



ERO Early Childhood Service Akanuku | Assurance Review

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| Early Childhood Service Name | Tower Road Christian Pre School |
| Profile Number | 30013 |
| Location | Matamata |

ERO's Akanuku | Assurance Review reports provide information about whether a service meets and maintains regulatory standards. Further information about Akanuku | Assurance Reviews is included at the end of this report.

ERO's Judgement

| Regulatory standards | ERO's judgement |
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| Curriculum | Meeting |
| Premises and facilities | Meeting |
| Health and safety | Meeting |
| Governance, management and administration | Meeting |

At the time of the review, ERO found the service was taking reasonable steps to meet regulatory standards.

Background

Tower Road Christian Pre School is governed by Matamata Christian Early Learning Centres Limited under Peria Christian Education Inc. The service regained its full licence in December 2020. A new centre manager has been recently appointed. The philosophy places value on emotional, social, spiritual, physical, and intellectual outcomes for children.

Summary of Review Findings

A biblical curriculum is integrated with *Te Whāriki*, the early childhood curriculum. Young children experience meaningful, positive interactions that nurture reciprocal relationships. Teachers support children's learning in a language-rich environment. The curriculum supports children's social competency and understandings of appropriate behaviour. The unique place of Māori as tangata whenua is acknowledged. Aspirations held by parents for children are integrated into planning and assessment. Opportunities are given for whānau to be involved in decision making. The learning environment supports different types of indoor and outdoor experiences appropriate to the ages of children attending. Suitable health and safety practices are implemented.

Key Next Steps

Next steps include:

- strengthening the extent to which information documented about children's learning reflects their culture, language, and identity.

Next ERO Review

The next ERO review is likely to be an Akarangi | Quality Evaluation.



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Information About the Service

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| Service type | Education and care service |
| Number licensed for | 30 children aged over 2 |
| Percentage of qualified teachers | 80-99% |
| Service roll | 30 |
| Ethnic composition | Māori 5, NZ European/Pākehā 18, Other ethnic groups 7 |
| Review team on site | July 2021 |
| Date of this report | 9 September 2021 |
| Most recent ERO report(s) These are available at www.ero.govt.nz | Education Review, June 2018; Education Review, August 2016 |

General Information about Assurance Reviews

All services are licensed under the *Education (Early Childhood Services) Regulations 2008*. The legal requirements for early childhood services also include the *Licensing Criteria for Education and Care Services 2008*.

Services must meet the standards in the regulations and the requirements of the licensing criteria to gain and maintain a licence to operate.

ERO undertakes an Akanuku | Assurance Review process in any centre-based service:

- having its first ERO review – including if it is part of a governing organisation
- previously identified as ‘not well placed’ or ‘requiring further development’
- that has moved from a provisional to a full licence
- that have been re-licensed due to a change of ownership
- where an Akanuku | Assurance Review process is determined to be appropriate.

Management Assurance on Legal Requirements

All early childhood services are required to promote children’s health and safety and to regularly review their compliance with legal requirements. Before the review, the staff and management of a service completed an ERO Centre Assurance Statement and Self-Audit Checklist. In these documents they attested that they have taken all reasonable steps to meet their legal obligations related to:

- curriculum
- premises and facilities
- health and safety practices
- governance, management and administration.

As part of an Akanuku | Assurance Review ERO assesses whether the regulated standards are being met. In particular, ERO looks at a service’s systems for managing the following areas that have a potentially high impact on children's wellbeing:

- emotional safety (including positive guidance and child protection)
- physical safety (including supervision; sleep procedures; accidents; medication; hygiene; excursion policies and procedures)
- suitable staffing (including qualification levels; police vetting; teacher certification; ratios)
- evacuation procedures and practices for fire and earthquake.

As part of an Akanuku | Assurance Review ERO also gathers and records evidence through:

- discussions with those involved in the service
- consideration of relevant documentation, including the implementation of health and safety systems
- observations of the environment/premises, curriculum implementation and teaching practice.