

Welcome Note

As we are now in Autumn, the leaves have started to change from green to beautiful oranges and red, the weather is cooling and soon we'll be wrapping up. Before that happens, however we'd like to share with you some of the going-ons here at Bernadette.

We'd like to welcome our new residents and hope that their stay with us will be like home away from home, where they'll be able to enjoy the daily activities and make new friends. Of course, it's always a treat when family visit and see grand and great grand-children!

St Patrick's Day Celebration



Activities and Celebrations

St Patrick's Day was fun! A lot of the residents dressed in green and there was quite a collection of hats.

Even the eats and drinks were green. We celebrated with Irish music and some of the residents even tried an Irish jig!

We've had a full calendar with outings, canine visits, a mini train ride and a lot of entertainment. We are so happy that COVID-19 is resting and we can have some fun.

The activities team organised a multi-cultural lunch for the staff, where staff members brought and shared something to eat that they would traditionally make in their country – and the others bought pizza!

We also celebrated CHT's Foundation Day. The message from our Acting CEO Stuart Tabuteau, and Board Chairman Graeme Edmond was much appreciated by the staff.

Staff Multi-Cultural Day



**Audrey Using Vistab—
Our new sign in system**



Improvements and Initiatives

Now that our renovations are over – done and dusted, we’re able to enjoy the new environment. We’re able to make use of the new Welcome Bay dining room giving us more space for bowls – it was much needed.

A mobility scooter garage is complete and we’re able to house 4 mobility scooters there in a nice dry, safe environment.

Our new sign in system is working a treat as well – so much easier and neater – thank you all for the patience shown during this period.

Resident Stories Stuart was born in Malawi, Central Africa, where his father oversaw tea

Stuart



planting. He studied textile design at Bulawayo Art College and gained a National Diploma in Arts. He went on to teach art at Zimbabwe High School.

Stuart loves design and uses his natural ability to work with colours to create art. In New Zealand he tutored at Avalon and has even done some HCA work!

Stuart’s art in progress



He comes from a very close family and enjoys nothing more

than spending time with them, and he enjoys a good laugh. Looking back, his best memories were family fishing vacations which he recalls with a huge smile!

Note from the Manager

It really has been a very busy start to the year. Thank you for your patience as we have moved between the Covid-19 levels and the enforced restrictions. I am sure that you all are looking forward to getting back to our old “norm” and being able to travel.

Please keep an eye out for the dates of the resident/family meetings. These will be published in the minutes of our next meeting. If there is an activity on the program you would like to be part of, please feel free to join in as we are always happy to have you there.

Take care and until next time
Best Wishes
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