

ROUTINES/SAFETY

The routines at kindergarten are there for the safety and well-being of your child. Please support staff by respecting these.

FOOD

Food/Kai families are asked to bring a piece of fruit each day and bread or spreads occasionally. This is shared at the kai table by all the children. Please provide a small healthy lunch when your child attends morning kindergarten. But no drinks please - we have water available throughout the session. (Any drinks or lollies brought will be sent home.)

WE ARE EGG AND NUT FREE

- please make sure your child does not bring any of these foods to kindergarten.

Food/Kai is available throughout the morning session. Children are expected to sit at the kai table whilst eating.

For children who attend in the afternoon session we all come together for 'afternoon-tea' during the session.

For morning children

Lunchtime is from 12.00 noon

Please provide a small healthy lunch.

This is a time to relax after a busy morning and to make sure we are safely together. Teachers will then release children to go home with their parents/caregivers.

ATTENDANCE

There are several government regulations that affect kindergarten:

- if your child is absent phone us.
- we will ring you if your child becomes ill during session.
- if your child is away longer than 21 days we may not be able to keep them on the roll. Please keep in touch.

EXPECTATIONS

We expect:

- Safe and respectful behaviour towards other children, staff and equipment, e.g: Playing as a Good Friend
- But accidents do happen so we encourage children to respond Appropriately - get help or/and the ice pack.
- All adults within the kindergarten are expected to treat children with warmth and respect.

Feel free to talk about this with a teacher.

We respect your knowledge of your child. Tell us about important things that are happening for your family or child. We'll make time outside session if more appropriate. This is kept confidential.



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**Monday - Friday
8.20am—12.30pm
and
Tuesday & Thursday
1.30 pm - 3.30 pm**

Your teachers are:

Jeanne Rutherford

Sa'a Atoni

Ottalie Holme

Nikki Bishop

WHAT'S KINDERGARTEN

*'children learn on their feet,
not on their seat'*

Every day we provide many activities for children to learn with:

blocks, puzzles, sand, water, paint, carpentry, construction, music, collage, mobile, dramatic play, outdoor play, puppets, books, and stories

As parents and teachers we want the best for our children.

Being ready for school, being ready for life is about having a mindset that says,

- 'I can do it!'
- 'I am able to learn new things'
- 'I will keep persisting'
- 'I have a cool idea, that others will want to hear'
- 'I will not give up'

Young children need our encouragement and support to gain the skills and attitudes to be great learners.

All the teachers at Kindergarten are fully trained and registered.



\$\$\$ COST \$\$\$

Kindergarten is part of the Government '20 Hours ECE' Scheme.

Government subsidizes 3 and 4 year olds attendance at kindergarten to a maximum of 20 hours a week.

If you choose to use your '20 Hours' at Kindergarten there is no fee for the first 20 hours.

We do ask for a whanau contribution of 50 cents for each hour they are enrolled. If you cannot pay the donation your child is still welcome at kindergarten.

Children younger than 3 years old are subsidised by Wellington Kindergarten Association for their first 20 hours. Again we ask for a donation of 50 cents per hour.

*If your child attends another early childhood service and you use your **20 Hours** at that centre, the fees for Kindergarten are \$4.00 per hour.*

THE FIRST DAY AT KINDERGARTEN

Dress your child in 'ready for action' clothes. Active play can seem 'messy' to Mums and Dads. Children need clothing that allows them to learn fully and not worry about 'growls' and 'tellings off'.

You'll be asked to:

- show us your child's **immunisation certificate** (in Plunket book)
- fill out the Enrolment and Free Entitlement Attestation forms.

Particularly important are :

- **emergency contact phone numbers and medication or allergy details.**

Then we'll show you around.

We encourage you to stay with your child until they are settled and comfortable.

Please bring your child into the building and sign them in.

Encourage your child to greet the teachers each day as they arrive. This helps children feel like they belong here.