

# HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool  
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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## Diary Dates

6th Sept: Fathers Day  
10th Sept: Special Person Morning (Preschool)  
25th Sept: Term 3 Ends  
27th Sept: Daylight Savings Starts  
12th Oct: Term 4 Starts!!



### Spring Into Learning at Preschool



With Spring upon us, our planning has a "Spring into Learning" focus. Spring themed activities will form the basis of various learning opportunities during this time. To date this includes several art activities which are colourfully displayed at Preschool. We have also had the opportunity to feed lambs, make bird feeders and purchase a variety of plants to enhance our indoor environment. We will continue this focus until Summer beams down on us!!

### Opening and Closing Times

Please remember that Hopscotch's operating hours are between 8.00am and 5.15pm. If you arrive early please stay with your child until 8am. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Education Review Office Visits

ERO attended the Preschool on 2nd and 3rd June and we now have their finalised report. This can be viewed through our website by clicking on the ERO link at the bottom of the home page.

The ELC visit was postponed by ERO and will now be in Term 4. We'll let you know the dates closer to the time.

### Reminder

Hopscotch Early Learning Centre are still wanting family photos for the 'Hopscotch Family Tree'. Please email or send a hard copy to Hopscotch as soon as possible so they can be displayed.



### Daylight Saving Starts

**Sunday 27th September:** Fantastic-Daylight saving starts. Please remember to turn your clocks **forward** one hour before you go to bed on the Saturday night.

## Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Attendance, Infant Milk Food (ELC), Planning, assessment and evaluation, Smoking, and Sunsmart. Please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff.

## Qualified Teachers in Early Childhood Centres...do we need them?

Research shows that the provision of qualified ECE teachers has a measurable significance on children's language and mathematical performance at primary level. Qualified ECE teachers are often undervalued, however without high quality staff within ECE centres, children are less likely to develop key learning habits and competencies. Therefore, qualified teachers play a pivotal role in preparing your child for successful life long learning.

Did you know that the Ministry of Education requires at least 50% of a centre's teaching team to hold a tertiary qualification. Hopscotch is fortunate to have a teaching team that is 100% qualified.

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## Family Updates

### Early Learning Centre

We welcome our new children: Layken & Sasha. We farewell Holly who is moving out of the area. And we also farewell Daniel & Fletcher who are moving up to the Preschool.



### Preschool

We welcome Daniel, Dylan and Fletcher from the Early Learning Centre. And we farewell our friends Jacob, Jenna and Logan .

## Staff Updates

- Vanessa Shaw attended a lecture tutored by leading New Zealand and International Educationalist Joseph Driessen. This in-depth workshop focussed on Managing Challenging Behaviours in Early Childhood Education.
- Lauren has completed her final 4 week practicum towards her Early Childhood Degree and is now a fully qualified ECE Teacher. Well done Lauren!!



# Things to do

## Outside with Your Children in Spring

Collect Sticks & Rocks :: Touch

Trees :: Plant Seeds & Watch

Them Grow :: Read Outside :: Puddle

Jump :: Chase Butterflies :: Picnic ::

Smell The Flowers :: Look &

Listen For Birds :: Blow Bubbles ::

Make Mud Pies :: Lie On The

Grass Cloud

Gazing

