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Newsletter – April 2016

Hello Everyone,

Sorry that this month's newsletter is a bit late coming out. School holidays begin next week - a much needed break from the routine of lunches and homework. I hope you get a chance to relax and unwind a bit.

Last week we had Julie from Kidslink come and talk with us. Kidslink is an online service for parents/grandparents/caregivers "connecting you with local, relevant and trusted services." All of the services on Kidslink work specifically with children and teenagers. It is designed to work more like a directory rather than in depth information. A topic can be entered into the 'search' box and it will list all of the services that are available. Each of the services have been visited and checked by Kidslink before being included on their website.

They also provide tutoring for maths and exams.

Events are held once a term. Next term the topic is:

Dynamic Families

Thursday, 9th June

7.00 – 9.00pm

Cost: \$20

Future topics will be – "Let's Talk About Teenagers" and "Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes"

Articles by the guest speakers are also included and can be searched for on their site.

If you are interested in attending an event, visit their website and book on line. You can also sign up for a newsletter that lets you know what is coming up.

Julie asked if there were any topics that our group maybe interested in and she could help find a speaker. If you have any thoughts let me know and I can pass them onto Julie. One

suggestion was knowledge of the different apps and social media sites, what are they and what do they do.

Their website is: kidslink.co.nz

Lucie, manager from Child, Youth and Family visited with us. She spoke briefly about the upcoming law changes and will talk with us more in depth at her next visit in June. Lucie mentioned that they had a caregiver social worker, her name is GloreAnn Scerri and she is hoping she can come and visit with us next time. It was great to have Lucie along.

Show tickets – Sleeping Beauty. I still have tickets available. The show is Saturday, 30th April (last Saturday of the school holidays) at the Logan Campbell Centre, ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane Road West, Auckland. Session times are 10am, 1pm & 4pm. Each ticket admits 1 adult and 2 children. If you would like any tickets, please let me know.

Next month we have Ansje, manager from WINZ visiting with us. If you have any questions, bring them along.

We are meeting again, Wednesday 4th May, 11am, red Beach Methodist Church Lounge.

Enjoy the holidays.

Take care,

Sonia

