



# ERO Early Childhood Service Akanuku | Assurance Review - Draft

Early Childhood Service Name: Scallywaggs Graduation Kindergarten

Profile Number: 45440

Location: Waipukurau

ERO's Akanuku | Assurance Review reports provide information about whether a service meets and maintains regulatory standards. Further information about Akanuku | Assurance Reviews is included at the end of this report.

## ERO's Judgement

Regulatory standards	ERO's judgement
Curriculum	Meeting
Premises and facilities	Meeting
Health and safety	Meeting
Governance, management and administration	Meeting

At the time of the review, ERO found the service was taking reasonable steps to meet regulatory standards.

## Background

Scallywaggs Graduation Kindergarten is one of eight services governed and managed by Scallywaggs 2007 LTD. Children play and learn in an age-based environment. A head kaiako guides the teaching team. Scallywaggs senior leaders provide governance support. Of the children enrolled, one third are Māori.

## Summary of Review Findings

Children experience positive, respectful interactions with adults to enhance and extend their learning and development. Regular opportunities are provided for parents to be involved in decision-making concerning their child's learning. The curriculum is language rich and supports children with developing social competence.

The service curriculum acknowledges and reflects the unique place of Māori as tangata whenua.

A policy framework and an annual plan guide centre operation. Teacher appraisal and internal evaluation processes are established. The premises and facilities are resourced to provide for the learning and abilities of the children attending. Health and safety procedures are monitored, and changes made when required.

## Key Next Steps

A next step for this service is:

- to develop a shared understanding of assessment, planning and evaluation of children's learning.

## Next ERO Review

The next ERO review is likely to be an Akarangi | Quality Evaluation.

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## Information About the Service

Service type	Education and care service
Number licensed for	22 children aged over 2 years
Percentage of qualified teachers	80-99%
Service roll	22
Review team on site	November 2022
Date of this report	
Most recent ERO report(s) These are available at <a href="http://www.ero.govt.nz">www.ero.govt.nz</a>	Akanuku   Assurance Review, December 2020; Akanuku   Assurance Review, June 2019

## General Information about Assurance Reviews

All services are licensed under the *Education (Early Childhood Services) Regulations 2008*. The legal requirements for early childhood services also include the *Licensing Criteria for Education and Care Services 2008*.

Services must meet the standards in the regulations and the requirements of the licensing criteria to gain and maintain a licence to operate.

### ERO undertakes an Akanuku | Assurance Review process in any centre-based service:

- having its first ERO review – including if it is part of a governing organisation
- previously identified as ‘not well placed’ or ‘requiring further development’
- that has moved from a provisional to a full licence
- that have been re-licensed due to a change of ownership
- where an Akanuku | Assurance Review process is determined to be appropriate.

### Management Assurance on Legal Requirements

All early childhood services are required to promote children’s health and safety and to regularly review their compliance with legal requirements. Before the review, the staff and management of a service completed an ERO Centre Assurance Statement and Self-Audit Checklist. In these documents they attested that they have taken all reasonable steps to meet their legal obligations related to:

- curriculum
- premises and facilities
- health and safety practices
- governance, management and administration.

As part of an Akanuku | Assurance Review ERO assesses whether the regulatory standards are being met. In particular, ERO looks at a service’s systems for managing the following areas that have a potentially high impact on children’s wellbeing:

- emotional safety (including positive guidance and child protection)
- physical safety (including supervision; sleep procedures; accidents; medication; hygiene; excursion policies and procedures)
- suitable staffing (including qualification levels; safety checking; teacher certification; ratios)
- relevant evacuation procedures and practices.

As part of an Akanuku | Assurance Review ERO also gathers and records evidence through:

- discussions with those involved in the service
- consideration of relevant documentation, including the implementation of health and safety systems
- observations of the environment/premises, curriculum implementation and teaching practice.