

# HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool  
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



**Pānui  
Mahuru**



**Newsletter  
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## Diary Dates



6th Sept: Fathers Day  
9th Sept: Pyjama Day - both centres  
11th Sept: B4 School Checks - 4 year olds Preschool  
14th Sept: Māori Language Week  
25th Sept: End of School Term Three  
12th Oct: School Term Four Starts



### **B4 School Hearing & Vision checks**

The vision/hearing technician from Waikids will be visiting the Preschool on Friday 11th September at 10.30am. 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.

### **Daylight Savings Starts**

**Sunday 27th September: Fantastic!!**

Daylight savings starts. Please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on the Saturday night.



### **Lamb visit to ELC**

Last week Koltyn brought his lamb 'George' in for a visit.



### **Gardening at ELC**

We are getting ready to plant our spring garden, if families have any seedlings or cuttings they would like to share to help the children feel involved in the process, they would be greatly appreciated. They can be flower or vegetable plants.

## Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Planning, Assessment & Evaluation, Smoking and Sun Smart. Our policies are on our website, please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.

## Mobile Ear Clinic

The mobile ear clinic will be visiting Otorohanga on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. 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 1.30 to 2.30pm. For enquiries regarding this service, please contact 07 838 3565.

## Asthma Waikato is here to help, free of charge

Asthma Waikato offers FREE asthma consults for families of children aged 0-15, living in the Waikato, who struggle with asthma. They accept self referrals.

If your child suffers from asthma and you would like some help getting on top of it, please visit [www.asthmawaikato.org.nz](http://www.asthmawaikato.org.nz) and fill in the online referral form by clicking the blue button top right "Make a Referral". They are there to help.

## Family Updates



### Early Learning Centre

We welcome Forrest and Stanley to the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Oliver who is moving up to Preschool.

### Preschool

We welcome Oliver from the Early Learning Centre.

## Staff Updates

- \* After three years at Hopscotch, we'll be sad to say goodbye to Donna on 25th September. She is taking up a new position that will ideally suit her family arrangements. Donna has been an asset to Hopscotch and we will greatly miss her quirky personality, her enthusiasm as a teacher and her sign language and musical skills. We will miss you Donna. We will keep you posted with updates on her replacement.
- \* Please welcome Amber who will be relieving at both centres in the near future.



## Maori Language Week

*Ko tōku nui, tōku wehi, tōku whakatiketike, tōku reo.*

*My language is my greatness, my inspiration, that which I hold precious.*

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings to you all.

The dates of 14 - 20 September 2020 are the next Te Wiki o te Reo Māori | Māori Language Week. September 14 is Māori Language Day commemorating the presentation of the 1972 petition on the Māori Language to parliament. Hundreds of people now celebrate September as Mahuru Māori, in which they dedicate themselves to speaking only Māori.

The theme this year will again be 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' following on from the success of previous years. 'Kia Kaha' is well known in New Zealand English with its correct Māori meaning of 'be strong'. We often talk about languages as if they are people - talking about language health, strength and revitalisation. So when we say 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'.

