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Newsletter – February 2018

Hello,

I hope the holidays went well for you and you had some time to relax. Here is our first newsletter for the year.

Take A Kid Flying: Blue Light are offering a fantastic event Take a Kid Flying on Sunday 4 March. This is open to children aged 8 years and above. They will be flying from North Shore Air Field in Dairy Flat to Raglan. Time is from 10am to 3pm and lunch will be provided. I have attached the poster and consent form. If you would like your child to go, please let me know as soon as possible as there are limited spaces. Let me know if you need the consent form posted to you.

Members Phone list: A couple of years back I put together a phone list for the members of the group so if you wanted to contact each other you could. If you would like to be a part of this list please send me your name, phone number as well as the age and gender of your grandchildren (sometimes other members of the group have things they would like to pass on that their grandchildren have grown out of).

The Group's Financial Position: We are just wanting to give you an update on the group's current financial position. We currently have \$5000 in our bank account and we have placed a grant application with Lotteries NZ. We are still waiting to hear from them. Applications for Sky City also open this month. We thought it would be best for the funds that we presently have to be used for emergency situations only. If something does come up that you need assistance with, please let me know so we can see how we could help. If you have any questions or thoughts, please let Bjorn or myself know.

Sandcastle Competition/Family Day: Saturday, 17 March, 12 – 3pm at Orewa Beach Reserve, opposite the cafés on the main road. Our group will be having a stand there to promote us as well as a raffle to raise a few funds. If you would like to come along and say "Hi" it would be lovely to see you.

Foster Kid's Training: here is the programme for the Foster Kids training for this term. If you would like to attend, please register on line. If you wish to join Foster Kids, it is a free organisation open to you. You can join on line or I have brochures if you would like one.

Session times are 9.30am – 2.45pm usually and morning tea is provided. Here is the Term One schedule for you to pass on to your caregivers:

Sat 17 th Feb	Safety & Prevention	Oranga Tamariki - Grey Lynn
Thurs 22 nd Feb	Team Work	YMCA Northcote
Thurs 1 st Mar	Understanding Maltreatment	Coast Vineyard Church Silverdale
Sat 17 th Mar	Identity & Belonging	West Auckland (location TBC)
Thurs 22 nd Mar	Securing Permanency	FKNZ Albany office (2hr Discussion session)

Upcoming Speakers: In March we have Deb, from Porse an in-home child care service. She will let you know how they can support grandparents with children under 5. April, we have Al and Sue who are our local public health nurses. They will let us know what services they offer.

I hope your grandchildren are settling back into school or kindy. If you need anything or would just like a chat, please feel free to give me a call or send me a message.

Hope to see you next month.

Take care,

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