

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

- Up to 30 hours free 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 - 8.30am to 2.30pm
- Small groups
- Natural, spacious park-like environments
- 75 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



Rata Kindergarten

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Poipoia te kākano kia puawai
Nurture the seed and it will grow



He Manaaki: Caring for ourselves, others and our place

Mana Manaaki: Building the mana of our environment through nurturing, growing and challenging

2-5 Years



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Haere Mai Welcome to Rata Kindergarten

Rata Kindergarten is situated at the northern end of Temuka, opposite Wallingford Rest Home.

Rata offers a mixed age group setting for tamariki / children. With a fully qualified trained teaching team, a stimulating, fun and caring learning programme is provided for tamariki / children, based on the national early childhood curriculum, Te Whāriki.

Rata Kindergarten boasts a wonderful outdoor play area and is well resourced for rich learning experiences and opportunities. Within our focus of caring for ourselves, others and our place, is the joy and wonderment of active learning that develops confident, competent and engaged young learners.

Every week the tamariki at Rata connect with residents from the Wallingford Rest home. These reciprocal relationships offer a wealth of understanding, respect and joy.



Rata Kindergarten has strong links within the community. Strong relationships between local primary schools ensures successful transitions to school. Visits to our local ngahere (forest) and places like Arowhenua Marae support who we are, and a sense of belonging develops.



What others say about Rata Kindergarten

Parents

- My children have blossomed so much since arriving at Rata Kindergarten. I am really thankful to the teachers' for their efforts and dedication.
- We absolutely love it at Rata and drive some distance to be here. All four of our children have attended and we have had extra support to enable them to successfully transition into school. We absolutely recommend Rata Kindergarten.
- I have been a part of Rata kindergarten for a number of years. The teachers have been fabulous. My two daughters have thoroughly enjoyed their time here. Settling them in to kindergarten was a breeze because of the teachers great support. My daughter looks forward to attending kindergarten every week. My now 5 year old thoroughly enjoyed learning about the environment through the Enviro-schools program.
- I could not think of a better place to give my daughters the best start to their educational journey.

Education Review Office

(Ministry of Education)

- The children see the kindergarten as their place, their turangawaewae.
- Teachers provide a rich bicultural environment for the children.
- There is a sense of community within the kindergarten.
- Children can independently access resources they need for their play.

A playgroup is offered on a Friday for those who would like to bring children to experience Kindergarten. 'Stay and Play' runs on a Friday from 10-11:30am and Friday 1-2:30pm.