

HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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Newsletter
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Diary Dates



12th Oct: School Term Four Starts
15th Oct: ShakeOut 2020!! - 9.30am
16th Oct: Pink Shirt Day - Both centres
26th Oct: **LABOUR DAY - HOPSCOTCH CLOSED**
30th Oct: Dress Up Day - both centres

Calendars, Greeting Cards or Diaries

We are underway with this years Calendars, Greeting Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and Sketch Pads as a suggested Christmas present for family and friends. All orders need to be back by the **Friday 23rd October** to ensure they arrive before Christmas. If you have any queries or need an extra order form please ask a staff member.

National Shake Out Day

New Zealand ShakeOut is our national earthquake drill taking place on 15 October 2020.

We will be doing the drill with our children at Hopscotch. Wherever you are at 9.30am on 15th October, Do the **Drop, Cover and Hold** drill for 30–60 seconds:

- **DROP** down on your hands and knees. This protects you from falling but lets you move if you need to.
 - **COVER** your head and neck (or your entire body if possible) under a sturdy table or desk (if it is within a few steps of you).
 - **HOLD** on to your shelter (or your position to protect your head and neck) until the shaking stops. If the shaking shifts your shelter around, move with it.
- While you are doing the drill, imagine that it is real and what might be happening around you. Think about what you might need to do before a real earthquake happens to help protect yourself.

Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap

September to April is when the ultraviolet radiation from the sun's rays is most intense in New Zealand. This is a reminder to you about sun protection for your children. We ask that you bring a named sunhat for your child. Please ensure your children's shoulders are covered and they do not wear string singlets. Children not wearing a hat or appropriate clothing are required to play in allocated shaded areas or indoors. Hopscotch will provide and apply SPF30+ sunscreen as required. If your child requires alternative sunblock to the one we provide please bring your own named bottle. As we will also be increasing our water play please also ensure a change of lighter weight **NAMED** clothing and a towel in their bag.



Sunhats

Although it probably doesn't feel like it this week, summer is meant to be on the way. We've been given a glimpse of it for a few days and hopefully the sun will return soon. Please can you bring a named sunhat for your children each day they attend.



Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Child Protection, Cleaning, Ill Treatment of Children, and Pets. Our policies are on our website, please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.



Family Updates



Early Learning Centre

We welcome Wehewehe, Fynley & Lachie to the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Dale, Devin, Henry, Izzy, Levi, Lexi and Paxton who are moving up to Preschool.

Preschool

We welcome Dale, Devin, Henry, Izzy, Levi, Lexi and Paxton from the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Brody, Chloe, Dré, Jacob, Mila, Richie and Rome who are off to continue their learning journey at school.



Staff Updates

- * Please welcome Courtney back to Hopscotch. Courtney last worked for us back in 2014 when she was the Head Teacher in our Infant room. She has since been in Australia, returned to New Zealand, and has just recently left her management position at a centre in Hamilton. We're very excited to have Courtney back with us for two days a week, working both at the ELC and Preschool.
- * As much as we love having Connie in our Infant Room at the ELC, she's also a huge asset at the Preschool and so she'll now be working full time with the older children. In her place, we're happy to announce that Simone will now be working full-time with our infants, which will provide consistency and stability for our youngest children.

GET READY TO Shake Out™

OCTOBER
15TH
9.30AM

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AND TSUNAMI HIKOI

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