



Nau mai, Haere mai



**Phoenix Preschool INC is a community where every child belongs
and is given every opportunity to grow as an individual
“Ki te kore ngā pūtake e mākūkūngia, e kore te rākau e tupu –
If the roots of the tree are not watered, the tree will never grow”**

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Nau mai, haere mai and welcome to Phoenix Preschool: We are a community-based preschool located on the Ashburton College Campus. We are extremely proud to provide high quality early childhood education for the Mid-Canterbury community.

License: We are licensed for 50 children (from ages 5mths to school entry). We operate at improved MOE ratios in our rooms – with te rūma Kiwi catering for 5mth-3yo, and te rūma Pūkeko catering for 2.5-6yo. Our operating hours are 8.00am-4.30pm Monday-Friday.

Holidays & Fees: Our Fees are \$8.00 per hour per child. Children from 3 years onward will qualify for 20 hours ECE funding per week - up to 6 hours per day, then normal fees apply. WINZ subsidies are also available, please enquire at reception. Phoenix is closed for statutory holidays and a 3-week closure over the Christmas period at no charge. We are open during the school term breaks.

Our Team & Curriculum: Our motivated, creative, and experienced teaching team provide a caring, homely educational environment to welcome and engage your tamariki. We are incredibly lucky to be very well-resourced to provide an extensive variety of experiences and activities to support the growth into competent and confident learners.



The curriculum we offer reflects the principles, strands, goals and learning outcomes of the Early Childhood Education curriculum document Te Whāriki. This celebrates the uniqueness of each child and the interests and dynamics of group and social interactions. We embrace our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and acknowledge and welcome the increasing cultural diversity of the Mid Canterbury district.

We have a play-based curriculum providing each child with a variety of choice and which follows the interest of the individual. Kaiako challenge and extend tamariki through their interests growing learning dispositions, skills and abilities along the way.

We offer a mixed age environment which embraces the Māori principles of ako where we all learn together, and also places value on tuakana-teina relationships where older tamariki support and guide younger tamariki in their learning and development.

We boast an exceptionally large, natural and well-equipped outdoor environment. We do get outside in all seasons – there's no such thing as bad weather so ensure you pack spare clothing for all weather.

Transitions into the centre: We encourage four settling visits over which you will build a relationship with your child's key teacher/primary caregiver, and you will gradually leave your child in their capable hands. We want you to rest assured that we will contact you if needed – we want your child's time with us to be a positive experience.



Our Board of Governance: As a community-based preschool we operate with a Board of Governance consisting of volunteer parents and community members which oversees the strategic direction of our centre. If you are interested in joining our Board, please talk to a Jess or Ange.

Policies: Our Centre is supported by robust policies and procedures - these are available to view from the office and in Educa. We encourage you to participate in the review process with us.



Our Values: Whānau/family are at the forefront of our philosophy – our priority is to ensure every person who comes through our door feels like they have come home, that they are a part of our family, and we are a part of theirs. We have a great appreciation and respect that you know your child best and work in partnership with you on your child's learning journey.

Philosophy

Whanaungatanga

Our relationships are like whānau, respecting each other, our culture, and our uniqueness. Everyone here grows a strong sense of belonging.

Manawa reka

Our tamariki are finding their place in the world, through wonderment and awe

We are curious

Manaakitanga

Our tamariki are encouraged to care for each other and work together

We all love and care for one another

Mana Reo

Our tamariki are supported to become strong and effective communicators

We are heard and valued

Auahatanga

Our tamariki learn through play, imagination, inventing, experimenting and stories

We wonder...

Whakawhitinga

Our tamariki and whānau experience supportive transitions into our centre, within our centre, and out of our centre. Through our transition process we encourage tamariki to develop motuhaketanga (independence), kotahitanga (working together) & rangatiratanga (leadership).

We are strong, independent tamariki ready to take on the world

Kiwi Room (ages 5mth-3yo)

We have a passionate and enthusiastic team, who provide a high-quality programme based on respectful practices, reciprocal relationships, and consistent care. We work alongside whānau to meet each child's individual needs and to ensure that our caregiving routines are similar to what your child experiences in their home environment.

Our programme is based on primary caregiving enabling tamariki to develop secure relationships and ensure they establish a strong sense of belonging at Phoenix Preschool.

We provide a calm environment where children experience responsive interactions. We value partnerships with parents. Our environment is designed with a range of challenges for tamariki to explore and engage in that caters for ages 5mths to 3yo.



Pukeko Room (ages 2.5-6yo)

Whānau are so important to us - we work together with you to formulate a developmentally appropriate learning journey for your child. We put so much value on your feedback and any information you can share from interests and experiences at home, to holidays, values and beliefs and areas you wish for your child to grow in.

Our curriculum is focused on individual child's interests, and from there we challenge and extend their thinking, generating and refining working theories about the world around them.

We like to get out into our community to build and extend on what we are learning about. Our regular excursions are to the library, museum, Rosebank, Ashburton College and any other direction our programme and interests take us. We also encourage parents/whānau and visitors to join us in the centre. As a part of our centre, we also have a large vegetable garden which we like to regularly venture into, supporting tamariki to understand where their food comes from.



