

Nu'ualofa Playgroup

Rowley Primary School



PARENT INFORMATION

Mon & Tues 12-3pm
Wednesday – 10am - 12pm
Rowley Avenue School
Christchurch

FREE of charge.

Welcome to Nu'ualofa Playgroup

Nu'ualofa Playgroup Philosophy:

Nu'ualofa is a place fanau can gather together to connect, collaborate and engage in their children's care and learning.

We want families to have ownership of Nu'ualofa – a strong sense of belonging, a sense of place. Situated in Rowley School grounds, Nu'ualofa is at the heart of the community. It is a place for the whole fanau to connect, pre-schoolers, school children, parents/caregivers and teachers.

Nu'ualofa is a place for children and fanau to learn with and alongside each other, deeply rooted in culture, language and identity.

Enrolment:

Parents of all new children are asked to complete an enrolment form, this information is used for emergency contacts and for ministry requirements. This playgroup is free to attend.

Afternoon Tea:

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Parent Help:

We encourage all parents to join in during the sessions as our playgroup is run cooperatively.

You can support our Playgroup by:

- Helping children participate in activities.
- Helping children wash their hands.
- Clean and return equipment used during session.

Developing Social Competence:

Children and their families/fanau will experience and environment where they are respected and valued, which supports the developing social competence and understanding of appropriate behaviour.

Guidelines

Children need guidelines and acceptable limits within which they are free to make their own decisions. Knowing the limits and boundaries enables children to develop self-control, self-awareness and awareness of others.

Keeping this in mind, our aim is to support children to take responsibility for their own actions and to assist children to become self-aware, to know and understand the limits set, to learn to respect and promote themselves, others and the environment. This will happen by having realistic limits, ensuring that they make sense, not only from the adult's perspective, but also the children's.

The following guidelines for appropriate adult-child interactions will be implemented at Nu'ualofa

- Adults will use encouragement and praise to support children in positive interactions.
- Adults will assist children in developing self-control by treating them with dignity and respect and honouring them for who they are, using the following strategies:
 - Anticipate by knowing each child's patterns and needs.
 - Valuing mistakes as learning opportunities.
 - Setting clear, fair rules/limits.
 - Listening to children.

At no time shall any child be physically punished or verbally degraded. The child's dignity is to be maintained at all times.

Health and Safety:

Please help us provide a safe environment by:

- Protecting our children from the sun, sunscreen is provided by the playgroup.
- Washing hands before afternoon tea.
- Supervising all children on play equipment

No Smoking is allowed during session.

No person on the premises is allowed to use or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs during session time.

Children are protected from exposure to inappropriate material.

Emergency Procedure:

We will follow the school in all their emergency procedures and will be part of their emergency drills.

The gathering place in a fire drill is the basketball court at the back of the school.

All procedures will be explained to the parents.

Contacts:

If you have any queries, questions or suggestions please feel free to contact:

Laiga Tomuli 021 023-91130 or

Rowley Ave School Office 338-2472