



COOK ISLANDS

Ministry of Education

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PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BLACKROCK ECE CENTRE 2014

To the members, staff and community of Blackrock Early Childhood Education Centre.

On the 24 to the 25 of February 2014 the Ministry of Education's Planning and Development (P and D) division undertook an education review of the centre's staff, systems, teaching programmes and resources. The following is an executive summary of our findings.

Review Purpose and Coverage

The purpose of this review was to view the centre holistically across all areas of learning offered at the Blackrock Centre. P and D reviews do not cover every aspect of performance and each P and D report may cover different issues. The aim is to provide information on aspects that are central to student achievement and useful to the centre.

Summary of Findings

The Blackrock ECE Centre continues to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for its children. The property is well cared for and attractively decorated. Staff are caring and always encouraged by the Principal to develop their knowledge of children's learning processes. There is evidence of strong team work and the days appear well organized. Teachers are firm and encouraging with the children.

Programmes are built around the play based education philosophy and materials are prepared each day to allow for a full range of activities. However, there is the potential for some of the theme based activities to be more fully developed. Parents are welcomed into the centre and are informed of their children's activities through regular newsletters and the children's individual portfolios. The centre is supported by a strong and well informed PTA committee.

Future Action

The Review officers will revisit the Centre for a full Education review in 2016.

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