



'THE BUZZ'

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Greetings Parents and Trustees

THE BUZZ is the first of our new communication links. Each month (or maybe more frequently depending on availability of news) I will endeavour to produce some useful tidbits of information regarding Conductive Education Southern that you will/should find useful. I will include articles on new families starting with us on their Conductive Education journey, plus details of those that have 'graduated'. This communiqué will not be instead of our colourful newsletter, but additional to.

PARENT INTERVIEWS: Each year we carry out two Parent Interviews in April and October of each year. This is your chance as Parents to discuss with your Conductor/s how your child is progressing (or maybe not) since the previous Parent Interview, plus set the goals you want worked on for the next six months – in this case from June to December 2013, then in October 2013 for the January-June 2014 period.

To allow these Parent Interviews to take place, there will be no Conductive Education Southern classes for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 03, 04 & 05 April 2013 – the days straight after Easter.

Please do indicate on the appointment schedule at the Centre front door the day and time you will be available for this Interview.

2013 FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA: This will be held on Friday 05 April 2013 at the Ascot Park Hotel. Doors will open at 6.30pm and the Fashion Extravaganza starts at 7.15pm. Some Parents are requested to help on the night, especially at the initial stages. If you want to help please contact me as soon as possible. Thanks.

We will be having Fashion Displays from Voyant, Annah S, TS14+, Fredericks, and Fragile Children's Clothing. Like last year we will display children's fashion, men's fashion and ladies fashion.

We also have the support of a number of Stalls – such as Mole Map, Sparklewhite Teeth, Ange M Artist/Jewellery, Lynley Thomson Artists/Jewellery, Prenzel Products, Melissa Aitken Fitness, Not Just Shoes, The Woodshed, Grandma Coleman's Jams and Chutneys, New Generation Liquorice, Gill Gane Design, Bella Cosa Scented Soaps. The Duchess Studio, Fragile Children's Clothing, The Caci Clinic, Ascot Park Hotel Food Stall, as well as our own Conductive Education Southern stall.

Each Conductive Education Parent has received an initial allocation of five (5) tickets. Each ticket costs \$25. **If you require more tickets – and I hope you do – then please contact me.** Already some of our Parents have requested (and sold) more than their five ticket allocation. Tickets are also on sale at Fredericks (on Dee Street), West End Hair (in Courtville Place Arcade) and Voyant in Esk Street. Tickets are also available from me

We need to sell at least 200 tickets and like last year, I am hoping we will see 400+. If we do, then we stand to make \$10,000+ (much-needed funds) for our Centre. **PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU!**

Once again we have been supported by our very good Auckland friends at VnC Premix Cocktails who will give each member of the audience a complimentary cocktail upon arrival.

CONDUCTORS ANNUAL CONFERENCE: This year the Conductors Annual Conference is being held in Wellington on Thursday and Friday 23 & 24 May 2013. This means that our Conductive Education Southern Classes will not occur from midday Wednesday 22 May (to enable Conductors Judit and Zsofi to travel to Wellington) until end of Friday 24 May 2013. Their AGM is an important time as it enables our Conductors to spend time with their peers and inter-change ideas with each other.

ANNA IS LEAVING US: Anna came to Conductive Education Southern in May 2012 on a twelve-month Fixed-Term Employment Contract, to cover Judit's Maternity Leave. Anna's term with us finishes on 20 May 2013. We are sorry to see Anna leave us, but our number of 'clients' has not increased as we hoped (it is still very much less than when Conductors Katy and Arpi were with us) plus our economic situation does not allow us to retain her on Staff. Currently Anna is seeking a Conductors job elsewhere in NZ as she loves our beautiful country. We wish her well as she leaves for a new adventure.

CONDUCTORS PEER APPRAISALS: From Monday to Friday 15 to 19 April 2013, Our Centre will have Ms Ildi Runic in our midst. (Some of you will remember Ildi when Ildi came to our aid back in 2005 to help us get re-established). Ildi will peer review our Conductors, giving them advice and assistance as required. As you will appreciate our Conductors work very much on their own and a very experienced Conductor like Ildi will assist them and encourage them to continue with their great work.

DIVERSIFICATION: Considering when we started Conductive Education (in our own right) many years ago, most, if not all the children coming to Our Centre, had some form of Cerebral Palsy. Now we have diversified, not only taking adults as well as children of all age, but we also look after many more neurological conditions, than just the 10 with Cerebral Palsy, now help such conditions as Epilepsy, Global Developmental Delay, Asperger Syndrome, Ataxic symptoms, Congenital Dysplasia, Microcephaly, Dyspraxia, Chromosomal Abnormalities, Peripheral Neuropathy, Beals Syndrome, Down Syndrome, Benign external hydrocephalus, to name a few.

TERM HOLIDAYS: Term One 2013 finishes on Friday 19 April 2013. We will start up again on Monday 06 May 2013.

MTA (Motor Trade Association) GOLF TOURNAMENT: On Friday 22 March 2013, on behalf of Conductive Education Southern, I assisted at this tournament at the Otatara Golf Course. Conductive Education Southern was the chosen charity. Not sure how much we will get, but we created loads of community awareness and this will possibly bring us even more people for us to assist.

REMEMBER: To let our Conductors know early, if you will not be attending class. **Our Centre phone number is (03) 931 0111** – leave a message if the girls are busy.

CONCLUSION: That's it for this edition. I hope you enjoyed the read. Feel free to give me some feedback. In closing, thanks to everyone for all they do to help Conductive Education Southern keep going.

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Regards

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MICHELLE RISELEY

Michelle is 31 years old and came to our Assessment in June 2012. She has Aspergers syndrome and also has lots of unwanted movements and tremors. Michelle attended to individual session in the first couple of months where she worked very hard to control her limbs and movements. Later she attended a group session. Michelle started back with us in January 2013 after a long summer holiday. Her parents decided that she is not longer attending to our sessions.

CHRISTOPHER HANNAN

Christopher is an almost-13-year-old boy with mild autism. He started to attend our Centre first when he was a year old and had some Developmental delay and later he graduated in 2006. He returned in 2011 with some motor and social skill difficulties. Christopher attended our Co-ordination Group on Wednesday afternoon. When our fees got higher he and his mum Melissa decided to try other activities this year so Christopher graduated in January 2013.