

HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



Pānuí
Whiringa-ā-Nuku

Newsletter
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Diary Dates

15th Oct: Term Four Starts
18th Oct: ShakeOut 2018!! - see back page
22nd Oct: Labour Day - **HOPSCOTCH CLOSED**
26th Oct: St Mary's School Visit - Preschool
31st Oct: Dress Up Day - Early Learning Centre



Calendars, Greeting Cards or Diaries

We are underway with this years Calendars, Greeting Cards, Diaries, mouse mats and sketch pads as a suggested Christmas present for family and friends. All orders need to be back by the Friday 26th October to ensure they arrive before Christmas. If you have any queries or need an extra order form please ask a staff member.



Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap

September to April is when the ultraviolet radiation from the sun's rays is most intense in New Zealand. This is a reminder to you about sun protection for your children. We ask that you bring a named sunhat for your child. Children will not be allowed to play outside during the next few months without a protective hat and clothing. Please ensure your children's shoulders are covered and they do not wear string singlets. Hopscotch will provide and apply SPF30+ sunscreen as required. If your child requires alternative sunblock to the one we provide please bring your own named bottle. As we will also be increasing our water play please also ensure a change of lighter weight **NAMED** clothing and a towel in their bag.



Infant Planning

The infants are currently focussing on increasing their language and literacy skills through the use of books. Books help children to learn by providing visual knowledge, sharing experiences, understanding that print carries meaning, gaining an understanding of social situations and developing verbal communication skills. The infants will use the books by picking them up and looking at them, sucking them, turning pages, talking about the pictures, making up their own stories, pointing out letters and pictures they recognise, finding information and reading by themselves. We'll display the books so the children can see the covers which encourages them to choose a book that interests them. We'll provide a cosy book area and a variety of books for them to read. Our teachers, parents and whanau can support this interest by being available to read books with the children, talk about the stories and pictures, make books with the children and care for books by mending them when needed.

ELC Toddler Planning

We have noticed a strong interest in the different aspects of the Maori culture. Children are enjoying myths and legends, waiata, te reo Maori being spoken in the centre and have been enjoying and exploring poi and rakau sticks. We want to feed this interest and increase their knowledge on Te Ao Maori – the Maori world. Possible pathways for us to follow are to introduce new myths and legends and create resources for the children to explore, learn new waiata, display new phrases to encourage our teachers to speak more te reo, introducing weaving, pattern making in the art area, books and creating links to local kapa haka groups.

Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Child Protection, Cleaning, Ill Treatment of Children & Pets. Our policies are on our website, please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.



Dental Therapists

Unfortunately the Dental Therapists are unable to visit ECE centres for the time being. They will be based in Otorohanga during Term Four. If you have any concerns and wish to attend a family dental appointment with your child/ren please phone 021487914 to make an appointment. Alternatively you can phone 08008255833 (0800 TALK TEETH) and ask for Mobile Dental Unit 10 in your area.

School Holidays

If your child is going to be absent in the school holidays from 1st - 12th October please let a staff member know.

Toys at Preschool

We still have a lot of the children's toys coming in to Preschool on a daily basis. Please do not bring toys from home in to the centre, 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.

Family Updates

Early Learning Centre

We welcome Jaxon & Torea to the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Keela who is moving up to the Preschool.

We also say goodbye to Ava and Judah who are leaving the area.

Preschool

We welcome Keela from the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Amelia, Te Aokato & Zoe who are off to continue their learning journey at school.



Staff Updates

* Welcome back Kay Walshaw who is a fully qualified ECE teacher and will be working at both centres as part of our relieving team.



**At 9.30am on 18 October we' ll be practising
the right action to take in an earthquake -
Drop. Cover and Hold**

find out more at www.shakeout.govt.nz

Are you ready for the

New Zealand

Shake Out 

**TODAY 9:30am
18 October 2018**

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