

ESW Newsletter

TERM 2 2011



Welcome back to Term Two, we hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday break and are ready for the new term. The cooler weather has arrived, so please take care of yourselves and try to stay away from the winter colds and flu. Don't forget the flu injection is available through Anglesea Clinic if you would like it. Just tell reception that you are from McKenzie Centre and the account will be sent here. After the injection you need to wait 20 minutes to ensure you do not have any reaction. If you are eligible to get the injection for free through your own GP please use this option.

Dates to remember this term are:

Term 2: 2 May - 15 July 2011

ESW Workshop: Friday 24 June 2011, 12.30- 2.30pm. The topic will be Postural Control which links to the Foundation Skills. This will be presented by Sue Scott, Physiotherapist at McKenzie Centre.

Trust news

When Helen took over the role of Business Manager, resigning from the Trust, Nan took up the role of Community Representative. At the same time Justine Grant and Raewyn Risi, both Wednesday parents, joined the Trust as Parent representatives. Here are their introductions:

Justine Grant

I am stay at home mother of four year old twins James and Emily. James has attended the centre since early 2008 and we have appreciated the reassurance and guidance the McKenzie Centre provides to both the children and to their parents. As a family of a child with special needs we understand how important education, support and advice is during their ongoing development and value all that the centre aims to achieve in progressing the children and their families.

Raewyn Risi

Raewyn is married to Steve and they are dairy farming at Maungatautari, just south of Cambridge. Raewyn is busy with a school aged girl, 4yr old boy who attends McKenzie Centre and a very active younger dynamo girl. The McKenzie Centre staff have become part of the extended family since first visiting in 2007. We are extremely passionate about the level of care and expertise our special needs kids require and are extremely grateful to be part of a unique and wonderful centre.

Building Plans: After serious discussion and planning the Trust has approved altering the current building. We have plans to extend the building to give more space for play areas, family/whanau room, office space and a private area. You will recall that having a private space was mentioned in our parent feedback as essential- this means that families can withdraw and privately talk with staff when they need to. At the same time the building will be reconfigured so the playrooms and administration areas are separate. This is a HUGE project; fundraising to pay for it is essential so if you have ideas or contacts please come and see Trisha or Helen. As we proceed with our plans we will let you know how this will impact on sessions as there will be alterations to service delivery while the contractors are working on site.

House Keeping:

- With working in early childhood centres it is easy for you to come into contact with various viruses that are going around. You may find it useful to have some hand sanitiser in your car that you can use after working with each child. Some Centres also have it available for the staff to use so that may be an option.
- If you have a private arrangement with a family to work additional hours with a child at an early childhood centre please advise the Keyworker for the child or Teresa of this.
- **IP** - read the goals and use the strategies as part of your role. Keep IP goals in mind when you are writing the journal at the end of a session. Please let your Key Worker know if you do not have a copy of the child's current IP. The early childhood centre will have a copy so you could ask to look at that.
- Please do not make changes to your contracted hours without consultation with your Key Worker or Teresa as this can disrupt the visiting roster.
- **Confidentiality:** It is important to always keep in mind that any information you receive in the course of your employment is confidential. This includes information about the child, the child's family, disability and circumstances. This also includes information about McKenzie Centre and the staff.
- **Sickness:** If the child you are working with is absent from the Centre, please check with the centre supervisor/head teacher that they are happy for you to remain at the centre. If this is not suitable you also have the option of taking leave without pay or coming to McKenzie Centre, however working from home is **not** an option.
- Remember that you should never be alone with a child; this applies to playing in a separate room from the other children at the centre and being outdoors when everyone else has moved inside. If you are placed in this situation and are unsure what to do talk with Teresa.

McKenzie Centre Website:

You will find our parent and ESW newsletters online so you can keep up to date with us now and in the future: www.mckenziecentre.nzl.org
Lillian does a great job of updating the website. Take a look!

Remember to contact us if you have any concerns or questions at any time. We are always happy to hear from you. Have a great term!

Key Workers:

Estelle Pretorius	ext 704, Speech Language Therapist
Teresa Blake	ext 712, Early Intervention Teacher
Anita Wilson	ext 703, Speech Language Therapist
Andrée McGibbon	ext 707, Early Intervention Teacher
Ursula Rapley	ext 706, Early Intervention Teacher
Sue Scott	ext 706, Physiotherapist
Claire Hintz	ext 708, Occupational Therapist
Trisha Bengé	ext 710, Centre Director
Helen Gempton	ext 702, Business Manager



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