

Teaching team philosophy 2015

- The Maori health model Te Whare Tapa Wha reflects our view of a child's holistic well-being.

TAPA TINANA Body

TAPA WAIRUA Spiritual

TAPA WHANAU Family

TAPA HINENGARO Mind

- We believe that Te Ao Maori is paramount to children's learning and development.
- We believe that whanau / family, community and the teaching team are an integral part of a child's life. We create a sense of whanaungatanga and belonging where everyone feels they have a place in the centre community.
- We value all play as meaningful learning experiences. We provide an environment where children have freedom to play.
- We provide an outdoor environment that encourages a positive relationship with Papatūānuku.
- We support and encourage a child to develop social skills relevant to their stage of development.
- Each child is unique and respected as an individual. We value and recognise the diversity of everyone in our centre community.
- The rhythm of the centre is flexible to meet the child's changing needs. Routines and care moments are positive experiences that empower children to gain independence.
- To maintain quality early childhood education, teachers engage in on-going reflection and keep up to date with current theories and research.
- We acknowledge the four core values of the YMCA which are:

RESPONSIBILITY

CARING

RESPECT

HONESTY