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Welcome to ACG Tauranga Early Learning School

Our purpose-built campus has been designed to stimulate curiosity, growth and learning, and is nestled in a large, leafy green campus in Pyes Pa, Tauranga. We are privileged to be part of a world-class school, positioned alongside our Primary School and College.

Our beautiful centre caters to children from three months to five years of age. We provide thoughtful, engaging spaces for children based on their interests and passions, provoking their imaginations to explore, discover, play and learn.

We have three classrooms:

Pounamu: Our infants and under two year olds are nurtured in a calm and gentle environment, where we focus on developing relationships between our children and teachers. Children are encouraged to develop their interests, passions and strengths through play-based learning. An introduction to literacy and numeracy is woven throughout the curriculum.

Puwhenua: Our two and three year olds continue to develop their mobility and agility in beautiful open spaces, with plenty of opportunities to explore and play. Children develop a sense of belonging and form strong

relationships with our teachers, who help children learn self-regulation, social and self-help skills. Literacy and numeracy are woven throughout the play-based curriculum.

Pathways – Ara: Within our Pathways – Ara classroom, four year olds learn the skills that will set them up for success at Primary School. Classes run from 9 - 3.30pm and provide children with plenty of indoor and outdoor play opportunities, as well as project work. Children learn skills that help develop a sense of independence, and confidence, by learning to take responsibility for themselves and their belongings. As we are fortunate to be part of a wider school, children participate in organised visits to the campus library and gymnasium, where they begin to familiarise themselves with spaces and faces that ease the transition into their next stage of their learning journey.



Early Learning School Hours

ACG Tauranga Early Learning School operates full day sessions from 7:30am till 5.30 pm each day. We are closed for public holidays and for two weeks over the Christmas/New Year period.

Children 3+ years must be enrolled for a minimum of 6.5 hours on the days that ECE hours are used.

Philosophy

Embedded deeply within our teaching practice is a strong influence on respectful practice between parents, teachers and children. We strongly value relationships and strive to build these with each family member. We recognise children's families as their first teachers. Building strong relationships allows authentic opportunities to know children's passions, interests and strengths more deeply, therefore allowing us to respond to them and enhance learning outcomes for each individual child.

We are committed to best practice and have a shared passion and value for play based learning. We provide engaging environments based off children's interests and have a strong focus on learning dispositions – this allows children plenty of uninterrupted time to explore, inquire, think and learn.

We encourage the involvement of parents and whanau within our centre and embrace our whole school campus as our learning environment, community and family.

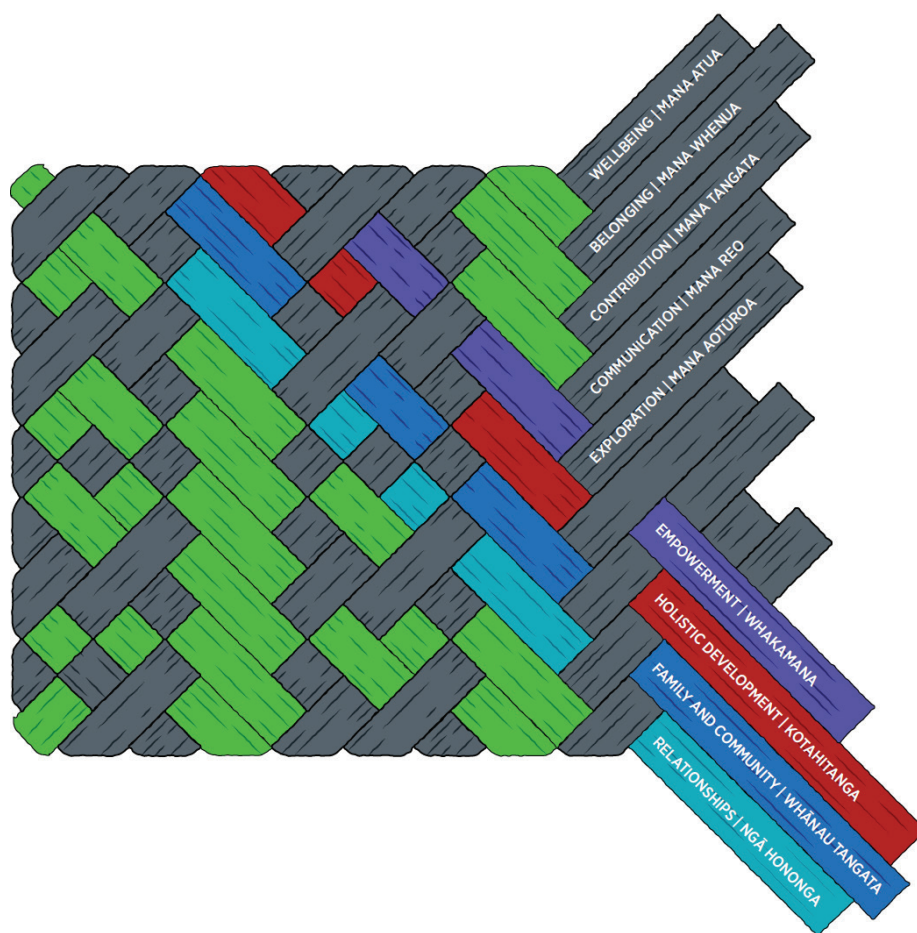
The principles of Te Whariki, The NZ Early Childhood Curriculum are at the core of our teaching practice: Empowerment, Holistic Development, Family and Community and Relationships. Te Whariki, our guiding curriculum, aspires for children to "Grow up as competent and confident learners and communicators, healthy in mind, body and spirit, secure in their sense of belonging and in the knowledge that they make a valued contribution to society."

Staff

All our passionate teachers hold, or are working towards, Early Childhood Education qualifications. Either a Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) or a Bachelor of Teaching (ECE). Our teachers are all registered with the Education Council. All staff are involved in on going professional development to ensure that they have knowledge of the most recent theory, policy and practice in early childhood education. Child/Adult ratios exceed the Ministry of Education regulations and our staff provide each child with the highest standard of care and education. All fulltime staff have current First Aid Certificates.

Curriculum

ACG Tauranga Early Learning School uses the New Zealand Early Childhood Curriculum Te Whāriki as the basis of its programme development. With its four guiding principles woven neatly together with the five strands, Te Whāriki provides a strong basis for holistic teaching in all areas of learning. ACG Tauranga Early Learning School combines this curriculum document with current research and theory on child development to create an inquiry-based programme from children's interests and passions. ACG Tauranga Early Learning School is committed to continued review and research into current theories and philosophies to make sure that it is always providing quality early childhood education.





Shared Senior/ECE Teaching Programme

Our programme at the Early Learning School partners with two of our senior college teachers who provide weekly sessions for our children.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Library Visit Puwhenua	Art Pathways - Ara	Science Pathways - Ara	Library Visit Pathways - Ara	

Transition to School

We have a robust programme with our year one teacher here at ACG Tauranga. There are term visits for shared reading and playtime for all four-year olds to school with reciprocal visits to the Early Learning School. We support transitions to all local primary schools in our community, encouraging teachers to visit to our centre.

ACG Tauranga Early Learning School students have priority entrance into ACG Tauranga Primary School.



Uniform

Our polo top and fleeces are available to purchase from NZ Uniforms. All children in the over 2's room are required to wear these with navy bottoms of your choice.

Address: 94 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga 3110

Meals

Lunchboxes – We believe these are a great connection between home and the centre, excellent for children to manage themselves and the best way to support each child's likes/dislikes and dietary requirements. Parents are asked to provide enough food for their child for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, taking into consideration your child's appetite. Please keep lunch boxes healthy, leaving other foods such as lollies, chocolates and juice for home.

Please note we are a nut free school.

NZ Uniform opening hours

Sunday	Closed
Monday	9am - 5pm
Tuesday	9am - 5pm
Wednesday	9am - 5pm
Thursday	9am - 5pm
Friday	9am - 5pm
Saturday	9am - 4pm

Portfolios

Children's learning portfolios are available for you to read within the centre and online by accessing Storypark. Portfolios/Storypark includes learning stories for individual children, community notices, discussions and celebrations. We actively encourage parent participation with portfolios as this helps us tailor our programme individually for each child. Parents will be offered the opportunity to contribute to the development and review of the philosophy, policies and procedures at regular intervals. Information on current reviews will be posted on Storypark and any feedback you have can be easily sent through to us by using the comments button. Parental thoughts and feedback are extremely important to us and help us create a Centre which matches with your care and educational aspirations. Parents may also be asked, or may ask to, contribute to ERO reports by speaking with reviewers when they are on site. The Early Learning School Manager will advise you when these reviews are scheduled to take place.





Meet the team

Centre Manager



Sandeep Kaur

Sandeep holds a Bachelor of Teaching Early Childhood, majoring in Professional Education.

Teachers

Pounamu: 3 months - 2 Years

Ahakoa he iti, he pounamu: Despite being small, it is of great value.



Toni Stevens

A founding teacher of ACG Tauranga Early Learning School, Toni holds a Bachelor of Teaching ECE.



Danel De Jongh

Danel holds a Bachelor of Education Honours in Inclusive Education and a Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Development.

Puwhenua: 2 - 3 Years

Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te uohu koe me maunga teitei: Pursue that which is precious, and do not be deterred by anything less than a lofty mountain.



Debbie Lindsay

Debbie holds a Bachelor of Education in Primary Education and a Graduate Diploma of ECE Education.



Gracie Xu

Gracie holds a Diploma in Teaching.



Robyn Dixon

Robyn has a Bachelor of Education ECE.



Kerryn Fettes

Kerryn holds a Diploma in Teaching and a Bachelor of Teaching, majoring in Professional Education.

Pathways/Ara: 4 Years

Ara Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti ka ārahi i ā tātou mahi: Let the uniqueness of the child guide us in our work.



Sue McGeorge

Sue comes to us with a Diploma of Teaching, ECE and NZ Steiner Teacher Diploma, ECE.



Anna Mulder

Anna has a Graduate Diploma in Primary Education.



Enrolment

To enrol your child at ACG Tauranga Early Learning School please complete the Early Learning School application form on our website. We will need to cite a copy of your child's birth certificate/passport and immunisation records once your space is confirmed.

Visit: tauranga.acgedu.com/admissions/apply-online

Fees

A \$50 enrolment acceptance fee is payable to reserve a place at ACG Tauranga Early Learning School. This fee is non-refundable and must be paid within the time specified in the letter of offer and before a child commences classes. It is in addition to tuition fees. The enrolment acceptance fee will be deducted from the ACG Tauranga Primary enrolment acceptance fee when the child transitions. The enrolment acceptance fee cannot be transferred from one ACG School to another.

Weekly fees

Age	5 days	4 days	3 days	2 days
Children aged 2 years and under	\$297	\$257	\$206	\$137
Children aged from 3–5 years with 20 hours ECE	\$175	\$149	\$113	\$77

Fees are to be paid fortnightly in advance by direct debit. Fees due from starting at the centre until the standard fortnightly direct debit cycle commences shall be paid in advance by direct credit or credit card.

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