

HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



Pānui Paenga-whāwhā Newsletter April 2017

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Diary Dates

2nd April:	Daylight Savings Ends
13th April:	Beattie Home Visit - Both Centres
13th April:	Term One Ends
14th April:	Good Friday - HOPSCOTCH CLOSED
17th April:	Easter Monday - HOPSCOTCH CLOSED
25th April:	Anzac Day - HOPSCOTCH CLOSED
1st May:	Term Two Starts



Infant Planning

The current infant planning is focussing on family play and self-help skills. The infant teachers will be encouraging and supporting the children to wash their own hands, feed themselves, wash their faces after kai, climb on and off their chairs, care for others, dress and feed the dolls and take the dolls for walks. The children will learn to imitate these actions at their own level from the role modelling of the teachers.

Toddler Planning

Our current planning focus is all about 'Moana'. The children are so interested in the movie that the toddler teachers have created a plan around the Moana theme. In the movie, the adventurous teenager, Moana, meets the once-mighty demigod Maui, who guides her in her quest to save her people. The teachers will be linking Moana into the story of Maui. So look out for the great ideas about this and if you have any ideas or props to help then please see a toddler staff member.

Warmer Clothing

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



Absences

When texting, leaving a message on the answerphone, or emailing, please let us know **why** your child will be absent. This is a Ministry requirement and will assist with our record keeping. Thank you.



Daylight Saving Ends

Sunday 2nd 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: 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.

School Holidays

If your child is going to be absent during the school holidays 14th–28th April please let a staff member know.

Family Updates

Early Learning Centre

We welcome Braedyn and Mitchell.



We farewell Brock and Ineke who are moving up to the Preschool.

Preschool

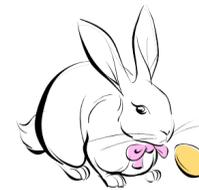
We welcome Zavier to Preschool. We also welcome Brock and Ineke from the Early Learning Centre.

We say goodbye to our friends Bailey and Pia who are off to continue their learning journey at school.



Staff Updates

- * As you may know, Toni was due to return from her maternity leave this month. However, she's chosen to resign to spend more time with her new family but we're happy to let you know that she'll be on our reliever's list so you'll still be seeing her from time to time.
- * Both Caitlin and Kina have slotted easily into our ELC team, initially on fixed term contracts, and we're pleased to now welcome them as permanent staff.
- * You'll see a couple of new faces so please say hello to our new relievers - Tash Dunne and Shannon Runciman.
- * Sadly Erna will be leaving the Preschool for personal reasons at the end of Term 1. Erna has been working at Hopscotch since 2013 as both a reliever and permanent staff member and she'll be missed by us all. We are currently in the process of interviewing and will let you know who her replacement will be in due course.



Easter Eggs (Donations please !)

Easter is nearly here! Can you believe it?!

As part of our involvement in the community we'd like to give a little back. We're asking our families to donate an Easter Egg to a very worthy cause. The eggs will be collected at Hopscotch and then taken to the elderly people at Beattie Home during the week before Easter break.

We believe our grandparents and great grandparents are the heart of our community - and everyone loves a little bit of chocolate! This is now an annual tradition for Hopscotch, following on from previous years. The Preschool children will also be creating cards for the residents.

Thank you in advance for your kind generosity. Your eggs can be left at either Hopscotch centre.



Thank you