



natural explorers
in home childcare

Term 3 Newsletter

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Service Review

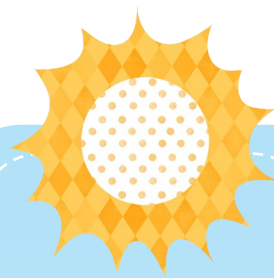
This term we will be reviewing our Emergency and Evacuation Policy, Self-review Policy, and Healthy food policy. These policies will be sent out when they are due for review and are also available on our website. All feedback is very welcome.

Playgroup

As our playgroup runs whatever the weather, we have had to make sure we wrap up warm in these cooler months! We have been lucky that we haven't had too many days when a full set of waterproofs has been required!



There are still lots of leaves on the ground, and these are an endless source of entertainment, to run through, jump in, throw, and collect. The children have also been challenging themselves climbing steep hills, climbing trees, navigating mud puddles, and splashing in the stream.



Upcoming Events and Outings

Tuesdays 10am -

Heart to Heart Playgroup.

Term 3 dates:

Farndon Park Hall – 5,

19 Aug, 2, 16 Sept

Pakowhai Country

Park – 12, 26 Aug, 9, 23 Sept

Wednesdays

9.30am - Nature Playgroup - Dolbel Reserve, Taradale.

Friends and families are more than welcome to join us at our Nature playgroups. So if we're having one on a day when you're not at work please come along, we would love to see you!



Are you interested in becoming a Natural Explorers home educator?

We offer:

- Lots of support
- Regular Professional Development
- We organise and pay for First Aid courses
- We supply first aid supplies
- We provide and/or help you source resources for children
- Regular nature play-groups
- The opportunity to work in a small team of people with similar values and philosophy, where your experience and knowledge are valued

Please contact us if you are interested or would like more information.

A bit about us... Natural Explorers is a home-based childcare service. We have a small team of home educators who provide loving care for up to four children in their own home. Keeping our service small means that we are able to get to know all our educators and families really well. Parents can have peace of mind knowing that our educators are carefully chosen, and have lots of contact with our coordinator (visiting teacher).

We have a focus on the outdoors and nature. We have regular nature groups for children to have time to explore and connect with nature, as well as allowing Educators time to come together as a team.

At Natural Explorers we believe

- Children need to develop a secure, trusting relationship with the people caring for them to enable them to develop confidence to explore, play, and learn.
Children deserve to be treated as equal human beings.
- Children need space and time to explore.
- Play is the most important learning – adults need to recognise this and where possible not interrupt children’s play.
- We are committed to caring for our environment.
- Children experiencing nature is vital to their health and development. Children will have many and regular opportunities to connect with and develop respect for nature.
- Children’s natural development does not need hurrying along – we do not use artificial aids, but allow children’s development to unfold naturally.
- We promote the use of open-ended, beautiful resources which are optimal for children’s learning.
- There is no bad weather, only bad clothing. Children have access to the outdoors whatever the weather.



Nga kupu o te wiki

Māori language week 2014 was the start of 50 weeks of ngā kupu o te wiki—word of the week. The aim is that at the end of the year we will all know 50 new Māori words. Please follow us on Facebook or search for ngā kupu o te wiki to find out all the 50 words. The first 4 words were:

Āpōpō - tomorrow

Heihei - chicken

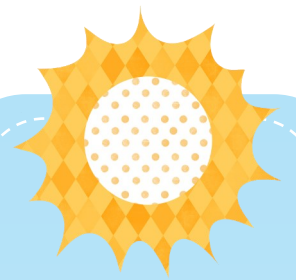
Poitarawhiti - netball

nau mai - welcome



Birth Certificate Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that it is a Ministry of Education requirement that we keep a copy of each child's birth certificate or other official identification documentation on file. If you have not given us a copy of your child's certificate could you please send a scan or photo of it to sarah@naturalexplorers.co.nz. Thank you.



Care available

Napier – Hospital Hill: Our wonderful and very experienced Christine currently has space available for another child.

Napier – Marewa: Qualified ECE teacher Fern has spaces available for children alongside her own children at home.

Please see our website or contact us for more information

