
KINDERGARTEN PROFILE – LONGFORD KINDERGARTEN

Roll: 42

Hours of Operation: – 8.15 am-4.15 pm, Session Times 8.30 am - 2.30 pm - Monday to Friday

Community Statement

Longford Kindergarten opened in 2010. We have a fabulous indoor and outdoor area, which provides lots of space for the children to explore and discover. We are situated on the Longford Intermediate School site, which we see as part of our Kindy campus. There is a huge paddock, which provides us with more space to run and move!

The families are from various socio- economic and cultural backgrounds, which are mainly New Zealand European with Maori, Indian and Filipino children attending at the moment. On a Wednesday morning we take 10 children out to Dolamore Park for our Bush Kindy Programme.

Current Kindergarten Philosophy

At Longford Kindergarten play is viewed as essential learning for children.

Longford Kindergarten is a place where we value relationships between children, families, teachers and the wider community. These connections create a culture and atmosphere of Ngātahitanga/Collaboration, Mana Whenua/Belonging and Manaakitanga/Respect within our Kindergarten whare.

We value and nurture children's social and emotional learning, their curiosity and the many ways that they can express themselves (100 languages of children).

Key Features and Achievements of the Kindergarten

- 2012 – Won the New Zealand Gardener Best Landscape Design Small Project Award
- 2013 – Featured in the New Zealand House and Garden Magazine May 2013
- 2013 – Pa – Harakeke Award – Healthy Heart
- Natural Environment with an unhurried approach for children to play and learn.
- Teachers are inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach
- Relationships between children, teachers and families are welcoming and responsive.
- Teaching Team – a well-developed pedagogy of reflection and collaboration.
- Bush Kindy programme out at Dolamore Park on a Wednesday morning.