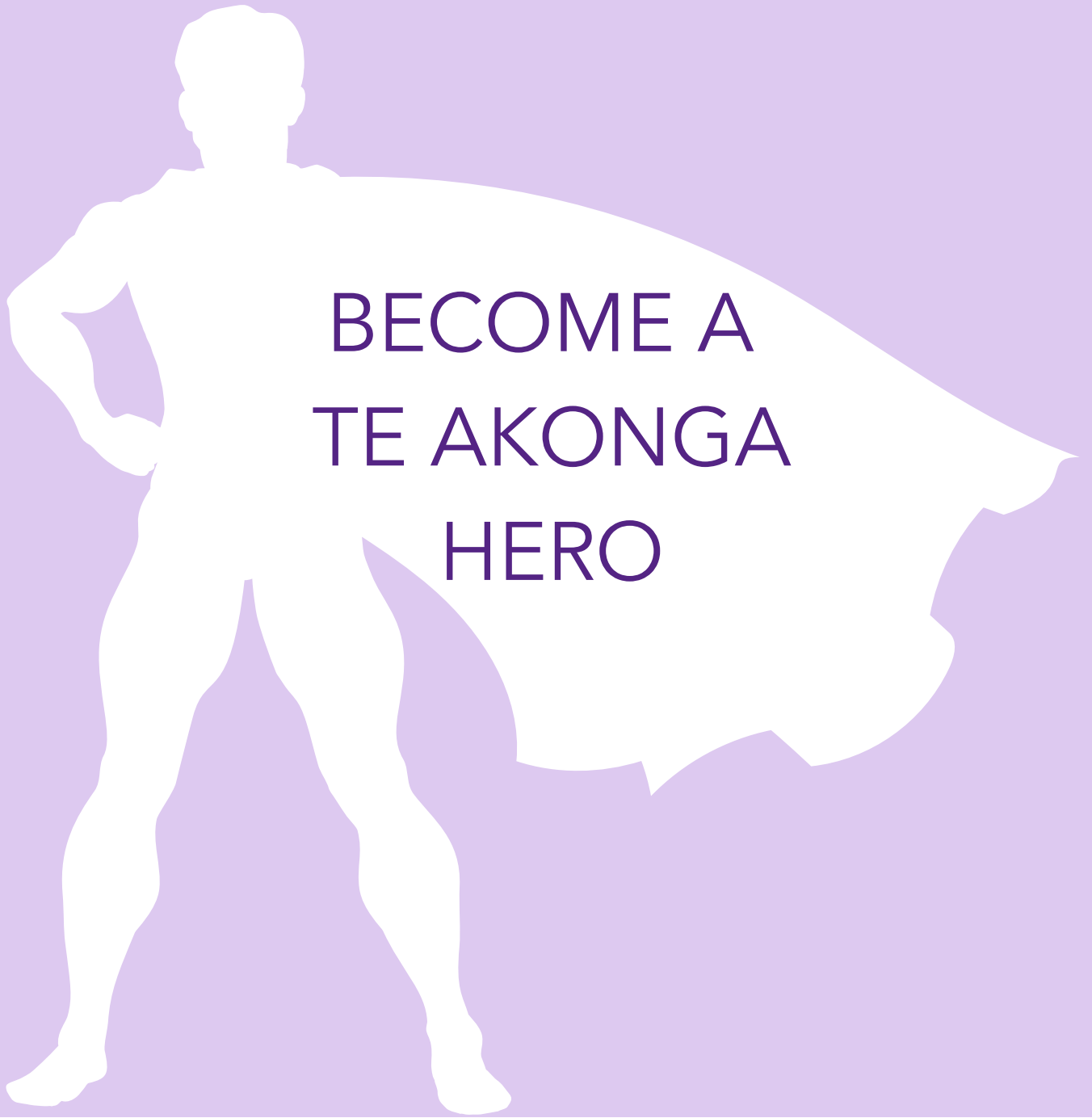




Te Akonga

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE



BECOME A
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OUR PHILOSOPHY

Te Akonga is a unique early learning centre with a truly inclusive philosophy. We strive to meet the needs of all tamariki and their whānau, and we welcome and support tamariki with additional needs.

We cherish and respect every child, and we promote positive outcomes for all tamariki through the development of warm, responsive relationships. We provide quality learning experiences that result in competent and confident learners and communicators, healthy in mind, body and spirit.

We value respectful practice, where love and care is evident in the way we deliver the curriculum, and in our interactions with tamariki and their whānau.

We honour the unique place of Māori as tangata whenua and respect the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We endeavour to embed Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga into our daily practice.



WHO ARE WE AND WHAT MAKES US EXTRAORDINARY?

Te Akonga is a Not for Profit, community based childcare provider. We have been providing specialised services for children with additional needs in Pukekohe for 30 years and have a well-respected reputation for our work with children who have additional needs.

We pride ourselves in providing specialised services as part of our everyday package of care. Having Early Intervention staff on our team, and a wider team of teachers with a vast amount of knowledge and experience, we are able to provide a truly inclusive and unique brand of Early Childhood Education.



WHAT SOME OF OUR PARENTS SAY

"My son has blossomed far more than I could ever have imagined, his sheer independence is incredible"

"My son is thriving since he started at Te Akonga and he is always excited to go to his "school", he is speaking so much more and much more clearly too...."

"My daughter is come ahead in leaps and bounds since starting at Te Akonga"

"My child has made some great friends and is able to explore and learn which is supported by her amazing teachers."

"My daughter loves going to "school" and I know she is loved when she gets there"



OUR INSPIRING STORY AND THE HISTORY OF TE AKONGA

Te Akonga meaning 'to learn with love' has been operating since 1988 and was officially named Te Akonga ELC in 1994. Our centre started with a small group of children with additional needs in a classroom at Parkside School in Pukekohe. We grew rapidly and soon were too big for one classroom, which prompted a move. During the year we jumped around the town using free accommodation where we could find it. It became clear that we needed our own premises, and so the fundraising began! After 2 years and not without serious drive, passion, commitment and love the tremendous efforts paid off - enough money was raised to build a new centre in Wellington St, Pukekohe.

With continued growth and support, we needed more space for the growing roll. In 2006, the fundraising started again and we moved in March 2008 to Franklin Rd where we remain today.



EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES OFFERED AT TE AKONGA

- ✓ Qualified Early Intervention Teachers
- ✓ Play Based Learning and 1:1 Support
- ✓ Education Support Workers 1:1 Support
- ✓ Music Therapy
- ✓ Envirokidz Experience
- ✓ HPP Language Therapy
- ✓ EI Planning & Curriculum Development
- ✓ Additional Staff on the floor to enable us to complete these services



HOW YOU CAN HELP



Although we receive some government funding for attending children, it is only a small portion of what is required to provide these vital resources.

To continue to provide this level of specialised care; provide high teacher to child ratios; and obtain the resources we need to fulfil our philosophy, we need the help of our community. Any donations are greatly appreciated via bank transfer:

Bank Account details:

ASB Pukekohe

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Reference: Hero



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