

Emerging Business

NATURAL HOME ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN

BAY FAMILY HOMEBASED Childcare opened in April 2009 in Tauranga, Rotorua and soon after in Taupo.

BFHC may be relatively new to the Bay of Plenty but Jim and Jenni Ellis and Petra Navanua are not new to homebased childcare.

Waikato Family Homebased Childcare (WFHC) in Hamilton is owned by Jim and Jenni and has been providing childcare for 15 years.

It is this experience the owners bring to the local branch, which is mirrored on their successful Hamilton business.

Petra Navanua is the company's Tauranga based director and leads a team of great staff and educators who provide childcare for your child.

"Our philosophy is 'childcare at its very best', and we support the philosophy by providing free play/music groups, educational toy library and excursions - like to Kid's Day Out - all at no extra charge to the parent/guardian."

BFHC is the perfect option for your child or children to enjoy the day to day experience of family life while you are at work or study, Petra says.

A natural home environment ensures the individual needs of your children are met, yet they have the opportunity to socialise and interact with others children through our free playmusic groups and excursions.

"Your children will benefit from small ratios of children in our educators home consisting of no more than four children under the age of five in the home including Educators own children."

Educators are supported in their practice by qualified, registered early childhood teachers. Visiting teachers regularly visit educators and children offering advice, guidance and opportunities for extension of strengths and interests.

BFHC offers all three and four year olds free 20 hours ECE. Fees are \$5.45 per hour however, can be as little as \$1.68 per hour depending on individual WINZ entitlements.

If you require childcare or would like to know more about BFHC then visit the website www.bfhc.co.nz or phone 578 9816 or 0800 396 406.

- By Petra Navanua



Jeremy Cameron and Starr Edwards enjoying one of the Bay Family Homebased Childcare weekly playgroups. SP

Bay Family Homebased Childcare

"Homebased Childcare at its very best"

- Birth to 5 years
- Flexible hours
- Excellent rates
- Discount for 2 or more children
- Approved for WINZ Subsidy



Includes
FREE

- Free Playgroup
- Free Music group
- Free Educational Toy Library
- 20hrs Free Childcare (pw) for children 3 years & over