

Auckland's Best Childcare Centre!

Parent Involvement at Auckland's Best Childcare Centre

Family values and community involvement are central to the overall child development philosophy at Auckland's Best Childcare Centre. We view our service as a supplemental extension to the family unit and important part of the local community and therefore strongly encourage parents to take every possible opportunity to include themselves in their children's lives.

We promote a range of activities so that parents can be involved with both their own child and all the children collectively. Please see either the head teacher or centre manager to participate in a centre activity or suggestion of a new one.

Daily opportunities:

- Parents are encouraged to read from our library to groups of children. This has proven to be both a rewarding experience for parents and entertaining time for children.
- Special talents such as music, language, art or math. Please share your talent with the children as either a single or regular event.
- Review your child's portfolio and learning stories. This is an important record of your child's progress and achievement of critical milestones. Understanding this record will help ensure we maintain a united front in your child's development. Share any relevant home issues with your child's teacher so that we can craft a learning experience specific to your child's needs.
- Internet technologies: We offer a free "tiny telly" service to parents that enable them to view their child's classroom over the internet during the day; please see the centre staff for login details. We also host a Facebook page to share children's stories, photos and special moments. Look for us on Facebook to become a friend. Parents can also email us at aucklandsbest@gmail.com
- Parents are encouraged to stop by during their lunch break to share quality time with their child.
- The head teacher and centre manager are always available to listen to parent suggestions, praises or concerns regarding our service.

Monthly opportunities:

- The children occasionally leave the centre on field trips and we look for parents to assist with these activities.
- Dress up and theme days are very popular with the children and parents are encouraged to also participate when possible.
- We also host a variety of cultural days to celebrate the diversity of our local community. Parents are invited to share their cultural experiences and perspectives during this time.

Semi-annual and Annual opportunities:

- The centre staff host two parent nights per year, one of which is during our annual Christmas party and children's show. This is an ideal time for parents to share their stories, offer advice and suggestions and provide general feedback into how they would like to see the centre grow in the future. All parents are encouraged to attend these occasions and share their views.