



Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
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Diary Dates



1st July: Matariki Celebrations continue
3rd July: Matariki Hangi - Preschool
6th July: Term Two Ends
17th July: Give back to the Community Day - Preschool

Thank you Charlie

A huge thank you to Charlie from Beattie Home!! Charlie has been busy handcrafting various wooden models, which he has kindly gifted to the children at Preschool. The models will be handed on to the children upon leaving Hopscotch when they turn five years old.



Recyclable Materials

The children have been making creations of their own at Preschool. If you have any objects lying around that are no longer needed i.e downpipes, spouting, cardboard boxes or tubes(except toilet rolls), wool, buttons etc, please feel free to drop them in to the centre at your convenience.

Celebrating Matariki at ELC

Our Matariki celebrations started with our tamariki enjoying a cooked breakfast and PJ day on the 12th June. The tamariki loved the breakfast. We had bacon, eggs and spaghetti!

Our main celebration for Matariki was our Hangi on the 15th June. What beautiful kai, including a boil up, made by our awesome teachers. It was great to have parents come along and enjoy the kai with us. Thank you Darlene and team, it was an fantastic effort.

Also, a big thank you to Sharni who made our fry bread, they were a big hit!! Thank you to all the families who donated kai towards our Hangi.

Our tamariki enjoyed learning the Maori version of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, they really embraced the moments we spent learning and then sharing it with our whanau. Our tamariki have also been harvesting our carrots in our Mara (garden), they have all enjoyed getting stuck in and helping.

Matariki Celebrations at Preschool

Our Matariki celebrations are continuing into July with our Hangi on Tuesday 3rd July. Thank you to all the families who have already contributed kai towards the day. Our PJ day, which coincided with Lunchbox Day on Wednesday 27th June, was a huge success. See next months newsletter for more details on our Matariki celebrations!!

Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Communication, Excursions, Sleeping Children and Transition to School (PS). Our policies are on our website, please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.

Lunch Box Day at Preschool



The children have been enjoying making their own lunches. Please keep an eye out on the whiteboard for the dates when this will occur. There will also be a reminder on the Hopscotch Facebook page the day before lunchbox day.

School Holidays

If your child is going to be absent in the school holidays 9th - 20th July please let a staff member know.

Give back to the Community Day

Please keep an eye out in your pockets for more information regarding this event at Preschool.

Family Updates

Early Learning Centre



We welcome Dayton, Rajesh and Sienna to the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Holly who is moving up to the Preschool.

We also say goodbye to Arav who is leaving the area.

Preschool

We welcome James, Sofia and Wairoa to Preschool.

We also welcome Holly from the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Aliana, Ben, Eli, Guy and Olive who are off to continue their learning journey at school.



We also said goodbye to Allister who left the area at the end of June.

Staff Updates

- * Charlotte will be away for the month of July catching up with family in the UK. Please talk to one of the staff if you need to make contact with her urgently - otherwise we're all here to help until she returns.
- * We're happy to welcome Clare Fraser back to our Preschool teaching team. Clare will be working three days a week in a fixed term position until March.
- * We welcome Rebecca Shaw as a reliever working at the ELC. Rebecca is a fully registered teacher and joins us with her daughter Sienna.
- * Until we can replace Caitlin with a permanent infant teacher, we have recruited the services of ECE Consultants to support us with qualified relievers. So you will see some new faces in our infant area working with Kristene and Barb.



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