



National Council of Home Educators New Zealand

# NCHENZ Quarterly Newsletter

June 2016

Dear NCHENZ Member,

Welcome to our quarterly update.

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## Home Educators in the News

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[818 Waikato kids learn at home](#)

[Spike in kids being homeschooled](#)

[Sheliah Winn Award](#)

[Girl buys house](#)

[Bug-loving Harmony](#)

[Homeschooling - a path of discovery](#)

[Children who love to learn](#)

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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## NEW Offers for Members

by Nadia Sole, Member Services Co-ordinator

I've been busy negotiating some new offers for members! The e-magazine starts soon, the others are scheduled for beginning of term three. All offers are detailed on the NCHENZ website.

1. [Home School Life e-magazine subscription](#): Only \$23 for a year (four issues), starting early July. Offer closing **very soon** so get in quick. Email [magazine@nchenz.org.nz](mailto:magazine@nchenz.org.nz) to enrol.

2. [Music Ecademy](#): An online program that teaches music theory and aural training in a fun and engaging way. Grades 1-8, covering all major music examination systems including ABRSM, AMEB, St Cecilia and Trinity. Email [music@nchenz.org.nz](mailto:music@nchenz.org.nz) for more details.

3. [National Geographic Virtual Library](#): Access to National Geographic magazine, National Geographic Kids, and National Geographic Traveler (all online) - almost 130 years of National Geographic articles, images, videos, and even advertisements. A fantastic research tool. Email [NGlibrary@nchenz.org.nz](mailto:NGlibrary@nchenz.org.nz) to enrol.

4. [Mystery Science](#): We are expecting/hoping to come to an arrangement with Mystery Science after months of behind-the-scenes work with their team. In anticipation, I am taking pre-enrolments for a one year subscription to Mystery Science at an awesomely discounted price of just \$30 per family!! Please note, this is still in the pipe-works and not definite. We do expect to be able to move forward in the coming weeks though, all going well. If you wish to pre-enrol, email me at [mysteryscience@nchenz.org.nz](mailto:mysteryscience@nchenz.org.nz). Do not make payment though, please wait until details are finalised.

5. [Maths-Whizz](#): Starts again in September, email me to go on the list - [mathswhizz@nchenz.org.nz](mailto:mathswhizz@nchenz.org.nz).

There are also the usual amazing discounts available to NCHENZ members - to Reading Eggs, Mathletics, Spellodrome, and Education Perfect. 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.

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## MOE Update

by Meredith Connolly, Government Liaison Team

Cynthia and I are still keeping an eye out on the "face to face visits" situation.

If an office is requiring extra information you are NOT required to meet with them personally to provide this info, in the first instance.

Have them tell you exactly what it is that they are missing and then you can relay this information either by phone call, email or a face to face visit if YOU prefer.

If the office is still struggling to get the information that they need then they may insist on a visit. Our advice would be to make your application as clear and succinct as possible. You don't need pages and pages of information but there does need to be enough to adequately answer each section and paint a picture of your initial plans for your child's learning journey.

It may be a good idea to have a friend, fellow home educator or family member read over your application first.

MOE staff aren't looking to catch you out. They're not looking for reasons to say no. They are looking to see that you have a clear plan in place that will ensure your child is taught "as regularly and as well as in a registered school".

If you find that you are having troubles with your local office then please don't hesitate to get in contact with us either through our FB page or [here](#).

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## Upcoming Events

by Lynn Peake

It's that time again. We will be sending you a link to our 2016 Home Education Survey towards the end of July. Please look out for it in your Inbox.

This year we will be covering a few topics in more depth, as well as our regular questions. We are now looking forward to establishing a Special Education role this coming year and we will be asking for extra information from that section of our community. If that applies to you, we would be very grateful if you took part and let us know about the key issues you face.

Also towards the end of July we are hoping to open up an alternative way our community can connect - the NCHENZ Forum. Our goal is to provide a single place where all aspects of home education can be discussed. Just some of the spaces we have created: separate sections for home education styles; individual curriculum discussions; a general (non-HE topic) chat area, and a range of special interest group areas like:- single parenting; home educating as a Dad; home educating with special education needs and home educating gifted children. We also have a place for the administrators & organisers of our member groups to network with each other. We're looking forward to sharing it with you.

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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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## Executive Committee & AGM Update

by Lynn Peake, Co-ordinator

The NCHENZ AGM was held on 23rd June and we are thrilled to welcome three new Executive Committee members bringing our total team to eleven. All existing Committee members have stayed on for another year which gives us great strength and continuity. New Committee members are Cynthia Hancox, Tatiana Holmes, and Maree Lines. They join myself, Nadia Sole, Astrid Hendra, Meredith Connolly, Tanya Vivier, Debbie Thomas, Gin Taylor, and Kirsten Dixon. [Click here to read the full profiles of your Executive Committee](#). The AGM minutes and reports are [here](#) and on the NCHENZ 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.