

Welcome Note

Winter 2021

Welcome to our winter newsletter, despite the cold lots is happening at St Margarets.

Thank you everyone for returning the consents for our residents to be vaccinated against COVID-19. The majority of our residents and staff have had both vaccines and our GP will shortly be able to give the vaccine to any new residents.

However we must not get complacent and ask that you please carefully read the COVID-19 questions prior to signing in for your visit as it is an ever changing situation.

A feast fit for a Queen's Birthday



Activities and Celebrations

We have had several major events since our last newsletter in April.

As always St Patrick's Day was celebrated in style. The facility was decorated in everything green. Everyone enjoyed the Irish food and for some a drop of Guinness or Baileys. An entertainer played great music including many Irish favourites.

Cinco de Mayo was a celebration of everything Mexican. The green came down and up went the brightly coloured Mexican themed decorations.

This time the food was Mexican fare and tables were set accordingly. Everyone enjoyed a special Mexican celebration dressing in ponchos and Sombreros with quizzes, music, food and of course prizes for the best dressed.

Next came our Queen's Birthday celebration so down came the Mexican decorations and up went everything red, white and blue.

The birthday celebration was definitely fit for a Queen and our own Joan M did a wonderful job of being the Queen. Everyone was dressed in their finest with tiaras, crowns and lots of pearls.

We had an entertainer who led the festivities with us all singing both God Save the Queen and the NZ God of Nations.

When the Queen made her grand entrance she was accompanied by two corgis – our regular corgi visitor Ernie and his corgi friend Paris.

Cinco de Mayo fun



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Improvements and Initiatives

We have just had all the bathroom cabinets replaced in our ensuites. This is a great improvement as the old ones had seen better days. The new cabinets are water resistant and have a mirror front.

Our staff are working really hard to keep all personal clothing labelled and trying to minimise losses.

If you bring new clothes in for your resident, please give to a staff member to label before they are put away. Our laundry do their best to return unlabelled clothing and for our staff to return to its owner.

While we recruit to the clinical coordinator role, our wonderful experienced Registered Nurses are continuing to oversee everything clinical. Welcome to Amitha and Femme who have joined our Registered Nurse team. We are also fortunate to have three enrolled nurses.

Jeanette who has been with us for over 35 years and Ashwini and Marietta all of whom have done their EN training and have current practicing certificates. Ashwini and Marietta have both been working at St Margaret's as level 4 Healthcare Assistants for many years.

We have also welcomed a number of new Healthcare Assistants to cover for annual leave so our regular staff can take leave with minimal disruption for our residents.

Many of our new staff are experienced and we also welcome a number of first year nursing students who have done their first placement with us.

Please enjoy our Olympic Games decorations and join us with the competitions and celebrations.

Last year even though the world didn't have their Olympics, we made up for it at St Margarets with lots of fun and laughter. Take a look at the programme in the unit.

Until next time thank you everyone for the wonderful support we enjoy from our families.

Best Wishes
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