



The Ridge Childcare

Newsletter: April 2014

IMPORTANT DATES: April school holidays are coming up along with Easter and Anzac Day. Yayyy! We will be closed on 18th & 21st March which is Good Friday and Easter Monday and also on 25th which is Anzac Day. Last day of school is Thursday 17th April and return on the 5th May. Hope you all have a great break.

STAFF: As you are aware, Josie left last Friday on her maternity leave for approximately 1yr. We wish her and her family all the best with their new addition that is arriving soon. We are very lucky to have Angelica step in for Josie during this time. Angelica is fully qualified with a Bachelor of Teaching (ECE). We have also employed Claire, who is training for her ECE qualifications. She is helping out all over the centre. We have over 80% qualified staff every day which is well above MOE regulations.

PARENT INFORMATION: We have noticed a few parents not adhering to the specific times that they attested to in their child's enrolment form. For example if you enrolled your child 7.30am—5.30pm then those are the times that you must drop off and collect your child. If you wish to change the times to suit your needs better, please see Lynne or Julie so you can fill out a change of enrolment time form – these are rules set out by the Ministry Of Education.



WEBSITE

We are currently upgrading our website with a new design. We will let you know when this is completed.



OSCAR @ THE RIDGE

If you have other children that are at school—have you considered our Oscar programme? We collect Kerikeri Primary School children from right outside the school hall @ no extra cost and bring them to the centre. Our After School fee is \$15 per session with afternoon tea provided. We also have a holiday programme which is \$35 per day. Hours are 7.45-5.30 every day except Public Holidays. Please phone Lynne on 094077333 if you have any further queries.

BUILDING UPGRADES

We are just about to start on a couple of upgrades at the Centre. We are putting a covered roof over the top level of our deck so the children can have more outside time, especially during winter. We are also increasing the size of our Under Two sleep room and doing a couple of outside alterations as our roll has more than doubled since gaining our Under Two licence.





4YR OLD TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

Erica is doing a great job with our 4yr olds preparing them for learning. The children love this time and it is great to see them so enthusiastic and interested. They are learning basic letter and number identification as well as learning to write their name amongst other things. If you have any ideas or questions about this, please feel free to enquire with either Erica or Lynne.

MEDICATION: If your child needs to have medication whilst at the centre, please do not leaving it in their bag. Another child could find it and unknowingly decide to 'have a taste'. If your child needs medication, please give it to a staff member on your arrival and fill out a medicine form. Thank you.



PORTFOLIOS: Please take the time to have a look at your child's portfolio. The staff put a lot of time and effort into showing off your child's experiences here and it gives you an insight as to what your child's interests are and you may be able to follow this through in your family life at home.

ART: Don't forget to check the children's art box for any of your child's artwork. The Under Two art box is above the microwave in the Under Two room. The children love it when you recognise the big effort that they have put into their 'van gough' paintings!

Make sure your child has enough spare clothes in their bags for the day.



Have a great month, and remember if theres anything you wish to discuss with Lynne, please do not hesitate.

From The Team @ **The Ridge Childcare**

