



KINDERGARTEN: Julie Crook of Napier Kindergarten Association (left) plants vegetables with 4-year-old Amanda Jones, and Amanda Winter of the Infinity Foundation plants vegetables with 4-year-old Amelia Weekley at the official opening of the new vegetable garden at Onekawa Kindergarten, Napier. PHOTO/WARREN BUCKLAND HBT124210-05

Planting seeds of learning

Children at a Hawke's Bay kindergarten will learn about ecosystems and sustainability with a new vegetable garden.

Onekawa Kindergarten in Napier has built and planted a garden for children to learn life skills.

Teacher Debbie Winter said the garden was a labour of love that taught children valuable lessons about the environment and community.

"Through exploration and discovery tamariki develop learning and language,

care and creativity, relationships and responsibilities, not to mention practical tools and skills to outwork their learning, all of which is suited to their developmental stage."

She said children would learn to plant, compost, recycle as well as understand ecosystems and sustainability.

Various community grants were applied for and approved to build the gardens — enabling features such as a water tank and pump system and planters.

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