



'THE BUZZ'

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Greetings Parents and Trustees

Happy New Year everyone. Hopefully you all have had a great Christmas and New Year break, have had a relaxing time with families and friends, and are now all batteries charged, ready to meet 2014 head-on. Of late the weather hasn't been the best but it can only improve – hopefully!

2013 CHRISTMAS PARTY: *Wow, wasn't our Christmas Party held on Saturday 21 December 2013 fantastic! It was our largest ever attendance – 140+ children and parents had a great time. Craig and his Wonky Donkey was great entertainment for all.*

Santa was a huge hit with all the children (and the not so little children too) giving out gifts to all the children who were present – a huge task to remember them all. He has left some gifts at Our Centre for our Conductive Education children who could not make it on the day to our Christmas Party. Thank you Santa.

Thank you everyone who attended, you made it all worthwhile. The Centre looked fantastic!

NEWS FROM 'THE BOARD'.

CECT 2013 Christmas Party - *A great time had by all. Thank you to the Conductors and Kevin for all their organization in making it such a great event. Craig Smith ("The Wonky Donkey Man") kept both the children and adults captivated and entertained. Thank you to 'The Lions Club of Invercargill Host', who generously covered the cost of his hire.*

Learning Stories and Calendars - *the Conductors and Manager have done a truly amazing job with these. They have put a lot of thought into each individual's learning stories and have created a marvellous record of everyone's activities and achievements throughout the year. The stories will be treasured by all and are a great testament to all, for their hard work throughout this past year. Same for the calendars, with the fantastic, professional photographs of our children/clients. We thank Judit and Zsafia for the many hours (some of which was in their own time) they have put into these. Also thank you to Kevin for his time in proof reading them and arranged the printing.*

Service Fees for 2014 – *were discussed at our last board of trustees meeting and it was felt that the Service Fees should be linked with the Consumer Price Index, thus resulting in a small increase of fees. This small increase has been kept to a minimum. It is hoped that this will avoid the mistake we made in the past of having made no increase over a period of years – then trying to increase it in a large amount. Please talk to Kevin our manager, if you have concerns over payments.*

A Grant Received from: COG's Dunedin/Coastal Otago - *for \$1,500 + GST. This has been gratefully received by CESCT.*

Lynley Ramsay

Secretary

CESCT Board of Trustees

2014 – TERM ONE STARTS: on Monday 27 January 2014. We only have one Conductor this first week so reduced number of children/clients can be taken. For those of you that indicated pre-Christmas of your availability to attend this first week, you have been contacted with your time and day to attend. Zsafia will be looking after you.

Judit will be back the next week (03 February) and we will then be able to provide CE classes each and every week day. Manager Kevin has posted out to you all a new Term Timetable – there are some minor modification, brought about mainly by your Trust needing to work within the requirements of the Employment Relations Act, so please do check the timetable for your Class time. In most cases your starting time is delayed by around 15 minutes of the time you had in Term Four 2013.

LEARNING STORIES 2013: hopefully you enjoyed getting your copy of the 2013 Learning Stories. Like Trust Secretary Lynley has said, the Conductors put in a huge amount of work taking photos then putting the photo's to verse/stories. To our knowledge we are the only CE Centre in NZ that does this concept and we are extremely proud of how the finished article looks. Something to treasure.

CALENDARS: Over 100, 2014 calendars were printed. Many of these were requested by Parents and we are happy to be able to create these and supply them to you. Your Trust supplies one free of charge to each family and thereafter purchases are supplied at our cost. Like the Learning Stories, these too are a huge success and well received by Parents, some of our Funders, Trustees, Conductors, etc.

2014 FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA: Will be held on Friday 04 April 2014 at the Ascot Park Hotel. Plans are underway to make this another very successful fundraiser for us. This is our fifth year and it keep going from strength to strength.

Doors will open at 6.30pm and the Fashion Extravaganza starts at 7.15pm. Some Parents will be required to help on the night, especially at the initial stages. I will be in contact nearer the time to secure names of volunteers.

SAUSAGE SIZZLES: We had a very successful year at The Warehouse Invercargill with six bi-monthly sausage sizzles. Each 'sizzle' makes, after costs around \$400 for our Trust. We have requested a further allocation of time-slots for 2014 and am awaiting word back from The Warehouse. Thank you to everyone that helped out during 2013. Each CE Southern parent will be contacted during this year to do at least one-stint in the year – we need to have seven parents each day, so some of you might receive more than one request.

MTA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT: Like in 2103, Conductive Education Southern is to be the beneficiary of this great event. We did such a great job last year and the MTA (Motor Trade Association) like us as a Charity, what we do and for whom, that they agreed to support us again. Thank your MTA, we look forward to working with you all and here's hoping we all have a great day weather-wise.

REMEMBER – our contacts points –

- Centre phone is 03 21 88 766 and email is conductive.southern@xtra.co.nz
- Manager's phone is 027 22 11 701 and email is coned.southern@xtra.co.nz

Please do remember to apologise if you cannot make a CE Class as the Conductors go to a lot of work setting up their resources etc., something they wouldn't need to do if they knew you were attending.

Regards

Kevin Wall
Manager