



Welcome to Canterbury@Heart's February Newsletter.

Pony Party Murmurs

Murmurs Coffee group is at Pony Parties Ltd this month. Pony Parties is an indoor venue with an outdoor farmyard. Morning tea/coffee for the adults while the children enjoy the farmyard and pony riding. This is a FREE event to Canterbury@Heart members and everyone is welcome! If transport is an issue let us know and we will see if there is another family near you who can help.

Contact Katie, Debbie or Karen to book in or for any queries. If wet on the day please check www.heartcanterbury.org.nz/ or Facebook for cancellation message

DATE: Tuesday 19th February

TIME: From 10.30am

VENUE: Pony Parties - 127 Park Rd, Motukarara

Kids Day Out

Canterbury Kids Day Out Variety Show - Magic, Comedy and Variety Acts all in one show. 90 minutes of fun for heart kids and their families.

Kids Day Out Variety Show is only possible with the kind and generous support from local businesses. By sponsoring tickets businesses are also supporting @Heart as additional funds raised will go towards providing support services for the 12 babies born every week with a heart condition in New Zealand.

Entry is by ticket only so please contact Judith ASAP if you would like tickets – email your name, address, phone number and no of tickets needed and I will post them out to you.

This is for all the family - for the heart child, siblings and parents. A great one for grandparents to take the kids to. Contact Judith if you want more information.

DATE: Saturday 23 February

TIME: 2pm

VENUE: Burnside High School – the Aurora Centre

Entertainment Books

Have just seen what will be in the new 2013/14 Entertainment Books - looks exciting – I will start taking orders for these in March. Keep using your present book as loads of offers in there – and they last till June 2013.

Canterbury@Heart AGM

All welcome. Find out what we achieved in 2012 and our hopes for 2013. This will be followed by refreshments.

All office holders have said they are happy to stand again but are also equally happy to let someone new take the reins. So you can attend without fear of being co-opted on to a task/committee – or you can come and volunteer for something – up to you. But please do join us in celebrating what we have done as well as help us set the priorities for the future. If you want to know more about being on the committee let us know.

For catering and printing purposes please RSVP to Judith by 27 February. info@heartcanterbury.org.nz

DATE: Monday 4 March

TIME: 7 PM - short meeting then refreshments

VENUE: West Coast Bar & Grill

Support @Heart

Going to Starship? – Please tell us when you are going to Auckland hospital so we can give you up to date information. We can talk with you about travel, accommodation, meals, life on the ward and about other family members coming with you. Contact one of our family support team for more info.

Ward 23b Website - The Paediatric and Congenital Cardiac Service now have their own website!

<http://www.adhb.govt.nz/pccs> The site provides information and contact details for the service, both for families and health professionals. New information is to be added regularly, so keep checking for updates. NB: Some information is still under development, or only accessible via the ADHB intranet, so may not be publicly accessible.

Important Dates

- **Friday 15th February** - closing date for Camp Teen Beat (29 April – 3 May 2013, MERC, Long Bay)
Application forms at <http://www.heartrnz.org.nz/index.php/Blog/entry/camp-teen-beat-is-a-week-long-camp-for-teensheart.html>
- **Monday 18 February** Canterbury@Heart committee meeting, 7.30pm
- **Tuesday 19th February** – Murmurs at Pony Party in Motukarara 10.30am
- **Monday 4th March** – AGM - West Coast Bar and Grill – 7pm
- **Monday 18th March** Canterbury@Heart committee meeting 7.30pm
- **Friday 22 March** – Murmurs Coffee Group – 10.30am

Helpful Links

Canterbury@Heart Facebook Page - www.facebook.com/Canterburyatheart

@Hearts Web Page – www.heartrnz.org.nz

Canterbury@Heart Web Page - www.heartcanterbury.org.nz/

Starship Hospital - www.starship.org.nz/

Ronald McDonald House Auckland - www.rmhauckland.org.nz/

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