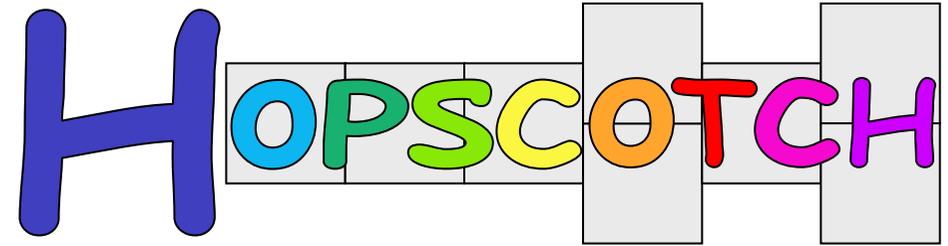
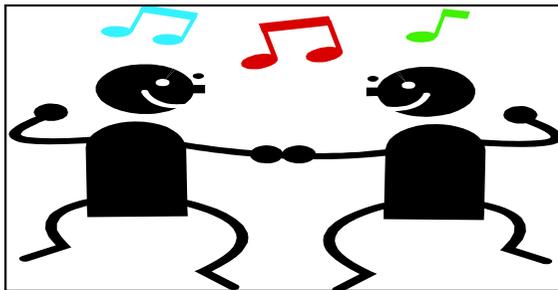


# The Rhythm of Life



- \* Did you know that moving to music is one of the most important means of learning for young children.
- \* Music is a natural way to express emotion.
- \* It creates an atmosphere of happiness and fun in the home & Hopscotch.
- \* Children develop their vocabulary through repeatedly hearing the same sounds.
- \* Music is a great way to develop movement skills such as running, jumping, hopping and skipping, which require a good sense of timing.
- \* Best of all, music in any form can have a positive effect on everyone's mood.
- \* So turn up the volume and you'll be amazed at just how infectious joyful music really is!!



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## Friday 28th February 2014

### Diary Dates

<b>5th March:</b>	<b>Wheels Day</b>
<b>10th March:</b>	<b>Kindy Rock Music Show</b>
<b>6th April:</b>	<b>Daylight Saving Ends</b>
9th April:	Teddy Bear's Picnic
18th April:	Hopscotch closed (Good Friday)
21st April:	Hopscotch closed (Easter Monday)
25th April:	Hopscotch closed (Anzac Day)



### Kindy Rock Music Show



We will be visited by the Kindy Rock team on March 10th. This aims to be a fun filled morning for the children. If your child does not attend on Monday, you are welcome to bring them in for the show.



### Swimming

Our swimming days have been very successful. The children have all enjoyed the opportunity to gain confidence in and around the water while splashing and playing with, and alongside their friends, teachers and parent helpers. A big thank you to all our parent helpers. **THANK YOU.**

### Wheels Day

Both centres are having a Wheels Day. So grease up those wheels on your child's bikes, trike, scooter, favourite toy car or train. We will be setting up areas so that the children can explore with their wheels.



### Daylight Saving Ends

**Sunday 6th 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.

### Policies for review

*The following policies are due to be reviewed: Handwashing, Internet & Email, Policy Writing and Maintenance. Also our procedures for Parents, Caregivers and Visitors attending Hopscotch. Please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.*

### Your Child's Profile

Please look through your child's profile or take it home to look through. Your child may have a new individual plan or a plan carried on from last year. Feel free to contribute by adding anything that may happen at home that relates to their plan, or similar interests. There is a parents' voice in your child's plan—please take the time to fill it in so the staff can get to know a bit more about your child and their interests.

### Accounts



Please remember that accounts are to be **paid weekly** (or otherwise by arrangement) by Eftpos, cash, cheque or direct credit. Overdue accounts put your child at risk of losing their place at Hopscotch.

### Spare Clothes

Please remember to bring a spare NAMED set of clothes and a summer hat every day. Some children are needing to change during the day and don't have enough spare clothes. Thank you for your help with this.



### Staff Updates

- \* Lauren will be on a 3 week practicum away from the centre from 5—30th May as part of her study for an Early Childhood Degree.
- \* Vicky has just completed and passed a Food Safety for Food Operators Course at Wintec. Result — 100%. Awesome job Vicky. This is an Environmental Health Officer recognised course covering both theory and practical assessments.