

Carlene

Canterbury

H O M E G R O W N K I D S



Tiaki ngā tamariki



Experience

Hi, I'm Carlene. I am a mother of three and have worked in early childhood education all of my working life.

Outside of work, I love tramping, skiing, reading, and spending time with friends and family. I feel deeply grateful that being an at-home early childhood educator has gifted me a life aligned with my values. One that allows time in nature, connection with community, and the privilege of spending my days alongside amazing children.

Operating Hours

Monday — 8.00am - 3.00pm

Tuesday — 8.00am - 6.00pm

Wednesday — 8.00am - 3.30pm

Thursday — 8.00am - 6.00pm

Contact us

Enquire Online

Call us

0508 338 2273

Home Environment

My home is warm and welcoming, with simple, large, inviting spaces both indoors and outdoors.

Our day follows a gentle rhythm.

There are plenty of craft supplies and creative materials, supported by thoughtful planning and seasonal inspiration.

I nurture strong partnerships with families. Taking time to understand each families needs and values is important to me.

Our days include:

- * Group time with songs, verses, and stories
- * Caring for and exploring our large garden
- * Hunting for insects and observing nature
- * Picking seasonal fruit, vegetables, and herbs
- * Baking, preserving, and dehydrating seasonal produce
- * Arts and crafts
- * Dress-ups
- * Dance and music making

* Sandpit, trampoline, and wheels play

Childcare Philosophy

I hold a nurturing, seasonal, Steiner inspired practice. Where reverence, wonder, and imagination live gently within our daily rhythm.