



## Wakari School's Little Learners



### Our Superstars of the Future!

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

Watch as they become our superstars of the future.

### Need After School Care?

Working families can be reassured that even the youngest of our pupils can attend our CYFS approved after school care programme. Wakari School's programme is privately owned and operated.

It runs from Monday–Friday 3pm–5.30pm. Charges are \$5 first hour, and then \$2.50 for each subsequent half hour. See the Office for details. WINZ subsidies are available to assist our working families.

## Wakari School

### Happy Confident Learners

Serving the Wakari Community for over 150 years



### Why Wakari School?

- ✓ High-interest programmes centered upon quality inquiry learning
- ✓ Rich variety of creative experiences
- ✓ Small class sizes. Excellent teacher-pupil ratio
- ✓ Competent and expert delivery of Literacy and Numeracy and all core curriculum subjects.
- ✓ Strong emphasis upon key skills and the development of positive life-long attitudes and values.
- ✓ Wide variety of support for our pupils including Reading Recovery and Quick 60.
- ✓ Extension programmes for gifted and talented pupils.
- ✓ Self-directed learning programmes
- ✓ Tremendous community support.
- ✓ A cultural and sporting programme including Stars on Stage, choir, kapahaka, music, tee-ball, touch, cricket, netball, futsal, miniball and hockey.
- ✓ Proactive and supportive Home & School and fun family social events
- ✓ Modern classrooms and facilities
- ✓ Learning enhanced through technology



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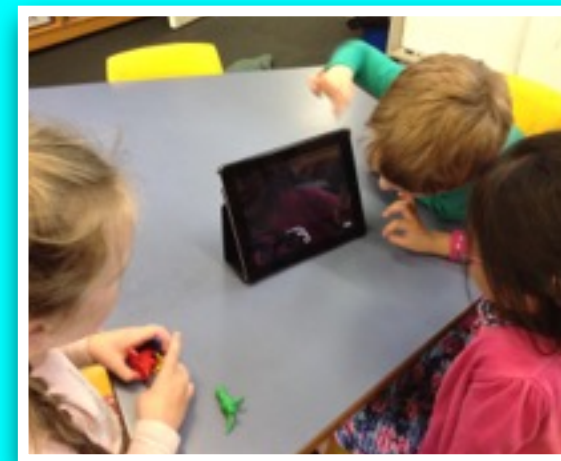
### “Little Learners”

*For Parents and Whānau of preschoolers preparing for transition to school.*

### Our Values

Honesty  
Manners

Respect  
Kindness



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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.



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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.

## Little Learners

We look forward to meeting you and your child at Wakari School's Little Learners every second Thursday from 1.30-3pm.

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

## 2018 Dates

**Term 2** June 7 and 21

July 5

**Term 3** August 2, 16 and 30  
September 13 and 27

**Term 4** October 25  
November 8 and 22

## Formal School Visits

These are on the two Wednesday 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 Vision

Happy  
Confident  
Learners

