

# HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool  
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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## Diary Dates

7th Dec: Otorohanga Christmas Parade  
10th Dec: Santa visits Hopscotch  
12th Dec: Children's Party for all Hopscotch families  
14th Dec: End of Term 4  
21st Dec: Hopscotch closes at 12pm  
7th Jan: Hopscotch reopens at 8am

### January Holidays

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child will be absent during January. Remember that "20 hours ECE" will stop automatically after a continuous absence of more than three weeks—on any day that your child is booked in. Full fees will be charged when the "20 hours ECE" funding stops.

### Otorohanga Christmas Parade

Preschool are planning and organising our float for the Otorohanga Christmas Parade this year. This has been set for **Friday 7th December** and starts at the new time of **6.30pm**. Please let us know if your child would like to be part of the parade, by giving their name to a staff member at either centre. Please see the flier in your family pocket regarding the Parade.

### Santa's Visit

*Monday 10th December:* Santa will be visiting both Hopscotch centres. His sleigh is due at the Early Learning Centre at **10.00am** and then at Preschool at **10.30 am**. Please feel free to come along with your child to meet Santa. As in the past Santa will give a present to the children for the Centre.

### Children's Christmas Party

**Wednesday 12th December:** We will be having our annual Hopscotch disco, which will include both centres at the **Early Learning Centre**. The party will start at **6pm**, there will be juice provided and a sausage sizzle available for \$1.00.

### A Date to Remember

Hopscotch will close at **12pm** on **Friday 21st December**. Your children will need to be collected by 12pm at the latest so that staff can carry out the annual clean-up jobs. Hopscotch re-opens on **Monday 7th January 2019** at **8am**.



## Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Fees & Paddling Pool. Our policies are on our website, please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.

## Accounts

Just a reminder that accounts are to be paid weekly unless otherwise arranged.

**Your account must be settled in full before Christmas. Failure to do so could result in losing your child's booking next year.**

## Water Play at Hopscotch



Now that Summer is officially here and the weather is becoming hot, we will now be exploring with more water play. Could you please include a NAMED towel in your child's day bag and at least one change of clothing.

## Family Updates



### Early Learning Centre

We welcome Dale, Dean Evie, Gabriel, Isla and Levi to the Early Learning Centre.

We say goodbye to Brody and Hugo who are moving up to Preschool.

### Preschool

We welcome Brody and Hugo from the Early Learning Centre.

We also welcome Jacob to Preschool.

During December and January we farewell Amelia, Ari, Dawn, Robbie, Jacob, James, Rex, Stevielee and Wairoa who all start at school in Term One 2019.



## Staff Updates

- \* We welcome on board Connie to our teaching team. Connie is a qualified early childhood teacher with experience working with children from 0-5 years. We're very happy for her to be working with our infants.
- \* Wendy joins us as a reliever for both centres. Wendy has many years experience as a home based educator and we're excited for her to be joining our Hopscotch family.

# Enjoy the Summer...SAFELY

You're on holiday at the beach or visiting friends with a pool. All it takes is one momentary lapse of concentration for your child to wander off.

In New Zealand most of us grow up around or near water. It's something we take for granted. While it's fun and familiar, every year around 10 children under the age of 5 drown—and lack of adult supervision is the common factor. Supervision, without any distractions, is the single most important precaution you can take to keep your kids safe around water.

Water Safety New Zealand encourages all parents to introduce children to water in a positive manner. Encouraging children to explore and learn from water promotes an understanding and appreciation of the dangers of water. Whether at home in the bath or paddling pool, at a pool or at the beach, it is important to introduce children to water in a relaxing way. We can help to ensure that they learn to behave safely and responsibly in and around water without ruining their enjoyment or instilling a fear of water.

Have a splashing good time in the water these holidays!!!

**Thank you for your support throughout the year.**



**We hope you all have a Happy Christmas and we look forward to lots of fun and laughter in 2019.**

