

HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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Diary Dates

31st July: B4 School Checks - 4 year olds
11th Aug: Mobile Free Ear Clinic
25th Aug: Daffodil Day



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.



B4 School Hearing & Vision checks

The vision/hearing technician from Waikids will be visiting the Preschool on Monday 31st July at 10am. Vicki Dixon will see four year old children who have not been seen for the above checks, or require re-checks from a previous visit. Parents will be notified of all outcomes from these checks and may be advised that their child requires a re-check or to seek further advice from another health professional. If you do not wish your child to be checked, or your child is currently under specialist care for their hearing or vision, please let us know.



Mobile Ear Clinic

The mobile ear clinic will be visiting Otorohanga on Friday 11th August. This is a Free Ear Clinic Service for children. They can help with glue ear assessment and management, grommet checks, wax/foreign body removal and treatment of discharging ears. They'll be at the Otorohanga Club Carpark from 9.00am to 2.45pm. For enquiries regarding this service, please contact 07 838 3565.



Lunchboxes

Parents/Caregivers - Could you please name your child's lunchbox to alleviate problems of not knowing whose lunchbox is whose.



Warmer Clothing

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

Policies for review

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



Child Health

We strive to keep our children healthy at Hopscotch and ask that all parents comply with our Child Health Policy.

If your child is sick and/or feeling unwell in themselves, please keep them at home. If you would like a copy of our Child Health Policy please ask at the office. Thank you.



Nut Free Centres

We have children at Hopscotch with severe and life threatening ALLERGIC REACTIONS to NUTS.

It is very important that you do not bring nuts of any kind into the centres. This includes peanut butter and Nutella. Also muesli bars, biscuits and baking that contain nuts.



Family Updates

Early Learning Centre

We welcome Katie and Mia to the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Stevielee who is moving up to the Preschool.

Preschool

We welcome Halen-Rose to Preschool. We also welcome Stevielee from the Early Learning Centre.

We say goodbye to our friends Ashly, Isimeli and Willow who are off to continue their learning journey at school.



Staff Updates

- * We welcome Fiona Beckett to the Preschool at the start of Term 3. She'll be working 4 days a week as a qualified Teacher. Fiona comes to us with over 10 years of early childhood teaching experience and holds a Bachelor of Teaching through WINTEC. Fiona has relieved for us in the past so we know that she'll be a great fit with our team. She loves gardening, reading and playing the ukulele - which we're sure she'll bring to the centre to share with us all! Please make yourselves known to Fiona and welcome her to Hopscotch.

MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

To conclude our Matariki celebrations a group of Preschool children visited our friends and whānau at the Early Learning Centre. We had prepared a special chocolate cake for them and were delighted to receive some scones and a Matariki kite, Manu Tukutuku, they had made for us.

