

Te Tiriti o Waitangi
Regulation 43

Rationale:

Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT) Children's Centre will endeavour to honour the four articles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Principles of Protection, Participation and Partnership.

Objectives:

To ensure that the children and whanau of MIT Children's centre have an awareness of te reo and tikanga, simple Maori language and culture will be incorporated into the programme.

- 1) Teachers will endeavour to pronounce Maori names and words used in the centre.
- 2) Individual teachers will be offered opportunities to attend Te Reo and/or cultural awareness/treaty classes and/or workshops as part of their professional development.
- 3) Books on Maori language, tikanga and protocol will be available in the staff library.
- 4) Maori resources suitable for young children will be available as teaching tools, e.g. puzzles, games, books, posters etc.
- 5) Simple waiata (songs) plus daily greetings will be incorporated as part of regular teaching practice.
- 6) Centre teachers or visiting experts with a working knowledge of tikanga will be encouraged to guide peers in respecting Maori culture, e.g. the cutting of flax.
- 7) Centre teachers will guide other teachers on protocol regarding whanau, eating, sleeping, sitting etc.
- 8) Whanau and members of the community will be invited to share skills e.g. weaving, poi making, singing etc.
- 9) A copy of Maori text and English translation of the Treaty of Waitangi will be placed in the Parent/Whanau reading area.

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