

# The Chris Ruth Centre

Newsletter - Spring 2022

Kia Ora everyone,

It is lovely to see the days getting longer. Summer is on its way.

The last few months have been quite trying for a number of us, between Covid and Flu illnesses, I know some people have been quite unwell. I hope we are starting to see the numbers of cases dropping off and people are able to get out and about again. (Please be in touch if you would like masks or RAT test kits).

Despite all the illness we are very pleased that with very little interruption, we have been able to continue to support the people who attend our Centres and complete their daily programmes, including visits to places of interest in the community and a return to most voluntary work placements.

## **Whaikaha - Ministry for Disabled People -**

The introduction of the new ministry is an historical milestone for the disability sector in New Zealand and some may say well overdue. As promised services have not been disrupted as the transition occurs. What the future holds for the sector will become evident overtime however we hope and look forward to seeing the sector being recognised and having a voice in decision making with positive outcomes for all.

## **Enabling Good Lives update -**

Following our last newsletter where I mentioned completing the Humanly workshops, we have started the implementation of the new Goal Planning documentation. Mangers have been using the new format as they renew goal plans on the anniversary of individuals.

## **Hoon Hay Building redevelopment -**

It is with HUGE excitement that I am able to share the news that we are in the very early planning stages of redeveloping of our Hoon Hay site. A building subcommittee has been formed and with the assistance of Structex and Bushnell builder's preliminary plans have been drawn up. What the end outcome will look like is a work in progress which we foresee will take a substantial length of time. The end result being a brighter more user friendly facility. This project brings financial challenges for the trust and as such we will be seeking donations and support from outside people and organisations. We welcome any suggestions or assistance with this and ask you to please be in touch if you think you may be able to help in anyway.

Please be assured that this project will be completed without disruption to existing service(s) as we will be focusing on the north side of the property. We will keep you updated as progress occurs.

*Kind regards, Marilyn - CEO*



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## **Career Force**

Congratulations to  
- **Nikita Bell**  
- **Pam Reuben**  
- **Sherrie Baynon**  
for completing their 'Health & Well Being' Level 3 qualification.

This brings our staff who have completed career force training to 53%.

Further congratulations are extended to **Rosalind Mead** for successfully completing the requirements to be a Career Force work place assessor. In conjunction with Dianne Gimpl we now have two work place assessors who support staff to complete their qualifications.



# Hoon Hay One



Haere mai,

It's been a very cold, wet Winter but we've managed to get out and about on our sunny days and kept busy with inside activities when not. We also welcomed two new staff to our unit Jess Euston and Kanisha Reuben.

Hoon Hay One has been a hive of activity. We love having Jim from Drum Dragon Music Studios here every Wednesday. Jim brings his electric drum set, guitar and instruments which are a big hit with attendees. Staff recently got the opportunity to watch Batin, and Claudia (almost) our Super Stars perform in the hit production "Back To The Future 4 Warned" an Inclusive Academy production. Special thanks goes to Shane for taking on the job of recycling the soft plastics and cans. Shane has been busy taking them to the collection bins at The Warehouse and supermarket. Lucas and friends have enjoyed going to the central museum, art gallery and the toy museum.

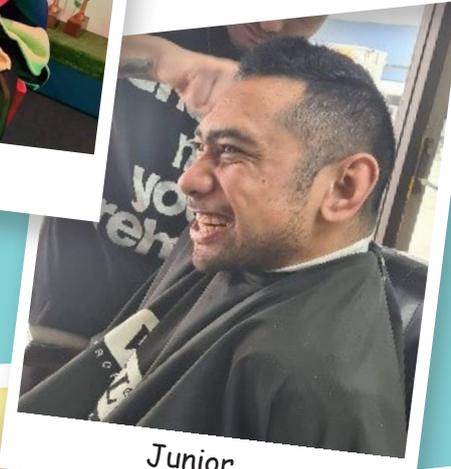
*Fingers crossed for a dry Spring... Adrienne*



Lou



Alice



Junior



Geraldine



Sofia



Shane



Claudia



Kristian



Chevani



Lucas

## Some highlights are:

- Lou had a lot of fun exploring his sensory goal with foam.
- Junior loves his regular visits to My Fathers Barber. His fav part is getting out of his chair and sitting in the barber's chair.
- Chevani finished her sewing/switch goal - completing a custom designed duvet.
- Alice and Kristian enjoyed their time at Southern Sensory Centre.
- Bowling and craft activities are also favourites in Hoon Hay One.



# Lamar Room

Ni hao from the Lamar Room,

The Spring flowers are coming up and the days are becoming longer, finally Spring!

We have been very busy since our last newsletter with work placements and activities at the centre. For example quizzes, camping day, PJ day, movies and dress as your favourite book character.

Recently we went Ten-pin bowling as a group and had a fantastic time. In the community we have visited the Air Force Museum, the Youth Ballet, library, cinema and Timezone to mention a few.

Enjoy our selection of photos.



*Ngā Mihi  
Lynette and  
the team*



Rory at Timezone



Hannah at Move



Teresa at the gardens



Chrystal doing craft



Jessica at 0800 Work placement



Lisa dressed as Princess Fiona



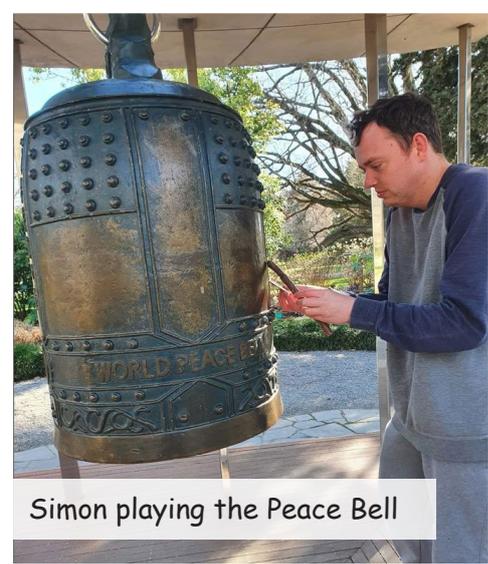
Asher bowling



Isaak at Music



Huong at Timezone



Simon playing the Peace Bell



Hopping on the bus to the CBD - Courtney & William



Conrad playing connect four



Ant & Eli access the tram



Tēnā koutou katoa from all of HH3,

A few months have passed and it's difficult to believe we are into September already.

Since our last newsletter Hoon Hay 3 people have been busy achieving an array of activities of interest. Some of these have included the experience of a group movie afternoon (at the centre) and individual movie events (as you can see by Howards visit). Music continues to be a firm favourite for many, with several opportunities taking place within a week. Some of these include the weekly session at Dragon Drumming, Move dance and our live music thanks to Pete and Dez. One of our people has started posting reels to Instagram, while another has recently had his hair dyed with amazing results.

In centre activities include art and craft projects, massages and games. Speech language groups continue each week and it is heart-warming to listen to the people we support sharing their news. The Airforce Museum continues to be a favourite, along with the gardens and being out in the sunshine – now that we are finally starting to see the sun. **Roll on Summer.**

“ From Shelley & the HH3 team ”



# Hoon Hay Three



The library is always a favourite - Michelle in her happy place



Social distancing to the extreme - Howard



Hoon Hay 3 lunch outing



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# Leacroft



As we look forward to Spring and hopefully drier days, we endeavour to ensure the people we support have active days. We have been able to start accessing services and places again over the last few months. It is heart warming to see people being missed and welcomed back.

Welcome to Monisha, an excellent new team member in Leacroft!

We are looking for new and interesting voluntary work participation placements in the community. If you know of somewhere or someone that might be suitable, please get in touch!

As the photos show it has been a busy time, using all local services and beyond. We continue with our theme Fridays, including an emotional Anzac reflection day with the last post played by Mike's dad, as well as Ten-pin bowling and a 80's/90's celebration day as examples.

*Stay Safe - the team at Leacroft*



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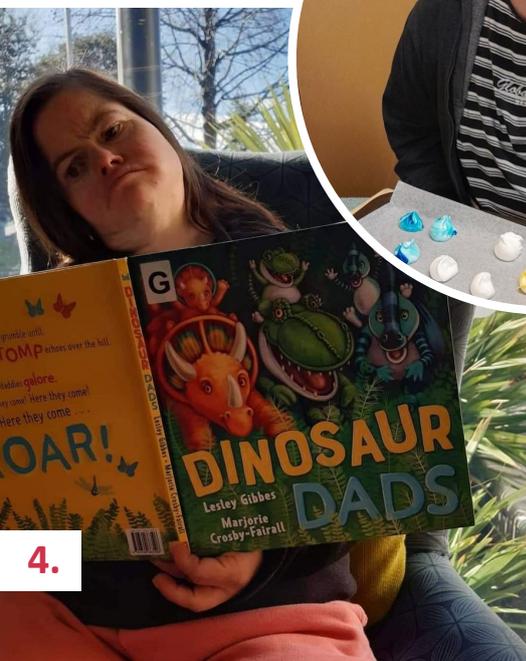
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1. Abbie out in the community walking with friends (a personal accomplishment)
2. James at Arion Farm, petting and feeding.
3. Alex T working hard at Bunnings watering the plants.
4. Sarah enjoying time at the library on a cold Winters morning.
5. Liam cooking meringues at the centre for the Royal High Tea Party.
6. Luke at Hoon Hay music - number one supporter of the Crusaders!
7. Isaac in the Sensory Room, enjoying the tactile wall.

# Sockburn

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I hope that you all coped through the Winter weather!

First of all I would like to say welcome back to our House 1 people! From January until a few weeks ago these people were supported at their home by staff, Hannah and Cherie. They did an amazing job on behalf of us all and I would like to thank them very much for doing this.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Paul to the Sockburn Centre. Paul has settled in really well, and takes great enjoyment out of being cheeky to the staff.

Fun activities our people have completed include going to the Robin Hood show (put on by the Ignite Dance Company), movies, investigating museums and art galleries, swimming and visiting local parks. Activities shared at the centre include Move/Jolt sessions, scavenger hunts, games afternoon, shared lunches and lots of different craft activities.

Keep well, stay safe, and most of all be kind to each other.

***Nga Mihi, Di, Phillipah and the Sockburn team***

*From top right - Paul out shopping, Tanya getting her nails done professionally, Andrew being cheeky after painting, Holly at Opawa Jolt session, Margie-Jane - dog walking & Will at Opawa Jolt session.*



Ignite Dance Company and The Robin Hood cast with our people after their show.



# Ashburton



Kia ora tātou,

As we move into Spring, it is lovely to see new life popping up around the centre in the way of flowers, wildlife and warmer weather. Everyone has been busy with all sorts of activities both in centre and out in the community. In March and May we had the privilege to celebrate three birthday's for Aidan, Olivia and Hayden. We also have another birthday coming up in October for Jasmine who will be celebrating her 30th, so a big happy birthday to you all! A heartfelt thanks to Kim Miller from Ray White Ashburton, who kindly donated Sunflower grow buckets for everyone to grow and enjoy.

A further thanks to June Mui for supplying us with some lovely farm fresh eggs, that have been enjoyed by many. In the upcoming months we are certainly looking forward to spending more time out in the community during the warm Spring weather.

Below are a variety of pictures for your viewing pleasure.

*Kia pai te rà (have a good day)*  
**Sapphire Stanley**



Hayden, Jasmine, Olivia & Aidan hanging out in the fort



Levon's wonderful Matariki display and clock tower diorama



Olivia working hard on her cottage diorama



Aidan, Hayden, Olivia and Levon enjoying the sunshine with a game of basketball



Daniel enjoying bouncing with a gym ball



A big thank you to Jeanette who generously made the CRC crew a beautiful and unique quilt. Each square has been designed or requested by each person within CRC Ashburton.



Recently everyone had fun building an indoor fort!



# Kaiapoi



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From all the team at Kaiapoi



Kia ora,

Kaiapoi has been a hive of activity in recent months. The highlight of our Winter season was the School Market in Rangiora. We had our own stall with lots of games and a chocolate wheel. The people we support had so much fun selling paddles for the chocolate wheel, giving the winners their prizes and also spinning the wheel.

We have been to various places including Willowbank, lunch at the Baptist Church, Oasis mini golf, movies and much more.

We are very fortunate to have a 3-wheeler bike to share at our unit also. Some of the people we support have been out on lovely bike rides, and swimming is always a big hit.

Sophie, Jayden and Adam with the help from Michelle found a petticoat table in the container. They decided after some discussions to decoupage the table. This was an ideal indoor project for the Winter.

Looking forward to Spring as we will have a lot of projects to achieve.

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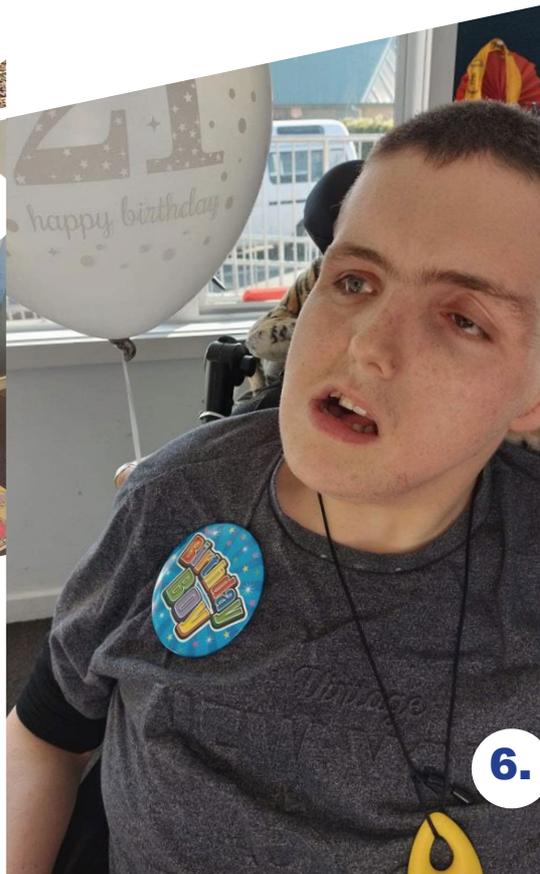
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- 1. Bradley & Daniel swimming
- 2. Mitch biking
- 3. Edwin & Matthew at Willowbank
- 4. Courtney out & about
- 5. Sophie looking at the decoupage table
- 6. Happy Birthday to Bradley!



# Notice Board

## Annual Closure Dates

- END OF YEAR DATE: Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022  
Finishing at 12pm
- RE-OPENING DATE: Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- STAFF ONLY DAY: Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Please add these dates to your calander and I hope this allows plenty of time for planning through the closure dates.

### End of Year Breakups for 2022:

This will be similar to last year with these being held in each individual centre.

More information will be shared closer to the time.

### Māori Language Week:

12<sup>th</sup> September - 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

TE TAURA WHIRI  
I TE REO MĀORI

MĀORI LANGUAGE COMMISSION



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