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2011 Santa Parade

Wow, we recently received notification from the 2011 Santa Parade Co-ordinator that Conductive Education Southern has been chosen as the nominated charity to receive the support of this year Invercargill/Southland Santa Parade through the streets of Invercargill.

This is a tremendous opportunity for us at CE Southern – not only will it put our charitable name before literally thousands of people but will also raise us much-needed community dollars. Imagine the community exposure we will get from this event – huge!

More details to follow – but I give you a heads up now that we will have some work to do – like having some of our children and signage on the float, possibly assisting on the day, etc.



Managers Report

Greetings everyone.

It has been a very busy time for myself and our Conductors since our last newsletter a couple of months ago.

Judit has been away for five weeks holiday in Bangkok and Hungary and is now back revitalised and rearing to go. Gyorgyi coped extremely well on her own and I thank Gyorgyi for her efforts. Well done gal. Thank you also to our CE Parents whose CE schedule was disturbed for a couple of weeks. These changes were necessary to enable us to continue to deliver our CE programmes.

- Gyorgyi is finishing with us 25 November 2011 and I have been busy discussing work conditions, contracts, etc with a number of job applicants.
- A new Conductor has been engaged – Zsafia Varga is her name and she will commence with us mid-January 2012.
- Conductive Education Southern has secured the naming rights to our 2011 Southland Santa Parade being held in Invercargill 2.00pm Saturday 19 November 2011. Many helpers of children and parents will be needed for this day. We will have a float in this Santa Parade. We stand to make considerable community awareness as well as raising much-needed dollars. Make your available to assist on this day known to me.
- Our 2011 Children's Christmas Party will be held after the Santa Parade (4.00pm on Saturday 19 November 2011).
- We have a new Trustee – retired Businessman John Wallace of Invercargill who replaces Ross Young.
- We are "working up" photos for our 2012 Calendars. Orders can be placed for these at Our Centre – each family will get their first calendar free of charge. Calendars will be available at the Children's Party.
- Planning is underway for our 2012 fashion Extravaganza – Invercargill Ascot park Hotel, Friday 23 March 2012 – diary it now.



- We have received very generous support – \$16,640 worth – of Grant from the Community Trust of Southland. Thanks Community Trust.
- Lions Clubs in our area have also been very supportive of our Conductive Education Centre and have donated \$13,695.20 this year. Thanks Lions Clubs.
- We have also received a tremendous donation from The Warehouse Invercargill of \$3,513.16 being the net proceeds from the sale of their plastic shopping bags.
- We have also received a \$100 annual donation from the Woodlands Branch of Rural Women New Zealand. Thank you ladies.

Then there is the usual business that needs attending to, such as Trustees Monthly Meetings, documents and records that need to be compiled and maintained to satisfy Grant Funding eligibility and accountability, continually compiling and presenting grant funding applications to community funders – our Ministry of Health Service Provider Grant is short of half by more than half the annual funds we need, to continue to operate, plus numerous others bits and bobs. Believe me there isn't a minute to spare any day and some days go well beyond the five business days each week.

Enjoy your read of our Newsletter. Regards to all.

Kevin

Kevin Wall, QSO, Manager



Fundraising

Please remember we still have supplies of Cadbury chocolate bars, Kiwiland bags of chocolates, and Scratchies Boards for sale.

Funds earned from these fantastic ventures help keep us afloat so please do help us sell these. Contact the Conductors or Manager Kevin for your stocks.

2012 Fashion Extravaganza

Early days I know, but a heads-up on the date for our 2012 Fashion Extravaganza fundraiser – Friday 23 March 2012. Diary it now. Full muster of parents needed to make this 2012 event another huge success for Conductive Education Southern.



On Time

Remember Parents, please be on time with your child for their Conductive Education Class. As many of our Classes operate "back-to-back" it is essential children arrive (and are collected) on time, otherwise you delay commencement of the next Class or impinge on another child's time.

Parent Interviews

The last of our 2011 Parent Interviews will take place 10-12 October 2011.

All of our CE Southern children must have these Parent Interviews carried out. Parent please make every endeavour to have your Parent Interview completed. Any delays do hold up the completion process of this very lengthy task.

It is our intention to have these Interviews all typed up and back with Parents etc., by the end of October 2011 so that Parents have plenty of time to talk with schools etc for the forthcoming (2012) year and for the needs of their child at school to be accommodated.

Conductors' Words

Hope our words find you well and with the spring coming we all feel warmer and happier to go out. Actually we have had some beautiful sunny days when we were able to go out with the children to our playground to practice climbing and running on a slope, or biking.

Our Centre's life is going well, we have currently 24 children attending sessions weekly. The children are really working hard and we can see that they are developing every day.

We are holding our half yearly Parents-Conductors meeting on the first 3 days on the first week of the School Holidays. This year we are offering a night time for those parents who are not available through the day. If you won't be available on the first week for an interview please talk to us so we can arrange a time for you preferable on the last week of this term. You can find the 'Parents interview sheet' at the centre next to the door so please feel free to find yours. Please spend some time with filling the 'Parents Questionnaire' and bring the filled document to centre on the day of your interview. This will help for us to get better understanding on your goals and your child development.

On the 11 November 2011 we are going to attend our Conductor's meeting in Wellington. We are really excited about it as we always learn something in those meetings which we can use with our children. The conductors are leaving the centre earlier that day (11 November 2011) which

will affect the Friday afternoon classes but will give you further information about it. Thank you for your understanding.

Györgyi has only got 2 months with us and she is going to somewhere else in the WORLD. She has lots of plans but she did not find a good place where she would like to work yet. (That is not a surprise as there is no better place than Invercargill) She has already applied to a training to be a dolphin therapist.

I (Judit) had a great holiday in Bangkok and Hungary and already planning the next big journey. I had the pleasure to meet Zsafia Varga who hopefully will be our next conductor. She travelled 2 hours to talk about how things are in New Zealand and then that night she decided that NZ is the place where she needs to work. Zsafia is smart, strong and really enthusiastic. Hope we will see her at our airport in the middle of January 2012.

Dear Parents! Please remember to come to our Centre on time and collect your child on time as some days we have sessions straight after each other. Thank you to working together with us.

If you got any questions about your child or about anything else please do not hesitate to talk to us any time.

With love.

Conductors Judit & Gyorgyi

Thank You Community Trust Of Southland

Yet again we have been very successful in our Grant Application to the Community Trust of Southland, being granted \$16,640.00 for this year plus the commitment to fund us at this level, plus a Consumer Price Index for the two years that follow.

Thank you Community Trust of Southland for your support and for recognising us as a reputable and creditable Charity to receive some of your funds.



Thank You...

It was a tremendous surprise to recently receive from The Warehouse Invercargill their cheque for \$3,153.16 being the net proceeds of their plastic shopping bags sold at their Invercargill Store. Isn't it fantastic when Businesses such as The Warehouse do fundraising ventures on their own volition to raise funds for our Conductive Education Southern. Just goes to show we are getting a highly valued name in our community as a reputable charity worthy of support.

Thank you The Warehouse Invercargill.



2012 Calendars

Once again we are going to produce our annual calendar. Our 2012 edition will be available by our 2011 Children's Christmas Party on 19 November 2011.

These calendars will be A4 size, full colour, and will feature on each of the twelve 2012 months a picture of your child doing some form of Conductive Education activity. I hope to sell these calendars for the same price (plus GST) as previous editions.

Conductive Education Southern will supply one

calendar free for each CE child but additional copies can be purchased – great Christmas Presents for grannies, aunts & uncles, etc.

Please pass your order request (for the additional copies you require only) by Friday 11 November 2011 at the absolute latest.



New Conductor – Zsafia Varga

When Conductor Gyorgyi gave our Trust notice she was not going to renew her Contract, Manager Kevin swiftly got onto the case by placing an advertisement in a UK Conductive Education website seeking a replacement Conductor.

Initially we received 'contacts' from 11 Conductors, most of these being new grads having completed their training in July 2011. Then the negotiations commenced in earnest, bringing these 11 down to 4 highly probables.

After much deliberating, exchanges of numerous emails and employment contract negotiations your Trust has settled on Ms Zsófia Varga as the Conductor to replace Ms Gyorgyi Wlassits.

Zsafia is a new graduate having completed her Conductive Education qualifications at the Peto Institute in July 2011. Zsafia was at Peto from 2007

to 2011 and qualified as a Conductor and Kindergarten Teacher. Zsafia also spent considerable time within the Spina Bifida section of Peto learning this very specialised craft.

Judit was able to spend some time with Zsafia when she (Judit) was back in Hungary. This was a tremendous opportunity for Judit to explain how our Centre operated, the children we have attending, etc.

We look forward to welcoming Zsafia to our Conductive Education Southern Centre from mid-January 2012.



Gyorgyi is Leaving Us...

Conductor Gyorgyi flies out of Invercargill (and New Zealand) on Saturday 26 November 2011 bound for Hungary.

Gyorgyi has been with our Trust and at Our Centre for four years and we all are very sorry to see her go. However we respect Gyorgyi's reasons for wanting to go home and we wish her a safe passage home and best wishes for her future. We know our children will miss her. Thank you Gyorgyi for your devotion and dedication to your Conductor position while at Our Centre.

Thank You Lions Clubs

We are very fortunate to receive a flurry of donations from a number of Lions Clubs.

• Makarewa Lions Club	\$100.00
• Gore River Valley Lions Club	\$100.00
• Gore Hokonui Lions Club	\$150.00
• Gore Pakeke Lions Club	\$200.00
• Te Anau Kepler Lions Club	\$245.20
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• Riverton Lions Club	\$200.00
• Waikivi Lions Club	\$500.00
• Invercargill Host Lions Club	\$12,000.00

(from their World Festival of Magic show)

Thank you Lions Clubs. We truly value and respect your donations and support for us. We know you work very hard to raise the dollars you then donate to worthy causes such as ours.



New Trustee

We welcome John Wallace as a new trustee, replacing Ross Young, who has retired.

For some years John managed Colyer & Green Ltd, aluminium joinery and timber merchants.

Then in 1988 he went into a partnership in toys and cycles, terminating in 1996, whereupon he took Toyworld on my own, shifting to Dee St. where it is today and retiring from business in March 2004.

Interests are home, wife and family, gardening, classic cars, boating, fishing, travelling, caravanning, walking, cycling, latterly Splash Palace for therapeutic exercise.

John belongs to the Invercargill Community Patrol, involved in the establishment of it and am a member of the CPNZ national body.

He is also a member of the BOT of Hospice Southland and more recently, have become involved with CESCT as you know.



2011 Santa Parade and our Christmas Party

It has been suggested we hold our 2011 Christmas Party after the Southland Santa Parade on Saturday 19 November 2011.

The Santa Parade is 2.00pm so we will hold our Christmas Party from 4.00pm that day. This will enable our out-of-town families to make one extra trip to Invercargill.

And remember our Christmas Party will also be a farewell for Gyorgyi who departs Invercargill (and New Zealand) the following Saturday.

Judit Had A Great Holiday

Judit came back to work on 18 August 2011 after her thoroughly enjoyable five week break. During this time Judit and husband Richard travelled to Bangkok for a few days enroute to Hungary. While in Hungary they caught up with families and friends etc.

Judit has come back to work revitalised and has been getting into her work with a passion. Judit has also decided to remain with us at Conductive Education Southern and we are thrilled about this.

Thank You Rural Womens Group of Woodlands

Yet again we have received this groups generous \$100 donation to help meet our costs. This group has been a regular supporter of Conductive Education Southern and we appreciate this support.

Thank you Woodland RWNZ members for your support and for recognising us as a reputable and creditable Charity to receive some of your funds.



Conductors Visit a Farm

Our Conductors are always very keen and willing to experience the southern way of life – on a farm. Recently they travelled to near Gore and spent time on the farm of the grandparents of our Conductive Education Southern child – Grace Willetts. Both Judit and Gyorgyi enjoyed learning about lambing and farm life during this busy time on the farm.

Left to right

Farmer Murray Bruce (Grace's granddad), Conductor Gyorgyi, Grace, Conductor Judit, Nicola Willetts (Grace's mum)



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