

The first choice for your child's future...

- 100% fully qualified and registered teachers
- A Ministry of Education curriculum
- Up to 30 hours free teaching for 3-4 year olds per week
- 1:10 teacher to child ratio
- School day hours - 8.30am to 2.30pm
- Small groups
- Natural, spacious park-like environments
- 70 years experience and history of successful education in South Canterbury

The first choice for learning...

Children learn to:

- actively explore and discover
- think creatively and problem solve
- take responsibility
- experience early literacy and numeracy learning
- socialise and work in groups
- participate and be involved
- develop independence and confidence



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Haere Mai Welcome to Rata Kindergarten

Rata Kindergarten is situated at the northern end of Temuka, opposite Wallingford Home.

Specially designed buildings and a large playground caters for and challenges the many and varied needs of young tamariki/children.

A stimulating learning programme provides rich learning experiences and focuses on tamariki/children's interests and strengths.

We offer an extension learning programme for four year olds with an emphasis on numeracy and literacy.

Our hours of operation are 8.30am - 2.30pm Monday - Friday.

Transition to school

Here at Rata kindergarten we are committed to educating and supporting tamariki in their learning journey as they move closer to being at school.

Each morning we have Tuakana Hui - Tuakana Hui is a time where the oldest tamariki are provided with extension learning around an interest or focus that is predominant within the group. This programme incorporates early literacy and early numeracy.

Connections to our community

Rata kindergarten prides itself with it's strong connections to our community.

These include:

- Arowhenua Marae - Rata Kindergarten is part of the Arowhenua Marae partnership. We enjoy regular connections with the Marae and, along with Professional Development and guidance, our practice is continually strengthened in this area.
- Wallingford Home - What a privilege it is to have Wallingford home right across the road. This situation allows for ongoing contact.
- Schools - We have regular contact with the four schools in the area.



What others say about Rata Kindergarten

Parents

- Large natural playground.
- Great range of challenging resources and experiences for children every day.
- Teachers really knowing my child.

Education Review Office (Ministry of Education)

- The children see the kindergarten as their place, their tūrangawaewae.
- Teachers provide a rich bi-cultural environment for the children.
- There is a sense of community within the kindergarten.
- Children can independently access resources they need for their play.

Children

- I like playing with my friends.
- I like going really high on the rope swing.
- I like riding the tractor.
- I like singing and dancing.