



NCHENZ Quarterly Newsletter

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Dear NCHENZ Member,

Welcome to our quarterly update.

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Home Education Awareness Week (21-27 October 2019)

- Do you want to raise awareness of Home Education in your area?
- Do you have a local library where you can create a display about Home Education?
- Can you visit local Playcentres and Toy Libraries in your area?

NCHENZ has pamphlets available, including our Special Education brochure, to help with questions and information on where families can start in exploring Home Education as a valid option. Email us [here](#) to request yours now in time for Home Education Awareness Week!

If your local group is doing something to celebrate Home Education Awareness, we would love to hear about it! Send any info including images to info@nchenz.org.nz or post on our Facebook

page.

New resource page: Maori Language & Culture

by Nadia Sole

Not quite in time for Maori Language Week last month (but I was working on it during that week!), please check out the new resource page on www.nchenz.org.nz - **Maori Language & Culture**. I'd love your [positive/constructive] feedback and any other links, and I'm also after a suitable photo for this page, email me at website@nchenz.org.nz.

Homeschoolers in the News

[Far North Science Fair Winners](#)

[Tasman Adventure Race raising funds for Homeschooled kids](#)

[Teens Coffee Chat over religious beliefs too much for nearby customer](#)

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

Member Offers for Term 4

by Nadia Sole, Member Services Co-ordinator

Note: If you email me or enrol for a program and don't hear back within three days, please check your Spam/Junk folder. Many times this past term I've had my emails to members go into their Spam/Junk.

Maths-Whizz, enrolments close in 48 hours:

Aligned with the NZ curriculum, Maths-Whizz is popular with home educated students. For ages 5-13yrs. [Click here for more details and to enrol.](#)

New arty offer:

In 2017 we did Fairy Tale Summer with artist Carla Sonheim. These types of classes suit older students and adults. We have the possibility of accessing another of Carla's courses, called [Stained Glass Trees](#). The price would be approximately \$52 to \$72 per family. The lower price has a minimum sign-up number of 31 families. I'm not taking payment or enrolments right now, just checking how many families we are likely to get if we went ahead. Please email me on services@nchenz.org.nz if you are interested (at any price, or only at the lower price).

Our usual line-up:

[Reading Eggs/Eggspress](#): Term 4 price is \$14.50/child, expires 20th Feb, age 7-13yrs

[Mathseeds](#): Term 4 price is \$19.00/child, expires 20th Feb, age 3-9yrs

[Mathletics](#): Term 4 price is \$19.00/child, expires 20th Feb, age 5-18yrs

[Spellodrome](#): Term 4 price is \$10.75/child, expires 20th Feb, age 5yrs+

[Education Perfect](#) Maths, English, Science, Languages: Start any time, expires 31st December, \$55 per child for all subjects or \$12.50 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

Also check out [LEARNZ Virtual Field Trips](#) (30% discount for NCHENZ members), [StudyLadder](#) (free six month extension), [Wai Ako](#) (online Te Reo Maori for primary aged children), [student ID cards](#), [ESA Publications discount](#), and [International Student Identity cards](#).

Government Liaison Update

by Cynthia Hancox

It's been an action-packed few months in the Government Liaison role! I have space only for brief reporting here; if you would like more detailed info about the recent meetings and discussion points etc, email me at govtliaison@nchenz.org.nz for a copy of my September Executive Committee report.

Education Overhaul:

The government is currently reviewing just about every aspect of education, from funding to ECE to NCEA to tertiary. Everything in our current education system came about through Tomorrow's Schools 30 years ago. Now we stand on the brink of ALL of it potentially completely changing. If there is anything we want to have a say in during this process, NOW is the time to say it! So far, I have attended MoE led NCEA change meetings in Palmerston North as well as a home educator focused one in Hamilton at the invite of THEN. These were good opportunities to find out what is happening, and provide constructive feedback, as well as making known the needs of home educators. I will be following up with the lead contact for NCEA review at the Ministry's national office as well as investigating all the other reviews under way so I can provide some concise information on the specific elements home educators may wish to focus on addressing. Watch this space! Meanwhile, please, do your own research too and consider having your say! In particular the review of NCEA, the Funding review and the Reform of Vocational Education (ROVE) will potentially affect home educators.

Ministry of Education and ERO meetings:

I attended meetings with both MoE and ERO in Wellington in Sept, accompanied by Sheena Harris and Meredith Connolly. Both meetings were very productive, as we continue to advocate for home educators. The biggest discussion points were the complaints/review process with the Ministry (need to be more timely, with clearer expectations) and the expectations around record keeping with ERO.

Motor Industry Trade Organisation:

We also met with the Motor Industry Trade Organisation, a very good first. A student in the Waikato whom I assisted is currently doing a MITO program normally offered through the schools. This was a first for MITO too; they are very supportive, and it has now paved the way for other home educators to be able to do this at reasonable cost, and have their credits uploaded to the framework by MITO.

Advocacy:

I continue to be regularly involved in advocating for families encountering difficulties with various govt departments and other organisations including schools, polytechs, ITOs etc. These also provide opportunities to help staff members become better informed around home education matters. All cases have had positive outcomes.

Membership Secretary wanted

by Tanya Vivier

Looking to join the fantastic team on the NCHENZ Executive Committee? We are looking for a new Membership Secretary so that I can move to another position on the Committee. I'll be staying around to help get you settled into the Membership Secretary position and I'll give you all the training you need. The position is voluntary and takes about 2 hours per week, doing data entry and checking membership applications either via Facebook or through the NCHENZ website. You also need to attend video Committee meetings at least every 2 months so a good internet connection is essential. For enquiries, please email info@nchenz.org.nz

Websites of Interest

[Blue Mountain Adventures Centre](#)

Situated in the Central Plateau of the North Island, Blue Mountain Adventure Centre has been running for over 25 years, catering to groups from all over New Zealand and even some from overseas. We have a small centre that has accommodation for up to 60 people, but that has high ropes and low ropes activities on site, and a plethora of activities we run within a short drive. Caving, abseiling, mountaineering, white water rafting, canoeing, canyoning, mountain biking and tramping are some of them.

[What Can Possibly Go Wrong](#)

A new children's book: A survival and safety guide for children.

[New Te Reo Maori app](#)

This new app is aimed at generating a wider appreciation and deeper understanding of Te Reo Maori.

Warehouse Stationery and Book Depository

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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.

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](#).

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