

# HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool  
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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## Diary Dates

4th July: Māori Language Week  
8th July: End of Term Two  
25th July: Start of Term Three



### Preschool Centre Planning

Our centre focus at the Preschool is currently on Matariki. The children will be exploring many aspects of Matariki in fun and interesting ways. A small group of children attended the powerful Matariki Challenge at Ōtorohanga College.



### Early Learning Centre Planning

Due to a large number of children taking interest in different types of transport, we have decided to make this our centre focus. We are hoping to get different modes of transport into the centre i.e tractor, police car, fire truck, ambulance, boat, horse etc. If you are able to help in providing any of the above transport for the children to look around then please let a teacher know. Also if you have any photos of your children on transport please feel free to bring along to the centre.



### Toys at Hopscotch

We have had an increase in toys from home coming in to Preschool and there is a constant flow of unclaimed toys in the lost property. Children can bring in something special to share for news or show their friends, however the expectation is that the toy will be shared with other children or left in their bag. If the toys cause arguments or prevent children from engaging in the learning opportunities that Preschool have to offer, they will be put away until home time. Preschool staff will not accept responsibility for lost or broken toys.

### Absences

If your child is going to be absent, please advise the centre every day of their absence either by phone or txt. All phone numbers are on the front of this newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Lost Property

Any LOST PROPERTY not claimed before the end of the school holidays, will be used as spare clothing for Hopscotch or donated to the Op Shop.

### Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Accident, Child Health, Medicines, Pest and Vermin. Please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.

### Firewood For Sale

Please call Logan Shaw 027 772 6921.

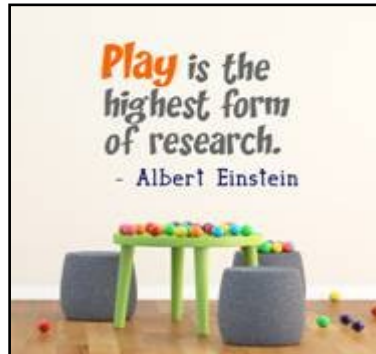


### Car Seat For Sale

Hipod full car booster seat, as new, purchased from Plunket. Suit 4-8 year old \$100 ono. Please phone Barb 873 7298.

### School Holidays

If your child is going to be absent in the school holidays 11th July–22nd July please let a staff member know.



### Family Updates

#### Early Learning Centre

We welcome Dhruv, Jonty, Noah, Raghav, Ryder and Thomas.



We farewell Benson, Charlie, Dhruv, Rayne and Willow who are moving up to the Preschool.

#### Preschool

We welcome Kyla to Preschool. We also welcome Benson, Charlie, Dhruv and Willow from the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Aarnav, Delice, Max, Olivia and Taylor who are off to continue their learning journey at school.



### Māori Language Week

*Ko tōku nui, tōku wehi, tōku whakatiketike, tōku reo.*

*My language is my greatness, my inspiration, that which I hold precious.*

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings to you all.

Every year since 1975 New Zealand has marked Māori Language Week. This is a time for all New Zealanders to celebrate te reo Māori (the Māori language) and to use more Māori phrases in everyday life. Te Wiki o te Reo Māori or Māori language week takes place between **Monday 4th July and Sunday 10th July 2016**. This special week provides an opportunity to celebrate and learn te reo Māori, helping to secure its future as a living, dynamic, and rich language. The theme for this year is, *Ākina Te Reo - Give te reo Māori a go!* which is about using te reo Māori to support people, to inspire, and to cheer on.

