

MONTECILLO NEWSLETTER

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Merry  
Christmas

Christmas Wreath Making - Craft Group



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Welcome:

William Green
Maureen Bennett

Lois Quinn
Margaret Malcolm (Respite – short term)



Departed:

Sidney Slipper
Wallace Price
Owen Hill

Gay Mullen
Terence Smith



Welcome Staff:

Laitu Poma - Carer
Julie Nailolo

Peter Martin – Handyman

Farewell Staff:

Adrienne Melton – Activities Co-Ordinator
Cecily Trinder - Carer
Tina Prendergast – R/N
Kezia Munro - Carer
Rebecca Bishop (Dietician)



Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini

What a
Delight! –
Lots of fun
& hilarity with
this hand
made skin
toned t-shirt.

60 plus



Lyn & Mike “LOADED GUNZ” - Visit 26th October.

Met in 1998 – Got married & moved to Christchurch. We have played at most of the Pub's & Clubs and sang on CTV twice a year. We moved back to Dunedin in 2009 and now do most of the Rest Homes in and around Dunedin. We really enjoy what we do.

In 2008 we went to Gore for the first time and won 5 awards including Gold Guitar Duet. The three years we went we won 14 awards.

We will sing as long as we can. *Regards from Lyn & Mike*



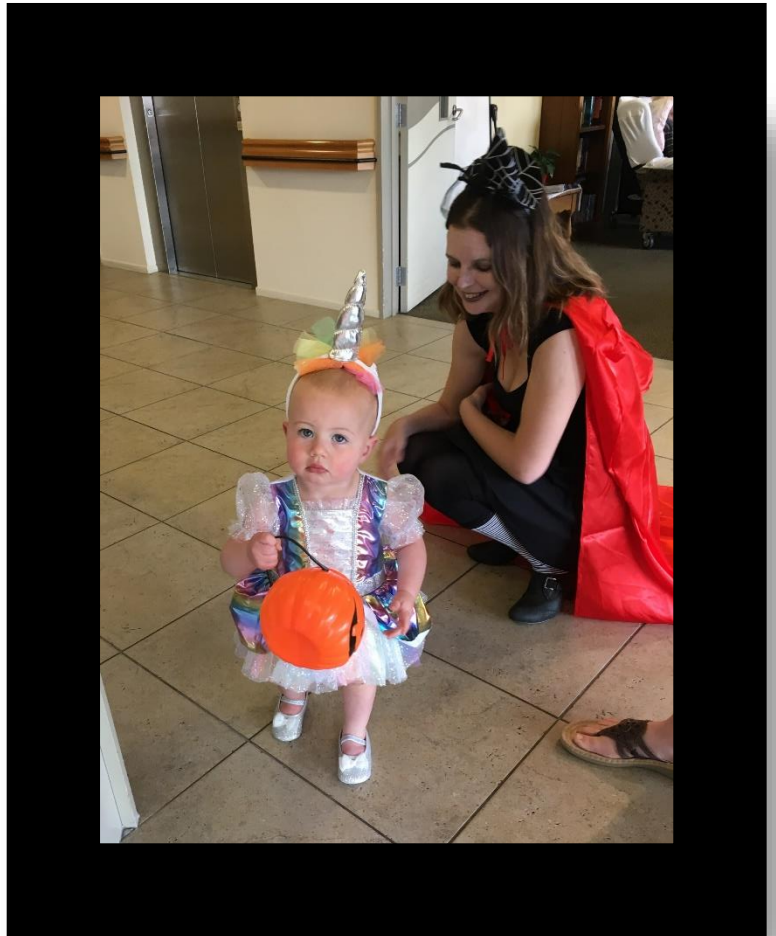


**NICOLE,
HAYLEY, KRYSTAL & KELSEY
WHO WE ARE**

We are a group of first year students, from the School of Occupational Therapy based at Otago Polytechnic. During the period of our second semester of 2018, we have completed our fieldwork 2 Placements. This placement involved us being a part of a community, working with different groups of people. This presentation of reminiscence from the 1950's and 1960's is our way of giving back to your community, from what you have taught us.

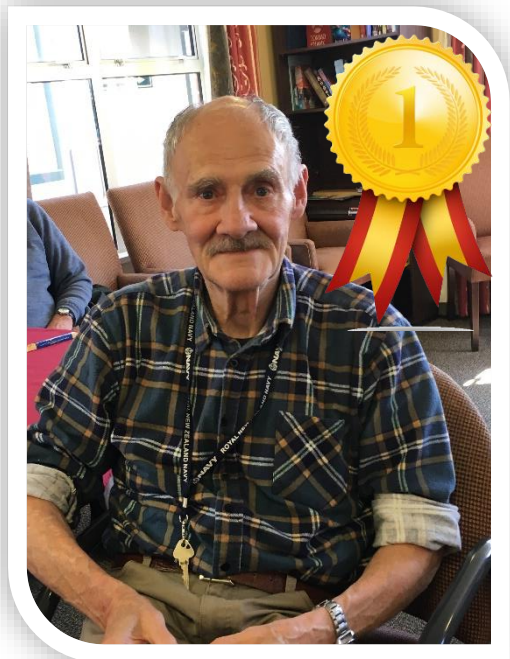


HAPPY
HALLOWEEN



Mele -Costume

Daniel- Halloween
Quiz



Duncan Peat – 100-year Celebrations



What a privilege to have Jacinda Ardern visit us for Duncan's 100th Birthday Celebrations. There is a book for viewing of the photos and Brigitte is happy to check if there are any of your family member, you'd like emailed to you.

Jordana Whyte – 15th November



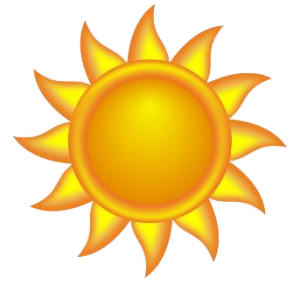
New Zealand is home to some of the world's most unique and endangered wildlife. After relocating several years ago, “Kiwi-sotan” Jordana Whyte threw herself into conservation in her new hometown of Dunedin, known as the Wildlife Capital of New Zealand, on the South Island. She will share some of her conservation experiences and the treasured native species found on the edge of the world, including the rare Yellow-Eyed Penguin.

Donations Please

8 ply (double knitting) wool for ladies knitting group.
Fresh flowers for Dining room and reception area/s

Mr Whippy Visits Us

21 degrees and a wee treat from Montecillo
42 residents & several staff enjoyed ice-creams in a cone or a tub.



Connie Wright, Elsie Herriott & Joyce Burt & Allan Cameron (above)

Robyn Abernethy

Rock, Water & Alpine Collection Curator at Dunedin Botanic Garden showed historic photos and shared a bit of the history of the rock garden which was begun by David Tannock in 1904. She also brought along samples of a variety of plants from the collection to pass around and look at, touch and smell. These included the soft hairy leaves of lamb's ear, fluffy pulsatilla seed heads, lance-like tough bright orange libertia leaves, sweetly fragrant *Daphne bholua* and pink lollypop thrift flowers.



Farewell Adrienne

In November we said farewell to Adrienne Melton, our Activities Co-ordinator, who had been with us for three years. Adrienne has gone to work with a team at one of the larger villages in the area.

Thanks for all you did for the residents and we wish you well for the future.



Happy Retirement Cecily from us all at Montecillo

Farewell
and
Good Luck



After 12 years working as a Nurse Aide at Montecillo, on 16 November Cecily Trinder retired. After working more than 50 years Cecily decided it was 'me'

time and time to focus on family and friends.

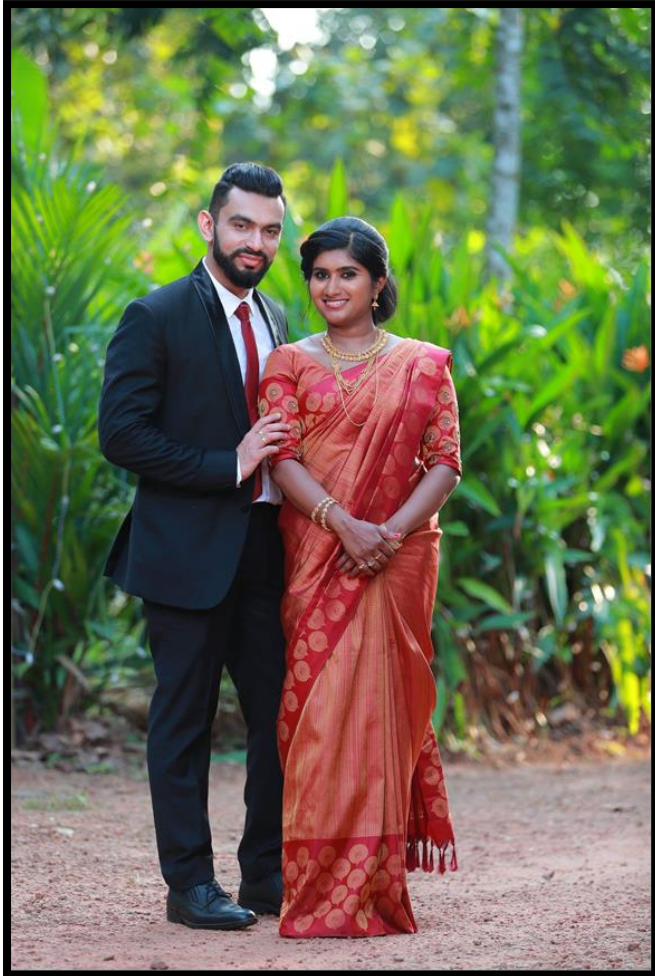
You will still see her around as she will continue to visit Montecillo in a volunteer capacity helping out with house.



Congratulations to Kavitha



22.09.2018



Our lovely RN, Kavitha Jose, got married in September in her homeland of India. The Residents and a number of the staff enjoyed watching a short video of the ceremony recently. We took a collection and a lovely set of cutlery was presented to her on her return to NZ.

Thanks, so much Kavitha for sharing your beautiful pics with us.

MONTECILLO IS VERY HAPPY FOR PETS TO VISIT

We have many residents that are animal lovers. We have regular visits from the Dog Squad & SPCA. Montecillo has a cat named Snuggles and two dogs on the premises most week days. (Baxter & Monte). We welcome families to bring their well- behaved family pet to visit. Pictured Below is Daniel Gillion



Familiar Face – Different Role

We are pleased to announce Lenore Ellison is our new Activities Co-ordinator. She will continue to be our Health and Safety Officer and Fire Safety Officer, but after 37 years will no longer be carrying out Nursing duties.



Baking Group – Making Rum Balls & Crackle Cakes



Also, in December the residents made rum balls and chocolate crackle cakes. We were pleased to have Frank helping to make them. The residents enjoyed them for afternoon tea. Some of the Residents asked for seconds.



Recommendations Please.

We are looking for contacts for people to come in to do talks and entertain. If you, or if you know of someone who is happy to come in for approx. one hour to talk about what they are passionate about, we would love to hear from you. We enjoy & appreciate hearing about what other people do or have done and having fresh ideas is always appreciated. Please make contact with us.

Activities Co-Ordinator Lenore Ellison

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Castle Cruiser Outing



On December 13th the residents were treated to a bus trip, Melanie Reynolds, who is Jim Whelan's daughter kindly paid for the trip. All the residents that went were very excited. The bus was called the Castle Cruiser. We left Montecillo and went to St Clair Esplanade, then via Tomahawk up to Larnach Castle.

From there we went down to Company

Bay and back to town. The bus driver pointed out points of interest during the trip. Once back in Dunedin he took us to see the Street Art around town. Then up past the Speights brewery, Otago Boys, Olveston and the Stadium. He took us to the Northern Cemetery and drove us around past Larnachs tomb. We then went down a steep street in North East valley called Dalmeny Street.

We then came back to Montecillo. On behalf of the residents we wish to thank Melanie for organising and paying for the trip.

Fire Dept Visit

In December the residents were treated to a visit from the St Kilda Fire Service, engine included. Four fire fighters came and spoke to the residents about what their job entails.

The residents all went out to inspect the fire engine. This visit made one of our ladies very happy as one of the fire fighters was her grandson and she received an unscheduled family visit.



Henare Christmas Carols & Santa's Little Helpers Visit.



One of our residents from previous years Grand-Children visit with treats each Christmas on the Anniversary of their grandmothers birthday.

Emmie & Hugo



MacAndrew Bay Playcentre 18.12.2018



Every year the residents get a visit from the playcentre. They bring morning tea in for the residents and sing Christmas carols. The residents really enjoyed the visit.



Te Kura Kaupapa O Otepoti - Entertained

The residents were thrilled to have this young family come and sing for them. They sung in both Maori and English, they also did some Maori action songs. Unfortunately, shortly after their visit they moved to the North Island to live, where the mother is attending St Johns College to become Priested. The residents commented that they would love to have them back again.



Staff BBQ

Thanks Sally & Mele for cooking the meat for the staff BBQ – it was delicious! Lovely salads were prepared by the kitchen staff.



Christmas Morning-tea at Montecillo - December 19th



Montecillo Staff sing Christmas Carols with the RSA Choir, and then Santa visited with gifts for all 44 residents.

Long Service Awards Presented



10 Years

Tom McArthur
Mele Ioane
Heather Wootton



5 Years

Eva Mafi
Lorraine Hatu
Ken O'Brien
James Kloogh



*Lynley (CEO) & Jenna
(Nurse Manager) pictured
above with Tom McArthur –
Lorraine Hatu, Mele Ioane &
Ken O'Brien*



Sharing the Christmas Joy

On December 22nd the residents were visited by Anna Crawford and Gemma Brown. Both Anna & Gemma run small businesses from home. They brought in their children, Nixen, Utah, Lexie, Fenella, Sam, Archie, Taylor & Luka. They gave all the residents hand crème and truffles. The residents enjoyed the visit.



Noriko & Mike

Each Wednesday morning several of our Residents and Staff enjoy a coffee or hot Chocolate from this lovely couple. Montecillo is proud to support this small local business.

