



**Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Malo ni, Fakatalofa atu, Fakaalofa lahi atu,
Malo e lelei, Ni Sa Bula, Noa'ia, Mauri, As-salamu alaikum
Namaste, Nihao, Tēnā Koutou katoa,**

Nau mai, haere mai - Who are the Whānau Manaaki family.

Our whānau manaaki - caring family, is built around parents and caregivers, whānau, kaiako and our communities – we warmly welcome you in.

At Whanāu Manaaki, we believe in quality care and education for all akonga. For us, this means building trusted and genuine relationships with tamariki, whānau and the wider community. We believe in a child and family focused environment where relationships support the whakamana/ empowerment of tamariki to learn and grow.

Each of our kindergartens is unique, and nestled in their own community. We support the value of connection within each particular community, and encourage fostering thriving and meaningful relationships.

We aim to make kindergarten stronger across Aotearoa New Zealand, through better use of and combining our resources and; providing teaching teams with backup in areas such as property, finance, employment practice and teaching and learning.

We endeavor to grow our services, by providing an enduring future for kindergarten with highly professional teaching, learning and memorable experiences for every child and whānau.

We look forward to being part of your early childcare journey.

WHĀNAU MANAAKI

Our values

The values of Whānau Manaaki underpin our intentions, how we operate and how we work with others.

This has led to our focus on four core values:

Nuturing the mana of the child



The aspiration statement in Te Whāriki, the national early childhood education curriculum, states: (for all children) ... to grow up as competent and confident learners and communicators, healthy in mind, body, and spirit, secure in their sense of belonging and in the knowledge that they make a valued contribution to society.

(Ministry of Education, 2017)

This statement is underpinned by the concept of Mana – that the child is empowered in many ways and which are represented in five domains of mana:

- Mana Atua** | Well-being
- Mana Whenua** | Belonging
- Mana Tangata** | Contribution
- Mana Reo** | Communication
- Mana Aoturoa** | Exploration.

Therefore, the mana of the child underpins the values that He Whānau Manaaki uses to guide our decisions and to govern how we work with others.



Kounga - Quality



International research and the depth and breadth of our own teaching and learning experiences over the last 100 years have confirmed that quality in early childhood education makes a critical difference to the long-term outcomes for children.

There is nothing more important than us continuing to demonstrate the truth of this and exemplify how it is best delivered.

Mahi Tahī - Partnership



We are not alone in desiring and contributing to what is best for children. It is important that we act inclusively with others who are motivated like us to achieve the best outcomes.

We will seek to develop strong partnerships with parents and whānau, schools, other government agencies, community groups and all who are positively concerned with nurturing the mana of the child.

Pono - Integrity



Our effectiveness in nurturing the mana of children, in convincing others of the critical importance of quality, and in building strong partnerships ultimately depends on our credibility.

We must maintain integrity in all we do and say, so that our voice is listened to when we advocate for what is best for the developing child.