



PATHWAYS FORWARD

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Waiapu Anglican Social Services Newsletter



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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

From the IT Helpdesk

Paul and Lisa your friendly IT team put out a weekly update. Keep an eye out for it on your email for the latest news about what is happening with IT.

ithelpdesk@wasstb.com

Greetings from Peter O'Brien General Manager



Warmest greetings to you all. My focus since we met through Pathways Forward at Christmas has been on launching and managing the review of our Social Services. In the last few weeks it has been my privilege to have met with a number of staff, parish clergy, parish representatives and local committee members.

This time has been incredibly regarding and valuable for me and I am grateful to the commitment of so many people to this review process. The discussions have been robust, enlightening and very encouraging.

As we are now a little over halfway through the time allocated for review submissions, please let me encourage you to complete your feedback (if you haven't done so yet)

Lisa at her helpdesk



as the responses we have received to date has been very insightful.

I thank everyone who has given their time to this process.

God's richest blessings.

Peter



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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.

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clearly identifying the location of the service and the changes that need to be made.



An Easter Message from Jenny Dawson, Bishop's Chaplain for Hawke's Bay

Easter time is about change. In this context of Aotearoa - New Zealand we know that only too well because our season is very obviously and crisply changing from the last warmth of summer into the leaf-fall of autumn. Even though the sun this summer has brought the agony of drought, there is a loss as the days grow shorter. This is Easter weather, right across the globe this great festival that we are keeping centres on change, the change from a tortured dead young individual to a rich shared life that is affirming and confident. While many of us struggle to understand what this means, we also struggle because we have so much going on and we know almost too much about change. It is everywhere, whether we like it or not.

Alleluia! Easter cuts through everything, about much more than a memory of the past. It is a promise of extraordinary future glory. It is also profoundly something about the present. When she meets Jesus outside the tomb, Mary Magdalene feels at once fully known and fully loved. Easter is allowing ourselves to be loved, fully and utterly. Easter is being given the power to find hope in the face of failure and pain. Easter is about finding thoughtfulness and patience in all the transitions of life. Easter is choosing to actively seek a future, whatever it is with our God. Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki.

Jenny Dawson
Bishop's Chaplain for Hawke's Bay



New Faces

Anglican Care (Waiapu) Ltd: Mark Renwick



Mark Renwick joined ACWL in mid January this year as the Village and Property Manager. After more than 10 years in the Wellington rest home industry, Mark and his wife Tamsin with their two girls Holly and Jemma moved to the Hawke's Bay so that Mark could take up this role. Mark has been very impressed with the quality of care and

accommodation in the ACWL homes and villas and has also found everyone to be very friendly. Mark is based in the Anglican Centre in Napier.

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What's happening around Waiapu's Social Services?

School's Out, Whakatane

In December, OSCAR Programme Supervisor, Sharon Corcoran was presented with a service excellence award. Recognised for her calm, inclusive and supportive nature, Sharon is respected for her willingness to listen to the children's and staff's thoughts, ideas and suggestions. Well done Sharon...and congratulations on winning your NZ residency as well! We're glad you are here to stay!



The Sleeping Giant - Te Mata O Rongokako

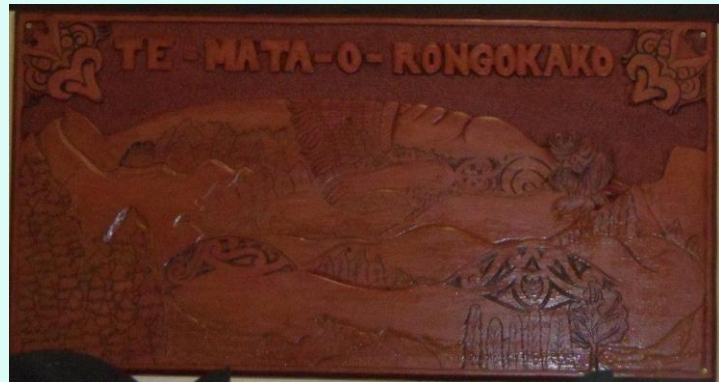
The story of how St Matthew's Early Childhood Centre in Hastings received two taonga from an unexpected source...

It all started when two teachers from St Matthews visited a Flaxmere kindergarten and fell in love with their carvings. It so happened that St Matthews were studying children's cultures at the time and were

reading about local legends. These legends included the one about Te Mata O Rongokako - the Sleeping Giant (If you don't know this wonderful legend about Te Mata Peak, then click here: <http://www.tematapark.co.nz/welcome/about/history-info/>).

The two teachers thought it would be wonderful to have carvings for the St Matthews Early Childhood Centre that represented local legends, so they approached the Hawke's Bay Prison for assistance. Shortly afterwards and most unexpectedly, St Matthews received news from the prison that they were to be gifted two beautiful carvings - taonga for the centre.

One carving depicts the legend of Te Mata o Rongokako and the other carving is a picture frame.



Te Mata o Rongokako



The carved picture frame

A morning tea was held to celebrate their arrival. Revd Leo Te Kira was there to bless the carvings alongside HB Prison representative Kelli Hammond (on behalf of Prison Manager George Massingham), Susi Shaw and children with their families.

St Francis Whanau Aroha Centre's Farm Kindy Programme

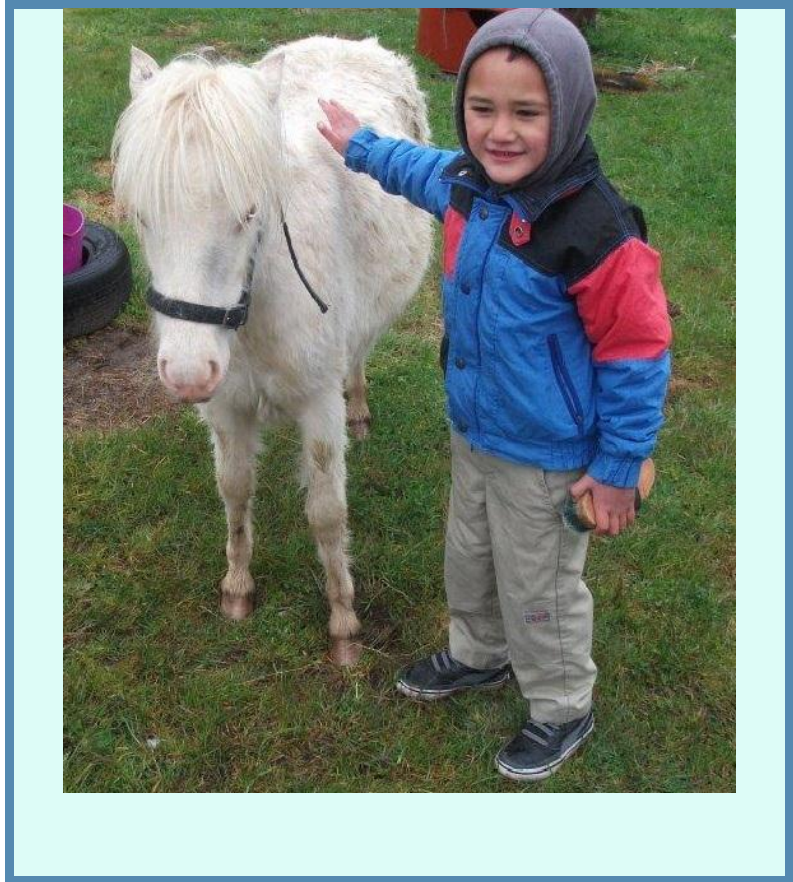
In October last year, St Francis Whanau Aroha Centre and nearby Fairview Park Kindergarten, developed a weekly Farm Kindy programme.

The Farm Kindy programme meant that six of the oldest children from St Francis and Fairview Park Kindy could go to visit a farm that specialises in small animals.

Not only were the children able to develop new friendships, but they were able to experience and understand the natural environment. Taking some responsibility to feed the animals helped the children form some empathy for the needs of other living creatures.



The children have had a lot of fun caring for and playing with a range of animals including piglets, chickens, a pony and some lambs. They played games, enjoyed the freedom of uncluttered space and formed great respectful relationships with the animals and each other.



Thank you for reading Pathways Forward!

The next deadline for Pathways Forward is
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