

January 2021

Hello Parents and Supporters,
Happy New Year and welcome back!



We have very exciting news to share with you all; we have successfully secured an afterschool care programme starting from the first day of this term. We are thrilled to have aPlus on board, and look forward to establishing a strong relationship with them in our community. This programme, while based at Tokomaru School in our old dental clinic building (that was our Library), is available to ANY primary aged children in our area. The days and hours are flexible to suit your needs at the time. Please read the following message from Kevin of aPlus Manawatu:

To the community of Tokomaru,

aPlus Out of School Care Ltd is a long established business in the Manawatu. We provide out of school care for primary aged children - before and after school care and school holiday programmes.



After meeting with Sonia and discussing the need at Tokomaru School, it has been decided to set up an after school care programme based at the school and commencing next Tuesday, 2nd February 2021. One of the main benefits for your children is being able to stay at the school after hours in an environment which they are familiar with and they do not have to travel. The impact of settling into a new environment out of school hours is lessened and the children are able to move into the rhythm of the afternoon smoothly and without disruption.

You can now take advantage of the excellent schooling that the staff at Tokomaru School provide, knowing that your children will be looked after safely by the aPlus staff for those who require assistance after school.

In last year's covid lockdown, aPlus provided staff to deliver in-house care for school-aged children of essential service workers. Our afternoon programmes do not rely on televisions or devices and we are not a babysitting club, rather we provide opportunities for the children to enjoy a huge variety of fun activities suited to the wide range of ages that attend. These include, sports, arts and crafts, centre competitions, homework club (where children collect points that can be redeemed for prizes), personal space and diversity programmes, along with afternoon tea and projects of interest (something the children are particularly interested in).

If this sounds like it would suit your child, have a look at our Facebook page. To enrol, please go directly to the website aplus.kiwi.nz and simply complete the information. You can book for individual week days, a full week, or even a full school term, whatever suits your requirements. You can even call on the day for emergency care. So if you are in full time or casual care we can help.

If you qualify for Work & Income subsidies, we can also assist with that.

After enrollment completion, select a preferred payment option, credit card or bank, and make payment. For families that qualify for subsidies, check the bank payment option and make an initial deposit of \$10.

For families that enrol for Term 1, we would like to offer an introductory offer for anyone booking in Term 1 of a discount of \$2.50 per day from the regular \$17.50 per day. The centre will be open to 6pm daily, or earlier if everyone is collected earlier.

Feel free to meet up with the staff on-site from Tuesday (either in the old dental clinic or in the school Library).

Regards, Kevin
aPlus

We look forward to getting aPlus up-and-running for our community.

Smiles, Sonia Mudgway