## Fairlie Area Kindergarten māra kai / food garden

Our māra kai provides tamariki with rich opportunities to learn about the cycle of kai; growing, harvesting, preparing, eating and composting.

Tamariki learn about the relationship between growing our own kai and keeping ourselves healthy.

Kaiako nurture a close connection to the whenua/land, a sense of aroha/love and responsibility for Papatūānuku/Earth Mother by providing tamariki with meaningful learning experiences.

Tamariki have enjoyed harvesting beans, carrots, potatoes, courgettes, rāhipere/raspberries, rōpere/strawberries and silver beet, which our heihei/hens love too.

Tamariki have made quiche, potato chips, muffins, and omelettes made with heki/eggs harvested daily from our heihei.

