



Dunedin Methodist Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN

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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 13th October

9.30am	Mornington	S Pole
9.30 am	Mosgiel	G Abernethy
11.00 am	Glenaven	S Pole
11.00 am	Wesley	G Abernethy
1.00pm	St Kilda	TBA
4.00pm	Broad Bay	No service

MOSGIEL FOODBANK would be grateful for donations of beetroot, tinned milk products, coffee/milo, flour, sugar, toothpaste, soap. Thank you.



STORY FROM THE MISSION

From the Early Years Hub:

- The Peninsular Bays Women's group came for Morning tea and a tour of the Hub. The group has volunteered to do some knitting for the Hub Welcome packs.
- Megan Mattingly and 34 students from the Dietetic Programme at Otago University came for a tour of the Hub and 4 students will be participating in the MEALS cooking programme for a couple of sessions.
- The Breast Room hosted a morning tea at the Hub for 50 Mothers and Babies to celebrate World Breast Feeding Week.
- The Toy library is up and running!

TO CELEBRATE 120 YEARS SINCE NEW ZEALAND WOMEN

GAINED THE RIGHT TO VOTE, Marion Kitchingman recently presented a dramatisation of the life of Annie Jane Schnackenberg, a Wesleyan Methodist, who was one of the leading suffrage campaigners at the time. Annie Jane was an indefatigable worker who at the turn of the 20th century was also National President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Vice President of the newly formed National Council of Women and acting President of the Auckland YWCA. **Photo** shows Mrs

Schnackenberg writing one of the huge volume of letters she wrote in the course of her campaigning, and with Naomi Pole after the dramatisation.



ATTENDING METHODIST CONFERENCE

I will be away this week to Methodist Conference held at Wesley College, Paerata. I leave on Thursday 3rd of October and return on Wednesday the 9th. While I am away Rod Mitchell will take care the administration of the Parish.

Siosifa Pole

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE 13th – 20th October 2013



DUNEDIN INTERFAITH PEACE GATHERINGS ON WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER

LUNCHTIME : 12noon-1.30pm Wednesday 16th October

Venue : Gazebo lounge, top floor, University Union building, University of Otago

EVENING : 7.30-9pm Wednesday 16th October

Venue : Quaker Centre, 15 Park St, Dunedin

Everyone is welcome at both events

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**'Step Ahead' @ Employment Plus, The
Salvation Army, Dunedin.**

"Develop an attitude of gratitude, and give thanks for everything that happens to you, knowing that every step forward is a step toward achieving something bigger and better than your current situation." - Brian Tracy

Our course manages ten young parents (mothers) with their children, up to 2years, at any one time. They learn further parenting skills and extend their education through NCEA credits, while having baby/infants by their side, & being able to breastfeed without any issues.

'Parents' not mothers? Two amazing stay at home teen Dads have been very involved with the course as well.

The young parent's multi task with computers & bottles, pottles of yoghurt & toddlers, all trying to eat their paperwork!

What we didn't count on was the young parents would be taking back into their home communities the new parenting & life skills that often we take for granted. Our learners are educating their own mothers in budgeting & motivation.

In real terms you also won't hear in our classroom, of ten 16-25year old mothers/and four supporting teen childcare trainees, ANY SWEARING! Well, there was that one little time last month that I ripped up an original document & the room froze in silence! This change of expectation has had a positive ripple out effect on the whole Centre. Now I hear learners saying "Can I can swear Miss, I'm not around the babies area?"

When the learners arrive in, & when we go out "OK ladies, zip up the boobs, check the length of your skirts..." "that top is too low, we have other young male learners around the Centre." Yes, there is enough judgment out there without drawing further comment. Keep your head down & work is our mantra, prove it to yourself.

And we laugh! Boy do we have them laughing. Do you know that is the first thing that comes back when I see an unhappy young mother? No sleep, partner issues, poverty, no safe home, no family support...but when they crack a smile, then I just know that the laughter is next. And we get them moving....walking with baby/babies takes a lot of effort, but it curbs the depression... & if I dance 'badly' then they really loose it laughing...

Thanks here to our fantastic exercise/healthy food expert Andrea Mosley, the learners are so scared of letting her down that they walk daily!

This ties in so well with our Tuesday visits to the South Dunedin HUB. We cook, make homemade washing up powder & liquid, and learn to connect with the amazing recourses on offer in one place. Family Planning, yes that's right, our mothers were away having babies while the other teens had those lessons @ school.

Having the professional links across other Providers & indeed churches is vital to show the need to look out for each other.

When we told Christine (HUB) that 'Good Sorts' were visiting & the excitement for the learners was @ fever pitch... it was her words of wisdom that kept me really grounded "Kristen, I keep thinking of this one saying, it's going round & round in my head..."

"He called me & I listened." Thank you Christine.

Kristen Weston