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Welcome to the second 2016 KWANZ newsletter from the National Committee

Give-A-Little

The next time Bayley Luutomes is in Auckland we will arrange the photo-shoot with Jess Johnson who won the garden design prize that Bayley donated as part of the Give-A-Little campaign.

School Teacher Education Programme

Jason from Neon Mammals has produced the draft of the video since the filming in June. We have made a few tweaks to it and now have version three which has been circulated to the Starship and Royal Oak School staff for final endorsement. It is a really professional video that looks great and tells a story of the challenges faced by children with arthritis when they are at school.

The next step is to develop and produce the 'presentation packs' that will include the video and other written material to be given to schools. We are endeavouring to have this finalised during July.

We will then be ready to take our message to your schools. If you want us to do a presentation to the school your child goes to send an email to Robyn Clark at administrator.kwanz@hotmail.co.nz. In each case we will talk with you to develop a plan for meeting with your children's school/teachers.

AGM 2016

Reminder that the AGM will be held on Monday 8 August at 7:30pm.

In Auckland we will be at the Arthritis New Zealand Northern Area office in Khyber Pass (everyone welcome to attend) and will have Skype and teleconference links available for people outside Auckland, and Auckland people who can't make it to Khyber Pass.

We look forward to seeing a good turn-out for this year's meeting.

'DISABILITY CONNECT' Seminars

Disability Connect is the trading name of the Parent and Family Resource Centre based in Auckland. KWANZ is on their mailing list and we are now receiving regular updates on seminars they are running in the Auckland area. These are available for our members to attend free of charge.

On 2 August they are running a free 'Transition Expo' talking about "the progression from school to community life" from 9am to 2pm at the Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, 489 Dominion Rd, Mt Eden. No registration is required, just turn up on the day.

I am on annual leave in two days and still need to complete the agenda and reports for the AGM. Another newsletter will be sent out in mid-August covering: The KWANZ Birthday celebrations, the Special Childrens Christmas Party, KWANZ Christmas Functions, Spirit of Adventure applications, and Koru Care trips. Cheers, Phil Donnelly