Intergenerational Play Time

Mclean Care in Tamworth is privileged to be involved in a wonderful new community engagement program. Some of our clients have been visiting our local preschools, where they read stories to the children, join them in colouring-in, share morning tea, and get involved with the kids during play time outside.

The children are so loving and receptive. It has been amazing to watch the positive effects of these visits on our elderly clients. This intergenerational interaction has brought about a new lease on life for them, smiles on the faces of some clients like we haven’t seen before.

Sometimes us younger folk may take it for granted that we get hugs and kisses from our families and friends on a daily basis. But some of us, especially when we are old, are not so lucky, with our families living away and not able to visit as often as they would like, and it can get lonely.

This new program has been just what some of our seniors have needed. They talk about their preschool visits with the staff for days, and are eagerly awaiting the next visit.

And it goes both ways... another added bonus from the program is that there are littlies out there who don’t have grandparents, or their grandparents live too far away to visit, so they get to have a Grandma or Grandpa for a little while too.

Changes to Home Care Packages in 2017

In 2017 the government will be making changes to Home Care Packages, and replacing the current system where home care packages are allocated to providers.

McLean Care takes pride in delivering Home Care Packages designed to support older people to lead longer, healthier lives in the comfort of their own home. Home Care Packages are a government subsidised Home care service.

From 27th February 2017, funding for Home Care Packages will follow the consumer. This means that the consumer will be able to choose a home care provider that suits their needs and direct their package funding to that provider.

The Department of Health will be contacting people who are receiving Home Care Package services to inform them of the changes to Home Care Packages, and what these changes will mean.

If you are currently receiving Home Care Package services from McLean Care, your current services will remain unaffected by the changes and you can expect to continue receiving the same level of high quality care from McLean Care. However, if you would like to know more information about these changes, please ask one of our team members or contact us on 1300 791 660.

Intergenerational play time - the magic that happens when the old and new come together.
McLean Care has enjoyed a long-standing partnership with Tunstall Healthcare to offer personal medical alarm solutions, including a range of assistive technology care and activity sensors to support the independent lifestyles of our clients and Independent Living residents.

As 2016 draws to a close I would like to extend best wishes to you for Christmas and the New Year. We celebrate this time of year in many different ways depending on our cultures, traditions and beliefs. It is a time of celebration, joy and togetherness and I certainly hope that these sentiments will be enjoyed by all residents, clients and families connected with McLean Care.

As 2017 comes into focus, I want to take a moment to sincerely say thanks. Thank you for choosing McLean Care – we know you have a choice and are grateful you have chosen us.

Best wishes to you for a very happy and safe Christmas and I hope the New Year brings renewed hope, energy and success.

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Who is it for?

Tunstall’s Find-me carers watch can provide peace of mind to a range of people, and is ideal for:
- Older people
- People living with dementia
- Those who want extra reassurance while at home, work and out in the community
- People living with a disability
- Those who need to send a silent duress alert
- People living with chronic disease
- People who require immediate emergency assistance in a duress situation.

Key Features

- Fall sensor
- Location finder
- Medication reminders
- Easy web setup
- Magnetic charging
- Geo fence
- Removal sensor
- Water resistant

Upcoming Dates

The Xmas Door Decorating Competition has begun!
(Watch Facebook to catch the photos of our creations)

- 14th November 2016: Decoration commenced
- 25th November 2016: Outdoor Christmas decorations
- 9th December 2016: Resident door judging
- 18th December 2016: Staff office door judging

Here’s a few more fun quiz questions for you!

1. What occurs twice in a week, once in a year, but never in a day?
2. Which alcoholic beverage literally translates to ‘water of life’?
3. If you take away my first letter, I’ll sound the same. If you take away the letter in my middle, I’ll still sound the same. I am a 5 letter word. What am I?
4. A phlebotomist extracts what from the human body?
5. What type of animal was inside Sputnik 2 when launched into orbit in 1957?
6. Who was the eldest of the Marx Brothers?
7. A couple celebrating their crystal wedding anniversary have been married for how many years?
8. In the human body what is the halluc?
9. What is the name of Moe’s pet cat in the cartoon show The Simpsons?
10. Granadilla is another name for which fruit?

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