



Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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Diary Dates



1st June: Queen's Birthday - **HOPSCOTCH CLOSED**
3rd July: Term Two Ends

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone! It's great to see some of you return this week and we hope to see more of you soon. The children are all settling in really well and our teachers are very happy to be back enjoying their company.

I'd like to take this opportunity to send out a few reminders of our changes since you were last at Hopscotch:

Fees

All late arrivals require a message to let us know that your child will be arriving late. All absences require an explanation of the reason for the absence. You must let us know each day that your child is absent. If you know that your child will be absent for more than one day, you can tell us in one call without the need to ring every day.

Notice **must** be provided either by text, phone, email or in person within the hour after your child's booked arrival time. If an explanation for a delayed arrival or an absence is not received within the hour, a charge of \$25 will be applied.

Parent Portal

After a few initial glitches, this now appears to be up and running without any issues. To access the Parent Portal, please use the links provided on our Facebook "About" page, and our website:

ELC:

<https://www.discoverchildcare.co.nz/widget/ParentLogin?centreToken=691e5dbc-5d12-4961-a821-bedc71ebdc7c>

PRESCHOOL:

<https://www.discoverchildcare.co.nz/widget/ParentLogin?centreToken=1b9d9f86-1d6e-4b2a-8918-7a6c9b5e47e7>

Your login username is the email address that we hold on file for your child's billpayer. You should have received an email with your password.

Through the Parent Portal you can:

- View your child's bookings
- View your account transactions
- View and update your child's contact details. We now require an address for each of your child's emergency contacts - please add these for us.

Troubleshooting: Please let us know if you need us to resend your password to you. Please note that telephone numbers cannot include any spaces.

Events & Excursions

We won't be holding any family events or carrying out any excursions until further notice. Sadly we're not allowed to have shared food at birthday parties either and we're not allowed to use candles. We hope this will be a short-term measure and will let you know as soon as this changes. We will, however, continue to transition our ELC children who are preparing to move to the Preschool.

Winter Clothing

The weather has cooled down considerably in the last few days. Please remember to bring some warm clothes for your children as well as a spare set to change into if needed. And please remember to bring your WET BAGS as we don't have any plastic ones on site any more.

Health

You should all by now have seen (and will be asked to sign) our new Child Health requirements. To reiterate: Covid-19 Symptoms (displayed by you or your child) that will prevent you or your child attending Hopscotch: SORE THROAT / COUGH / FEVER / SNEEZING / BLOCKED EARS / HEAD COLD / BODY ACHES.

- Children who display any symptoms at home **must not** attend Hopscotch.
- Parents or caregivers who display symptoms **must not** bring their child to Hopscotch - please ask a healthy adult to do this for you.
- Children who display symptoms whilst at Hopscotch **must** be collected immediately.

Symptoms **must not** be masked by providing children with pamol or other forms of medication.

Family Updates



Early Learning Centre

We welcome Awhina, Benji, Evie, Gaige, Isabella, Leo, Pheonix, Sam, Sofia and Tatum-Khan to the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Ari, Heidi, Kade, Max, Maxwell, Millar and Ty who are moving up to Preschool.

Preschool

We welcome Ari, Grace, Heidi, Kade, Katerina, Liam, Max, Maxwell, Millar, Ty and Zoya.

We say goodbye to Blake, Deklan, Isla C, Jonty, Maddie, Mitchell, Molly and Orlah who are off to continue their learning journey at school.



We also farewell Bethany and Luuca who have left the area permanently.

Access Pin to Sign In & Out

Thank you for your support whilst we all get used to our new tablets for signing in and out. So far it seems to have been an easy transition with few problems.

We have only provided access pins by email to one primary caregiver. Please do not share your pin with anyone else. The remaining contacts for your child will receive their access pin when they come to Hopscotch. If you'd like us to give you all of your child's access pins, please let us know. And don't stress if you lose your pin - we have them all written down at the centre.



School Holidays

If your child is going to be absent during the school holidays 6th—17th July, please let a staff member know.

Lunchbox Days at Preschool

In supporting the transition of children back into Preschool, we will be resuming our lunchbox days from Monday 8th June.

Support our local Otorohanga Kiwi House

They're reopening on 30th May and would really like your support. 90% of their income comes from admissions to the park. During the Covid-19 response the costs of caring for the animals continues but their income has stopped. The Otorohanga Kiwi House needs help over the next few months to care for their animals. Our local community has generously supported them with \$280 of perishable food each week removing one of the costs of caring for their animals. The remaining costs of veterinary care, specialist lighting, life support systems and non-perishable food total over \$200,000 (April-June). If you are able to support the Kiwi House with a donation towards this they would greatly appreciate it. You can donate through their 'Give A Little' page.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/.../support-the-kiwi-house-during-c...>

