

KIDS

Open Studio

Term 4 - 2012



An open studio art making group for children of all abilities



Who: Eight children aged between 7 & 11 (particular care given to ensuring those with diverse needs are provided for)

What: Kids Open Studio is where an organic approach to learning and group activity is held. The facilitators take the lead from each child encouraging them to make their own decisions and to follow their own topics of interest. They move amongst the children assisting them by suggesting ideas and demonstrating techniques, encouraging them to try new and different ideas and mediums. Each session begins with a check-in and sharing, then an hour and half of art making, followed by a sharing circle and discussion about their creations. These sessions run on a weekly basis during term time and are ongoing.

Why: Allowing children to express themselves creatively can increase self-esteem, confidence, positive self-identity, effective self-expression, artistic/fine motor skills, task engagement, sensory regulation, and imaginative thinking. Belonging to a social group can also help develop communication and social skills, and be lots of fun! This programme will provide a safe and supportive environment, specifically tailored to the individual needs and abilities of each child in the group.

Where: Spark Centre of Creative Development:
Fowlds Park, Rocky Nook Ave, St Lukes, Auckland

When: Mondays 4:00pm–5:30pm Term 4, 2012 starting 15th October

Cost: \$120 (8 weeks) all art materials included
N.B. Term fees can be paid using carer support

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