

# EARLY CHILDHOOD

## Lucinda Batchelor - Montessori Garden Grove

Lucinda is working on the PORSE Early Childhood Gateway Programme; she works in an Early Childhood Centre for 1 day every week and works on the theory component in a timetabled Gateway class at school. The practical component is signed off by her workplace supervisor before being sent away to PORSE for assessment. Lucinda has also completed a short course on Early Childhood at Aoraki Polytech. This is a great opportunity for Lucinda to try first hand a career which she is interested in while gaining credits towards a National Certificate in Early Childhood Education & Care. Credits gained through Gateway courses are also credited towards Lucinda's NCEA Level 2



## Nicole Smith - Craighead Kindergarten

Nicole is working on the PORSE Early Childhood Gateway Programme; she works on the theory component in a timetabled Gateway class at school and works in a kindergarten for 1 day each week where she has the practical component signed off. Nicole has also completed a short course on early childhood at Aoraki Polytech. The programme will lead to a National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3); all credits will also count towards her school NCEA qualification. Gateway has given Nicole 'real life' experience in the job to see if this is a career she would like to continue in, her workplace colleagues are encouraging and supportive and have given Nicole high praise. She plans to return to school for Year 13 before continuing with her training to become an early childhood teacher .

