



Te Tiriti O Waitangi Policy



Rationale

To ensure that all children at Hopscotch experience the dual heritage of Aotearoa/New Zealand and respectfully learn about its indigenous people through encountering Te Reo and Tikanga Māori. Hopscotch recognizes that our māori teachers, parents and children are unique by virtue of their ancestry and who they are. We will strive to ensure that our māori children enjoy education success as māori.

Te Whāriki

Communication - Goal 3

Children experience an environment where they experience the stories and symbols of their own and other cultures.

Procedures

1. Tikanga Māori will be a feature of Hopscotch through:
 - ❖ Māori songs and movement;
 - ❖ Māori puzzles, books and posters;
 - ❖ Natural resources;
 - ❖ Bicultural practices/culturally safe practices;
 - ❖ Use of Te Reo Māori/Māori language;
 - ❖ Visual aids and language prompts displayed throughout the centre that will encourage teachers to extend their knowledge of Te Reo Māori.
2. Teachers will discuss and inform others of appropriate practice with regard to tikanga Māori to increase awareness of the partnership inherent with Te Tiriti O Waitangi.
3. Where appropriate, the centre will consult Tangata Whenua groups and others with expertise.
4. Budget provision will include purchase of resources which reflect Tikanga Māori and opportunities for educators to learn Te Reo.