
KINDERGARTEN PROFILE – ELSIE STREET KINDERGARTEN

Roll Numbers: 30/30

Hours: Monday – Friday 8.15am – 4.15pm, Session Time 8.45am – 2.45pm

Community Statement:

Elsie Street Kindergarten is a well established and respected educational provider in the small rural town of Gore. It has a teaching team, who are motivated, enthusiastic and who strive to provide the best learning environment for all children. Elsie Street Kindergarten is situated in the heart of Gore. The families are from various socio-economic backgrounds which are mainly New Zealand European, with a small percentage of Dutch, Maori, and English.

Kindergarten families travel far and wide to attend our kindergarten (e.g. South Otago, West Otago, Eastern and Northern Southland).

Current Kindergarten Philosophy:

Our kindergarten provides a relaxed, unhurried active learning environment that is fun for all children/tamariki.

Tamariki are viewed as collaborative learners who are focused and engaged in their interactions.

Through play, we encourage tuakana/teina, responsibility, courage, communication, perseverance and for children to gain curiosity about nature and the world around them.

Whanaungatanga is the heart of our kindergarten community. Our families are the 'tutake/foundation' of Elsie Street Kindergarten.

Key Features and Achievements of the Kindergarten

- 2016 Healthy Heart Award
- 2015 Active participants in the Positive Start Programme.
- 2014 Healthy Heart Award
- 2014 Jump Rope for Heart Award
- 2013 Presentation of our Transition to Kindergarten and School Programmes at the University of Otago Early Childhood Research Hui.
- 2013 Launched our Nature Discovery Programme, Nui Ferns.
- 2005 – 2012 - National Heart Foundation Healthy Heart Award.
- 2004 - Special Focus Kindergarten implementing Active Movement and Learning in conjunction with Sport Southland
- 2004 – 2009 - chosen by New Zealand Council for Education Research to participate in the evaluation of the Early Childhood Strategic Plan
- 2002 - Winners of Yates National Cool Kids Garden Competition
- Supportive and enthusiastic parent group.
- Well resourced kindergarten
- Buildings and grounds maintained to a high standard
- Excellent liaison with local schools
- Interested and interactive parents.