



sKids
West
The
Newsletter

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Fantastic staff, franchisees, Darrell & Max on the Cornwallis Trip
Esther, Jen, Bee, Bex, Sapna, Mainsh, Nakita, Dom, Stacey, Danielle

Greetings to Everyone, enjoy our first Newsletter for 2011

Congratulations to Danielle Jones who is now a New Zealand Blackstick - one of New Zealand's finest to represent her country playing hockey at age 19 years!! Danielle had her debut last week playing Japan! **AWESOME Achievement!!**

This has been a busy Term starting off in sKids Laingholm from the first day back to school.

Manish and Sapna taking on another Franchise - sKids Arahoe
Lee managing her programme at sKids Titirangi fulltime - the kids have been having an awesome time sliding on cardboard down the bank through the summer.

The simplest things sometimes give the most pleasure!!

We find in our programmes we have only limited storage space so we are always trying to be inventive with activities as we can store only minimal resources onsite at any one time. Children love the adult interaction more than anything, whether it is a game of last card, kicking a ball or teaching a new craft.

If you have any suggestions for activities remember to talk to your programme manager/Franchisee, we welcome new fresh ideas!



News from SKIDS Kelston



Hello everyone!!

Just a quick update on me (Pearl Gnaniah) and SKIDS Kelston. As most of you know, me and my partner Abraham are about to embark on an amazing journey of parenthood. I am 36 weeks pregnant and the scans show that we will be having a baby girl by 10th April. We have been swamped with pink dresses, too bad if the baby turns out to be a boy, he will have to wear pink dresses for a while!!!



Keelie

Esther

Joyce

While I am on maternity leave from the 28th of March, my efficient staff Keelie Parker (manager), Esther Ball (programme assistant) and Joyce Paul (programme assistant) will be managing SKIDS Kelston. I am hoping to be back by term 3.

Meanwhile I wish you all well and the very best. I would like to sincerely thank each and everyone at SKIDS for your friendship, encouragement and support.

Just completed a training session for programme managers, assistants – sKids Staff Responsibilities, which is based around our Code of Conduct. This went very well. Like anyone sometimes we take things for granted and can overlook/misunderstand how something may be interpreted by a parent, school community. We had an excellent staff attendance and participation plus Lee and I received very positive feedback from both staff and Franchisees on the quality of the session and the topics we covered.

Thank you Lee, teaching is definitely your forte!!

Now for something from of sKids Kelston “Pearl’s Words of Wisdom”

- An idle mind is the best way to relax
- Where there’s smoke there’s pollution

One for the FAB summer we have had...

- If you can’t stand the heat, get a pool

Last but not least

- Look before you run into a pole



Kim’s Korner

We are completing the standard onsite inspections during Term 1.

Term 2 – Speaker

Consultant/lawyer Catherine Murray of HR & Dispute Solutions

Advice for employers

1. hiring,
2. responsibilities
3. procedures to follow etc

Date: Tuesday May 17th

Time: 10.30am

Venue to be confirmed

If anybody who is not a sKids West Auckland Franchisee and is interested in attending please email me, there will be a cost of \$45.00 to attend.

Week 9 Final Franchisee meeting for term 1

Business plan update as discussed and agreed. Tuesday 8th at our first meeting for 2011

Ideas for Term 2,3&4 Planners to share

Tuesday 29th 10am

Venue to be confirmed

We wish you all the best Abraham and Pearl!! Keep us posted.

Kim



Sending Information for the next issue

Please email: west@skids.co.nz

1. When sending photos please only send a maximum of 3.
2. With the photos send a little bit of information about what is being photographed.
3. Put the name and the ages of all the children in the photograph.
4. All the photos need to be in .jpeg format.
5. The next hand in date for the Term 2 Newsletter will be May 13th

We are looking for exciting things that are happening at your programme. It is a time to skite and be proud.