



We wish you a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy & Healthy 2011!



Christmas Sizzle

WOW it's that time of the year already and yes there will be a get together to celebrate Christmas, the end of another year and the beginning of a new one!

When: December 22nd between 3pm and 7pm
What: Sausage Sizzle
Where: Laura Fergusson Main Block and Courtyard

The idea is that friends and family can drop in when you can over this period. The residents have taken ownership of the event this year and will be in charge of what happens on the day.

It will be great weather—fingers crossed!! - and a great way to catch up before everyone heads off for the holiday season. The residents and staff hope to see as many of you as possible.

Music

OH NO it's time to say goodbye to XinXin! What a productive and fruitful year it has proven to be for the residents who have spent time with XinXin playing music and performing as individuals and groups. Unfortunately XinXin has finished her time with us and we wish her the very best in her future career. As the residents keep saying— “but what will we do without her?” The final concert took place on Saturday 4th December and was a great success as you see from these photos below:





Staff Training

Over the past few months since our last newsletter the staff have engaged in a number of training sessions.

- We have continued with some training for Deaf Blind Sign Language with both staff and some of the residents.
- There has been further Infection Control Training
- We have had staff training for Medication and Wound Care
- We have had a demonstration of the new Air Cycle Cushion which aims to alleviate stress while in a wheelchair.
- We have had extensive diabetes training which has led to some improvements in the way we do things around dinner so please see the Quality Circle notice over the page.
- Emergency Preparedness Training for both staff and residents to ensure we know where our survival tools are and also to refresh our knowledge of what we do in an emergency.

Continued Training is vital for LFT staff to ensure we keep up to date with suggested best practice and it enables us to provide the best possible care to those living at LFT. The staff here are always engaged and keen to up skill for which we are truly grateful as we are fully aware that not all workplace environments either provide these ongoing opportunities to have staff who are interested.

Once again a big *Thank you* to all our support care staff for their care and effort put into their role.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Our warm congratulations go out to Nathan Dela Mare who received a Certificate of Involvement in the National Clean Up Week that was held in November. Nathan joins a team of people who aide in the clean up of public areas especially our beaches so it's a great cause.

AND to AJ! AJ spent a large part of this year attending Weltec and has just graduated from her CVLS vocational learning course. It was challenging and fun times for AJ and we congratulate her on her success.

WELL DONE TO YOU BOTH

Filevision

We have installed and are working with a new file storage programme which we hope will lead to a paperless environment...in the future. It has definite potential and we are slowly getting used to finding our way around its in's and out's.

FLATSA-D

You may have noticed on recent visits to the community and our last newsletter that the upgrade to the drive/walkway around the flats has been completed.

On your next visit feel free to take some time to wander across and have a look at the gardens which have now been planted.

We think the flats are looking pretty sharp!

UPDATE ON THE LAND AT THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY

The vegetable garden for some time was the only activity on this site but in recent weeks we have seen the arrival of big machinery and the men of McLatchie and Sharp at work.

This is an exciting time but we do need to remind people that this site is now fenced off for safety reasons. Blessed by good weather the project is moving at full speed.

Watch for further development in the new year!!!!



From the Board

The Wellington Board of Trustees has spent several recent meetings exploring strategies for the development of the adjacent site. This has been an opportunity to consider a number of options for future development.

If you have looked at the new site recently you will have noticed that a roadway in from Summit Road is well underway and it is expected that the services and road will be completed by March 2011.

The Board, while delighted to have the land available, is very aware that moving this project forward will evolve reorganisation, major fundraising and great deal of work for the Board's voluntary members.

In 2008 a great deal of work was undertaken in producing a Strategic Report which assisted in developing a vision and strategy in order that the Wellington Community is better able to meet the needs of people with disabilities in the Wellington Region.

The Management Team is positioning itself to meet the challenge of responding to the Board of Trustees' invitation to compile a report on their operational perspective of a Strategic Vision. This is due to be presented to the Board on the 20th of January.

The Board Extends its warmest regards to all for a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

Ministry of Health Community Residential Support Services Booklet

You will notice that along with this newsletter some of you will have received a Community Residential Support Services booklet published by the Ministry of Health. It is their request that they would like to see all families have a copy of this easy to read booklet. Please have a read as it may provide information that is valuable to your family member.

Welcome to the team....

It is with pleasure that we introduce our latest staff members. Maria, Wendy and Louise are the latest additions to the team!

Maria is working in the kitchen and also helping out throughout the main block, she is being shown the integral skills for providing cares as an extra set of hands.

Wendy has joined the team as a Support Worker with extra assistance to the management team.

Louise has also joined us in the role of support worker.

We hope that as members of our wider community you have already had an opportunity to meet and welcome the new staff or will be able to do so in the near future.

As always we are continuously striving to better the quality and provision of care for the residents here at LFT.