



# INTRODUCING *Chonnie Galvin*



Hey! I'm Chonnie, I have been a home-based educator since 2014. I have my level 5 certificate in nanny education. I am passionate about early childhood education. I have cared for elderly, people with disabilities and children and I have loved every minute of it. I have 2 lovey dogs named Luna and onyx who adore children, We also have 2 turtles which children have always adored, and we also have a family friend that has ponies where we are able to visit, help take care of and ride. I work with the team at Marlborough four paws and have lots of involvement with animals and the community.

I am a qualified nanny and have been working with children for 10 years. I believe children learn from hands on experience and my environment encourages this, we also join in on the activities, music groups and play groups in the community so that we can interact with other children and learn alongside them. We also make the most of the parks nearby. We do lots of messy play in this house including baking, gardening, and science experiments, I have a story room for quiet time and a range of toys children can choose from. Play is an important part of our childhood, and I want to provide children the opportunity to do this indoors and outdoors.

I believe children benefit from home-based care, getting that one on one interaction with their educator. Each child is unique, and we can learn and accommodate to their needs. Children need to feel comfortable in their environment and be respected. I love watching them gaining new skills and developing a sense of belonging.

## What do I bring to the team

- Sensory/messy and water play
- Fun in the kitchen with baking and cooking
- Endless outdoor activities, a sandpit and a garden are in the making for the tamariki to enjoy
- A respectful and fun learning environment supporting tikanga māori
- Currently learning nz sign language and extending my knowledge on te reo māori
- Free movement and child led play
- Art and crafts always available
- Learning profiles, with lots of photos and personalised stories for each child as well group stories
- Pet friendly, 2 dogs, 2 turtles and mischievous but lazy cat

