



## Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa - Playcentre Aotearoa

# Whakamātau/Philosophy

### **Playcentre Aotearoa is a family organisation which:**

empowers adults and children to work, play, learn and grow together;

- honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi and celebrates people's uniqueness;
- values and affirms adults as the first and best educators for their children
- so that whānau are strengthened and communities enriched.

Playcentre Aotearoa acknowledges Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the founding document of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Within Playcentre Aotearoa, Tāngata Whenua and Tāngata Tiriti work in partnership and shall be given the same rights, privileges and responsibilities.

Principles of partnership and bicultural development require Playcentre Aotearoa to:

- organise its affairs within the cultural tikanga/protocols of Tāngata Whenua and Tāngata Tiriti;
- be diligent in identifying and keeping open all avenues leading to common ground;
- recognise, value and share each other's knowledge, wisdom and experience;
- promote inclusive practices; and
- foster equitable collaboration between Tāngata Whenua and Tāngata Tiriti.