



Tax Calendar



20th December 2010
PAYE due

17th January 2011
GST due for Oct/Nov
Prov Tax due

20th January 2011
PAYE due
FBT due

21st February 2011
PAYE due

28th February 2011
GST due

21st March 2011
PAYE due

Christmas Jumble

Unscramble each word, place the letters in the shaded squares into the shaded squares of the second jumble. Unscramble the second jumble.

MIEESWN									
SEALGN									
SHOEPJ									
RATS									
YARM									
DEERSPSHH									
TENSREPS									
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Second Jumble:

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Christmas Wish:

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CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

	<i>Christchurch</i>	<i>Rangiora</i>
Closing:	12 noon Thursday 23rd December 2010	4pm Wednesday 22nd December 2010
Reopening:	9am Monday 10th January 2011	9am Monday 17th January 2011

Again, we would all like to wish you a very happy, safe and fun Christmas and New Year

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RUSSELL'S RAMBLINGS

"I have always thought of Christmas when it comes around as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable time, the only time I know of when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut up hearts freely and to think of people below them." Charles Dickens.

So wrote Charles Dickens in the 19th century, but events in the South Island since, have proven him very wrong. The last 4 months have shown that people do care what happens to their neighbors whether they be next door or on the other coast, and it is heartening to see the care that is evident all year and not just at Christmas.

This has been a very trying time for everyone even to the extent that the Inland Revenue are willing to give concessions on penalties etc.

We all hope that Christmas time will bring back some meaning and equilibrium and that 2011 will prove to be a very successful year.

That you choose us as your Accountants is something we never take lightly or for granted and our association is both appreciated and valued.

We try very hard to add value to your business and developments in the New Year will we think be extremely useful when economic indicators are not that positive.

So on behalf of all the team here at CATS, we wish you all a safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to working with you in 2011.



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A message from a counsellor

By the time this newsletter is published we will be at least 3 months out from the "Big Quake". I could say it is an interesting time, but the reality for a lot of people is that it is still very stressful. On the surface lots of things appear normal. We are back to work, the kids are back to school, even if for some it is not at the old place, and we attempt to live each day as normal as before. But like the earthquake and aftershocks, our personal lives have still been shaken.

It is important that we acknowledge that things are not the same, and just like the adverts' on TV, we need to keep talking to each other. Just because it happened 3 months ago and your house is not badly damaged, doesn't make everything better. Just little things may still upset us, like remembering that special something that got broken, or just attempting to fix up our garden as it was before, or looking in despair at the cracks in the wall, and hoping they are minor. All of these things are an everyday reminder.

Then for most of us who are still waiting for answers or assessors to come and visit, it is another set of stresses, and for those whose businesses have been affected or who know their house is seriously damaged, and waiting and wondering when or if it will be rebuilt, normal life is on hold.

These are just a few of the stresses and I could go on and on.

As a counsellor I am often asked, "do you think my behaviour/feelings are related to the quake, my memory has turned into mush and my emotions are all over the place" Certainly for some it can be. This event has shaken the very core of what we perceive is our safe haven, our home. Like most things that happen to us throughout our lives, we notice that everyone reacts differently; So whether you are someone who just packages up the experience and carries on, or someone who finds it all exciting or someone who jumps at the slightest shake or noise, or gets grumpy or bursts into tears you must remember that these are all very normal reactions and often we can feel parts of all of them or none of them depending on what else is happening at that time.

It is also important to remember that the young ones in our city will be feeling all these things and more, as they often don't understand the bigger picture, and are reflecting the reactions/emotions of the adults around them. We need to take time and be patient with them, while reassuring them that it is ok to feel uncertain and scared. It is normal, and you are there for them. So if you take anything from this article it is for us to not be too hard on ourselves, we still have a long way to go before our city, or our lives will feel normal again, relatively!

Sue Murray

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Barbie's letter to Santa

Dear Santa

Listen you fat little troll, I've been helping you out every year, playing at being the perfect Christmas present, wearing skimpy bathing suits in frigid weather, and drowning in fake tea from too many tea parties. I hate to break it to you Santa, but it is DEFINITELY pay back time!!

There had better be some changes around here this Christmas, or I'm gonna call for a nationwide meltdown (and trust me, you don't want to be around to smell it!). So, here's my holiday wish list for this year, Santa:

1. A nice, comfy pair of sweat pants and a frumpy, oversized sweatshirt. I'm sick of looking like a hooker. How much smaller are these bathing suits gonna get? Do you have any idea what it feels like to have nylon and velcro up your butt?
2. Real underwear that can be pulled on and off. Preferably white. What bonehead at Mattel decided to be cheap and mold imitation underwear to my skin? It looks like cellulite!!!
3. A REAL man....maybe G.I.Joe. Hell, I'd take Tickle-Me-Elmo over that wimped out excuse for a boy-toy Ken. And what's with the earring anyway? If I'm going to have to suffer with him, for goodness sakes, make us anatomically correct.
4. Arms that actually bend so I can push the aforementioned Ken-wimp away once he is anatomically correct.
5. Breast reduction surgery. I don't care whose arm you have to twist, just do it!!
6. A jog-bra. To wear until I get the surgery.
7. A new career. Pet doctor and school teacher just don't cut it. How about a systems analyst? Or better yet, a public relations senior account exec!!
8. A new, more 90's persona. Maybe a "PMS Barbie", complete with a miniature container of chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream and a bag of chips; "Animal Rights Barbie", with my very own paint gun, fitted with fake fur coat, bottle of spray blood and handcuffs; or "Stop Smoking Barbie", sporting a Nicotrol patch and equipped with several packs of gum.
9. No more McDonald's endorsements. The grease is wrecking my vinyl.
10. Mattel stock options. It's been 37 years-I think I deserve it!

Okay Santa, that's it. In considering my valuable contribution to society, I don't think these requests are out of line. If you disagree, then you can find yourself a new bitch for next Christmas. It's that simple.

Yours truly
Barbie