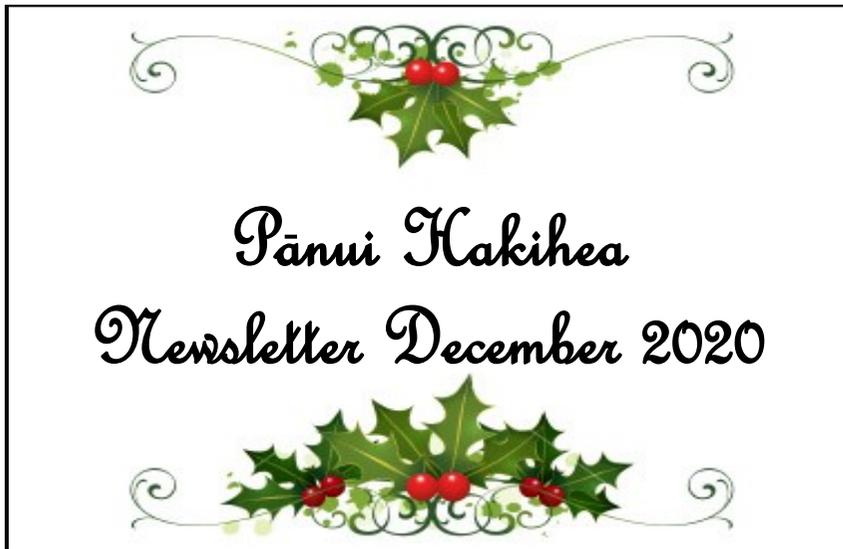


HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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Diary Dates

4th Dec: Otorohanga Christmas Parade
14th Dec: Santa visits Hopscotch
15th Dec: End of School Term 4
16th Dec: Children's Party for all Hopscotch families
23rd Dec: Wheels/Dress Up Day - both centres
23rd 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 Preschool are planning and organising our float for the Otorohanga Christmas Parade this year. This has been set for **Friday 4th December** and starts at **6.00pm**. All Hopscotch families are welcome to join in the fun.



Santa's Visit

Monday 14th 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 16th December: We will be having our annual Hopscotch disco, which will include both centres at the **Early Learning Centre**. 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 **Wednesday 23rd 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 **Wednesday 6th January 2021** at **8am**.

Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: 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 Aarlie to the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Louis, Saraansh, Taonui and Vindhiya who are all moving up to Preschool.

Preschool

We welcome Louis, Saraansh, Taonui and Vindhiya from the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Beau, Ellie, Evan, Haarlie-Rose, Isla, Jack, Natalia, Nico, Paige and Rindhiya who are off to continue their learning journey at school in the new year.



Staff Updates

- * We're super sad to be saying goodbye to Rhiley at the Preschool at the end of the year. Rhiley has been with us for 3 ½ years providing fabulous support in the kitchen and with the children. He has been super flexible with his working hours, always willing to help out wherever and whenever needed. Rhiley is off to Invercargill to pursue a change in career and will be studying Vet Nursing. We'll miss you Rhiley.
- * Victoria ("Tors") will be working his hours through January whilst she's on holiday from her studies as a nurse in Wellington. We'll let you know about a permanent replacement as soon as we can.
- * Rebecca is also leaving at Christmas to start her maternity leave but we're very happy that she plans to return around August time next year. We'll be lucky enough to have her daughter still attend Hopscotch during this time so we'll still be seeing Rebecca around - and are excitedly awaiting the arrival of her new baby next year.
- * Vickie Cornes will be filling Rebecca's shoes whilst she's on maternity leave. Vickie is an experienced office staffer who is excited to be starting at Hopscotch in January. Her bubbly personality and office background will be an asset to Hopscotch. She'll be doing some training with Rebecca and Charlotte over the next few weeks, so we'll introduce her to you when you're dropping off and collecting your children.

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 2021.