



## At your Kindergarten from 1 July 2007

### *How it all works*

- Up to 20 Hours Free ECE is available to all three and four year olds at our Kindergartens. (ECE = Early Childhood Education)
- 20 Hours Free ECE will not change the way your Kindergarten operates—the session times for your child will not change because of this new policy.
- You can choose to split your free hours between Kindergarten and other ECE services.
- You won't be charged a fee for any of your free hours at Kindergarten.
- There won't be any extra charges for things like trips, profile books etc
- Kindergarten committees may still need to do some fundraising for specific projects—eg improvements to the play areas or buildings.

### *Fees at Kindergarten*

- Families who are not using any or all of their free hours at Kindergarten will be asked to pay a fee of \$4.00 per hour inc GST for their "non free" hours.
- We've kept the fee as low as possible—it is very reasonable compared to other services in our area
- You may qualify for a WINZ subsidy to help with your fee—please ask your teaching team for details.
- Two year olds will not be charged a fee—if their families confirm that they will use their free hours at Kindergarten when the child turns three.
- Five year olds—who have been using free hours at Kindergarten—will not be charged for those hours when they turn five.

### *Signing up for 20 free hours ECE*

- To claim your free hours you need to sign an Attestation Form.—this confirms to the Ministry of Education how you are going to use your free hours.
- Whenever you change the way you use your free hours, you need to update the Attestation Form at your child's ECE services.

For more information—talk to your teaching team or call SCFKA office 03 688 3098

