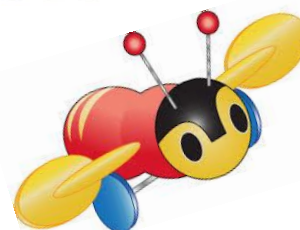


'THE BUZZ'

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Conductors' Report – November 2013

It is November already and we have arrived at that point when our letter holder which was placed next to the door is too small. When we made it we had about 24 children or less attending weekly and we decided to make it bigger for a higher number of clients and now we have outgrown it again.

Since the last issue of this newsletter we have done 15 Assessments and we still receive referrals continuously. The assessed children are Rory Peterson, Hope Taylor, Paigan Kerr, Darcy McDowall, Molly Gray, Reilly Hudson, Braxton Sadlier, Abby Gill, Eva McMillan, Tomas Parish, Alexander Roberts, Meila Johnstone, Isla Moffat and Mia Shaw. Three of these children did not start with us and some of them have already graduated because they learnt to crawl within the last 4 months.

Layla Cruickshank returned to *Our Centre* after spending few months in plaster.

Anna Hika has started back with us and had her re assessment recently.

Jodi Graham and Reilly Hudson successfully completed their goals and graduated, and also has Tomas Parish whose family moved back to Christchurch.

The Conductors are currently attending a New Zealand Sign Language Course every second Saturday for 5 weeks and we both feel it is really important with our work. It was great to see 3 of our family from Conductive Education attending that course so now we are going on a same road for these children's development. We are not going to be trained Sign language therapists after it, the main goal is to use the sign at our sessions with the clients who are talking with using NZSL for better communication. We already been to two sessions and the improvement is huge in the communication between the Conductors and those children who are using it. Thanks to the management of Conductive Education Southern for make it possible for us to be part of it.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Our next sausage sizzle fundraiser at The Warehouse Invercargill is coming up on Saturday 07 December 2013.

1. One more volunteer is needed for the 9.00am till 11.30am shift
2. Two more for the 11.30am till 2.00pm
3. Then one more for the final stint from 2.00pm till 4.00pm.

Please either let Manager Kevin know of your availability (027 22 11 701 or email coned.southern@xtra.co.nz) or add your name to the roster



YEAR 2013

FINISHES

AND YEAR 2014 STARTS

Term Four 2013 will
finish at end of
Classes on Friday 20

2013 CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

Will be held from 2.00pm till 4.30pm
on Saturday 21 December 2013 at
Our Centre.

All welcome.

There will be a Notice-board on the
desk at the Centre's Front Door for
you to

- Confirm your attendance
- Give us the names, gender
and age of all your siblings

Santa will have a gift for all
Conductive Education clients and
siblings

**PROVIDED THE SIBLINGS ARE
ATTENDING THIS FUNCTION.**



'The Buzz' –from the Board.

The Board of Trustees wishes to include an update from our Trustee's Meeting in Oct 2013.

Appointment of New Trustee– Vicky Collard.

The Trustees would like to welcome Vicky Collard who was the successful nominee to our CESCT Board.

Vicky is the Mum of Madeline who has attended CE for nearly three years. We thank Vicky for offering her time, skills, and abilities and thank her for joining our board of trustees.

New CESCT Patron –Dr Villi Sotutu

We are very pleased to be able to announce that Dr Sotutu has accepted the position of Patron of CESCT and thank Kevin for his work in making this happen. Dr Sotutu will enable us to have the huge advantage of having the connection between CE, the Southland Hospital and our clients. Having a pediatrician as patron will hopefully add to the support for our clients from the Southland Hospital and encourage new referrals. It will also enhance our credibility for the professional service the Conductors and CESCT deliver, within the Southland community. Fingers crossed, this in turn will help to ensure Funders keep giving us Grants.

A Gift from an

ex –Southlander/Champion Boxer –Denny Enright.

Denny Enright, who in his younger days was a champion NZ boxer who used to live in Invercargill, has written his autobiography, titled ***BORN TO BE A FIGHTER.*** Denny has offered to donate all net proceeds from his book sale to Conductive Education Southern Charitable Trust.


This has come via our Manager Kevin and Dave and Lisa Bartley (parents of a child who used to attend CE and organizers of 'Fight for Kids Southland Charity', which in the past has donated the proceeds from their charity event to CESCT.) Denny has printed initially 500 copies of his book and is selling them at \$19.95. His book launch was held in Invercargill earlier this month. A huge thank you to Denny for his very generous offer.

Conductor Zsafia Varga renewed Employment Contract.

It is with much pleasure that the Board have offered to renew Zsafia's employment contract with CESCT. We think that Zsafia offers a lot to *Our Centre*. Zsafia works well with all our clients/parents and shows great ability and maturity as a Conductor. Zsafia has accepted our offer, it will keep continuity for our children. I am sure that all parents will be thrilled to have Zsafia remain at our centre.

Sign Language Course

Both Judit and Zsafia are attending a Sign Language course (hosted by Deaf Aotearoa), attending in their own time on Saturdays.



Many of our younger clients are using 'sign'. CESCT are covering course fees as part of the Conductors Professional Development.

Parent/Conductor Interviews completed for Year 2013

I think everyone agrees this is a valuable planning tool for all those involved. For both parents and conductors to get a feel of where the child/client is at and to set goals for their future. The Parent Questionnaire that was filled out by parents has some new information and questions added to it.

Grants Received

A very big thank you to the **Community Trust of Southland** for an annual Grant of \$16,942.00 and **COG's Southland** for a Grant of \$7,705.00 and **COG's Coastal Otago** for their **\$1,725.00**. Which we received this month. Also, a huge thank you to the **NZ Lottery Grants Board** who granted us \$46,000.00 in October. We cannot offer our service to our clients without this support. Thank you all.

Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to the parents who helped with the parent fundraising this month. A profit of \$400 was raised and community awareness achieved.

Sport Southlands-Pass it On

Kevin applied to this scheme and as a result some complimentary second-hand Sporting Equipment was delivered to *Our Centre*.

Written on behalf of the Board of Trustees
by Lynley Ramsay Mum of Jack
Trustee/Minute Secretary

Message from our Manager

Another year almost over. And a very busy year it has been too. We have had a lot of new referrals this year, mainly from the RNZ Plunket Service but also "word-of-mouth referrals too"

In a lot of cases our Conductors have worked diligently with our referrals after assessing them for our service, and now many of these young babies and children have graduated from our service but still we get referrals – which is fantastic.

Although there are now eleven CE Centres throughout NZ. **we are still the only CE Centre**

