

# HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool  
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



Pānui  
Here-Turi-Kōkā 2014

Newsletter  
August 2014

Early Learning Childcare Centre  
11 Bledisloe Avenue

07 873 8732  
027 773 8739

Preschool  
59 Haerehuka Street

07 873 8739  
027 773 8732

Charlotte Clapcott—Licensee—email: happy1@hopscotch-childcare.co.nz

## Diary Dates

5th August: Wheels Day at Preschool ONLY  
7th August: Awesome Parents 5 week course  
11th August: B4 School Checks for 4 year olds at Preschool  
30th August: Daffodil Day  
7th September: Father's Day  
17th September: Special Persons Morning at Preschool  
19th September: Special Persons Morning at Early Learning Centre



## Awesome Parents Course

Want to be an awesome parent? Come and meet Lisa McKimm and be part of her inspiring workshop. For anyone wanting to improve their relationships with children of all ages. 5 Thursdays from 7th August to 4th September. At Otorohanga South School staff room. Contact: Deb Hill 873 8156 or Anne Green 873 7389 or txt 021-578-052. Cost \$25 per person or \$30 per couple for the entire 7 weeks.

## Policies for review

*The following policies are due to be reviewed: Complaints, Emergencies, Enrolment and Positive Behaviour Management. Please take the time to read them through and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.*

## Ministry of Education Website

The MoE is improving its online information. They are developing a new parent website, within their education portal—[www.parents.education.govt.nz](http://www.parents.education.govt.nz). The goal is to provide a central place to give parents information and answer commonly asked questions in plain language. This will enable you to feel equipped to engage in your children's education.



## WATCH THIS SPACE !

Hopscotch is currently learning through professional development about our Whakapapa. This will give us a sense of belonging and enable us to gain an understanding of our local Maniapoto heritage. We will find out about what is special to us at Hopscotch, such as our mountain, river, marae and Taniwhā. We'd love you to share your knowledge of our area with us so feel free to have a chat. Take a look at our wall displays and let us know what you think.



### Lost Property

**This is mountainous !!! Please take a look and TAKE IT AWAY! Naming your children's clothing will reduce our lost property. Please help us in this area.**

### Staff Updates

- \* Employee of the Month for July was Erna. Thank you for always being here for us Erna.
- \* Jessie Eustace will be attending the Preschool for a week in mid-August. She's a first year student studying for her Early Childhood Degree. Please welcome her to our centre.
- \* Lauren is doing a Home Centre Practicum at Preschool for four weeks from 28th July — 22nd Aug.
- \* Vanessa Clarke is currently on her final 3 week practicum at a centre in Te Awamutu.
- \* Jo at the Preschool has chosen to step down as Supervisor with immediate effect. She is currently on holiday in Rarotonga and will return with reduced hours in the role as Educator. We are very happy to announce that Gwen and Vanessa Shaw will be stepping up as joint supervisors. As a result, we'll be focussing closely on our planning, assessments and routines over the next few weeks.



## TRANSPORT



Transportation is an important part of everyday life, and as such is a topic many preschool aged children are interested in. A transportation theme not only teaches children about what different vehicles are for and how they work, but they can also learn other important concepts such as safety when riding a bicycle or walking.

At the Preschool we have noticed there is a strong interest in all modes of transport. The children have been implementing this play in all areas across the curriculum. We have been extending on this by:

- Providing opportunities for children to experience different modes of transport;
- Taking the children to visit the local fire station;
- Reading books and singing songs about transport;
- Making our own stop/go signs;
- Getting the children to think about safety around transport;
- Asking children to bring their own modes of transport to Hopscotch;
- Exploring different art media with the focus on transport;
- Children sharing their own transport experiences

