

HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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Newsletter
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Diary Dates

27th March: Teddy Bears Picnic (Preschool)
10th March: B4 School Checks (Preschool)
2nd April: Term 1 Ends
3rd April: Hopscotch closed (Good Friday)
5th April: Daylight Savings Ends
6th April: Hopscotch closed (Easter Monday)



B4 School Hearing & Vision checks

The vision/hearing technician from Waikids will be visiting the Preschool on Tuesday 10th March 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.

Hopscotch Website [www](http://www.hopscotch.kiwi)

Yay! This is finally up and running – www.hopscotch.kiwi. Please take a look and let us know if you encounter any problems at any time. You'll find our newsletters, policies, menus and much, much more on our website. We'll continue to produce emailed versions of our newsletters too. We have also provided links to our ERO report, Pinterest page, WINZ and 20 Hours ECE information. AND – we have a smart phone compatible version too – always useful for contact details if you need us on the go!

ELC Planning

The Early Learning Centre is currently focussing on Expectations and Responsibilities. This has come about because we have a number of new children and new teachers who are not familiar with our routines. We will be learning about what is expected of us with regards to relationships, resources and behaviour and also what our responsibilities are in these areas.

Weekly Invoices

Please remember that your accounts need to be settled on a weekly basis unless prior arrangements have been made with Michelle, Gina or Charlotte.

Daylight Saving Ends

Sunday 5th April: For anyone that is up at 2.00am, please don't forget to turn your clock back one hour. For the rest of us, it might pay to do this before we tuck in on the Saturday night.



Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Handwashing, Internet & Email, Policy Writing and Maintenance. Please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff.



Spare Clothes

Please remember to bring a spare NAMED set of clothes and a summer hat every day. Some children are needing to change during the day and don't have enough spare clothes. Thank you for your help with this.

Mobile Ear Clinic

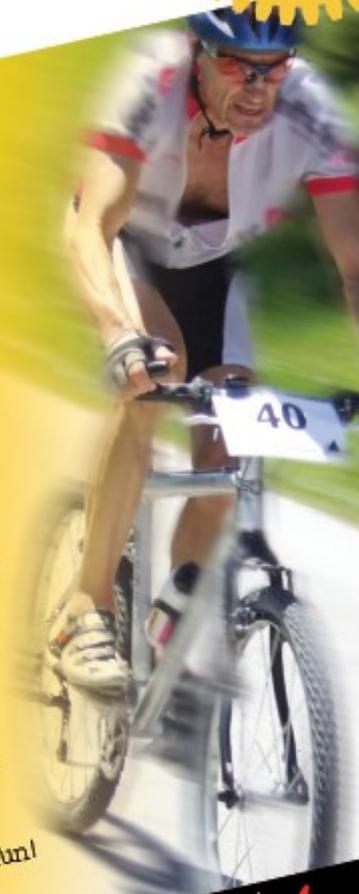
The mobile ear clinic will be visiting Otorohanga on Friday 27th March. This is a Free Ear Clinic Service for children. They can help with glue ear assessment and management, grommet checks, wax/foreign body removal and treatment of discharging ears. They'll be at the Community Support House in Otorohanga from 9am to 2pm. For enquiries regarding this service, please contact 07 838 3565.

Lost Property

So much to see!!! Please can parents check through our lost property. Any items remaining will be taken to the clothing bin on 13th March.

Staff Updates

- Gemma is carrying out her 5 week practicum at another centre and will not be returning to Hopscotch after its completion. We wish her all the best for the remainder of her course.
- Leonie is attending seven one day workshops held over eight months through the Incredible Years Teacher Programme. The course is targeted at teachers working with children from 3-7 years old. It is part of the Ministry of Education implementation of the Positive Behaviour for Learning programme.
- Employee of the Month for February was Stacey. Thank you for joining our team and fitting in so well with staff, children and parents alike.
- Please welcome Clare Fraser to Hopscotch. Clare has a degree in Early Childhood Education and has worked in Te Awamutu for the past two years whilst studying. Clare will be relieving at both centres.
- Jodie Templeman is at the Early Learning Centre for 3 weeks whilst on her practicum. She is a qualified primary school teacher and is currently studying a graduate-diploma in Early Childhood Education at Auckland University.



Le Tour de Otorohanga
new race loops!

Cycle race round the Otorohanga Mahiwhi District
A competitive and/or fun ride
Fundraiser for Otorohanga Rotary

9:30am, Sunday 29 March 2015
Starts Otorohanga Primary School,
Phillips Avenue, Otorohanga

Categories - River Road & Mahiwhi loops

Prize money races - 1st four placings

- Open Race 37.5km (\$10 entry)
- Open (local and unregistered riders) 27.5km (\$10 entry)
- Junior (local and unregistered riders) 27.5km

Fun and spot prize races

- Open Fun Ride 5km and 10km (\$5 entry)
- Junior Fun Ride 5km and 10km (free entry)

Food available to purchase
'Le Tour de Otorohanga' cycling shirts available to buy

Spot Prizes + Prize money
Come as a group, dress as a team and have a lot of fun!

Be a sportie Support sport in Otorohanga

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