



THE BULLETIN

Rotary Club of Christchurch South
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SERVICE ABOVE SELF



Enviro Education – Sustainability for the future

Our speaker Catherine Parkes, was introduced to us by Shane Buckner, principal of Wairakei School.

In 2017, the Board at the school provided funding of 2.5 days per week for the introduction of Enviro Education, with a focus on the whole child and a dedication to sustainability.

Catherine has been involved in teaching for 25 years, and from a farming background, has had an interest in gardening, having had her first plot when aged 9 years. She gladly accepted the opportunity to develop a program with the students, and firstly looked at the garden at the Curator’s House in Hagley Park. She also visited an Auckland school where an Enviro Education program had been established.



The program that was developed at Wairakei School with the input of students, sought to bring together the school children, their families, and the wider community.



The program had now been implemented for 18 months, with a variety of vegetables and fruits, including black currants, apples, and feijoas. In May 2017, the school held a produce sale to sell the excess fruit and vegetables. A school lunch program was commenced last year, with most of the ingredients being sourced from the garden. Both individual and small group programs have been developed, involving pruning, building planter boxes, and planting flowers for Mother’s Day. Students have been involved in making leaf mulch, and compost.

The program was entered in the Community Edible Garden Awards, where Wairakei was awarded first prize for the best school. The school was also awarded first prize in the Oderings School Garden Show, where the theme was sustainability.

The development of the Enviro Education program has undoubtedly been successful, and a majority of the children have developed garden patches at their homes.

Catherine is to be applauded for her enthusiasm which she is sharing with the next generation.

Thanks to Graham Fowler for the speaker report & Doug Johns for the photo’s



A very warm welcome to our newest member Viv Ellis!

Walkers Group
Come join us for our next walk and/or lunch.
Date: Thursday 17 May **Time:** 10.30am
Park: Marine Parade, New Brighton near Shackleton Street
Walk: Some beach, some residential, some river some mall and a waka.
Lunch: The Tramshed Bistro, New Brighton Club
If you are unable to join the walk, then come and have lunch with us.

AVIVA Street Collection

Mike is looking for collectors, please check the spreadsheet to see if you are able to help in the remaining slots

"DUTIES"			"ON LEAVE"		
Duty	18-Apr-18	23-May-18		FROM	TO
Cash Desk	A Airay	B McKessar	B Blyth	21/06/16	TBA
Cash Desk	B Wales	P Mears	E Mussen	13/04/16	TBA
Reception	J Woodward	V Ellis	M Whitehead	02/08/15	TBA
Speaker's Host	L Hay	S Harris	M Ireland	01/01/17	TBA
Grace	J McKessar	L Brown	R McKinney	02/08/15	04/18
International Toast	A Stewart	M Bruce	K Dalziel	01/01/17	02/19
Thanks to Speaker	M Opie	C Ayrey	G Dockeril	14/02/18	09/18
Quote for the Week	D Buist	D Johns	A Kim	30/03/18	07/18
Closure	S Tatterson	T Blackler			
Speaker Reporter	L Bermingham	A Stewart			
Notices Reporter	S Harris	B Southey-Jensen			

Wed 16 May
 Mim Syme - Circus community initiatives
 Wed 23 May
 Geoff Rice - 1918 Influenza Pandemic

COMING SOON

Our Club is on "Facebook" and the Internet! You will find us at –

www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz

or <http://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfChristchurchSouth>

APOLOGIES – Record your apology at the Reception Desk at a prior meeting

OR

Email: chchsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11.00 on the Wednesday - you will get a reminder a couple of days before the meeting re apologising and to advise if bringing a guest.

EMERGENCY APOLOGIES to Mike Bruce, 022 540 1251 or Val Nossiter, 339 8441

DUTIES - If you are unable to do an allocated duty, it is YOUR responsibility to arrange a substituent AND to advise the President.

LEAVE of ABSENCE (three weeks or more) advise the Secretary by email or in writing.