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## **To the Parents and Community of Parnell Early Childhood Centre**

These are the findings of the Education Review Office's latest report on Parnell Early Childhood Centre.

Parnell Early Childhood Centre is located in Parnell, Auckland, and provides education and care services for children up to five years of age. The centre is owned and managed by the Parnell Community Trust. Previously operating under two licences, the centre now caters for 74 children aged from three months to five years under a single licence.

Children develop friendships with each other and are capable communicators. They settle quickly on arrival at the centre and readily engage in cooperative play. They have ongoing opportunities to explore areas of interest in a variety of indoor and outdoor play areas. Children are familiar with routines and make choices from available activities. They have opportunities for uninterrupted play.

Teaching staff know children and their families well and respond to children's interests. They make links with children's home lives to foster their well-being and sense of belonging. Parents appreciate the information they receive about routines and programme implementation.

Teachers' programme planning is based on what they notice and recognise about children's learning and development and identifies the ways in which they will respond. Managers expect all staff to contribute to and take responsibility for programme planning and assessment.

Centre managers lead a systematic self-review process to guide centre development. Teachers increasingly reflect on their programme and teaching practices. Collegial relationships between the teaching team are fostered and a shared vision and philosophy for the centre is promoted.

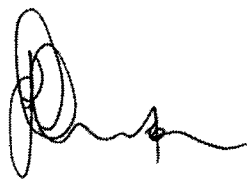
ERO and the centre managers agree that managers and teachers should implement a cycle of self review that guides development across all areas of centre operations and focuses on ongoing improvements in the quality of education provided for children.

### **Future Action**

ERO is likely to review the service again in three years.

When ERO has reviewed an early childhood centre we encourage management to inform their community of any follow up action they plan to take. You should talk to the management or contact person if you have any questions about this evaluation, the full ERO report or their future intentions.

If you would like a copy of the full report, please contact the centre or see the ERO website, <http://www.ero.govt.nz>.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Thornton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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