



THE RIDGE CHILDCARE

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Welcome to our June/July 2014 Newsletter.

We hope you are all keeping warm and healthy with the colder weather upon us. There have been quite a few children away sick in the past two weeks. Please don't forget to phone in and let us know if your child is going to be away and the type of sickness they have-

Playground:

We have a new fort/slide in our playground. The children love it and is a very used piece of playground equipment.



Driveway Safety

There was a small collision between two cars in our driveway last week. Please, you must take care when backing out after dropping off/collecting your child, not only should you be looking out for other vehicles entering, but also for any children walking behind your vehicle. As a safety precaution, get your child into the habit of walking to the front of your vehicle when they exit/enter the centre. If there is no parking directly outside the gate there is plenty of parking where the staff park. Also we have noticed some of the parents going out the 'in' way (The Ridge) instead of Kerikeri Road—please do not do this. We do not want another collision to happen.

Please ensure that you have extra changes of clothes in your child's bag. The days are definitely getting colder, so a couple of sweat-shirts or jerseys would be great as well.



Drink Bottles

Could you please remember to send a named drink bottle with your child. With all the nasty bugs around at the moment it is a much better way as the children can identify their own bottle.



Website: Please hop online and check out our website:

www.theridgechildcare.co.nz

Raise your words not your voice

It is rain that grows flowers

not

thunder

Christmas Holiday Shutdown

The Ridge Childcare will be open up until the 24th December 2014. We will have our annual shut down and will reopen Monday 5th January 2015. As soon as you are aware if your child will or will not be attending, could you please inform us so we can arrange the correct amount of staff.

We have noticed a few parents that are not adhering to their times—I know we sound like a broken record regarding this, but it is a Ministry Of Education regulation that you adhere to your times that you attested to on your child's enrolment form. If you think it is going to be a regular occurrence that you are not going to be on time to collect your child (or too early), then this must be changed on your enrolment form. This also affects our teacher/children ratios. Also we have been monitoring the times that are being written down that you have collected your child and there are some that are not writing this correctly. Please write the true time that you are dropping off and collecting your child as this will also help us to better manage our staff to children ratios. Thank you for your co-operation .

There have been a number of children away with the usual winter illness's. The main one being chest and throat infections (croup and strep throat). Children usually start out with a bit of a cold then it will turn into a fever which can progress very rapidly

Matariki

We will be celebrating Matariki (Maori New Year). We are planning a Hangi and also a trip to Riverview Primary to attend a special performance by their Kapa Haka group. We will inform you of the dates etc in the next couple of days. Our staff are also doing a number of small projects with the children to build on their awareness of Matariki. If you have any suggestions for us, please feel free to speak to our teaching staff.

Staffing Changes

As you may be aware, Erica gave birth to a beautiful baby girl a couple of weeks ago. Whilst she is away on maternity leave, we have Janine relieving for two days a week. Janine's qualifications are a Bachelor of Education-Early Childhood. Erica is hoping to rejoin the team some time in September.



Playgym

We have started taking a few of our older children to 'Playgym'. This is run out of the old Placemakers building down Mill Lane (Kerikeri Gymnastics Club). The instructor is Ali Edwards (Active Kidz). The programme is specifically set up for Early Childhood. We transport the children in our van every Tuesday and it runs for approx 45 minutes.



Remember, if there are any concerns or queries that you might have, please do not hesitate to speak to us.



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It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.



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Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of

standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such

as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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