

ESW Newsletter

TERM 4 2012



Wow, it is Term 4 already and with only nine weeks to the end of your contracts for 2012, the time will go by very quickly. Daylight saving has started which gives us longer days and with summer on its way we can all look forward to barbeques, eating outdoors, maybe time at the beach and a pleasant stroll in the evenings. It is great to see the blossoms on the trees and new growth on the shrubs and vines. We hope that you had time to relax and put your feet up in the holidays and are now ready for another fun and busy term at the early childhood centres.

Dates to Remember

- ✚ **Term 4 dates:** The term commences on 15 October 2012 and the last date for your contracts is 14 December 2012. Please be aware that the Kindergartens and early childhood centres will finish the following week.
- ✚ **ESW Fun Workshop:** Friday 7 December 2012, 12.30-2.30pm. The focus as the title suggests, is having fun and to thank you for your hard work during the year. There will be a fun activity to do and afternoon tea. Annual **Performance Appraisals**- which haven't been completed prior to then will be completed at the workshop. Think about a goal you would like to achieve in 2013 and reflect on your performance and goal/s for 2012. These will be discussed with you at your appraisal.
- ✚ **Family End of Year Party:** Thursday 20 December 2012, 11am-1pm. You are all welcome to come along and celebrate with the families.
- ✚ **2013 Dates:** This will be confirmed when the new contract is negotiated with the Ministry of Education later this term. However, Easter falls during term one with Good Friday on 29 March 2013 and Easter Monday 1 April 2013, so is not part of the end of term break.



House Keeping

- ✚ Some new contracts have been sent out, so please sign these and return a copy to McKenzie Centre as soon as possible so that the admin team can enter your hours of employment into the computer system for the pay roll.
- ✚ Remember to wear your name badge while working in the early childhood centres, this identifies who you work for and your name, there are often relievers working in the early childhood centres.
- ✚ Please contact McKenzie Centre and talk to Sandra when you know in advance that the child is going to be absent from the early childhood centre. You may be asked to support another child whose ESW is away or there may be work for you at McKenzie Centre.

Relieving:

Sometimes we ask you to relieve with a child in an early childhood centre who you do not know. Please talk to the staff and ask them for support. An alternative would be that a staff member uses it as an opportunity to work 1:1 with the child, while you engage with other children at the early childhood centre.

Lollipops:

Thank-you to the ESW's who attended the Lollipops Evening on 31 July 2012. It was great to see you there and appreciated by the families. There will be another free family evening in the new year on **Tuesday 26th February from 5.30 till 7pm**, so put this in your diary as you are most welcome to join us.

Parent Survey:

In a recent Parent Survey there were comments which indicated that the ESW's are '**supportive and collaborative**' in their role. It is always pleasing to receive positive feedback and to hear that what you do is valued, so well done and give yourselves a pat on the back and a "**Big Thank-you**" from the team at McKenzie Centre.



Magazines:

If anyone has any House and Garden magazines or Australian Women's Weekly's that they no longer require, please give them to Teresa, they are needed for a Christmas activity. Thank-you

Round the Bridges:

This is an opportunity for people to support McKenzie Centre as well as getting fit by walking or running. If you would like to fundraise for McKenzie Centre go online to fundraiseonline.co.nz and get your friends to sponsor you.

Supporting Families:

Sometimes parents are looking for someone to support them with their children so that they can have a break or some time out during the holidays or on weekends. You may want to consider this; however, this would be a private arrangement between you and the family.

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! Have a look at the family newsletter each term to keep you up to date with Centre news.

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
Annette Hattie	ext 707, Early Intervention Teacher
Ursula Rapley	ext 706, Early Intervention Teacher
Sue Scott	ext 706, Physiotherapist
Claire Hintz	ext 708, Occupational Therapist
Trisha Benge	ext 710, Centre Director
Helen Gempton	ext 702, Business Manager



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