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Welcome to the first KWANZ Newsletter for 2017 from the National Committee

School Teacher Education Programme

This resource is complete and available to take to the schools that your children attend. A small number of people have already shown the video to their children's teachers and the feedback from them has been really positive.

We have also developed a presentation pack to leave with the schools that includes a DVD of the video, more information about arthritis in children, and details of the support that KWANZ provides.

If you want a presentation to be made to the school your child goes to KWANZ National Committee members are available to assist if required. Let Robyn Clark executive.kwanz@hotmail.co.nz or text her mobile 021 1704 257 know if you would like this help. In every case we want to leave the presentation pack with the school so let Robyn know that you intend to talk with your child's school and she will courier a pack to you.

KWANZ Pins For Sale

We have bought a second batch of KWANZ pins that are now for sale at \$3 each. These new ones have a better backer to lock them onto the pin than the previous pins.

The first step is to put a direct credit into the KWANZ Bank Account 12-3072-0525491-00 for the number of pins that you want.

Sheena Harris from Waikato is arranging the distribution of these, so when you have done your direct credit, contact Sheena on wko.kwanz@hotmail.co.nz or Mobile 0211511738. The details that Sheena needs are the number of pins required, the address they are to be sent to, and the date that you put the direct credit into the KWANZ Bank Account.

Volunteers Required

Over the years we have struggled to find people to carry out the Regional Co-ordinator roles in the regions. More recently we have focussed on getting people just to run events in their areas but this too has been a challenge. This is understandable as family life with a child with arthritis is full on and there is little spare time to carry out volunteer work.

Do you know someone else in your area (maybe a retired relative or friend) who has time on their hands and is willing to give back to the community? If you know of anyone please discuss with Robyn and we can arrange a discussion with them.

At times we also need help with one-off tasks such as re-designing the website that we did a couple of years ago. What skills do you have that you can offer to help KWANZ? Let Robyn know if you can help us in any way. Currently we need help with the website; setting up new pages etc. We are OK with regular updates but just need help with the site structure.

Personal Stories

We are always looking for personal stories to put on our website. These could either be written by parents, children, or the whole family. So if you are inspired to go into print and tell your story or tell us about a specific achievement you child has made we look forward to sharing it with our members, and others who view our website.

Contacts for Future Sponsorship

The more funding we get the more events we can run.

If you have any contacts in companies that we could approach to be future funders of KWANZ please let us know and we will develop a presentation with you.

We are currently working on two presentations but we need more to provide on-going events and support.

Contacts in Service Organisations

We have started doing presentations to service organisations in order to raise awareness of arthritis in children and to ask for funding. So far we have done presentations to two Rotary Clubs in Auckland and we have an invitation to speak at a Probus Club meeting in May.

Do you have any contacts in Rotary, Lions, Probus, or any other organisation that we can speak to? Let Robyn know any leads that you may have.

21st Birthday Celebrations

We have decided to celebrate our 21st year rather than our 20th. The actual date is early July so we will be looking to do some celebrations in the middle of the year.

Any suggestions for these celebrations are most welcome.

Let Robyn know of any ideas you have.

Important Dates for Future Events

The National AGM is on Monday 14th August at 7:30pm in Auckland or by teleconference. We look forward to your participation in this meeting.