

What are you and your child going to do at Little Acorns?

Get an introduction to school routines.

Become familiar with the layout of the school.

Take part in early reading and math activities.

Discover the types of activities you could do at home to assist your child with reading, writing and math.

Meet the Principal and the New Entrant teachers.

Meet other new parents and their children.

Have lots of fun.



The first seven weeks we meet in Room Nui on Thursdays from 1.15 to 2.45pm.

The last three weeks your child will come to school on Wednesday morning from 8.45-10.30am and visit the class they will be joining when they start school. It's a great way to get to know their future class mates and teacher as well as get to know class routines.

You are your child's first teacher and know your child better than anyone else. Little Acorns is our first opportunity for you to tell us about your child and for us to really get to know each other.

If you have any queries, please phone the school office (06) 867 5073.

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Gisborne Central School



"Little Acorns provided a seamless transition from preschool to school for our daughter. Everything became familiar to her beforehand so that there was no trepidation at all when she officially started."

Nicki Hall

What is Little Acorns?

Little Acorns is held on a Thursday afternoon from 1.15-2.45pm and is in addition to the kindergarten, child care, pre-school or kohanga reo that your child may already attend. It is a transition to school programme and aimed at children who are due to start school in the next ten weeks.

The parent / caregiver comes and stays for each session for the first five weeks. The next two weeks parents/caregivers drop and go. The last 3 sessions are on Wednesday morning from 8.45-10.30 when your child will visit the class they will be joining when they start school.



“Little Acorns was a fantastic introduction to school for our son. The weekly visits helped our child become familiar with school routines, teachers, teaching methods & friends. Once starting school our child knew what to expect, was confident & settled easily into school life.”

Leigh & Brent Sheldrake

Who is this class for?

The class is for 4 year old children who will be starting school in the next term (10 weeks). If you make the decision to have your child join our Little Acorns, there needs to be an adult present for those first five weeks.

We are aiming for a smooth transition to school, and ensuring school is enjoyable for everyone concerned. We wish to alleviate any anxieties you or your child might have about starting school.

At the end of the programme, you will know more about the expectations of our school, and you will have shared your expectations of us.

We can show you how you can assist your child at home in preparation for their entry to school.



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“Little Acorns was fantastic! It makes the transition to school so much easier. By the time my daughter had her first day at school, she already knew some of her classmates and her teacher. The programme is really well run and gets the children not only comfortable, but excited about starting school.”
Amy Brodin