

Daily Program:

9:00 – 9:20	Meet and greet, homework books handed in, choosing time.
9:20 – 10:00	Mat Time: Roll call, songs, devotions.
10:00 – 10:30	Morning tea and free choice experiences in the centre
10:30 – 11:00	ABC Phonics on the mat
11:00 – 11:45	Phonic and scrapbook activities, individual reading with the teacher, early finisher activities.
11:45 – 12:45	Eating lunch /Free choice experiences in the centre
12:45 – 1:45	Resource-based Learning time in the preschool
1:45 – 2.00	Numeracy Session
2:00 – 2:45	Topic Studies / Art / Choosing time
2:45 – 3:00	Pack up and Homework books distributed
3:00 onwards	Afternoon Tea in the preschool and Children collected by caregivers or integrated in the centre.

This is an outline of our daily program which may be adjusted somewhat as it unfolds. Class trips and library visits will also be catered for during each term. Most importantly we are here to support you and your child and are available to talk to you about the program or your child's progress.

Hi, my name is Joanne. I hold a Bachelor of Education and have over ten years' experience in the education sector which



includes teaching in New Zealand and overseas. I am the Program Coordinator for the 'Rainbow Riders' up to six program and am passionate about children succeeding in the early years and starting school well. I have been involved in a number of children's programs over the years spanning early childhood to adolescent age groups and believe I have the skills and experience to give your child the head start for school that you hope for.

Kia Orana, my name is Janine Rahui. I am a fully registered and qualified early childhood teacher with six years of experience teaching



in New Zealand Early Childhood settings. I have also been involved with teaching in Sunday Schools for the past 30 years. My husband is of Cook Island descent and we have been married for the past 22 years. We have four children aged 19, 17, 16 and 11. As Head Teacher of the Grace Community Preschool, I will be supporting Joanne with the 'Rainbow Riders' up to six program.

Grace Community Preschool



Welcome to Rainbow Riders at Grace Community Preschool



Where dreams of a better future begin

Rainbow Riders is a programme for up to six year olds. Our programme reflects the partnership that Grace Community Preschool shares with parents, whanau, school and the wider community and includes principles, strands and goals of Te Whaariki the New Zealand Early Childhood Curriculum. Our philosophy is aligned to The Dream Centre Christian Preschool.

We want our children to:

- ✚ Have a strong sense of achievement and identity;
- ✚ Develop respect for others and the wider world;
- ✚ Have well developed communication skills;
- ✚ Be well rounded and resilient;
- ✚ Identify and develop their talents and interests;
- ✚ Demonstrate self-directed, active learning with the ability to stay on task and concentrate;
- ✚ Have strong literacy and numeracy skills;
- ✚ Enter Primary School with the skills that will see them achieve and excel national standards.



How will we do this?

- ✚ We will have an engaging environment that makes learning inviting;
- ✚ We will have the children participate in mat times of appropriate lengths during which we engage with stories, poems, songs and activities connected to literacy and numeracy goals;
- ✚ We will deliver a well-established and successful ACE phonetic programme which uses animal stories, songs and phonic letters to introduce and teach letter sounds and blends leading to reading of words, sentences and short stories by the end of the year;
- ✚ We will deliver a well-paced and thorough numeracy programme covering essential numeracy strands and building essential number skills in addition and subtraction;
- ✚ We will foster the development of independence and thinking skills through the type of scrapbook activities we use, type of early finisher activities selected and free-choice times.

By providing an engaging programme that ensures the development of essential reading and numeracy skills we hope to give your child the fantastic start they need for ongoing educational success. We aspire that every child of average ability with full attendance of the programme will finish the year an able reader with solid numeracy skills ready to excel at school.