

Policy Title: Celebrations & Cultural Events Policy

Classification: Teaching and Learning

Monitored by: Senior Teachers

Approved by: GM Professional Services

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Objective: To ensure all celebrations reflect the values and customs of the families/whānau attending kindergarten and are sensitive and responsive to cultural and individual differences.

Commitment: HCK is committed to providing guidelines, so programmes and resources reflect the values and customs of the children attending, and are inclusive of ethnic, cultural, social and individual practices.

Related Documents

- Licensing Criteria for Early Childhood Education and Care Services (2008)
- Education (Early Childhood Centres) Regulations 2008
- Food & Drink Policy
- 'Reducing food-related choking for babies and young children at early learning services' – Min of Health
- Ministry for Primary Industries
 - Food Safety ECE
 - Food Safety Rules ECE
 - Food Safety Fact Sheet

Policy Details:

1. Each kindergarten team will develop their own celebrations procedures, in consultation with parents/guardians and whānau. The procedures must be communicated to families so that everyone is aware of the expectations.
2. Teams will be familiar with and share the importance of historic and national festivals and celebrations, such as Waitangi Day, ANZAC Day, Queens Birthday, Labour Day, Matariki, Christmas and Easter.
3. Teams will be familiar with the celebrations of other cultures relevant to their kindergarten communities, such as Chinese New Year and Holi.
4. Where food is to be provided by either the kindergarten or whānau, teachers will share information about healthy food options and will be respectful about food that is provided by whānau.

Review:

This policy will be reviewed biennially in consultation with staff.