



## PATHWAYS FORWARD Christmas 2012



### A Christmas Message from Bishop David Rice

We laugh a bit deeper possibly louder, tears come to the surface far more readily, perhaps we become somewhat more aware of the "other" in close proximity, we are prompted to sing along when we've convinced ourselves of our non-singing status and we are inclined to anticipate, even, dare I say, expect with slightly more freedom. And why? Well, it has everything to do with that which is holy. It has everything to do with the very best, sometimes forgotten, perhaps even yet-to-be-discovered, depth of what it means to be human. It is about a beginning and at the same time, a continuation of a never-completely-told, certainly not exhausted story. It is the Birth of our Forgiveness, the Feast of the Nativity, the Incarnation, it is Christmas, and that is a very good thing indeed.

O come, let us adore Him

David  
Bishop of Waiapu



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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)

### A Christmas Reflection from Peter

A few words at Christmas. It was Mother Theresa who said "let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush rather than a last minute rush". So often I find my Christmas overbooked and under prioritised. If only I could learn to pause, to disengage a little, to leave





## Merry Christmas from the IT Helpdesk

*IT Helpdesk 'Team of Two  
Wish a Merry Christmas to all of you  
When your stuff isn't working, give us  
a call*

*No job request is too big or too small  
We know our service is just fairly new  
But we have resolved a few jobs -  
\*402!*

*We're looking forward to a Happy New  
Year*

*Bright shiny things and maybe some  
new gear!*

*We hope the season of giving  
brings...*

*Much laughter, love, peace and many  
blessings*

*So all the best from us to you  
That's all for now, goodbye hooroo!*

*\*We have actually resolved more than  
402 but the correct number didn't  
rhyme so we had to round the number  
down to make it so!*

The IT Helpdesk will be closed from  
12.30pm Friday 21 December and will  
re-open 9.30am Monday 7 January.

For IT emergencies over the holiday  
period, you can contact Paul on 021  
930 999.

Cheers! Paul and Lis

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Lisa at her helpdesk



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Lead by the Rev Leo Te Kira in  
your own office.

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a bit of space, to reflect, to see his hand at work.

As I reflect back on the last 12 months, I have to say it has been both rewarding and by far the most challenging I have ever experienced.

Have you noticed that sometimes our journey can become a bit interesting? I have learned the hard way not to leave home without God and a wonderful praying wife.

Over these last two months I have met some very special people throughout Waiapu and as I have visited our various services, I have been amazed and touched by the commitment and passion for this work.

To all our staff and volunteers throughout Waiapu, thank you so much for all that you have done, for making a difference in the lives of so many.

As you approach Christmas this year I pray that God would help you find a place of shelter and rest and that you may grasp how wide and long and deep Christ's love is and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - and that you would be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Peace and Grace

Peter and Pauline

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

### Spring Trips for Anglican Homebased Childcare Hawkes Bay

*Anglican Homebased Care Hawkes Bay had a great time in  
spring celebrating the change in season and the promise of  
warm weather.*

#### *A Visit to Taniwha Gardens...*



September was a busy month for Anglican Homebased Childcare Hawkes Bay. We made the most of the beautiful spring sunny weather and organised an excursion to the Taniwha Gardens on the outskirts of Waipukurau. It was the first time that Educators and children from all of our areas: Napier, Hastings, Otane, Waipawa, Waipukurau and Dannevirke attended a trip together. It was great to have our extended

homebased Whanau all together.

Visiting Teachers, Educators, parents and children all filled their buckets with lots of different varieties of daffodils. The ponds, bridges, tyre swing and tree house were also highlights of the trip! Everyone who attended left with their own 'hand picked' bunch of daffodils.





### 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 any changes that you need. Just send Rhondda an email on [rhondda@wasstb.com](mailto:rhondda@wasstb.com) clearly identifying the location of the service and the changes that need to be made.



### ...and then to the Fire Station...

This month Andrea Driver (Visiting Teacher) also organised a trip to the Hastings fire station following a phone call from one of the children asking if we could visit. Educators, parents and children enjoyed dressing up as fire fighters, squirting the fire hose and driving the fire truck.

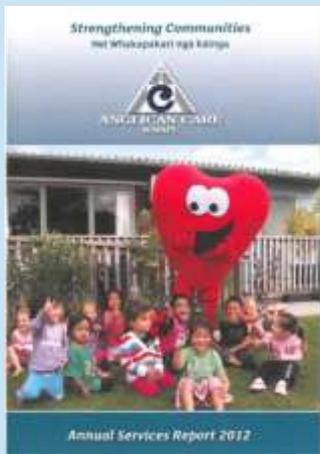


The Fire Fighters were extremely accommodating...two children had questions to ask which included:..'why did you want to become a fire fighter?'; 'where do you sleep' and 'do you have a microwave?'. All the children left with resources to extend the interest at individual educators' homes.

*Follow this link to our December news.....*



### Waiapu Anglican Social Services Annual Report



The 2012 Anglican Social Services Annual Report is now available. Please let Rhondda Poon know at [rhondda@wasstb.com](mailto:rhondda@wasstb.com) if you would like further copies. It is also available to view on the website at [www.waiapuanglicansocialservices.com](http://www.waiapuanglicansocialservices.com) If you are using the Annual Report for funding purposes however, please ask Rhondda for printed copies as they are better quality.

### Te Hapara Whanau Aroha Early Childhood Centre

Te Hapara Whanau Aroha Early Childhood Centre officially celebrated its opening of the refurbished childhood centre on Thursday 29th November. It was a great occasion for staff, children and whanau who have enjoyed the benefits of a purpose built facility since July. The staff and children all dressed up in purple to match the lovely colours of the centre.



Now with fresh lime green walls, decks opening out to three different play areas, child-sized toileting facilities and a new kitchen the Centre can take up to 50 children and their whanau.

One hundred and fifty supporters turned out for the opening and official blessing from Bishop David Rice. Amongst them were Waiapu clergy and social service staff, funders, parishioners from Holy Trinity and Te Hapara and Whanau and Friends of the Centre.

Bishop David talked of the importance of social service in the life of the Church. "The church is most true to itself when we are with people and social services enable us to be with people.", Bishop David said.



**Strengthening Communities**



### Waiapu Anglican Care (Waiapu) Ltd News Summary

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Anglican Care (Waiapu) Ltd has launched its first website. Click on the link to visit!

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**Peria House** has won two prestigious awards in the New Zealand Aged Care Association awards for Excellent in Aged Residential Care.

Peria House won the Individual Award for the Community Connection Category and also won the Overall Excellence in Care Award.

Peria House's entry in the Community Connection Category was entitled "Men at Work Revisited - Thank Goodness for the Shed - People, Partnerships and Prosperity" and described how Peria House created a feeling of community within the facility and also manage to reach out into the surrounding community.

Peria House Manager, Rachael Dadson and Anglican Care (Waiapu) Ltd's Operations Manager Laureen Sutherland received the awards from NZACA CEO, Martin Taylor at the NZACA Conference dinner in Rotorua on 11th September.

Contact [Katrina Mirams](#) for Anglican Care (Waiapu) Ltd

**Oven Box Fun at**



After the official business of a powhiri, blessing and tour of the building, the guests, children and whanau relaxed as the staff and their support crew served up a hangi lunch. A big thank you to everyone involved!

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### Social Services Award to Shanti Mclroy Te Hapara Whanau Aroha Early Childhood Centre



Peter O'Brien Reads Shanti's Citation.

On 29th November while officially blessing and opening the rebuilt Te Hapara Whanau Aroha Early Childhood Centre, Bishop David dropped another celebration into the day by calling forward Shanti Mclroy to present her with a long service award and commendation for her commitment to social justice.



Shanti is the head teacher at Te Hapara Whanau Aroha Early Childhood Centre. She has been a member of staff for over 10 years. Apart from her leadership with the teaching staff, Shanti's service to Anglican Social Services was highlighted by her commitment to social justice: witnessed by so many of the Whanau and children she has encouraged, mentored and supported over the years.

Shanti was surrounded by five generations of her own Whanau when she received her award: her mother, brother,

## Beachaven!!



Ellie having a rest on a garden seat



## Highlights from Waiapu E-News

**Leadership Training for Youth:** Tolaga Bay Camp 16th - 18th January. Email Jocelyn Czerwonka for info: [jocelyn.dymf@extra.co.nz](mailto:jocelyn.dymf@extra.co.nz)

**December Waiapu News available online:** [Waiapu News](#)

**New Vicar for St Matthew's Hastings:** The Bishop has announced

daughter, partner, and grandson who attends Te Hapara.



Shanti McIlroy and her Whanau

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## Social Services Awards to Maylene Houtham and Andrea Driver Anglican Homebased Childcare Hawkes Bay

### December News

December 2012 was an exciting month for Anglican Homebased Childcare Hawkes Bay with two staff members winning Excellence Awards for their performance.



Trish Giddens and Maylene Houtham



Trish Giddens and Andrea Driver

**Maylene Houtham** was awarded in the category of 'Service' and **Andrea Driver** was recognised for her work regarding 'Social Justice'.

On the 8th December in front of colleagues and Educators, Trish Giddens- Manager of Services to Older People-Southern Region presented the awards and shared the supporting letters that were submitted. Trish was able to talk about times in which she has worked closely with both colleagues as our homebased childcare service shares an office with the 'Services to Older People Team'.

Both Andrea and Maylene wear their badges with pride and are a shining example of what excellence within a social

that the Revd Helen Wilderspin has been appointed as Vicar-elect for St Matthew's Hastings. Helen is presently Vicar / Enabler at Otago Peninsula Parish in the Diocese of Dunedin for which she is also the Vicar General. Helen's installation at St Matthew's will take place shortly after Easter.

Look to E-News each week for the Bishop's diary, checking vacancies and parish happenings around the Diocese.

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services role looks like. Well Done!

*Jade Holland, Manager of Anglican Homebased Childcare Hawkes Bay*

## Beachaven Community House

*Gale Gordon, Manager at Beachaven Community House brings us Christmas cheer and wishes....*

As we look towards Christmas when family gather, it reminds us that we are missing our colleague Joe Le'ota who left in May. Joe rings every couple of months from Tonga to check up on us and some local people who visited Joe and Anne recently report that they are well. The visitors did some major renovations on their home including the installation of water pumps and heaters so that they now have running water in the house and hot water for the dishes and showers.

Christmas is also a time of giving and we received a great present recently - a new oven provided by our landlord. This was a double gift because the box it came in provided several weeks of play for our pre-school craft group.

Another gift we received was the offer from a friend of our community house to house our seniors for a high tea and garden ramble at the beautiful home overlooking the Tauranga harbour. We all wore a hat for the occasion and had a fabulous time. Here's a photo of Ellie having a rest on the garden seat....

Christmas is also a time to give thanks. Our work with families through weekly group activities and one-to-one support has been especially busy this year. We received a really nice thank you letter and some great feedback from a young Mum recently. She writes "Beachaven gave me my life back after a time of depression. I have awesome support. I have fun and have found friends. I have found a great piece of the community in Papamoa."

## Growing Through Grief Central Hawkes Bay

*Kia Ora from Jackie Schroder, Co-ordinator for GTG Central Hawkes Bay*

We have had a wonderful year with the Growing Through Grief Seasons programme in CHB. On Wednesday 12 December we will have a celebration and give certificates to the children who have completed the Seasons Programme this term. All the children who have been through the Seasons programme this year are also invited and we will all plant a tree together in the Glebe behind St Peters Church in Waipawa. This will be the third annual Seasons tree to be planted in the Glebe. A big "Seasons" greetings and thank you all involved.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Blessings to you all!

## St Francis Whanau Aroha Early Childhood Centre

*Sandra Anderson, Centre Manager for St Francis Whanau Aroha Early Childhood Centre shares a proud moment for the Centre...*

In November the Childspace Early Childhood Conference was held in Rotorua. As part of the conference, our Centre was

invited to showcase how different we are to conference delegates on the Sunday. So on the day, we welcomed three busloads of early childhood teachers to our lovely Centre.

The weather was perfect and staff had worked hard to have the indoor and outdoor environment looking amazing.



The visitors were impressed with our star garden, built and planted by Bunnings, from recycled wheelbarrow trays. The trays were planted with either edible, colourful or perfumed plants. One tray grew chicken greens especially for Lucy, the chicken to forage in.



It was gratifying to receive positive feedback on how fortunate we are to have grass, garden space and a Whanau support worker working with families in promoting resilience and good health by getting "back to basics". This was also an opportunity to communicate the engagement and sustained relationships we have built in our community with families and the journey that has got us to where we are today.

## Services to Older People's Conference

*Services to Older People held a successful conference in September...*

*Trish Giddens - Southern Manager*

Early September 2012 and as many as we could rally from Bay of Plenty down to Dannevirke, joined together in Napier for a two day conference. Meeting and greeting colleagues

as well as Head Office personnel, putting faces to names which in turn encouraged interaction, sharing and much networking all contributed to a very successful conference.

Each service gave a presentation of 'What worked well, How did they know and How could they prove it?' Amongst much laughter this proved entertaining and enlightening and much we all gained skills and learned fresh information.



Nga Pene TeAo and Vonnie Hawkins

All the presentations were varied and included specialists in dementia, medication management, challenging behaviour, nutrition, falls prevention and balancing lifestyles. A delivery by a Careforce Client and Support Worker gave us an account of a cultural appropriateness. Presentations from our own IT and Funding people enabled us to ask many questions that were answered very well.



Blessed with excellent presenters, wonderful food (all produced by a staff member) and a very good venue, the evaluations were excellent. We also received a variety of topic suggestions for

our next conference in Tauranga in 2014.

**Thank You for reading Pathways Forward!**

**Have a wonderful Christmas and peaceful holidays.**

**The next deadline for Pathways Forward is Friday 15th February 2013.**

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