

HOPSCOTCH

Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



Pānui Here-turi-kōkā

Newsletter August 2021

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 11 Aug: Wheels Day
Tuesday 24 Aug: Daffodil Baking & Craft Day
Friday 27 Aug: Daffodil Day



Wheel's Day—at both centres

Bring your child's bike, trike, scooter, truck, trolley—or anything with wheels—on Wednesday 11th August.

Make your own lunch day at Preschool

For those who are new to our Hopscotch Preschool and for those who sometimes forget (!), once a week the Preschool provide lunch for all the children. The children will prepare their own lunch with the help from the teachers, and the Preschool will provide all the food. The dates for 'make your own lunch day' are posted on our Facebook page, on the whiteboard at the entrance and emailed out to all our families. These are the upcoming dates for your diary/calendar/fridge.

Tuesday 3 August

Wednesday 11 August

Monday 16 August

Tuesday 24 August

Wednesday 1 September

Monday 6 September

Tuesday 14 September

Wednesday 22 September

Cyber Safety

Keeping our children safe online is an ongoing issue and should start at a very young age. The Inter-Yeti e-book is aimed at 5-12 year olds and is narrated by Stan Walker. The Inter-Yeti is part of the hugely successful 'Keep it Real Online' campaign for parents and caregivers. This e-book takes children through how to keep themselves safe online, and how to recognise and avoid bullying, trolls, scary content, and 'friends' who may not be who they say they are.

The Inter-Yeti - Lost on a Wild Webventure (theinteryeti.govt.nz)
Keep it Real Online website (Keepitrealonline.govt.nz/parents/)

Polices

The following policies and procedures are due to be reviewed. Please see our website or ask us for a hard copy: Child Collection & Custody Arrangements, Settling In, Enrolment & Attendance, Positive Guidance.

Medical Certificate Requirement Update

The Early Childhood sector has finally been heard! From now until September we will no longer require a Medical Certificate if your child is continuously absent. You will still need to let us know why your child is away. If your child's absences are going to affect our funding, we will request that you complete an EC12 form but you will not need to provide a Medical Certificate.

Family Updates—Early Learning Centre

We welcome Darcie & Alia to the Early Learning Centre. We farewell Harriet who is moving up to Preschool.



Family Updates—Preschool

We welcome Harriet. We say goodbye to Millar & Jaxon who are leaving to continue their learning journey at school.



Staff Updates

The Preschool is very excited to announce that we have a new Office Manager starting soon. **Sandra** is an enrolled nurse working at Te Kuiti Hospital. She has extensive office and administration experience and was heavily involved in Maihihi Playcentre for 10 years where she gained her Playcentre Diploma. Sandra is going to continue her nursing role and will be working three days at week at Hopscotch.

We welcome back **Rebecca** who has been away on maternity leave and returns at the beginning of August with her daughter Finlay and new baby Darcie.

And welcome back to **Corinne** who is relieving at the Early Learning Centre.

We also welcome **Whaea Ma** who will be working at the Early Learning Centre for two weeks in a relieving capacity. Ma has a primary school teaching background but has also worked for a number of years in the ECE sector and is currently studying for her post-graduate Degree in Early Childhood.

**Want to be an Awesome Parent?
Want to improve your relationship with your children?**

Awesome Parents Workshop

Facilitator: Lisa McKimm of Parentingworx
When: Starts 4 August 2021, held weekly over five weeks to 1 September 2021.
Time: start 10am, finish 12.30pm
Where: Tuatara Room, Alex Telfer Drive, opp the Kiwihouse, Otorohanga
Enrolments: Deb Hill 873 8156
Cost: \$30 per person or \$50 per couple
pre-payment is preferred to secure your spot – options include online banking or in person at Support House

The funding for this workshop is provided by Otorohanga Parent Education Group, a group of 5 local volunteers who dedicate time to ensuring this amazing workshop can be delivered to our community. Thank you to COGs for once again supporting our initiative.

