

Welcome

Autumn 2024

Dear families,

Autumn has shown us how change can be so beautiful. The leaves turned so vibrant fluttering from the tree. As they say, Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower and I must say, it is exceptionally magical in this part of the world.

Can you believe we are heading into winter well and truly now?! So please take care of yourselves, and your whanau as we brace ourselves for the colder weather.

May we all have a wonderful Winter season. Keep warm.

Activities and Celebrations

Cultural celebrations are important to our residents and staff. We need to highlight and celebrate our diversity to acknowledge and appreciate our unique identities. This is important, for us to be able to provide a culturally safe and sensitive care. Last week, we celebrated Samoan week. Our team in the kitchen prepared their version of "Pani Popo", these are decadent Samoan coconut bread rolls baked in coconut milk– they are unbelievably good and the coconut sauce made it even better!, Egg pie and of course, fresh fruits were also served and enjoyed by our residents! Please grab copies of the activities calendar whenever you visit so you'll get a glimpse of what's coming and what our residents will be up to!

Samoan week celebration



Improvements and Initiatives

Kitchen Renovation



Over the years CHT has successfully renovated a number of kitchens across the Trust and as such, we are delighted to announce that, in a few weeks time, our on-site kitchen renovation will begin. To ensure the food service continues with minimal disruption, a container kitchen will be set up in the middle car park. This will mean that some parking spaces will become unavailable temporarily. We are hoping for the work to be completed, as planned, in approximately 2 months time.

Resident Story

Thomas Basham



I am Thomas Basham I have been a resident at Beachhaven Hospital for the last 12 months. All my life I have been a fisherman, I started fishing at 10 years of age I fished from Howick Beach and borrowed a fisherman's license so I could sell my catch to the public to supplement the families' income. I started commercial fishing at 17 years old fishing the Hauraki Gulf. These days I reminisce about my 60 years of fishing, I enjoy van outings especially around the harbour and bays, special trips to Snow Planet and Onepoto domain, reading the daily paper and doing the daily crossword. I enjoy Daily visits from my wife.

Note from the Care Home Manager

As seasons pass and time moves on, a separation is always at hand. It is an inescapable truth of life that lingers beyond the horizon. Now, we have come to that as I share to you some goodbyes... Natalia, one of our activities assistant has resigned to move overseas. Lynn Wyszczanski, our Activities Coordinator has decided to retire after 30+ years of service. Their work and contribution in making our residents' day more meaningful are greatly appreciated. As I've shared to those who joined the Residents and family meeting this week, I've resigned from my position as Care Home Manager of CHT Beachhaven to pursue another career opportunity in the sector. I thank you all for the trust and confidence during my tenure at Beachhaven. It was a difficult decision to make as I've worked in the care home for more than 12 years in various roles and capacities. I will be here until early August 2024 and I am committed to facilitate a seamless transition. We are business as usual in providing our residents the best care they deserve. Lastly, in order to keep our residents and staff safe and well please can I ask you to refrain from visiting if you are unwell.

Best Wishes
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