

ESW Newsletter

TERM 3 2018



Quote:

“If we teach today as we taught yesterday, then we rob our children of tomorrow”
Dewey, 1916.

Dates to Remember:

- ✦ Term 3 dates: The term commences on 23 July 2018 and the last day of term will be 28 September 2018.
- ✦ Thank-you for returning your signed contracts, there are still a few that have not been returned, please ensure they are returned prior to the commencement of the term.
- ✦ ESW Workshop will be on Friday 31 August 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:

- ✦ Your days and times of employment could have been changed from the previous contracts, so ensure you have noted the new times/days.
- ✦ McKenzie Centre has purchased a large container of Zoono hand sanitiser, you can fill your container when it runs out. If you do not have a Zoono container, please advise Teresa. You only need to use it once a day to be protected.
- ✦ Please inform Sandra or Teresa if your personal details have changed e.g. address or phone number.
- ✦ Accuracy on time sheet continues to be an issue; your times need to match those on your contract unless you have attended an Individual Plan meeting. Please take more care to ensure that the information submitted to the Admin team is correct and arrives in time.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ 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.

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. The ESW's who have attended courses will be expected to share information and how they have implemented the new ideas and strategies they have learnt into their work.

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

New Education Support Workers:

A big welcome to Erica Waters who has commenced in the Hamilton area.

IRD Tax Codes:

Please check you are on the right code as it is your responsibility to ensure we have your correct code. Please let the Admin team know if changes need to be made.

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.

Merger News:

McKenzie Centre Merger with Enrich+ (this information is from our press release)

McKenzie Centre and Enrich+ are delighted to announce they have merged and this was celebrated at a special launch event on 23rd May, with drinks, speeches and cake, surrounded by their boards, many of their funders, supporters and staff.

The two well established organisations share many values and a vision of enabling people with disabilities and their whānau to have great lives.

Following the merger, McKenzie Centre will retain its focus on early intervention for children from birth to school age who have a disability or developmental delays, and their families.

Enrich+ will continue to cater for children with autism from five years of age up, and to support youth and adults with disabilities from age 17 onwards. Their services include: support to gain and keep employment, support to live independently, such as finding somewhere to live, learning household tasks, or paying bills, as well as opportunities for disabled people to be part of their community in all its forms, take part in recreational activities, and coaching and mentoring services for people to explore what they want from life and how to work towards achieving these goals.

Maree Haddon, a member of both the Enrich+ board and McKenzie Centre trust, is also a mum to two amazing boys who have received support from McKenzie Centre. Maree spoke at the merger launch about how Enrich+ and McKenzie Centre are perfectly aligned culturally, with each organisation having passionate staff who are focused on supporting people with disabilities to reach their potential. She shared her enthusiasm for the merger: "What is exciting about the joining of these two respected organisations is the ability to expand the reach of each service, and the potential to provide a wrap-around service for our children throughout their lives. As a parent, I am very reassured by the possibility of a service where our children can be supported before school, through their schooling years and all the way through to adulthood".

For Enrich+ and McKenzie Centre, offering families a continuum of services throughout the lifespan of their children will be a key focus of this merger. The opportunities which will arise from the partnership are exciting, from having more capacity to better meet the needs of disabled people and their families, to combining resources and adding value for greater efficiencies, and to strengthening their profiles in the community.

For now, it's business as usual for both organisations, and the people they support. However, Enrich+ and McKenzie Centre retain a keen eye on the future, and the bigger

and brighter possibilities their merger presents for the lives of people with disabilities and their whānau.

Earthquake Shake Out Day:

This will be held nationally on 18 October 2018 at 9.30am, you will need to follow the direction of the early childhood staff to be included in this.

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. 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

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| 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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