



## Stephen Marr Celebrates Mamas

Stephen Marr has always been in the business of celebrating women, and this month the salon is turning its light on mothers everywhere in the lead-up to Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13.

Stephen Marr Newmarket senior stylist Jennie Thorpe is mum to two-year-old powerhouse Scarlett, who, her beyond-proud mama says, "literally arrived in the world with a big personality".

Jennie met her husband Dave Weaver in the UK, then after a time spent living and working in Canada they found themselves back in New Zealand, and she has been working at Stephen Marr Newmarket ever since. Not long after starting at the salon she found out she was pregnant with Scarlett, and has juggled her life as a mother and in-demand stylist for the past two years.

When asked about what changed for her after becoming a mother, Jennie doesn't hesitate when she admits "everything", with a laugh. "I honestly felt like I was reborn as a different

person after Scarlett came into the world," she elaborates, "and the way that I see myself and how other people see me has definitely changed as well. I have never experienced such a feeling of love but also real fear when I think about her, from the moment I wake up. It's incomparable to anything else I have ever been through."

She and Dave share care of Scarlett along with her extended family, and everyone involved agrees that the two-year-old was born determined to get what she wants, as a confidence that her mum hopes continues for many years. "She can also be pretty bossy," adds Jennie with a laugh, "and is definitely a true tomboy, no question."

As far as Mother's Day goes, Jennie says that there are no firm plans in place "but I'm sure Dave will spoil me, he's good like that!" Breakfast in bed and something unique created by Scarlett are also most definitely on the cards.



A stylist at the Ponsonby salon for 18 years, Kat Derham is mama to Liam (15), Georgia (10) and three-year-old Ivy (above, with Kat). She says that her experience of being a new mum with her oldest and her youngest were so vastly different, and yet amazing in their own ways. “I almost feel like Liam and I grew up together,” she says, “and as a result I have a really different relationship with him than I do with the girls. I’m still mum, but we’re also really good mates.” With the girls she describes herself as being “more assertive, and most definitely ‘mum’”.

She says the best thing about being a mother for her is watching her children grow, “hitting their little milestones and becoming people with their own distinct personalities”. She says that Liam is the best big brother to Georgia and Ivy, and that she loves hearing the girls talk about each other as “best friends. I hope they will be forever”.

Kat says her biggest challenge is making time for each child, “and recognising their individual needs and honouring them. If I didn’t have an amazing boss who lets me work hours that fit in around my family, I don’t know how I’d do it.” ■

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To celebrate all of the beautiful mamas out there, Stephen Marr salons are running a promotion offering a **luxury Oribe treatment and Blow Wave Experience for \$99 (valued at \$149) throughout the month of May, with all those who book going into the draw to win a night of luxury at Huka Lodge.**

The dream night at Huka Lodge will be in a Junior Lodge Suite for two people, located by the stunning Waikato River. Full country breakfast, pre-dinner drinks and a five-course degustation dinner are included, prepared by the Lodge’s talented executive chef, Paul Froggatt. Transfers to/from Taupo Airport and use of all lodge facilities are included.

The prize will be valid to September 30, 2018, and subject to availability.

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