Marsha

Otago

WILD THINGS
Home-based Early Learning



Operating Hours

Monday — 7.30am – 5.30pm
Tuesday — 7.30am – 5.30pm
Wednesday — 7.30am – 5.30pm
Thursday — 7.30am – 5.30pm
Friday — 7.30am – 5.30pm

Contact us
Enquire Online

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Experience

I have 15 years experience as an ECE teacher, the last 5 and counting in Home Based care. I am a fully registered and certificated teacher with a graduate diploma in ECE. I like the small group interactions and through this I get to know the children so I can cater activities to their interests. My programme includes a mixture of free play and prepared activities. We go on regular local outings. Children experience an environment that's like family.

Home Environment

The indoor lounge play area flows into our conservatory which is fully a play space. Off to the side of the lounge is the dining area and where children are seated at the table they are in view of the kitchen if I'm organising food. From the conservatory you head out onto the deck and outside play space. There is lots of grassed space to enjoy on a flat section with climbing equipment, swing & slide set, large sandpit. The storage shed holds lots of play equipment for indoors and outside play, keeping resources fresh and interesting for play.

Toileting facilities are all in one space, so older children can use the toilet independently while younger ones can go potty or get nappies changed. There is also a shower in this room too for those big messes. We have a fully fenced section making the outdoor space safe to explore.

Pets: parrot and cat (inside) and aviary outside.

I love messy play and crafts! There are always books, play

kitchen, building blocks, puzzles, vehicles & art available. Storage shelves provide bins with a range of other resources. I provide planned activities that build on child's interests and new experiences (you don't know if you like it if you haven't tried it). I offer opportunities for free play so children have time to explore and learn through their choices too.

Childcare Philosophy

I believe in getting to know each child well so I can best support their learning and development. We all learn the best and more if it is something we enjoy. Through this we can weave in many areas of learning (eg literacy, math, oral language, art). I work with families, so I will support and follow your child's routines here. I believe in honest open communication, providing a safe, supportive environment and will do my best for each child and their family.

Community Involvement

Our small group attend Mainly Music sessions every Friday during the school term. During the warmer months we have regular outings to local parks. Year round we have visits to the library, and participate in their school holiday activities suitable for preschoolers.