

HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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NEWSLETTER
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Diary Dates

26th September: End of term 3
28th September: Daylight Savings Starts
6th-10th October: Holiday programme—details on next page
13th October: Start of Term 4
27th October: Labour Day (Hopscotch Closed)
31st October: Crazy Hair/Dress Up Day at Preschool
23rd December: Hopscotch closes at 2pm
7th January: Hopscotch reopens at 8am



Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Child Protection, Cleaning, Pets, Ill treatment of Children. Please take the time to read them through and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.

Your child's bookings

It is a requirement of the Ministry of Education that your child's attendance matches their booked hours. If your child is regularly attending for more or less hours than they are booked in for, you will be asked to review their booking and reconfirm the hours that you need.

In addition, if you're going to be late collecting your child, you MUST ring the centre to let us know—please do this for every day that your child is collected late.

Thank you for your assistance in this area.

Daylight Saving Starts

Sunday 28th September: Fantastic—Daylight saving starts. Please remember to turn your clocks **forward** one hour before you go to bed on the Saturday night.

Hopscotch Relievers

We have recently recruited some new relievers to Hopscotch. Please welcome on board Ellie, Taylor, Alana and Waipuia.



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.

Holiday Programme run by KiwiSport Waikato

Inquiries to Robbie Matthews, Otorohanga District

Coordinator p 873 7333 or 027 485 3691 e

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For school ages 5 to 13

All programmes are FREE and run from 10am-12pm

Parents and caregivers are most welcome.

SPOT PRIZES

6th October: Cricket at Otorohanga Domain

7th October: Rugby League at the Island Reserve

8th October: Scoot & Dunk at Otorohanga Skate Park

10th October: Whanau Fun Session at Kawhia

Staff Updates

- * A great big enormous congratulations to Vanessa Clarke who is now a fully qualified Early Childhood Teacher. So proud of you Ness. Well done.
- * Employee of the Month for September was Gina. Thank you for all the different roles that you fill at the Preschool. You're amazing.
- * Gwen and Tara are attending six one day workshops held over six 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.
- * From the beginning of October Marlene and Toni at the ELC are going to swap roles. Toni will be working with the infants. Marlene will be working with the toddlers. We welcome them into their new positions.

Otorohanga Parent Education Group and Otorohanga South School



Awesome parents need time out too and here's your chance to come and catch up with Lisa McKimm and go over some key points of your journey.

Awesome Parents Refresher

Held over two weeks

Facilitator:	Lisa McKimm of Parentingworx
When:	Thursday 6 th & 13 th November 2014 7pm – 9.30pm
Where:	Otorohanga South School Staffroom
Enrolments:	Deb Hill 873 8156 Anne Green 873 7389 or txt 021578052
Cost:	Donations will be appreciated