



NCHENZ AGM Notice & Quarterly Newsletter

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Dear NCHENZ Member,

Welcome to our quarterly update.
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AGM Notice

Pursuant to our [Constitution](#), Section 14, preliminary notice is given that the NCHENZ AGM will be held on Wednesday 19th June 2018 starting 7.30pm via video call. Any resolutions, elections for officers and other business to be raised must be received to email info@nchenz.org.nz before 17th April 2019. More details to follow.

Homeschoolers in the News

[Homeschooling growing in South Canterbury](#)

Have you seen any home educators in the news? If so, please email the link or article to info@nchenz.org.nz

Member Offers

by Nadia Sole, Member Services Co-ordinator

Callie and I have been busy this term with enrolments in our main programs plus a new maths option. Details below of what's on offer at the moment. Please note that I am away for the first two weeks of Term 2 and there may be delays setting up Reading Eggs, Mathseeds, Mathletics, Spelloidrome, and Education Perfect - depending on my internet access.

New: Our newest program is [Matfic](#). Suitable ages 5-13yrs, Matfic consists of research-based mathematics activities, worksheets and word problems. To try it out, [click here](#).

Coming Up: I'm just working out the details on an amazing offer with [Code Avengers](#). Normally about \$35 *per month* it looks like we could get a significant discount and offer it to members for **\$25 for a full year!** This is still in the works so keep an eye out for our post in the NCHENZ Facebook group. If you are not on Facebook, make sure you have joined the [NCHENZ Forum](#) or email me at services@nchenz.org.nz and I'll keep you posted.

"Code Avengers is designed to teach students the Digital Technologies curriculum. This covers computational thinking, core Computer Science concepts, design and much more. Code Avengers lessons not only make it easy for students to understand abstract programming concepts, but also allow them to apply concepts to different projects, games, and real world scenarios. Students learn programming concepts such as loops and variables, repetition, conditional logic, functions, computer drawing, and music. Students will acquire critical skills, such as problem decomposition, pattern recognition, abstraction, algorithmic thinking, and automation. Students will also count, sort, plot, translate, predict and model numbers in fun and engaging ways as they learn how computers store data in the binary system. Once students have a strong grasp of the fundamentals, they can transition to any mainstream programming language, such as JavaScript and Python and web languages such as HTML5 and CSS3, or build their theoretical knowledge with our Computer Science and Design courses."

Our usual line-up:

- [Reading Eggs & Reading Eggspress:](#) Join anytime, \$26/child, expires 20 Feb, age 7-13yrs
- [Mathseeds:](#) Join anytime, \$35/child, expires 20 Feb, age 3-9yrs
- [Mathletics:](#) Join anytime, \$33.50/child, expires 20 Feb, age 5-18yrs
- [Spelloidrome:](#) Join anytime, \$17.65/child, expires 20 Feb, age 5yrs+
- [Education Perfect](#) Maths, English, Science. Languages: Start any time, expires 31st December, \$105 per child for all subjects or \$20 for Languages only
- [Music Ecademy:](#) Music theory and aural training, grades 1-8, start any time, runs for 1yr, \$50 for the first child, \$45 for the second child, and \$40 for the third and subsequent children
- [LEARNZ Virtual Field Trips:](#) Taking students to remote places all over New Zealand, Antarctica and beyond, 30% discount for NCHENZ members
- [StudyLadder:](#) NCHENZ members receive a six month extension for free on a purchased 12 month StudyLadder subscription
- [Wai Ako:](#) Online Te Reo Maori resource for primary aged children

Via NCHENZ you can also get [student ID cards](#), discounted [gratitude journals](#) for kids, an [ESA Publications discount](#), and [International Student Identity cards](#).



Free Range Robotics

by Jo Wheeler

Free Range Robotics has been a highly successful robotics club for home-schoolers for over 10 years now. Based on Auckland's North Shore, they compete in the global VEX Robotics High School competition (<https://www.vexrobotics.com/vexed/>) and recently took part in the NZ National Championships where they succeeded in winning the chance to travel to the USA for the World Championships for the second year in a row! 16000 teams take part in the high-school competition worldwide and the top 600 will come together in Kentucky from 24-27 April. This year, most of our members were new to the club (and to robotics!) so it is a particularly special achievement for them. They have all worked really hard to support and encourage one another throughout the year and are learning heaps along the way - not just the hugely important STEM subjects, but also the vital skills so valued by employers such as communication, team work, planning, leadership, time-management, record keeping, problem solving and strategy. We have been busily fundraising (in true HE style - everyone is involved in this, even though we can only afford to send a team of four!) and have spent many hours washing cars and selling sausages, amongst other things. For more information, check out our sparkly new website: freerangerobotics.org.nz or our Facebook page: [Free Range Robotics 2921](#)

ID Cards - Renewal Time

by Cathy Norris

Now is the time to check on those expiry dates on student ID Cards. NCHENZ cards expire 31 March 2020, the same as AT Hop and CANDO. To order your card please click [here](#). Any questions email Cathy on idcards@nchenz.org.nz.

Membership

by Tanya Vivier

Wanting to know your membership number, update your contact details or cancel your membership? [Click here](#) to find out how.

Warehouse Stationery and Book Depository

NCHENZ is part of the Support Your School™ Programme with Warehouse Stationery. You can support us buy in-store at one of the 67 stores nationwide or while shopping online. You will need our 'school' name which is our acronym "NCHENZ". Your support allows us to continue to support our membership and community.

You can also click on the link below or from our website for NCHENZ to automatically gain points when you purchase from Book Depository.



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.
- Want to chat with a committee member or other fellow home educators, but not keen on social media, then join the [NCHENZ Forum here](#)

About NCHENZ

Set up in 1998 for the purpose of promoting 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](#).

