

September:

13th—19th: Māori Language Week
26th: Daylight Saving begins

October:

28th: NZ Shake Out at 9.30am
25th: Labour Day—Hopscotch closed
28th: Dress-up Day



Christmas Closing Dates

Hopscotch closes: 12pm, Thursday 23rd December
Hopscotch reopens: 8am, Monday 10th January



The following policies are due to be reviewed in September & October. Please see our website or ask us for a hard copy: Staff Health, Sun Smart, Child Protection, Cleaning, Quality Improvement.

Family Updates—Early Learning Centre

We welcome Titan, Asher, Navayah-Lee, Moana-Breeze, Poppy, Floyd, Luca, Alex and Elsie. We say goodbye to Gaige who will be leaving to enjoy some downtime with his family.

Children leaving ELC to move to Preschool

Levi, Lyla, Ben and Jaxon

Family Updates—Preschool

We welcome Ryder. We say goodbye to Ari, Levi, Fergus, Grace, Zayden & Devin who are leaving to continue their learning journey at school.

Staff Updates

The Preschool is changing! As well as our new Office Manager—Sarndra (who is due to start soon), Raman will be joining us to replace Connie as a qualified ECE teacher. Raman has many years of experience working in Montessori and we're excited for her to share all her knowledge with us. We know she'll be a great fit for our team.

Connie is moving to the Early Learning Centre to work with the infants and toddlers—the Preschool won't be losing her entirely as she will also return from time to time in a relieving capacity.

Due to lockdown being sprung on us, we didn't have the opportunity to say goodbye to Stacey who has moved to Kiokio School as a Teacher Aide. She will be very sadly missed and our loss is definitely Kiokio's gain. Farewell Stacey – we know you'll be amazing.

HOPSCOTCH
Pānui—Newsletter Mahuru—September 2021

It's the end of "Make your own lunch day" at Preschool!

The Preschool will no longer be offering our 'Make your own lunch' day. Unfortunately at Covid-19 Level 2 this is not something that we're permitted to provide. This lockdown, we have reconsidered our teaching role in this regard and have looked at the benefits that 'make your own lunch' day offers our children. Sadly, with the numerous restrictions that are now placed on us with regards to the foods that we're able to purchase, we no longer feel that our children are gaining anything from this experience. We know that this day provides huge benefits for our parents—however we'd like to ensure that the children gain the most from our teaching!



Process Baking



Instead of "Make your own lunch day", we will be offering process baking to the children on a regular basis. This will start as soon as we drop to Level 1.

Baking is a socially interactive experience where the teachers can guide, support and explain each step of the process so that children can gain knowledge and learn the process of following steps in a specific order to create a determined outcome.

LEARNING
NEW SKILLS

Throughout the baking process, children are gaining an understanding of the following concepts:

- Maths—counting, measuring, number recognition, weights, fractions & division;
- Reading—improved comprehension and vocabulary skills as they follow instructions and follow simple recipe cards;
- Teamwork—working together and building relationships to work towards the same goal;
- Science—ingredients changing colour, texture and form (liquids, solids, gases);
- Fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination—stirring, squeezing, rolling, spreading;
- Life skills—basic cooking skills and a broadening interest in food.