

## KINDERGARTEN PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

We endeavor to nurture each child through understanding of Rudolf Steiner's principles by providing an environment which offers a safe and loving atmosphere where their individual and group needs are recognized and affirmed.

We offer opportunities through a self-directed play based curriculum with natural, open ended materials, which allow the child to meet the world at their own pace through their senses, movement and their imagination.

Social development is fostered through mixed age groups and positive adult role models within a consistent, harmonious daily rhythm.

We believe that through positive imitation the child's social, emotional, and cognitive development is nourished in a way that recognizes the nature of the child under seven years and provides a strong foundation for their future learning and development.

We are committed to a culturally responsive curriculum including tikanga and Te reo maori in our teaching and learning. The kindergarten team also strives to extend their awareness and understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi acknowledging our role as Treaty partners

We strive to work closely with the parents and whanau of each child to promote a strong connection between home and school, thus enriching the family's experience of kindergarten.

Our aim is to protect the wonder of childhood.

**Receive the child in reverence**

**Educate him in love, and**

**Send him forth in freedom**

**Rudolf Steiner**