

Carlson School Newsletter

Dear families and whanau

New adventures for staff

Last week I wrote to you all advising that I will not be returning to Carlson School. I have chosen to take a shift in my career and lifestyle.

I will write a farewell to you all nearer the end of the year, we still have five weeks to go!

Also leaving our school will be Bev Anich who has worked as an Occupational Therapist at Carlson for 28 years. Bev has served our students well and has always been keen to learn and adapt her practice accordingly. Two teachers are also leaving. Tracey Laxon to use her masters in creative arts therapy in private practice and Naheed Fatakia who will continue her post graduate studies in Steiner Education. We wish them both well.

We welcome Teoni Jugg as a new teacher to our new school in 2018. Teoni is an experienced and highly skilled special education teacher.

Thank you all for your continued connections with us at Carlson. We value your communication.

Kia Kaha

Faye

Faye Philp

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

Individual	1 person (suitable for all	\$50
Joint	2 people living permanently at the same address (suitable for all ag-	\$65
Household	3+ people living permanently at the same address (suitable for all ag-	

Student of the moment

Matteo Gray

You have settled into your new class so beautifully and we are all enjoying your contribution to our programme.
Awesome!



Significant school dates for this term...

17th November:	Cultural Workshop
22nd November:	St Marys College Choir Performance
23rd November:	BOT Meeting
23rd November:	Base School Chat Hour
30th November:	Drivers Morning Tea
7th December:	Graduation Assembly
14th December:	Last Day for 2017. Christmas Celebration and Santa Visit.
14th December:	BOT Meeting

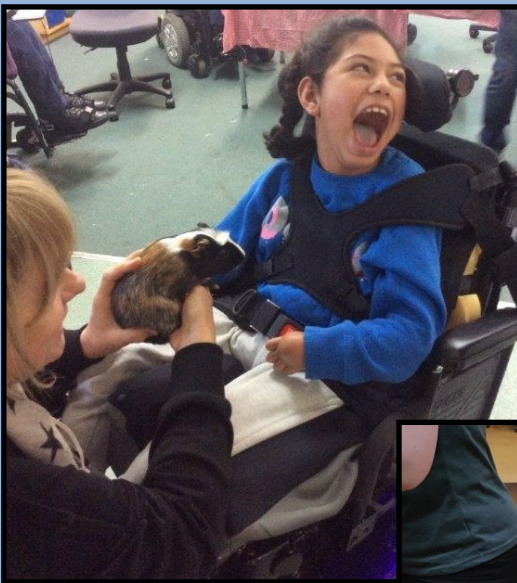
Room 4

16 November 2017

We have started Term 4 with great excitement, enjoying our new class member Matteo Gray, and the lovely Teoni as class teacher on a Friday.

Teoni has come to us from the U.K. and has a wealth of knowledge around Sensory learning. She has lots of energy and is very enthusiastic.

This term so far we have loved celebrating Diwali, Fireworks and Halloween. The children are already talking about Christmas but I am holding out for a few more weeks! Our end of year trip will be to the Zoo . Thank you to all the parents and amazing staff who work in Room 4 . You are all awesome!



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 water 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>



Sinead turns 21

Another one of our fabulous senior students has turned 21. A wonderful party was held in her honour and it was lovely that most of her classmates could make the journey out to Port Waikato to celebrate with her. Check out some of the action below



Community News

16 November 2017

Disability Connect

EDUCATION LEGAL ISSUES

A presentation by Nan Jensen, Quinlaw. Hosted by Disability Connect
TBA

INDIVIDUALISED FUNDING (IF) INCLUDING RESPITE

A presentation by Lisa Martin from Disability Connect
TBA

LIVING OPTIONS SEMINARS

Presented by Lisa Martin - Disability Connect
TBA

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

A presentation by Nan Jensen, Quinlaw. Hosted by Disability Connect
TBA

WORK AND INCOME SUPPORT SEMINARS

Presented by Vaughan Dodd, Hosted by Disability Connect
TBA

INDIAN FAMILIES SOCIAL GROUP

TBA

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)
TBA

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.

Useful Websites:

Disability Connect:

www.disabilityconnect.org.nz

Wilson Home Trust:

www.wilsonhometrust.org.nz

Parent to Parent:

www.parenttoparent.org.nz

Dance Therapy:

www.dancetherapy.co.nz

Spectrum Care:

www.spectrumcare.org.nz

Raukatauri Music Therapy Centre:

www.rmtc.org.nz

Epilepsy Foundation:

www.epilepsy.org.nz

For more information, please contact the school office.

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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