

HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



**Pānui
Mahuru**



**Newsletter
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Diary Dates

5th Sept: Mobile Ear Clinic
10th Sept: Māori Language Week
28th Sept: Term Three Ends
30th Sept: Daylight Savings Ends



Daffodil Day celebrations at Preschool

On Friday 31st August the children at Preschool enjoyed a range of fun activities such as face painting and making paper daffodils! There were also muffins made by the children for a koha (gold coin) at the centre - All in support of cancer ♥♥♥ Thank you to our families for your support!



Mobile Ear Clinic

The mobile ear clinic will be visiting Otorohanga on Wednesday 5th September. This is a Free Ear Clinic Service for children. They can help with glue ear assessment and management, grommet checks, wax/foreign body removal and treatment of discharging ears. They'll be at the Otorohanga Club Carpark from 9.15am to 2.30pm. For enquiries regarding this service, please contact 07 838 3565.

Daylight Savings Starts

Sunday 30th September: Fantastic!!

Daylight savings 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: Planning, Assessment & Evaluation, Smoking & Sun Smart. Our policies are on our website, please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.

Asthma Waikato is here to help, free of charge.

Asthma Waikato offers FREE asthma consults for families of children aged 0-15, living in the Waikato, who struggle with asthma. We accept self referrals.

If your child suffers from asthma and you would like some help getting on top of it, please visit www.asthmawaikato.org.nz and fill in the online referral form by clicking the blue button top right "Make a Referral". We are here to help.

Family Updates

Early Learning Centre

We welcome Annabel, Judah, Mason & Oscar to the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Blake, Deklan, Kahlin, Mitchell & Orlah who are moving up to the Preschool.

We also say goodbye to Johnson.

Preschool

We welcome Kera to Preschool.

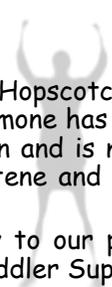
We also welcome Blake, Deklan, Kahlin, Mitchell & Orlah from the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Kaitlyn, Monty & Rex who are off to continue their learning journey at school.

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

Staff Updates

- * Please welcome Simone to Hopscotch as a permanent teacher from Monday 3rd September. Simone has recently completed her Bachelor in Early Childhood Education and is now a fully fledged ECE teacher. She'll be working with Kristene and Barb in the infants on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- * Please also welcome Stacey to our permanent team - she's going to work every Friday in the Toddler Support role.



Te wiki o te reo Māori

Maori Language Week

Ko tōku nui, tōku wehi, tōku whakatiketike, tōku reo.

My language is my greatness, my inspiration, that which I hold precious.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings to you all.

The dates of 10-16 September 2018 are the next Te Wiki o te Reo Māori | Māori Language Week. September 14 is Māori Language Day commemorating the presentation of the 1972 petition on the Māori Language to parliament. Hundreds of people now celebrate September as Mahuru Māori, in which they dedicate themselves to speaking only Māori.

The theme will be '**Kia Kaha te Reo Māori**' following on from the success of last year's theme '**Kia Ora te Reo Māori**'. '**Kia Kaha**' is well known in New Zealand English with its correct Māori meaning of 'be strong'. We often talk about languages as if they are people - talking about language health, strength and revitalisation. So when we say '**Kia Kaha te Reo Māori**' we're saying - '**Let's make the Māori language strong**'.



**KIA KAHA
TE REO MĀORI**

MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK
10-16 SEPTEMBER 2018