

KIMIHIA KHRONICLE

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Our sincere condolences to the whanau of our resident who has passed away:

- Peter Webber

Toiletries Reminder

Please ensure your family member has an adequate supply of personal toiletries, (for example: shampoo, body wash, deodorant, and other daily care items).

Thank you for helping us support your whānau member's comfort and wellbeing.



The Beauty of Music in Our Home

Music has brought so much joy, connection, and meaning to our residents over the past month. We have been fortunate to welcome a wonderful variety of talented visitors, including the Tamariki from HECC, Leon and Gina, the lovely ladies from Huntly Line Dancing, Valentine with his trusty guitar, and the beautiful Fusion Trio with their angelic voices.

A special mention goes to Leon and Gina, whose visit was captured on video and shared on Facebook, reaching an amazing 25,000 views in the community!

These performances are about so much more than music.

They create opportunities for human connection, spark cherished memories, encourage participation, and fill our Home with enthusiasm and happiness. Live music plays an important role in enhancing the wellbeing of our residents and making each day more meaningful.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who generously shared their time and talents with us. Your kindness and music make lasting impact on our residents, and we are truly grateful. 🎵❤️



A Message from Elizabeth Scott's Whanaau

After Elizabeth passed away, her daughter left a message and some beautiful kai for the staff. Please read her message below:

To the wonderful team at Kimihia Home,

Thank you for the care you gave my mum during her time with you. I know things didn't always go right, but what mattered most was your willingness to listen, to adjust, and to do better for her. That meant more to us than you may realise.

As her daughter, I carried a deep responsibility to make sure she received the very best care. At times that meant I had to speak firmly or raise concerns, but it was never personal. It came from love — the same love that guided the work you did for her every day.

In the moments when we couldn't be there, *you took the load. You showed her patience, dignity, and kindness. Your aroha was evident in the way you spoke to her, the way you comforted her, and the way you treated her as someone precious.*

For all of this, and for walking alongside our whānau through such a tender chapter, I am forever grateful.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,
Pihere Levi



Left to right: Acting Clinical Nurse Lead, Saranya, Pihere Levi and RN Reenu



Thank you Harcourts!

Through the efforts of the Friends of Kimihia Trust, Kimihia Home recently received a specialised soft chair with wheels, generously donated by Harcourts Riverlands. Pictured from left to right are Anju (Unit Coordinator), Saranya (Acting Clinical Nurse Lead), LEEANNE (Finance Officer), Dallas Hodge (Managing Director/Owner of Harcourts Riverlands), and Denise and Heather representing the Friends of Kimihia Trust.

This comfortable chair offers excellent pressure-relieving features for residents who need to remain

seated for extended periods. It is also made from easy-to-clean materials, making it both practical and beneficial for daily care. We sincerely thank Harcourts Riverlands for their generous support. With the continued assistance of the Friends of Kimihia Trust, we look forward to building on this valued partnership in the future.



Staff Milestones and Recognitions

Congratulations to our new HCA, **Augnas Davis**, for being awarded our Most Valued Team Member for May 2026! Augnas was recognised following excellent resident feedback for her outstanding care and initiative. By listening attentively and going the extra mile to meet a resident's request, she demonstrated genuine compassion, kindness, and a strong commitment to resident wellbeing.



Pam Martin

Congratulations also to **Pam Martin**, one of our dedicated HCAs for her 5-year milestone! Her hard work and caring nature are truly valued at Kimihia. Thank you for your continued service and consistent presence in the past five years.

Congratulations to **Cathleen and Gaby** on achieving their Level 4 Health & Wellbeing qualification. This is a fantastic achievement & a testament to their dedication, hard work, and commitment to providing excellent care to our residents. Kudos!



Cathleen Singh



Gaby Fornell

Welcomes & Farewells



Mercy Chepkoech

We would like to welcome our newest HCA, Mercy. While working in Kimihia she will also be embarking on a journey to be an Enrolled Nurse.

We recently farewelled **Ruth Wetere** as she begins a new chapter after seven years of dedicated service at Kimihia. Ruth has been a reliable and compassionate Senior Healthcare Assistant, especially to our Kauri residents, and has played an important role in training and supporting new staff.

In her heartfelt kōrero, Ruth shared her gratitude to Kimihia, the residents, and staff. Former and current colleagues also shared messages of appreciation before everyone enjoyed a shared tea together. Thank you, Ruth, for your care, commitment, and the positive impact you have made. We wish you all the best for the future. 🌸



A New Season Begins for Denise

We recently celebrated Denise Holland's retirement with a special morning tea attended by staff and friends. Denise has been a valued member of the Kimihia team for the past five years, having also worked at Kimihia from 1994 to 1999, with the rest of her nursing career spent as a District Nurse for Waikato.

Heartfelt speeches were shared, recognising Denise's dedication, knowledge, and support over the years, and she was presented with farewell gifts from both the facility and staff.

We wish Denise all the very best as she begins her next chapter and enters her gardening era. Thank you, Denise, for your many years of care and service—you will be greatly missed. 🌸🌿



Knitting Group

With winter well and truly here, Kimihia's Knitting Group is once again bringing residents and volunteers together to create something special for our community. The group is crafting hats, for premature babies, helping to keep little pēpi warm

during the colder months. Whether knitting hats on looms, creating colourful pom-poms, or assisting with new projects, everyone has an important role to play.

The group not only supports a meaningful cause but also fosters friendship, creativity, and connection.

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful volunteers whose time, encouragement, and support make this initiative possible.

