

HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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Diary Dates

6th Dec: Otorohanga Christmas Parade
9th Dec: Santa visits Hopscotch
11th Dec: Children's Party for all Hopscotch families
18th Dec: End of School Term 4
20th Dec: Hopscotch closes at 12pm
6th 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

The Early Learning Centre are planning and organising our float for the Otorohanga Christmas Parade this year. This has been set for **Friday 6th 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.

Santa's Visit

Monday 9th 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 11th December: We will be having our annual Hopscotch disco, which will include both centres at the **Preschool**. 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 20th 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 6th January 2020** at **8am**.



Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Fees and 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.

Family Updates



Early Learning Centre

We welcome Ben and Quinn to the Early Learning Centre.

We say goodbye to Dwayne, Madden & Zaria who are moving up to the Preschool.

We also farewell Kauri who is leaving the area.

Preschool

We welcome Dwayne, Madden & Zaria from the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Hezakiah, Maverick & Marlau who are off to continue their learning journey at school in the new year.



Staff Updates

* After 14 years of working at Hopscotch both as a reliever and in our Infant Room, we are seriously sad to be saying farewell (but not goodbye) to Barb. Barb is finishing as a permanent teacher at the ELC at Christmas - but will be returning in the New Year as a reliever. So she'll still be around but just not so often. Thank you Barb for being our Nana, caring for our babies, looking after our garden, preparing our meals, bringing in resources and always being happy. We will truly miss you and Hopscotch won't be the same without you.

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 2020.

