

# Little Learners

Our aim is to create actively involved life long learners. Little Learners is about ensuring new pupils take the step to school feeling happy and at home in their new class.

Children are welcome from age four and a half to participate in literacy and numeracy activities, meet other children and explore the playground. There is also an opportunity for new parents to meet other members of our school community and to ask questions.

We look forward to meeting you and your child, and watching as they become our superstars of the future.

**2025 Dates**      **Time 1:30-3pm**

## Term 3

**July 24**

**August 7 and 21**

**Septemeber 4 and 18**

## Term 4

**October 16 and 30**

**November 13 and 27**

# Our Vision

## Happy Confident Learners



### Formal School Visits

These are on the two Thursday mornings just prior to your child turning five. Visits are from 9am to 10:40am. Please bring morning tea for "Feed and Read". Unlike Little Learners we encourage parents to leave their child on their own for these visits. If extra visits are needed these can be arranged.

### Informal Visits

Another good idea is to spend time wandering around the school and playing in the playground during the weekends before starting school. The more familiar your child is with our environment the happier they will be.



# Our Values

**Honesty  
Respect  
Manners  
Kindness**

## Contact us

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## Why Wakari School?

- High-interest project based learning
- Excellent teacher-pupil ratio
- Competent and expert delivery of Literacy and Numeracy and all core curriculum subjects
- Strong emphasis on key skills and positive life-long attitudes and values
- Wide variety of extra support for our pupils including extension programmes
- Self-directed learning programmes
- Tremendous community support
- A cultural and sporting programme including choir, kapa haka, music, tee-ball, touch, cricket, netball, futsal, miniball and hockey
- Modern classrooms and facilities
- Busy Bumbles - Before and after school care [dunedin@busybumbles.co.nz](mailto:dunedin@busybumbles.co.nz)



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**New Entrant Teacher**  
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Kia ora and welcome to Wakari School and Little Learners. I am Wakari School's New Entrant teacher and have many years experience at setting our newest learners on their way. It gives me great pleasure to see children making the transition to school and to watch as they get to know their new school and grow in confidence.



**Stacey Gribben**  
**Principal**  
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Kia ora and welcome to Wakari School, your local community based school. Our vision for all of our students is to enable them to be Happy, Confident Learners.

Turning five is the beginning of an adventure, an adventure we cherish at Wakari School. We know and understand how exciting it is to start school. Little Learners is our way of ensuring the transition to school for you and your child is seamless.

This pamphlet outlines key points around how we introduce your child to the start of their schooling adventure. It is your opportunity to meet the people that will be involved initially with you and your child. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have.

