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Newsletter – June

Winter has well and truly begun, cold winds and rain ☹️. I hope that you are all keeping warm and free of illnesses.

This month we had Lucie Carey, Manager from Child, Youth and Family as well as Ansje Treavish, Manager from WINZ, visit with us. Lucie spoke about some of the changes that CYFS will be undergoing. They will have a new structure by next year as well as various law changes. There will be increased support for caregivers including grandparents caring for their grandchildren. Open Homes Foundation will be working with CYFS starting from July. The length of time that CYFS can be involved with a young person is extending from 17 to 18 years of age. CYFS will assist with transitioning the young person into the 'world' till 18 years of age and will then continue to mentor them until 21 years of age.

Ansje advised us that there will be more funding for emergency housing from the 1st July (this is non recoverable funding). There is a Social Housing register however there are few houses on the North Shore. There is now additional money to help families relocate to areas outside of Auckland. There has been a mistake with some people receiving the incorrect accommodation allowance. If you have been affected they will be getting in contact with you. There is a new site where you can access your information via the internet. It is called mymsd. You are able to check on your entitlements, make appointments etc. I have attached the information sheet.

Ansje and Lucie will be visiting with us again in August.

Raising Tricky Kids with John Cowan, Tuesday 14th July will be held at the Arts and Events Centre, Orewa College, 7.30pm – 9.00pm. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased on line at www.theparentingplace.com. I was going to attend and take notes and send them out for anyone who couldn't make it.

Mid-Winter Christmas Party – Sunday 3rd July

I'll send out invitations in the next day or so.

Unfortunately, Joy is leaving us at the end of the month. We are going to have a farewell coffee with her on Friday, 24 June, 11am at the Leisure Centre Café.

If you have any questions or anything that you think that I may be able to help you with, please let me know.

Meeting next month will be Wednesday 6 July, 11am at the Red Beach Methodist Church.

Take care,

Sonia

