

HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

7th Oct: Wheels Day (Preschool)
12th Oct: Term 4 Starts!
15th Oct: Shake Out!! - see back page
27th Oct: Labour Day (**HOPSCOTCH CLOSED**)
29th Oct: Dress Up/Crazy Hair Day (Preschool)
23rd December: Hopscotch closes at 2pm
7th January: Hopscotch reopens at 8am



Max Baxter visits Preschool

As part of "Bee Awareness Month", which was initiated by the National Bee Association, Otorohanga Mayor Max Baxter visited Hopscotch Preschool. After Max shared some information with the children he kindly donated wildflower seeds for our garden. The addition of these flowers to our existing garden will help encourage and support the sustainability of bees. Max commented in the Waitomo News that the enthusiasm of the Hopscotch preschoolers made his day!!



Calendars, Greeting Cards or Diaries

We are underway with this years Calendars, Greeting Cards, Diaries, mouse pads and notebooks as a suggested Christmas present for family and friends. All orders need to be back by the **Friday 30th October** to ensure they arrive before Christmas. If you have any queries or need an extra order form please ask a staff member.

Food for thought

When you...draw it for me...cut it for me...paste it for me...put it together for me...all I learn is that you do it better than me.
Something to consider when we work and play, with and alongside our children.

Education Review Office Visit

The Early Learning Centre visit was postponed by ERO and will now be in Term 4.

Policies for review

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



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.



House to rent

Does anyone have or know of someone that may have a 3 bedroom house to rent in Otorohanga or the surrounding districts. If so, could you please leave the details at Preschool. Thank you.



Family Updates

Early Learning Centre

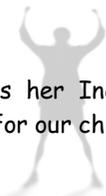
We welcome our new children: Blake, Brock, Charlie, Chase, Hailee-Raine, Nathan, Ronan, Tristin & Waylon. We also welcome back Kohatu & Willow, great to see you back in the centre.

Preschool

We welcome Seth to Preschool. And we farewell our friends Ben, Caleb, Cooper & Zoe who are off to continue their learning journey at school.

Staff Updates

- This month Leonie completes her Incredible Years course relating to promoting positive outcomes for our children.



WE'VE REGISTERED FOR New Zealand Shake Out™

At 9:15am on Thursday 15 October
2015 our staff are participating in New
Zealand's largest ever earthquake drill.

At this time we will practise the right
actions to take in an earthquake - Drop,
Cover and Hold.

You're welcome to join us!



Visit www.shakeout.govt.nz for more information

