



KIMIHIA KHRONICLE

The official newsletter of Kimihia Home & Hospital - Huntly

UPDATES

* Welcome New Residents

- Peter Ralph

* In Loving Memory

- James Foster

CLINICAL

* MEASLES OUTBREAK IN NZ

There is currently a measles outbreak in Wellington and Auckland. Please remain cautious and ensure that children are immunised to help protect our whānau from infection. Our elderly residents are particularly vulnerable to communicable diseases, so everyone's vigilance is greatly appreciated.

* LABELLING OF CLOTHING

Kimihia will be naming all residents' clothing to assist with identification and reduce misplaced items. For residents who do not require in-house laundry services, clothing will be labelled without a chip.

Families are kindly asked to inform the Registered Nurse on duty whenever new clothing items are brought in for their loved ones.

* SEASONAL WARDROBE CHANGE

As we move into the warmer months, families are encouraged to swap winter clothing for summer wear to ensure residents remain comfortable in the rising temperatures.



A Festival of Lights Arrives at Kimihia for the First Time

On 21 October, we marked a special milestone—it was the very first Diwali celebration in Kimihia Home with our staff and residents!

We began by learning the significance of Diwali, gaining insights into its traditions and meaning. Our creative staff designed a beautiful Rangoli on the floor, with residents lending a hand by gathering fresh flowers from the garden. The festivities continued with a captivating dance performance.

There was also shared tea among staff to introduce the food usually served during Diwali.

Celebrating cultural events like this is more than just a joyful occasion—it's an opportunity to learn about different cultures, foster understanding and respect, and appreciate the rich diversity within our home. Our staff and residents come from varied backgrounds, and embracing these traditions helps create a warm, inclusive environment where everyone feels valued.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Shout-out to Mulan and Elizabeth! They've earned the Funky Socks Award for showing incredible dependability and tenacity during a critical period. Thank you both for your dedication and strength when it mattered most!



RESIDENT MILESTONES

Robert Herekiuha turns 90

A very special celebration took place at the facility as Robert Herekiuha marked his 90th birthday surrounded by love, laughter, and cherished memories.

Whānau and friends travelled from near and far, bringing delicious food, decorations, treasured photos, and memorabilia to honour Robert's incredible milestone. The afternoon was filled with storytelling, laughter, and reflection on a life well-lived.

Happy 90th, Robert – your legacy continues to inspire!

STAFF MILESTONES

Fiji Day Celebrated at Kimihia

Our beautiful Fijian staff came to share the colours and flavours from their beautiful country to celebrate Fiji's independence on 10 October 1970.

The sweet and short celebration over lunch was full of flavour, laughter, and island spirit. Thank you for bringing the joy and warmth of Fiji right to our doorstep!

WEL NETWORKS LTD.

Power Maintenance Wrapped Up Smoothly

On Sunday, 2 November, WEL Networks carried out essential maintenance that required a full-day power shutdown. Thanks to careful planning and teamwork, Kimihia remained fully powered throughout.

WEL provided a dedicated generator, arriving early at 6:30am and stationed in the carpark near the main transformer. The area was safely cordoned off, and power was seamlessly transferred within the day.

Kimihia's own backup systems stood by as a safety net, while the WEL team ensured uninterrupted comfort and care for all residents. A big thank you to everyone for their cooperation and to WEL Networks for their outstanding support!

CATER PLUS AT KIMIHIA

Food Safety Excellence at Kimihia Home

On the 13th of October the Cater Plus Kimihia Home & Hospital annual MPI certification audit was completed by external company – Auditing Solutions.

We received an excellent Verification Outcome –Acceptable, with zero non-compliance issues identified.

Well done to Luke and his team for ensuring food safety is of utmost importance.

FRIENDS OF KIMIHIA TRUST

A Night of Knowledge, Camaraderie, and Community Spirit for Kimihia Home

On October 17, the Huntly Bowling Club came alive as the Friends of Kimihia Trust hosted a lively Quiz Night. Fifteen teams competed across four fun-filled rounds, testing their knowledge in topics from biology to entertainment—all in support of Kimihia Home residents.

Congratulations to our winners:

- Overall Champions: Just Making up Numbers
- Best Themed Attire: Mooloo Maniacs
- Chocolate Fish Winners: Lei Girls

Thanks to the incredible support from our community, the event raised over \$3,000 through the quiz, auction, and raffle. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated, sponsored, or volunteered—your generosity makes a real difference!



BUNNINGS WAREHOUSE

Grill Power! Bunnings Warehouse Hamilton Helps Kimihia Home Cook Up Support



Kimihia Home & Hospital is grateful to Bunnings Warehouse for their generous donation of a grill, stove, and butane canisters.

This will enhance our ability to host community events and support our emergency preparedness efforts.

A special thank you to our dedicated Activities Coordinator, Rizna, for facilitating this generous donation. Rizna continues to lead engaging monthly workshops that our residents eagerly look forward to.

Here are some wonderful moments captured from the most recent workshop.





RAGLAN TRIP

OCTOBER

CAFE OUTING

BIRTHDAYS

MEN'S CLUB

BOIL UP DAY