# The first choice for your child's future...

- Up to 30 hours teaching for 3-4 year olds per week
- 100% fully qualified and registered teachers
- A Ministry of Education curriculum
- 1:10 teacher to child ratio
- School day hours
- Small groups
- Natural, spacious park-like environments
- 70 years experience and history of successful education in South Canterbury

## The first choice for learning...

#### Children learn to:

- actively explore and discover
- think creatively and problem solve
- take responsibility
- experience early literacy and numeracy learning
- socialise and work in groups
- participate and be involved
- develop independence and confidence



#### **Fairlie Area Kindergarten**

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Fairlie Area kindergarten is situated in quiet Sloane Street and is a very long established provider of quality Early childhood education in the Mackenzie district.

We warmly welcome children and families from a very large rural geographical catchment (from Lake Tekapo to Cave) some of whom utilise the school bus to access our kindergarten.

The very spacious indoor and outdoor environments provide for a wide range of play based experiences. Indoors, a variety of rooms offer areas for small group participation in art, music, literacy and role play. Our outdoor environment features a large archgola covered sandpit and decked area, grassed sports field, and a bike track. Our commitment to sustainability is enhanced through growing our own kai, active recycling, composting our waste, feeding our worm farm and harvesting eggs from our hens.

We are a member of Enviroschools so our environment reflects our commitment to ensuring many resources are from nature and any purchases are made with long term sustainability in mind. These resources support children to develop creative and imaginative play through the use of loose parts in an open ended way.

We enjoy a close working relationship with all local schools to ensure a strong transition programme is in place to support children with this pathway.

Our localised curriculm comprises of three main priorities:

- Mana Reo/communication: tamariki developing the foundations of sound oral language.
- Kaitiakitanga/guardianship: tamariki developing an appreciation, respect and positive connection to the natural environment.
- Whanaungatanga/relationships: tamariki developing responsive, kind, trusting and respectful relationships with people, places and things.

#### Hours

Monday – Friday

8.45am - 2.45pm







### What others say about Fairlie Area Kindergarten

#### **Parents**

- Fairlie Area Kindergarten teachers have created a friendly and caring environment for our children, being both welcoming and professional. We have seen our children become social and confident while also gaining independence and skills they will, and have gone on to use at school.
- We joined the kindy for its strong community connections. I absolutely love being able to be a part of that community by contributing to the kindergarten programme.

### **Education Review Office** (Ministry of Education)

- The programme responds to children's interests through a wide range of experiences. Mathematics and early literacy are strongly visible in the programme. Teachers provide a place-based curriculum that enables children to develop strong learning connections within their local community.
- Teachers help children to develop responsive and reciprocal relationships with each other and themselves. Strong friendships are sustained and nurtured in their play.
- The kindergarten learning environment is well resourced. Children's learning benefits from the ongoing community contributions to enrich the indoor and outdoor environments.

#### Children

- I like to play with everybody. It's fun here. I like stories. I come to kindy on the bus by myself.
- I love to play Rippa rugby in the field with my friends.
- My favourite room is the baby room. I can play Mum's and Dad's with the babies.