

Term 1

29th January 2018– 13th April 2018

Dates to Remember

6th Feb- Waitangi Day

4th March—Children's Day

30th March—Good Friday

2nd April—Easter Monday

Westland Parent Network

Fridays (during term)

10am—12pm

REAP House, Hokitika

SPACE (Supporting Parents Alongside Children's Education)

Thursday's 10am—12pm

The Ark, 40 Richmond St, Cobden

Pipsqueaks Playgroup

Mondays (during term) 10am-

12.30pm

REAP House, Hokitika

Cobden Playgroup

Wednesdays 9am-12pm

The Ark, 40 Richmond St, Cobden

Moving Smart Workshops & Understanding Boys

27th Feb -1st March

Melody Makers-Hokitika

Wednesday (during term)

10.15am

REAP house 72, Tudor Street,

Hokitika

Melody-Makers-Cobden

Wednesday (during term)

9am-12noon

The Ark, 40 Richmond St, Cobden

Swim Fun Sessions

Glacier Hot Pools

18 & 25th Feb, 4th, 11th March

Franz Josef Glacier

Play Day

Fox Glacier

10th April 11-2pm

Details TBC

Transition to School Network Meetings

Hokitika

6th March

4.30—5.30pm

Kaniere School

Greymouth

13th March

4.30-5.30pm

Paroa School

For further info or to register

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The 'Baby and You' programme follows on from antenatal classes and offers sound tips and strategies as you begin your remarkable journey into parenthood. The programme covers the exciting yet challenging early months of parenthood, and gives practical information including stimulation for babies, age-appropriate toys, the key milestones of your baby's growth and much more.

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Baby Development

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When & Where
Date: Friday's, 16 Feb – 16 Mar
Time: 10am – 12 noon
Venue: Karoro Bowling Club
Nelson Street
Greymouth
Cost: FREE
To Book pm us, phone or text
Bailey 027 979 1050
or email greymouth@parentscentre.org.nz



Kiwi Kids Tiny To Tots

Under 1's Playgroup

- ★ An easy environment for parents to gather for friendship and support.
- ★ A safe, fun place for babies to discover.
- ★ Parent-led discussion around relevant topics.
- ★ Parents in their last trimester of pregnancy welcome too!
- ★ For babies from birth to walking.

When & Where
Where: Karoro Bowling Club, Nelson Street, Greymouth.
When: Monday's, 1pm - 3pm.
Cost: Casual fee - \$3 per family, Members price - FREE
For more information, Private message us on Facebook: phone Bailey at 027 979 1050 or email greymouth@parentscentre.org.nz



Swim Fun South Westland @ the Glacier Hot Pools, Franz Josef Glacier

With Swim Tutor Marj Vermaat

Sunday sessions for 4 weeks - 18th & 25th February 4th & 11th March
10am for 0-2 years & 10.30am 2+ years - \$20 per child for 4 weeks

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REGISTRATIONS
ESSENTIAL



Art in the Park & Children's Day

Sunday 4th March
10am-4pm at Greymouth High School

Bring your kids along for a special day out. Free activities for under 12's



Melody Makers- Hokitika

Wednesdays during term time with

Music Tutor Sally Richardson.

REAP House, 72 Tudor Street, Hokitika

From 10.15am

\$4 per child casual entry (\$30 per term)

Melody Makers-Cobden

Wednesdays during term time with

Music Tutor Tracey Hutt.

Sessions are held during Playgroup

9am-12noon

The Ark, Richmond Street, Cobden

\$4 per child casual entry (\$30 per term)



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Early Childhood Panui

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Kia ora koutou - Welcome to Term 1—2018.

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Jeanette Rock and I am WestREAP's new Team Leader, Early Childhood & Primary. I am an Early Childhood teacher with strong ties to the West Coast. I have taught the full spectrum of under 5's & I have loved them all. I look forward to working with you & making new partnerships as we head into 2018. Melissa Diedrichs has been an amazing Early Childhood Team Leader & will be greatly missed. I wish her all the best for her new venture in Rolleston.

Term 4 2017 was yet another busy one. Ukulele lessons with Glenis Waugh were very popular with 17 participants for the Greymouth 4 week programme. We received very positive feedback from participants. We also ran the popular Ka Tipu (to grow) workshops with our wonderful facilitator Ariana Stevens. This was well attended by ECE (Early Childhood Education) teachers with some travelling from as far away as Franz Josef Glacier.

The Incredible Years Parenting Programme in Greymouth was well received & inspired a Nutrition workshop in collaboration with Community & Public Health. Planning is underway to deliver a Hokitika Incredible Years Parenting Programme in 2018, we are currently taking registrations of interest for this. The second SPACE (Supporting Parents Alongside Children's Education) programme finished up in Cobden on 14th December. The first programme for 2018 is already full with 15 confirmed enrolments & is due to start each Thursday from 7th February to be run at the Ark in Cobden as a certificated playgroup. Our facilitators will be Tracey Hutt & Toni Sims. We have a wait list for the next programme later in the year so please don't hesitate to register your interest. WestREAP have been successful in gaining a Lottery Grants Board funding for SPACE for 2 years & will be running two more 20 week programmes in 2019.

Westland Parent Network (WPN) & Pipsqueaks Playgroup News: On 15th December the WPN & Pipsqueaks attended a combined Christmas party at St. Andrews Church. This was well supported with over 25 parents & children from both groups attending. It provided a perfect opportunity for the Pipsqueaks parents to hand over the playgroup responsibilities to the WPN parents moving up. The 2017 Pipsqueaks group will now be members of the Kaniere Playcentre while some of the WPN parents will take over Pipsqueaks & continue to meet at REAP House each Monday morning during term time. The WPN will continue to meet on Friday mornings (during term time) at REAP House. Westland Parent Network is aimed at new parents in the community with babies under 1 year of age. We have had wonderful feedback from parents in both groups so come along and join the fun, learning and support. Also in Term 4 the first initiative of the Westland Parent Centre was launched with the Baby and Child Expo and Market held in Hokitika. Well done on your first venture! We look forward to seeing more collaborative community efforts in 2018.

Rotomanu Playday was held in term 4 with a small number of families attending, including one family from Oтира. It was a great opportunity to have quality conversations with parents in the community. The families enjoyed the range of learning experiences offered & especially enjoyed the music session with Tracey Hutt. Our Play Days for 2018 will be in Fox Glacier, Hari Hari, Barrytown & Nelson Creek. Fox Glacier is first up in Term 1 on Tuesday 10th April. Dates for the remaining Play Days are yet to be confirmed but will be advertised in each term's Panui, on our website www.westreap.org.nz and on our Facebook page.

Children's Day: This year Children's Day will be held in collaboration with Art in the Park at the Greymouth High School. Our three Team Leaders at WestREAP; Cheryl Smeaton for ACE (Adult & Community Education), Julia Lavers for Youth and myself for ECE (Early Childhood Education) will be part of this event on Sunday 4th March to offer a range of art and craft experiences for children under 12 years, as well as to showcase our WestREAP Art4Me adult students and their artwork during the exhibition.

Moving Smart & Understanding Boys Workshops: Health Promotion Agency granted us funding late last year for an initiative aimed at getting children under 5 years more active. We have arranged for the Moving Smart organisation to offer 3 parent/whanau workshops & 3 workshops for teachers and professionals. Workshops will run from Whataroa to Greymouth. These will take place from Tuesday 27th February – Thursday 1st March. Wendy Pirie from Moving Smart will be facilitating the workshops which will enhance the knowledge & skills of adults working with children to increase their active movement. Registrations are essential. Check our website for more details www.westreap.org.nz & LIKE us on Facebook to keep up to date with what's going on.

The final Westland Transition to School meeting for 2017 was held at Hokitika Primary School in Term 4. Brenda Syme presented a workshop on her oral language initiative & shared valuable information with the group. In the Grey district the final meeting was held at Active Explorers preschool with guest speaker Mandy O'Sullivan who shared how the Early Childhood Sector can be a part of the Ministry of Education Communities of Learning (COL).

Our Ministry of Education contract for Early Learning Support continues until May 2018. If you know of any children 3-5 years who are NOT participating in early childhood education or who need support transitioning to school, please contact us. One of our wonderful facilitators, Toni Sims in Greymouth/ Grey District or Sally Richardson in Hokitika/Westland District will get in touch with you.

Nga Mihi, Jeanette

