



Pānui

Ko Te Atua o Taiehu,

ko Pukekura kā mauka
Ko Ōtākou te awa Ko Tākitimu,
ko Uruao kā waka
Ko Ōtākou te marae
Ko Tamatea te whare
Ko Hākuiao te wharekai
Ko Kāi Te Pahi, ko Kāi Te Ruahikihiki,
Ko Kāti Taoka, ko Kāti Moki kā hapū
Ko Kāi Tahu te iwi
Ko Tracy Drummond tōku ikoa
Ko Ōparure te maunga
Ko Mataura te awa
Ko Uruao me Tākitimu ngā waka
Ko Te Rakitauneke rāua
ko Tūtemakohu ngā tūpuna
Ko Ō Te Ika Rama te marae
Ko Waitaha, ko Ngāti Māmoē,
Ko Ngāi Tahu ngā iwi
Ko Tracy Drummond tōku ingoa
Tena koutou katoa.

I'm Tracy and I'm a Kaiako at Glen Warren Te Ana a Aoraki. I have been an Early Childhood teacher since 2003. I have worked in a variety of roles as head teacher and team leader in a variety of settings including Reggio Emilia and Montessori. I have also worked with the Ministry of Education in a support worker role.



I took a break from teaching for six years and in that time qualified as a nail technician, make-up artist and ran a small business in electrical and repair while raising my three Tamariki.

I am a mum to three beautiful Tamariki and enjoy spending my time with my whānau and supporting their interests and growth, exploring the beach and have passions for music and art.

My hopes and aspirations for my time at Glen Warren are to work in committed and collaborative relationships with all whānau, Tamariki and Kaiako as well as add to my own kete of knowledge and skills. I bring to Glen Warren my commitment to providing quality care and education to all Tamariki. I have a huge passion for this industry and thrive in working in a supportive and collaborative environment that Glen Warren offers. I find it a privilege to be able to work with a team of amazing kaikako and support, that thrive in providing the best possible care and education in a well-established association that supports children's whanaungatanga, manaakitanga and kaitiakitanga and upholds these principals in the highest respect. I know this is the place I want to be to learn and to grow and look forward to all that the association has to offer.

My goals for the next five years are to continue on my professional journey of growth and immersion in the association and to provide the best quality care and education to all in a teaching capacity and go with wherever that leads. I am a strong believer of everything being a journey and look forward to wherever my journey leads. Welcome Tracy.

New green space maintenance contractor for OKA kindergartens

Newly appointed green space maintenance contractor for OKA kindergartens, Tash (Natasha) Anderson brings a wealth of experience to her new role.

Trading as Weeds Gone Wild, Tash started her business three years ago after giving up dairy farming.

"I have a passion for the outdoors and when I looked to change jobs, I wanted to stay with something that was connected to the outdoors," Tash says.

"I called my business "Weeds Gone Wild" because that pretty well sums up what I do.

Kindergarten Survey's

Survey's to whānau are one of the tools we use to gain feedback from our kindergarten communities to ensure we understand if the model of kindergarten we are providing is meeting the needs of the whānau.

If we notice a change in attendance or a pattern of attendance across a kindergarten that we are curious about or don't understand we will often send out a survey to families to find out if our session times etc are meeting the needs of the community.

We have recently completed one for Holmes Kindergarten as we are aware from sign in sheets and observations at mat time's that the current session time's may not be working for the whānau.

If the garden has been neglected and overrun with weeds, I will clean it up and make it presentable again. If there is an established garden footprint that requires a regular maintenance programme, I can also offer my services for that work."



"I now drive my passion into making sure properties look beautiful and I am really excited to start working with the Oamaru Kindergarten sites, making sure the green spaces are well maintained for the OKA tamariki to use and enjoy".

Welcome to the OKA Family Tash.

This survey closed on the 08th of March, and we will be deciding shortly if any changes are required.

Very soon we will be sending one out to families attending on the waiting list or in the community at Maheno asking questions about similar areas. Please take the time to answer the questions - we do try hard to keep the surveys short. The feedback you provide will help inform our decision making.

We are always looking at ways to ensure we are meeting the needs of our communities. Without your feedback we are often making assumptions and we always know the decisions we make are always better with your feedback.

**OAMARU KINDERGARTEN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2024 WILL BE HELD AT THE BRYDONE HOTEL ON MAY 16.**

MARK YOUR DIARIES AND SAVE THE DATE.

**MORE INFORMATION ON THE OKA WEBSITE AND FROM
THE OKA OFFICE.**



OAMARU KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Everyone is welcome, so please come along and help us celebrate OKA and the year that was 2023.

Meet and greet from 5.00pm - 5.30pm with light refreshments being provided. The Annual General Meeting will start at 5.30pm.

VENUE

Brydone Hotel – Wear Street Oamaru

DATE

Thursday 16th May 2024.

What happens in kindergarten matters for a lifetime”.

OAMARU KINDERGARTEN TERM DATES 2024

CASA NOVA:

TERM 1

Thursday 18 January - Thursday 12 April

TERM 3

Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

TERM 2

Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

TERM 4

Monday 14 October - Friday 20 December

Teacher Only Day: 16 August

EDNA MCCULLOCH, GLEN WARREN, HOLMES & MAHENO:

Tuesday 9 January - Friday 20 December

Teacher Only Days: 15 April, 18 & 19th July, 16 August, 10 & 11 October