



Rising Stars Preschool

For Sports & Education

INFORMATION BOOKLET

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday 7:45am - 5:15pm

Closed on public holidays

Licensed for 50 children 2 years & over

Phone 06 7585044

"A MOVING CHILD IS A LEARNING CHILD"



Philosophy



Rising Stars Preschool is a positive, inspiring and stimulating environment which provides a fun, learning and sporting atmosphere. Children are encouraged and supported to learn through meaningful play, activities, events and sporting experiences.

Nga tamariki are given time to experiment and explore through a challenging programme where they build upon their physical, social and emotional well-being. Gaining an understanding of how to keep their bodies fit and healthy and developing into competent and confident learners.

Rising Stars Preschool works in partnership with all families/whanau and the community to ensure that their cultures, aspirations and thoughts are respected and listened to. We promote open and on-going communication between parents, families, whanau and teachers, whilst adhering to the national Early Childhood curriculum Te Whariki.



Sports Court Programme

The education philosophy underpinning Rising Stars Preschool is to provide a holistic educational environment which gives children a unique opportunity to develop as young athletes alongside their social and academic growth. Research shows that 'active movement' not only helps children develop physically but intellectually, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Rising Stars Preschool will expose children to a range of sporting skills. These include team work, fitness and hand eye co-ordination - tools needed to give children a head start in sports as well as helping them to develop into positive individuals with strong foundations for future learning.

The coaches create an environment where all children feel valued and are encouraged but not forced to get involved. They will spend time getting to know the children first through spontaneous events, activities and centre routines. This allows coaches to gain knowledge of what each child is capable of. Enjoyment is a huge part of the sport court structure, children are given the option to participate in these sporting experiences. The coaches encourage children to further develop their skills and celebrate their efforts. The coaches are full time so each child will have the opportunity to experience the Sports Court every day while at Rising Stars.

Te Whariki

Te Whariki is the curriculum document implemented in early childhood education. This document covers the education and care of children from birth to school entry age and provides information for

everything we do that involves the children.

Our programme at Rising Stars Preschool is child-initiated. The experiences, activities and events provided by the teaching team will encourage and support deeper learning relating to the interests, strengths, skills and knowledge that children bring.

Each child's learning & development is assessed through learning stories. These learning stories are displayed in your child's portfolios. We encourage you to read, share and comment on these stories with your whanau, ultimately allowing your child's interests and skills to be recognised, valued and supported.

Any questions in regards to our policies and other centre documents, please feel free to discuss it with one of the teaching staff.



Policies



Early childhood centres are required to have policies and procedures in place. Rising Stars review these documents regularly with input from parents and whanau. You can find our policies in the centre. These policies provide clear direction for the teaching team and management.

What To Wear

Children learn through creative, sensory and physical play experiences. Please dress them in comfortable, weather appropriate clothing suitable for these activities.

At times Rising Stars Sports clothing is available to purchase please keep an eye out.

Please pack the following for each day.

- * A bag for their belongings.
- * Preferably 2 changes of clothes clearly labelled with their name.
- * For children that are in nappies, please provide enough for that day.
- * For summer months, please ensure your child has a named sun hat.
- * For the winter months, a warm hat and jacket.



What to Bring

We provide fresh, healthy snacks two times a day (morning and afternoon tea) this usually consists of items such as fruit & vegetables, toast, sandwiches, crackers, muffins etc.

Children who attend during lunch time (11:45 am) are required to provide their own lunch.

We encourage healthy eating and our food and nutrition policy follows healthy eating guidelines. Please try not to pack treat foods in your child's lunchbox, for ideas on healthy eating snacks etc speak to one of the teaching team.



Free Pick Up/Drop Off Service

Rising Stars Preschool provides a free pick up/drop off service for children that are unable to attend because of location issues.



Pick up and drop off times will vary depending on where you live. For more details please ask one of our teaching staff.

20 Hours ECE (3-5 year olds)

We have taken on the Government initiative of 20 hours ECE. This subsidy covers the basic cost of providing up to 6 hours per day that your child attends with a maximum of 20 hours being able to be claimed per week.

Table of Fee's

Standard Charges:

Hourly Rate \$7.00 an hour.

Early and late fee's:

15-30 minutes early or late \$10.00.

30 minutes and onwards early or late \$25.00.



You will receive a weekly invoice via the email address provided, if no email address a paper copy will be provided.

Accounts are payable weekly or fortnightly and preferably be paid by direct debit. We require your account to be up to date and encourage them to be in credit to ensure your child doesn't miss out on extra activities we do during the year.

Communication

We recognise the value of open communication and endeavour to talk to parents about their child on a daily basis. We encourage all parents, caregivers or whanau to visit whenever they wish.

You can find useful information on our whiteboard in the foyer as well as posters within the centre. We also update our facebook page regularly. If required we have a useful website for more information visit.

www.risingstarspreschool.co.nz



We know at times it can be difficult being away from your child especially in these early years.

To help with this transition we use a free app called Brightwheel to help you feel connected and engaged with your child's learning and development on a whole new level. Each child will receive their own free private profile where we can directly send you and your whanau photos, videos and other information during the day direct to your smart phone so you can keep track of what your child gets up to. Speak to one of our friendly team for more information and a sample of how it works.

