

HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

27th Jan: Auckland Anniversary Day - **HOPSCOTCH CLOSED**
3rd Feb: Term One Starts
6th Feb: Waitangi Day - **HOPSCOTCH CLOSED**
7th Feb: Wheels Day - Early Learning Centre
10th Feb: Swimming at Town Pools starts - Preschool
13th Feb: B4 School Checks - 4 year olds - Preschool
14th Feb: Grandparents Day - Preschool
14th Feb: Shared Kai Valentines Day - Early Learning Centre



Welcome back



We hope you all had a safe and happy Christmas break and we welcome aboard all our new families to both the Early Learning Centre and the Preschool. If you have any queries or concerns, please remember we are here to help. If you'd like an appointment, feel free to ask a member of staff.

Please remember our opening hours: Children must not be left before 8am and must be collected by 5.15pm. Please call us if your child is not going to attend for any reason, and also let us know if you will be late. **You can call on the centre landlines or text the mobiles**—our numbers are on the front of this newsletter.

Accounts must be paid on a weekly basis unless other arrangements have been made with Charlotte, Gina or Rebecca. Please read our new Fees Policy that was put into family pockets at the beginning of January. You can pay by EFTPOS, cash, cheque or online banking. Our bank details are on the top of your weekly invoice. Please use your child's name as a reference.

Christmas Float

Thank you to all the parents/whānau who helped to make the Christmas float a success on December 6th.



Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Custodial Arrangements, Financial, First Aid, Philosophy. Please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.

Swimming at Preschool



The children at Preschool will have the opportunity to visit the town pools during February. This will help with increasing confidence in the water and give them a good awareness of basic water safety. This will only be possible with the help of parent support, so please see a teacher if you're able to offer a couple of hours of your time.



B4 School Hearing & Vision checks

The vision/hearing technician from Waikids will be visiting the Preschool on Thursday 13th February at 10am. Vicki Dixon will see four year old children who have not been seen for the above checks, or require re-checks from a previous visit. Parents will be notified of all outcomes from these checks and may be advised that their child requires a re-check or to seek further advice from another health professional. If you do not wish your child to be checked, or your child is currently under specialist care for their hearing or vision, please let us know.

Family Updates



Early Learning Centre

We welcome Charlotte, Hamish, Jaxon, Layken, Lilly, Lucy, Paxton, Saraansh, Thomas and Vindhiya to the Early Learning Centre.

We say goodbye to Tawera who is leaving to go to Kohanga.

Preschool

We welcome Dwayne from the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Holly who is off to continue her learning journey at school.



Staff Updates

* We're very sad to let you know that Darlene will be leaving us at the end of January. She's been working at Hopscotch ELC since June 2009. Darlene has become a go-to teacher for many of our children and her enthusiasm, spark and energy will be greatly missed. We wish you luck in your new job in Te Kuiti and hope it all goes well.

Kawhia Kai Festival



Saturday 1st February

9am - 5pm Kawhia Township

Gold Coin Donation

Anyone interested in stalls please contact: Marj Kaati - jmkaati@gmail.com