still face an annual \$48,000 loss in funding per kindergarten. This is having a huge impact on our ability to meet the day to day costs of resourcing, staffing and maintaining our kindergartens.

*'We found that high quality centres had a positive, long-lasting association with students literacy, numeracy and logical problem solving competencies and also with their social skills'*

NZ Council for Educational Research

**However, we remain committed to preserving quality –**

*100% Qualified Teachers = High quality education and care = Best outcomes for children*

So, we have employed a 'sharing the load' approach. We have made significant cost savings within our kindergarten and head office operations and our kindergartens are open more days per year to maximise funding. We also hope our families appreciate the value of well qualified staff educating and caring for their children and will support us by making a donation.

All Whānau Contributions go toward retaining 100% qualified teachers in our kindergartens.

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