

## Term 1, 2022

### Kia ora Parents and Whānau

We have now welcomed all tamariki back to the centre and have enjoyed hearing about their amazing summer holidays and activities.

Throughout the year tamariki are set to have their interests and learning extended as kaiako work with your family and child on their learning journey. We look forward to all the exciting experiences kaiako and whānau share and the amazing milestones and achievements our tamariki will experience in 2022.

We look forward to Imogen McBeth returning to her role as Centre Manager at the end of February. It has been wonderful stepping in as Manager. I have loved reconnecting with families, tamariki and kaiako and supporting you all day to day, you are all truly amazing. I won't be going far and will still see you each week. I will be based at the centre in the role of Operations Manager for our Natural Steps Centres. I look forward to supporting the centres daily, watching your wonderful children grow and have fun learning!

Ngā mihi  
Tiffany



Kia ora,

It is hard to believe it's coming up to 30 weeks since I began maternity leave and what a whirlwind of a time it has been. I will be returning to Natural Steps Albany with my 7 month old sidekick Billy who is joining the Pipi Room. I am sure I'm feeling many of the emotions you have all felt in having your precious bundles not by your side 24/7 but I am excited and know firsthand that Billy is going to flourish amongst the wonderful team, children and families surrounding him.

I am looking forward to returning after an amazing summer which as a family we have had so much fun and made lasting memories, even if trips to the beach now consist of chasing flying umbrellas, encouraging Billy not to eat the sand when that's all he wants to do and leaving after what feels like I have sat down for 5 minutes. It certainly takes a village and I look forward to returning to NSA and being part of your village as Natural Steps supports and works alongside you and your beautiful children.

Imogen



### Important Dates

#### January 2022

Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	CLOSED Auckland Anniversary
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#### February 2022

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED Waitangi Day Observed
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#### April 2022

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED Good Friday
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED Easter Monday
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED Anzac Day

#### Wahanui Room Lunch box day

February: Wednesday  
23rd

March: Wednesday 30th

April: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

# Our Team 2022

Pipi Room	Qualification
Samantha Wester	Bachelor of Teaching (ECE)
Andrea Daniel	Graduate Diploma of Teaching (ECE)
Fay Te Waa	Over 18 years experience in ECE and management
Beige Buchan	Studying 1 <sup>st</sup> Year - Bachelor of Teaching (ECE)
Maree Holt	Early Childhood Teachers Certificate
Kina Room	Qualification
Lilly Simpson	Bachelor of Education (ECE)
Mona Verma	Graduate Diploma of Teaching (ECE)
Xiao Xu	Graduate Diploma of Teaching (ECE)
Janelle Smith	Bachelor of Education (ECE)
Wahanui Room	Qualification
Sharon Liang	Bachelor of Teaching (ECE)
Grace Carter	Bachelor of Teaching (ECE)
Samantha White	Bachelor of Teaching (ECE)
Renee Cummings	Studying 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year - Bachelor of Teaching (ECE)
Relieving Team	Qualification
Sam Lee	Studying 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year - Bachelor of Teaching (ECE)
Maddie Marshall	Studying 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year - Bachelor of Teaching (Primary)
Jezamine Cummings	Studying Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Primary)

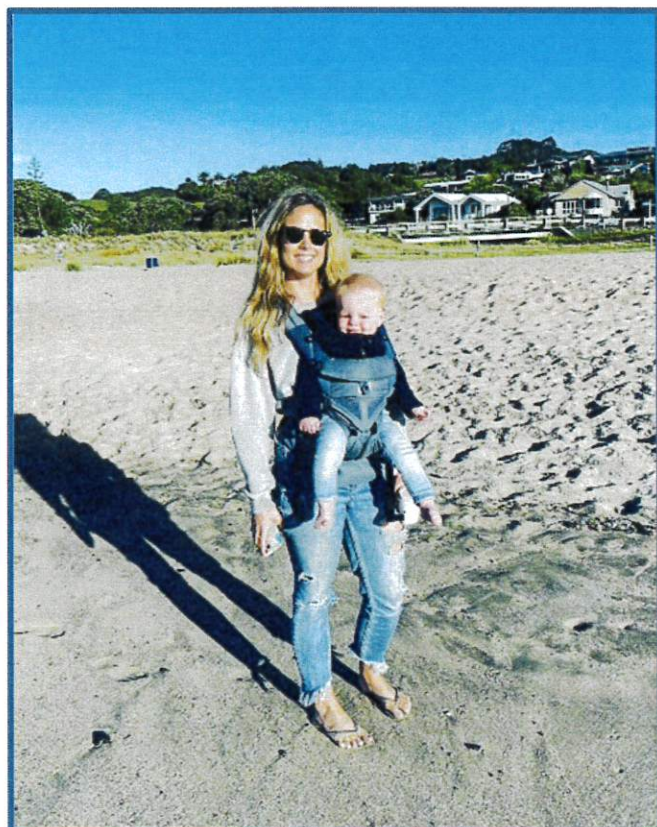
# Our Team 2022

Samantha Harrison will be joining the Pipi Team from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 as Head Teacher

"My name Sam Harrison and I will be joining you all as the Head Teacher of the Pipi room in 2022. I have worked for Maria Anstis and the Natural Steps group since I began my journey into early childhood in 2010. I am a fully certified teacher and have a Bachelor of Teaching, Post-graduate diploma in Educational Leadership and first aid. Through my journey the philosophies, curriculum and team spirit that Natural Steps provide have resonated with my love for teaching immensely.

A little bit about me, I come from a large Dutch family. I have a husband named Michael and we welcomed our son Bailey into our world in July 2021. I love being surrounded by friends and family, learning and exploring new cultures and parts of the world.

I look forward to connecting with all of the staff, children and families of Natural Steps very soon.



Janelle Smith will be joining the Kina team from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Kia ora, my name is Janelle Smith, I will be teaching in the Kina room. I have a 9-month-old son Beau to my fiancé Andrew, as well as an energetic 1 year old Boxer! I have a Bachelor of Education and have been teaching for over 10 years. I have been with Maria for four of those years in the toddler room. This age is a favourite of mine and I enjoy supporting and coaching children's social and emotional development helping children understand and express their emotions.

I have always had a passion for teaching children, encouraging and supporting them in becoming lifelong learners. I enjoy delving deeper into children's interests and supporting them with their inquiries and dispositions.

I look forward to meeting all of the tamariki and whanau here at Natural Steps.

# Stay connected



On **Storypark** you will find community posts from the centre as well as your child's assessments and photos. You can invite family members, comment on assessments, create your own stories, view and comment on classroom learning. We welcome parents input and feedback.

All tamariki  **routines** are recorded on Storypark DAILY under the 'ROUTINES' section on your child's profile on Storypark. This includes food, nappy/toileting and sleep routines.

We make every effort to **talk** to every parent, every day. Parents and whānau are welcome to approach their child's teacher at any time. A **private one-on-one meeting** can be requested at any time should parents want to have a private discussion with the Head Teacher, Manager, or the Director. Please email the centre at [albany@naturalsteps.co.nz](mailto:albany@naturalsteps.co.nz) or call on 09 4795051 to arrange a time.



All **Centre Policies** are available on **Storypark** and are also available in our **Operations Manual** at Reception. Alternatively if you would like any policy emailed directly to you, please feel free to email the Centre at [albany@naturalsteps.co.nz](mailto:albany@naturalsteps.co.nz)

At any time If you would like to share comments or feedback on any service policy, please email the centre or alternatively you can write your feedback in the comments section in our Operations Manual at reception.

This year we will **be reviewing all centre 'Health and Safety' policies**. Thank you for your comments and feedback on our previous policy reviews, your collaboration is valued as we work together to ensure we maintain our quality learning environment for all tamariki.

Please be sure to also check our **Facebook page**, showcasing our amazing centre

