

ESW Newsletter

TERM 2 2018



Quote:

"Limitations live in our minds. But, if we use our imaginations, our possibilities become limitless."

Dates to Remember

- ✦ Term 2 dates: The term commences on 30 April 2018 and the last day of term will be 6 July 2018.
- ✦ Current contracts end on or before 29 June 2018 and new contracts will commence from Monday 2 July 2018.
- ✦ ESW Workshop will be on Friday 17 June 2018 1.00-2.30pm. The professional development topic is sharing of ideas and experiences, so please put this date in your diary so that you do not forget and miss this opportunity to develop your skills.

House Keeping:

- ✦ Please remember not to change your hours of employment without consultation with Teresa and punctuality is very important.
- ✦ Attending personal events and being away does influence the families and early childhood centres. Please consider the children, centres and families when requesting leave. Leave requests must be in writing, an email is fine, so we have a record of the request and Teresa will advise whether the leave will be approved.
- ✦ Attending IP meetings is part of your professional development. You are entitled to be paid for up to 1 ½ hours and should the meeting extend beyond this you can advise the Key Worker running the meeting that you need to leave.
- ✦ If you update your contact details e.g. cell phone number, please inform Sandra.
- ✦ When claiming mileage between centres please check using google maps for the shortest route and this is to be the number of kilometres that you claim. Should you choose to use an alternative route, you must claim the shortest route. This will be checked by the admin team and amended if necessary.
- ✦ Time sheets are your responsibility, getting them in on time is important for the admin team to complete the payroll and please ensure that the information provided is accurate.

Flu vaccinations:

These are currently available at Pharmacy 547 on Grey Street. Advise them that you are employed by McKenzie Centre and then there will be no charge to you. You will need a consent form, which is available from Lillian or Sandra.

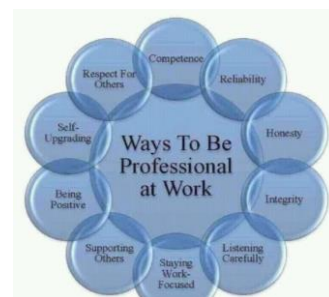


Confidentiality:

Should you wish to share information with the Visiting Teacher, about another child you work with, during the time you are visited by the Visiting Teacher, please indicate that you wish to do this so that a more suitable time/place can be arranged.

Professionalism:

When working at early childhood centres remember that each centre has a different policy, procedure and philosophy. It is important to be aware of your professionalism at all times; be conscious that chatting to staff members about topics that are unrelated to your role may not be appropriate, and reliability, listening carefully, staying work focused and showing respect, shows professionalism.



The Five Windows Goal to Action Individual Plan:

This new format is being used at some Individual Plan meetings. Teresa spoke about this briefly and showed a template at the ESW Workshop last term. If you require any clarification, please contact the Key Worker for the child or speak to Teresa during a visit.

ESW Workshop:

Bring along strategies that you use while working with the children, questions that you would like to raise, as well as ideas and experiences you would like to share.

You can email any of these in advance to Teresa at eit2@mckenziecentre.org.nz so that she can form an agenda.

Keep the Date Free:

Friday September 21st - McKenzie Centre's Fantastic Quiz Night

After last year's fabulous evening the date has been set for this year's exciting fundraiser. We will need help with:

- Selling tickets
- Catering
- Volunteers to help on the night
- Raffle and auction prizes



If you are keen to help, or have any other ideas, please come and talk to Helen, Lillian, Sandra or Trisha about this.

Specialist Service Review:

McKenzie Centre was one of four organisations chosen by the Ministry of Education to pilot the new review system. They reviewed our practices on April 4, 5 and 6. We are very proud to share that they have reported that McKenzie Centre is 'very well placed to continue to improve the quality of their specialist services and outcomes for children and their families'. They also commented that the staff is 'highly reflective with regard to their own practice and the service as a whole. They have a strong commitment to thorough, ongoing internal evaluation and the continuing improvement of service effectiveness.' Congratulations to all of us!

Movie night 'The Leisure Seeker' - Thursday June 21st Lido Cinema 8pm. Tickets \$30 We need your help to sell tickets.

We are thrilled to bring you another fantastic movie fundraiser experience:

The Leisure Seeker

The film stars Academy Award-winner® Helen Mirren and two-time Golden Globe-winner® Donald Sutherland as a runaway couple - the husband stricken with Alzheimer's, the wife acutely aware - going on an unforgettable journey in the faithful old RV they call The Leisure Seeker.

- tickets include one of the following complimentary treats upon arrival: a Rush Munro's ice cream, small popcorn, or non-alcoholic drink.
- See the movie in a luxurious setting



- Validated free parking available at the Centre Place car park
- Arrive from 7.30pm - the movie will start at 8pm. See Sandra for tickets.

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.org.nz

Lillian does a great job of updating the website and Facebook. 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!

Phone Extensions

Helen Gempton	ext 702, Business Manager
Anita Wilson	ext 703, Speech Language Therapist
Sue Scott	ext 703, Physiotherapist
Suzanne Kok	ext 704, Early Intervention Teacher
Stephanie Wacker	ext 706, Early Intervention Teacher
Estelle Pretorius	ext 707, Speech Language Therapist
Claire Hintz	ext 708, Occupational Therapist
Trisha Bengel	ext 710, Centre Director
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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 NZCT
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 Len Reynolds Trust

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