



**“Letting kids be Kids”**

*“Dedicate your children to God and point them in the way that they should go, and the values they’ve learned from you will be with them for life”.*  
Proverbs 22:6

**Vision Statement** *Little Rock Preschool shares a special place in the heart of our community, through acts of service, love and faith by working in partnership with whanau establishing and strengthening children’s unique and innate love of learning. Thereby providing a high quality education service for the children & whānau of the greater Brighton community.*

**Our beliefs:**

Our Christian Faith based values underpin our Preschool. We believe love and relationships form the foundation on which our teaching and learning is built.

**Our Teaching Philosophy:**

As teachers, we believe encouraging a **Spiritual Faith (Wairuatanga)** is a crucial part of the holistic development of children – **learning to be healthy in mind, body and spirit**. We believe in order for children to learn their mana must be uplifted. **One’s Place and Belonging, (turangawaewae) building identity and independence, where tamariki feel empowered and connected.**

We model **Respect for one another (Whānaungatanga, Manaakitanga)**, by upholding the Fruits of the Spirit in our teaching. (these are the core values of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) We welcome all.

We believe that **Children are unique and they come with their own competence (Mōhiotanga)**, whakapapa, and seeds of greatness within them. Their individual personality traits enhance the richness and diversity of our Preschool, and offer opportunities for tamariki to extend their compassion for each other.

We are **Intentional teachers**, who aim to nurture genuine relationships built on trust, ensuring each child receives our 1:1 attention. We are **Kaitiakitanga -Guardians** embracing & learning from the local beach environment.

We are committed to being of **Service- to our whanau, children and each other**, modelling these values to our tamariki with opportunities for **Service Leadership (Tuakana-Teina)**, which develops agency, responsibility, connection and collaboration (**Mahi-Tahi**). We are committed to honouring **Te Tiriti O Waitangi** and developing our bicultural journey, so that our tamariki can flourish as children of Aotearoa.

**Our desired outcomes ngā tamariki o Kura kōhungahunga o tōka iti (Little Rock Preschool)**

- **Know who they are, their mana, and their value (turangawaewae)**  
*“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit them together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvellous... You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe”. (Psalm 139:13-16)*
- **Are able to engage in meaningful and loving relationships with others**  
*“Keep on loving others as long as life lasts”. (Hebrews 6:11)*
- **Have confidence in using their growing kete of knowledge, skills, and social & emotional intelligences**  
*“Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in humility that comes from wisdom”. (James 3:13)*
- **Know they are competent and capable, and have agency through their voice and character as a positive influence**  
*“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago”. (Ephesians 2:10)*