



# NCHENZ Quarterly Newsletter

## June 2015

Dear NCHENZ Member,

Welcome to our second update for 2015.

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### Quick Links

- We are offering discounted subscriptions to [Artventure](#) again! The cost will be \$34 per family for one year starting 25th July. This will be our only intake to Artventure for the next twelve months. Enrol by emailing [artventure@nchenz.org.nz](mailto:artventure@nchenz.org.nz).
- Minutes from the NCHENZ AGM in June are [here](#).
- A new section on the website lists blogs by [NZ home educators](#). If you write a blog and would like to be on the list, please email [Nadia](#).
- We are now posting resource links and ideas on our [Facebook group](#) and [Twitter](#). An email option is in the works and we'll let you know when it's ready.



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### What does a typical day look like?

by Nadia Sole

This is one of the questions we are most often asked and it comes up frequently on Facebook and other forums. With this in mind we called for "typical day" stories from a wide range of home educators - those who follow a school-at-home approach, unschoolers, learning-through-play with preschoolers, travelling home educators, large families, single child families ... highly structured through to highly unstructured. Thank you to the 28 (so far!) lovely families who have shared their stories. Please go and check them out on the [website](#).

I'd love your feedback - or your story if you find you fit one of the categories which is lacking in contributions - email me [website@nchenz.org.nz](mailto:website@nchenz.org.nz). Thanks again to those who took the time to write in and contribute to this valuable new section of our website.

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## Behind the Scenes

by Lynn Peake

At the AGM earlier this month all existing committee members stood again for their roles and as the 2016 co-ordinator I'm pleased to have that continuity of experience for another year. In addition to this we were particularly happy to have two new volunteers join us.

Gin Taylor is home educating her two girls in Tauranga and Maree Johnson is doing the same with her family in Rotorua. To read a little bit more about them and the returning committee members, visit our [profile page](#) on the website.

On behalf of the returning committee, thanks for joining us!

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## Great Discounts on Education

by Nadia Sole

At the moment this is what you can access as a member of NCHENZ:

- 30% discount on LEARNZ Virtual Field Trips
- 10% off purchases from ESA Publications (see the Resources menu)
- Reading Eggs (\$12 for terms 3 and 4)
- Mathletics (\$27 for terms 3 and 4)
- Spellodrome (\$19.50 for terms 3 and 4)
- Maths-Whizz (next group starts in September)
- Six month extension added to your Studyladder subscription
- Student ID cards (\$10ea)
- ISIC card
- Little Passports (offer coming up in July)
- Artventure (starting in July)



You can find out more about any of these offers under the Member Services menu of the [website](#). Updates are posted on Facebook and Yahoo.

If you have an idea for any additional offers or discounts that you'd like to see in the list above, please make the initial approach yourself to the supplier and ask if they'd be open to discussing things further with me - then email me at [info@nchenz.org.nz](mailto:info@nchenz.org.nz).

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## Update or Miss Out!

by Tanya Vivier



A friendly reminder to our members to update your details by no later than 31 July 2015. Failing to do so will mean that you might lose out on some of our great deals, important news and updates and any other information that might be relevant to you.

The link to update your details is [here](#).

To the members that have updated your details, thank you very much.

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## Calling All Home Education Groups - Joining is now Free!!

by Debbie Thomas

At the 2015 AGM the Group Membership was brought in to line with Individual Membership and became free. We would love your group to join us. Click [here](#).

We've purchased the screening rights for the recent Home Education documentary "Class Dismissed" and are offering it to each region if they'd like to organise a viewing for their local group or region. Our member groups will have priority but this opportunity is open to all.

Member groups = \$20 + \$10 refundable bond. (Heavily subsidised)

All other groups = \$48 + \$10 refundable bond. (At cost).

This includes a return postage and packaging.

We have ONE DVD which cost NCHENZ \$380 to purchase. If this DVD is damaged or lost we will not be able to justify replacing it so we would expect any damage or replacement to be covered by the group responsible.



A couple of conditions:

- As screenings are limited we would encourage your group to include/invite as many people as possible to attend;
- Acknowledge and make available some small fliers with information about NCHENZ (that we will provide); and
- If you are making a profit from the event, that you consider donating a portion of the profits back to Jeremy Stuart, the creator of Class Dismissed (NCHENZ is happy to facilitate this).

Email [info@nchenz.org.nz](mailto:info@nchenz.org.nz) for further details.

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## Changes to Home Education

by Meredith Connolly

The Scoping Survey has put into motion many possible changes:

- how exemptions are processed
- the end of our Declarations needing to be signed by a JP
- being able to apply for an exemption once our children turn 5
- potential administrative changes within MOE when dealing with Home Education
- new forms coming soon
- other possible options regarding access to resources that will be decided upon in the near future.

We've had a great team of Ministry staff to work with at the Head Office which has been helpful. They've seemed willing to listen to what our community was saying and we've watched them work hard to initiate some positive changes on our behalf. We haven't always seen eye to eye, and don't get everything we'd like and we are incredibly grateful for the feedback and support which our NCHENZ members give us.

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## About NCHENZ

Set up in 1998 for the purpose of [advancing the cause of home education](#) in NZ at a national level, NCHENZ is the only national homeschooling body in New Zealand. NCHENZ is a neutral organisation with no affiliation to any political or religious groups. NCHENZ is run by an elected [Executive Committee](#) who volunteer their time for the benefit of NZ home educators. If you are not yet a member of NCHENZ please join, it's free - [just go to our website](#).

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