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CONDUCTOR'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Hi Everyone

Just a short message from the Conductors as newsletter space is limited. Thanks to all the parents for informing us if your child is not coming to classes. Please do continue to do this in the future as it is important to us to know if and why your child cannot attend CE Classes. Call us on 03 931 0111 (Centre Office) or send a text message to 021 114 3156 (Judith's mobile number). You were also really good in a last couple of months at bringing the children on time and taking them home on time. As we have not got too much time between classes is really important for us to keep to time.

Classes are going well, the children are working hard and surprising us every time at how fast they are able to learn new things. Since the last newsletter we have had 7 new assessments:

- Alex Wells from Invercargill and Navarro Lavin from Winton are both 11 months old babies and they will start to come to class in the near future.
- Olivia Muir (6) from Invercargill started in February 2009 and she is doing really well.
- Caleb Turner (4) came from Dunedin for an assessment but has not yet started coming to sessions.
- Hayden Middlemass (2) from Wallacetown has just started with us and he is coming with his parents to classes.
- Mason Tangney (7) from Invercargill is coming to the After-School Class one time per week.

Welcome all of our new children, and welcome back Connor Valentine (10) who graduated last year but will be coming back once every month for

take-home exercises. Four of our children graduated in a last couple of months:

- Kahu Sutherland (2 years old) from Dacre has learnt to walk and does not need our help any more.
- Antonio Brinkley (9 years old) is toilet trained now and learning how to be better with the computer.
- Riley Smith (4 years old) from Edendale moved back to Australia and will continue to attend Conductive Education in Sydney.
- Charli Owen (4 years old) from Balclutha has stopped coming to *Our Centre* in the meantime because of mum's pregnancy but is planning to come back in a future.

With graduations and new arrivals we have currently 28 children coming to *Our Centre* and this keeps us happy and busy all the time. Just three more weeks till the Parents-Conductors Meeting. Please start to think about your child's future goals and don't forget to come to the meeting. We will be seeking appointment times from you soon. It is really important for all of us to work together.

The Awareness Week was a big success for us with 10 visitors over the week and we had lots of fun with the Garage Sale and the Gala Day. It was good to see how much energy Vicky, Jo and their family plus other parents and supporters put into these days. Thank you all.

If you have got any questions or requests (especially for new parents) about your child do not hesitate to talk to us any time on phone or personally.

Love from Judith and Gyorgyi

Conductive Education DVD

Recently the NZ Foundation for Conductive Education (NZFCE) released its' latest promotional DVD.

Added to the initial DVD which consisted of the Introduction from NZ Foundation for Conductive Education Chairman and the Interview by our NZFCE Patron Wayne Smith (All Black Assistant Coach) is *The Parents Journey* – interviews by CE parents throughout New Zealand. A number of our Southland CE parents feature in *The Parents Journey*. These candid and frank interviews of all parents, explain how they found out about Conductive Education and how their child has benefited from Conductive Education.

Conductive Education Southland has purchased additional copies of this DVD with the intention that each of our CE Southland families can have their own personal copy. Maybe you could share your copy with friends, supporters and families who may have a child that might benefit from Conductive Education.

If you have not yet got your copy of this DVD, call into *Our Centre* and collect yours as there is one there for you. Later this year a further phase will be added to the 'master' DVD. This phase will consist of *The Conductors Perspective of Conductive Education*.

Kevin Wall, Manager



With sadness we remember



Conductor Rita Szarvas (31), her 7 year old son Andras, Rita's partner Jozsef Gallasz and Arnold aged 11 who is a nephew of Conductor Orsolya Torma.

Rita is a Conductor at Peto Institute. Rita, Andras, Jozef and Arnold were on the ill-fated Air France aircraft that crashed into the Atlantic Ocean on Monday 01 June 2009.

Rita has just completed a three-week secondment as part of Peto Institutes supervision of a small CE programme in Rio de Janeiro.

Rita trained at Peto with our Conductor Gyorgyi.

Centre forecourt no longer under water

It took a while and lots of work, but eventually the forecourt/drop off area at *Our Centre* has received open drain repairs and water no longer 'ponds' or floods the area.

Plunging out the pipeline from the drain-sump through the pipeline met with resistance. Was it tree roots or was it a collapsed drain?

After the pipelines were opened (dug) up from our forecourt into the park area, the maze of open pipes failed to resolve the problem.

Further drains were dug up and at last the problem (after three days) was found. Some how and for some previous and unknown reason the pipeline from our forecourt sump to another sump in the park (about twenty feet from *Our Centre*) had been closed off.

A section of pipe was replaced and our drains starting working as they should. No longer do we have water ponding on the forecourt, which at times was deep enough to completely cover your shoes.

Parents no longer will you have to trek through water to get into *Our Centre* during winter or wet periods. Thank you Gladstone Scout Group, Invercargill City Council and Bond Contracts Ltd (BCL) for remedying this huge problem for us.

Kevin Wall, Manager



Conductive Education Southland Trustees

Back row: John Rhodes, Ross Young, Kevin Wall (Manager), Dennis Hika

From row: Virginia Wilson, Andrew Fraser, Lynley Ramsay

The Cerebral Palsy Society of New Zealand

Enhancing the lives of people with cerebral palsy

On 25 May 2009 Conductive Education Southland and CCS Disability Action Southland combined to host a public meeting (at the CCS Disability Action Invercargill Rooms) presented by the Cerebral Palsy Society. CCS and CE parents, supporters and interested people were present.

The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint people with Cerebral Palsy, the benefits of taking up membership (\$10 for individual or \$15 for family, per annum) of the Cerebral Palsy Society.

Information, Brochures, Membership Application forms etc are available from our Conductive Education Office. If you have website access have a look at www.cpsociety.org.nz.

Along with being able to gain access to information and advice regarding cerebral palsy, members with cerebral palsy can apply for grants and/or apply for the programmes by the Cerebral Palsy Society.

These programmes are:

- **getOutThere:** this is a voucher system that a member uses to further subsidise their taxi transport. The aim is to allow members with cerebral palsy increased access to their community.
- **getThis&That:** this programme helps people buy small items which will aid the management of their cerebral palsy – i.e. can openers, bottle and jar openers, walking sticks, bed pans, etc.
- **getStructured:** a programme which assists parents set up a legal framework (i.e. wills, power of attorney, trusts, etc) around a member with cerebral palsy.

I recommend CE Southland parents of children with cerebral palsy consider joining the Cerebral Palsy Society. There are considerable benefits – and if enough people join up in Invercargill/Southland, a Brunch Club or similar could be established for peer support etc.

Kevin Wall, Manager

Fantastic Gala Day at Our Centre

On Saturday 30 May 2009 from 10.00am to 3.00pm, we held a fantastic Gala Day within *Our Centre*.

Bouncy Castle, face-painting, arts & crafts, balloons, wrist bands, go-kart rides, sausage sizzles, games and activities for children, Devonshire morning tea with yummy freshly made scones, raspberry jam and freshly whipped cream, plenty of happy smiley faces and people (children and adults) enjoying themselves was the order of the day. As the weather wasn't the best initially, lots of planned outdoor activities had to move indoors but this did not dampen the spirits or the activities. Fun was had by all.

Gala Day raised about another \$300 for Conductive Education Southland. Crowds weren't the largest but given it was Queens Birthday long weekend, plus junky weather, we are happy and proud of what we achieved and thrilled for the support we got.

Thank you Vicky, Jo, Ron, Judit, Richard, Gyorgyi, Anita, Ligi, Waki, Naomi, Krysteen, Jo, Jonathan and everyone else that helped make this event the huge success it was. We were also privileged to have Tina with her Undercover Wear stall, Gayle from Gayle Hogue Freelance Photography and the TripleOne Gallery stall plus Naturopath David Simpson with his product display and knowledge. A lot of work went in to make this Gala Day a fun day and you certainly achieved that.

Kevin Wall, Manager



Awareness Week 2009

Although New Zealand Conductive Education Awareness Week was programmed for 25 to 31 May 2009, for Conductive Education Southland our "Awareness Week" started on Saturday 02 May with our presence at the hugely successful disAbility Resource Centre's MAY DAY EXPO.

We followed this up with our Monster Garage Sale at *Our Centre* on Saturday 23 May. The following Saturday (30 May) we held our Gala Day, also at *Our Centre*. We also held OPEN DAYS at *Our Centre* throughout the Monday to Friday 25-29 May.

Every year during these OPEN DAYS we receive visitors, but this year was our best yet. Obviously the 100 specially printed personal invitations we sent out had an effect.

We received welcome visits from a number of our Funders, Group Special Education Staff, local Hospital Child Development Service Staff and many others. We also received a delegation from NZ

Aluminium Smelters Ltd who so generously funded 70% of the cost of our special vehicle, complete with electrically operated hoist seat.

Conductive Education Awareness Week was a success in the south. Sure there is always room for improvement, but awareness of CE is growing in Southland. Such awareness not only gives us referrals but also much-needed community funding which keeps us financially viable.

Olivia

Our thoughts have recently been with Olivia Bartley who has travelled with her mum and dad Lisa and David and grandparents John and Lyn to Mexico for stem-cell procedure.

The family departed New Zealand 31 May 2009 for Los Angeles then down to San Diego where they stayed until 03 June, when they went to the Tijuana Clinic for the stem-cell implant.

From emails received, the stem-cell procedure went very well and Olivia has had a good recovery. The family returned home on 12 June.



Our own building

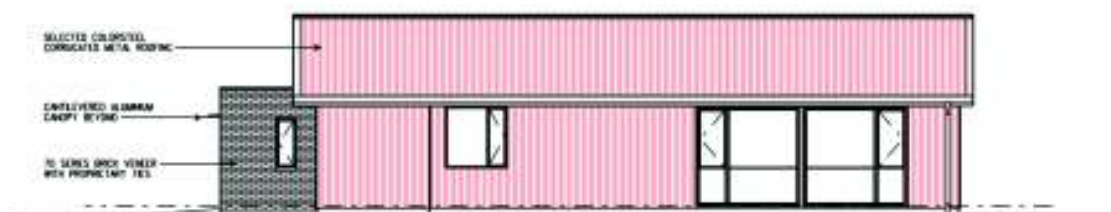
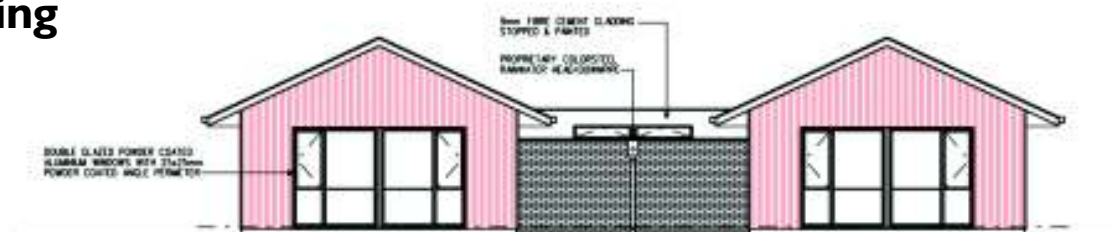
Great news readers! The Conductive Education Southland Charitable Trust Trustees have agreed it is time Conductive Education Southland have their own purpose-built building.

Could our new Centre look like these images?

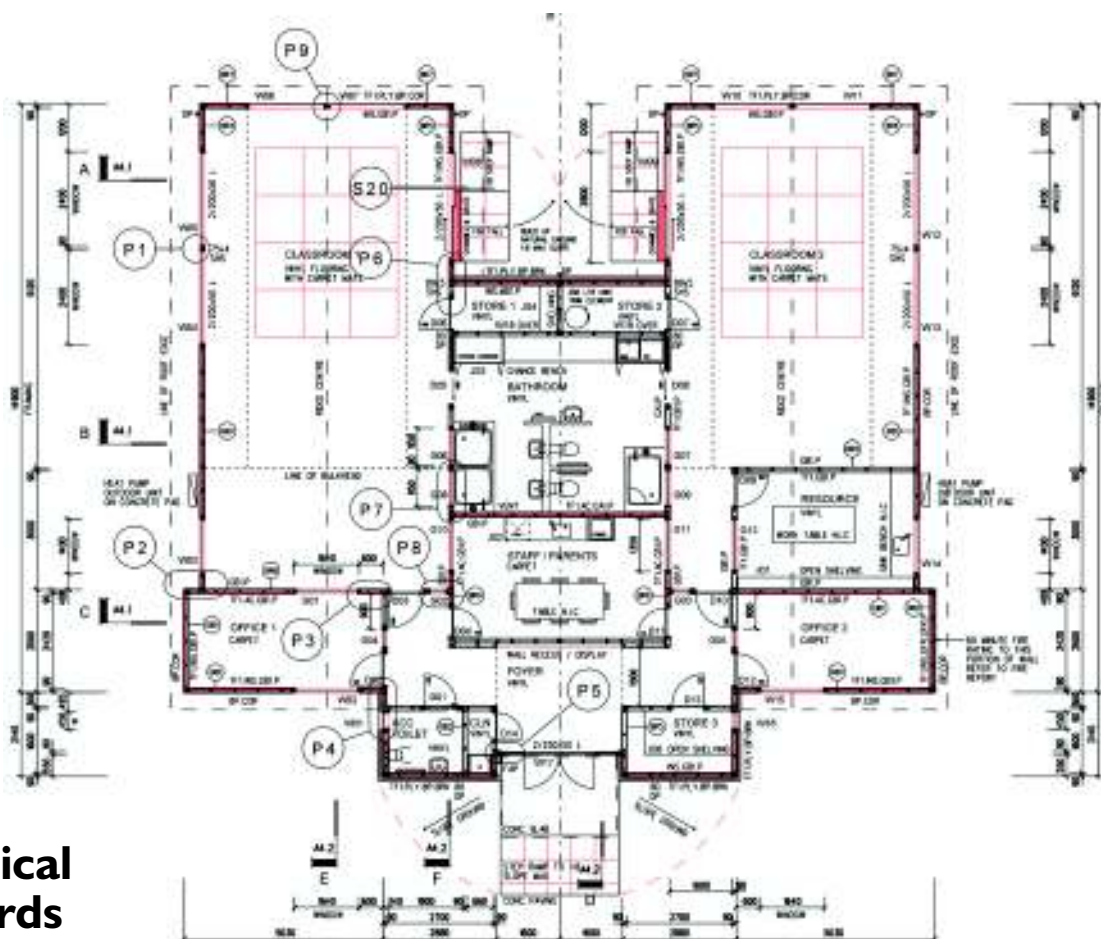
A lot of work is needed by Conductive Education Southland parents, supporters and community funders. Building costs are anticipated to be around \$440,000 plus the land cost, etc. Over half a million dollars will be needed.

Parents and supporters are urged to help raise as much money as we possibly can. We have scratchie boards for sale, Cadbury Fundraising chocolate bars for sale plus our bi-monthly sausage sizzle at The Warehouse. Please see Manager Kevin if you can assist sell our scratchie boards and chocolate bars. Recently we had our Garage Sale and Gala Day and these events bought in close to \$1,000 for CE Southland.

What else can you think of and are willing to do to make our new Centre a reality?



CE Canterbury building. Images courtesy of Carlo Heeman Architect, Christchurch



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Children's medical and other records

It would be appreciated by Conductors Judit and Gyorgyi if parents would provide Our Centre with copies of Medical Reports, Meeting Reports (IEP's etc) as they receive them.

And how about inviting the Conductors to attend IEP Meetings etc. Our Conductors always want to do their best for your CE child and the more knowledge they have of decisions being made by other Providers and Specialists in respect of your CE child is beneficial for our Conductors too. At the end of the day if our Conductors are involved in the communication-loop your CE child benefits.

Swine flu pandemic

Conductive Education Southland appreciates the support of parents not bringing their child to Conductive Education if they have a flu, bad cold/cough, sniffle etc.

We all need to take the pandemic alerts seriously and not put our CE children and Staff at any risk.

At Our Centre we have available for parents to collect, some NZ Ministry of Health Guidelines to assist in the prevention of the flu pandemic.

May Day Expo 09

On Saturday 02 May, Conductive Education Southland participated in the disAbilities Resource Centre MAY DAY EXPO at the Invercargill Workingmen's Club.

With us were 72 other exhibitors that filled the upstairs function space of IWMC. Display banners, promotional material and audio visual presentations were the order of the day.

Conductor Gyorgyi and Manager Kevin welcomed the many visitors to our Conductive Education Southland 'stand'. We were busy right from the 10am start until conclusion at 3pm.

Parents of children who previously attended some years ago Conductive Education dropped by to say hello and get an update of the present happenings at Conductive Education Southland.

We received many enquiries from parents of children and also adults with motor disorder. Some of these may materialize into referrals for our Conductive education services.

Thank you disAbility Resource Centre for giving CE Southland the opportunity to be present at your extremely popular and very busy MAY DAY EXPO. We look forward to being present again in 2010.

Kevin Wall, Manager

Sausage sizzle assignments

20th June 09 The Warehouse Invercargill

9.00-11.30 // - Anna Hika * // - Luka Erickson

11.30-2.00 // - Rebecca Murphy // - Emily Fraser // - Francis Findlay

2.00-4.00 // - Jackson Ramsay // - Felicia Jacobs // - Riley Westbury *

If you are unable to do your allocated shift, it is your responsibility to find a replacement by:-

- Swapping with another family (amending the list on the noticeboard before your shift).
- Asking a friend or family member to replace you
- Asking a member of the same shift to bring an additional person to replace you.

First named person on first shift is responsible for collecting from *Our Centre* (after 2pm) the equipment, sausages, onions, etc. Bread will be collectable from The Warehouse at the start of the shift. Last named person on the last shift is responsible for returning to *Our Centre* on Monday the equipment/utensils and money etc

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS – JACK LOVETT and JANE FOX

For the five firsts Jack won in swimming and the four firsts Jane (a previous CE Southland child) won in swimming at the 2009 Independence Games held in Christchurch 17 April 2009.



Garage sale

Yet another boomer Garage Sale was held in *Our Centre* on Saturday 23 May 2009.

Planned to open at 9.00am, buyers were queuing up just after 8.00am. After enough of our people arrived to supervise activities and sales, we let the hordes in at 8.45am. Thereafter Buyers all over the place looking for that special bargain. And bargains we had!

We did extremely well from yet another very successful garage sale. Over \$700 in the bank and once we sell off some of the more valuable items on TradeMe we will probably top the \$1000 mark.

You name we had it, everything donated - lazyboy chairs, books, previously loved clothing, shoes, books, lamps, tv, washbasins, a brand new dunny complete with toilet bowl and cistern, heatpump, toys, children's trikes & bikes, crockery, cutlery, pots & pans, home baking etc.

It took till 1.00pm for the crown to diminish. A lot was sold but still a lot of good items left, so these were donated to a church group that supports Women's Refuge, Rape Crisis Centre, Prisoners Aid etc

An incredible amount of work went in to make the Garage Sale a success. Thank you Vicky, Jo, Miriam, Lynley, Judit, Gyorgyi, Anita and everyone else that assisted prior to and on the big day. The garage sale was HUGE and it created more community awareness of Conductive Education as well as raising valuable dollars for us.

CE Vehicle signage

Our Centre vehicle recently underwent a transformation!

Colourful decal graphics depicting our Conductive Education name and contact details were applied to the vehicle.

Thanks to NZ Aluminium Smelters Ltd for providing the bulk of the funding for the vehicle purchase, i-Cue Design and Print for the graphic designs, and Advantage Signs for the application of the graphics.



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