

Parent Newsletter



End of Term 4, 2011!

Happy and safe holiday wishes from everyone at McKenzie Centre. Enjoy your family and take care!

Dates to remember are:

- The last session of the year is **Tuesday 20th December**.
- End of year Party! **Wednesday 21st December 11am-1pm**. The theme is green and red -so dress up and bring along a plate. Current and past families are very welcome so spread the word!
- **2012, Term One sessions start on Tuesday 31 January, staff are back on 20 January.**
- **Feedback from Parent Focus Week** thank you for the great feedback it is good to know we are providing you with the support you need and to have a setting where you can learn from each other. Ideas from our recent focus week around fun things to do in the holidays, for a reasonable cost are included here for you.
 - Donkey farm, Model trains Sundays 10.00am-3.00pm at Forest Lake \$1.00, Hamilton Gardens, lake, Parana Park playground, Zoo, Waterworld, beach, fishing, camping (home & away), picnics, Mini golf, Bounceland, Lollipops Playland, McDonalds, library/museum, Candyland, rock climbing, Party Planet, Berry Farm (Gordonton Road), Paulonia Park-Newells Rd, Harrowfield house lights, Natural Bridge-Waitomo, Taitua Arboretum, Elim Church Holiday programme (\$30 per day), Christmas in the Park (Funky Monkeys) Raglan -11th December, New Years Parade-Raglan.

Remember to talk to your key worker before the term ends to ensure you have the support you need in place before we go on holiday.

Andree McGibbon, Early Intervention Teacher, is retiring. We are sad to say that Andree is retiring at the end of Term One 2012. We will need more than a term to get used to this idea as we really value Andree as part of the team here at McKenzie Centre and we really will miss her. Andree and her fiancé, Graeme, will retire to the sunny Bay of Plenty.

Children's behaviour in sessions. Sometimes it is an important IP goal to work with children on things like sitting at the mat, eating at the kai table or not spending all session on the computer. This is very challenging for the child as, like us, they would prefer to do their own thing. However, it is important that we address this while the child is young so these behaviours do not become a bigger issue in the future. Please bear with us as the staff and the family's involved have a plan which takes a while to work through. I know crying is upsetting to every one but sometimes this is necessary. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Olde Creamery Café High Tea & High Fashion Show - Keep Sunday April 1st 2012 free! After the great success of the Billy T: Te Movie night, Friends of McKenzie Centre are busy planning our next wonderful fundraising event: a High Tea and High Fashion show at The Olde Creamery Café in Ohaupo. This will be a really nice girls' day out for mums and daughters, or

groups of work mates or girlfriends. There are a few things that we are looking for to help with the event, such as smaller prizes for the raffle wheel - 40 in total - three bigger prizes for a separate raffle, 20 cup and saucer sets (not heirlooms!!) and people to help on the day. If families are able to help with any of these items, you are very welcome to start bringing things in to Sandra and Lillian. Thanks so much for your support!

School Holiday Programmes - Kids Club School Holiday Program is running from 16th January to the Friday 20th January for Supported group (morning) 9am to 12pm. Unsupported group (afternoon) 1pm to 4pm. Location of programme is at the Hamilton North School, Warwick Avenue Hamilton.

TAYAG for Teenagers/Youth School Holiday Program is running from Monday 23rd January to Friday 27th January from 9am to 4pm. Location of programme is at the Hamilton Baptist Church Event Centre, 33 Charlemont Street Hamilton.

Any inquiries or wish to enroll your child/youth in any of the programs please contact Holiday Program Coordinator Fran Greenfield on fran2000@ihug.co.nz or phone 07 8896167 to receive your enrolment packs.

Missing Loan item: The Dinosaurs Switch It software program is still missing-please check the CD Rom drive of your home computer.

We invite families to borrow equipment over the holidays but request that when it is returned it is **clean and well maintained**. Otherwise staff have to spend precious time cleaning equipment and to replace items costs the centre as we have to do more fundraising. A lot of the equipment we purchase comes from donations and grants so once we have purchased equipment we like to look after it so new funding is used for new resources for your children and not to replace equipment.

Thank you to David Henshaw who supports the Centre by donating his fabulous cards for us to use.

New Brochure. We are in the process of finalising this and it will look great. We are also able to publish a Maori version of the brochure and we would like to thank Winara Levi for his translation. Winara is the older brother of Potiki, a recent graduate of the Centre, and we sincerely thank Winara for all the time and effort he has put into the translation. Also thank you to George Lusty and Jim Ranginui who also spent time sharing their expertise with the translation, we very much appreciate your contribution.

Raffle. Come and get your ticket for the LAUNDRY HAMPER, this raffle is organised by Friends of McKenzie Centre and we appreciate your support as the funds raised go directly to benefit your child and look out for the yummy CHOCOLATE HOUSE donated by the Marshall family. A Gold coin donation gets you in the draw for this fabulous cake! The cake will be delivered at the End of Year celebration on 21st December



Best wishes and happy holidays from; Trisha, Claire, Sue, Anita, Estelle, Ursula, Andree, Teresa, Ruth, Helen, Sandra, Lillian, Marcia and Richard.

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