

Carlson School Newsletter

Dear families and whanau

It is already week three of term four and our learners are highly engaged in our Theme 'How Things Work'. We have seen lots of rocket launches this week during our wonderful recreation programmes and in our classrooms students are learning about many things including temperature, matter and materials and weights. Room Three visited MOTAT and had a great time looking at a variety of things and how they work.

Our cultural workshops continue to be a highlight and this Fridays' was no exception. With the support of highly skilled staff our students participated in a Treasure Hunt which focused on using Te Reo and learning directions.

The merger of Carlson and Sunnydene School continues to progress and this is being supported by our wonderful and very hard working Board of Trustees. Our new school name will be Central Auckland Specialist School. The Board are currently working through the appointments process for our new school Principal. This is a very exciting time for our school community.

Kia Kaha

Catherine Skudder
Deputy Principal

Have you ever considered joining St Johns Ambulance?

Join the Supporter Scheme and pay a small annual subscription and receive free emergency ambulance cover for you and your family, as well as supporting their vital services.

By paying an annual subscription and becoming a supporter you will receive:

- free medical emergency attendance if required
- free emergency ambulance transport to the nearest hospital or emergency medical clinic if required
- and more...

There are various levels of support offered. Please check out the St Johns website for more information:

www.stjohn.org.nz

Star pupils

Ben, Casper, Kezu and Moses

for great participation in activities and learning this year.



Significant school dates for this term...

3rd November:	Cultural Workshop
9th November:	Senior/Waikowhai Chat
17th November:	Cultural Workshop
22nd November:	St Marys College Choir Performance
23rd November:	BOT Meeting
23rd November:	Base School Chat Hour
7th December:	Graduation Assembly
TBA:	Drivers Morning Tea
14th December:	Last Day for 2017. Christmas Celebration and Santa Visit.
14th December:	BOT Meeting

Room 3

2 November 2017

Hello everyone welcome to Room 3's news.

At the end of term 3 we had lots of exciting events. Here are some of our highlights.

The Special Olympics

The Team photo was taken at the beginning of the day. Perhaps Moses is giving some of the team members a pep talk before the events, whatever was said we all had a really great day of participation and fun.



Market Day

We made and sold bookmarks and playdough.



Carlson's Got talent

Who would have imagined that the boys would be so happy in front of large audience whilst a video of them creating their Matisse and Andy Warhol style paintings was shown.

Steptember.

Thank you to our parents and families for participating in Steptember by sending their steps in and attending the event.



School News

2 November 2017

The school holiday programme had plenty of action during the two weeks school was closed. Check out some of the activities below:



Offer to Carlson Families

One of our wonderful families has purchased this buggy (see photo). It is suitable for a smaller child as it has been purchased for a 6 year old to be used. They are offering its use to any Carlson family who would like a trip to the beach. Below is the link if you would like more information. Comments from the family are:

"It might not be suitable for all children as it isn't particularly supportive – but it would be possible to add more straps. For us it meant that we can go for long walks along the beach, which we hadn't done since Matteo got too heavy to carry. Matteo particularly likes it being pushed along the waters edge so the water splashes up. It can be pushed right into the water (it floats). It goes on all types of sand – even really soft sand (you just lift up the front wheels which is no effort and push along on the big back wheels to get over things like sand dunes). It definitely makes a family day out at the beach much more possible."

If anyone is interested in borrowing it for a beach trip please contact Tina Meharry on 8173882 or 0275077057.

Thanks, Tina

<http://www.wheelchairs.co.nz/custommade/beach-chair.html>



Disability Connect

EDUCATION LEGAL ISSUES

A presentation by Nan Jensen, Quinlaw. Hosted by Disability Connect
South Auckland Tuesday 14th November 7-9pm Clover Park Community House, 16 Israel Ave, Clover Park

INDIVIDUALISED FUNDING (IF) INCLUDING RESPITE

A presentation by Lisa Martin from Disability Connect
TBA

LIVING OPTIONS SEMINARS

Presented by Lisa Martin - Disability Connect
South Auckland Thursday 19th October 7-9pm Otahuhu Town Hall, 10-16 High Street, Otahuhu
North Auckland Tuesday 24th October 7-9pm Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany
Central Auckland Wednesday 1st November 12-2pm Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

PLANNING FOR ADULthood - The Legal Framework around Disability and Disability Rights

A presentation by Nan Jensen, Quinlaw. Hosted by Disability Connect
South Auckland Thursday 26th October 6.30-9.30pm Clover Park Community House, 16 Israel Ave, Clover Park

WORK AND INCOME SUPPORT SEMINARS

Presented by Vaughan Dodd, Hosted by Disability Connect
West Auckland Tuesday 7th November 7-9pm Hub West, 27 Corban Avenue, Henderson

INDIAN FAMILIES SOCIAL GROUP

Monday 6th November 2017 – 6pm till 8pm
Otahuhu Town Hall Community Centre
10-16 High Street, Otahuhu

CULTURALLY DIVERSE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

South Auckland Thursday 23rd November, 14th December
5.30-8pm Mt Richmond Special School, 30 Albion Road, Otahuhu

CHINESE AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

East Auckland Tuesday 21st November, 5th December
9.30am-1pm Te Tuhi, Social Room, 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga

TRANSITION SEMINAR

Presented by Lisa Martin from Disability Connect
TBA

Parents' Support Group Meeting

How to find support persons and respite carers
(Caring for disabled/special-needs family members)
Thursday 26th October 2017 – 5.30pm till 8pm
Whanau Room, Mt Richmond School
30 Albion Road, Otahuhu, Auckland

INVITATION

Meeting for South Auckland Families re Disability Sector

You are invited to attend a collaborative workshop
Thursday 16th November 2017 (10.30am-2.30pm)
at MIT Otara, Tanoa Room at MIT Pasifika Centre, MIT North Campus,
Otara Road, Gate 12 (drive around the carpark to the left of the main
buildings and the entrance is on the right -
Pasifika Campus is in large lettering over the main entrance)

RSVP is essential: To book please contact Disability Connect on phone 09 636 0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz. Please provide a phone number and email address when booking.

For more information, please contact the school office.

Useful Websites:

Disability Connect:

www.disabilityconnect.org.nz

Wilson Home Trust:

www.wilsonhometruster.org.nz

Parent to Parent:

www.parenttoparent.org.nz

Dance Therapy:

www.dancetherapy.co.nz

Spectrum Care:

www.spectrumcare.org.nz

Epilepsy Foundation:

www.epilepsy.org.nz

Raukauri Music Therapy Centre:

www.rmtc.org.nz

Epilepsy Information Evening in Auckland

Dr Elizabeth Walker, Neurologist, will speak about epilepsy related issues at a free public meeting. This is an opportunity for anyone affected by epilepsy (including parents, family/whanau members, friends, carers etc) to have all those questions answered.

Date: Tuesday 21st November

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Venue: Potters Park Event Centre, 164 Balmoral Road, Balmoral.

RSVP: Friday 17th November

For further information or to confirm your attendance please phone;

0800 37 45 37, or email;

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