



Quarterly Newsletter - July 2017

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The 2017 NCHENZ AGM

The NCHENZ AGM was held on Thursday 15th June. All existing Committee members have stayed on for another year which gives us continuity. Our lovely Minutes Secretary, Kirsten Dixon, had previously stood down to pursue another service role. We would like to thank her for giving her time to our home education community.

Please note that following the AGM we, as a committee, decided that a fourth term Co-ordinator was not a good precedent to set. Therefore we have shuffled roles. Thank you to Debbie for stepping in to the Co-Ordinator's role for this year.

[Click here to read the full profiles of your Executive Committee.](#)

The full AGM minutes and reports are [here](#) on the NCHENZ website.

Current Issues: Exclusion of Home Educators

We're looking at gathering a bit more information with regards to any regional or national competitions that home educated kids have been excluded from.

Whether sports, arts, academic...whatever...

We don't have time for doing deep investigation...so if you've heard from "a friend of a friend that your local plunket nurse's nail technician knew someone who home educated who tried to enter something and wasn't allowed" then that might not be the best info. 😊

If you could get the story directly from the source, or ask the direct source if they'd mind us contacting them then that would be perfect.

Please send an [email](#) with details.

Note: We are not looking in to local schools excluding home educators from their own school-related events. This is for regional or national level events. Thanks.

Member Offers for Term 3

by **Nadia Sole**, Member Services Co-ordinator

If you're looking for some great art inspiration over winter, check out [Jarratt Create & Educate](#) - projects to develop creativity, self belief, self awareness, communication skills, leadership, innovation and decision making. We've had this in our mix of offers to members for a couple of terms now and the feedback is fantastic. Choose from [Carnival](#), [Radical Recall](#), [Wearable Creations](#), and [Totally Totem](#). Projects are designed to be completed over the course of a term but this is entirely flexible.

[Reading Eggs](#): Makes learning to read interesting and engaging for kids, with great online reading games and activities. Term 3 subscription is \$15 per student, expires 27th February 2018.

[Mathletics](#): Follows the NZ curriculum, widely used in schools. Term 3 subscription is \$25 per student, expires 27th February 2018.

[Spellodrome](#): A popular program for improving spelling. Term 3 subscription is \$13.65 per student, expires 27th February 2018.

[Music Ecademy](#): Runs for 12mths from your start date. \$50 for your first child, \$45 for your second child, and \$40 for your third and subsequent children.

[Education Perfect](#): Maths, English and Science (all aligned to the NZ curriculum) as well as an extensive list of Languages. Term 3 subscription is \$55/child for all subjects, or \$12.50 for just Languages. Expires 31st December 2017, but they usually don't require us to renew until February.

Next month I'll be posting information about [Maths-Whizz](#) to our Facebook group and the NCHENZ Forum. Aligned with the NZ curriculum, Maths-Whizz is popular with home educated students aged 5-13yrs. It starts on 22nd September 2017 and is \$52/child for a year. If you're considering this program then it might be a great time to do the [free trial](#) and check it out. It's difficult for me to add students into this program after it starts, as children need to be added in groups of at least ten, so it's better if you can start on the renewal date in September.

The Education Perfect World Championships



EducationPerfect

The Education Perfect World Championships have been held and the students who entered under the NCHENZ umbrella did amazingly!

Kerry-Anne Miller and **Dean-James Miller** both achieved an Elite Award, putting them in the top 0.2% of all competitors. They outperformed more than 349,300 students to achieve this level! Kerry-Anne and Dean-James both also received a Gold Award in the Social Sciences Championships.

Danny Stegeman earned a Silver Award, putting him in the top 5% of all competitors (he outperformed more than 332,500 students!).

Hugh Spottiswoode earned a Bronze Award, putting him in the top 10% of all competitors (he outperformed more than 315,000 students!). Hugh also received a Gold Award in the Social Sciences Championships.

Marley Norris, Erin Milham and **Joelle Groark** received a Credit Award which puts them in the top 20% of all competitors (they outperformed more than 280,000 students!).

Well done to all of you, we hope you feel really proud of your efforts!

Home Educators in the News

[National Chamber Music finalists and composition winners announced](#)

[Miniature ponies a hit with rest-home residents](#)

[Family seeks better education for kids on year-long adventure](#)

[Teens publish sci-fi anthology](#)



International Youth Silent Film Festival



The IYSFF is a **free** nation wide competition for budding filmmakers under the age of 20, to make a 3-minute silent film, to a chosen genre, using the provided Wurlitzer Organ music composition. It's an accessible competition as there is no need for sound editing or complicated dialogue, the important aspects are telling a good story, understanding the genre and working well with the dramatic changes in the music.

We have great prizes, (1st prize is \$2,000), cool judges (Tim Balme is our celebrity judge this year) and a fun festival and awards night held in November, in Tauranga.

Baycourt Theatre, the host for the festival, houses one of the only working Wurlitzers in NZ and all the finalists have their films played live on the big screen with the live organ music accompaniment, played by the festival composer, who flies out from New York for the regional finals. All our NZ winning films are then entered into the finals of the International competition, which is held in Portland, Oregon, which happens six months after our NZ finals. We had two of our winning teams travel to Portland for the finals recently which was an amazing experience - one of the filmmakers was only 10 years old, and he traveled with his family for their first ever overseas family trip. This year, we will be working with crowd-

funders, Boosted, who will provide our winners with free workshops to teach them how to do a successful crowdfunding campaign so hopefully more of our NZ winners can attend the finals in the USA.

Please check [the website](#) which has all the rules, submission forms, music downloads and many examples of previous winning films (all family friendly).

For a link to the Top Ten NZ films from last year, to give further inspiration, or if you are interested in taking part, contact Viv Quinn at iysff@tauranga.govt.nz

From the Membership Desk...

From 1 August 2017 the Individual and Group Memberships will merge under the same role, with Tanya looking after both areas.

We would like to thank Debbie for her time as our Group Membership Secretary.

For any groups wishing to become a member, please apply [here](#).

Other handy links:

New Individual Members **apply** [here](#).

Existing Members **update** your details [here](#).

Need your Membership number? **Request** it [here](#).

Need to cancel your Membership? Do it [here](#).



Make an impact on your Home Ed community -- Join the NCHENZ Team.

Roles still available are:

- ID Card Co-Ordinator
- Minute Secretary
- Local MOE Office Liaison Team
- Trainee Treasurer
- General Committee

Contact us to [Volunteer](#)