

MCN and Harold Sponsorship



Pictured is one of the Directors of MCN (Azher Mir) presenting Harold and some local children with a funky new Acer Netbook to be auctioned at their major Fundraising event.

It was a great night enjoyed by all, resulting in Azher learning some much needed cooking skills and Marlborough Life Education Trust raising \$15k. (Photo supplied by The Sun)

Do you have temp staff that have IT needs?

Do you need Hardware but want to keep your cash in the business?

Do you have varying IT needs throughout the year?

MCN now offers the facility to lease IT equipment on a month by month basis

Advantages:

- ◆ Efficient use of capital – keeps cash in business
- ◆ Lease payments are tax deductible
- ◆ Low initial outlay
- ◆ Improved cashflow
- ◆ Worry free – maintenance and servicing included
- ◆ IT utilised 100% of the time
- ◆ Keeping up to date with Technology

Why 'Reboot' when you have a problem?

Often when you ring for IT support you will be asked if you have rebooted your PC and if not then this will be the first course of action.

The main reasons for this is:

- **To free up system resources.**

When running applications a computer uses system resources (e.g. memory and hard disk space) to store the information it requires. When closing these applications, or if they unexpectedly close, the computer can sometimes

not tidy up and does not free these resources correctly so when the next application is opened, it then requires extra resources. Rebooting the computer will free up all resources and allow the computer to start again from a clean slate.

- **To "fix itself"**

When you reboot your computer it runs a number of self-tests in the background and will automatically repair some problems as it encounters them. So a reboot may just fix the problem you were having.

- **To problem solve or troubleshoot**

The first step in troubleshooting any computer problem is to establish whether the problem is a one-off or whether it is repeatable. Once this is established the next thing is to identify under what circumstances the problem happens. This is best achieved after a reboot so the computer is starting with a clean environment.



Our Services

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- Project Management
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- Networking Setup and IT Support
- Proactive Maintenance
- VOIP Telephone Systems
- Finance
- HP Warranty Agent

Tips to Protect your Business from Online & Offline Security Threats

Not having appropriate data security technology is as risky as failing to lock your doors at night, businesses need to be aware of cyber crime.

- ◆ Ensure you have an 'Internet & Email usage' Policy, controlling access to the internet and getting a policy read and signed off by staff is vital. For a free generic copy of an Internet Policy email support@mcn.co.nz.
- ◆ Educate staff on safe usage of sites such as Twitter and Facebook. Have some guidelines around this e.g. never download or open a link that seems innocent but has suspicious origins or context. Or, the best policy is to not put any information on a social networking site that you would not give to a stranger.
- ◆ Check the legitimacy of a shortened URL by first entering it into a Google search page.
- ◆ Keep your Operating System and software up to date. Most have automatic update options, make use of this to ensure no vulnerabilities can be accessed remotely.
- ◆ Wireless Security—Digital Certificates ensure connectivity is limited to staff and authenticated users.
- ◆ Acquire and use a reliable and proven security solution e.g. MCN recommends MCN PROTECT (Kaspersky & Malwarebytes)
- ◆ Make sure your security solution supports the email client you use for filtering most of the spam as well as spyware monitoring and elimination.
- ◆ Ensure your security solution includes a firewall and that it is configured to notify you of inbound and outbound connection attempts.
- ◆ Don't execute files from USB sticks before scanning them with your security solution, ideally this should happen automatically.
- ◆ Disable the auto-run feature on all optical and removable drives.

Any queries regarding Security, please do not hesitate to talk to your IT Account Manager.

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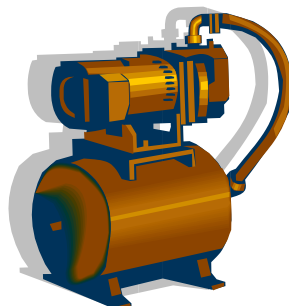


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Bring your PC in for a 'Good Blow Out' - \$25 Special

With winter coming, it will soon be time to ski back into Marlborough's record winter sunshine and frosty mornings.

The summer heat has also put additional strain on many computers that have



accumulated a thick layer of dust inside of them.

Dust gets into system fans and will hinder a computer's attempt to cool itself down, causing unexpected shutdowns when it

over heats. It can also get quite noisy as the PC works harder to cool itself.

MCN has a large air compressor we use to safely blow dust out of computers so drop your computer in or call us (03) 577 9099 for a autumn clean for \$25 + GST.