

Portobelo Kaiapoi Nursery Teaching and Learning Statement

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

- building connections and positive relationships with children and their whānau to ensure they feel valued and able to contribute in the centre (Whānaungatanga)
Relationships underpin everything we do
- a place where everyone feels welcome, respected comfortable, and cared for (Manākitanga)
- working and learning together positively, peacefully and in the moment; knowing everyone has a contribution to make, and responding to this with flexibility within the group
- knowing each child, communicating, and responding sensitively to their individual personality, interests, learning and care, as we follow each child's lead
- providing fun and explorative learning spaces and experiences that foster 'discoverers', 'thinkers', 'problem solvers' and 'friendship makers'
- environments that encourage children to care for, engage with and respect the world around them (Kaitiakitanga).
- working in partnership to celebrate and protect the diverse knowledge and backgrounds that children, whānau, community and the teaching team bring to the centre