

# Riverview OSCAR



## After School and Holiday Programmes

Riverview OSCAR is operated by the Riverview School BOT to provide a safe, fun, stimulating, and friendly environment for children, both after school and during the school holidays. Many children come to OSCAR while parents are working or studying, and others come to spend time with friends.

OSCAR offers an environment and a programme of activities where children can unwind after a busy day at school or during the holidays, and where children can play, relax, socialise, try new things, and be active and creative with other children.



## What happens at OSCAR?

OSCAR caters for children with a wide range of ages and interests so the programme is flexible to respond to current interests. There is usually a mix of child-initiated and adult-initiated activities during any afternoon.

Children are encouraged to make choices, just as they would be at home, about how to spend their leisure time. There is access to a range of equipment and materials which they are free to use in their own play, supported, extended, and encouraged by staff. New activities are introduced regularly.

- Outside play
- Sports gear, scooters, skipping ropes
- Crafts and Carpentry
- Hot glue gun construction
- Playdough and clay
- Swimming and water slide
- Board games
- Group games
- Occasional DVDs
- Lots of support to experiment and explore
- School playgrounds
- Art activities
- Toys, cars, dolls, figurines
- Lego and blocks
- Dress ups, huts, and imaginary play
- Baking
- Colouring in
- Messy and water play

We encourage friendship, self-management, tolerance, and respect for each other and property. We use Riverview School's HEARTWISE values as well. There are routines to help children be independent and responsible.

## Holiday Programmes

A programme of activities and outings is available, offering a mixture of organised activities and many opportunities to play, selecting from freely accessible equipment, sports gear, toys, materials, and heaps of friends.

Holiday programme information and enrolment forms are available from OSCAR and the Riverview School office and website.

***We appreciate all feedback. Please talk to programme staff about any concerns or questions you have.***



## **Where, When, Who, and How**

OSCAR is based in the Riverview School Hall and grounds and uses other school facilities; it is staffed by experienced adults and younger staff, including high school students. There are always at least two staff and a ratio of 1:10.

We know how important feeling safe and secure is to you and your child so we make a real effort to get to know every child.



***After School Programme 2.55 pm - 5.30 pm***

***\$20 per day***

The after school programme is available to Riverview School students and families. Children come straight to OSCAR at the end of the day and can be collected any time before 5.30 pm.

***Holiday programme 8.00 am – 5.30 pm***

***\$50 per day/\$60 on trip days***

The Holiday Programme is open to primary school children in years 0 – 6 from all local schools. Children can be dropped off, at a time that suits you after 8.00 am. Be aware of the leaving time for OSCAR trips away during the holidays. Our trip days are usually Wednesday & Friday.

## **Enrolment**

Children must be enrolled before they come to OSCAR, to ensure that we have all the information we need to care for your child or to contact you, as we don't have access to the school office after hours. Please keep us up to date with any changes to your contact details.

Enrolment forms are available directly from OSCAR, from the school office, or at [www.riverview.school.nz/oscar](http://www.riverview.school.nz/oscar)

## **Fees**

Invoices will be issued weekly, and immediately after holiday programmes, allowing time for Work and Income subsidies to be received. Prompt payment is appreciated. Invoices can be emailed, so please provide your email address on the enrolment form. Some families choose to set up regular automatic payments. No show fees are charged when people fail to cancel booked sessions, without at least 24 hours prior notification. This is \$10 for After School Programme and \$25/\$30 on trip days during the Holiday Programme



Notification must be made to the Programme Manager (021 296 4829) at least 24 hours in advance by 8am the day prior to a after school or holiday programme booking.

### **Work and Income Fee Subsidies**

Fee subsidies are available to eligible families. Many working families find this to be invaluable financial assistance. Application forms are available at OSCAR, from Work and Income, or on [www.workandincome.govt.nz](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz)

### **Holiday Programme (HP) Bond**

A \$50 bond per child is required to guarantee a place for non-Riverview students attending our Holiday Programme. Please pay this online at the time of booking, clearly marking your payment with the child's name and "HP Bond". The bond will be deducted from your final HP invoice.



### **After School Sports Practices**

Many children take part in after-school sports practices. OSCAR staff will assist and support them to get to and from school-based practices.

### **Afternoon Tea**

An afternoon snack is provided, at both after school and holiday programmes. Children will need to bring lunch, drinks, and other snacks during full-day programmes.

### **Collecting your child at the end of the day**

The programme closes at 5.30 pm. Children will need to be collected and signed out by an adult. If someone other than those named on your enrolment form will be collecting your child, just let us know. If you are running late, please call and then drive carefully. A late fee may be charged, for habitual lateness. ***We need to know about changes to your children's after-school plans.***

#### **How to contact RIVERVIEW OSCAR...**

**Programme Manager: Shelley Robinson: 021 296 4829**

Call or TXT during programme hours and any time for messages, enquiries, and account queries. The OSCAR email is [oscar@riverview.school.nz](mailto:oscar@riverview.school.nz)

**Riverview School office: 09 4077277**

Call during school hours to leave messages or change after-school arrangements.