



JOHN STREET PRESCHOOL

Information Sheet

Capacity

Licensed for a maximum of 60 children - 12 under two years and 48 over two years.

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About us

John Street Preschool is situated in the heart of Blenheim on Henry Street, close to the centre of town and easily accessible for parents and whānau. Our team at John Street pride ourselves on the large outdoor environment and well-resourced centre.

At John Street Preschool we focus on collaborative relationships with our families, maintaining shared and trusting relationships to get the best result for all our children. We focus on what the children want to learn. Interest-based learning ensures the children stay focused and learn more.

Our rooms

Koru Room

The koru is the Māori name given to the newborn unfurling fern frond and symbolises new life, growth, strength, and peace. The Koru Room at our preschool is a calm and peaceful setting. Catering for up to 12 children from 3 months to 2 years, our nurturing teachers can meet your child's needs in a safe and trusting environment.

Our teachers believe in constant communication and collaboration during your child's time at preschool and are keen to follow a similar routine that you have at home. Our large outdoor environment overlooking the older children's playground allows them to explore safely and also communicate with siblings and older peers.

Kōpae Room

The Kōpae represents continuity and togetherness, a learning nest of language. The Kōpae room caters for the 2 to 3 ½ year olds at the centre. Having a separate room for this age group is important for our centre. The teachers in this room believe in a supportive environment for all children so they can become independent and confident learners.

In this room we focus on routines of mat times, recognising our belongings, dressing ourselves, eating independently and the all-important toilet training! The teachers support the children to express themselves verbally and develop positive relationships with their peers.

Pikorua Room

The Pikorua represents two new fern shoots, growing intertwined, learning together and friendship. The Pikorua Room is for our 3 ½ to 5 year-olds. In this room the teachers focus on extending the children's learning, supporting them through what they want to learn. There is a more in-depth focus on children's interests and routine times.

The eight oldest children attend "Wa Tuakana" a separate group run by teachers with both primary and early childhood education qualifications. This is a special time for deeper learning and gaining skills like question asking, paying attention, and developing concentration.

Literacy and Numeracy

At John Street Preschool we focus on what the children want to learn. Interest-based learning ensures the children stay focused and learn more. Through these interests we build upon social skills and abilities, helping to grow them into competent and confident learners. We base all planning upon the early childhood curriculum, *Te Whāriki*. This planning is then developed, recorded as observations, learning stories, and extended upon.

Our Philosophy

Our philosophy at **John Street Preschool** is that we:

- Inspire children to become lifelong learners.
- Foster meaningful relationships with children, families and whānau.
- Support one another as a team and understand each other's uniqueness.
- Create a fun, nurturing, stimulating, and healthy environment.
- Celebrate and embrace the diversity within our centre and the community.

Enrolment

To enrol please contact our Office Coordinator for an enrolment pack