

# Southland Centre for CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION

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## MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello everyone. It is great to see the days lengthen and hopefully the frosts ease. Spring is around the corner.

Those seventeen frosts in a row were tough on everyone coming into *Our Centre*. A phone-call to Fulton Hogan Roading Division had some grit placed on the concrete apron and pathways very quickly. This made walking on the concrete a lot safer for all. Thank you Fulton Hogan.

Thanks also goes to our friends and supporters at the Tiwai point Aluminium Smelter. When they heard we were looking at purchasing a 'people-mover' vehicle they offered to help with some funding. What a tremendous gesture on their part donating us \$5,000 towards the \$9,000 vehicle cost. Thank you Andrea and all at NZAS.

The Inner Wheel Club of Invercargill has made a donation of \$200 to *Our Centre*. Members heard of the excellent work we are doing and were happy to support us. Thank you Inner Wheel of Invercargill members.

It has been a busy time lately especially on the administration front. Thank goodness for emails as these are a lot cheaper than international toll calls! I have been communicating with a number of Conductors, endeavouring to attract them to *Our Centre* to fill the vacancy left by Arpi.

I had one such Conductor all ready to sign our Employment Contract then this lady pulled out at the last minute. Better to pull out before coming than arrive and not be happy. As it turns out this Conductor has accepted a position with

the Cashmere High School CE Unit in Christchurch. The Cashmere Unit is more in keeping with the experience and qualifications Maren has. We wish Maren well at her preferred location.

But as one door closes, another opens. In the past two months I have been "working" with five other Conductors all who have expressed an interest in working at *Our Centre*.

Negotiations have been completed with one Conductor. Her Employment Contract has been signed. Judith intends starting with us 17 September once she completes her current Contract and has a honeymoon as she married her partner Richard on 28 July.

I am also finalizing negotiations with another Conductor who will start with us mid-November just before Katy completes her tenure with us.

I also have Ildi coming back in September to spend another couple of weeks with us. Ildi will cover while Katy returns to England to be bridesmaid at her girlfriends wedding.

One of our parents (Tanya) has been engaged on a casual basis to assist Katy with the larger or more active classes. Thanks Tanya for stepping into the breach and helping us out.

Your 2007 Annual general Meeting is coming up later this month. Please do make an effort to attend. Show your support for your Trustees who are giving their time and expertise free to look after the governance of your Trust.

See you at *Our Centre* and AGM. Kevin, Centre Manager.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE

SATURDAY 11 AUGUST 2007

Our next Sausage Sizzle is at The Warehouse Invercargill. A volunteer is needed for the 9.00am to 11am shift and another volunteer needed for the 3.00pm to 5.00pm shift.

Other rostered families are:

9.00am – 11.00am	Francis Findlay and one other volunteer (could be you!)
11.00am – 1.00pm	Riley Westbury, Rebecca Murphy and Robbie Checketts
1.00pm – 3.00pm	Felicia Jacobs and Anna Hika
3.00pm – 5.00pm	Katy Read and one other volunteer (could be you!)

## VEHICLE FOR OUR CENTRE

Your Conductive Education Southland Charitable Trust has purchased a vehicle for use at *Our Centre*. This Toyota Lucida is equipped with a battery operated electric seat that extends out of the side door and lowers to ground level. Our wheelchair children will be able to be lifted into the vehicle and secured. This vehicle has sufficient space to take six people as well as a couple of wheelchairs.

Soon we will get this vehicle sign-written with our Conductor Education Southland logo's etc. A huge thank-you to NZ Aluminium Smelters Tiwai Point Operation who donated \$5,000 towards the cost of this \$9,000 vehicle.

Conductors will be able to take children away from *Our Centre* to visit the Bird Aviary, Animals. Children's Playground etc in Queens Park as well as going to other fun locations etc...



## CONDUCTOR'S REPORT

Hello to you all. Classes have all been going well.

A big thank you to all parents for helping since Arpi's departure.

Tanya Woodd-Dackers is now helping part-time until our new Conductor starts in September.

All the children have been working very hard. Just a few special mentions – firstly, Rebecca for now walking on her own independently and with great control; Jack for taking steps on his own; Jackson for walking in his Kaye Walker with a straight body position; and finally Frances for making great overall progress especially with learning to creep on the floor.

Felicia also has some exciting news – she is going to the United States of America to Disneyland – with Koru Care – in

September 2007. We hope Felicia has a fantastic time.

We have had a new child start with us – Charli from Stirling which is near Balclutha. We also have a new assessment with a child from Dunedin on 10 August.

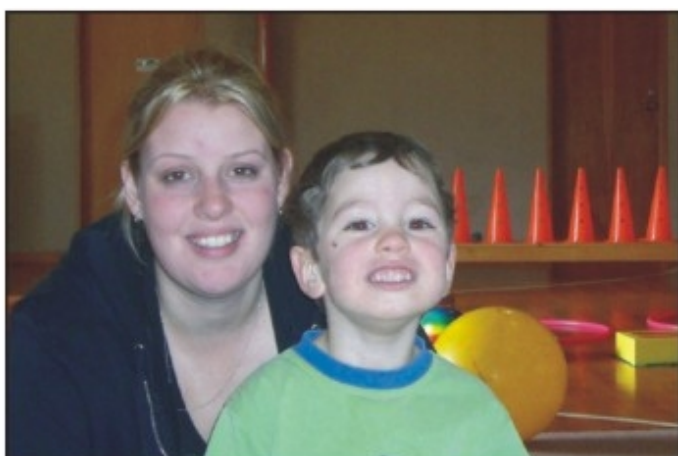
We have also had lots of visitors recently – Physio's and OT's from Group Special Education as well as other people.

Finally as many of you know I will be leaving to return to the UK when my Work Visa runs out at the end of November 2007. I have had a fantastic time but am returning to the UK to be closer to my family and friends.

Thanks. Katy.







## PARENTS FUNDRAISING GROUP

Lisa Bartley and Tanya Wood-Dackers have declared they intend standing-down as co-ordinators of our Parents Fundraising Group at your Trust's Annual General Meeting on 27 August 2007.

As you know, the Parents Fundraising Group plans for and organizes the bi-monthly sausage sizzles at The warehouse Invercargill as well as other fundraising activities such as pie, pizza and cheese roll orders, etc.

These two ladies have done a tremendous job for your Conductive Education Centre. Funds raised by this Group are used to purchase resources,

and activity materials for use by our children.

Parents please keep this opportunity in mind. We know you all are very busy people but it is the busy people that will also find time to assist with this Committee.

Please contact Lisa (21 71145) or Tanya (21 44230) to discuss what is involved with co-ordinating our Parents Fundraising Committee.

Your Centre still needs the Parents Fundraising Group so please put your hand up and offer to become one of the joint co-ordinators. Thank you.

## WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website is now fully operational.

Go to [www.cesouthland.org.nz](http://www.cesouthland.org.nz) and have a looksee.

Modifications will be made from time to time to ensure our website remains current and relevant.

Thank you Jo-Anna Edwards for your tremendous work building and implementing our website.

## THANK YOU



To New Zealand Aluminium Smelters, Tiwai Point Operation for their very generous donation of \$5000 towards Our Centre's vehicle.

These donations are gratefully received and certainly appreciated.



To the Inner Wheel Club of Invercargill for their generous donation of \$200.

Our Centre is now well recognised within our community and it is very pleasing to see the support we are receiving.

## 2007 AGM

Conductive Education Southland Charitable Trust will hold its 2007 Annual General Meeting:

- **Monday 27 August 2007**
- **7.30pm**
- **Community Trust of Southland Rooms Don Street Invercargill, opposite Post Shop / SBS**

This is a Public Meeting. All Parents, Friends, Supporters, Funders and Pubic

are welcome to attend this Annual General Meeting.

At the Meeting Trustees will be elected, Independently Audited Financial Reports will be presented, as well as reports from our Chairman, Manager, Conductors, etc.

Please diary this time and date now as we do desire to see a very good turn-out by parents at the Annual General Meeting of your Conductive Education Trust.

## NEWS FROM ARPI

Arpi remains in regular contact via email with Katy and Kevin.

Arpi has settled into his new Conductive Education Centre in London. In his words, he is very busy and working longer and harder than he had to at Our Centre.

Presently he is taking a School Holiday programme with 6 Conductive

Education children.

In Arpi's latest email to Kevin, Arpi expressed desire to return to Our Centre some time in the future and requested we keep him in mind in a couple of years time.

You betcha Arpi, we sure will keep you in mind! Lookout for the text, email, etc!



## CONDUCTOR ILDIKO RUNIC

Parents and children recently enjoyed working with our 'imported' Conductor Ildiko Runic. Ildi travels across the Tasman, from her Melbourne home, to be with us.

Ildi, no stranger to *Our Centre*, was at *Our Centre* for a fortnight in June. Ildi assisted Katy following Arpi's departure to the UK.

And the good news is, Ildi is coming back for another fortnight in September 2007.

Katy has been granted annual leave to

travel home to England to be bridesmaid at her girlfriends wedding on 8 September.

Ildi will cover while Katy is away from *Our Centre* and will also be with us when our new Conductor Judit arrives. Ildi will be able to assist with any initial language difficulties.

Thank you Ildi for helping us out. We certainly do appreciate your support for *Our Centre*, our children and parents.



## NEW CONDUCTORS COMING

It is with pleasure I announce your Conductive Education Southland Trust has signed a new Conductor.

Judit Varadi and her husband will arrive in Invercargill around 15 September and Judit will commence at *Our Centre* on Monday 17 September 2007.

As I prepare this article, I have another Conductor ready to sign our

Employment Contract – her Contract is presently on its way to her in Germany via DHL International Couriers. This Conductor has verbally accepted our second position and has seen and accepted our email version of her Contract.

This Conductor will commence mid to end of November and will be at *Our Centre* before Katy finishes.



## FUNDRAISING GROUP & AGM

It is very important our parents fundraising group continues its excellent work. The fund raised by the parents fundraising group are used to assist in the purchases of activity materials, resources and other items used by the conductors with your children at *Our Centre*. Without this support we may well have to increase the present cost per session parents contribute. *Our Centre*, at \$5 per session, is at the lower end of the scale

compared to some centres which are charging \$10 - \$13.50 per session.

It is also very important that we have a good turnout of parents at the Annual General Meeting on 27 August at 7:30pm. This is the annual meeting of your trust and this is your chance to be involved in the direction of your trust for the next year.

Kevin, Centre Manager.



## NZ FOUNDATION FOR CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION

Working Party meetings of this group occur quarterly. Our manager, Kevin, as National Treasurer of NZFCE, attends these meetings.

At the last meeting held in Christchurch at the end of June 2007, NZFCE received a report from one of its members who had been researching the ORRS Funding System implemented by the Ministry of Education through EDUCATION 2000.

It is early days yet to release too much of the report, suffice to say the data and subsequent analysis has highlighted a number of issues relating to the:

- The integrity and reliability of the

verification process.

- The relationship between the students actual needs and the policy implemented by the Ministry of Education.
- The notion that an under and overs system is possible, exists or even works.
- The difference between attracted funding and over funding outside of Budget allocations.
- The inequitable fund distribution based on these findings.

I will report further as more details come to hand. Kevin, Centre Manager.



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