

HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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Diary Dates

3rd March:
11th March:
24th March:
25th March:
28th March:

Dress Up Day—Early Learning Centre
Teddy Bears Picnic—Preschool
Beattie Home Visit—Easter Eggs!!
Good Friday—**HOPSCOTCH CLOSED**
Easter Monday—**HOPSCOTCH CLOSED**



ELC FOCUS

The Toddlers have a new plan starting based around 'The Living World'!

We will start by focusing on three interests that we feel are strongly displayed in our centre at the moment. These interests are 'Bugs/Insects', 'In the Garden' and 'Animals/Pets'.

Please see the back page for our plan. This will soon be displayed on our planning wall. We will continue to change this plan as the children take lead. We would love any input you may have. Feel free to add stories to your child's online profile book if you have noticed any of these interests at home.



Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day

During the week we would like children to share a favourite book with us, something that we can read at a mat time or during the day to the children. Please make sure this book is named. On Thursday the Early Learning Centre will celebrate by having a dress-up day where the children can dress up as their favourite character (this doesn't need to be book characters only).

Weekly Invoices

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



Daylight Saving Ends

Sunday 3rd 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.

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 24th March before Easter weekend.

Policies for review

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

Firewood For Sale

Macrocarpa \$80 per cubic metre, delivered. Please call Logan Shaw 027 772 6921.

Licensed Hours

Please remember that Hopscotch's operating hours are between 8.00am and 5.15pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

Storypark

Thanks to all the parents who have signed up to this, and also to the parents who have contributed to their child's learning. It is new to the centres so we hope to have all parents signed up. Please accept your invites online to access your child's online profile.

Absences

When texting or leaving a message on the answerphone, please let us know why your child will be absent. This is a Ministry requirement and will assist with our record keeping. Thank you.

Relief Milker available

Are you in need of a relief milker in the Otorohanga area? Please call Logan Shaw 027 772 6921.

Family Updates

Early Learning Centre

We welcome Noah and Van. We farewell Koen who is moving up to the Preschool.

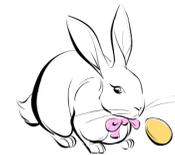
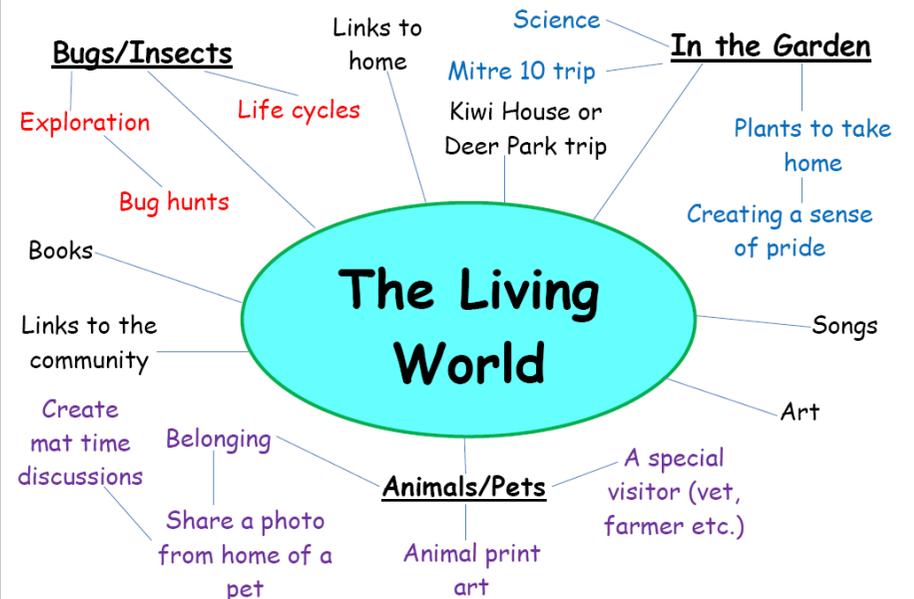
Preschool

We welcome Koen, Olly and Skylar.

We farewell our friends Grayson, Dylan and Charlee-Ray who are off to continue their learning journey at school.



Planning at The Early Learning Centre



Easter Eggs (Donations please !)

Easter is nearly here! Can you believe it?!

As part of our involvement in the community we'd like to give a little back. We're asking our families to donate an Easter Egg to a very worthy cause. The eggs will be collected at Hopscotch and then taken to the elderly people at Beattie Home during the week before Easter break.

We believe our grandparents and great grandparents are the heart of our community - and everyone loves a little bit of chocolate! We'd like to make this an annual tradition following on from last year's success.

Thank you in advance for your kind generosity. Your eggs can be left at either Hopscotch centre.

