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Newsletter – June

Hello. Winter is definitely here, chilly mornings but lovely sunny days, hopefully they will last. This month we had **Peter from Youthline, Albany** based in Dairy Flat, come and talk with us about the service they provide to our young people, I have summarised it below.

Peter outlined the services that Youthline offer.

1. Helpline and Text service: they provide a free phone line for young people which is available 24 hours a day. The counsellors are volunteers but are trained and have ongoing training. The phone number is 0800 37 66 33. There is also a free text service; text 234.
2. Face to Face Counselling: they provide a counselling service to families, young people couples and adults. There is a cost associated with it however they have a sliding scale for payment. This service is in the process of being developed at the Dairy Flat office.
3. Mentoring Service: this service is offered to 16, 17, 18 year olds. A mentor is matched with the young person and can assist them with transitioning from school to training or work. The mentor will help to guide and support the young person and assist them in making good choices and decisions. This service is offered from the North Shore through to the Rodney District. They will also mentor 18 – 19 year olds who are needing support in making that transition to independence. They can assist with finding a flat, assistance with WINZ etc. Peter described it as a very proactive and positive service.

If you or your young person is wishing to make a referral contact Youthline or visit their website: Ph 09 557 3221 (Lisa, North Shore Manager) or lisa@youthline.co.nz

www.youthline.co.nz

232 Dairy Flat Highway, Dairy Flat, Albany

Peter left us some cards which I will bring along next meeting for anyone who may like one.

Mid-Winter Lunch, Sunday 18 June, 11am – 1.30pm: we have our annual lunch next Sunday. If you would like to come along and have not let me know, could you please email, text or ring by Sunday evening. It will be at the Whangaparaoa Play Centre, 41A Stanmore Bay Road, Whangaparaoa. Hope you can make it.

Safer Plates: the local Community Patrol are offering to attach your number plates to your cars with special screws. Number plate theft is on the rise. If you would like this done they are offering the first 50 cars to be free on Sunday 9th July at the Orewa Farmers Market. They also suggested that we beware of the underground carparks at Silverdale and Whangaparaoa as there have been more reported thefts from cars.

Children's Fair: this weekend at the Auckland ASB Showgrounds in Greenlane. It is on Saturday and Sunday. Adults and children under 3 are free, children 3 -16 are \$12 each. If you are interested and would like more information, the website is:

kidsfair.co.nz

Next month I do not have a guest speaker, I thought it could be a time of talking and raising anything that maybe on your mind. I will also bring a long a DVD and piece from the Parenting Place around personality types and how your grandchild's personality type can influence the way they see the world.

That's all from me this month. If you are needing anything, or just want a chat, feel free to give me a call (if it is a toll call I can phone you back), text or email me.

Ph 0274 802 287 or 09 426 7595

Hope to see you at the Mid-Winter Party.

Take care,

Sonia

