

NEWSLETTER

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BSCC STAFF

**Chai Martin
Centre Manger**

Maria Faroliza Martin or we fondly call her 'Chai' has been managing Bright Sparks Childcare since 2008. She has a Bachelor Degree in Secondary Education from the Philippines, and completed 30 units for a Bachelor Degree in Supervision and Administration, as well. She has 15 years of experience in teaching high school and tertiary students before coming to New Zealand. She completed her Diploma in ECE in 2007 and became Fully Registered in October 2010. She also gained her Certificate in Business Management in 2010. Apart from her teaching experience with different age groups, her visits to Reggio Emilia, Italy and other countries gave her a deeper understanding of how children should be supported in their learning and what the educator's role.

As a leader, she believes that when one door closes another opens for a better opportunity. Every day is new and every challenge is worth taking in.

Salve! My name is Cami Margasoiu. I have a Bachelor of Arts Degree in French and English Language and Literature and a Diploma of Teaching in Early Childhood Education. As a dedicated Reggio Emilia inspired educator, I place high value on "responding to children's predisposition to enjoy the unexpected". Constantly provoking their creative thinking and allowing for a multitude of learning avenues to be explored are aspects that I consider quintessential for children's natural

**Cami Margasoiu
Assistant Manager
Preschool Pedagogista**

**Susan Naidu
Infants and Toddlers Centre
Pedagogista**

Kia Ora/ Hello

My name is Susan Naidu. I have a Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education) and Bachelor of Education. I have been in the early childhood industry for 14 years working with various age groups. As an educator my aim is to encourage infant & toddlers independence and self-esteem who are little explorers and naturally curious.

Lead Teachers

Batul Bohra
Tiaho Lead Teacher

Hello and Namaste,

My name is Batul Bohra and I am the Lead Teacher in Tiaho room. I have a degree in Human Development from India and also a Graduate Diploma in ECE from the University of Auckland. I have a total of 12 years of experience working in ECE from India, Dubai and New Zealand.

Talofa & Hello,

My name is Barbara Reneti. I have a Diploma in Teaching for Early Childhood Education and I have worked with all age groups from 0-5 years. I currently work as the Lead Teacher in the Clareo Room with children aged from 2-3 years. I enjoy challenging our children to think for themselves and to explore their own environment by making connections with the wider world.

Barbara Reneti
Clareo Lead Teacher

Faith Durano
Astron Lead Teacher

Kumusta!

My name is Faith Durano. I am the Lead Teacher in the Astron Room. Assisting children in developing their character and interpersonal ability is my main goal in teaching. I believe that learning to maintain relationships with people is vital to achieving a successful and happy adulthood. (Bachelor of Teaching ECE)

Hi everybody! For those that don't know me, I am Canaan Quinlivan– Stellar Lead Teacher. I hold a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Indonesian Studies and Asian History, a Post Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management and a Graduate Diploma of Teaching in ECE.

I am a mum to two boys; Seth and Roark. Seth has just started school and is now in the Astron Room. Before I started teaching three years ago, I worked for six years at Auckland City Council, managing community and recreation leases on council parks and reserves. I looked after community and recreation groups, from scout groups to kindergartens, tennis to clubs!

Canaan Quinlivan
Stellar Lead Teacher

Teachers

Manava Parakoti
Tiaho Teacher

Tena koutou
E te whanau
Ko Manava taku ingoa
E noho ana ahau ki Waitakere
No reira
Tena koutou katoa.

I'm a fully registered teacher and have been an early childhood teacher for the past 20 years. I love and enjoy what I do and I am happy to continue on this journey.

Kia Ora/Hello

My name is Pramod. I have a Bachelor Degree in Arts from India and a Certificate in Health and Childcare. I am also working towards getting my Diploma in Early Childhood. I am very passionate about working with babies. As it has been wisely said babies have 100 languages and though they are very dependent physically on adults for fulfilling their needs, they are quite capable and self motivated.

Pramod Bakshi
Tiaho Teacher

Liana Gunawan
Tiaho Teacher

My name is Liana Gunawan and I am from Indonesia. I have an Accounting degree from back home and I have also completed my Bachelor in Teaching (ECE) from UNITEC. I am very passionate about working with young children and have lots of experience in teaching in NZ for many years.

Kate Lee
Tiaho Teacher

Hi! My name is Kate Lee. I have my Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Education from AUT and Master of Arts in Education with first class honors from the University of Auckland.

Young children learn through responsive and reciprocal relationships with people, places and things. I believe that building those relationships is highly important.

Sreeja Menon
ClareoTeacher

Kia Ora and Namaste!

Hi my name is Sreeja Menon. I have a Bachelor Degree in Education (Early Childhood). I have been in New Zealand since 2002 and have been working in the early childhood industry since 2003.

Working in Early Childhood education and care offered me a challenging and rewarding career, enhancing the lives of infants, toddlers and young children, providing support for families and whanau in relation to parenting and care giving.

Ramona Toth
Clareo Teacher

Hello! / Buna ziua!

My name is Ramona Toth. I have a Bachelor Degree in Education gained in Romania, my native country and I look forward to completing my qualification here, in New Zealand. I have been working in Auckland as an early childhood teacher for almost three years and I love having fun with toddlers, playing and learning together!

Diana Villa-Ignacio
Clareo Teacher

Mabuhay/ Hello!

My name is Diana Villa-Ignacio. I have a Bachelor Degree in Behavioural Science and Masters Units in Special Education gained in the Philippines. I am looking forward to gaining my qualification here in New Zealand. I had 4 years of overseas teaching experiences with young children. I have been in the early childhood industry for 2 years and I enjoy the excitement, creativity and challenges in working with young children.

Talofa lava outou,

I am Leone Tuisaula, full time teacher in the Astron room. Working with preschool children is my chosen career, since leaving school. I am passionate about providing a stimulating and enriched environment for the children in my care, and enjoy watching them become confident and competent individuals.

(BEd & DipTchgECE)

Leone Tuisaula
Astron Teacher

Kane Hancy
Active Movement Teacher

Hi my name is Kane, and I hold a Diploma of Sport and Recreation and a Diploma of fitness from AUT.

I run the Active Movement programme here at Bright Sparks for all ages. My background is in sport and fitness, before starting in early childhood I played rugby at NPC level and overseas. I then moved on to personal training and running my own rugby academy which led me into teaching physical education for primary and intermediate children. From there I transferred my knowledge into the early childhood sector where I have been for two years now. I have a passion in introducing children to active movement and help them develop their gross motor skills; it's not just about their physical well being but also their confidence and communication.

Fria Durano
Receptionist

Hi, my name is Fria Durano.

I am the receptionist at Bright Sparks Childcare Centre.

I studied Bachelor of Secondary Education and Majored in Economics. Being a receptionist is such a challenging role for me as I have to be able to multi task and be able to accommodate the clientele at the same time.

I enjoy this role so much as this gives me the chance to interact with the children and the parents.

Gordana Tomic
Centre Cook

Hello/ Zdravo!

My name is Gordana and I have been working for Bright Sparks Childcare Henderson for the past six months. My passion has always been making people happy with my yummy food and my scrumptious baking.

TO ALL BRIGHT SPARKS PARENTS:

THE TEACHING TEAM AT BRIGHT SPARKS CHILDCARE- HENDERSON HAS THE PLEASURE OF INVITING YOU ALL TO AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP ON THE PRINCIPLES OF REGGIO EMILIA AND THEIR IMPACT ON OUR VIEW ON LEARNING, TEACHING IN RELATION TO CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY.

When: End of March

Where: Bright Sparks Henderson

If interested in attending please let your child's teachers know by Friday, the 18th of March 2011

MORE DETAILS WILL BE OFFERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Important Reminders

- A review of our records indicates a number of outstanding accounts. This is a reminder that all fees are due to be paid in advance at the beginning of each week. This means that your account must always have a nil or credit balance.
- *Clearance medical certificates must be provided upon your child's return to Bright Sparks if he/she was sick.*
- Any medicine to be given to your child by his/ her teachers must always be in its original container.
- *Late pick up fee: please be reminded that we are not licensed to have children in the centre after 6.00 pm. If you are going to be late do let us know as soon as you can and try and make alternative pick up arrangements. However if you are unable to arrive at the centre before 6.00pm a surcharge will apply (\$1/ minute). The fee will be given directly to the two supervising teachers.*