



Preschoolers At-home Uniquely Achieving



PAUA, a driving force in Central North Island!



Keep your eyes peeled, you may spot one of these PAUA cars on the road! Inside could be Raewyn Overton-Stuart (Director), Brenda Cooper (Senior Regional Team Leader), Melody Nightingale or Paulette Moana (Regional Team Leaders in Central North and Manawatu) as they support the PAUA Visiting Teachers who are scattered around the Central North Island – Melanie Peters and Sandra Watson (Wanganui); Tina Larsen, Suz McVicar (Palmerton North); Erika Langenhoven (Kapiti Coast); Laura Infield (Pahiatua); Mary Morris (Woodville); Lynelle Laws and Sarah Infield (Taupo); Donna Waipouri and Rangi Wikaira (Turangi). PAUA is thrilled with

the job Display Associates have done on their vehicles. "Display Associates were fantastic to work with," says Raewyn. "They were prepared to listen to our ideas, use them as a basic concept, then come up with something that is really quite special with a different design on each car. The kids all love the look and enjoy seeing themselves displayed on the vehicles." So what... or who ... is PAUA? PAUA (Preschoolers At-home Uniquely Achieving) was chartered here in Wanganui in November 2003 and has since grown to cover most of the Central North Island. It is funded by the Ministry of Education to offer a quality home-based early childhood education service to preschoolers, parents

and their caregivers/educators. Raewyn Overton-Stuart (PAUA founder and Director) is passionate about the provision of this service into rural areas, hence the cars! "I was brought up in rural Canterbury, but was fortunate as my Mum was a kindergarten teacher! However we are aware rural families have more difficulty in accessing childcare which works around the special character of their work and I'm passionate about providing provision in these areas. Often whanau members are caring for children while Mum/Dad are working on the farm. If they meet the Homebased legislation they can also access the educational support that PAUA offers," Raewyn says. PAUA promotes an individual learning programme for each

enrolled child and provides stimulating and age-appropriate resources to aid the learning objectives, which are as varied as any found in preschools throughout the country. PAUA Visiting Teachers, who are trained Early Childhood Teachers, visit regularly to offer support and resources (like books, puzzles, painting and craft materials) to enhance the activities that are already in place, and also run playgroups and community outings. 20 Free ECE hours and WINZ subsidies are available for those who are eligible. So watch out for the car, and if you are currently caring for a preschooler in your home who isn't your own or if you would like to become a home-based Educator then please ring 0800-7282-77.

Taking pre-school education to another level

Raewyn's vision is to establish PAUA as the number one home based pre-school education provider in New Zealand. An example of this is PAUA's commitment to enable Educators to achieve national education qualifications. PAUA has contracted Wanganui based 'Training For You' to provide its Educators with the opportunity of training for the National Certificate of

Early Childhood Education & Care, Level 3. Around 45 Educators are now halfway through the first round of training sessions and there's a waiting list of others keen to join the next. "They're just loving it," says Raewyn. "They're able to put into practice what they're learning and already the children are benefiting so it's a win-win situation. It's also been great to partner with another local business that has aspirations similar to ours."

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