

Community Flyer
7th December 2022

Kia Ora, Hello

Over the past few months, as we move through spring, we have been celebrating the growth of the people we support, and our community. The seeds which lay dormant over the winter months are now blossoming.

There is life and action throughout the entire community. We have been coming together in morning circle each Monday and the management team is making intentional actions each week to strengthen the foundation of community.

The warmer weather has seen a sense of optimism emerge where collaboration and community spirit has thrived. We are slowly seeing new seedlings be planted and potted in our nursery and everyone is slowly returning to the rhythms which existed pre-COVID.

Over the past couple of months we have welcomed new staff to our team and seen an increase in energy from staff wanting to engage in the Special Character training with a focus on Health and Wellbeing to improve their knowledge and skills.

As Christmas slowly approaches and we prepare ourselves for a kiwi holiday season we invite you to reflect and hold the four fold wonders including Peace, Faith, Hope, and Charity.





Tangaroa

In Te Ao Māori, Tangaroa, the god of the sea, is often viewed as a life source. When our people are out in the boats, we see the calm, peace & tranquility surround them.

For the past few years many of our people have enjoyed the experience of sailing with local trust **Sailability**, supporting all people to be able to participate out on the open ocean.

The experience of being on the water encourages connection to that vital life source, symbolizing fluidity and nurturing.

Weather-permitting, the community aims to be out sailing every week.



Flyer contributions welcome. Please send to elisabeth.patelesio@hohepa.com

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Student Placement

Hōhepa Wellington has connected with Horowhenua learning services to provide opportunities for students completing learning in Health and Wellbeing courses gain valuable experience of being in our unique environment.

Students will work alongside and be supervised by our staff while they build relationships with our people, observe and be part of our community.

This is the beginning of us building reciprocal relationships within our local community and is an example of our values in action.

- **Sustainability** - ensuring a pathway for qualified and experienced staff to enter Hōhepa and the wider care community
- **Community** - being an active member of our local community through opportunities for learning, experience and knowledge.

Please extend a warm welcome to Mark and Michelle if you see them on your visits to Hōhepa.





Gallery Opening - The Shed Project

Recently five of the Wellington Team participated in the celebration of the Arts Access Aotearoa Creative Spaces Conference at the Shed Project. We are blessed to have such a creative community of artists and performers.

Also Platform 1 Art Gallery had its official opening in conjunction with the Kapiti Arts trail happening in November, with a wonderful contribution of artworks from, Tessa, Harry, Elle, Caitlin and Michael.

We as staff, parents and the community are so very proud and impressed by the very fine standard and creativity that is being produced within this space.



Meet our newest Librarian, Erin!

"In a good bookroom you feel in some mysterious way that you are absorbing the wisdom contained in all the books through your skin, without even opening them." – Mark Twain

Erin reading in her library that she helped make with the Pitoitoi family. Created with aroha and whakamana.



Keeping us grounded

Our volunteer grounds assistant Cole, has been selected to represent NZ for the World Special Olympics held in Berlin June 2023.

We love having him around the community, he is polite and always a pleasure to speak with. We are all very grateful for the work that he does for everyone.



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