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BBQ –the sizzling update ...

Thank you to those who turned up at the Warehouse to help with the October 18th Sausage Sizzle. A special thanks to Robyn McLeod who helped out and to Denis Hika and Rose Checketts who made a trip down to see if Györgyi needed rescuing from behind the grill on her double shift. The tidy sum of \$600 gross (plus donations) was made which further emphasizes the need to continue the BBQ's next year. I would also like to thank Lingi Diamond for helping to organise these BBQ's through the year.

The **good** news is that next year there are only two shifts each (in some cases only one) across five BBQ dates instead of six and the last shift will finish at 4.30pm. The downside is that each shift is half an hour longer but hopefully this will prove to be less intrusive on your time than having another rostered session. (The 2009 Roster is included in this newsletter).

We need someone to co-ordinate next years BBQ's. If there are no volunteers then we may have to schedule one 'organizer' per BBQ who takes responsibility for calling those rostered, ordering and collecting the supplies and ensuring that everything is ready for collection from Our Centre on the Friday before.

Due to a Warehouse booking error (but coupled with a subsequent typo on the roster), the last BBQ scheduled for **Saturday 13th December** BBQ is now a month earlier on **Saturday 15th November 2008**.

We will be reminding those rostered this week and would be grateful if there is a volunteer to help with the 1pm-3pm slot.

Kites rise highest against the wind;
not with it. *Sir Winston Churchill*

*The CHALK catalogue orders are due in on **Wednesday 12th November**, every order generates 20% of credit to purchase resources for Our Centre. They offer a range of excellent educational toys and we are happy to consolidate the orders (delivery charge is \$4.90 per order). Please include any payment with your order.*

Giant Garage Sale

No we are not selling a garage, but we are considering having a giant garage sale in March 2009 of your pre-loved unwanted second-hand goods. There is a new home awaiting your unwanted items and it raises money for Our Centre.

Now with summer approaching (hopefully) start looking through what you have and sort out what you are happy to dispose of. Let us know at Our Centre what there is and how much space you might need and we will endeavour to arrange storage space until the Garage Sale. Space at Our Centre is very limited and we cannot store items there.



Look at the Cookies...

The CookieTime fundraiser has filled a lot of lunchboxes in a healthy and tasty way. Thanks to all who supported this.

There are still a couple of parents yet to lodge their funds from this Project so please do so as we want to close-off this project.

Thank you to everyone who took away bags of CookieTime cookies and sold (or bought) them. Our Centre will make \$500+ from this Project.

The slow burn: 'klassic' kindling

Many bags still remain. Next winter, we will be pushing to have these sold as the proceeds are all profit with no costs. The wood will be drier due to the desert-like conditions of the garage so this is now 'premium quality aged kindling' for the same low price.

Thank you to Ron and his team of volunteers for storing and cutting the wood into kindling and thank you to the CE Parents who have sold or purchased bags of kindling. Orders are welcome anytime.



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CONDUCTOR'S NEWS

Parents Please.....

Thank you to the parents who call us if they are not going to be able to make a class, or going to be late. This is really important for us to know the plans for the day, because we have to arrange our time, equipment and resources, etc. Parents we thank you for doing this in the future too. Please phone *Our Centre* (03 931 0111), or send a text message to my cell phone (021 1143 156)

We Conductors are really wanting to work together with other specialists such as Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists, Physical Therapists, Plunket Nurses, Teachers etc., for your child's development. This would help them (other specialists) and us to work on the same goals and do everything for **OUR CHILDREN**. You, as a parent can help us by telling us when and where their IEP's are planned because we want to be part of the kids School life and kindergarten life not just work with them in *Our Centre*. When possible we will attend these IEP's. Also if you have any Medical Papers, Reports from any Specialist, we would like to know about these and have a copy on our files. The more we know about your child's condition, the better we can plan and facilitate Conductive programmes for your child. Thank you very much.

Big Welcome ...

Two new boys and one new girl started at *Our Centre* from the middle of June.

Riley Smith a 4 year old boy from Mataura and Jensen Bringins is 16 months of age and comes from Centre Bush. Shontae Oudhoff is 14 year old girl coming from Tisbury. Jensen is attending Conductive Classes Wednesdays and Thursdays every week in this TERM with the Babies Group. Riley will come to Classes 3 times per week with the Kindy Group One. Shontae is attending classes every week in an Individual session.

Shontae, Jensen & Riley- WELCOME TO OUR CENTRE!!



Shontae Oudhoff

Jensen Bringins

Riley Smith

I am really said to write about this, but Kaitlin Johnstone our youngest "conductive-girl" moved back to Christchurch with her mummy. The good news is Kaitlin is continuing her Conductive programmes with Conductive Education Canterbury. This is the best outcome for Kaitlin. We miss you Kaitlin really much and we wish you all the best.

Parents and children have a nice November and good preparation for the Christmas time!

Lots of love from Judit and Györgyi



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MANAGERS REPORT

Sorry for the long time between newsletters, but we all have been very busy and time has gotten away on us. Thanks to the brilliant professional experience and skills of one of our parents – Jo Edwards – we are now intending to put out newsletters more regularly.

Our Centre is always a busy hive of activity. We have children graduating (who no longer need our services) but we also have other children coming onto our register.

Our Conductors Judit and Gyorgyi are like the energizer battery, they just keep going, on and on and on. We are very fortunate having experienced, willing and supportive Conductors. Judit and Györgyi are keen to do as much as they possibly can for your CE child. Where possible and as time and CE activities allow, they would like to attend IEP's for your CE child as they want to offer input into what is best for your CE child to progress. Our Conductors also want to share knowledge with other professional working with your CE child – these could be Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, etc.

Our new Programme Schedule and Class Timetables seem to be working fine. If parents have any concerns etc please do let me know so we can endeavour to do the best we can for your CE child. Ideally I would like to be able to deliver more hours of CE time to each and every CE child that attends *Our Centre* but that is not possible. However, what we try to do is deliver the amount of time each child needs to progress. You will appreciate some children need more time than others. *Our Centre* prides itself on the fact we do not operate a waiting list. Every child that needs our assistance, gets our assistance, after being assessed. We determine the hours the child needs at CE then implement an appropriate CE programme. We do however have to operate within the allowable number of hours available to us each week.

Our Sausage Sizzles at The Warehouse Invercargill are going very well. Not only do these sausages sizzles make us profit of around \$450 each time we have them, but we also generate huge community awareness of Conductive Education. However we need more volunteers to assist at our Sausage Sizzles. When we get enough parents and/or supporters to help, each of us will only be required two times per year, each time for about two and a half hours.

Recently we received a \$1,000 donation from the Inner Wheel Club of Invercargill South. This donation is 'tagged' to be spent towards the cost of purchasing a digital video camera for use at *Our Centre*. Thank you Inner Wheel Invercargill South ladies. Judit has reciprocated recently by being Guest Speaker at their October Club meeting. More people now know about Conductive Education and its benefits.

I am also on the lookout for Parents to come onto our Parents Fundraising Group. Parent Fundraising is a very important part of Conductive Education Southland as our community funders like to see we are trying to help ourselves with our obtaining operational funding. Not only do we do the sausage sizzles but we also sell Scratchie Board Cards, Kindling Wood, Children Toys (from a catalogue), CookieTime cookies, Funny Balloons, etc. All these fundraising activities provide necessary funds for classroom resources etc. Please offer to assist with our fundraising.

As Christmas is just around the corner, we are planning to hold a Christmas Children Party. We have a few surprises for you at what we hope will be a fun-filled day for our CE children, their siblings, parents, our supporters, Trustees, etc. More on this closure to end of Term Four 2009.

Kevin
Centre Manager



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2009 BBQ Roster

11 th April 09		20 th June 09		29 th August	
9.00-11.30	- Genesis Diamond* - Brooklyn Chalmers	9.00-11.30	- Anna Hika * - Luka Erickson	9.00-11.30	- Antonio Brinkley* -Jonah de Groot*
11.30-2.00	- Faith Canning - Antonio Brinkley - Kahu Sutherland	11.30-2.00	- Rebecca Murphy - Emily Fraser - Francis Findlay	11.30-2.00	- Olivia Bartley - Gyorgyi/Judit/Kevin - Lily Butler
2.00-4.00	- Shontae Oudhoff - Brooke Anderson -Grace Vermeulen*	2.00-4.00	- Jackson Ramsay - Felicia Jacobs - Riley Westbury*	2.00-4.00	- Riley Smith - Brooklyn Chalmers - Jonathan Checketts*

3 rd October 09		5 th December 09	
9.00-11.30	- Francis Findlay* - Felicia Jacobs	9.00-11.30	- Olivia Bartley* - Cameron Blackley
11.30-2.00	- Riley Westbury - Faith Canning -Luka Erickson	11.30-2.00	- Robbie Checketts - Grace Vermeulen - Jackson Ramsey
2.00-4.00	- Rebecca Murphy - Brooke Anderson - Jack Lovett*	2.00-4.00	- Emily Fraser - Jonah de Groot -Gyorgyi/Judit/ Kevin*

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

The asterisked names on the first and last shifts will be responsible for collecting the BBQ items from the center (or for ensuring they are returned to the center). A sheet explaining these duties will be dispatched soon.



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2008 Annual General Meeting

Combining our 2008 Annual General Meeting with a children, parents and supporters party was a huge success. Not only did we get a very large turnout (the best turnout at an AGM for a long time) but everyone had plenty of fun and enjoyed the barbeque, soft-drinks, ice-creams, lollies, activities, etc.

The Annual Meeting part of this fun day had many parents in attendance. The Meeting was chaired by Andy Fraser with Lynley Ramsay taking Minutes. Trustees re-elected were Andy Fraser, Lynley Ramsay, John Rhodes, Ross Fraser, Virginia Wilson, Debbie Lovett and Mr (Dr) Ian Shaw Paediatrician at Southland Hospital.

The Annual Meeting received Reports from the Chairman, Conductors, Parent Fundraising Group and our Manager. Independently audited Financial Reports were also presented.

Thank you to our Funders



Community Trust of Southland



Invercargill Licensing Trust



New Zealand Aluminium Smelters



Inner Wheel Club of Invercargill



Lions Clubs International



Lottery-Community



Community Organisation Grants scheme

Our Conductive Education Trust is going along brilliantly. Not only do we have a good number of children attending *Our Centre* but we are also holding our own financially. It still is our hope and desire to one day have our own purpose-built building and maybe extend our services.

Thank you to our supporters - please support them

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