



Dear Parents/Caregivers

We were very pleased to be able to host the four members of the Lamar Trust on Friday 17 June so we could acknowledge the grant they made which enabled us to purchase the Hoon Hay Club building.

The Trust has supported us over the years by regularly giving us grants for equipment. What is impressive about the Lamar Trust is that they are interested to see what happens with their grants. After giving us some money for some iPads, they visited to see how they were being used. During their visit they liked what we were doing with the iPads and also were impressed with our operation generally. Subsequent to this visit, they approached us about making a sizable donation for a significant project.

We immediately thought of using the money to help us secure a permanent home for our Hoon Hay Centres. As people may be aware, developers have been interested in buying the site and most of their plans involved demolishing our building, which threatened to leave us homeless.

Over the last 2 years we have explored a number of options, none of which ended up being affordable. In the end, we approached Barbara McLeod, the owner of the site, to see if we could negotiate a price we could afford. Fortunately we were able to do this.

Fortunately the offer from Lamar was still on the table so we were able to proceed with the purchase. The bonus with the process was the Lamar Trust agreed to give us the total grant immediately rather than staggering it over 3 years as originally intended. This meant we didn't have to get bridging finance from the bank.

So, to sum up, we really appreciate the close interest the Trust has taken in us over the years and in particular the fact that they know and appreciate the value of the work we do.

It is fair to say that their financial support was crucial in allowing us to buy the site and thus secure our future here. For that we are very grateful.

Kind regards

The Chris Ruth Centre Management Team



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Please note that the AGM for the Chris Ruth Centre Trust will be held on Wednesday, 27 July 2016, at our Hoon Hay site, 20 Tankerville Road, commencing at 1.00pm.

I would be grateful if you could please let our office know (email admin100@chrisruthcentre.co.nz or ph 339 2930) if you are planning to attend.

AUGUST HOLIDAY REMINDER

Our mid-year break has been extended to one week, Monday 1 August to Friday 5 August inclusive this year.

The break over Christmas and New Year will be shortened by a further three days. We haven't determined the start and finish of this break but it is likely to be from just before Christmas to the third week in January.