

## Parent Newsletter



### Welcome back to Term 2, 2012!

It is great to be back to enjoy the second term of 2012. We look forward to catching up with you and your children to learn about how the holidays went - weren't we lucky with the weather?!

There are a few house-keeping items to note as we start the term.

- Reminder to stay home if you or your children are unwell. We recommend resting at home for 24 hours after any vomiting or diarrhea bugs. Please ring McKenzie Centre if you are unsure about coming or have any concerns.
- **Sunscreen and hats** may still be useful on our sunny days.
- The playdough is **gluten free** for any child who is gluten intolerant.
- Please continue to encourage your child to **wash their hands** in the whare paku (toilet areas) around eating times. Singing this song with your child may entertain and inform them while they wash.



*Wash, wash, wash (dry) your hands to wash (dry) them everyday  
Tops and bottoms, and in between  
To keep the germs away (Row, row, row your boat tune)*

- **Mouthing toys:** If your child has had toys in their mouth please put them into mesh bag by double doors in playroom when they have finished playing with them, so they can be cleaned.
- **Fire Drill:** McKenzie Centre practises the drill each term. Please be aware in an emergency we all gather in one place, on Hamilton West school grounds, through McKenzie Centre back gate. The car park must be clear for the fire engine.
- **Assistance Dog:** A child in Monday session will be supported by an assistance dog in training during this term. Please prepare your child for this if you attend Monday session.
- **Back care:** At the recent ESW workshop we discussed back care/lifting strategies and considerations. A summary of points is as follows;
  - Plan your lift, know where you are lifting an item to, is the route clear of obstacles, can you alter the environment to ease the lift.
  - Prepare your body, consider your fitness, health, stress levels.
  - Hug the load, keep the load close as it becomes are much heavier if held away from your body
  - Avoid twisting and side bending, move your feet.
  - Use equipment safely, know your limits and ask for help
  - Co-ordinate the lift, lift with others who are a similar height, 1-2-3 Lift
  - Use semi-squat position
  - Breathe out on effort
- **Self Help skills:** Games have a beginning, middle and an end and packing away toys is a skill we would like to focus on this term. Your support to model and comment on this will help your child to learn.
- **Car park:** If you need to double park in McKenzie Centre car park please let Sandra know so she can find you quickly if your car needs to be moved ☺
- **Te Reo:** this term's focus will be on movement.



- **Makaton signing:** The use of signing during music and play supports many children with their understanding of language and the world about them. If you can join in that would be fabulous.
- **Missing Loan items:** wobble board , Australasian signing book

## Thanks

- To Audrey who keeps the McKenzie Centre garden looking beautiful and we appreciate her green thumb. The swan plants have been delightful over summer with caterpillars, chrysalis and Monarch butterflies for children and adults to enjoy. Big thanks Audrey!
- To you, for checking the art boxes in the foyer for your children's dry art work! These are great as gifts for special people or can be useful as unique wrapping paper.
- To Pak 'n' Save Clarence Street for selecting us as a recipient of the community group tokens promotion back in January. The promotion enables shoppers to choose which of 3 local community group's they would like to support by placing a token in the appropriate box. The charities are then apportioned a share of \$1,000 depending on the level of support they receive from the community. McKenzie Centre was lucky enough to receive a fantastic donation of \$654.96, so if any of you placed tokens in our container, thank you. We are told that we received one of the largest donations ever given to a community group under the scheme!

## High Tea High Fashion fundraiser event at the Olde Creamery Café:

Thanks to all of you who attended or supported our major fundraiser last term, High Tea, High Fashion at the Olde Creamery Café, Ohaupo. This was a very special day which helped raise much-needed funds for McKenzie Centre. A huge thanks go to Mark Bunting, all our fabulous sponsors, and parent/trustee Justine Grant who put in many hours of work to ensure the success of this event.



## **Dates to remember are:**

- Term 2: sessions begin Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and ends on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June. The Term Three sessions start on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July
- 27-29 June, Imagine Better will be holding a conference on Individualised Funding and Self Directed Services at Sky City, 346 Victoria Street, Hamilton. Families who might like to attend this conference can get more information from their web site: [www.imaginebetter.co.nz](http://www.imaginebetter.co.nz)
- Lollipops have kindly offered McKenzie Centre families a free family evening on Tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup> from 5.30 till 7pm. See the flyer in the foyer for more details. Pop this date into your diary as it is a lovely chance for children to have some fun in a really cool place, and for families to meet each other as well. If you would like to come, then please let Sandra or Lillian know by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July.
- Our Parent Focus Group Week this term will be 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> May; 10.30 am for morning sessions and 1pm for afternoon sessions. This is a valuable opportunity to catch up with one another. Staff will supervise your children while you relax!
- Parent Support Circle. A support group for parents which will be facilitated by Marcia. Thursday 7 June at 1.30pm. If this is not your usual session, come along any way, and staff will care for your children so you can have a quiet chat with other parents in a supportive, informal environment.

- Hanen “More than Words” will continue this term with Estelle and Claire. Talk to your Key worker if you’re interested in attending any future programmes.
- There will not be an Education Support Worker Workshop in Term 2 this year.
- BNZ closed for Good, 8 May, the staff from BNZ will be here to support the Centre with necessary care and maintenance of the building. A really fabulous donation of time from the BNZ which we truly appreciate.

**New McKenzie Centre Brochure:** copies are available from the office.

**Centre Policies and Procedures:** A complete list of all the Centre’s Policies and Procedures is in the Yellow ‘Licence, Policies, ERO Report folder in the Whanau Room. We review policies in a cycle to ensure the content is up to date and relevant. We invite parents/ whanau, trustees and staff to review the policies so you are aware of what we do and also so you can contribute to what is done at the Centre. Copies of those policies under review are on the notice board in the Whanau Room. If anyone has any questions about the review process or the policies, please see Lillian or Sandra in the office.

**Staff news:**

- Annette Hattie is our new Early Intervention Teacher.

Hi, my name is Annette Hattie. I qualified as an Early Intervention Teacher in 2009 and worked for the Ministry of Education, Special Education for 5 years prior to coming to the McKenzie Centre. I have also worked as a registered Early Childhood Teacher in kindergarten and early childhood centre’s. As part of my career path I had the privilege of working as a Care-giver, in the area of respite care, for children with special needs and their families at the Foundation for the Blind and CCS where I gained valuable skills and knowledge.

I have a passion for working with children and am an advocate for including children with special needs in our communities. I believe all children have a gift which should be supported, opportunities provided and encouragement given to them so as they can reach their full potential to the best of their ability.

- Ruth Michels, Assistant Technology Specialist, will be in Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday sessions again this term.
- Anniversaries: Congratulations to Ursula, who has been working at McKenzie Centre for 15 years and also Claire who has been here 13 years.
- Building: The Trust are looking at the feasibility of extending and remodelling our building. If you have ideas or useful contacts come and see Trisha.

*Best wishes from, Trisha, Claire, Sue, Anita, Estelle, Ursula, Annette, Teresa, Ruth, Helen, Sandra, Lillian, Marcia and Richard.*

## Funders

As always we would like to acknowledge our funders, who help make it possible for us to provide an affordable and high quality service to families.



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