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Thankyou to everyone for your contribution.

The next issue will be before Christmas!

Please let Rhondda Poon know if anything happens in your service. I can be contacted on 06 833 9138 or [rhondda@wasstb.com](mailto:rhondda@wasstb.com)

Pictures are great!

If there have been any personnel changes in your office and you would like other services know, then why not communicate it through Pathways Forward? Just send Rhondda Poon an email on [rhondda@wasstb.com](mailto:rhondda@wasstb.com)

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### "Kete"

An elementary course in Maori Pronunciation, Language and Tradition.

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### New General Manager for Waiapu Anglican Social Services

***We are delighted to introduce  
Waiapu Anglican Social Services  
new General Manager, Peter  
O'Brien.***



***Peter O'Brien joined Waiapu Anglican Social Services from the Open Home Foundation at the beginning of October.***

Since taking up his position in early October, Peter has been busy getting to know the services that Waiapu parishes and communities provide for the people who need them. He is based in the Napier Anglican offices, but is out and about quite a bit in the regions.

Peter is of Tainui (Raukawa) and Irish descent and was raised in Tauranga. He has moved to [Hawkes Bay with his wife Pauline, youngest son](#)

### Available now!

[Read](#) the article in this issue of Pathways Forward and hear what people are saying about this wonderful opportunity to learn elementary Maori.

### WASSTB Website

The Waiapu Anglican Social Services website is updated by Rhondda Poon in Napier. Please keep an eye on your section and let her know if there are any changes that you need. Just send Rhondda an email on <mailto:rhondda@wasstb.com?subject=Website%20Changes> clearly identifying the location of the service and the changes that need to be made.



### Waiapu Anglican Social Services Annual Report

The 2012 Anglican Social Services Report will be available within the next month. Copies will be available to all Services. If you have a specific request for a number of copies, please let Rhondda Poon know at <mailto:rhondda@wasstb.com?subject=Annual%20Report%20Request>

Ethan and the dog named Dougal to live in Havelock North. There are three older children too: Daniel, James and Micaela who have all left home.

Faith ministry is central to Peter's life and prior to coming to Waiapu was previously employed in Tauranga as the General Manager Operations for the Open Home Foundation. This is a national Christian child and family support service that has a focus on care and protection of children; provides foster care for children and in more recent times provides disability services and parent mentoring.

Peter's strong faith and devotion to missional work is at the heart of his new commitment to Waiapu and our social services. He is very keen that our organisation, services and approach to our work reflects this at every level. Peter says that it is a privilege to lead this work on behalf of the Waiapu Diocese and he looks forward to being part of a team that is committed to supporting and strengthening the people of Waiapu



### Commissioning of Peter O'Brien

The Dean of Waiapu Cathedral of St John the Evangelist in Napier, warmly invites everyone to a service at the Cathedral in Browning

Street on Friday 30th November at 7pm.

The service will welcome and commission Peter O'Brien, General Manager, Waiapu Anglican Social Services. In addition, the service will celebrate the ordination of Gaye Barkla from Holy Trinity, Tauranga to the diocese and the ordination of the Rev Susan Cooper from West Rotorua to the Priesthood.

Our 2012 Youth Interns Saachi Kepa and Haydn Simmiss will also be farewelled. All staff and volunteers are welcome. There will be refreshments to follow the service.

### What's happening around Waiapu's Social Services?

### Merivale's Matariki Hangi Celebration

*Matariki was in June, so we are bringing you this lovely story a little late, but here is how the Merivale Whanau Aroha Centre celebrated this year. Saskia Deans writes this story....*

You could hear the humm in the kitchen at Merivale Whanau Aroha Centre. This was all to do with the hangi planned for the end of June. We celebrate Matariki in the month of June, offering a variety of experiences to the children and families to teach them the meaning of Matariki - recognising the value and importance

of whanau, culture, gardening and celebrations.



Planning for weeks built up to the final event which brought lots of joy and laughter. Donations of food came in from whanau for the big kai (feast). The community and past families all heard about this event and all wanted to join in and offer help. On the day before, mums, dadas, aunties, cousins, sisters and friends turned up to lend a helping hand to prepare for the next day. We ended the day ready for an early start in the morning when we put the hangi in the ground at one of our whanau houses. With the food delivered early in the morning and the fire cranking we were ready to go.

Now the centre was prepped and looking fantastic. We were ready to welcome approximately 120 people from all over Tauranga. Nervousness and anticipation was felt by all staff. We hoped the children would perform...that people turn up...and that the kai is good.

With the visitors outside and the children set to go, a karanga welcomed guests into the centre. In the welcoming speeches we incorporated a farewell to a long time staff member. The teachers were feeling brave and stepped out of their comfort zones to sing a song. Half way through, this turned emotional, but we shook this off and moved on to a beautiful performance from the children.

Then things start going badly. A parent sneaked in from the hangi preparation area and asked if things could be stalled for at least 15 minutes? I went to see what was happening. Walking into the whare kai I saw the hangi was completely undercooked and we had raw meat everywhere! Panic. What to do? Over 100 mouths to feed and a mountain of raw food! The chef arrived however and said "I will sort it. It will be fine". Time to put my full trust in my staff and families.



While staff entertained the children, whanau were told of the hiccup. As if it had been planned, the barbeque was pulled out. The

kitchen was full to capacity with the oven on, all the elements were blazing and every electric fry pan, wok and microwave used. The local fish and chip shop was even used to finish off the potatoes.

The laughter and joy from the whanau and staff was amazing to hear and see. I have never seen so many people pull together as a team so quickly. I started feeling better about the situation and could start to relax and enjoy the day too. The food was on the table an hour and a half later than we planned, but it was a pleasure and a great privilege to be a part of this day.

We laugh about it all now - and we have all learned a big lesson. Confucius said: *When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the actions steps.*

## The Kauri Centre - Te Puke has a Birthday



The Te Puke Kauri Centre, a daily activity programme for seniors, celebrated its 5th Anniversary in style this month. Over 70 people, including many family members joined the celebrations held at the Te Puke Anglican Church Hall. Fitting to the occasion was the entertainment from a harpist who provided stylish background music before lunch was served.

The family affair theme continued with the ceremonious cutting of the Anniversary cake by mother Lila and daughter Maureen. Lila was the first member of the Kauri Centre in 2007 and her daughter Maureen was a student on work experience that day. Back then there were four staff and one client! Now Maureen is a staff member and Lila is still an active member. There are now up to 30 seniors attending two days a week.

Carol Clendon the Kauri Centre Co-ordinator gave thanks to a number of people for their support and work. She thanked the Te Puke Anglican Church Vicar, Brian Hamilton and his secretary Grace Kershaw for their wonderful support over the years. Carol thanked and

acknowledged her staff for all the effort they had put in to the day's celebration, including the stunning decorations around the hall.

The volunteers were also prised away from their duties in the kitchen to accept appreciation and applause for all the selfless work they do for the Kauri Centre.

The day was a fabulous success, but more importantly, it was about recognising five years of meaningful programmes for older people in the Te Puke community - bringing them friendship, fun and adding value to their lives.

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## Early Childhood Updates - Southern Region

**Susi Shaw** gives an update on Early Childhood happenings in the Southern Region in the last few months.

**Anglican Homebased Childcare BOP:** the Opotiki homebased children and educators thoroughly enjoyed Rev Adrienne Bruce leading a fabulous musical and song session at one of their weekly playgroups at Hione St Stephen in September. They are hoping she may join in again soon.

**Te Hapara Whanau Aroha ECC:** staff, parents and tamariki farewelled Rosanne Groom as Interim Manager with a celebratory lunch with Eastland clergy and partners. The Reverends Jack Papuni and Linda, Phil Dymock and Pip, Bruce White and Catherine, and Joan Edmundson all attended. Everyone joined in the group time singing. The Tairawhiti waiata was resoundingly sung by staff and the boilup and kai was eaten with gusto.

The new Early Childhood Manager Tracy Robinson enjoyed her two week transition period with Roasanne and was looking forward to growing the Early Childhood community with the completion of the rebuilding of the Centre.

**St Matthews ECC:** welcomed Michele Cowan back from her European holiday and celebrated her 50th birthday. She noticed an expanding number of under two's and new families in the Centre

**Abbotsford ECC:** has relished a change in the flow of play with small renovations that were made to the outside environment. The sandpit was altered, some new plants were added and the lawn area was re-grassed. After the Tongariro eruption there were lots of 'volcanic eruptions' and geological language!

**Anglican Homebased Childcare, Hawkes Bay** successfully lead an ERO team around the large regional (Napier - Dannevirke) service delivery area over 5 to 6 days. It seems that it was well received.

Now - hopefully - we are set to enjoy long days of sunshine!

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Leo Te Kira - Kete

Leo Te Kira talks about "Kete" - a course in elementary Maori language, pronunciation and culture.



As a result of Leigh McGahey's suggestion at the end of June, I initiated a one hour a week Maori course over several months. This is "Kete" a course

on Te Reo Maori and Tikanga Maori. I have taught before when I was a Maori Vicar in Wellington in the 1990's. It has been very exciting to revive all the course material. In total, about seven Waiapu Social Services staff, seven Diocesan staff, six local Anglican parishioners and 2 people from the community began the course. Twelve people were able to finish the 12 session course. Six people completed an end of course evaluation sheet which summarised the material as informative and accessible.

Some of the feedback I received:

*"Everything was clear and well articulated to us. Like the combination of pronunciation and tikanga. Also the music (on CD) was a real bonus.*

*"A wonderful, nice, knowledgeable and sensitive tutor!"*

*"I'm very happy with my Mihi and assistance with it"*

Since running the twelve week course, I've also run two stand alone half days on Maori pronunciation and tradition with various Waiapu Anglican Social Service Co-ordinators. Feedback here has likewise been encouraging....

*"The heightened understandings gained of Maori concepts were especially valued, along with a commitment to improved pronunciation. We are grateful to have the knowledge and sensitivity available to us, that Leo provides."*

*The session had structure but with the flexibility to ask questions throughout...Leo has such a great way of explaining protocol."*

My twelve one hour session can easily be 'bundled into a three day professional development course. If anyone is interested in any assistance or professional development in tikanga Maori, Te Reo language and pronunciation, please contact me on <mailto:leo@wasstb.com?subject=%22Kete%22>.

## Children's Extravaganza - Shrek Style

It ain't easy being green.....just ask Leigh McGahey after her recent experience at the Radio Network's Special Children's Extravaganza

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where, accompanied by Marianne Prowse, Paul Hughes and another friend she dressed up as the character Princess Fiona from Shrek to entertain the children. Paul made a fine Shrek, Marianne and endearing Puss In Boots and friend Andrew Brown the sweetest Gingerbread Man.

The team had very sore knees by the end of the day after being photographed with at least 200 children. The experience however was incredibly rewarding and humbling.



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