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1. TEC funding

The Federation received advice from the TEC (Tertiary Education Commission) notifying us of the indicative funding allocation for 2010. The funding will be the same as it has been for 2009. This of course is very welcoming news given the cut-backs announced in Adult Community Education funding in May. We had been told we were not affected in May but it is great to have this confirmed in writing. The Federation will need to complete an Investment Plan. We submitted a significant plan last year and it is likely with modification this will suffice, we await further advice.

2. TelstraClear Competition



Thanks to everyone who took part in the TelstraClear competition and congratulations to the winners, an article has been posted on www.seniornet.co.nz. The prizes will be dispatched by TelstraClear before the end of the month.

3. Flash Drives – now in stock

We have just received the bulk order from our supplier. Learning Centres that placed their orders with the Federation as a result of the article in the May newsletter will be receiving their Flash Drives within a week. There are limited quantities remaining so if your Learning Centre requires Flash Drives please be quick as we may not be ordering anymore this year.



Email your orders to : grant@seniornet.co.nz

Orders of five or more units please.

Prices (including GST and delivery):

- 1 GB = \$12.00 per unit
- 4 GB = \$25.00 per unit
- 8 GB = \$36.00 per unit

4. SeniorNet Logo Pins still available

The price per pin is just \$4.00 (includes GST and delivery).

Learning Centres that have purchased them to date have said they are popular with their members and the quality is excellent.

To save on postage we initially asked for orders of 20 units or more but we can reduce this to 10 units or more.



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5. SeniorNet Research- Online Survey

The title of the research is “Improving our understanding of the older persons needs in learning new technology”.

There is a survey for SeniorNet Members to complete which forms part of this research project. The Survey will remain on

www.seniornet.co.nz until the end of July, please

encourage as many people as possible to complete this survey. Some people have said it takes longer than the stated ten minutes to complete so we apologize for that.

Once the research has been complete a full report will be published and made available to all Learning Centres.



6. Articles for our website

We are always looking for interesting articles to place on our website. So please submit a story that will be of interest to others, preferably with a photo or two. Could be perhaps, new equipment arriving in your centre, your oldest member graduating from a class or just simply an interesting outline of what you have been doing of late. This is a repeat of our request in the May newsletter – please send your articles to grant@seniornet.co.nz.

7. Group Insurance scheme for Learning Centres

The good news is the premiums will remain the same as for the past twelve months, this despite most insurance premiums going up by 5% on average. The further good news is an additional cover has been arranged for Learning Centres to consider. Business Interruption cover, which provides cover for Learning Centre should normal activity be interrupted causing loss of income. This will provide a cover of \$35,000 for a 12 month premium of \$85.94. If your Learning Centre would like this addition please notify Grant and he will arrange this with the Federation broker. It will be possible to add this additional cover at any stage during the year.



Learning Centres that requested this cover for the previous 12 months have automatically been renewed.

Details of the Insurance policies can be found at www.seniornet.co.nz click onto the Federation Documents Tab.

8. Free Laser Printers – Donated by Kiwi Bank

Kiwi Bank is donating their old HP LJ 1200 & 1220 printers (291 in total) to SeniorNet Learning Centres. They are available for collection from PostShops/Kiwibanks throughout the country. This is very generous of KiwiBank. Yes the printers are used and we must accept them on an as is where is basis. The printers will be available progressively as KiwiBank undertakes their replacement programme, rollout of their new printers is underway with PostShops in Northland, Upper South Island/West Coast being completed last week, Taranaki/Manawatu, Lower South Island this week, Hawkes Bay & South Wellington scheduled for next week.



Remaining 10 regions will be completed over the next two months.

Simply go to a PostShop in your area, identify yourself that you are from



SeniorNet and ask for the old printer. Also ask for any toner cartridges. PostShops have been informed that the printers are to be donated to SeniorNet Learning Centres. There are more printers than Learning Centres so feel free to visit

more than one Post Shop in your area. The intention is for the Printers to be used by Learning Centres however there are no barriers in place should an individual member of SeniorNet like to have one, but Learning Centres get first dibs!

9. MSC Cruises – possible group discount offer

Discussions are underway with MSC Cruises to see if a group discount offer could be applied for members of SeniorNet Learning Centres. MSC specialise in Mediterranean and Northern European cruises. Its early days yet but it would appear if we can get groups of more than 16 people per



cruise then some form of discount would be applied. At this stage an indication of interest from members would be helpful. Please let Grant know if after polling your members there is interest from your Learning Centre.

10. Grant is on Leave

Grant Sidaway will be on leave, visiting his daughter in the UK. He will be taking his laptop with him and will be able to respond to any urgent emails. It would be appreciated if emails to him are kept to a minimum, but don't hesitate in emailing him on important issues. Jude will be "minding the

shop” in Grant’s absence jude@seniornet.co.nz but again unless it’s urgent please hold off making contact until after Grant returns on 28th August.

The August payment of Learner Hour Invoices will be made to Learning Centres on the 31st August not the 20th of the month as has been the norm.

Ian Turner (Chairman)

Grant Sidaway (Executive Officer)

End of Newsletter