

## Introducing our amazing kaiako (teachers)!



Salam! My name is Maymoona, but you can call me Mae for short or Maemae and I am the centre manager here. I am part Libyan and part Fiji/Indian born and bred in this beautiful country New Zealand. I have one daughter, Zahra who goes to AGGS. My philosophy of teaching is based on whānau (close connection between people) and believe that relationships with parents/whānau/teachers and children are of utter importance in effectively leading and managing a centre. I believe in respecting, listening and treating everyone involved fairly and hold strong cultural awareness and sensitivity. I especially believe in promoting strong Māori/bicultural practice. I am really looking forward to building a strong relationship with you and supporting your child's growth, learning and development.



Namaskaram !

I am Sheina Varughese (MSc, B.Ed, PGDCA, Grad. Dip in Teaching (ECE), PG Dip in Education (ECE), a native of Kerala, India. I have teaching experience in Primary, Middle school and High school. I began my teaching career in 1996 as a Biology teacher. Assisting students in their learning journey has always been my passion. I have handled various subjects such as English, Maths, Computer, Science and Value Education during my school career. I started my career in the early childhood sector in 2015 with the University of Auckland (2015-2021). After this, I worked as a Head teacher with BestStart and am now excited to join Auckland Girls' Grammar School Childcare teaching team as the over 2's Head teacher. I consider myself a lifelong learner, enjoying the learning experience that each day provides. Trust, respect and relationship are the values that I hold high. I am looking forward to meeting you all.



大家好 (Hello Everyone),

My name is Connie. I am originally from Taiwan and I have been living in New Zealand with my Kiwi husband since 2004. I have a Bachelor of Education (Early childhood teaching) and a Certificate in Education (Primary). I am a friendly, engaging and welcoming person who has a great passion for teaching and learning. I am enthusiastic, kind, motivated and have children's best interests at the heart of everything I do. Ngā hononga /relationships form the backbone of my teaching philosophy. I am particularly drawn to supporting children's social and emotional well-being and I enjoy encouraging within them a love of Papatūānuku and celebrating creativity and expression. I am looking forward to building a strong relationship with the children and whānau at AGGS Childcare.



Kia ora, Konnichiwa, I am Ayako. I came to NZ from Japan in 2012 and started working at AGGS Childcare from 2015. I love reading books, knitting and music. I like singing and playing the piano and ukelele. I strongly believe in the values of play. Children learn lots of valuable things through free play. I enjoy supporting and seeing children's development. They often give me wonderful surprises to show their unique ideas and how competent they are. I really appreciate everyone working together with me.



Kia ora, Ko Maryanne ahau.

I have been working in this beautiful centre since 2015. I have been lucky enough to work alongside and learn from such an incredible team.

I enjoy heading up north to Ahipara whenever I get the chance, The beach is what I love the most.

Within my teaching, I like to focus on building positive and meaningful relationships with both our tamariki and whānau. I believe that nurturing and care supports the child's self-confidence within our environment. From here their creativity can truly be explored.



Annyeong Haseyo! Hi I'm Jay, I came originally from Seoul, South Korea and worked as a kindergarten teacher in Korea before moving to NZ in 2002. I have one son named Logan. I have been a part of the Auckland Grammar Girls School Childcare teaching staff since 2010. I am also committed to the Korean community and church community for young children. My interests are music and art; singing, playing piano, art and craft.

I am very passionate about providing high-quality care and a safe and stimulating learning environment for children, parents and families. I believe that children's enthusiasm and excitement are something to be valued and treasured. I believe children should be given opportunities to express their own creativity, explore widely and connect with their discoveries in their own meaningful way. I love being a part of children's learning and development journey.



Ayubowan! I am Veranga De Silva, I am originally from Sri Lanka and migrated to New Zealand few years ago. My passion for working with children made me start studying Early Childhood. I have recently completed my diploma in Early Childhood Education. It is my pleasure joining this team as a teacher. I am looking forward to give my best support and guidance towards our children's learning journey.



Kia ora/Hello! My name is Karissa Cochran.

I have wanted to be a teacher since I was fourteen years old. I have been involved within children at church, babysat and of course went to University to learn how to be a great teacher to all of these wonderful children. I have been working at this centre since January 2009. I come from a family of five, my wonderful parents and two younger sisters whom now have their own families. My extended family is even bigger with sixty people and still growing! In my spare time, I enjoy reading, cooking/baking, listening to music, going to the movies/watching tv, going for walks and when I am inspired I will bring out my arty/crafty side!