

Parent Newsletter
Term 4, 2018
Kia ora te whanau

Welcome back to McKenzie Centre and we hope that you've had a nice break. This newsletter will inform you about events that are planned for this term.

Dates to Remember 2018

Term 4 starts	15 th October
AGM	18 October 6.30pm
Premmies Group	Thursday; 8 November, 13 December
Parent Focus week	12 to 16 November
Sleep workshops	30 October, 6 November, 27 November
Workshop for teachers	4 December
ESW workshop	7 December
Family End of Year party	Wednesday 19 th December 10.30-12.30
Term 4 last session	Tuesday 18 th December
Term 1 starts	Tuesday 29 th January

Family End of Year Party. This is an informal event where families gather at McKenzie Centre to celebrate the end of another year. Everyone is welcome, current and past families. We love to see you so pop in between 10.30- 12.30. Bring a plate of food to share and some \$2 coins as we usually have a raffle!

Parent Workshop this term: "Sleep time" facilitated by Claire and Richard. An opportunity to learn more about this important routine and get some of your questions answered. Three Tuesday afternoons, starting at 1.15pm, 45 minutes. Dates above. If you would like to attend please confirm with your Key Worker

Workshop for Early Childhood Teachers: talk to your teachers they may like to attend to find out more about supporting our children at their centre. This workshop will be hosted by Teresa. Ask them to ring McKenzie Centre to confirm their attendance. Tuesday 4 December 1.15- 2pm.

Hāere Ra Sandra who has left us to work full time at the Department of Corrections. We know that Sandra will be a wonderful success in her new role. Sandra has worked at McKenzie Centre since October 2006 and we have thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated her valuable contribution. Kia ora tōku hoa, ka nui tōku aroha.

Kia Ora Nola Ko Nola Eniata tōku ingoa. I am the Admin Support Person who you will see more often as I become more acquainted with McKenzie Centre, you will find me at the front desk in the office. A little background about myself is that I have lived in Brisbane, Australia, for 15 years and returned to New Zealand Nov 2017. My background of employment has varied over the years, with most recent employment with Te Kura Kaupapa Maori and Family Day Care. I have also been employed as an Events / Exhibition coordinator, Finance and Insurances Representative and various positions in the Hotel industry, so I have a wide range of administration knowledge. Have a Diploma in Events Management and Cert III in Financial Services. I appreciate the opportunity to be part of a wonderful programme that supports our tamariki and whānau. I look forward to getting to know everyone.



Kia Ora Maria Kia ora! My name is Maria and I am a Speech & Language Therapist. You'll see me around on Tuesday mornings! I have worked several years with the Family & Early Childhood Service with Disability Services Queensland, Australia, before moving to Hamilton to work as an Autism Specialist Worker with the ASD Communication & Behaviour Support Service. It's a privilege to now be supporting families at the McKenzie Centre! My passion is in helping children and young people understand and express themselves in whichever way is easiest for them. I believe that speech therapy should be relevant, individualised and fun and that the child and caregivers are empowered to achieve their goals.



I look forward to meeting and partnering with you in supporting your child!

Welcome Neum Muliaumasealii. Neum will be working at McKenzie Centre on Friday mornings for Term 4. Neum is a Social Worker and is doing hours with us as part of his registration. We are happy to have Neum on the team. Some of you will know Neum from Wednesday mornings when he attends sessions with his son. **Welcome Niki Mills** who is helping Trisha with managing new projects until December.

Engagement News: Congratulations to Anita and Lincoln on their engagement. We are all delighted for you and wish you all the best!

Bubble tube: One of our families found a similar bubble tube online. Have a look on this website to see for yourself:

https://www.u-buy.co.nz/catalog/product/view/id/6966508?gclid=EAlaIqobChMIqbfm78WW3QIVyKuWCh2VQg_xEAYYASABEgJ5ufD_BwE



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Price : NZD115



Calming clipper could be helpful to some of our children who don't like the noise that hair clippers make. Have a look on this website if you are interested:

<https://www.solutionsnz.com/shop/Sensory+Solutions/Calming+Clipper.html>

Our EcoBags have arrived! The art on the bags is made with our children's finger prints. This is a great way to be environmentally friendly while supporting McKenzie Centre. Fabulous idea for Christmas, so get yours now! \$25 for a set of two bags, (one of each design). Come in to the office or email Nola on: admin@mckenziecentre.org.nz. We don't have eftpos but you can do Internet banking: 02 0316 0466333 00. Please add your NAME and BAGS as a reference.



McKenzie Centre's Fantastic Quiz Night

What a successful night it was!!! On Friday 28th September 2018, we had our second McKenzie Centre Quiz Night Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who contributed in many forms e.g. by coming along, donating food, advertising to friends and family, donating raffle prizes, sponsoring a table etc. Special thanks to Megan Thomson, who was the key organiser for this event, and her wonderful Mum, Leanne Moyes, Carli Klink (for expertly taking charge of the kitchen), Jeremy and Sam Bennett (New World Whakatane) who generously donated time, drinks and food. Many parents and staff also donated with baking, auction items, time, and ticket sales as well as wonderful support from local business in our community. Thank you all for your efforts as this helped make the Quiz Night the huge success that it was. We are planning to hold another Quiz event in 2019!



Parent Focus: During the week of 12 to 16 November, Key Workers will supervise the children to enable parents and whānau time to enjoy coffee and a treat, and get to know other families who attend the same session. There will also be an opportunity for parents to share their knowledge and experiences with other parents. We are really keen to continue to develop our Peer to Peer support networks. . McKenzie Centre's bank, BNZ, will also do a very short presentation at each session about how to access a free, no obligation financial health check.

Now and Next course: our second course is running 27 October, 10 and 17 November 1 December. Talk to your Key Worker if you would like to attend. Previous parents who have done this programme report it is life changing.

Thanks to Luke, Max and Finn Downey (pictured, right, with their mum, Kathryn, and Lillian and Helen) who saved their pocket money for a year to donate to McKenzie Centre. That was extremely generous of them and we are all very grateful.



EIAANZ Study Day: McKenzie Centre hosted the EIAANZ Study Day on Thursday 11th October! EIAANZ stands for Early Intervention Association Aotearoa New Zealand. It was a very successful and informative day with a great variety of workshops; information on Now and Next, self-regulation, Core Boards, Autism intervention programmes, etc. Congratulations and thanks to all our speakers.

Students: In addition to medical students, we welcome other students. Hayley Mills, Occupational Therapy Student, and Sunny Loo, Speech Language Therapy Student, will continue their practicum at McKenzie Centre during Term 4.

Asthma Waikato: Asthma Waikato offers FREE asthma consults for families of children aged 0-15, living in the Waikato, who struggle with asthma. They accept self-referrals. If your child suffers from asthma and you would like some help getting on top of it, please visit www.asthmawaikato.org.nz and fill in the online referral form by clicking the blue button top right "Make a Referral". They are there to help.

Waikato Equitherapy: currently have space to take new riders at Waikato Equitherapy (formally RDA Waikato). They offer a free assessment ride and charge \$85. For more information, please contact Nickie Dove, ph: 021 378 030.

HOUSE KEEPING

New air conditioners: we have two new heat pumps installed.

Fire Drill: We will continue with regular practice of emergency drills this term and we ask that you please follow instructions from staff and vacate the building to our evacuation point i.e. outside the gate by the bicycle track, as quickly as possible. We cycle through the days so each session will get their turn. This term it will be on Monday 19th November.

Earthquake Shake Out: The Shake Out is held across the world to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake, Drop, Cover and Hold. The Earthquake drill will be part of our music session this term.

Birth Certificates and immunisation records: Please make sure we have your child/children's birth certificate and immunisation records, and bring in any updated records. This information is a requirement for early childhood regulations. Also ensure we have any updated contact information and any changes to your early childhood centre enrolment.

Security: If you would like to leave handbags in the office area rather than in the cubby holes to ensure valuables are secure, Lillian and Nola will gladly help you.

Sign In and Out: Please sign the attendance register in the foyer for your child/children at every session. You could make it part of the routine when you are finding the photo of your child for the wall. We do encourage you to stay for the entire session.

All Policies and Procedures are on a review cycle so they always remain current and relevant. A full list is available in the yellow "Licence, Policies, ERO Report" folder in the Whanau Room. Those under review will be listed on the wall in the Whanau Room and families' opinions are an important part of this review process. If you want to know more about any Policy, Procedure or how they are reviewed feel free to ask Lillian.

McKenzie Centre Early Intervention term fees: Just a reminder that this is a fee, and not a voluntary donation. We do rely on term fees to help keep the Centre running, so we really appreciate it when they are paid promptly. If you want to find out if you qualify for a WINZ Childcare Subsidy, and many of our families do, please pop in to see Sandra or Lillian in the office, who will be happy to help you. If you would like to set up an automatic payment to pay off your fees, Lillian and Sandra can help you with this too. Thanks for your understanding.

Double parking is OKAY: When the carpark is full, pull in and double park. If you let our friendly office staff know about your double parking, then we can prompt you to move it, if the car you are parked behind, is preparing to leave☺. Absolutely no problem!

Thanks so much to:

- The go Baby Go remote controlled cars from Rotary Hamilton Central.
- Richard Bennett and Jim Newman for the many occasions they volunteer and help us by doing repairs and maintenance of our Centre and equipment.
- Rob, Harry and Steph Wacker for repairing our air conditioner cages.
- Leanne and Megan for the Tupperware fundraiser!!!
- Lazar, Williams and other families for toys and clothes to share to good homes.

Best wishes from: Trisha, Claire, Sue, Anita, Estelle, Suzanne, Teresa, Ruth, Jacqui, Helen, Nola, Lillian, Steph, Marcia and Richard.

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