

# HOPE PRESCHOOL



## Oral Language

The teaching team are currently taking part in professional development to increase their knowledge and skills around encouraging children's oral language development. Oral language forms the basis for reading and writing, so it is important that we focus on this in the preschool years. These are some ideas for you to try at home:

### Coming Up:

We will be closed 19th to the 23rd of April for Easter and Southland Anniversary. Also 25th April for Anzac Day

### Policy Review

The policy for review this month is:

Complaints Policy

You will find a copy of this on the parent information notice board for comment.

**Talk more often** – Talk with them for longer & encourage them to talk; describe everyday things and everyday objects. Chat to them about what you and they are doing. Every moment is potentially a talking moment.

**Gift children 'juicy' new words** – Expand what they know. If the word seems too hard, use it and explain, rather than avoid it.

**Encourage them to talk and take turns** – Back and forth, 'serve and return' conversations make a big difference. To really develop their brains, children have to participate and contribute as well as listen.

**Fewer questions, more comments** – Questions don't add knowledge. Gift additional words to build children's understanding of ideas and concepts.

**Talk differently** – Praise their efforts, relate to their interests; expand and talk everywhere. This is simple, free and easy. You have the power to make a real difference.

**Read books every day** – The language in books is different from everyday conversation, and expands their understanding of the world. It is never too early to read to babies. Books also help build the bond between child and reader and help the child get ready for reading when they are older.

<https://www.talkingmatters.org.nz/page/resources/>





*From the Bible:*

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:6-7



*Whakatauki:*

*He aba te kai o te rangatira? He Kōrero, he kōrero, he kōrero.*

What is the food of the leader. It is knowledge. It is communication.



**Things to note:**

- Please send a named waterproof or plastic bag for wet or dirty clothes as we don't supply these.
- Sun Safety - please send a named sunhat and ensure clothing covers shoulders.
- Please do not publish any photos taken at preschool unless you have the permission of the people in them.
- For absences please text 0272037057, phone 03 203 7057 or email [admin@hopepreschool.co.nz](mailto:admin@hopepreschool.co.nz).
- The children all have cubbies for their art work, we also put any belongings that are named in them, so it is a good idea to check these frequently.

