



Before School Care Info Pack

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Starfish Before School Care Programme

Where: 15 Gordon Terrace, Matamata (Rear of Building)

Age: 5 – 13 years

Times: 6.30am to 9am

Cost: 6:30am-9am \$14 per day or \$17 Casual Rates

7am-9am \$11 per day or \$14 Casual Rates

Starfish Social Services have been working in the Matamata community with youth providing counselling, social work, mentoring and programmes for young people since 2009. In 2012, Starfish took over from Holiday fun and the afterschool programme which operated from the Matamata Union Parish Church. Children will be provided with breakfast and friendly staff will also drop off all children to their schools or local bus stops.

WE ARE OSCAR APPROVED – Work and Income may be able to help with assistance towards childcare costs if (1) you are the main caregiver of the child and (2) your family is on a low or middle income and (3) you are a New Zealand citizen and (4) your child has at least three hours of care a week. The childcare assistance available to you will depend on your individual situation. Please contact WINZ on 0800 559 009 for more information on OSCAR Subsidy's. WINZ forms can be collected at the Starfish office, Afterschool Room (Room 4 of the Matamata Christian School) or at the WINZ office.

Contact Information

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What We Provide

- Cereal
- Toast
- Toast Spreads
- Hot Drink
- Homework Help
- Booster seats for children up to 7 years of age

Children may bring electronic gadgets to all childcare programmes such as cell phones, iPad's etc. However, Starfish Social Services will not be liable if it is lost, stolen or breaks.

Please note you may be asked to provide a booster seat if we do not have enough

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WHAT do we do?

The Before School Care operates during the school term from 6:30am to 9am Monday to Friday. Our friendly staff will drop off children to all local schools and school bus stops:

- Matamata Primary School
- Firth Primary School
- Matamata Christian School
- Matamata Intermediate
- Walton Primary (Children will be dropped off at the school bus stop at the Matamata Parish Union Church)
- Te Poi School (Children to be dropped off at the school bus stop on Broadway)

Daily Programme:

- 6.30am – Arrive at the Centre
- 7.15am – Breakfast
- 7.50am – Quiet Activities
- 8.20am – Clean and tidy up
- 8.35am – Escort all children to their respective schools or school bus stops

We Provide:

We cater our Before School Care towards your child(ren's) needs. We provide a relaxing fun, safe environment for children before they attend school. Child(ren) will have quiet activities to do after breakfast such as arts 'n crafts, completing homework, puzzles and colour in pictures. Child(ren) will then be dropped off at their respective schools or school bus stops. **Please note that the children will not be allowed to play outside during Before School Care operating hours.**

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OSCAR Subsidy

We are OSCAR approved, so you may qualify for financial support. Please call WINZ on (0800) 559 009 for more information. Steps to follow if you are eligible for the OSCAR subsidy:

1. Collect the relevant form(s) from the WINZ office or Starfish Social Services
2. Complete and sign the form
3. Take the form to the Programme Coordinator to complete the "Supervisor" section of the form
4. Hand into the WINZ office

HOW do I Enrol My Child?

Please follow the flowing steps to enrol your child:

- 1) Go to our website starfishservices.org.nz
- 2) Click on 'Before and After School Care' under the 'Programmes' tab
- 3) Click on the 'Enrol Now' button
- 4) Follow the prompts

Or:

- 1) Scan this QR code →
- 2) Click on the 'Enrol Now' button
- 3) Follow the prompts



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HOW do I pay?

You will be invoiced in advance each week. Our account details are as follows:

Bank: ASB

Account Name: Starfish Social Services Trust

Account Number: 12-3438-0004712-02

Please use the following for a reference:

Particulars: Childs First Name

Reference: Childs Surname

HOW do I withdraw my child?

If for any reason you wish to withdraw your child from the programme you will need to give us Two Weeks' notice.

Forms can be found on our website or can be collected from the Starfish Office.

Once the form is completed you will need to return it to either the Programme Coordinator or Starfish Office.

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