

HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



**PāNUI
HARATUA**

**NEWSLETTER
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Diary Dates

6th May: Kiwi Moon Show (Preschool)
10th May: Mother's Day
15th May: Special Persons Morning (Preschool)
27th May: Vision/Hearing Checks (Preschool)
1st June: **Hopscotch Closed**—Queens Birthday



URGENTLY WANTED

Are you a handy person? Hopscotch needs a Mr, Mrs or Ms Fixit! This is a paid role which is really flexible with regards to timing. Andrew was working a maximum of 6 hours a week, and some weeks there'll be no work. The jobs can be done either in or out of opening hours. Andrew worked for us for a number of years repairing our equipment, putting up shelves and whiteboards and generally helping around Hopscotch doing whatever it is that we can't do. But sadly he's no longer available. If you have the tools and the time then we'd love your help (carpentry or builder's experience would definitely help.) Please can you contact Charlotte on 027 255 2464 if you're interested.



B4 School Hearing & Vision checks

The vision/hearing technician from Waikids will be visiting the Preschool on Wednesday 27th May 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.

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Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Te Tiriti O Waitangi, Nappy Changing, Personnel, Poisonous Plants. Please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff.



Beattie Home Visit

Our trip to Beattie home was a huge success. Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to help make this visit possible. We had an overwhelming response from our wonderful families and the children enjoyed giving and sharing easter eggs with the residents of Beattie Home. Did you notice us on the front page of the Waitomo News????

Family Updates

Early Learning Centre

We welcome the following families: Black, Murphy and Morgan. And we farewell the Jones and Baker families who are leaving the district.

Preschool

We welcome the Lincoln family, and farewell the Emery and Kurth families who are off to continue their learning journey at school. We also farewell the Walters family who are leaving the district.

Staff Updates

- Employee of the Month for April was Leonie. Thank you so much for all the extra work you put into creating resources at Preschool.
- Congratulations to Vanessa Clarke who graduated in Auckland this month.
- Welcome to Taylor Fortis who is now working permanently at the Early Learning Centre.
- Our wonderful reliever, Erna, is now working a permanent Thursday at the Early Learning Centre.
- Welcome to Sophie Palmer who is volunteering whilst completing her studies and also relieving for us.
- We also welcome Jessica Aikman who has started relieving for us.

Ready To Learn



Before I learn to write I need to:

- I need to feel confident with, and be able to hold a pen/ crayon/brush comfortably.
- Know what happens when I put pencils or paint to paper.
- Enjoy drawing and painting in order to learn to write.
- Have time to firstly scribble, draw circles and make shapes before I am able to draw things or letters. Now I have more control over where my crayon will go. This may take me a long time.
- I will have moved through the scribbling stage with my art and be working in the symbol stage.
- I will have practised drawing straight lines and circles with the felts and crayons you let me use. These shapes go to make up the letters in my name.
- Learn about letters and words (e.g. my name) how they are formed and what order they go in.
- I will be able to recognise my name as a 'word' because you have read lots of books to me.
- I have seen my name and heard the names and sounds of all the letters when you print it for me. I will be able to find my name on the name board.
- I'll need lots of practise, plenty of paper and pencils, paint and pens and free time to explore without any pressure or expectations placed upon me.
- I will write when I am ready!!

