

**NEWSLETTER FOR NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC EARLY
CHILDHOOD CENTRES, KINDERGARTENS, PLAYGROUPS
AND INTERESTED PARTIES
JUNE 2012**

GREETINGS

Tēnā koutou katoa, malo e lelei, talofa lava, ni sa bula vinaka, talohani, kia orana, fakalofa lahi atu and blessings and warm greetings to you all. We hope that the winter is treating you well, and that you are full of hope, which will sustain you through the dark, cold days.

**Catholic Education Convention, Wellington 8-10 August 2012
Early Childhood Education**

As part of the convention, a day of early childhood professional development has been arranged for Friday 10 August. To enrol for it go to www.nzceo.org.nz, and follow the link to the convention website. You can enrol for the whole convention, or simply for Friday. The session will be held in a room within the convention complex, and those enrolled will be advised of details closer to the time.

The morning session starts at 9am (after morning prayers at 8.30am) and is an introduction to the Certificate of ECE. The afternoon session will be module EC 101 – Exploring our Catholic Character. You may come to just the morning session or both sessions.

The day is based on the professional development held this year in Auckland, led by Margaret Nicholls. We are deeply grateful to Margaret for her expertise and enthusiasm, and her willingness to present at the convention, in particular so that early childhood educators from other parts of the country can have access to this work. The session will be based on module EC101 in the proposed Certificate of Catholic Early Childhood Education.

The attached material outlines the scope of the proposed Certificate in Catholic Early Childhood Education, which is being developed by Margaret Nicholls in association with the National Centre for Religious Studies.

If you need further information please email s.apathy@nzceo.org.nz.

Farewell to St Lucille

Sr Lucille Taylor RSJ has retired from Catholic Education Services Auckland, where her work included support for Catholic Early Childhood Services. She approached her work with passion and commitment, organising various initiatives that have been invaluable in Auckland and nationally. She was a member of the writing party that developed the Catholic Early Childhood Curriculum. We are deeply grateful for what she has done.

And Welcome to Colleen Gleeson

Colleen Gleeson has joined the team at Catholic Education Services Auckland, where her role includes early childhood services. We look forward to getting to know her.

Another Farewell

Sr Siân Owen RSJ, who was at NCRS, is shortly to take up a position in parish support work in the Auckland diocesan office. We shall miss her support for Br Kevin Wanden in relation to Catholic Early Childhood curriculum, and particularly her enthusiasm for finding new apps and other digital and internet resources. Thank you, Siân, and all the best.

Memorandum of Understanding with CECEAA

Our Memorandum of Understanding with the Christian Early Childhood Education Association of Aotearoa is being signed this month. Reading a recent edition of the CECEAA newsletter I was struck by some thoughts in it by Alan Jamieson, which I have used as the basis of the three ideas below:

- As we run faster and faster to catch up, the daily examen is a wonderful practice to balance us. This practice involves 10-15 minutes a day of mindfulness and reflection, reviewing the day and seeking to consider in what ways we managed to hear God, and what opportunities we might have missed to do so.
- We follow Jesus when we take the time to enter into the pain or pleasure of others, with compassion, and to act out compassion each day.
- We act as people inspired by the Holy Spirit when we work to be people of hope in every situation.

We have updated the details of our contacts below. Please correct your own records if necessary.

With prayers and best wishes

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