

Thinking Differently

Autism New Zealand Inc. Auckland Branch



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Autism NZ Auckland Branch Support Groups:

YOUTH WITH ASPERGER SYNDROME/ HIGH FUNCTIONING AUTISM SOCIAL GROUP

We meet on the 1st Sunday of each month. 12.00-2.00pm at 65 Morningside Drive, St Lukes. Contact the facilitator -Sushila Krishnamoorthy on sjsk@xtra.co.nz or 021 102 06 40 or Natasha Delgarno on natasha.delgarno@autismnz.org.nz Mob. 021 393 846

ADULT ASPERGER & AUTISM SPECTRUM SOCIAL GROUP

This is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month 3:00-5:00p.m. at 65 Morningside Drive, St Lukes. Please contact Natasha Delgarno on natasha.delgarno@autismnz.org.nz

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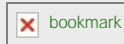
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Welcome to our June Newsletter!

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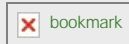


Dear Members,

On behalf of the committee I wish to thank the Angels for Children Charitable Trust for their generous donation of \$6,500 to the Branch. This is truly appreciated and will help us to continue to provide support and services to the community.

Davina Speakman

Chairperson
Autism NZ Inc (Auckland Branch)



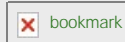
Branch News: Autism Appeal Week

The first week of June was a very busy one for our staff and committee members: we rolled up our sleeves, put on our yellow vests and made collections for Autism Annual Appeal Week - what a buzz! Thank you to all our members who kindly offered us a hand - and their time! - for yet another success story.

[READ MORE](#)

One in 150 children is diagnosed with autism.

Our vision is to see each and every person with autism reach their fullest potential.



Thank You:

Southern Stars Charitable Trust and
Rotary Club of Newmarket Charitable Trust Inc.

Oh, what a show! Southern Stars Charitable Trust have done it again! They have provided our members' children with 60 free tickets to a fabulous pantomime show on 4th June. Puss in Boots, presented in aid of Radio Lollipop for Children in Hospital, was thoroughly enjoyed by all - young and ... young at heart :-)

Thank you, Southern Stars!

021 393 846 or
Jen Birch on
jenbirch@actrix.gen.nz
for further details

ADULTS ASPERGER
SYNDROME/HIGH
FUNCTIONING AUTISM
DROP-IN

Venue : Rear of building,
65 Morningside Drive,
St Lukes.

Dates : 1st Tuesday of
every month.

Time : 12-2pm

For more information
contact Natasha on
natasha.delgarno@
autismnz.org.nz or on
021 393 846

WOMEN WITH WOMEN
WITH ASPERGERS GROUP

Meets 1st Saturday of
every month (except
January) 3.00pm-5.00pm
at 65 Morningside Drive,
St Lukes

Facilitator Christine Lee -
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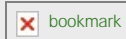
Natasha Delgarno -
Adult and Youth
Liaison Officer

A very special and heartfelt "thank you" to Rotary Club of Newmarket
Charitable Trust Inc. for offering some very lucky members of Autism NZ
Auckland free tickets to Circus Quirkus shows on Saturday
11th and Sunday 12th June.

The performance was one to remember and it was a delight to see little
children doing back flips and cart wheels during the intermission - now,
that's inspiration coming from the performers on the show!

Event: Individualised Funding

The Parent and Family Resource Centre are hosting another series
of **Individualised Funding seminars in Term 2**. These are presented
by Rob Gill, General Manager of Manawanui InCharge (IF host
agency). [Click here](#) for dates/venues and other details. RSVP is
essential - phone PFRC on 636-0351 or email
pfradmin@pfrc.org.nz



School Holidays Programme

It's hard to believe that the school holidays are nearly upon us
again! With the change around in the terms and the World Cup,
they come around awfully fast...

We will be running our fantastic school holiday programme based
at **Mt Richmond Special School in Otahuhu**. We will be offering a
combination of trips and centre-based activities. Our programme
will begin on Monday July 18th and will end on Friday July 29th
2011.

For further information and enrolment forms, please contact Jo
Lloyd at our Auckland branch on 09 8460913 or
jo.lloyd@autismnz.org.nz

We also mentioned in our April newsletter that we were hoping to
have a programme up and running on the North Shore by July,
however we have been unable to secure a suitable venue. We have
this as a top priority and please rest assured we are doing our best
to bring you an awesome school holiday programme for our families
on the North Shore.

Check out below photos from our April holiday programme.



Music with Gary



Feeding the ducks at Western Springs



Making pizza is fun - eating it is even more so!



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Drama/ Movement Classes for Children with Special Needs

Kids 4 Drama in Blockhouse Bay is delighted to announce a new look class aimed at providing a specialist drama and movement experience for children with special needs. Children are encouraged to explore spontaneity and creativity through movement, theatre games, story enactments and using props.

Read [more here](#) about this exciting opportunity or email admin@kids4drama.co.nz



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New Parent Coffee Morning - 'Understanding Difficult Behaviour'

This month we are discussing some different strategies for managing difficult behaviour. We will be focussing on the underlying triggers of difficult behaviours specifically in relation to Autism; and how to avoid these in the home. As always, anyone is welcome, so please call the branch or email me on

emma.cutts@autismnz.org.nz if you are interested. The session

will be on the 24th June from 10.30 until 12.



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Book Nook: Staff Picks

There are two great books for children on the spectrum that our staff members Jo and Luminita have read with their children and think would work for other kids too.

This is what Luminita says: Tobin Learns to Make Friends by Diane Murrell is a delightfully illustrated children's book in which Tobin the red engine learns the important lessons of how to make - and keep! - friends.

The second book (which is available from our library) is Jo's pick and targets a slightly older age group, but is just as fun! All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome by Kathy Hoopmann is a heart-warming and encouraging book which takes a playful look at Asperger Syndrome, drawing inspiration from the feline world in a way that will strike a chord with all those who are familiar with AS.

[Click here](#) to read more about these books.



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Event: Transition Expo The progression from school to community life

Parent & Family Resource Centre and Ministry of Social Development are hosting a Transition Expo ('the progression from school to community life') on 7 July at AMI Stadium, St. Johns, Auckland. The Expo features most Auckland Transition Providers and an array of leisure, recreation, sports and information providers. Life beyond school is an important decision for any young person and requires planning and knowledge. This Expo is suitable for all students aged between 14-21 years who are ORS

funded, parents, family members, caregivers, education experts, career advisors, school transition coordinators, teachers and all those involved in the care of a young adult with a disability. Further information is available on the PFRC website at www.pfrc.org.nz or [click here](#) for further information.



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Including Asperger Syndrome and Related Disorders

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