

# HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool  
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



PāNUI  
HUI-TANGURU  
  
NEWSLETTER  
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## Diary Dates

6th February:  
13th February:

Waitangi Day-Hopscotch Closed  
Freaky Friday Dress Up &  
Crazy Hair Day—Preschool Only



## 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, Michelle 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.



## Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap

**October to April** is when the ultraviolet radiation from the sun's rays is most intense in New Zealand. This is a reminder to you about sun protection for your children. We ask that you bring a named sunhat for your child. Children will not be allowed to play outside during the next few months without a protective hat and clothing. Please ensure your children's shoulders are covered and they do not wear string singlets. Hopscotch will provide and apply SPF30+ sunscreen as required. If your child requires alternative sunblock to the one we provide please bring your own named bottle. As we will also be increasing our water play please also ensure a change of lighter weight **NAMED** clothing and a towel in their bag.

## Xmas Float

We came **SECOND**—Yay! We won \$150 from the Otorohanga Business Association which we can spend in Otorohanga. If you have any suggestions as to what we should buy, please let staff know. Thank you to all our amazing helpers: Freightlines, Charlie Telfer, George Russell, Julie & Donovan Neuhoff, Alana Phillips, Cherie de Malmanche, Max McConnell, Nancy Rose, Zara Gray, Alyssa & Brianna Waldron, Victoria & Zoë Clapcott and of course our very own Elsa—Vanessa Clarke—and all the Hopscotch Preschool staff.

## Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Food & Nutrition, Philosophy, Financial, First Aid, Privacy, Custodial Arrangements. Please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.



## Toys at Hopscotch

Could parents please discourage children from bringing toys from home in to Hopscotch. Children are not willing to share their personal toys and we can't take responsibility for breakages. Toys that are brought to the centre are left in the staff room but the children still ask for them throughout the day. Thank you for your cooperation in this area.

## Toby

Thank you to Lydia Disher and her wonderful family for looking after Toby over the Christmas break. He had a lovely holiday eating lots of dandelions and enjoying being out in the country.

## Staff Updates

- \* Please join us in welcoming Stacey Clifford to our Early Learning Centre. Stacey recently completed her Bachelor of Teaching (ECE) through WINTEC. She holds a First Aid Certificate as well as a Catering & Hospitality Certificate. Stacey lives in Hamilton and we are very excited that she has chosen to join our team.
- \* Employee of the Month for December was Ness at the Preschool—thank you for all the hard work you put in to plan, create and organise our Christmas Float for the parade.
- \* Vanessa Shaw has successfully completed her two year registration process and is now a fully registered ECE Teacher.

## Otorohanga Parent Education Group and Otorohanga Primary School

Want to be an Awesome Parent? Want to improve your relationship with your children? Come and meet Lisa McKimm and be part of her inspiring course.

### Awesome Parents Workshop

**Facilitator:** Lisa McKimm of Parentingworx  
**When:** Held on a Tuesday night –  
24th Feb, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st March  
**Time:** 7pm – 9.30pm  
**Where:** Otorohanga Primary School  
Staffroom, 95 Phillips Ave  
**Enrolments:** Deb Hill 873 8156  
Anne Green 873 7389 or  
txt 021578052  
**Cost:** \$25 per person or \$30 per couple

### Toolbox Parenting Groups

Whatever stage you are at a Toolbox group will give you the confidence to be the best parent you can be and have fun on the way.



### BUILDING AWESOME WHANAU(0-12 YRS)

#### DAYTIME COUSE

Starting Wednesday 18th February 2015

9.30 – 11.30am

#### EVENING COURSE

Starting Wednesday 18th February 2015

7.30 – 9.30pm

#### VENUE

Lighthouse Room, St Andrews Church Complex, Mutu St, Te Awamutu  
For 6 weeks—subsidies available.

To register or for more information contact Pat Schwass 07 871 7394 or  
021 122 3803