

Vision, Mission & Value Statements

Vision Statement

Te Akonga has a big heart for tamariki with additional needs. We envision a vibrant, inclusive learning environment where every child has equitable access to educational experiences. Our goal is to foster a culture of acceptance and understanding, where diversity is celebrated and each child is empowered to explore, learn and grow at their own pace. Te Akonga dreams of a culture where all early learning providers offer tailored resources, engaging experiences and strong partnerships with whānau and communities, allowing tamariki, regardless of their abilities or challenges, to become confident, creative and resilient learners

Mission Statement

We are a Community based non-profit ECE who provides a truly inclusive and empowering learning environment where every child, is valued, celebrated and supported. We are dedicated to fostering a community where diversity is celebrated, and every child, receives individualised support tailored to their unique strengths and challenges.

Value Statements

1. **Tangata Whenuatanga: Culturally responsive practices underpinned by Te Tiriti o Waitangi.**

We implement strength based practices within a curriculum that values a shared understanding of culturally responsive practices based on Te Tiriti o Waitangi

2. **Kotahitanga: Inclusivity.**

We celebrate diversity and strive to create an environment where all tamariki feel valued, accepted and supported. We recognise and celebrate the strengths and unique perspectives each child and their whānau bring.

3. **Whakamana: Empowerment.**

We empower tamariki and whānau by providing the tools, resources and encouragement they need to thrive. Our approach aims to ensure that independence, self-confidence, resilience and creativity are all fostered to promote the skills that will serve tamariki throughout their lives. We are committed to fostering the holistic development of each child, providing tailored educational experiences that nurture each child.

4. **Manaakitanga: Respect and Kindness.**

We honour the unique abilities and perspectives of each child and their whānau, promoting a culture of respect and understanding. We acknowledge the challenges faced by tamariki and whānau and approach these with compassion and understanding.

5. **Whanangatanga: Reciprocal relationships.**

Relationships underpin all that we do. Warm, respectful, reciprocal relationships between kaikao, tamariki, whānau and specialists lay the foundation for all teaching and learning. We believe in the power of team work, working closely with whānau, specialists, and the community to create a holistic support network for each child.

6. **Whakawhake: Continuous improvement.**

We strive for excellence by regularly reflecting on our practices, seeking feedback, and adapting our approaches to best meet the evolving needs of our tamariki and whānau.