

# Otatara Kindergarten

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## Hours

The Kindergarten is open Monday to Friday, 8.40a to 2.40p. The younger children start into the afternoon session 12.40-2.40p, then move into morning sessions 8.40-2.40. Once children move into the morning session there is also the opportunity to attend for the full six hours, 8.40-2.40.

## Philosophy

At Otatara Kindergarten we believe children learn best in an environment where they are able to develop their self-worth, confidence, enjoyment and social independence.

We provide an attractive, welcoming and well-resourced environment where children are supported to be active learners who explore, enquire, question, take responsibility and work collaboratively with peers and adults.

The kindergarten has a commitment to ongoing bicultural development, in particular whanaungatanga. This involves building trusting relationships with the families in our kindergarten that are respectful, warm, caring and understanding, using te reo me tikanga Maori, and giving visibility in the environment to taonga Maori.

ICT (Information and communication technology) is integrated throughout the programme and used to involve children in their own learning and celebrate their abilities and achievements.

Active Movement is an integral part of our programme, in recognition that movement is important for the developing brain and body of a growing children.

Above all we aim for Otatara Kindergarten to be a place where children and adults alike have fun, develop and share a sense of humour, and like to spend time working and playing together.

