

**NEWSLETTER FOR NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC EARLY
CHILDHOOD CENTRES, KINDERGARTENS, PLAYGROUPS
AND INTERESTED PARTIES
NOVEMBER 2011**

GREETINGS

Tēnā koutou katoa, malo e lelei, talofa lava, ni sa bula vinaka, talohani, kia orana, fakalofa lahi atu and blessings and warm greetings to you all.

We are into Advent which is always so future-focused - towards Christmas as a holiday, and towards Christmas as salvation history. We wish you and your communities every Christmas blessing, and hope that the holidays will be delightful.

NCRS Suggests the Following Resource

Dottie and Buzz

A resource for children aged 4-7 years. Topics include: Belonging, Creation, Baptism, World-wide and Forgiving. It is supported by teacher's notes and activities.

<http://www.dottieandbuzz.co.uk/prog1/index.html>

Beautiful Marian Centre

Attached are some lovely photos of the transformation that has been going on at Marian Centre, in Panmure, Auckland. Contact supervisor Trudi Lynch, if you would like to know more about the project, or to see the full set of colour photos (this is a selection), marianec@xtra.co.nz or phone 09 570 5690.

Catholic Education Convention, Wellington 8-10 August 2012

It is beginning to look as if we might run a full day professional development session for Catholic early childhood educators on one of the days of the convention. This would mean that you would not get much chance to mix with the rest of the Catholic education folks, but might be better use of your time. If you have any thoughts on this please phone or drop me an email. More information on convention soon.

NZCEO and CECEAA

I had a lovely visit a few days ago from Alison Ford, the National Coordinator of CECEAA, the Christian Early Childhood Education Association of Aotearoa. We agreed that it would be good to work together a little more in future, in particular exchanging information, and publicising events.

And that's it for 2011!

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

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