

Joyce Chevalier Centre ~ Protective Workshop

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Newsletter

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What's happening:

The ABET course will start on Monday 17th May. After a miscommunication around starting dates, students were assessed on Monday 3rd. Everyone was very nervous, and I was surprised to see how competitive they were with each other. The facilitator quickly put everyone at ease and many students managed to do a written assessment and equally as many did a verbal assessment, so there appears to be a good mix of groups.

Ocean View APD has sent 10 students through to join the course and we are happy to host them at the Centre. There will be 27 attending the course.

The 3rd also served as a good test run of our protocols and new routine and allowed us to modify our new routines.

Social Committee:

We have a social committee to assist me to run the social events. Three events are planned over the coming weeks.

- 1. FlapJack Friday on the 15th during work hours.
- 2. A social braai and games AFTER work on Friday 4th June (more info to follow).
- 3. Christmas in July on the 23rd July during work hours (more to follow).

Walking group:

This has been a very successful group of about 23 students and staff and we walk regularly on a Monday and Wednesday morning for about 25 minutes around the school fields. The group participated in a fun walk hosted by the River Rovers (people who maintain our wetland). We would like to plan another Saturday morning walk for the 29th May

COVID REMINDER

Just a reminder:

If a student has a cold or flu like symptoms, please keep the student at home until the symptoms are gone. Some students are starting with hay fever: whilst I understand that this is not illness, it does increase the student touching their face, sneezing and coughing. Please treat with antihistamines.

No students may stay at the centre if they display flu-like symptoms.

The Centre will close for a quarantine period if necessary, especially if staff become ill.

(perhaps one every second month), so if anyone has any ideas, I would appreciate them. Competitive walks are still closed as far as I know and many of our students are not quite up to walking a 5km walk yet, however, some are very strong on that distance already, so walks which can offer a variety of distances would be welcome.

Warm regards Catherine

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