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NEWSLETTER

*Merry
Christmas*

DECEMBER 2012

MANAGERS REPORT

Kevin Wall, QSO Manager



2012 is at an end (nearly). It has been an extremely busy year for Conductive Education Southern.

Not only has one of our Conductors (Judit) had her first child (Benedek) but we also stepped up and secured our third fulltime Conductor (Anna). These three Conductors – Judit, Anna and Zsofia have been extremely busy during 2012. To cover the increased cost of our third Conductor we have opened our roll and now take all ages of people from babies right through to and including adults. Presently we have 35 'clients' and growing.

Thank you Judit, Anna and Zsofia for the fantastic job you do for Conductive Education Southern and all our people receiving our services. I know not all these people are 'true' Conductive Education people, do not have Cerebral Palsy etc, but for us at CE Southern, we take all-comers as there is virtually none or little of like services available in the South. Not only do we help the child or adult, but we also help their parents, siblings, extended families, etc.

I too have had to step-up and raise more funding to ensure we can continue to operate in the manner to which we have become accustomed. Perhaps you don't know this but each year it costs us in excess of \$250,000 to function. Of this we get \$101,000 from the Ministry of Health but the extra funds we raise ourselves whether it be from parent fees, parent fundraising, fashions show, raffles, chocolates, and my corporate and community fundraising. Community funding is getting harder to obtain and I am always looking for new avenues of funding.

It still is the desire of Conductive Education Southern to have our own purpose-built Conductive Education Centre – but it is hard to get the \$450,000 plus Land - to achieve this when virtually all the dollars we presently raise goes on our overheads such as salaries, electricity, rental, activity materials, etc. But we will keep plugging away in the hope that one day we will have our own Centre.

Thank you to our Board of Governance – CE Southern Grandparent and local Businessman John Rhodes who is our Chairman and Treasurer, Lynley Ramsay a CE Southern Parent is our Secretary, Virginia Wilson is a CE Southern Supporter, Lawyer and our Legal Advisor, Dennis Hika a CE Southern Parent. Vicky Findlay also a CE Southern Parent, and John Wallace a retired local Businessman – we have three business-people and three CE Southern Parents on our Board and this 'mix' is very good. Thank you to all of you for your time, energy and knowledge, for looking after the governance of our continually growing Conductive Education Southern operation.

Thank you to every Conductive Education 'client', Parent, Grandparent, Caregiver, Supporter, Funder, Helper, for all your assistance during our 2012 year. The year has been a big one, lots of highs and not too many lows. We have been operating now for nearly 7 years "on our own" so-to-speak and we continue to go from strength to strength.

As Christmas is upon us, may you all have a relaxing and hopefully restful Festive Season, with plenty of Christmas gifts (and cheer), scrummy food, and most of all, time to spend with family and friends – and remember the true spirit and reason of Christmas.

We all look forward to seeing you all again in Year 2013. Yes we will have some fees increases to contend with but be assured our standard of service delivery will not wane, in fact we will be striving continually to improve it.

Enjoy the break.

Manager Kevin

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wasn't our 2012 Christmas Party on Saturday 15 December 2012 fantastic.

Boy did we had a huge crowd! Poor Santa was almost over-whelmed with our CE Southern children, their siblings etc – around 70 children in total – thank goodness we had a number of apologies!

Everyone had a great time – what with the candy-floss, lollies, ice-creams, softdrinks, sausage sizzle, food galour, entertainment, puppet show, Nativity Play with our CE Southern children dressed up and playing all the roles, and of course Santa.

Thank you everyone for coming to our party. A special thank-you to our Conductors who went into town and purchased all 80+ Christmas Presents and planned the Nativity Play and other activities.



TEDDY BEAR SHOW

27 & 28 April 2013 are the dates for the annual Teddy Bear Show put on by Lesley the Teddy Bear Lady in Invercargill.

This event has grown into a very large display of handmade teddy bears and is visited by a large number of our community.

The 2013 Teddy bear Show has been designated by Lesley that the Show proceeds (entry fees etc) will be going to Conductive Education Southern.

More of this later but we will need some volunteer parents to assist on the day.

REMINDER

*Term Four 2012 finishes on
Thursday 20 December 2012*

*Term 1 2013 starts
Monday 28 January 2013*

SAUSAGE SIZZLES

We have a request in with The Warehouse Invercargill hoping to get some sausages sizzles in 2013. We used to get six of these per annum (bi-monthly) but for 2012 we only got two sausage sizzles and these were a matter of weeks apart – and early in the year.

We have not yet heard back from Management of The Warehouse Invercargill – which hopefully means we “are still in the loop”!

PICTORIAL BOOKLET

During 2012, on the initiative of Manager Kevin, our Conductors took photo's of our under 5 year old CE Southern children “working-out” at CE Southern.

These Conductors then put a storyline, often comical, to these photo's.

Manager Kevin then printed these off, in A4 size and bound them into a presentation folder. These were handed out at our 2012 Christmas Party.

In 2013 we are hoping to create such a folder of photos and storylines for every CE Southern client.

Another invigorating 'first' for CE Southern.



QUILT RAFFLE

This was a hugely successful raffle which raised in excess of \$600 for Conductive Education Southern.

All tickets were sold so a HUGE thank you to all our parents and supporters for buying tickets or selling them to family, friends, neighbours, etc.

The raffle was drawn under Police Supervision. The winning tickets was #481 and the prize has been claimed by the winner – a friend of one of the parents of one of our CE children.

FEES

Unfortunately, like everything else in life, Conductive Education Southern need to raise their service-delivery fees. The increase will be effective from day one of Term One 2013 (28 January 2013).

Early in the New Year all parents will receive a letter explaining the increase and the need why.

For many years we have been among the cheapest CE Centre, if not the cheapest CE Centre, in New Zealand, but reality has caught up on us and we need to adjust our prices upwards if we are to remain a viable operating CE Centre.





CONDUCTORS

Conductor Zsafia flew out of New Zealand on Sunday 16 December 2012 bound for her Hungarian homeland where she will attend her mums birthday as well as enjoy the festive season with her parents, siblings, extending family etc.

Zsafia will return to Invercargill in January in time to resume CE classes on 28 January 2013.

Conductors Judit and Anna will be taking a well-earned break and holidaying in NZ – seeing the country etc.



SOUTHLAND FESTIVAL OF RUNNING

Judit our Head Conductor completed her first ever 10km run.

Judit was accompanied on this journey by one of our past CE Southland children – Jack Lovett-Hurst in his electric wheelchair, his step-dad Greg Houkamau and a CE Southern Parent Jo Bringins.

All these people went and gained pledges for this run and altogether Conductive Education Southern received nearly \$600.00.

Thank you Judit, Jack, Greg and Jo. Great effort and we are in appreciation of you all.



2012 SANTA PARADE

Wow, the 2012 Santa Parade was a huge hit. Thousands of people lined the streets of the inner city Invercargill and witness not only the whole parade by our 'float' and our people parading. Our 'float' was a children's playhouse.

Thank you to everyone who paraded for Conductive Education Southern – you all (once again) helped put Conductive Education Southern in the community map.

Thank you also to the Southland Santa Parade Trust for providing us with a 'float' and the two vehicle



CHOCOLATE BARS

Thank you to all our CE Southern Parents for selling our Cadbury Chocolate Bars. When all the funds are in, we will have cleared \$1,200 in profit for our CE Centre. We will repeat this fundraiser again in 2013.

2013 CALENDARS

Our 2013 CE Southern Calendar needed 1209 photo's to produce. Each calendar has 39 full-colour photos of our CE Southern children performing their activities at our CE Centre. 31 different versions of calendars were produced (representing the 31 families at CE Southern).

Every CE Southern family gets a complimentary calendar and additional copies can be purchased (many have been). Our print-run was 100 calendars and these were distributed to families that were at our 2012 Christmas Party. The calendar format was changed this year from previous years and these full colour calendars have found huge favour with our CE Southern parents.

Thank you to our Conductors for taking the photographs and to our CE Southern people for 'posing' and/or dressing up for the photo's. Thank you also to our Manager Kevin who spent considerable hours with our Graphic designer – Darren at I-Cue Design & Print – to develop then print and bind these calendars.

Each calendar is a pictorial memoir of what happens at CE Southern, each day, every day.

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