

Springboard Programme for 4 Year olds

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The first years in a child's education are crucial for their development in future years. It is during these years that your child acquires and develops the basic skills and knowledge that sets them up for subsequent school learning. Further to this, it is in the early years that children develop perceptions of themselves as learners.

The child's first period of time at school is a settling in time. Some children show rapid progress, others need longer. That is why Matamata Primary School has designed a programme specifically for four year old children enrolled at the school called 'Springboard'. This is not designed to replace Early Childhood learning centres, but rather, offer a comprehensive transition for your child which complements our New Entrant programme.

'Springboard' offers a wide variety of activities and experiences for children that enrich development and lay the groundwork for a head start at school. During the same session timeframe, parents meet with Senior Management staff to learn about various aspects of primary education and discuss how to prepare your child well for school. This approach of working in partnership together as parent-school-child team gives the child the support needed to begin their school life confidently.

The programme introduces basic key skills including:

- An introduction to reading and book knowledge.
- Classroom routines, expectations and behaviours.
- Learning to write alphabet symbols.
- Letter-sound knowledge and number recognition.
- Maths shapes and colours.
- How to manage and set up homework routines.
- Fine motor skill development (cutting and colouring).
- Listening and speaking activities.
- Social interaction – working in groups and independently.

The 'Springboard' programme is a series of four sessions scheduled for a Monday afternoon from 2.00pm – 2.45pm. You will be allocated a start date and given details about the staff involved and location for the programme. Please check in at the Matamata Primary School Office before each session.

Lesley Gibbard

Programme Co-ordinator

Springboard Registration Form

STUDENT WHO WILL BE ATTENDING SPRINGBOARD:

Family Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Students First Name: _____ Gender: _____

Place in Family: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING SPRINGBOARD:

Caregiver 1: Name: _____ Phone: _____

Caregiver 2: Name: _____ Phone: _____

EDUCATIONAL DETAILS

1 Has your child regularly attended Early Childhood Education?

- Yes for the last ____ years was booked in and went to weekly/fortnightly sessions.
- No not regularly, only occasionally with no on-going schedule.
- No, did not attend ECE.

2 Please enter the average number of hours per week at **Early Childhood Education**.

| Type of Early Childhood Education Service | Service 1 (hrs/week) | Service 2 (hrs/week) | Service 3 (hrs/week) |
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| a) Kohanga Reo - | | | |
| b) Playcentre - | | | |
| c) Playgroup | | | |
| d) Home based service - | | | |
| e) Kindergarten – or Education and Care Centre - | | | |
| f) Correspondence School | | | |

3 Please describe your child's learning and behaviour:

Signature of Parent/Caregiver: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE: Commencement date: _____ Last Session Date: _____