



Kia ora koutou,
Term 4 is here, and with spring in full bloom and Christmas just around the corner, it's a time of excitement and celebration across all our PCST programs! The warmer weather brings energy, laughter, and plenty of opportunities for our Tamariki and whānau to enjoy the outdoors. As the year draws to a close, we're looking forward to sharing highlights, achievements, and special moments from our programs, and celebrating everything our children have accomplished throughout the year.

Christmas 2025

Christmas is a special time to come together with whānau, share kai, and make memories—without needing to spend a lot. It's the laughter around the table, the stories, and the simple moments that make the season truly magical. Whether it's baking treats together, sharing a favourite meal, or just enjoying each other's company, the joy of Christmas comes from being together and celebrating what matters most..

As the holidays approach, remember to take care of your whānau and those around you. This time of year can be challenging for some families, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you need support. Let's look after each other and make this season a safe and caring one for everyone.

We hope everyone stays safe, has fun, and enjoys the holiday season with whānau and friends. Take the time to relax, celebrate, and make special memories—we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for an exciting new year!

OSCAR Programs

Many of you will already know **Sheena Dee**, who has long played a vital role in keeping our Carehouse and HRC office safe, clean, and welcoming – always upholding high standards of hygiene, health, and safety for everyone. We're thrilled to announce her appointment as **OSCAR Assistant**. Please join us in congratulating Sheena on this well-deserved step forward in her mahi.

Our **September two-week Holiday Program** was packed with fun, activities, and trips – keeping tamariki busy, creative, and active during the break. A huge thank you to all who joined in and helped make it such a success.

Looking ahead, our **Christmas Holiday Program** will open on **12 January** – keep an eye out for details and get in early to secure your spot!



<https://www.facebook.com/carehouse.paeroa/>

LABOUR DAY MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2025 CAREHOUSE CLOSED

Carehouse Christmas Closure Period 19/12/2025
Reopening for 2 week Holiday Program on 12/01/2026
Go onto Enrolmy.com/pcsy-community-programs to enrol your child.



Hauraki Resource Centre

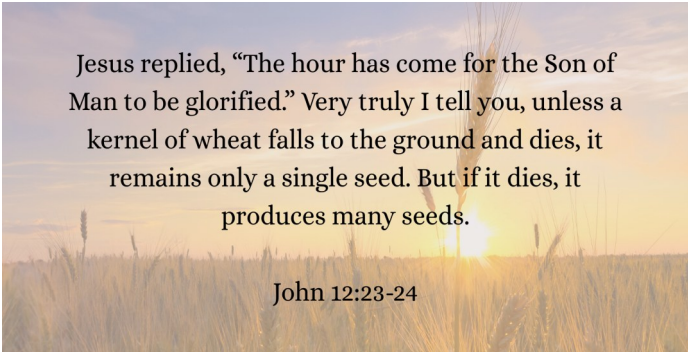
The Hauraki Resource Centre is busy with Volunteer Drivers – we have welcomed some new drivers on board to help with the growing need of this service. We have also been busy with the Foodbank; we have had an increase in support from the community which is instrumental to the sustainability of the Foodbank.

The final day for the year at the Hauraki Resource Centre will be the 19th of December 2025 with our doors opening back up on the 12th of January 2026.

During this closedown period our essential services such as Volunteer Drivers and the Foodbank will still be accessible. Please see below for our afterhours contacts.

Volunteer Drivers (afterhours) – 022 123 0281

Foodbank (afterhours) – 022 655 7348



Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

John 12:23-24

Food Bank Support – Can You Help?

Our local food bank is experiencing a lot of need in the community right now, and every donation makes a difference. If you're able, please consider adding a few extra items to your shopping and dropping them off at either the **Hauraki Resource Centre, 2 Mackay Street** or **Carehouse, 21 Willoughby Street Paeroa**.

Pantry staples such as canned goods, pasta, rice, spreads, and cereal are always welcome, but all non-perishable items are gratefully received. Together we can help make sure families in our community don't go without.



TAKE YOUR DREAMS SERIOUSLY

TVAL—Thames Valley Alternative Learning

We were lucky enough to have a speaker come in to talk to us at the beginning of the term about gang life and the negative paths it can take our rangatahi down. It was awesome to have someone with lived experience. He brought along his teenage son who also spoke about his childhood and the difference his father's path has made on his life then and life now.

Youth event in Thames. We were lucky enough to be invited along to the event in Thames to listen to people positively talk to youth. Speakers included Jase Williams, Jessica Tyson (Miss World/NZ news presenter), Melodownz and most notably Hana Rawhiti. One of the students was like “Miss is that the lady that ripped up the papers and did the Haka in parliament”

We are all really privileged to work with such awesome young people, everyday is different, they make us smile laugh and keep us on our toes.



Please call into the Hauraki Resource Centre or Carehouse and see a staff member if you are interested in volunteering your time to help with any of our programs.

Paeroa Financial Mentoring

Rising Star Shines Bright in Paeroa

We're thrilled to announce that **Annie McKegg**, one of our dedicated financial mentors, has been honoured with the **Rising Star Award** at the Stronger Together Forum—a national recognition celebrating emerging leaders in the financial mentoring sector.

Since joining the Paeroa Community Support Trust, Annie has shown exceptional commitment to empowering clients, building financial resilience, and fostering community wellbeing. Her passion, empathy, and drive to learn have made a lasting impact, and we couldn't be prouder.

Following this well-deserved recognition, Annie has now stepped into the role of **Financial Mentor Team Lead**, where she will guide and support our mentoring team to continue delivering high-quality, compassionate financial advice to the Hauraki community.

Congratulations Annie —your journey is inspiring, and your leadership is already making a difference!

We're excited to welcome our newest team member, **Alice Boland** who joins us as a **Trainee Financial Mentor**. Alice brings fresh energy and a strong desire to support our community, and we're looking forward to seeing her grow in this important role. Welcome Alice!

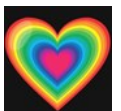


Kids Can Cook

Last term we farewelled Ari with a big thank you for all the fun, skills, and creativity you brought to our Kids Can Cook Program. We now warmly welcome **Sheena Dee** as our new Program Co-Ordinator – we're excited to have her leading the program this term.

A big shout-out as well to our amazing volunteers **Kylie Harris, Miley Maber, and Franco Espinoza**, who give their time and energy to support the kids in the kitchen. Your help makes a huge difference, and we couldn't do it without you!

We're looking forward to another tasty and fun-filled term of cooking together.



Paeroa Toy Library

We are delighted to share that **Bianca**, a dedicated member of the Paeroa Toy Library for around 10 years and Treasurer since 2018, has been recognised by the Toy Library Federation of New Zealand for her outstanding contribution and service. She was recently presented with a certificate acknowledging her commitment to our local toy library. **Congratulations, Bianca – what a well-deserved achievement!**

The Paeroa Toy Library, which operates under the umbrella of the **Paeroa Community Support Trust (PCST)**, is proudly run by volunteers. We're open:

- **Tuesday, Friday & Saturday mornings:**
10.00am – 12.00pm
- **Tuesday afternoons:**
3.00pm – 4.30pm

With a wide range of toys and educational resources available for hire, we offer very affordable membership and hireage options. You'll find us at **7 Station Road, Paeroa**, and we warmly welcome enquiries from parents, carers, grandparents, and anyone interested in volunteering.



As is well known by now throughout the world Harvey Ball, a commercial artist from Worcester, Massachusetts created the smiley face in 1963. That image went on to become the most recognizable symbol of good will and good cheer on the planet.

Muay Thai Update

Muay Thai Boys Off to Represent NZ!

We're incredibly proud to share that three of our Muay Thai boys – **Cody, Nick, and Arlo** – have been selected to represent **New Zealand** at the **World Kickboxing Tournament in Europe this October!**

Over the past few months, the boys have been putting in huge effort both in and out of the gym. From **car washes, bake sales, discos, and a hangi**, they've worked hard to fundraise and have successfully raised the money needed to get themselves to Europe.

This is an amazing opportunity, and we wish them all the very best as they step onto the world stage. **Go hard boys – you've made us all proud!**



Children are our greatest treasure

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