

Job Title: Nature Discovery Support

Position Type: Permanent (Part Time)

Based at: Myross Road, Taiao Tuhura/Discovering Nature site

Reports To: Taiao Tuhura/Discovering Nature Teacher on a day to day basis.

Kindergartens South:

The aim of the Southland Free Kindergarten Association is to promote and provide Early Childhood Education and to establish and operate Early Childhood Education Services. There are 23 Kindergartens throughout the Southland communities of Invercargill, Gore, Te Anau, Riverton, Winton, Longbush, Drummond and Bluff. Our philosophy is Where Kids can be Kids.

Purpose of the Role:

The purpose of the Nature Discovery Support role is: *work under the direction of the Taiao Tuhura/Discovering Nature Teacher to support children to make the most of being in nature.*

This role is intended to ensure that the teaching staff and volunteer parent helpers at Myross Road have support to focus their attention on teaching and learning in nature.

Responsibilities:

The Nature Discovery Support's responsibilities are as follows:

- Support children to 'be' in nature.
- Encourage all children to play, work together and learn from each other
- Work alongside teaching staff to help children to learn about and in nature.
- Regularly engage in discussion and reflection with the Taiao Tuhura/Discovering Nature teacher to identify what is working well and what changes might be needed.

The Nature Discovery Support may need to complete tasks other than those listed above, as delegated by the Taiao Tuhura/Discovering Nature Teacher.

Functional relationships:

Functional relationships refer to the key people that the Nature Discovery Support will work with. Day to day tasks are undertaken with the supervision of the Taiao Tuhura/Discovering Nature Teacher.

This role requires sound collaboration with other kindergarten staff. Relationships must also be maintained with:

- Whanau helpers
- Visitors to Myross Road

Person Specification:

The Nature Discovery Support needs:

- Capacity to build and maintain effective working relationships with staff and external organisations
- Capacity to interact with children and whanau in a positive and respectful manner
- Commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi and culturally appropriate behaviour
- Willingness to address challenges in a positive and proactive manner
- To pass a Police check
- A flexible attitude towards the role

Performance Review

Appraisal will be undertaken annually. Performance development will be agreed with the Taiao Tuhura/Discovering Nature Teacher and form the basis for identifying professional learning needs. The job description will be reviewed at the same time.

Financial Authority Limit

Nil.

Signed Job Holder: _____ Date: _____

General Manager: _____ Date: _____