

ESW Newsletter

TERM 3 2013



Welcome back to Term Three, we hope that your two week break has been enjoyable and relaxing. Winter is with us for a bit longer, however spring is on its way and with that comes the beauty of colour and new life. The cooler weather brings colds and flu, so remember to be vigilant with your hygiene and use hand sanitisers which are usually available in the early childhood centres.

“I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught.” [Winston Churchill](#)

Dates to Remember

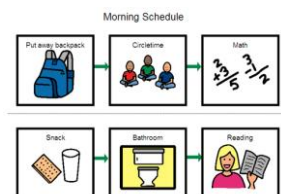
- ✚ Term 3 dates: The term commences on 29 July 2013 and the last date for the term is 27 September 2013.
- ✚ Term 4 commences on 14 October 2013 and the last day for contracts is 20 December 2013.

House Keeping

- ✚ Communication Journals: Don't forget to sign your entries and to write in the journal daily. Refer to page 10 of your Information booklet.
- ✚ Adhere to your contracted times, all changes need to be made in consultation with McKenzie Centre.
- ✚ Complete your time sheets daily as this will cut down on mistakes and the administration time used to amend errors. Please assist the administration team by getting your time sheets in on time, having one week per page and completing the relevant boxes e.g. LWOP, Sick Leave (SL) correctly to avoid any misunderstanding.
- ✚ **Cell phone:** This needs to be left with your personal belongings and is not to be carried during your contracted hours. Should there be a need to contact the child's family while at the early childhood centre, this needs to be done by a centre staff member as you work under the direction of the supervisor/head teacher of the early childhood centre.
- ✚ The ESW Information Book has been updated and you should all have received it via email or post. There have been some changes, so make yourself familiar with these changes. If you do not have a copy, please contact Sandra at McKenzie Centre.

ESW Workshop:

This was held on Friday 14 June 2013 and the topic was Visual Communication Strategies, which included the use of the Picture Exchange Communication System, PECS. This was presented by Estelle Pretorius and Anita Wilson, Speech Language Therapists. Unfortunately this professional development opportunity was only attended by 8 ESW's which was disappointing. Please remember you are required to attend at least one ESW workshop annually.



Suzanne Kok:



Hi, my name is Suzanne. I have worked at McKenzie Centre since July 2013, which makes me the newest member of the team.

I have gained most of my knowledge and experience in The Netherlands. There, I gained my Bachelor's and Master's degree in Pedagogical studies and worked for 5 years with children with special needs and their families.

In 2011, I immigrated with my New-Zealand raised partner to New Zealand. Before, I came to McKenzie Centre; I worked for an In-home Childcare agency, which has given me the opportunity to work alongside educators and families from different ethnicities.

I feel fortunate to work closely at the McKenzie Centre with the children and their families and help them to achieve new

milestones.

Anita Wilson, is away overseas until 26 August, we have had an email and she is having a wonderful time. In Anita's absence McKenzie Centre has employed Jacqui Kay-Smith as a locum. So if your child's Key Worker is usually Anita then contact Jacqui for the first 4 weeks of term.

Foundation Skills for Learning:

Some of the early childhood centres may be using these skills with the children, McKenzie Centre has a copy of the relevant DVD called "Get Ready For School" which you are welcome to borrow or watch at McKenzie Centre. This could be an option when the child you are working with is away.

Review:

The Ministry of Education will be doing a Specialist Services review 9-11 September 2013 at McKenzie Centre.

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.nzl.org

Lillian does a great job of updating the website. Take a look! Have a look at the family newsletter each term to keep you up to date with Centre news.

We are also on Facebook - have a look and 'like us'.

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
Lillian Martin	ext 702, Office Coordinator
Anita Wilson/ Jacqui Kay	ext 703, Speech Language Therapist
Suzanne Kok	ext 704, Early Intervention Teacher
Ursula Rapley	ext 706, Early Intervention Teacher
Sue Scott	ext 706, Physiotherapist
Estelle Pretorius	ext 707, Speech Language Therapist
Claire Hintz	ext 708, Occupational Therapist
Trisha Benge	ext 710, Centre Director
Teresa Blake	ext 712, Early Intervention Teacher

Useful Websites

www.suelarkey.com
www.nzgg.org.nz/asd
www.asdguidelines.com

www.autismhouse.org.nz
www.pushplay.org.nz
www.downsyndrome.co.nz



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