

Parent Newsletter



Welcome back to Term 3, 2012!

It is great to be back to enjoy the third term of 2012. We look forward to catching up with you and your children to learn about how the holidays went.

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.
- Please continue to encourage your child to **wash their hands** in the whare paku (toilet areas), especially before 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)*



- To help stop the spread of germs it is a good idea to reinforce that children **catch their coughs** with their elbow.
- **Mouthing toys:** If your child has had toys in their mouth please put them into the mesh bag by double doors in playroom when they have finished playing with them, so they can be cleaned.
- **Loan of toys:** We are happy for families to borrow toys and resources and really appreciate it when they are returned in good condition, with no damage or pieces missing, as they are expensive to replace and we have a very limited budget to do this.
- **Self Help skills:** Games have a beginning, middle and an end and packing away toys is a skill we would like to continue to focus on this term. Your support to model and comment on this will help your child to learn.
- **Dishwasher,** please put dirty dishes into the machine not in the sink.
- **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 😊
- **Curriculum:** The curriculum areas we are focusing on this term are on the wall in the large playroom. Take a look!
- Hopefully you will notice it's a bit warmer at McKenzie Centre on these cold winter mornings as **under floor insulation** has been installed throughout the building.
- You will have noticed we have had some new **non-slip matting** laid on the ramp and hope this makes it easier on these wet and frosty mornings.
- **Parent Survey:** Look out for the Parent Survey this term. The focus this year is on the Review process. Your feedback is always useful and appreciated.

Thanks

- Thank you to the Szabo family, especially Thomas who gifted his trike to the Centre when he moved on to school in June. Don't forget to come and visit us occasionally Thomas.
- Thanks to parents and children that help clean up at the end of session. It makes our jobs easier!

THANK YOU TO STRIPES AND STARS APPAREL!



A huge thank you to Kate Williamson, Tessa Stockdale, Emma Jackson, Olivia McLean and Becky Tushingham (Stripes and Stars Apparel) of Waikato Diocesan School for Girls who donated two iPads to the Centre as a result of the profits made from their very successful 2011 Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme (YES). Thank you also to Ken Williamson, McKenzie Centre's longest serving Trustee, for mentoring the girls to such a successful conclusion (and Happy 60th Birthday Ken!). We are extremely grateful that they chose to support us in this way, and congratulate them on their success in the YES programme.

Dates to remember are:

- Term 3: sessions begin Monday 16th July, end of term, Friday 28 September.
- **Lollipops** have kindly offered McKenzie Centre families a free family evening. **Tuesday July 31st from 5.30 till 7pm.** 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. The cafe will be open. See the flyer in the foyer for more details. If you would like to come, then please let Sandra or Lillian know by Friday 27th July. Please bring socks. A big thank you to the team at Lollipops, for supporting McKenzie Centre and our families.
- Our Parent Focus Group Week this term will be **3rd- 7th September**; 10.30am for morning sessions and 1:30pm on Thursday afternoon. This term the focus is on the Trust and Friends of McKenzie Centre, so families can get information about other aspects of the service that support us to deliver early intervention to your child/children. Members of the Trust will come in on some of the sessions, so it will be a good opportunity for you to meet them.
- Parent Support Circle this term will be **Wednesday 8 August at 10.30**, facilitated by Marcia, and is a chance for all parents to meet, share information and support each other. If Wednesday is not your usual session, come along anyway, and the staff will be available to care for your children.
- On Wednesday 26 September at 9:26am McKenzie Centre will take part in the New Zealand Shakeout earthquake drill. The aim is to have one million people practice the Drop, Cover and Hold drill. Join in wherever you will be! More info at www.shakeout.govt.nz



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:

- Ruth Michels, Assistant Technology Specialist, will be in Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday sessions again this term.
- Building: Building plans are almost complete for the remodelling of McKenzie Centre. We will continue to investigate the feasibility of the project as we get a costing for the remodelling.
- Andree McGibbon, who retired last term, had a beautiful wedding in April and has since been seeing the sights of Europe in a campervan. We have enjoyed hearing about her adventures and look forward to catching up when she returns to NZ.

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

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