

Carlson School Newsletter

Dear families and whanau



SPLASH OUT ON AN AQUA RIDER Students from Carlson School for Cerebral Palsy made an amphibious chair from used plastic items and filmed an award-winning advertisement to tell the world about it.



Vince Amosa sitting in the plastic wheelchair a.k.a Aqua Rider.

“You may ask yourself, who would want a wheelchair like this?” begins the voiceover to the advertisement for the Aqua Rider.

It’s not such a crazy question, as it turns out. The custom-made chair is able to go off-road – that is, into the water. It’s made entirely from an assortment of plastic bottles and a few rolls of duct tape and makes an enviable pool-lounger. And its clever design and marketing won Room 5 students at Auckland’s Carlson School for Cerebral Palsy a Fair Go Ad Award late in 2016.

The students were inspired to enter the Fair Go Ad Awards by their teacher Susan Gauci.

“We had entered a competition called ‘Focus on Ability’ earlier in the year, and won second place,” says Susan. “I was watching Fair Go one evening and the Ad Awards were mentioned, and I thought it would make a fun challenge for us.”

“The next day, I showed the students and they were very keen to get started.”

The theme of the 2016 Fair Go Ad Awards was ‘Rubbish Revolution.’ Entrants were asked to make a product from plastic items that would otherwise be thrown away. They then had to create and film an advertisement for the product.

“So we discussed what we were going to make out of plastic and we came up with the idea of a wheelchair,” says Susan.

“We had to figure out how it was going to sit upright, and we wanted it to float, too. To get inspired to make the ad, we watched some beach scenes on YouTube.”

The chair’s back and armrests were the most challenging to construct, but Susan says the boys’ enthusiasm for the project saw them breeze through the practical difficulties.

Susan and the students received some technical support from the school caretaker, who once worked in the advertising industry.

“He gave us some tips on camera angles and editing. We tried to fit as much information into the clip as possible,” she says.

The boys’ Aqua Rider advertisement won first prize in the student category, which amounted to \$14,000. But the real prize was the boost to their confidence and enthusiasm in the field of filmmaking.

“They have a real can-do attitude – we’re hoping to make an additional four short films this year, which should keep us very busy.”

The Aqua Rider advertisement can be viewed at goo.gl/IK06yV (from 1min, 30 seconds).

Kind regards
Faye

You are invited to the Carlson school event

ALL ABOUT ME!

When: Monday April 10th 2017

Time: 10am-1pm

Then a sharing session and

goodbye song from 2pm to

2.40pm

Where: Carlson School



Shared lunch between 12pm and 1pm. Please bring a plate to share on the day.



Activities will encourage students to

- Explore their emotions
- Use their bodies for dance and movement activities
- And investigate familiar environments All while having fun!

Significant school dates for this term...

9th March:	PODD training (9am & 6pm)
16th March:	Kiwi Chat Day (9am-12pm)
17th March:	St Patricks Day (Rec time)
25th March:	Pasifica Day (Rec time)
30th March:	BOT Meeting
10th April:	Whole School Event
13th April:	End of Term 1
1st May:	Start of Term 2

Student of the Week

Sushannah Shaw

for independently participating in activities at Māpura!



STYLE 2

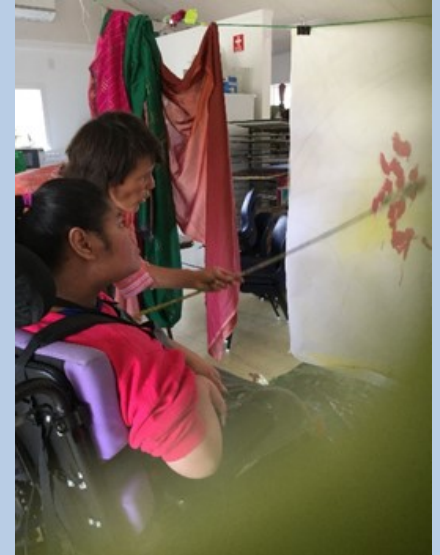
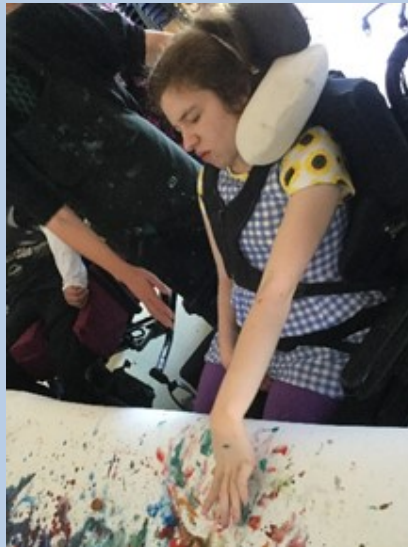
9 March 2017

Every Friday STYLE 2 students go o to Māpura art studios. We love this opportunity to attend for art therapy .

We listen, sing, dance and create our own music and visual art masterpieces!

We have done some printmaking, ice painting and even spray painting!

This is an incredible opportunity for all our students to participate ,contribute and work alongside each other in creating pieces of art



CREATIVE MUSIC GROUP 2017



Creative Music Group

FRIDAYS 4.00pm—5.30pm
 Term 1: Feb 24 — April 7 (8 weeks)
 Term 2: May 5 — July 7 (10 weeks)
 Term 3: July 28 — Sep 29 (10 weeks)
 Term 4: Oct 20 — Dec 15 (9 weeks)
Enquiries & enrolments
 Contact: Alex McPherson
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- Freedom of creative expression
- Participants will be given a voice to express complex abstract emotions
- Cultural achievements to share with friends and family
- Gain social confidence
- Participation in a fun, challenging, innovative and adventurous programme

Join us for a sensory experience exploring music, sound and creativity. Jam with the art of noise to make soundscapes, songs and audio atmospheres. Create recordings, CDs and websites to share your creations and extend your practice. Design CD covers, posters and web pages to accompany your music. Perform live in front of an audience.

This collaborative, "give it a go" programme is open to all ages and abilities. No previous musical experience or skill is necessary. Voice, soul, instinct, melody, rhythm, repetition and variation expressed using simple traditional instruments alongside absolutely anything that can make a sound.

Participants will be encouraged to lose themselves in sound, experimentation, play, spontaneity and intuition. Tell a story, listen, sing, play an instrument, dance, cry, laugh – it is all possible. People in wheelchairs are accompanied and assisted by the arts facilitators and support workers.

Sessions will be recorded so that participants can then listen back to themselves and reflect on their efforts thus developing their own musical language and techniques. We will employ visual and digital art media to create CD packages and upload music to a website so participants can share their experiences with friends and family or the wider world.

Aims: Expression, exploration, empowerment and development through sound, music and related practices such as recording, sound editing, storytelling, deep listening and performing.

MāPura Studios (formerly Spark Centre of Creative Development)
 Fowlds Park, Rocky Nook Ave, St Lukes, Auckland
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Creative Music Group

Exploring music, sound and creativity & more – a collaborative sensory experience programme open to all abilities

Tutor: Stefan Neville
 Cost: \$80 per 8 weeks

Fridays 4.00 - 5.30 PM
 Starts 24th February 2017

Enrol now!

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Disability Connect

EDUCATION LEGAL ISSUES

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

Central Auckland

Tuesday 14th March 12-2pm

Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

North Auckland

Tuesday 28th March 7-9pm

Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany

INDIVIDUALISED FUNDING (IF) INCLUDING RESPITE

A presentation by Lisa Martin from Disability Connect

Central Auckland

Monday 3rd April 12-2pm

Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

LIVING OPTIONS SEMINARS

Presented by Lisa Martin - Disability Connect

South Auckland

Thursday 30th March 7-9pm

Clover Park Community House, 16 Israel Ave, Clover Park

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

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

West Auckland

Wednesday 15th March 6.30-9.30pm

MPHS Hub West, 27 Corban Avenue, Henderson

Central Auckland

Wednesday 29th March 12-3pm

Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

WORK AND INCOME SUPPORT SEMINARS

Presented by Vaughan Dodd, Hosted by Disability Connect

West Auckland

Tuesday 21st March 7-9pm

MPHS Hub West, 27 Corban Avenue, Henderson

South Auckland

Tuesday 4th April 7-9pm

Clover Park Community House, 16 Israel Ave, Clover Park

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE INDIAN COMMUNITY

South Auckland

Monday 3rd April 6.30-8.30pm

Clover Park Community House, 16 Israel Avenue, Clover Park

Dates for first half of year - 6th March, 3rd April, 1st May, 12th June

CULTURALLY DIVERSE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

South Auckland

Thursday 16th March 2017 - 5.30pm till 8pm

Mt Richmond Special School, 30 Albion Road, Otahuhu

CHINESE AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

East Auckland

Tuesday 21st March 9.30am-1pm

Te Tuhi, Social Room, 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga

Dates for first half of year - 21st February, 21st March, 18th April, 16th May, 20th June

Living Options Seminar

Information on four options for living arrangements for a person with a disability

This will be presented by Lisa Martin, Disability Connect

South Auckland

Thursday 30th March 7-9pm

Clover Park Community House, 16 Israel Ave, Clover Park

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Free Dental Appointments for Carers!

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FREE Dental Treatment for carers on 6th May 2017!

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500 Free Dental Appointments Lumino Day - Gift for Carers

Carers NZ is pleased to announce a partnership with Lumino the Dentists to recognise and celebrate family carers. Lumino is devoting one day of free dental treatments nationwide. Each appointment will include a dental exam, x-rays, clean and any basic treatment, at no cost to carers.

This project is an outcome of our Year of Wellbeing for carers, reminding them that to support others well, they need to care well for themselves too!

Giving back to the community - if you are a family carer, book your free Lumino appointment

<http://us10.campaign-archive2.com/?u=c586c8a0f53da6a24d6151be1&id=68c2a790d8...> 8/03/2017

Emmanuel Family Camp

31st March—2nd April 2017

A weekend camp for families who have a child
with a disability



FOR MORE INFORMATION
Ph: 09 636 4763
Email: familycamp@elevatedct.org.nz
Facebook: @emmanuelfamilycamp



Helpers Training in Auckland
18th March 9am—1pm

JOIN US FOR A FUN
ENJOYABLE WEEKEND!

Proudly run by Emmanuel Support
Group. A ministry of Elevate
Christian Disability Trust.



NORTHERN REGION KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL 2017



Friday 10 March 2017
Powhiri (Welcome): 9am | Performance: 10am
Kelston Community Centre, 135 Awaroa Road, Kelston, West Auckland

Guest MC
Guest Kapa Haka Roopu Performance
Hangi available to purchase on the day

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INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY
EMPLOYMENT IN ACTION

Please help Raukauri Music Therapy Centre Raise \$50,000 for Music Therapy Services Simply By Voting Online

Kia ora everyone

We've been selected as one of 30 organisations to receive a share of \$1,000,000 from the Trusts Million Dollar Mission and we need your help.

The money is going to be distributed by an online voting process, with each vote earning \$5. Voting commences next WEDNESDAY March 1 and you can vote every day.

Voting will stop when the votes received equal \$1,000,000 or 200,000 votes. And at that point each of the 30 organisations selected, will receive their share of the money equating to the number of votes they secured.

Details of the website address for voting will be published on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/raukaurimusictherapycentre> and website www.rmtc.org.nz next Tuesday.

Please do share this with friends, colleagues, whanau, teammates, neighbours and communities you are part of, as we are aiming for 10,000 votes - \$50,000. We will be able to see our tally each day to see how well we are doing and votes can be made from anywhere in the world, as long as people only vote once each day.

Kind Regards

Carol White

Executive Director

Raukauri Music Therapy Centre