



PANUI

Working together to help our vulnerable children thrive builds on our vision that children and young people are in families and communities where they can be safe, strong and thrive.

20 Years of Service

In March Residential Social Worker, Lynn Wood celebrated 20 years of service with the Ministry and its predecessors. Lynn's 20th anniversary was marked with the presentation of a certificate signed by Chief Executive, Grainne Moss.



Russ Caldwell – Residence Manager with Lynn Wood.

The certificate was presented at a gathering of staff during a recent training day. Lynn was initially surprised to receive the certificate but she gave a short speech about the highlights of her career and confirming that her motivation is as strong now as it ever was to work with and support young people.

Farewell for Femke

One of our Youth Health Nurses, Femke Hilbink is leaving us as she is moving to Rotorua to live closer to family. Not only has Femke been passionate about improving the health of young people she has also operated in a holistic way and cares deeply about the overall wellbeing of young people.



The Residence health team.

The respect that our young people have for Femke was obvious in the speeches, waiata and haka that were delivered at her recent farewell. Whilst we are sad to see Femke leaving, we wish her all the very best for the future. We are very pleased to welcome our new nurse Moyra Docherty to the Residence Nursing team.

Australian Visitors

Between 18-20 April, Allan Boreham - Deputy Chief Executive, Youth Justice hosted a meeting of the Australian Juvenile Justice Administrators (AJJA) in Christchurch. AJJA operates as a collective body of senior executives whose purpose is to share information, ideas and policy across youth justice jurisdictions.



AJJA comprises of one senior executive from each of the Australian state and territory departments and New Zealand. The AJJA meeting commenced at Te Puna Wai o Tuhinapo with a mihi whakatau. The guests are welcomed to site by local kaumatua Te Mairiki Williams. The staff and young people also played an important part in supporting the whakatau process with waiata and haka.



The AJJA members were then taken on a tour of the residence and were guided through the accommodation and education areas by the young ladies of the Muriwai unit. The Australian visitors commented that they were moved by the whakatau and presence of the young people in such a trusting environment.

Many also commented they felt there was a really good feeling between the young people and the staff. Allan our DCE said "Te Puna Wai were great ambassadors for NZ. I wonder if any of the young people had realised this morning that their actions would leave senior Australian Leaders with such a positive impression. They can honestly say they represented New Zealand." A big vote of thanks goes to Residential Youth Workers Tania Manuel-Hayes and Kahi Tipene for supporting the young people and organising kapa haka practise.



New You Challenge

A number of staff have embarked on the NEW You 6 week challenge. The New You Challenge is a staff wellness committee initiative created to show what's possible in 6 weeks when people get the right coaching, meal plan's and support to stay healthy and fit for those winter months.



That staff involved are receiving support from their colleagues who are qualified physical training instructors to transform old habits. This includes group fitness classes in the residence gym.

April Holiday Programme

With the end of Term 1 brings 2 weeks of April School Holidays. Young people were kept busy with various activities on site with the Agricultural Programme running into the first week. Activities for the holidays included, Segway's, Canterbury Rams Basketball training, New Zealand Conversation Trust Workshop, Zorb Football, Youth town Licencing, Marcells Box-fit, Hip-Hop Dancing with Lani from Swarm dance crew, Air Force Museum Anzac programme, Salvation Army Workshop, Guest speaker's, Canterbury Arrow Tag, Careers with EC Maureen, "Looking Good, Feeling Good" Girls programme, Art, Music and Barbering Workshops. 4 young men completed a 2 week Agricultural programme with National Trade Academy.



Post been dug in for P.O.G. Agricultural Prog.



All YP in the gym for Volleyball.



Segway balancing act.



Frost the 18yr old Tuatara visited with the New Zealand Conservation Trust.



Cheapskates Skate Skool in the centre courtyard.

Anzac Commemoration

The Anzac spirit is experiencing resurgence among young people across New Zealand. The young people of Te Puna Wai are no exception, and have been showing an increased interest in celebrating Anzac day.



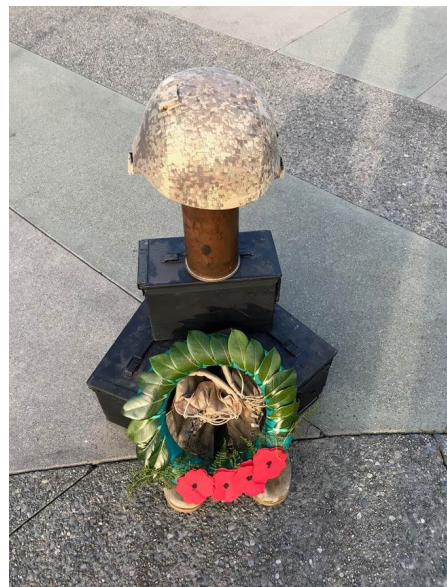
On Tuesday 24th April 2018 an Anzac service was conducted at the residence for the second year running. Young people were involved in officiating at the service including reading the remembrance ode and performing waiata and haka, along with members of the Maori staff ropu.



An inter-unit banner making competition was held with the finished products being displayed during the ANZAC service. The Anzac celebrations also include young people vs staff



Volley ball tournament organised by the staff Pacific Fono group. The first ANZAC Day commemoration service was held at Te Puna Wai in 2017 following a request from young people who had never had the opportunity to attend a formal ceremony.



Te Puna Wai is fortunate to have residential youth workers who are serving members of the NZDF Reserve who have organised the event. This year was made extra special with the last post being played live by an NZDF Bugler L.Cpl. Lolo Tu'uhetoka. Lolo was a hit with the young people, and he has volunteered to come back to teach young people to read music.