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Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool  
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Newsletter  
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## Diary Dates



2nd Sept:  
4th Sept:  
10-18 Sept:

Special Male's Afternoon (ELC)  
Father's Day  
Conservation Week



### Spring is in the air!!

We have been hearing from many children about the exciting arrival of baby animals at their houses and farms. It would be wonderful if you could share some photos of your child with their new arrivals either on Storypark or by emailing them to us at [preschool@hopscotch.kiwi](mailto:preschool@hopscotch.kiwi).



### Infants Focus

The Infants area are focusing on spring with their children for their planning at present. They are looking at the way things grow. This will include baby animals, flowers, fruit and vegetables. If your child has a pet baby animal can you please email a photo to [happy@hopscotch.kiwi](mailto:happy@hopscotch.kiwi) including the pets name.

### 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, or somebody else is picking up 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.

## Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Attendance, Infant Milk Food, Planning, Assessment & Evaluation, Smoking and Sunsmart. Please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.



## Family Updates

### Early Learning Centre

We welcome Anastasia, Isaac, Jack, Madden, Noah and Zaria.

We farewell Ashton, Brady, Nathan and Meili who are moving up to the Preschool. We also say goodbye to Monica who is leaving the area.

### Preschool

We welcome Jazmin and Sophie to Preschool. We also welcome Ashton, Brady, Meili and Nathan from the Early Learning Centre.

We say farewell to Skye who is leaving the area

We also say goodbye to Travis who is off to continue his learning journey at school.



## Staff Updates

- \* As you probably already know, Toni is pregnant and will be leaving for maternity leave on 16th September. We wish her all the best as we await the arrival of her new baby.
- \* Caitlin Scott will be covering Toni while she's away - starting on Monday 19th September. Caitlin has a passion for infants, is a fully qualified early childhood teacher and comes with lots of background experience working in childcare. Welcome on board Caitlin.
- \* We're also excited to let you know Tara will be returning from maternity leave with Madden on Monday 19th September. Tara will be working four days a week from Monday to Thursday. Welcome back Tara - we missed you!!

Did you know  
**1 in 7**  
...kids struggle to blow up a balloon?

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