

EAST AUCKLAND HOME EDUCATORS ACTIVITIES NEWSLETTER TERM 1 2009

Welcome to the first activities newsletter for the term one of 2009. A special "Hello" to our new members. **There are some changes in this newsletter.** Please support the organizers of events and activities by keeping them informed of problems, attendance and constructive feedback (positive and otherwise) so they have an opportunity to change and improve things where necessary or able. Prompt payment, sticking to commitments you make to attend events, etc, are all helpful.

If you have any new ideas, events or activities that you think would benefit the home educating community, for parents, children or both. Please feel free to post it on the loop for feedback or contact one of the people below.

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SOCIAL/SUPPORT EVENINGS

Venue & Host: This is going to move about throughout the year.

We plan to have fun social times with some educational dvd's, educational games. If you would like to know more please contact Heather, 576 9006, planb4me@xtra.co.nz

Date: Once a month, the day will vary. (We don't have one in January)

Time: 7:30pm-9:30pm **Bring:** Yourself and some nibbles.

Whatever your home ed style, religion or sex, come along for a fun and supportive time with other home educating parents. If there's someone you know who's considering home ed, this is a great place to invite them.

Monday **February 23rd** is our first get together this year.

Watch the email loop for details.

REGIONAL SUPPORT

Auckland Home Educators invites you to view their website www.ahe.org.nz

It is a work in progress to which we are adding new content regularly.

Have you got a blog, website or a favourite link you would like to share across the region?

Let me know, email webmaster@ahe.org.nz

SPORT DEVELOPMENT

Date: Tuesday 10th February **Duration:** Term time
Time: 1.00-2.00pm. **Venue:** Panmure Stadium, Lagoon Drive, Panmure
Ages: Junior group - 5-8 yrs ; Seniors 8 yrs to teens.
Cost: For Term 1 the cost will be the same as last term's prices. \$15 one child, \$30 for two children, \$40 for three or more.
Contact: Paula Crosswell, email crosswell-hedges@clear.net.nz ph 09 236 3220 (unfortunately a toll call)

Enrolment: Please enroll by emailing names, ages and phone numbers to Paula, details as above.

Payment: Enrolment is required by 3rd February and full payment by 3rd March 2009.
Payment can be made by internet. Please include surname and contact phone number in reference ie.
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Account name: East Auckland Home Educators
Account number: **12 3036 0792189 000.**

Otherwise, payment by cash or cheque will be accepted on session in the first few weeks.

Reminder: Please make sure that your child/ren has someone responsible for them, who has your emergency contact details, in case of an accident if you leave the building.

New families: For all those families and home educators who have not already attended, you can have a free visit to check out the programme. When you arrive please check in with **Paula** or **Caroline**.

SENIOR DRAMA

Date: Tuesday 10th February **Venue:** Mt Wellington Library, Pilkington Rd, Panmure
Time: 11:15 – 12:15pm **Duration:** 9 weeks
Cost: approx \$50 per child **Provider:** Kids 4 Drama
Age: approx 10yrs and up
Contact: **Richenda** Oh, email: richenda@xtra.co.nz ph 575 9449 or 021 0272 2724.

Drama is a fun way for children to get to know each other, practise working in small groups and gain confidence. The class always starts with fun warm up games.

JUNIOR DRAMA

Day & Time: Tuesday mornings from 10:00 - 11:00am. (Not happening until a coordinator found)
Age: 6/7 to approx 10yrs

This group is looking for a coordinator to organise a room, liase with parents, collect fees and send to kids4drama.

The advertising would be done for the two groups at the same time, and the tutor would simply come an hour earlier to take the group.

SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

This activity is available terms 2 and 3.

ICE-SKATING

Date & Time: No organised group this term.

Venue: Paradise Ice Skating, Botany Downs

Contact: Ph. Paradise 273 2999 for public session times during school hours.

SWIMMING-PAKURANGA

Date: Thursday

Time: am

Cost: approx \$85 per child

Contact: Denise ph 537 0025, email, swimgym@ihug.co.nz

Venue: Lloyd Elsmore, Sir Lloyd Drive

Duration: term time

Age: Ability groupings

These classes are very small...3-5 children. Please let them know what you would like as they want to meet your expectations and your children's needs.

Cost changes depending on the number of weeks in a term.

NB: Start dates vary, contact Denise.

SWIMMING-EAST TAMAKI

Provider: Splash Central Swim School

Date: Wednesday & Friday

Contact: ph 272 2029

Venue: 23B Springs Road, East Tamaki

Cost: \$12.50 per child per 30 minute lesson

There are discounts for 3 or more children and for paying early. Small class size, so can work to individual needs. This price is for one on one if that's what you want. Cost subject to change.

Chlorine and Bromine free pool. You can check it out by going and having a **free** trial lesson. Open 7 days-Home Education group-Friday afternoons.

WATER SAFETY COURSE

Provider: Lloyd Elsmore Pools

Duration: 4 weeks

Contact: Patricia, email homeschool.alive@gmail.com for booking and information.

Please give child's name and age thanks. They will do snorkeling, kayaking, lifeboat skills.

Teenage Boy Group, starts 16th March, you need to book by 16th February and pay by 2nd March.

Anyone 8yrs + Group, starts 4th May, you need to book by 4th April and pay by 20th April.

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These are not **EAHE** organised activities

ROOKIE LIFEGUARD COURSE

Last year, **Lloyd Elsmore** pools offered a Rookie Lifeguard course to all girls and boys aged 10-16yrs. It was held on 9 Friday evenings throughout the year, from about 7:00-8:45pm, starting at the **end of February**. Activities included first aid, lifeboats, kayaking, rescuing and lifejackets. **Cost** was \$35 plus \$2 for an impressive certificate at the end. **Contact** Lloyd Elsmore pools for details of this years course.

Recommended by a home educating family who attended last year.

CHINESE/MANDARIN OR CANTONESE

Janet Olmstead is happy to offer one and a half hour lessons to a group of 4-5 home educated children, in the mornings in one of their homes. The cost is \$10 per child per lesson. Feel free to contact her on 274 5386.

She already teaches several group classes and private classes at \$30 per student per hour, so we are getting a special rate.

She comes recommended by a home educating family who have had 18 months of Mandarin lessons.

FRENCH

Date: Term time

Venue: Dannemora

Time: Saturday morning

Age: 5-12 years

Cost: \$12 per class, \$120 per term (check when booking as this may change).

Contact: Emma Bergh, ph 277 0320 or mob 027 517 3869, email, emma@funlanguages.school.nz

Emma is Head of Department of Languages at Sancta Maria College. She comes very highly recommended by a home educating family. Cost subject to change.

BALLET LESSONS

Date: Term time

Venue: Beachlands Hall, Wakeland Road.

Time: Wednesday, 1:30pm.

Age: 5-8 years

Contact: Danielle Saunders, ph 536 6371.

Please contact Danielle about cost and if there are sufficient numbers for the class to go ahead.

ELECTRONICS/TECHNOLOGY

Contact: Mr Bill Bassett ph 296 2126, email, wabassett@actrix.co.nz

Venue: 78 Elliot St, Papakura.

Cost: \$20 per 2hr lesson plus material costs (these are only small \$3-\$6 approx) per project.

Age: 10 years plus. (only 4 children per class)

These classes are fantastic for learning about and making circuit boards, soldering, woodwork etc. The children make things that are great to use playing board games (electronic dice, electronic decision maker), or give as gifts (torches, tool box, jewellery box), and at the same time they are learning new skills.

Mr. Bassett has home educated children going to him from all over Auckland. Well worth checking out if you have a child interested.

Daytime classes available.

ART STATION - PONSONBY

Day & Time: Tuesday 1:30 – 3pm. Or another day if sufficient numbers.

Age: 6 – 12 years.

Cost: \$125 for the term.

Contact: Andrea Gaskin, class #464, limit 8 students.

Email, artstation@aucklandcity.govt.nz ph 376 3221. No 1 Ponsonby Road, Newton.

Activities include painting, printing and sculpture.

THE BRIDGE ACADEMY-ST JOHNS

Date: Term time

Time: 9:15am – 2:45pm.

Cost: \$20 per day/\$15 half day

Contact: Jill Meyer ph 535 0574, email mmeyer@maxnet.co.nz

The Bridge Academy is a fully registered private Christian school which is moving to **Hillside Community Church, 75 Felton Matthew Avenue, St Johns** at the start of term 3, where they will have more space and a wonderful indoor gym. **They also have a new young male tutor teaching mathematics, science and sport.**

For **5-12 year olds:** Moving into a mix of group and individual learning sessions. These include Apologia science book “Astronomy”, and Story of the World based history and geography for primary students, and Apologia science, Tapestry of Grace and Cambridge math’s for years 7 & 8.

For **Senior programme-13 years and up:** They offer Cambridge IGCSE math’s, other subjects may be possible by arrangement through their partnership with Carey College (curriculum and exam costs are additional at this level).

Main teacher is **Sonia**, with an assistant **Vanessa. Jill** and Sonia are happy to talk to you about your needs. Currently there are approx 16 children between 5 and 14 years.

They are more than happy to discuss your requirements with you.

MUSIC LESSONS

Otahuhu College is offering music lessons for students who want to be part of their orchestra. **Cost** is \$20 per term.

Contact Gerald Van Waardenberg who is head of music ph 021 025 41688 or contact Otahuhu College.

If you want more info please feel free to email Margaret nimosfound@clear.net.nz

LOPDELL HOUSE – TITIRANGI

Term 1 – Sea to Mountains programme. Check out their website www.lopdell.org.nz there is lots more.

Contact: Iona Matheson, ph 817 8087 ext 204.

Venue: 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi.

Booking and information email education@lopdell.org.nz

STORY TIME WITH CRAFTS

Venue: Panmure Library

Day & Time: Tuesdays 10:30 – 11:30am.

Aimed at pre-school children but Katherine is aware that some home educated children join in and she does seem to love it when they do.

The same day as drama.

NATHAN HOMESTEAD

Daytime and after school classes in performing arts, art and guitar.

Please contact Nathan Homestead for days times and costs.

Contact: Nathan Homestead ph 267 0180.

ART TE TUHI-THE MARK

Please check out their daytime classes as they are happy to include home educated children in any of the school classes and workshops. A full programme is on the website.

There are lots of new after school classes, including a class on how to prepare healthy meals and snacks for children 8yrs and up.

Web: www.tetuhi-themark.org.nz

Contact: Renee, ph 577 0138, fax 577 0139, or email enquires@tetuhi.org.nz

GROUPS AND CLUBS

THE WEKA GROUP

For 8-13 year olds this is an internet group so home educated children can connect with other home educated children. There are allsorts of educational and fun websites and things on the site to interest the children. You can only join by invitation, the privacy setting for this site is set on max, so it is totally private and can't be browsed. All links and websites have been checked to be safe for children.

It is using Groupbox and for an invite you need to contact Marianne Wilson, email medusa256@hotmail.com

MAYHEM GROUP

This is an internet teenage group of home educated children, again it is a totally private members only group but with different information for older children. Feel free to email Marianne to ask about content on site and for an invite for your teenager/s medusa256@hotmail.com

AUCKLAND BOYS CHOIR

The choir currently has spaces available for 9 to 12 year old boys.
Practice is each Monday 4:30pm-6:15pm at St Georges Church Hall, Ranfurly Road, Epsom.

For more information please contact **Chris Close** on 576 5794 or email chrisclose@clear.net.nz

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Scholastic Lucky Bookshop (factory outlet) is at 21 Lady Ruby Drive, East Tamaki. Shop hours are Mon - Fri, 10am - 4pm and Sat 10am - 1pm.
Twice a year they have a huge book sale, which is just fantastic. Notification of this will be put on the email loop.

THE KIDS JOURNAL

This is an ongoing outlet for home educated children's, stories, artwork, poems, articles and anything else they can put on paper to post or email to the family who put this together.
Diane Scheepers is the lady to contact her email is darren.diane.and.family@xtra.co.nz The journal comes out four times a year.

ONE OFF EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 5th

AHE Annual Celebration Picnic at Site 3 Long Bay.
Thursday 11:00am - 2:00pm.

March 13th

Visy Recycling Centre Trip
Friday 1:30pm - 2:15pm, Onehunga. Sorry this trip is now full.

April 2nd/3rd

Arataki Centre - Waitakere Ranges - Overnight Camp

For children Year 4 to Year 8, approx 8-12yrs old. They will need sleeping bag and pillow (mattresses are provided).

The cost is expected to be \$30 per child for the two day programme and food. The cost per adult is \$15 for food as there is no charge for adults attending the programme sessions but they will be needed to help supervise and help with food preparation etc.

The first day will be based in the bush (topics to be confirmed) and the second day is spent doing 'Safety in the Outdoors', pitching tents, making stretchers, cooking sausages, etc.

We must have a minimum of 30 children attend.

Contact: Justine Jorgensen, ph 578 3078, email plaza.erik@xtra.co.nz

April 8th

Howick Historical Village

Wednesday 10:00am - 2:00pm. Activities will be in the morning and will be aimed at intermediate and high school students. After lunch look around the village at your leisure.

Cost \$7 per person.

Activities include a school lesson in an authentic Victorian classroom and other hands on learning.

Activity for Year 6, approx 10 year olds and older boys: **MILITARY MANOEUVRES:** A retired Imperial NCO will enlist men, lead them in drills and marching, instruct them on care and management of equipment, etc.

Contact: Patricia, email Homeschool.alive@gmail.com Please include names and ages of students and if your boy/s want to take part in the military activity. Please book by **February 13th**.