

# HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool  
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



*Pānui*

*Whiringā-ā-Rangi*

*Newsletter*

*November 2020*

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## Diary Dates

4th Dec: Otorohanga Christmas Parade  
14th Dec: Santa visits Hopscotch  
16th Dec: Children's Party for all Hopscotch families  
18th Dec: End of School Term 4  
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 **6.30pm**. All Hopscotch families are welcome to join in the fun. Please let us know if your child would like to be part of the parade, by giving their name to a staff member at either centre.



### Santa's Visit

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021** at **8am**.

## Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: Social Media. Our policies are on our website, please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff. Thank you.



## 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.

## Planning at ELC:

The children have been busy planting lots of sunflower seedlings in our garden at ELC. We have also packaged up lots of sunflower seeds and seedlings for families to take home!



We are creating a new whanau wall within the infants room. We would love to receive photos of family or pets to put on display for the children to look at throughout the day.

## 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 Arlo and Ayla to the Early Learning Centre.

We farewell Izzy and Mihi who are moving up to Preschool.

### Preschool

We welcome Zayden to Preschool. We also welcome Izzy and Mihi from the Early Learning Centre.



OCTOBER 30, 2020

JOIN US FOR A  
**HALLOWEEN GROTTTO**

WEAR YOUR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME!

TRICK OR TREATING  
PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED DRAWN AT 4:30PM

3PM - 5PM  
PRESCOTT TOYOTA  
152 MANIAPOTO ST  
07 873 8522

KIO KIO SCHOOL  
SUPPORTERS' COMMITTEE  
**FIREWORKS GALA**

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER

FOOD FUN GAMES

\$20 PER FAMILY | \$5 PER PERSON

GATES OPEN AT 6.00PM