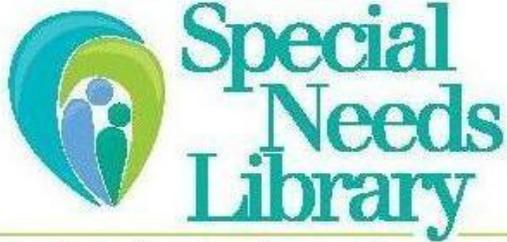


Christchurch



Special
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Library

EDUCATIONAL & THERAPEUTIC RESOURCES

Easter Newsletter



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A note from our Chairperson

Did You Know?

Easter has occurred in March only 5 times in the last 20 years. Easter Sunday moves because it is based on the time of the resurrection of Jesus. This occurred just after the Jewish Passover which falls on the first full moon after the March equinox; where day and night are of equal length. So depending on when the first full moon occurs after this is when we celebrate Easter! Next year the equinox falls on March 20th, the first full moon after this is on April 10th so Easter Sunday falls on April 16th!

Hi Everyone,

Many thanks to the staff and volunteers who helped run our successful sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Tower Junction. Anyone with some free time who would like to do some volunteer work in the community is welcome to attend our AGM at 11am on Monday 11th April, preceded by morning tea. We have a monthly meeting on a Tuesday morning. It is vital to ensure the continuity of the Library. Check out new resources on the website. Have a great Easter.

Cheers
Gina



Gregory and Shaydon from Hillmorton High School visited us on St Patricks Day.

Model Train Railway Rides

We have tickets available for rides on the Model Train Railway at Halswell Domain, open Sunday 1pm - 4pm (This Easter they have added a night run starting at 7pm.) Tickets are \$10 for 6 rides, no expiry date. Great school holiday fun. These also make great birthday gifts!





A message from our Educational and Therapeutic Resource Advisor ... Charlotte

A big welcome back to Christchurch Special Needs Library to our existing clients and to all our new clients.

We have an exciting year ahead with plans for new resources and we will continue with the monthly focus table where we display various resources for specific needs.

We will be setting up a specialized area in the library for people with sensory processing challenges and autistic spectrum disorders. These items will be very visual, tactile and fun! We hope that this will make it easier for everyone to have a selection of these resources all in the one area.

A large number of schools joined the library in February and March which is wonderful to see. Using our resources is beneficial for busy teachers and support staff, saving them a lot of time, having 'ready made' professional resources for the students they are working with.

I always look forward to assisting you in the library. I hope that you and your family enjoy a relaxing Easter and that the Easter bunny comes to visit!

Kind regards
Charlotte Ganderton
Educational and Therapeutic Resource
Advisor



The next time you are in the Library check out our Focus Table. This month we are concentrating on Balance. Stepping Stones, Swings, Flip and Catch play and balance boards. Take a look at Wholly our big blue fish shaped balance board.

Important Date:

The library will be closed on Saturday March 26th for Easter.

AGM is on the 11th April, 2016 at 11am. All welcome

Library Opening Hours:

Tuesday 10 am – 4.30pm
Thursday 10 am – 4.30pm
Saturday 10 am – 1pm

Overdue Resources:

The grace period for returning resources is three days. If resources are not back within this period, clients will be charged for a further full month.

Missing or lost pieces:

If you find a piece missing or broken from any item please notify us immediately. All items returned are checked, cleaned, counted and shelved by our volunteers. We have over three thousand resources in the library to monitor.

Internet Banking:

Please remember to add your **client code** if you are paying subscriptions or putting your toy hire in credit.

Resources New to the Library



10102 Giant Abacus (Stimulus Sound/Touch)

Aids in counting and sorting but run your hands across the beads, feel the texture and hear the clattering of the wooden beads. Encourages the awareness of horizontal and vertical movements.

10092 – Reflective Stainless Steel Spheres (Stimulus Sight/Touch)

Shiny and smooth, of differing sizes and weights. These spheres enable the experience of reflection, touch, sorting and sharing with others.



10082 – Sensory Shape Set (Stimulus Touch)

Encourage children to touch and feel with three soft PVC sensory shapes. Varied textures, perfect for squeezing and exploring with little fingers. Each shape measures approximately 9cm.

10087 – ‘O’ Ball with Rainstick (Early Skills Handplay)

It started with a single concept, a flexible, easy to

grasp ball encouraging interactive play. The rainstick gives the addition of multi coloured beads that make playful raindrop sounds.



10071 – Catch and Count Game (Game Spinner)

1,2,3,4,5 Can you catch a Fish alive? Spin the octopus spinner to see how many fish you can catch, but take care! There's a shark out there. Another quality game from Orchard Toys promoting observation, number recognition and counting, as well as experiencing group play.