



During lockdown, Eden and Ryan learnt all about different creatures. Our family had such a great time, that we decided to keep learning about nature.

For Penguin Week, we visited the Whangarei Native Bird Recovery Centre. Robert Webb and his staff, look after over 1000 sick or injured native birds each year. Eden and Ryan got to touch a kiwi. The Centre had displays and information on many species of New Zealand birds. In the education room, Eden found a little blue penguin display. Robert said that he had often rescued penguins who had been injured. This is more common in the breeding season, when they come to the shore.



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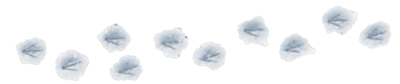
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Eden and Ryan decided to build some ships made from Lego. Eden's ship had special cameras that took photos of the Antarctic penguins. We turned her bed into an Antarctic ice world. Eden made an origami penguin. She chose to colour it blue, like the NZ little penguin. Ryan chose to make a chin-strap penguin.



Time for food! Eden and Ryan made some penguin snacks. They decided to make crested Macaroni penguins. They used rice crackers, kiwifruit, carrots, vegemite, cream cheese, lemon, cranberries and biscuits. How adorable!



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For Penguin Week, we wanted to help New Zealand penguins in some way. We found a website all about the Pohatu Penguins. Pohatu (Akaroa) is the largest Little Penguin colony in New Zealand. It is run by a family, who have been helping the penguins for over thirty years. Eden and Ryan adopted one of the penguins. They named it Penny Pohutukawa. The staff made a nametag to put on the penguin nesting box. Eden and Ryan were really happy to be able to help a real penguin!

Eden and Ryan were excited to get their Pohatu Penguin adoption package from Geraldine and Kevin. We received lots of nice emails from them too. Geraldine told us that last year, the nesting box had two healthy chicks raised in it. This year, when Geraldine was checking the Penny Pohutukawa box, she found a pair of little blue penguins in it! We are all hoping that this male and female liked our box and will raise some chicks this season.

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