



Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
Otorohanga



Giving your child a jump start



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Diary Dates



Monday 5th July: **Preschool** Pizza making with whānau
Wednesday 7th July: **ELC** Fish 'n' Chip night
Thursday 8 July: **ELC AND Preschool** PJ Day
Friday 9 July: Term Two Ends
Monday 26 July: **Preschool** Teddy Bear's Picnic—bring a soft toy
Monday 26 July: Term Three Starts

Matariki Month

GIVING BACK July is 'Give Back to the Community' month and the Preschool is getting involved by preparing and delivering some baking to the Otorohanga Library. Every Thursday a group of Preschool children visit the library for story telling and songs and we'd like to say a BIG thank you to **Miss Molly** for providing this amazing opportunity for our children. The Preschool children will also be collecting rubbish on their way back from the Library and help to clean up Windsor Park where they enjoy a play after their library visit.

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 13 July:

Wednesday 21 July:

Monday 26 July:

Tuesday 3 August:

Wednesday 11 August:

Monday 16 August:

School Holidays

Please let us know if your child will be away during the school holidays—12th to 25th July.

Policies

The following policies and procedures are due to be reviewed. Please see our website or ask us for a hard copy: Excursions, Sleeping Children, Communication, Child Protection and Infant Food & Drink.

ELC Quality Improvement Policy

The Early Learning Centre is currently creating Quality Improvement Plans based on their existing planning focuses, as well as working on their Strategic Plan. More information will be forthcoming when these are in a hard copy format and can be sent out to our families.

Family Updates—Early Learning Centre

We welcome Lucy and Darcey to the Early Learning Centre. We farewell Levi, Otis and Stanley who are moving up to Preschool.



Family Updates—Preschool

We welcome Levi, Otis & Stanley. We say goodbye to Ariannah, Ty & Maxwell who are all leaving to continue their learning journey at school.

Staff Updates

At the end of July, Vickie will be leaving our Early Learning Centre to continue her career at the Medical Centre. Vickie has been an amazing support person at reception and her happy, smiling and welcoming face will be missed by everyone.

Hello  Goodbye

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 Darcey.

To support the Preschool Quality Improvement Plan around language and literacy, Connie and Andrea attended a workshop around fostering literacy in early years settings—principles, practices and progression. They learnt about how literacy can be fostered in early childhood settings, and some principles for how early literacy can be readily encouraged, along with research that shows which teacher practices are effective for promoting literacy in a play based curriculum. They also explored issues related to children's progression towards the learning outcomes in the Communication Strand of Te Whaariki, and the Literacy Learning Progressions for school entry.

Questions about child car restraints?



Not sure what child car restraint to buy? Confused about how your child restraint fits into your car?

Join us for a 45 minute Sit Tight course and get your questions answered!

Afterwards we can discuss the course, take a look at your car seat or help you look into what car seat might best suit your needs. You will be registered for the course, which means you will be able to go back over it in your own time or share it with family members.

Details of the workshops are below:

Te Kūiti Maternity Hub:	•	Ōtorohanga District Council:
two courses available	•	two courses available
June 16 10.30am -12noon	•	June 23 10.30am -12noon
July 7 6pm -7.30pm	•	July 28 6pm -7.30pm

It is essential you are registered prior to coming.

To register please contact one of the following

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