

Kaitiaki tamaiti

Haututū – Inquisitive child

Haututū is a term used to describe someone who is very inquisitive and sometimes annoying. Tamariki at this stage are always discovering new things to touch, taste, throw and break! Sometimes we might call them haututū.

A haututū tamaiti is a playful explorer and loves to test everything, including their parents' patience. But it's through all this touching and pulling things apart that they learn.

Whānau need to keep a close eye on their tamaiti during this stage – to keep them safe and to keep things in the whare safe from them!

Positive attention and encouragement, and setting realistic expectations and routines help to teach and guide tamariki.

