

ESW Newsletter TERM 2 2020



Welcome back from your two-week break, we hope you found some inspiring ways to use your time during this Covid-19 Lockdown period. These are very different times at the moment but together we can all make a difference.



“Stay safe, Stay home.” Thank you for the part you are playing in this level 4 lockdown.

Quote: The potential possibilities of any child are the most intriguing and stimulating in all creation.” – Ray L. Wilbur, third president of Stanford University

Dates to Remember

- ✚ Term 2 commences 14 April 2020 and the last date for the term is Friday 3 July 2020. As you are aware, we are all working remotely at the moment until the end of Covid-19 Lockdown.
- ✚ This ESW contract ends on 30 June 2020.
- ✚ Anzac Day is Monday 27 April 2020, which is a public holiday.
- ✚ ESW Workshop is planned for Friday 19 June 2020, 1.00-2.30pm. The professional development topic is ‘Foundations for Behaviour’ and will be presented by Richard Edghill, Psychologist.

House Keeping

- ✚ Refresh yourself on the goals for each of the children, so that they are in your minds when you commence working with them again.
- ✚ If your contact details have changed e.g. email or cell phone number, please let Henny know.
- ✚ Time sheets are your responsibility, please email them to Henny each Friday. Those with no internet while we are in lockdown can ring Henny.

Staff news

Congratulations to **Anita and Lincoln** on the birth of their son, Lachlan Winston Churchill on 21 March 2020.

Welcome to **Rachael Simpson**, Early Intervention Teacher, who commenced on 19 March 2020.

Lockdown Period:

When you commence again on 14 April 2020, this will still be in the lockdown period, so during this time you can use your typical paid work time to:

- ✚ Refresh yourself with the children’s IP goals and strategies
- ✚ Read up on the children’s diagnosis to extend your knowledge
- ✚ Write up what you have learnt in your appraisal for later in the year by preparing a suitable document or do a ‘save as’ from last year’s appraisal. We do expect

you to be prepared with your appraisal reflections and documents as you have time to do this now

- ✚ Enroll in online learning to use as a goal you have achieved this year. There are free courses on topics like; Signing, Te Reo Māori, Autism that you can join
- ✚ Work on your own individual goals and add to your appraisal document
- ✚ Practice using the Coreboard, if you have one - could be a fun activity for the whole family
- ✚ Teresa will be contacting you to check in and to talk about your work goals

McKenzie Centre staff are all working, just in a different way. Key Workers are providing ongoing early intervention using online services, phone calls and emails to keep in touch with families.

Have a look at McKenzie Centres Facebook and Families Empowering Families Facebook, we are posting ideas and updates regularly on these to keep us all connected.

When we move from Lockdown to other Alert Levels, I will let you know how McKenzie Centre is responding. We will follow the directions from Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. If you want national updates find out more at Covid19.govt.nz

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

All staff are working from home during the Lockdown period, Henny and Teresa have McKenzie Centre mobiles so can be contacted. Should you wish to make contact with a Key Worker of a child you typically work with, you could email them to contact you or ask Henny to arrange this contact for you. You can leave a voice message by ringing McKenzie Centre, 07 8395 357, and putting in the correct extension for the person you want to speak with.

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Leona Birss	ext 217, Occupational Therapist
Jaime Campbell	ext 217, Speech Language Therapist
Anita Wilson	ext 218, Speech Language Therapist
Laury Houghton	ext 218, Speech Language Therapist
Sue Scott	ext 218, Physiotherapist
Ruth Michels	ext 219, 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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