



**Auckland
Kindergartens**

igniting minds

hei whakahihiro hinengaro

JOIN US

A NATURALLY
BETTER START

HE TIMATANGA PAI





*That which is nurtured,
grows and blossoms.
Whāngaia ka tupu,
ka puāwai.*

KINDERGARTEN IS A SPECIAL PLACE WHERE TEACHERS, CHILDREN, AND PARENTS COME TOGETHER TO BUILD AMAZING COMMUNITIES AND LIFE-LONG FRIENDS

For many of us, kindergarten is where we began our life of learning; where we started learning important life skills like sharing, tolerance, patience, respect and self-confidence. Kindergarten gave us room to run, explore and imagine.

Today, kindergarten is still the most natural and authentic way for children to learn and it continues to give them the best foundations for life.

Auckland Kindergartens is a part of the Auckland Kindergarten Association (AKA) – a charitable trust established in 1908 with the purpose of improving educational outcomes for children.

Each of our kindergartens around Auckland is unique to the community it is part of ... pop in and say hi, we would love to meet you!



WHERE CHILDREN LEARN THROUGH PLAY

At Auckland Kindergartens children are encouraged to make their own learning choices and to problem solve, observe and explore at their own pace with support from teachers, parents, wider whānau and their peers.

We value the importance of child initiated, play based experiences. Play is children's work!

“Play in the early years of life has a profound and lasting influence on a child’s health, wellbeing, and long-term development. Studies have shown early play experiences to shape a child’s physical growth, capacity for learning, chances of finishing school, future employability, and even income.”

— Peter Kellock, *The Case for Play* (2015)





We believe that play is an essential part of learning; this philosophy is central to the way we do things at kindergarten.





*"Kindergarten provided
the ideal natural learning
environment for my children.
They really flourished there."
Parent, Botany Downs Kindergarten*



QUALITY TEACHING

Auckland Kindergartens have qualified early childhood teachers and passionate teachers-in-training and support staff who are professional, dedicated and committed to your child's early learning journey.

Children are encouraged and inspired to extend their ideas and gather new knowledge through their own exploration.

Working alongside the children, our teachers aim to enhance teachable moments. They introduce children to new ideas by modelling language, introducing mathematical concepts, offering science, literacy and sustainability practices.

Starting your child's life of learning with us at kindergarten will ensure they establish essential life skills making their transition to school easier.





“When I saw the outdoor area at kindergarten I knew this was the place for us! Loads of room to run, climb and play.”
Parent, Te Atatu Village Kindergarten

SPACE TO RUN, PLAY AND GROW

Our kindergartens are known for their generous gardens and natural outdoor spaces. For decades children have let their imaginations run free here; creating, exploring, learning and developing their confidence in natural, safe surrounds.

Everything in the kindergarten environment is designed specifically for young children, with indoor and outdoor environments designed to intrigue, challenge and inspire.

The word ‘kindergarten’ translates to ‘children’s garden’. Children educated in our children’s gardens grow into confident and competent learners.



WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN AT KINDERGARTEN

The aim for children attending Auckland Kindergartens is to develop strong foundations for ongoing learning. This includes:

- **Developing perseverance and persistence**
- **Developing independence**
- **Working with and alongside others**
- **Developing understanding of aspects of Māori culture and language**
- **Developing early literacy skills**
- **Developing sound mathematics and logical problem skills**
- **Developing perceptual motor skills**

As your child nears five years old, they will be assisted with their transition to school and the new challenges this brings. The aim is to make this process simple and seamless.

Our kindergarten curriculum is based on the NZ Early Childhood Curriculum, Te Whāriki, which is designed so “all children grow up in New Zealand as competent and confident learners, strong in their identity, language and culture.” Te Whāriki (2017)



ESSENTIALS

What age does kindergarten cater for?

Most kindergartens enrol children aged between two and five years. Placement is subject to availability and will vary from centre to centre. It's best to make contact as soon as you can and be sure to read about enrolment on page 10.

Opening hours

Each kindergarten typically offers school hours with shorter and longer sessions often available. Some of our kindergartens are closed in school holidays while others offer a year-round kindergarten experience. All our kindergartens are closed for a few weeks in the December/January holidays.

To check the latest information on opening hours and school holiday availability please visit www.aka.org.nz and search for your kindergarten/s of choice.

Parent involvement

We greatly value the contribution that families, whānau and the community can make to children's learning.

Opportunities are provided for you to talk with teachers about your child, share information about their learning,

and to be involved in decision making that affects their wellbeing. Our kindergartens hold regular parent evenings and family events and encourage you to get involved.

You are always welcome at your local kindergarten.

Fees

Auckland Kindergartens are part of the 20 hours ECE scheme which allows all children over three years of age to receive a subsidy on the first 20 hours of early childhood education each week.

We have extended this scheme and offer 20 hours ECE for children aged two years and over.

An additional fee is charged for hours over the 20 hours ECE government subsidy.

For fee information based on the days or sessions you wish your child to attend, please contact your local kindergarten.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION

How to enrol

To enrol your child at your preferred Auckland Kindergarten please visit the centre in person or go online to aka.org.nz/waiting-list-enquiry-form. Your kindergarten will contact you within a few days to discuss the next steps.

We encourage you to get in touch when your child is approximately two years of age.

In some instances, you may need to wait until there is space at your preferred kindergarten. Because children continually graduate to school, and sometimes move house, vacancies do arise regularly.

Unlike schools, our kindergartens are not zoned, so you can enrol your child at the kindergarten of your choice. It is a good idea to visit your local kindergartens, talk with the teaching team and experience the centre in action before you decide which best suits your child and family needs.

The next step is to complete an Enrolment Form at the kindergarten and then your child will be all set to start. When it is your child's turn we will contact you.



OUR KINDERGARTENS:

NORTH

Bayview	70 Bayview Road, Glenfield	444 5540
Beach Haven	179 Beach Haven Road, Beach Haven	483 8706
Belmont Bayswater	1c Rosyth Avenue, Bayswater	445 6744
Birkenhead	97a Mokoia Road, Birkenhead	480 9330
Chelsea	62 Balmain Road, Birkenhead	480 7332
Devonport	43 Vauxhall Road, Devonport	445 3504
Glenfield	Mayfield Road, Glenfield	444 8473
Greenhithe	10 Isobel Road, Greenhithe	413 9171
Kauri Park	11 McGlashen Place, Birkenhead	483 7073
Mangawhai	36 Insley Street, Mangawhai	09 431 4333
Marlborough	7a Agincourt Street, Glenfield	480 9061
Milford	14 Pierce Road, Milford	486 1188
Northcote	7 Nutsey Avenue, Northcote	480 7039
Northcote Central	36 College Road, Northcote	418 1593
Snells Beach	15 Hamatana Road, Snells Beach	09 425 6330
Sunnynook	50 Sunnynook Road, Glenfield	410 5210
Takapuna	11a Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna	489 6189
Wellsford	Hazelmere Street, Wellsford	09 423 8281
Westlake Forrest Hill	Tiber Road, Milford	410 7742

CENTRAL

Epsom North	33 Kimberley Road, Epsom	630 7539
Epsom South	14 Aberfoyle Street, Epsom	638 9272
Ferndale	830 New North Road, Mt Albert	846 6909
Freemans Bay	16 Tahuna Street, Freemans Bay	376 2465
Grey Lynn	25 Home Street, Grey Lynn	378 6941
Morningside	31 Taylors Road, Mt Albert	846 3101
Mt Albert	24 Mark Road, Mt Albert	846 4379
Mt Eden	11a Milton Road, Mt Eden	630 3720
Mt Roskill	19 Akarana Avenue, Mt Roskill	620 8323
Owairaka	6a Dunkirk Terrace, Owairaka	846 5476
Parnell	12 Alberon Place, Parnell	377 3071
Ponsonby	22 Ponsonby Terrace, Ponsonby	376 4931
Pt Chevalier	90 Walmer Road, Pt Chevalier	846 0897
Remuera	Wairua Road, Remuera	520 1575
Sandringham	2 Kenneth Avenue, Sandringham	849 4523
Waiheke	Donald Bruce Road, Surfdale, Waiheke	372 8478
Waterview	17a Oakley Avenue, Waterview	828 1467
Wesley	26a O'Donnell Avenue, Mt Roskill	620 0702
Westmere	90 Garnet Road, Westmere	376 3833

SOUTH

Aorere	43 Chantelle Place, Papatoetoe	279 4269
Bairds	Gate 4, 20 Edward Avenue, Otara	274 7111
Favona	Wakefield Road, Mangere	275 8212
Flat Bush	329 Bairds Road, Otara	274 8644
Kingsdene	62 Mascot Avenue, Mangere	275 4658
Mangere Bridge	36 Lindis Place, Mangere	636 9552
Mangere West	67 Idlewild Avenue, Mangere	275 4090
Mayfield	20r Pearl Baker Drive, Otara	274 5100
McNaughton	14 McNaughton Avenue, Mangere	275 9593
Murdoch Park	43 Chestnut Road, Papatoetoe	278 9443
Omana	42 Omana Road, Papatoetoe	278 7933
Otahuhu	51a Hutton Street, Otahuhu	276 7835
Otahuhu Central	27 Fort Richard Road, Otahuhu	276 9009
Papatoetoe	53 Wilmay Avenue, Papatoetoe	278 5867
Papatoetoe North	1 Beryl Place, Mangere East	276 4057
Yendarra	31 Crown Crescent, Otara	274 6877



WEST

Avondale	195 Rosebank Road, Avondale	828 9532
Birdwood	21 Karepo Crescent, Ranui	832 5700
Blockhouse Bay	5 Exminster Street, Blockhouse Bay	627 8042
Colwill	19 Kintara Drive, Massey	833 9794
Don Buck	124a Don Buck Road, Massey	832 4899
Glen Eden	3 Clayburn Road, Glen Eden	818 6389
Glen Eden West	78a Rosier Road, Glen Eden	818 3698
Green Bay	10 La Rosa Street, Green Bay	827 4044
Henderson	1a Henderson Valley Road, Henderson	838 8710
Hillsborough	668 Richardson Road, Hillsborough	620 5344
Hobsonville	34a Trig Road, Whenuapai	416 8723
Laingholm	436a Huia Road, Laingholm	817 4372
Lincoln North	47a Longburn Road, Henderson	836 2740
Lynfield	108 Halsey Drive, Lynfield	626 3218
Massey	326a Don Buck Road, Massey	833 7000
New Lynn	10 Ambrico Place, New Lynn	827 1627
Oratia	552 West Coast Road, Oratia	818 4409
Ranui	Ranui Station Road, Henderson	833 9887
Roskill South	1327 Dominion Road Extension, Mt Roskill	620 5706
Sturges Road	124 Sturges Road, Henderson	836 4943
Summerland	62a Summerland Drive, Henderson	835 0909
Sunnyvale	31a Kaikoura Street, Henderson	836 2283
Taupaki	20 Cottle Road, Taupaki	810 9005
Te Atatu Peninsula	16a Harbour View Road, Te Atatu Peninsula	834 5024
Te Atatu South	66a Divich Avenue, Te Atatu South	836 3856
Te Atatu Village	580 Te Atatu Road, Te Atatu Peninsula	834 6012
Titirangi	509 South Titirangi Road, Titirangi	817 6613
Waitakere	12 Township Road, Waitakere	810 8180
Whenuapai	16 Airport Road, Whenuapai	416 4125

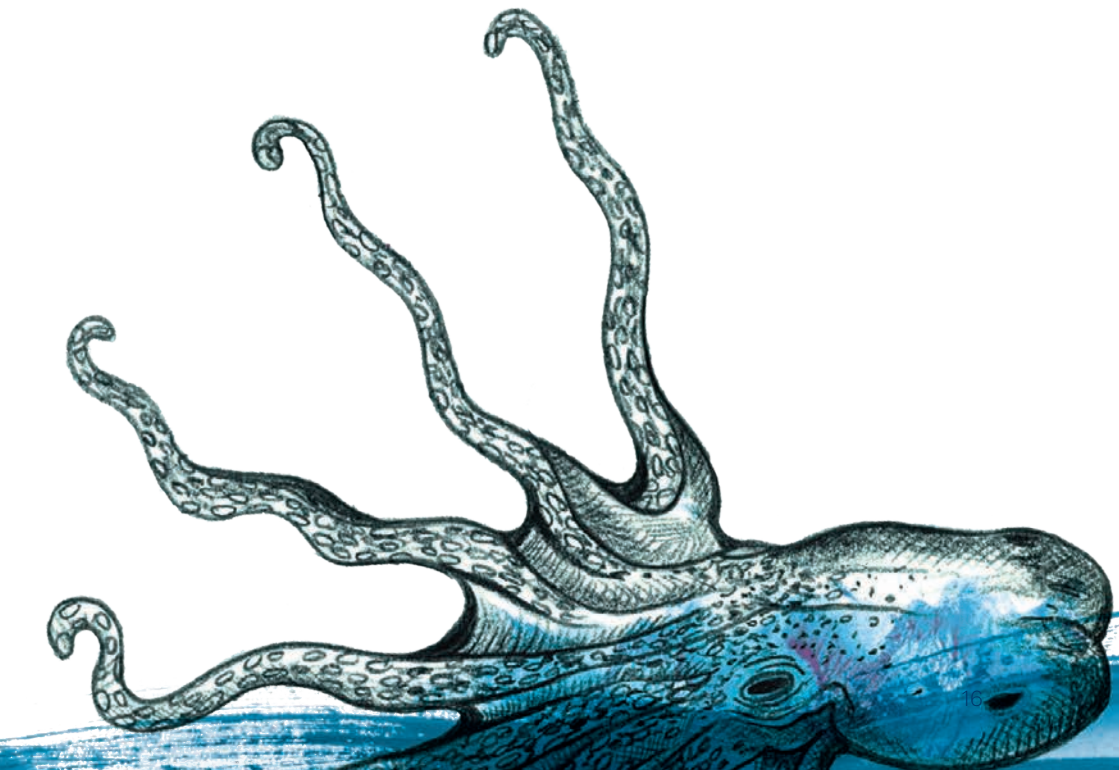
EAST

Anchorage Park	9 Tiaka Place, Pakuranga	576 3138
Botany Downs	22 Maroubra Place, Howick	534 9025
Bucklands Beach	8 Oliver Road, Bucklands Beach	534 6212
Cascades	Lady Marie Drive, Pakuranga	576 7466
Dannemora	141 Kilkenny Drive, Dannemora	271 2397
Ellerslie	122 Celtic Crescent, Ellerslie	579 0076
Farm Cove	20 Galloway Crescent, Pakuranga	576 9934
Glen Innes	71 Taniwha Street, Glen Innes	528 4113
Glendowie	225 Riddell Road, Glendowie	585 1991
Highland Park	563 Pakuranga Road, Howick	534 7074
Howick	51 Wellington Street, Howick	534 9124
Maraetai Beachlands	39a Craig Road, Maraetai	536 6934
Meadowbank	122 Meadowbank Road, Meadowbank	521 5799
Mission Bay	82 Atkin Avenue, Mission Bay	528 7029
Onehunga	17a Cameron Street, Onehunga	636 8057
Orakei	Cnr Coates Avenue & Grace Street, Orakei	521 0732
Oranga	48a Waitangi Road, Onehunga	579 7654
Pakuranga	107a Reeves Road, Pakuranga	576 9605
Pigeon Mountain	64 Pigeon Mountain Road, Bucklands Beach	537 0083
Point England	130b Point England Road, Point England	570 9557
Somerville	84a Clydesdale Avenue, Howick	535 1675
St Heliers	43 Maskell Street, St Heliers	575 8113
St Johns	49 Howard Hunter Avenue, Glen Innes	521 1477
Sylvia Park	10 Hamlin Road, Mt Wellington	570 2200

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

There is only so much you can learn about our kindergartens through this booklet.

Find out more about who we are and what we do by visiting our website at www.aka.org.nz and searching for your kindergarten/s of choice.



*We greet and acknowledge
our parents and whānau
who are nurturing our
leaders of tomorrow.*
*E rere ana ngā mihi ki a
koutou katoa, ngā mātua
me ngā whānau e poipoi
ana i ngā rangatira o āpōpō.*





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