

# HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool  
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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## Diary Dates

31st March: Beattie Home visit - Easter Eggs!!  
2nd April: Term 1 Ends  
3rd April: Hopscotch closed (Good Friday)  
5th April: Daylight Savings Ends  
6th April: Hopscotch closed (Easter Monday)  
14th April: Wheels Day (Preschool)  
27th April: Hopscotch Closed (Anzac Day Holiday)  
6th May: Hamilton Show (Preschool)



### Beattie Home

What a wonderful response we've had to our request for Easter Eggs. Please keep bringing them in—thank you so much for your support. We've arranged to visit Beattie Home on Tuesday 31st March at 1.30pm. If you'd like to help deliver the eggs with the children, please can you let us know. The more help we have, the more children we'll be able to take. We'll need a staff to child ratio of 1:4. We also received a phone call from the Waitomo News who'd like to run a story on our egg delivery, so they'll be at Beattie Home to take photos. Very exciting!

### ERO visits

The Education Review Office will be visiting Hopscotch in June this year. They want to know how well placed our service is to promote positive outcomes for all children. Over the coming months, we'll provide you with information about their visit and let you know how you can be involved.

### Warmer Clothing

Now that the weather is turning cooler, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately with plenty of spare NAMED clothing.



### Daylight Saving Ends

Sunday 5th April: For anyone that is up at 2.00am, please don't forget to turn your clock back one hour. For the rest of us, it might pay to do this before we tuck in on the Saturday night.

## Policies for review

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

## Mobile Ear Clinic

The mobile ear clinic due to be in Otorohanga Friday 27 March has been cancelled due to a family bereavement. Next visit will be on 22 May.



## Preschool Planning

Our current centre planning is focused on researching our national icon 'the kiwi'. Children will be encouraged to ask questions, explore and discover. Many aspects of this topic encourage children to gain a greater understanding about the kiwi and their natural environment. This aligns with our upcoming excursion to Hamilton where we will be enjoying a live stage show based on the story "Kiwi Moon".



## Kiwi Moon

We are currently organising an outing for our Preschool children. Clarence St Theatre in Hamilton is hosting a show - "Kiwi Moon" on Wednesday 6th May. Please check your pockets for details about this charming New Zealand tale of a Kiwi's journey of self-discovery. For more information visit [www.capitale.org.nz/whats\\_on](http://www.capitale.org.nz/whats_on) then click on "National Theatre for Children".

## Staff Updates

- Gemma has been on practicum for the last 5 weeks, but whilst away has made the decision to resign from Hopscoth. We wish her luck with the remainder of her studies. We are currently interviewing for her replacement and will let you know who that will be.
- Vanessa Shaw attended a Team Building Leadership Course in Hamilton. This supports our positive team culture based on mutual trust and respect.
- Michelle & Charlotte attended a Management and Governance Course with the Ministry of Education.
- Charlotte, Michelle, Tara and Vanessa attended an ERO Workshop to assist with our upcoming reviews mid-year.
- Lauren will be carrying out her Home Centre practicum for 4 weeks from 20th April.
- Employee of the month for March was Taylor. What an amazing job you're doing in every area of Hopscoth. We really enjoy your work ethic and smiley face.



HMNZS Te Kaha leaving for Anzac Commemorations

**LOOK!**

Vanessa Shaw's daughter, Jessica, is an Officer onboard this ship. She is heading to Anzac Cove, Turkey for the 100th Anniversary Commemorations.

The 25th of April 2015 marks the anniversary date of our brave Anzac's landing on the shores of ANZAC Cove. Thousands of people attend Anzac Day at Gallipoli each year and Turkey is expecting over 100,000 participants at the Anzac Day Dawn services in Gallipoli Turkey in 2015. A combined Dawn Service is held at Anzac Cove which is followed by the New Zealand service at Chunk Bair and an Australian service at Lone Pine.

Anzac Day is a very special day both in New Zealand and Australia. The anniversary of the Anzac day is one of New Zealand and Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by New Zealand and Australian forces during the First World War. On 25th of April 1915, forces landed on Gallipoli so 25th of April became the day on which we remembered the sacrifice of soldiers who had died in the war. Many people think 25th of April is the day the Anzacs suffered great loss of life at Gallipoli but they were not evacuated until December of the same year. In 1916, The 25th of April was officially named as Anzac Day.

## ANZAC BISCUITS RECIPE

### Ingredients

1/2 Cup Plain Flour  
1/3 Cup Sugar  
2/3 Cup Dessicated Coconut  
3/4 Cup Rolled Oats  
50gm Butter  
1 Tbsp Golden Syrup  
1/2 tsp Baking Soda  
2 Tbsp Boiling Water



### Directions

Mix together flour, sugar, coconut and rolled oats.  
Melt the butter and golden syrup.  
Dissolve baking soda in the boiling water.  
Add to butter and golden syrup.  
Stir butter mixture into the dry ingredients.  
Place spoonfuls of mixture onto cold greased trays  
Bake at 180°C about 15 minutes or until golden.  
Makes 20.

