

ESW Newsletter

TERM 3 2017



Kia ora koutou,



The cold and wet winter days have graced us with their presence. At least with the cold frosty mornings it is usually associated with a sunny day. There are a few winter viruses around and some families have reported that their children have been unwell during the holiday break. Remember to be vigilant with handwashing and take care of yourselves. The children, families and early childhood centre's will be happy to see you back,

so enjoy the triumphs and challenges of the role and value the experiences that you receive. These develop our knowledge and enrich us as people.

"Future is created by what we do today, not tomorrow" Anonymous

Dates to Remember:

- ✚ Term 3 dates: The term commences on 24th July 2017 and the last day for the term is Friday 29th September 2017.
- ✚ Term 4 commences on Monday 16th October 2017.

ESW Workshop, Term 3:

There will be no ESW Workshop this term, however put 8th December 2017 in your diary for Term 4.

House Keeping:

- ✚ New contracts for July to December have been sent out, 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.
- ✚ Please ensure that you wear your name badge each day as this identifies who you are and that you work for McKenzie Centre. A new name can be printed if yours has become faded.
- ✚ Update your contact details with Sandra if these have changed e.g. cell phone number, landline, residential address or email address.
- ✚ Communication Journals: Ensure this is written in daily and if the journal is not available, write on paper and put it in the child's bag.

Relieving:

Sometimes we ask you to relieve with a child in an early childhood centre who you do not know. Please talk to the early childhood centre 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.

ESW changes:

A warm welcome to Sharon Woollason who will be working in the Te Awamutu area. Farewell to Sandy Smith, who is having a break due to family commitments.

Quiz Night:

There will be a Quiz night on Friday 29th September at Dio School. This is a fundraiser for McKenzie Centre so put the date in your diary. More information will be provided at a later date.

Previous Workshop: Specific, Measurable and Positive entries in the Communication Journal.

Reflect on what you learnt; your writing style, being positive reporting on strengths and check that what you write is specific and ensures the reader has a clear understanding about what happened. When quoting, make it clear who the speaker is.

McKenzie Centre Website:

You will find our Parent and ESW newsletters online so you can keep up to date with us regularly i.e. www.mckenziecentre.org.nz

Lillian does a great job of updating the website and Facebook. Have a look at the family newsletter each term to keep you up to date with Centre news. There are also photos from the Spectre Movie Evening and the children's Christmas party at McKenzie Centre.

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!

Phone Extensions

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Trisha Bengé	ext 710, Centre Director
Sue Scott	ext 703, Physiotherapist
Claire Hintz	ext 708, Occupational Therapist
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Estelle Pretorius	ext 707, Speech Language Therapist
Suzanne Kok	ext 704, Early Intervention Teacher
Stephanie Wacker	ext 706, Early Intervention Teacher
Teresa Blake	ext 712, Early Intervention Teacher
Ruth Michels	ext 713, Early Intervention Teacher, Assistive Technology

Useful Websites:

www.suelarkey.com

www.pushplay.org.nz

www.downsyndrome.co.nz

www.autismhouse.org.nz

www.nzgg.org.nz/asd

www.asdguidelines.com

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