



# KIMIHIA KHRONICLE

*The official newsletter of Kimihia Home & Hospital - Huntly*

## A December to Remember: Joy, Music, & Community Spirit

### Annual Gift-giving by Huntly Red Cross



Each year, the Huntly Red Cross generously donate essentials and festive Christmas treats for our residents. This past Christmas Eve, Kay and Nola from the Red Cross team spent their time personally delivering gifts, bringing joy, warmth, and holiday cheer to everyone. We are deeply grateful for their kindness and ongoing support.

### Festive Goodies Delivered with Love by Huntly College



The Food Tech/Hospitality team, along with some wonderful students from Huntly College, visited our rest home to share a selection of delicious baked treats they had prepared. They personally delivered these goodies to our residents, who were delighted by their generosity and warm smiles.

### A Joyful Day at the Huntly Christmas Parade & Festival



Our residents had a wonderful time at the Huntly Christmas Festival on 6th December! A heartfelt thank-you to Waahi Whaanui Trust for organizing a dedicated tent, snacks, proper facilities, plus prizes and games!

# Heartfelt Christmas Cheer



Filipino Families



St. Anthony's Catholic School



Hunly Early Childhood Center

Throughout December, we were delighted to welcome groups of students, families, and local organizations who visited to share Christmas songs with our residents. Their music brought joy, connection, and festive spirit to our home. We deeply appreciate the time & effort each group contributed to making the season brighter.

## Parties here and there!

We enjoyed two wonderful Christmas parties this year—one for our Hospital and Kauri residents, and another for our Rest Home wings. Each celebration was filled with a festive lunch and plenty of singing that brought the season to life. The Rest Home party also included fun games, prizes, and a lively round of pass the parcel. Seeing our residents' smiles and hearing their beautiful singing truly lifted the Christmas spirit throughout our home.



## VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

## My Volunteer Journey at Kimihia



Hi! I'm Xhyndril Bartido, a 19-year-old Filipino who has been living in New Zealand for almost three years. I've been volunteering at Kimihia Home and Hospital for two months, inspired by my love for elderly people and my goal of gaining experience for a future healthcare career.

My day usually starts at 10:00 a.m. in the Hospital Wing, where I help distribute morning tea and chat with residents. After a short break, I move to the Rest Home to support activities like Picture Bingo, which the residents really enjoy. At noon, I assist with lunch back in the Hospital Wing, and sometimes I join afternoon activities like Housie before finishing between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

One of the most memorable parts of volunteering has been seeing how much residents appreciate the activities. Their gratitude makes every moment meaningful.

This experience has helped me grow—especially in communication and empathy. I've learned how important it is to listen, connect, and support residents not only physically but emotionally as well.

Volunteering at Kimihia has confirmed that I want to pursue a healthcare career. Seeing the dedication of the staff and forming bonds with residents has inspired me deeply.

My advice for future volunteers is simple: enjoy and love what you do. When you genuinely care, your impact becomes even greater.

**SMOKING & VAPING POLICY REMINDER**

Visitors and guests are not permitted to smoke or vape on site under Ministry of Health standards. Only residents may smoke, and only in designated outdoor areas. Thank you for helping keep our environment safe and healthy.

## CLINICAL PLACEMENT - WINTEC

## A Fulfilling Step in Aged Care



I'm Alon Sibi, a WINTEC nursing student, and I completed my placement at Kimihia Home in November 2025. Working in a rest home was a pleasant surprise—the environment was calm, supportive, and full of teamwork. I learned how important patience and quiet observation are, especially with residents who find communication difficult.

One moment that stayed with me was when a resident thanked me simply for spending time with them. It reminded me that care isn't just about tasks, but about kindness and presence. Although adapting to different needs was challenging at first, the staff's support helped me grow more confident each day.

For anyone considering this work, I'd say approach it with empathy and appreciate the small interactions—they matter. If I had to describe my experience in one word, it would be fulfilling.

**WELCOME TO NEW STAFF**

Ramandip Singh (SHCA)



Pratima Bista (SHCA)



Guia Guinid (HCA)

## STAFF ACTIVITIES

## Staff Christmas Party

The Staff Party was an opportunity to recognise the dedication and achievements of our team. During the event, we honoured staff celebrating their 20-year (Barbara Nicol) and 5-year (Neethu Thomas, Cheryl Rabaka, Latu Langi) service milestones, acknowledged our valued volunteers, and congratulated team members who recently completed their qualifications.

We extend our appreciation to the board members for managing the barbecue, and to Shelley Lynch (Board Rep) and Simon Binzegger (Facility Manager) for their words of gratitude and reflection.

The occasion concluded with a light-hearted Secret Santa exchange.

We look forward to the year ahead with renewed appreciation for the commitment that each one brings to the home.



## FRIENDS OF KIMIHIA TRUST

## Christmas Raffle Results & Heartfelt Thanks

The Friends of Kimihia Trust is delighted to announce the winners of their Christmas Raffle (please see below).

They would also like to express their sincere appreciation to everyone who supported the raffle—whether by purchasing tickets or generously donating items for our beautiful gift baskets.

All proceeds from this year's raffle will be used to purchase equipment and materials that are most needed by our residents, helping us ensure they receive the highest level of comfort and care.

As we enter a new year, we hope you will continue to support the activities of the Trust. We are already gearing up for a fresh and impactful year ahead to further enhance the wellbeing of our residents.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our community.

**2ND PRIZE WINNER  
R. TAPP**

\*Claimed already

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE WINNER  
CAROLE RODGERS****2ND PRIZE WINNER  
TANIA RENDALL**