



Rural Education Activities Programme



Happy New Year everyone!

Welcome back to another busy year. WestREAP is charging ahead with lots of activities for early childhood and the community in general. We have plans for:

- Kapa Haka
- Te Reo Maori
- Waka Ama
- Creative weaving Tukutuku panels
- Spanish
- French
- Sign Language
- Adult art classes
- Positive Futures
- Learner Driver Licencing

If you're interested in any of the above and want to know more please contact us on

0800 927 327

In early childhood, we have a full SPACE programme underway, Melody Makers groups and in home Early Learning Support (for 3 to 6 year olds) across our region (Barrytown to Haast), playgroups in Hokitika and Greymouth, Swim Fun in Franz Josef Glacier, plus plans for much more!

Children's Day is on Saturday the 1st March and WestREAP will be at the Lion's Club event at Cass Square in Hokitika on the day with games and toys for the little ones, some Melody Makers sessions and a competition to win a family pass for the TranzAlpine.

Also in early March we have our Transition to School Network meetings (4th March in Hokitika and 12th March in Greymouth). These are a great opportunity for early childhood and new entrant teachers to discuss how we can best support our tamariki as they transition from early childhood education to school.

Another great opportunity in March is the Childspace Conference in Rotorua with a focus on Wellbeing- Mana Atua. This looks like it will be jam-packed with interesting workshops and activities for anyone working in the early childhood education sector.

I'm sure you will have all seen the Ministry of Education's new He Māpuna te Tamaiti Resource (Supporting Social and Emotional Competence in Early Learning). This looks like a really useful tool and I am hoping to facilitate some introductory sessions for early childhood centers sometime in the first term.

I am also really excited to say that our Books for Babies goody bags are very near completion. This has been a collaborative project with the Grey District Library with funding from the West Coast Community Trust and special treats from Tui Balms and our West Coast's very own Crafty Chook. We're making 300 to deliver to the maternity ward to distribute to new mums as soon as the finishing touches are in place.

And finally, check out this great Moving Smart Workshop on Dispositional Learning Through a Movement Lens coming up in Christchurch on the 12th February.

WestREAP has a new aspiration for 2020 which is “Kia hapai ake i te hapori” “Lift up our community”. I hope that this year we are able to bring you a wide range of inspirational and uplifting opportunities. Feel free to let me know if you have ideas about what you want to see happening.

Ngā mihi

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