AOTEAROA-NEW ZEALAND: AN OVERVIEW OF HISTORY, POLICY AND CURRICULUM

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Abstract

ABSTRACT. This paper provides an historical perspective of early childhood policy in Aotearoa-New Zealand and outlines some rationales for key policy shifts during the past 50 years. A summary of early childhood participation trends is provided as well an insight into the political, cultural and pedagogical context of the 1990s development of a national early childhood curriculum.

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The only volume to bring together New Zealand and international commentary on the history, implementation, and influence of Aotearoa New Zealand's groundbreaking early childhood curriculum framework. This new edition contains substantial updates of the chapters in the first edition, plus four new chapters: on Pasifika perspectives, working with infants and toddlers, transition to school, and perspectives on play. Authors from New Zealand, Australia, Denmark and the United Kingdom offer their analysis of Te Whariki in ways that will be accessible to student teachers, early childhood educators, The New Zealand Curriculum is a statement of official policy relating to teaching and learning in English-medium New Zealand schools. Its principal function is to set the direction for student learning and to provide guidance for schools as they design and review their curriculum. A parallel document, Te Marautanga o Aotearoa, will serve the same function for Māori-medium schools. Although they come from different perspectives, both start with visions of young people who will develop the competencies they need for study, work, and lifelong learning and go on to realise their potential. Togethe Policies and planning. Services. About library events.  The New Zealand History Collection provides complete online access to a major, authoritative resource – over thirty years of award-winning history and biography publishing from Bridget Williams Books. Over ninety titles, including recent additions to BWB's history list such as the widely acclaimed Great War for New Zealand by Vincent O'Malley, as well as multiple works by late historian Judith Binney. The Collection includes the widely acclaimed A History of New Zealand Women by Barbara Brookes, and The Women's Suffrage Petition 1893. Significant biographies (Suzanne Aubert, Lauris Edmond, Pauline O'Regan) enrich the historical narrative, alongside key works on politics, economics and feminism. Learn some interesting facts and history about New Zealand, see a map, view some travel resources. Aotearoa is the Maori name for the country of New Zealand. The literal
translation of Aotearoa is “land of the long white cloud”. New Zealand has been inhabited by Maori since approximately 1300 AD. Dutch navigator Abel Tasman was the first European to discover New Zealand during his voyage of 1642–43, although he never set foot on the land. In 1769 the explorer James Cook arrived in New Zealand and claimed it for Great Britain, but it wasn’t until the late 1700s that the first Europeans began to settle in New Zealand. In 1835 the Declaration of Independence of New Zealand was s