

# HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool  
Otorohanga



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## Danui Hui-Tanguru Newsletter FEBRUARY 2016

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### Diary Dates

**1st February:** Auckland Anniversary Day Observed - Hopscotch Closed  
**2nd February:** Preschool - swimming at town pools starts  
**8th February:** Waitangi Day Observed - Hopscotch Closed  
**18th February:** Preschool - Dress Up Day

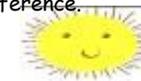
### Welcome back



We hope you all had a safe and happy Christmas break and we welcome aboard all our new families to both the Early Learning Centre and the Preschool. If you have any queries or concerns, please remember we are here to help. If you'd like an appointment, feel free to ask a member of staff.

Please remember our opening hours: Children must not be left before 8am and must be collected by 5.15pm. Please call us if your child is not going to attend for any reason, and also let us know if you will be late. **You can call on the centre landlines or text the mobiles**—our numbers are on the front of this newsletter.

Accounts must be paid on a weekly basis unless other arrangements have been made with Michelle or Gina. You can pay by EFTPOS, cash, cheque or online banking. Our bank details are on the top of your weekly invoice. Please use your child's name as a reference.



### Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap

**October to April** is when the ultraviolet radiation from the sun's rays is most intense in New Zealand. This is a reminder to you about sun protection for your children. We ask that you bring a named sunhat for your child. Children will not be allowed to play outside during the next few months without a protective hat and clothing. Please ensure your children's shoulders are covered and they do not wear string singlets. Hopscotch will provide and apply SPF30+ sunscreen as required. If your child requires alternative sunblock to the one we provide please bring your own named bottle. As we will also be increasing our water play please also ensure a change of lighter weight **NAMED** clothing, appropriate togs and a towel in their bag.



### Swimming at Preschool

The children at Preschool have enjoyed the opportunity to visit the town pools during February. They are demonstrating increasing confidence in the water and a good awareness of basic water safety. This has only been possible with the help of parent support, so a **BIG THANK YOU** to those that have offered their time. Please see the back page of the newsletter .

## Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Custodial Arrangements, Financial, First Aid, Philosophy. Please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.

## 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. It is new to the centres so we hope to have all parents signed up by the end of the month. Preschool will be up and running within the next week or so.

## Toby

Thank you to Grace Malcolm and her wonderful family for looking after Toby over the Christmas break. He had a lovely holiday sunbathing on the grass and enjoying being out in the country. What a lovely way to spend his last days. He was a grand old age of 9 years.

## Relief Milker available

Are you in need of a relief milker in the Otorohanga area? Please call Logan Shaw 027 772 6921.

## Family Updates

### Early Learning Centre

We welcome Dré and Nathana. We farewell Elili, Jake, Maia, Pia, Renae, Ryan and Tanna who are moving up to the Preschool.

### Preschool

We welcome Aarnav, Alexis, Bailey and Lochlan. We also welcome all of the transitioners from the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell our friends Alexis, Ariana, Ava, Caitlin, Cooper, Elina, James, Katie, Khloe, Seth and Zoe who are off to continue their learning journey at school.

## Staff Updates

- \* Stacey has had her baby boy, welcome to the world Lochlan! Congratulations Stacey and Ryan!!
- \* Tara will be on Maternity Leave for 6 months from 18th March.
- \* Erna has accepted a permanent position at the Preschool on a Tuesday. Welcome Erna!!

