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Otago Down Syndrome Association Newsletter



Youth Camp

Glen Jelley, Otago Regional Contact, took Alexandra Walker to the youth camp in Auckland run by the New Zealand Down Syndrome Assn. The purpose of the camp was to build confidence in our young adults and to make friends and work as a team.

We had a great weekend starting with ten pin bowling and pizza.

We stayed at Vaughan park and on Saturday went to the Merc Centre for some rock climbing, absailing and archery.

On Sunday the youths did a goal setting workshop while the regional contacts met and discussed the exciting things the nzdsa have coming up next year.









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Christmas Social

We had a great turn out of nearly 60 people to our end of year Christmas social. The young ones that were old enough and tall enough had a go on the go-carts, while the rest went on the dinosaur park tour and had lunch in the playground. The children playing on the playground gave the parents a chance to have a catch up.

Following this we went through the car museum followed by a coffee and ice block.

I was great to see everyone.

Glen Jelley, ODSA President

Numicon kits

We have two new numicon kits available to borrow. We also have our library of resources still available for people to make use of. Just message someone from the committee to have a look or request something in particular.



More photos from camp; left abseiling and right ten pin bowling.



2018 Better Learning Together Conference

The Otago Down Syndrome Association are delighted to invite you to the first ever full-day conference for Teachers, Teacher Aides, SENCO's, RTLB's and parents.

The presenters will focus specifically on the unique challenges faced by students with Down Syndrome and strategies you can use to overcome those challenges.

When: Monday 5th March 2018, 9am until 4pm

Where: Mercure Leisure Lodge, McGavin Room, 30 Duke Street, Dunedin

