

# Tiny Nation Educator Profile

# Lana

## About Me



I'm originally from South Africa, I am a mum to two children. I have been in New Zealand and a home-based educator since 2017. I have been a preschool dance teacher, an au pair and a swimming teacher. I have a genuine passion for working with children.

## My Philosophy

I firmly believe that children learn and develop to their full potential, both emotionally and physically when their individual needs are met. I believe play is a creative and valid approach for learning, and with a balance of play and socialisation, it plays a significant role in laying the foundations for successful learning. Creating a loving, nurturing environment gives children a sense of belonging and the ability to develop empathy. I believe in love!

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big thinkers through the  
*joy* of play.**

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## My Environment

I live in Mount Maunganui, Tauranga.

We enjoy hands-on activities based on individual interests. My home is a safe place for children to learn. I value messy play and being creative. We get out into nature to explore and experiment, to benefit from fresh air, connect with the outdoors and jump in puddles!

We enjoy arts and crafts, play dough, puzzles, reading books, bikes and trikes, theme days, gardening, the sand pit, water play, painting and more!

### Places we like to visit:

- Farm visits
- The library
- Local playgrounds and parks
- The beach
- Music and movement
- Nature walks
- Playdates and playgroups



## My Training

I hold the National Certificate in Early Childhood (Level 4) and I hold a current first-aid certificate. I have also completed a number of other relevant professional development courses including child protection, mindfulness, power of play, first 1000 days, behaviour has meaning, talk to me, growing in connection, power to protect, sleep like a baby and power of relationships.

## My Availability

Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.



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