

Parent Newsletter Term One, 2020

***Careful the things you say, children will listen.
Careful the things you do, children will see.***

Into the Woods, Children will Listen by Stephen Sondheim

DATES FOR TERM 1 2020

Term 1 starts	Tuesday 28 th January 2020
Now and Next course	February 8 th and 22 nd and March 7 th and 21 st
ESW Workshop	Friday 27 th March, 1pm
Term 1 ends	Thursday 9 th April



Congratulations to the families of Kimmy Beamsley and Liz Becker for winning our raffle, drawn during the End of Year Party.

Congratulation to Estelle: who has been awarded a Massey University scholarship to study her PhD. This will be a continuation of her Masters study focussing on collaboration between parents and teachers supporting young children on the autism spectrum.

There are a number of exciting staff changes coming up with our Early Intervention team growing.

Congratulations to Suzanne Kok: Suzanne has been appointed Service Manager at McKenzie Centre. This is a new role to manage the early childhood intervention services. She will continue with her Key Worker role and will still be a familiar face in sessions.

Farewell to Anita who will be finishing on 21st February to begin maternity leave. Best wishes to Anita and Lincoln, we are very excited about your baby news!



Welcome to Laury Houghton: Laury is a Speech Language Therapist who will be starting on the 10th Feb and working full time covering Anita's maternity leave. She may be a familiar face to some, as she did a student placement here a few years ago. Welcome back Laury.

Welcome to Leona Birss: Leona is an Occupational Therapist who will be joining us full time from the 3rd Feb. Welcome to the team. She may also be a familiar face to some, as she did a student placement here a few years ago. Welcome back Leona.



Welcome to a new Early Intervention Teacher: We are in the process of recruiting a new Early Intervention Teacher, to add to the McKenzie Centre team.

Farewell and thank you to Karen Layton, Psychology Intern who has been with us part time during 2019. We appreciate your input with families, wish you the best with your next steps and hope you continue to be involved with McKenzie Centre.

Amanda Humphrey-Rush is a Psychology Intern and will be at McKenzie Centre Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the coming year.

Workshops: A number of workshops were held last year including sleeping, toileting and school transitions. Keep an eye out for workshops that will be run this term at McKenzie Centre.

Please let your Key Worker know if you have any ideas for topics you would be interested in.

Health and Well Being: Message from the Secretary for Education. As you will have seen in the media the situation is rapidly evolving internationally concerning the coronavirus. Children and young people are currently returning to early learning services. The health of children and staff is a priority for all. We encourage you to err on the side of caution and here are some steps you can take.

- As always anyone who is unwell should not be at school or at their early learning service. If you have a particular concern about any child, student or staff member, please urge parents or the staff member to contact Healthline at 0800 611 116 or their GP for medical advice. Healthline has translators and interpreters available 24/7 in 150 languages and they do have Mandarin and Cantonese speaking staff available
- If an early learning service provider or home-based educator has reasonable grounds to believe that any person has an infectious or contagious disease or condition, then they must exclude that person from the service and from coming into contact with children. This is required by Regulation 57 of the Education (Early Childhood Services) Regulations 2008.
- For any staff member or child who may be at high risk of exposure because they have recently been to China or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus, I encourage you to ask that the staff member or parent/caregiver of the child delay their return to their service for 14 days and voluntarily stay away.
- The Ministry of Education is working closely with the Ministry of Health to ensure that you have the most relevant information to inform your planning in regard to the potential risks associated with the coronavirus and information is now on our website - [Novel coronavirus - Education website](#)
- ***Most Recent Information:*** *For any staff member or child who has recently been to Wuhan or Hubei province, or has been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus, we encourage you to ask the staff member or parent/caregiver of the child to delay their start at their early learning service for 14 days and stay home.*

ERO Confirmed Report: we have now received the report and were pleased with the findings. Here is an example. “Early intervention specialists have a deep understanding of each child as a unique learner. Oral language, literacy, numeracy and science are very well supported to grow children’s knowledge and understanding. Individualised planning strongly reflects children’s individual needs and progress in a range of contexts. Assessment incorporates multiple perspectives including those of children and whānau to contribute to positive learning outcomes for children. Children’s needs are individually planned for in a specialised inclusive environment.”

The full report is available on the parent notice board and the full report will be on the ERO, Education Review Office, website. Reminder: all early childhood centres and school will have a report on this website, do have a look as it will tell you some information about the facility when you are considering transitions.

Parent Focus Week will be during sessions on the week of 24th - 28th March. This gives parents a chance to have a get together while staff engage with the children.

Families Empowering Families: if you do not belong to this Facebook group check it out and join! On this Facebook page we post information on courses our parents are running for your information and education. We encourage every family to join this group to keep in contact

with each other as peer networks provide much needed help and support. If you have any questions speak to Eram, Fiona or Steph.

Now and Next programme we are hosting our first course for 2020, during February and March. This programme is facilitated by parents for parents and is highly recommended. For more information talk to your Key Worker as we will run two more courses this year.

Parking: we are so sorry that we cannot do a lot about this, but double parking is ok! Do see if you are eligible for a Mobility Parking Permit to park in a disabled carpark - check this with CCS Disability Action. Your child may fit the criteria of “you have a disability that requires you to have physical contact or close supervision to get safely around and cannot be left unattended”. Please make sure to lock your cars. We had an incident where items were stolen from an unlocked courier truck which was parked in our carpark for just a short time.

Sun Smart: a reminder to model and keep up with sun safety over the summer months. Please bring your own sunhats but we have sunhats and sunscreen available to use.

Free Ear Checks: This service is run by the Waikato DHB and provides advice on: glue ear assessment and management, wax/foreign body removal, grommet checks and treatment of discharging ears.

Monday - Friday, 51 Gallagher Drive, Hamilton. By appointment only, phone 07 838 3565. Appointments available during school holidays



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All our volunteers and sponsors, they do an amazing job for us in many areas, including gardening, general maintenance and repairs, helping us at our fundraising events and helping our admin team. We love looking after our volunteers as they contribute so much to us and their support means we can deliver more services to your family.

Best wishes from: Trisha, Claire, Sue, Anita, Laury, Leona, Estelle, Jaime, Suzanne, Teresa, Ruth, Helen, Henny, Lillian, Steph, Amanda and Richard.

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