

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool  
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



Pānui  
Hui-Tanguru  
  
Newsletter  
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Monday 3rd February 2014

Diary Dates

6th February:

Hopscotch CLOSED—Waitangi Day



Welcome back

We hope you all had a safe and happy Christmas break and we welcome aboard all our new families to both the Early Learning Centre and the Preschool. If you have any queries or concerns, please remember we are here to help. If you'd like an appointment, feel free to ask a member of staff.

Please remember our opening hours: Children must not be left before 8am and must be collected by 5.15pm. Please call us if your child is not going to attend for any reason, and also let us know if you will be late. **You can call on the centre landlines or text the mobiles**—our numbers are on the front of this newsletter.

Accounts must be paid on a weekly basis unless other arrangements have been made with Charlotte or Gina. You can pay by EFTPOS, cash, cheque or online banking. Our bank details are on the top of your weekly invoice. Please use your child's name as a reference.

One of our aims is to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. We have a strict policy relating to child health which is attached to this newsletter. Please familiarise yourselves with this policy and do not bring your child to the centre if they are unwell.

Swimming for Preschoolers

With a lovely spell of hot weather, we will be taking our Preschoolers to the Otorohanga Public Pool. We intend to take 10 children each time, who will be accompanied by 2 staff members. We will also require 2 parents to assist—this will ensure the ratio will be 2:1. Please check your family pocket



for further details.



### Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Food & Nutrition, Philosophy, Financial, First Aid, Privacy, Custodial Arrangements. Also our procedures for Parents, Caregivers and Visitors attending Hopscotch . Please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you

### House to rent

Does anyone have or know of someone that may have a 3 bedroom house to rent in the Otorohanga/Waitomo area. If so, could you please leave the details at reception at Preschool. Thank you.



If so,

### Fundraising Initiative

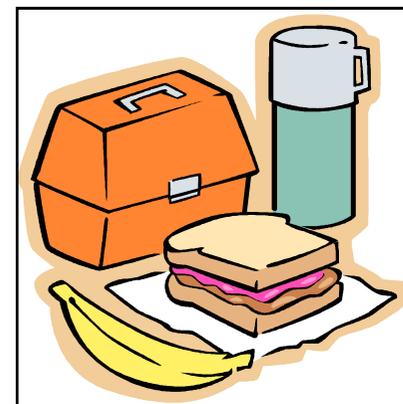
Larissa Keast is one of our relieving teachers at Hopscotch. She will be participating in Shave for a Cure NZ on 22nd March by having her head shaved outside Team Seven in Te Awamutu at 12.30pm. The money raised will assist people suffering from Leukaemia and families supporting children and adults with Leukaemia and blood cancer blood. Donations will be very gratefully received and can be made online at:

<http://my.leukaemia.net.nz/lariphant>, or directly to Larissa at Hopscotch.

### Staff Updates

- ⇒ Farewell to **Fiona Prescott** at the Preschool. Fiona's last day was Friday 31st January. Fiona has worked in the office at Preschool for over 4 years and will be greatly missed.
- ⇒ Welcome to **Gina Rose** who will be starting full time at the Preschool as the Office Manager on Monday 3rd February. Gina has worked in the childcare sector for the previous 3 years. Please be patient during our transition period—there's a huge amount to learn!
- ⇒ **Vanessa Clarke** is in her last year of studies—well done Vanessa, you're almost there. She will be away for 3 weeks in Feb/Mar on practicum.

## Top Tips for Lunchboxes



*Vary the shape of your child's sandwiches*

*Use leftovers - add diced veges and cheese to pasta*

*Use different bread products such as pita & wraps*

*Prepare cheese toasties and muffins in advance and freeze*

*Add pretzels, popcorn or pikelets as a healthy snack*

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