

Nurture Nannies

Kia ora te whānau

Where has the year gone?

We are already in term 2! As a new year often sees us welcoming new families we thought it would be a great time to reintroduce the Nurture team to you. In this newsletter you'll get to know us a bit more, we'll also share with you our review focus for the year; this term we have included an interesting article about learning and development and also some photos from our playgroup and our latest adventure. We hope you enjoy our termly newsletters and find them informative and of interest. We are always keen to receive feedback to ensure we are working alongside you in acknowledging and supporting your whānau and tamariki.

Remember to like our Facebook page to be kept up to date. We have heard that some of you aren't always receiving notifications from our page, click on the 'following' tab and select 'see first' to ensure you don't miss out.

Welcome to Our new families

Thank you for the pleasure of sharing this special stage of life with us. We look forward to getting to know you.

Congratulations and welcome to

Bingham family on the arrival of Rumi – a baby brother for Zeppelin, Ryder and Novem.



Important Reminders

IMMUNISATIONS

When your child receives an immunisation update please either take a photo and email it to Jan (janh@nurturenannies.co.nz) or leave their immunisation record out for your visiting teacher to sight on their next visit.



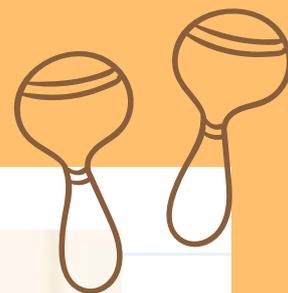
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The Importance of Music

in Early Childhood Education



We all have witnessed the joy that music brings to our little ones. Clapping their hands, bobbing to the music and the adorable hip wiggle. But are they gaining anything from this fun? The answer is YES! Music is often something our families and Nannies use every day, it is great to gain a deeper understanding of how much our tamariki are learning and developing through musical exploration.

Today we know more about how children learn and grow than ever before. Early childhood is a period of rapid change and development. It is also the time when children learn about their world primarily through play. The core of play in very young children is usually made up of the environmental objects and experiences to which they have been exposed. Just

as all children are born with the potential to learn to speak and understand language, all children are born with the potential to learn to perform and understand music. "Speech and music have a number of shared processing systems. Musical experiences which enhance processing can therefore impact on the perception of language which in turn **impacts on learning to read.**" (Susan Hallam Institute of Education, University of London)

Children are naturally interested in music, and music is naturally good for children. Why is music so attractive to children, and why is music so well suited to children?

- Music is a language, and children are oriented toward learning language.





The Importance of

MUSIC

in Early Childhood

Education



- Music evokes movement, and children delight in and require movement for their development and growth.
- Music engages the brain while stimulating neural pathways associated with such higher forms of intelligence as abstract thinking, empathy, and mathematics.
- Music's melodic and rhythmic patterns provide exercise for the brain and help develop memory. Who among us learned the ABC's without the ABC song?
- Music is an aural art and young children are aural learners. Since ears are fully mature before birth, infants begin learning from the sounds of their environment before birth.
- Music is perfectly designed for training children's listening skills. Good listening skills and school achievement go hand in hand.
- Developmentally appropriate music activities involve the whole child—the child's desire for language, the body's urge to move, the brain's attention to patterns, the ear's lead in initiating communication, the voice's response to sounds, as well as the eye-hand coordination associated with playing musical instruments.

- Music is a creative experience which involves expression of feelings. Children often do not have the words to express themselves and need positive ways to release their emotions.
- Music transmits culture and is an avenue by which beloved songs, rhymes, and dances can be passed down from one generation to another.
- Music is a social activity which involves family and community participation. Children love to sing and dance at home, school, and at church.

As published in Early Childhood Connections.

Research undertaken by a team of researchers in the 1990s showed that the exposure to music from early childhood onwards helps children to speak more clearly, develop a larger vocabulary, and strengthen social and emotional skills. Further research also indicates that parents/caregivers develop a stronger bond with children when they enjoy music together. This way music is not only a tool that contributes to the growth and development of a child but it also helps strengthen relationships while you spend quality time together and have fun.



Getting to know your

Nurture Nannies Team



Mary-Ann Thomas



I have been a Visiting Teacher for Nurture Nannies for almost 2 years. I really enjoy my role at Nurture Nannies, supporting Nannies, supporting parents and watching the children I visit learn, grow and develop into wonderful keen learners. Over the past 36 years in ECE I have worked in a diverse range of Early Childhood Settings, at one stage owning my own Centre in Huntly.

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my large family and especially with my 10 grandchildren. I am an avid Fisher person and try to go fishing as much as I can. I am currently the Secretary of the HWMC Fishing Club. I hope you enjoy your time at Nurture Nannies as much as I do.

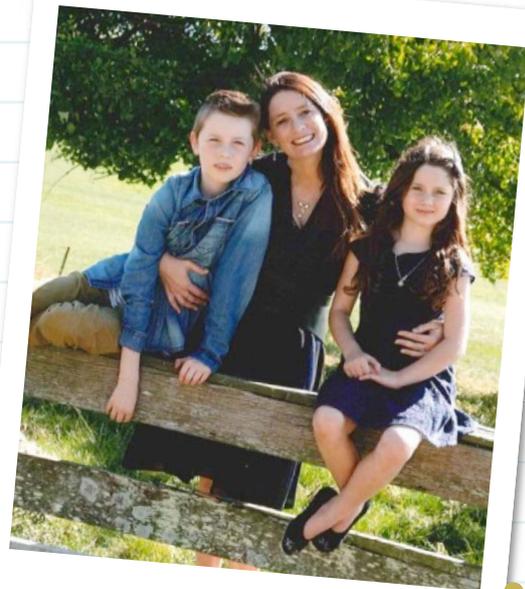


Liz Hellyer

Kia ora te whānau

I love working with children and families. I have had a variety of Early Childhood experiences working as a Nanny, under twos teacher, and for the majority of my career as a Kindergarten Teacher. I have now been with Nurture for 3 years and love the challenges and rewards it offers. Playgroup is a highlight of my job, observing children's interests and nurturing and encouraging these is a delight.

I have 2 wonderful children, each phase of life is precious and they grow much too fast! We enjoy life in the country and spending lots of time with family and friends. I look forward to meeting new faces at our different events and outings throughout the year. Thank you for the privilege of sharing your beautiful children's learning journey with us.





Fiona Greaves

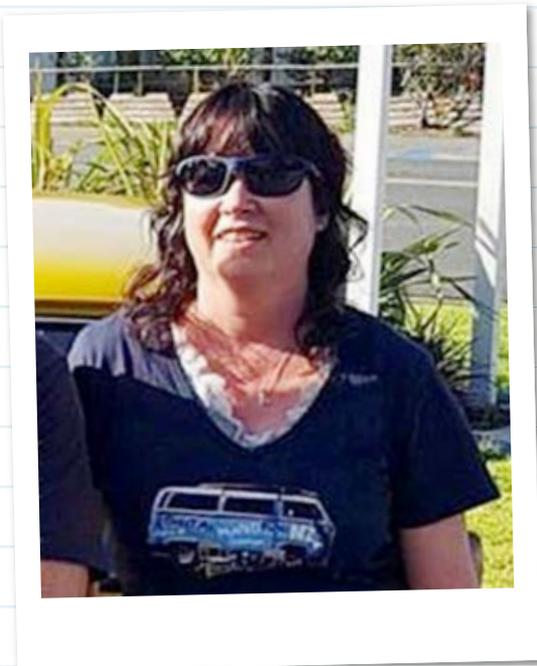
I've been a visiting teacher with Nurture Nannies for a little under two years now. I love the variety of this job and being able to meet so many wonderful families raising their children at home.

I'm a fully qualified Early Childhood Teacher with over 10 years teaching experience. My passion has always been with the under 2s which is where my expertise lie.

I have two children, Sienna who has just turned 8 and Damon who is 6. I stayed at home with them for 4.5 years. They keep me busy with extra-curricular activities such as ballet, karate and touch rugby. I love every minute of being a mum. My other passion is musical theatre, I love singing and performing and am looking forward to my upcoming production of Les Miserables with Hamilton Operatic Society. My husband competes in mountain biking so we all enjoy spectating at these events. As a family we love travelling and creating memories in new and exciting places.



Thank you all for allowing me to share in some precious moments with you and your little ones.



Jan Ilton



I have been working at Nurture Nannies for almost 5 years now. I really enjoy my job meeting with families and then finding nannies to assist them.

Every family has different requirements and we have an amazing range of nannies that we are working with. It can be an interesting process trying to match the nannies, their availability and experience but at the end of the day I have found that it usually comes down to whether the family and nanny feel they would be able to work comfortably together.

On a personal note, I have just remarried and live on a life style block with my husband and his 2 girls, I also have 2 children myself. They are in their early 20's and living away from home now. We also have a dog, 2 cats & 3 rabbits. Somehow we got tricked into the 3rd rabbit!

I really enjoy working with our teaching team. We have a lot of fun together and when we are all free at the same time we try and get out together. This is sometimes easier said than done.



Super Nanny

Awards



We have two wonderful nannies to acknowledge this term.

Sue

We all love you Sue!

We feel really blessed to have you in our lives. You are one of a kind and we have so many cool memories of fun times and adventures. You have done an amazing job of keeping us all together. You are hardworking, thoughtful and above all have a huge heart. Thank you for everything, we appreciate it so much!

Love the Gyde Tribe

Kerrie

Kerrie has been working with a special Nurture family for about 8 months now. Kerrie has really stepped up in this role; with their unique circumstances Kerrie has shown that she is willing to go the extra mile. She has provided a consistent and stable environment and has proven to be a wonderful support.

Thanks for all your hard work.

Gordonton

Play Group



This playgroup is being offered at the Gordonton Playgroup venue.

Please bring a drink and morning tea for your children. Tea/coffee is provided for adults.

Venue:

1020 Gordonton Road, Gordonton
(behind the Gordonton Hall)

Time:

9.30am – 11.30am

Dates:

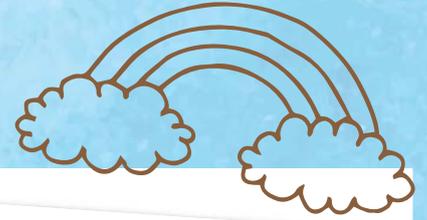
Every second Tuesday
(check Facebook for details!)

Facilitator:

Liz Hellyer 021 122 5507



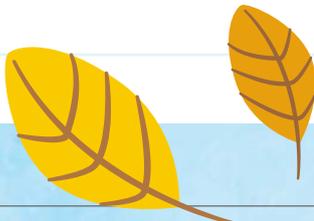
Nurture Events



We regularly organise events and playgroups to give the children the opportunity to socialise and have fun with other little ones from Nurture Nannies.

CHILDREN'S DAY

On the 3rd of March 2017 Nurture Nannies children, nannies, parents, grandparents and visiting teachers celebrated children's day with a teddy bears picnic in the gardens. We enjoyed a beautiful morning in the sun with parachute games, feeding the ducks, sharing books, creating and hiding tronrocks and a yummy morning tea.





Nurture Nannies is funded by the Ministry of Education. Therefore we are guided by the Early Childhood Regulations. As part of our ongoing reviews we are required to participate in a self-review process. At the moment our self-review is about continuity in a home based setting.

Within the self-review process we will be looking at how to make our second contacts with you more meaningful and how to establish continuity between the children's interests you are observing in the home, our playgroup, our monthly visits and the planned learning opportunities our nannies are providing.

We will be supporting our nannies in identifying what the children's interests are and giving them ideas on how they can extend on that. In our second contact we will be touching base to see how the children have reacted to those ideas and if their area of interest has changed. We can then plan our visit around the area of interest and support the nanny with appropriate resources and/or information. This will create a learning cycle effect where the children's learning and development is



continually being extended and they will gain an understanding of the links between at home care and Nurture visits and events which in turn provides our tamariki with a sense of belonging and that their individual contribution is being valued.



First Aid Certificates must be renewed every 2 years. Please book a course before your first aid certificate expires.

This is a Ministry of Education regulation, and we don't want to have to suspend care due to certificates not being renewed.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

St Johns First Aid Certificate

This course is approved for Educators by the Ministry of Education
Child First Aid - 25459

Cost: \$69
Valid for: 2 years
Length: 4.5 hours
Venue: 65 Seddon Rd, Hamilton
Book online: www.stjohn.org.nz
Phone: 0800 347 782

Red Cross First Aid Certificate

This course is approved for Educators by the Ministry of Education
Child First Aid - 25459

Cost: \$65
Valid for: 2 years
Length: 4 hours
Venue: 422 Te Rapa Road, Hamilton
Book by phoning: 0800 733 276 or 849 0285

NOTE: You will need to pay for your first aid course. Once you have received your certificate, please present this and your receipt to the Nurture office and we will reimburse you \$40.00. For renewals you will need to undertake your course prior to its expiry date to be eligible for the reimbursement.

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Useful Te Reo Phrases

While the sun is still out and we are enjoying the outside more we thought you might like a couple of phrases to put into practise.

Kei whea to potae?

Where is your hat?

Kei whea o hu?

Where are your shoes?



Timesheets Due Dates:

27th March	19th June
10th April	3rd July
24th April	17th July
8th May	31st July
22nd May	
5th June	

If your child is turning 3 please inform the office as we are able to access your ECE hours for you.

