WAVE Award

Rural Scholars Early Learning Centre Holistic Health & Wellbeing

Rural Scholars is proud to have achieved WAVE Achievement Awards in recognition of sustainable health and wellbeing practices in Smokefree, Māori Health, Physical Health, Nutrition and Oral Health. Evidence includes photographs, short video clips of learning in action, learning stories, professional learning and development, updating strategic and internal documents and the development of their physical learning environment.

"The WAVE Achievement Award fits well with our fundamental belief of fostering health and wellbeing to promote optimal outcomes for our learners. We work collaboratively with WAVE to foster a natural learning environment where tamariki flourish, within the context of honouring Papatūānuku and our animals" says Rosie Fakatava, head teacher.

"We have a holistic approach to tamariki wellbeing. Our 'Super Hero' kaikao encourages tamariki to take up the health challenge to clean their teeth twice a day, wear sunhats and sunscreen, choose to eat fruit and vegetables and be active every day. Tamariki are very keen to participate and whānau continue these messages at home" she said.

Kaiako explained that their most successful measure of growth was through the knowledge, interactions and awareness for tamariki and whānau. "We proudly display the WAVE board in the preschool room and look forward to the challenge of completing the other four health areas, along with ensuring this work is annually reviewed and updated. This work will not be finished as we see it as a continuing journey of growth and learning into the future. We recognise health for tamariki, whānau and Kaiako is paramount to everyone's future wellbeing".



Debbie (WAVE facilitator) presenting the tamariki at Rural Scholars with their WAVE Awards

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