

HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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Diary Dates



July: Matariki Celebrations continue
2nd July: Special Persons Day - Early Learning Centre
4th July: Shared Kai Day - Both Centres
5th July: Term Two Ends
10th July: PJ Day - Both Centres
18th July: Give back to the Community Day - Preschool
22nd July: Term Three Starts
30th July: Teddy Bears Picnic - Preschool



Fish'n'Chip Night

A big thanks to all the families/whānau from both centres who attended the fish'n'chip night at ELC. We loved having you here sharing your time with us.



Shared Kai Day

What an amazing day we had yesterday with wonderful contributions for our shared kai. It was awesome to see so many whānau join us on the day - thank you for taking the time out of your busy lives to be here.

Matariki at the College

Wow what an amazing experience both Hopscotch centres got to enjoy. We went for a walk to the Otorohanga College and were involved with their Matariki celebrations. We were the first to perform, and sung two songs. We saw children perform the haka and local māori songs. It was so great to be able to show the children our local māori culture. Thank you to the parents that came along and helped with the walk there and back.



Give back to the Community Day

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



Mobile Ear Clinic

The mobile ear clinic will be visiting Otorohanga on Tuesday 16th July. 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 12.30 to 3.00pm. For enquiries regarding this service, please contact 07 838 3565.

Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Communication, Excursions, Sleeping Children, 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.



Warmer Clothing

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

School Holidays

If your child is going to be absent in the school holidays 8th - 19th July please let a staff member know.



Absences

If your child is going to be absent, please ring or text the centre to let us know. A lot of children have been absent over the past month and we've had no contact from you. It's a Ministry of Education requirement that you inform the centre of the reason your child is absent so please get in touch every day that your child is away.



Family Updates

Early Learning Centre

We welcome Emily and Willow to the Early Learning Centre.

Preschool

We farewell Annaliese and Blake M who are off to continue their learning journey at school.



Staff Updates

- * Kelly sadly left the ELC on 14th June. She is seeking a position closer to home so that she can be more available for her children.
- * We're very pleased to have Kasey join us as part of our Toddler team. Kasey recently finished her ECE Degree and has been working as a volunteer at the Matapihi Kindergarten in Raglan. She's passionate about the environment, Te Ao Māori and we feel that her personal philosophy aligns really well with ours at Hopscotch. Some of you may have already met Kasey at our Fish & Chip night last week and I'm sure she'll be keen to get to know you and your whānau over the coming weeks.

Did you know
1 in 7

...kids struggle to blow up a balloon?

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