

Portobelo Avonhead Preschool Philosophy

When it comes to teaching and learning we believe in the importance of:

Time for uninterrupted play where tamariki (children) can create and make things happen for themselves in an environment that encourages them to take safe risks and promotes independence

Following the interests of tamariki to support and extend their thinking and learning, in collaboration with parents and whānau

Providing a fun atmosphere that is vibrant and positive and promotes respect, love and inclusion of every individual child

Instilling a sense of 'wow' within our daily programme

Spending time fully engaged with ngā tamariki while providing intentional teaching moments that affirm and extend children as they learn and discover in their own individual way

Sharing our strengths and interests so everyone (children, teachers, parents and community) can learn together and from each other ('ako')

Visibly showing respect for our families' cultures, values and beliefs

Allowing flexibility within children's routines to create a 'home away from home' atmosphere

Encouraging tamariki to care for the environment (kaitiakitanga) and each other (manākitanga), and strengthening these values in our community

Incorporating te ao Māori (Māori world views and values) into learning and teaching