# Tiny Nation Educator Profile Bronwyn

#### About Me



I have three adult children and three amazing grandchildren who I just adore. I live in Pongakawa, in the Sunny Bay of Plenty on a lifestyle block of land. We are enjoying welcoming new additions of the animal kind into our whānau. I have been doing homebased childcare for 28 years, and I am still passionate about children learning in a home environment, where they can have a secure attachment with one primary caregiver.

### My Philosophy

I believe in a play-based learning environment, with a variety of experiences and where each child can learn in a safe and secure environment. Every child is unique and each learning style is different. Meaningful play encourages curiosity, discovery and problem solving, which allows for individual growth and development and a positive self-image. I'm inspired by Magda Gerba, reviewing the child as a whole and respecting and trusting the child to be a self-learner, with the support of myself.

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#### **My Environment**

I live in Pongakawa, Tauranga.

I have a special learning environment for tamariki that is set up to meet their needs, learning and development. We have a big backyard that is well fenced and where children can run, play, set up obstacle courses, get dirty in our mud pit, build huts and enjoy the sunshine! We have chickens and sheep that children can feed and learn how to take care of. We also go on outings in the community and other educators' homes, where children can extend friendships.

#### Places we like to visit:

- Local parks
- The beach
- Papamoa Library
- Playdates

### My Training

I hold the National Certificate in Early Childhood (Level 3 and 4) and I hold a current first-aid certificate. I've completed these additional courses: child protection, power to protect, mindfulness, power of play, behaviour has meaning, transition to school, growing in connection, talk to me, adversity and self-care, transforming challenging behaviour and Teacher Tom conference.

## My Availability

Monday-Friday, 7.30am-5pm (flexible).

Growing tomorrow's big thinkers through the *joy* of play.

