



National Council of Home Educators New Zealand

# NCHENZ Quarterly Newsletter

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Dear NCHENZ Member,

Welcome to our quarterly update.

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## Home Educators in the News

[Stop the Bus](#)

[Upward Bound](#)

[Workforce that doesn't stop giving](#)

If you see home educators in the news please email NCHENZ the link or a scan of the article, our email address is [info@nchenz.org.nz](mailto:info@nchenz.org.nz).

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## Member Offers for Term 4

by Nadia Sole, Member Services Co-ordinator

Right now I'm taking enrolments for [Maths-Whizz](#) which is \$52/child and starts next week; and [Mystery Science](#) which is a super-cool \$25/family and starts 10th October. Both are one year subscriptions.

Also starting in Term 4:

- [Jarratt Create & Educate](#), choose an inspiring creative project for Term 4; 1 child \$20, 2-3 children \$25, 3+ children \$30

- [National Geographic Virtual Library](#), an amazing research tool at your fingertips; \$20/family; expires 24th July 2017

- [Music Ecademy](#), music theory and aural training taught in a fun and engaging way; 1st child \$50, 2nd child \$45, 3rd+ children \$40; runs for 12 months

And, as usual, NCHENZ members can subscribe to our long-standing programs. The pro-rata subscription fee makes Term 4 a great time to check these out and see if they suit your children:

- [Reading Eggs](#), \$10/child, expires 27th February 2017

- [Mathletics](#), \$22.50/child, expires 27th February 2017

- [Education Perfect](#), \$25/child for English, Maths or Science; \$12.50/child for Languages; or \$55/child for all subjects, expires 31st December 2016

- [Spellodrome](#), \$18.75/child, expires 27th February 2017

You can find out more about any of these offers as well as other discounts under the [Members Area](#) of the website. Updates are also posted on the NCHENZ Facebook and Yahoo groups.

### **And finally, congratulatoNs:**

Education Perfect has 7-day events in every subject each year. Students who register for Education Perfect via NCHENZ are welcome to compete in these events. This year our students did exceptionally well: Home Educators ranked 22nd out of 313 schools in NZ overall, and came 1st when based on overall average per student. We also got 2nd in the "schools with 1-50 students" category. I'd like to make special mention of Kerry-Anne Miller and David-James Miller who each achieved a Gold Award in English, a Gold Award in Maths, and a Gold Award in Science - each award places them in the top 2% of competitors in that subject around the world (about 50,000 students, depending on the subject); and Alex Parkinson and Chaytan Rey Hall who both achieved a Credit Award placing them in the top 20% of competitors around the world. Well done to the four of you, I'll pop your certificates in the post this week!

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## **Special Education Update**

by Tatiana Holmes, Special Education Advisor

It has been a busy couple of months for NCHENZ Special Education. We have been working on our new [Special Education Resource page](#) as well as updating information. We had a very positive meeting with the Special Education arm of the MOE and managed to gain some clarity around what home educators in New Zealand are eligible for through the special education section of the MOE. There has been ongoing communication between NCHENZ, MOE, Disability Services, and Child Development Services - with most of these interactions being positive and informative. We are definitely a step closer to demystifying the sometimes confusing area of home education eligibility through these services.

I am sure you are all aware, the MOE is going through some changes with regard to building on improved inclusivity and creating a more streamlined process. We have requested they keep home education in mind as they develop these processes. Our hope is that home education is included in the documentation which will aid in reducing confusion and provide clarity for providers, MOE staff and home educators. Overall we have made a very positive start in this area, but we all agree that special education is a vast and mysterious area which will take time and effort to grow and become clearer.

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## Warehouse Stationery Offer

We are excited to be a part of the new version of Support Your School™ Programme with Warehouse Stationery. The new rebate scheme will help NCHENZ to raise funds to continue to support our membership and community. All parents and members of the public can nominate our "school" (National Council of Home Educators NZ) either in-store at one of 66 nationwide stores, or you can enter our unique code BYS06PF while shopping online.

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## Pinterest and Other Useful Links

- We are on Pinterest! [Find great resources and useful ideas](#)
  - Check your group is on our [NZ map of support groups](#) and that your information is correct
  - New to homeschooling? [See our frequently asked questions](#)
  - What does a typical day look like? [Read about what home educators get up to](#) - we have stories from a wide range of home educators in our Typical Day section on the website.
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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](#).