



Dates to Remember 2015

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| ESW Workshop | 11 December |
| Term 4 ends | 18 December - Children's End of Year Party |
| Staff Back | 18 January 2016 |
| Term 1 starts | 2 February 2016 |
| ERO | Education Review Office reviewing our service during the period 14-20 March 2016 |

The end of another year- where has it gone!!!! Best wishes to everyone for a happy, fun and family filled holiday. To those children heading off to school, our best wishes follow you and please do remember to come and visit us as we love to see you. The door is always open so do not hesitate to walk back in.

For the holidays, we have a list of activities in our community to do for free, generated from a Parent Focus meeting, so ask your Key Worker if you would like a copy of this.



Children's End of Year Party: We are planning to have the Children's End of Year Party on 18th December from 10.00 am - 12.30pm. Please bring a plate for a shared morning tea. There will be lots of bubbles, fun activities and an opportunity to meet some of the other families. The typical session will not run on this day. Everyone is welcome so please spread the word.

We have changed our bank account: *Mckenzie Centre now banks with the BNZ so we are asking everyone to make all future payments into our new bank account. The number is 02-0316-0466333-00. This is the number that will be on all our Family Invoices from Term 4. Sandra and Lillian are very happy to help if you have any questions about this.*



Congratulations and thanks to Kenny Kuunders (pictured here with Trisha) who has been part of the team keeping McKenzie Centre clean for the past 10 years. Thanks for your hard work Kenny!!

Thanks again to Schick Construction.

We are loving the new carpark! Schick Construction kindly took out the tree stump, resealed the area and created some much needed new parking spaces for us. Their time, and resources were kindly donated, and is a huge improvement to the Centre by making it easier to park during sessions. Thanks also to Aaron Woolley, of Arrow Line Marking, who painted the new car parking lines. Please remember to be vigilant when entering or reversing out of our "new" carpark area, as it can be very hard to spot little people there.



Feel free to double park as car parks remain in scarce supply and we can come and get you to move your car if this is needed.

Thank you to Mariet Klinkhammer and Cameron who donated \$825 to McKenzie Centre by getting sponsors for the Round the Bridges on the 15th of November. Cameron participated in the Kids Challenge (2 km) with Mariet pushing him in his wheelchair. Together they wanted to fundraise for the McKenzie Centre as thanks for the wonderful role McKenzie Centre has played in their lives and to support the current/future kids there. Mariet worked as an ESW and Cameron attended McKenzie Centre until he went to school. Thank you Mariet and Cameron!



Thank you Richard Bennett for installing our new letterbox and other building jobs around the Centre!

ERO review 2016, An ERO education review gives an external perspective on an early childhood service's teaching and children's learning. The aim of a review is to help an early childhood service improve the quality of teaching and learning in the service. McKenzie Centre will provide copies of relevant documents and a review team will visit our centre to talk with families and observe our team at work. A report will be published and displayed on the ERO website and will comment on our strengths and if we need extra steps for development.

Parent Survey, focus on Individual Plans IP. Thank you to everyone for your feedback we really appreciate it, we like to know if we are on the right track and what changes we can make so IPs, and our other services, are making a difference to your child and family. From the responses we received you are happy with the way IP meetings are planned, that the goals set meet your priorities for your child and they are specific, achievable and relevant. The written report is looked at by some of you quite regularly but it seems the actual meeting, with all the team, is a very valuable part of the process. We had a comment about making sure every child gets a turn to choose at music time ~ this is a helpful suggestion and the person taking music will record who was chosen each week to ensure they are able to spread the turns across the children. We thank you for making us more aware of the importance of parents getting together, without their children, this is the great thing about our Parent Focus weeks and we will look at other ways to get parents together as part of our planning for 2016.

Entitlements and Benefits: Please ask your Key Worker about Child Disability Allowance, Child Care Subsidy, Needs Assessments, Travel allowance- you may be eligible for these.

King.tahuroa on Instagram:

One family has shared their way of keeping people informed using Instagram, and some of you may like to know about this or perhaps try it yourselves...

“Over the years we found that at many family functions or just meeting up with people in general we had friends and family always asking us lots of really basic questions about Tahuroa and his simple everyday habits such as what he eats, what is autism? What does he mean? How can we play with him? What are his likes and dislikes? And how can we help? Things we take for granted and that we just "know". Tahuroa also attends Kohanga Reo and has been bought up in Te Reo Maori. So as a way of sharing our journey and a (small) attempt at interpreting Tahuroa's world we thought we'd start an Instagram page with just a glimpse of Tahuroa's everyday life. Our family has been a bit slow to the social media scene so we're still learning 😊 it's also a good way for us as parents to communicate our own journey and experiences with others. The more people that have a basic understanding the easier things are for Tahuroa wherever he goes and helps to expand his world! Feel free to follow us on our journey on Instagram.” From Tahuroa’s Mum and Dad.

Candace Mayall Dance School. If you are interested in dance classes for your child please contact Candace on 0211205013 or email candace.mayall@gmail.com or see her facebook page Candace Mayall Dance. These are a fun way for students to enjoy music and movement and learn a range of dancing styles in a more relaxed manner than a typical class. Classes will be held on Monday 4-4.30pm at Berkley Normal Middle School. This session is only for Mckenzie Centre families however siblings off students are more than welcome to join in.

Congratulations to Suzanne and Steph who have both passed their studies this year. Steph is now moving on to Year 2 and Suzanne has completed her Specialist Teaching Early Intervention. Well done both of you.

Facebook. One of our parents has had a bad experience and would like us to warn everyone to check the privacy settings on photos so they are not misused by others.

McKenzie Centre Movie Night Fundraiser: SPECTRE:

Thank you to everyone who supported this important fundraiser for McKenzie Centre, especially our fabulous sponsors: Blakes Hire Company, Meyer Gouda Cheese, A1 Commercial Cleaning, New World Rototuna, Hillcrest High School’s ILC, our wonderful volunteers Nathalie Thomson, Annette Ah Chee, Leona Birss, Maureen Benge, Richie Bennett, Brian Gempton, Neil Hintz and the Devlin and Brooker families for supplying some delicious nibbles for us. The evening was a great success and was attended by over 270 people. Check out the photos on Facebook and the website. We will be having another movie night next year, so keep an eye out for this!



Congratulations to Meyer Cheese, who won Gold for their Vintage Gouda and Silver for their Smoked Gouda at the World Cheese Awards 2015. Meyer Cheese kindly sponsor many of McKenzie Centres fundraising events. We can highly recommend this cheese!

Season's Greetings and best wishes from: Trisha, Claire, Sue, Anita, Estelle, Suzanne, Teresa, Ruth, Jacqui, Helen, Sandra, Lillian, Steph, Marcia and Richard.

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