

Kingston

Ko Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Mangatangi Tō Whānau Playcentre is Your Family.



Big cousin Chelsea, Kingston
and his mum Polly

Our most recent graduate: Kingston, is a thriving 5 year old boy who just started at the big kids school next door to our Centre, Mangatangi Primary School.

We had a heartfelt poroaki, as Kingston is very special to our Centre whānau.

Kingston has cerebral palsy, which is a brain condition that he has had from birth, it affects his movements and posture. He is also partially deaf and partially sighted in both eyes. Kingston and his whānau; especially mum Polly, are a shining beacon of resilience. They demonstrate how important it is to

practice whanaungatanga and give our tamariki a supportive and caring experience, building a strong sense of belonging where play is encouraged in its many forms and where friendships flourish regardless of ability.

Polly was asked why she joined Mangatangi & Districts Playcentre, she said “We chose it because we felt **that** the new experience for my baby to walk into the inviting atmosphere made us comfortable to attend.”

We celebrated Kingston with our Poroaki ceremony which included wearing our special Centre kākahu, kaitahi - sharing kai, reading **his** learning profile as a Centre, receiving a few little gifts and finally tracing Kingstons’ hand to add to our kākahu.



Kingston
and friends



First
Day
of
School

Kingston has been through a lot, so to see him grow over the years and transition into school makes us very proud.

Ka nui te mihi ki a koe e te rangatira mō āpōpō a Kingston hoki mai ki te hono, we wish you all the best at big kids school!
Love from your Playcentre Whānau.

Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti aroha o tātou mahi

Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work

