

# REDHILLS COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

## Philosophy 2025

Redhills Community Kindergarten Staff and Management committee believe that ...

Our Tamariki are of paramount importance. All Tamariki are treated with respect, equally and without prejudice. We promote warm responsive and reciprocal relationships with parents/whanau and Tamariki to ensure that all Tamariki will be able to develop a sense of trust knowing that they are in a safe learning environment. We invite Whanau to come into our Kindy throughout the day with our open door policy. We are committed to honouring the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi through our teaching practices, these can be through intentional teaching, environment and understanding of Tamariki and their beliefs. This sits alongside the early childhood curriculum, Te Whariki, Tataiako and Tapasa which guides us in our teaching. Every child's individual needs will be catered for giving them the opportunity to learn in a safe, caring, stimulating and creative environment that will enable them to grow 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 valuable contribution to society. To achieve this the Tamariki need to know the limits and boundaries to their behaviour as guided by teachers, parents and whanau. Teachers nurture and guide Tamariki by extending their curiosity by working with them to make their own choices, explore and create in our learning environment.

We encourage the Tamariki to develop self confidence and skills for life through creativity, a sense of fun, problem solving, independence, responsibility, communication, co-operation, perseverance, empathy and taking pride in their personal achievements. We foster the Tamariki through our teaching practice to ensure every child's social, emotional, cognitive, physical, cultural and languages are acknowledged and their individuality is celebrated. Every child and adult should feel welcome and comfortable at our kindy. We encourage the parents and whanau to share and be involved in the Tamariki's work and play. Committee members are valued and have a lot of skills and expertise to offer. Our teachers and committee members are approachable to other people, supportive of each other and reliable, to cater to the needs of the Tamariki and families of our Kindy. We ensure a safe environment, a crucial part of creating and maintaining the well-being of Tamariki in our care. The health and wellbeing of our Tamariki will be catered for as per our health and safety policies. Everyone who comes into our kindergarten will be welcomed and treated with respect.