

Welcome

Winter / Spring 2024

It is often said, "No Winter lasts forever, no spring skips its turn". Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. While we have had our share of stormy, windy days, we have also been able to bundle up and enjoy the beautiful views of the moody sea from our lounges. Now as we move into Spring we look forward to enjoying more outdoor time and activities.

Activities and Celebrations

We started off June by celebrating Matariki with our residents, families and staff. We all had a lovely morning searching for stars for our Matariki Scavenger Hunt. Some were hidden in clear sight but others were a tad more difficult to find.

Matariki scavenger Hunt



Everyone enjoyed the fun and laughter. We had a basket of goodies to share after, as this is what Matariki is all about. Sharing and Caring. Haldene enjoyed a day of fun and laughter for our Olympics Day. In July, we played Table Football, had Javelin throwing, Mini Golf, Giant Shotput, Cricket and many more.

We competed on an inter-floor Level. Level 1 against Level 2. Not for lack of competitive spirit, we evened out and everyone won a medal and we got to share the prizes.

We celebrated Cultural Day in August with our residents, staff and families getting dressed up in traditional attire and residents put on a fashion show in their cultural outfits. We were very grateful to the Chinese Community

from Northshore for coming all the way to Haldene to put on a wonderful dance performance. Our staff put on impromptu dance performances as well. We had a lovely time with heaps of laughter, music and food.

Weekly Van Trips



Our residents have started a new tradition where they all vote for places that they would like to visit in the weekly Van Trips. This time they all had a great time checking out the Café at the New Mitre 10 in Silverdale.

*Cultural Day Celebration-
Chinese Community Dance*



Improvements and Initiatives

Courtyard Spring Clean



Our Courtyard got a much needed Spring clean and update by our new Gardening Team.

The over grown flax was pulled out, we rearranged the furniture and the whole space became a more welcoming area for residents to spend time in.

Resident Stories

Heather was born in Martinborough which is situated down the bottom of the North Island.

Family moved to Towai where they lived for 18 years when her father got a promotion in the telephone exchange in Kawakawa Bay.

Heather attended primary school at Kawakawa and Bay of Islands College.

She was married at the age of 17 for 8 years and then remarried at the age of 32 for 17 years. Heather has 4 children and is a proud Grandmother. Heathers passion is driving large vehicles which led her to working as a bus, truck and taxi driver. You can find Heather daily enjoying doing her diamond art.

Heather Sole



Note from the Care Home Manager

We had quite a few new staff join our team at the beginning of the year. They have now settled into New Zealand as well as into Haldene. We are now focusing on Quality Improvement projects, right from how to make the perfect toast to improving our overall dining room Service. Thank you to everyone for being patient and supportive during this time. Last, but not the least, we could not be more pleased to have Germaine, our Clinical Coordinator, come back and join the team, after her Maternity Leave. Welcome back Germaine, we have missed you.

Best Wishes
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