

HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

15th April: End of Term One

19th April: Wheels Day - Preschool

25th April: ANZAC DAY - HOPSCOTCH CLOSED

2nd May: Term Two Starts

Your Child's Bookings

It is a requirement of the Ministry of Education that your child's attendance matches their booked hours. If your child is regularly attending for more or less hours than they are booked in for, you will be asked to review their booking and reconfirm the hours that you need.

In addition, if you're going to be early dropping off or late collecting your child, you **MUST** ring the centre to let us know - please do this for every day that your child's hours are different to those you are booked in for.

Thank you for your assistance in this area.

School Holidays

If your child is going to be absent in the school holidays 18th-29th April please let a staff member know.



Early Learning Centre Planning

The centre plan is still on 'The Living World'. If parents have any interesting insects, bugs at home please bring in to the centre to share with the other children.

Changes to Childcare Assistance in April 2016

From April 2016 the Government is making changes to address child hardship. Additional Childcare Assistance will be available so parents can work or take up education or training. Increases to Childcare Assistance will be automatic. Clients affected by the change won't have to do anything.

There's more information online at www.workandincome.govt.nz.

Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Parents, Caregivers & Visitors, Settling In, Sexuality Education (PS), Social Media, Staff Health, Substance Abuse. Please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.



Firewood For Sale

Macrocarpa \$80 per cubic metre, delivered. Please call Logan Shaw 027 772 6921.

Storypark

Thanks to all the parents who have signed up to this, and also to the parents who have contributed to their child's learning. We hope to have all parents signed up. Please accept your invites online to access your child's online profile.



Family Updates

Early Learning Centre

We welcome Harrison, Julius and Keela. We farewell Isimeli, Kadie and Ryder who are moving up to the Preschool. We also say goodbye to Alicia and Jack.

Preschool

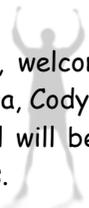
We welcome Isimeli, Kadie and Ryder from the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell our friends Eden, Emily, Emma, Matahi, Monique, Noah, Piri and Renee who are off to continue their learning journey at school.



Staff Updates

- * Tara has had her baby girl, welcome to the world Madden Aurora Morrow! Congratulations Tara, Cody and Tanna!!
- * Vicky's last day at Preschool will be Friday 8th April. We wish her well in her future endeavours.



How Sugar is Affecting Your Child's Learning



You are what you eat. Therefore, food cravings and addictions can be a real biomedical problem. For example, sugar is a well known addictive substance that can be a contributor to learning disabilities, hyperactivity and it can also affect the educational process.

Learning requires optimal health and brain function. When a child consumes foods deficient in essential nutrients, the possibilities for learning disabilities increase. Research suggests that diet and nutrition play a pivotal role in a child's learning, development, behaviour, and memory.

Sugar affects a child's ability to pay attention and can contribute to symptoms of being overactive and irritable. It has the potential to be a destroyer of general health and immunity as it robs the body of important vitamins and minerals.

