

# Early Childhood Panui



Rural Education Activities Programme

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May all the  
Mothers receive  
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## WestREAP Catch Up

Tena Koutou,

Haere mai to term rua, what a term to start the year off with, the environment is certainly throwing everything at us. It was horrifying watching the tsunami sweep through Sendai it was even more unreal as we had just popped home from the carnival atmosphere at the Hokitika Wild Foods Festival where green men were dancing around along with many other wonderful costumed people, we really could not comprehend what we came home to and was seeing unfold on T.V.

Seeing the devastation again leaves you wondering what to do to help not only those in Japan but also for those in Christchurch and of course families and friends connected to Pike River. For us at WestREAP it's just the little things that we can do and it has been really heartwarming to hear that sometimes it is the small things that help bring a smile to someone.

Children's Day on March 6<sup>th</sup> was just one of those little things that helped as we found the day not only provided a happy fun filled sunny free time for our own community families, the events in Greymouth & Hokitika were enjoyed by Christchurch families, with comments saying how they "could not believe how everything was free". So well done and **thank you** to all the organisations and volunteers for their team work in making **Children's Day** such a success.

Term 1 at WestREAP like many places is always exceptionally busy, I'm not so sure about an 11 week term but it did provide an extra week to get things finished. Some exciting developments have been the funding received by the West Coast DHB to appoint a Kaiako for the WestREAP Early Childhood Oranga Kai – Oranga Pumau position. This is a role I am really passionate about as it will help "Maori enjoy success being Maori" and will help reduce the educational inequalities for Maori families. (see more on pg 5)

I am pleased to say we are now able to deliver the Incredible Years parenting programme in Greymouth after many set backs. So agencies thank you very much for your patience and support while we tried to get facilitators trained. Further information for referrals is on pg 3. **Finally do you have your tickets for Nigel Latta, this Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Regent Theatre. Take Care everyone, Regards Desma Reedy, Early Childhood Co-ordinator. [ece@westreap.org.nz](mailto:ece@westreap.org.nz)**



After 30 weeks of Toni & Tara visiting Ross Play Group every Monday the Infant Parenting

Programme finished on the 11<sup>th</sup> April. It was a pleasure to join the mothers and babies for the final session and hear how parents found the programme. Saying they would like to see it run again for new mothers signaled that the programme met the expectations and needs of parents who attended. We have been contacted by a new Fox Glacier parent who had heard how helpful the programme was and has asked for SPACE to go to Fox, so again encouraging feedback for this programme.

Comments included from mothers "we have made our treasure basket at home with similar resources as the SPACE treasure basket", "my child's first words were from the da da da da, mama ma ma SPACE song sung every week".

With any programme that runs for a lengthy period it is hard to say good bye, but the good thing is connections have been made and WestREAP will continue to be closely involved as a result of SPACE. We now have music sessions starting up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May at the playgroup.



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## CHILDREN'S DAY THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the agencies and volunteers who helped to make the Greymouth Children's Day a great day out for families. Brilliant sunshine, face painted children and parents along with extended family made good use of the Aquatic Centre, Dixon Park and Regent Theatre. Thank you to **Lions Foundation** who funded the free entry to the Aquatic Centre and prize draws and the **Aquatic Centre** for their subsidized rates.

**Thank you also to ANZ, Te Rito Family Violence, Gloriavale Christian Community & New World** who generously contributed to Children's Day. Look forward to 2012 planning again this September, see you there.





## WestREAP Upcoming Programmes

### Nigel Latta, Greymouth

It was great to get a confirmed date to have Nigel come to the West Coast to present two workshops on **May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Regent Theatre**.

Nigel will be speaking on

**The First Decade** 4 pm to 5pm \$10.00

**The Teenage Years** 7 pm to 9pm \$15.00

Nigel has lots of practical tips for families and is an interesting entertainer, see you there.

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### University of Canterbury Workshops Greymouth & Hokitika



This is now our third attempt at bringing Suz Cruse to the West Coast, so hopefully 3<sup>rd</sup> time lucky.

**When:** 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June

**What:** Learning Stories, Transitions & Curriculum

**Where:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> REAP House  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Karoro Learning.

For more details please see page 6 for the registration form. Please support this professional development training for all people who are involved with pre-school children.

At each workshop we will look at what topics we want for the next round of workshops.

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### Next SPACE programme

We have been working with Belinda Conn from the Playcentre Association to run the next SPACE programme. SPACE is a beautiful programme for all parents/caregivers with a new baby. The 30 week programme walks alongside parents-caregivers covering all the important infant topics on relevant child development & parenting such as sleep, feeding & play sessions, babies are introduced to rhymes, music & books, it's a time to meet and get to know other new parents and share experiences with the qualified facilitators. Each week other experienced people come along and share their knowledge and skills. It's also a time to make play resources for the home including footprints of your baby. We are scoping to see if there are families in the Runanga district who have an infant child or about to give birth. If you are interested in learning more about this programme please phone us for brochures and a referral form.

*Early Childhood Expo - November*



### Incredible Years - Greymouth

Yes it's happening, we have two confirmed facilitators for the Greymouth Incredible Years Parenting Programme and yes we are excited about this 12 week programme which help parents in the difficult role of parenting.

**When: Thursday mornings starting 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**Facilitators: Toni Sims & Karen Greenslade**

If you do not have our referral forms please phone or email and I will get one sent to you. Both Toni & Karen will contact and meet with all parents prior to the programme start date.

The Incredible Years Programme is funded by Ministry of Social Development, SKIP and we are grateful to SKIP for their support.

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### Whataroa SKIP Conscious Parenting Course.

It's great to be offering a second SKIP Conscious Parenting Course to the families in Whataroa. This has been thanks to the dedication and passion of Clare Pierson who is committed to helping parents with young children. The SKIP Conscious Parenting Course runs for 6 weeks and is being held in the Whataroa Hall on Wednesdays starting May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Adele on 03 753 4255 for crèche arrangements. The SKIP programme focuses on 6 principles, Love & warmth, Talking & Listening, Guidance & Understanding, Limits & Boundaries, Consistency & Consequences and A Structured & secure world. This programme has been funded in part by REAPANZ & SKIP and has been very valuable in reaching remote and isolated families.

### He Taonga te Reo

Two courses at WestREAP using the learning & teaching philosophy of Te Ataarangi for teachers and educators with very little or no experience of te reo Māori me ngā tikanaa **Kaiako: Hine McLetchie**

**Koeke 1:** Term 2. 10, 2 ½ hr min Weekly Sessions from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 6pm

**Koeke 2:** Term 3. 10, 2 ½ hr min Weekly Sessions from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 6pm contact

**Cheryl Jackson at WestREAP 03 755 8700**

[ace@westreap.org.nz](mailto:ace@westreap.org.nz)



## What's Happening?

### Nurturing the Future: Cobden Hub

We have Nathan Mikaere Wallis for **baby brain** on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May at 7.30pm  
**teen brain** on the 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

then we have **Vic Tamati** here on the 7<sup>th</sup> June for a men's gathering evening at 7pm

Contact **Trish Hunt**

- Phone: 768 9159, Mobile: 027 664 4279
- [ntf1@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:ntf1@vodafone.co.nz)

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### Puna Kohungahunga

This small whanau of dedicated parents have been very busy and are about to appoint a Kaiawhina to oversee the running and planning of their Puna ensuring an oranga kai – oranga pumau holistic approach is continued.

The summer garden that was planted last year has been providing plenty of healthy vegetables and fruits for the shared kai time each Friday at the Puna room at Hokitika Primary School.

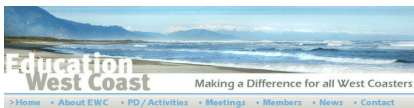
Recently Puna visited the SPCA where they gave a gift basket to the SPCA of lots of animal goodies, the tamariki were treated to seeing and playing with the animals awaiting new homes. The week before Puna whanau went on an eel hunting expedition, great fun for all.

This week Puna are preparing traditional Māori kai for shared kai time. "We're bringing along watercress and smoked eel (not the long finned variety)".

"Also weather dependent we thought we would get the kids to paint, collage or draw their interpretation of an eel. We have heaps of pix, which we'll get printed out so we can add to our scrap book"

Look forward to seeing you all again on Friday. Ka kite anō, Sarah Ellison, Puna Kohungahunga 03 755 7745

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Next Meeting at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 18 May in the Conference Room at Karoro Learning, Tainui Street, Greymouth. Visit

[www.educationwestcoast.ac.nz/minutes/EWC%20Minutes%2016March2011.pdf](http://www.educationwestcoast.ac.nz/minutes/EWC%20Minutes%2016March2011.pdf) for meeting updates and information.



Great News, Footsteps have a West Coast appointed position based in Greymouth and covering the West Coast from Punakaiki to Haast. Trish Roberts has arrived from Wellington, originally from Christchurch moving back to Greymouth to be closer to family.

**Footsteps Provides an early childhood discovery and learning service at home.**

**Footsteps can offer a fully funded quality learning journey for your children/ tamariki in a home environment.**

If your baby and/or pre-school children are looked after by somebody else, or you care for somebody else's babies or children under a care arrangement, you could qualify for free early childhood education paid for by the Ministry of Education. So many people are not aware that this valuable resource is available to them for further information Call Trish on 0800 366 878 or 021 866624, [trish@footsteps.co.nz](mailto:trish@footsteps.co.nz)

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**PORSE [WWW.PORSE.CO.NZ](http://WWW.PORSE.CO.NZ)**

**About PORSE, PORSE stands for Play Observe Relate Support Extend**

PORSE is a New Zealand born in-home childcare programme created by Jenny Yule (B.Ed, Dip. Teaching Primary, Dip Teaching ECE) from her hands-on experience tutoring nannies and teaching in the early childhood, primary and tertiary education sectors.

Today PORSE works with thousands of people throughout New Zealand offering in-home childcare services, community play and learning programmes, on the job training and STAR/Gateway unit standards for secondary school students.

#### Our Vision

Expanding the Hearts, Minds and Wellbeing of a Nation through Nurturing Childcare In-Home

The PORSE office is in Hokitika, contact person is Trish Baird, you can reach Trish on 0800 023 456 Look out for the PORSE free magazine with recipes, competitions, playtips & more...

## Early Childhood WestREAP Activities

### Toni Sims: Early Childhood Facilitator

- **Transitions to schools:** family help with the transition process for the nearly 5 year old before they start school.
- **Participation Promotion:** Helping families to enroll with an early childhood provider.
- **ECE support:** Updating agencies with SKIP resources and early childhood information.
- **Incredible Years Parenting Programme**  
Starting in Greymouth on the 16<sup>th</sup> June for parents of children aged 3 to 8 years.  
Phone 03 768 7435 or 0800 927327 for more information or referral form.

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### Gym Fun & Play Gym Tutor Anna Morgan: Classes on Wednesdays at Hokitika Primary School.

2.00 – 2.45 3 to 5 years  
3.15 – 4.00 5 - 6 years  
4.00 – 4.45 7 - 8 years  
4.45 – 5.30 9 plus

### Enrollment and payment of fees at WestREAP, 72 Tudor Street, Hokitika prior to starting each term.

## THE Sargood Bequest.

Thank you very much to the Sargood Bequest for their recent grant to purchase new musical instruments which will be enjoyed by rural and isolated playgroups/playcentres from Ikamatua to Haast.

### Melody Makers

**Cobden Ark**, Richmond Street, Wednesdays  
9.am - 11am

**Scenicland Preschool Cobden/Greymouth**  
**Runanga Playgroup Tutor Tracey Hutt 03 768 7801**

### Lynne Berry: Pre-School Music Tutor

playgroups/playcentres in the **GreyValley, Blackball, Rotomanu and Barrytown areas.**

**Melody Makers Tutor.** Classes **Hokitika** start back this Wednesday at WestREAP, 10.15 - 11.00 for birth to 5 years.

**Ross Playgroup.** May 2<sup>nd</sup> Fortnightly  
10.15 to 11am gold coin donation

**Tutor Sally Richardson:**

**Music in ECE, Hari Hari playgroup with Deb Manera.**

**Whataroa playgroup with Madeline Dennehy**

**Haast playgroup** enjoys Angela Carlidge from Wanaka visiting them to deliver music.

**We just have to reach Franz Josef & Fox Glacier now to have music delivery in every area. Any suggestions.....**

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### Parenting Programmes:

#### Conscious Parenting: SKIP

Whataroa: this 6 week programme starts on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 10.am to 12.00 noon with facilitator Clare Pierson at the Whataroa Hall. Creche available at the Whataroa playgroup, please contact Adele on 03 753 4255 before taking children to the crèche.

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### Kaiako – Oranga Kai- Oranga Pumau Programme O WestREAP Early Childhood.

We are currently interviewing for this exciting new arm of Early Childhood. Once we have made an appointment the Kaiako will be able to assist both Kohanga Reo & Puna Kohungahunga with oranga kai – oranga pumau needs. The Kaiako will also be reaching initially local Hokitika Māori whanau to increase their educational knowledge about oranga kai – oranga pumau and the holistic benefits this will have for the whole whanau. This role also has an important component to korero with local Māori agencies. Looking forward to introducing you to the new Kaiako either by visiting or in the next Panui.

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### Early Literacy Project

Whakamana Te Whanau. Empowering Family Learning. For families with pre-school children aged 3 ½ to 5 years old.

**What:** The Early Literacy Project is one of WestREAP's Whakamana Te Whanau programmes designed to support family learning.

**Who:** A caregiver/parent and child 3 1/2 to 5 years old, will work with an Early Literacy Tutor from WestREAP.

**Why:** To support family/whanau who feel they will benefit from their child gaining early literacy skills before they start school.

**Where:** Families will be visited in their homes by the Early Literacy Tutors. Please note we try to deliver to most areas, subject to travel and time constraints. **How:** They work alongside the caregiver/parent and the child, having fun with books and role modeling. **How Long:** The programme consists of 2 -18 sessions for one hour each week. **Free In Your Home:** The programme is funded through WestREAP & sponsors. Criteria's apply.

## UC EDUCATION *Plus*

### Early Childhood Professional Development Workshops

For all people who work with children from 0 to 6 years

**10<sup>th</sup> June Hokitika**  
**WestREAP 72 Tudor Street**  
**Hokitika**

**5.00 – 5.30pm**      **Registrations**  
refreshments

**3.30 – 5.30pm**      **Workshop 1**

#### **Workshop 1. Learning Stories**

##### **Course Description:**

This workshop will explore learning stories as an assessment tool. It will examine dispositions and investigate looking beyond the activity children are doing, to notice and recognise what learning is occurring.

**11<sup>th</sup> June Greymouth**  
**Karoro Learning, 180 Tainui Street,**  
**Greymouth**

**9.30 – 10.00am**      **Registrations**  
refreshments

**10.00 – 12.00pm**      **Workshop 2**

**12.45 – 1.00pm**      **Registrations**  
refreshments

**1.00 - 3.00pm**      **Workshop 3**

#### **Workshop 2. Transitions**

##### **Course Description**

A look at current thinking around transitions from early childhood education to school; with a focus on making connections and building relationships.

#### **Workshop 3. Curriculum**

**Course Description:** A kete of ideas and resources will be explored to further enhance your teaching practice. This session will explore curriculum and what this means including a wealth of ideas/activities that can be transferred into daily teaching.

(All early childhood educators & parents welcome to attend. Enrolments Essential to WestREAP)

#### **Presented By Suz Cruse: Early Childhood Facilitator**

Suz Cruse joined UC Education Plus as an Early Childhood Facilitator after many years working in the sector. Suz has worked with a variety of philosophies including kindergarten, playcentre and private Montessori centres as a supervisor, head teacher and centre manager. Suz has also worked for a private training provider as a lecturer and visiting tutor. She believes in supporting teachers to recognize strengths, identify learning areas and set goals to support teaching and learning for practitioners, children and their families.

**Cost per workshop \$60.00.** (GST inclusive) (these workshops attract a fee in Christchurch between \$125.00 - \$175.00)

Please show your support so we can continue to bring quality training to the West Coast.