

Head Start Programme

4 year olds only

Dear Parents,

As you know the early school years are particularly significant. It is then that your child acquires and develops the basic skills that are crucial for subsequent school learning. But further to this, it is in the early years that children develop perceptions of themselves as learners.

The child's first year at school is usually a settling in time. Some children show rapid progress, others need longer. That is why Elm Park School have designed a programme specifically for children aged 4-5 years called "Head Start". Head Start is not designed to replace Early Childhood learning centres, but is supplementary to them.

The programme offers a wide variety of activities and experiences for children that enrich development and lay the groundwork for a head start at school. Having groundwork gives the child confidence as they begin their school life.

The programme introduces basic key skills including:

- An introduction to reading and book knowledge
- Writing their name (Capital and lower case)
- Learning to write (story with picture, letters)
- Letter / Sound and number recognition.
- Maths – counting, patterning colours and shapes.
- Talk to learn (speaking and listening).
- Fine motor skill development (cutting, colouring)
- Working in groups and independently
- Classroom routines and expectations / behaviour

The programme is offered on a Thursday morning from 9.00 to 10.30 am – please check in at reception for location and start date each term. The fee is \$10.00 per session, payable upon enrolment through the Executive Officer.

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Programme Co-ordinator.

HEAD START ENROLMENT FORM

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STUDENT DETAILS:

Family Name: Birth date:
 Students First Name: Gender:.....
 Place in Family: Age:
 Address: Home Language:
 Phone No:

PARENT / CAREGIVERS

Caregiver 1: Name: Home Phone:
 Caregiver 2: Name: Cell phone:

Emergency Contacts

1. Phone:
 2. Phone:

**Please provide an email address for us to notify you when a place becomes available for your child:
 (Please ensure you let us know if this address changes at any time):**

 Please print clearly

HEALTH

Allergies:
 Medication:
 Sight:
 Speech:

EDUCATIONAL DETAILS

- Early Childhood Education Centre (Please circle type and indicate name)
 Kindergarten, Play centre, Childcare, Playgroup, Kohanga Reo
 Name of Centre:
- Primary School student likely to attend:
- Learning / Behaviour needs:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

(Speech, Special Needs, Learning Support etc).....

Required commencement date: eg Term 1, Term 2 etc

Signature of parent / Caregiver Date: