



Hibiscus Coast Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren Inc.

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Hello Everyone, it was so good to see you yesterday. I would like to give a very warm welcome to Robyn who joined us for the first time, it was great to have you along.

We had a fantastic time, lots of chatting and sharing of ideas and information which I will outline below.

Helen mentioned about the need to link your community services card with your gold card so that you receive what you are entitled to when visiting Dr's etc. You need to visit WINZ and they will link the two cards together. Helen also told us about the Extraordinary Care Fund which is a \$2000 grant that can cover such things as sports, orthodontic work, ipads etc. Visit the WINZ website, hit orphans and unsupported child benefit and go to "Extraordinary care fund" the next round for applications is 23 May to 24 June and your notified on the 5th August. All the information is there. Thanks Helen.

Hot Tips Course – Raising Tricky Kids with John Cowan the Parents Centre is running one of their courses on Tuesday, 14 June, 7.30 – 9.00pm at the Orewa Arts & Events Centre, tickets are \$5. This is run by the same organisation who provide the grandparents toolbox course that we have been running through. This is what they say and if you would like to book a ticket visit the website below

- Consistent, compassionate parenting that eventually makes a world of difference
- Insights into difficult, challenging behaviour
- No magic wands but genuinely effective strategies

Here is the event on our website: <http://www.theparentingplace.com/event/raising-tricky-challenging-children/>

Carol, wishes to send her regards and hopes that you are all well. She has been unable to make the past few months and hopes to rejoin us soon. It will be good to see you again Carol when you are able to make it, thank you for your kind thoughts😊

Community Impact Day Saturday 11th June If you have any jobs that they would like done around your home let me know and I will pass on your details (address and phone number). I just need to know what you would like done. Here are a few ideas of what they can help with:

- Gardening
- Indoor, outdoor cleaning
- Windows
- Plumbing, electrical jobs
- Small painting jobs
- Small building jobs e.g. holes in walls
- Moving and removals
- Clothing on request

Our Toolbox course, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren has begun again and will continue each Thursday from 11am. Meet at my place, 27 Rushden Terrace, Red Beach. Everyone is welcome

There will be a Tsunami and Earthquake Drill/Walk, Wednesday 25 May It will take place in Orewa at 9.30am and it is an opportunity to walk the evacuation route if there was ever a tsunami. Orewa College and Orewa North Primary Schools will be taking part in the drill. If you can pass this onto anyone you may know residing in Orewa that would be appreciated. This is being run in conjunction with the local Civil Defence and the Auckland Council. A Civil Defence app can be downloaded onto your phone to keep you informed as to any alerts or information.

Next month Lucie, Manager from CYFS indicated that she will come and talk with us about the recent changes to the guardianship laws and to CYFS structure. I will confirm this with her and let you all know.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 1 June, 11am, Red Beach Methodist Church lounge

If you have any questions, need help with anything, or a chat just give me a call on the above number or send me an email.

Take care,

Sonia

