

HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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Diary Dates



11th April: Dress Up Day - Preschool
13th April: Term One Ends
23rd April: Dress Up Day (World Book Day) - Early Learning Centre
23rd April: Bring A Book Day (World Book Day) - Preschool
24th April: Memorial Park Visit - Both centres
25th April: Anzac Day - **HOPSCOTCH CLOSED**
30th April: Term Two Starts



World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day the ELC will be having a dress-up day. Dress up as your favourite book character and welcome our special visitors to the centre.

Preschool are having a 'bring a book day', bring along your favourite book to share with your friends.



Anzac Day

On 24th April both centres will be walking to Memorial Park. We would love some donations of fresh flowers or greenery for us to lay at the War Memorial for Anzac Day. These can be brought to the centres on the morning of Tuesday 24th April.

Toys at Preschool

Please do not bring toys from home to Preschool. We have a well resourced centre and offer experiences that are designed with specific learning outcomes in mind. We aim to make all our resources purposeful, appropriate for all tamariki and in line with our philosophy. Thank you for your co-operation. If you have any queries please see a teacher.

Absences

When texting, leaving a message on the answerphone, or emailing, please let us know why your child will be absent. This is a Ministry requirement and will assist with our record keeping. Thank you.

Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Parents, Visitors & Caregivers, Settling In, Sexuality Ed (PS), Staff Health & Substance Abuse. Please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.

School Holidays

If your child is going to be absent during the school holidays 16th–27th April please let a staff member know.

Warmer Clothing

Now that the weather is turning cooler, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately with plenty of spare NAMED clothing.



Lost Property

So much to see!!! Please can parents check through our lost property. Any items remaining will be taken to the clothing bin on Friday 12th May.



Family Updates

Early Learning Centre

We welcome Amaya, Carter, Harriet & Paige to the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Aylah & Kinsley who are moving up to the Preschool.

Preschool

We welcome Ella & Skilah to Preschool.

We also welcome Aylah & Kinsley from the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Archie, Braxton, Halen, Jaxon & Olivia who are off to continue their learning journey at school.



We also say goodbye to Kakoro who is continuing his learning journey at Kohanga.

Staff Updates

* Congratulations to Lauren who has completed her two year teacher registration process early and is now a fully fledged registered teacher. Lauren is starting her maternity leave next week - we wish her all the best and look forward to meeting her baby some time in May!

MILK FOR TODDLERS



Most preschoolers are still drinking full-fat milk, despite dietary guidelines that children over two should be given the low-fat variety, according to a Massey University study.

The study involved 1330 children aged two to five, and researchers found that nine in ten regularly drank cow's milk.

Of those, three-quarters had the full-fat version.

The Ministry of Health recommends that children over two consume two to three servings of preferably reduced-fat milk or dairy products each day.

Associate Professor Pamela von Hurst of Massey University, says younger children often drink a lot of milk, so the fat-reduced option not only lowers their intake of saturated fat, but also total energy.

"At the same time, fat-reduced milk has more protein and calcium than full-fat milk," she said.

"For these reasons, fat-reduced milk can be a better option for the whole family."

Child Dietitian Lea Stening agrees that children aged between one and two need more fat in their milk for growth, but after two years they need other minerals.