



Term 1 is officially underway, and it's been a busy and positive start across our community services. Our teams are settling into the year, welcoming participants, and delivering programs that support and connect our community. This newsletter shares what's happening now and what to look forward to this term.

Paeroa Community Support Trust

We're excited to welcome everyone to a brand new term at our community services! Whether you're a returning participant, a long-standing volunteer, or joining us for the first time, it's wonderful to have you as part of our community.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead, with a wide range of programs and activities designed to support, connect, and inspire. From after-school care and holiday programs to community support initiatives, there's something for everyone to enjoy and be part of.

A special welcome to all our new families, participants, and volunteers — we're thrilled you've joined us and can't wait to get to know you. Thank you to our dedicated staff and volunteers for all the energy, care, and commitment you bring — together, we make this community a welcoming and vibrant place for everyone.

Here's to a fantastic term ahead filled with learning, connection, and plenty of fun!

NEW PROGRAM—Soup and Rolls

Warm Up with Soup and Rolls at The Carehouse!

We're excited to announce our brand new Soup and Roll Program, starting after Easter weekend at The Carehouse, 21 Willoughby Street, Paeroa.

Join us every week on Thursdays from 12pm to 1pm for a warm bowl of soup, a roll, and good company. It's a great chance to take a break, enjoy a hearty lunch, and connect with others in our community.

There's no set cost – a koha (donation) is optional – so everyone is welcome to come along. Whether you'd like a quiet spot for lunch or a friendly chat, you'll find a warm welcome waiting for you.

We're also looking for volunteers to help make this program a success! If you enjoy cooking, serving, or just lending a hand, we'd love to hear from you.

If you'd like to register your interest—either to join us for lunch or volunteer—simply drop in to The Carehouse or give us a call on 07 862 9129.

PAEROA COMMUNITY SUPPORT TRUST CHILDREN'S DAY,
SATURDAY MARCH 28TH AT THE PAEROA DOMAIN FROM 1PM-4PM



wait to see you there!



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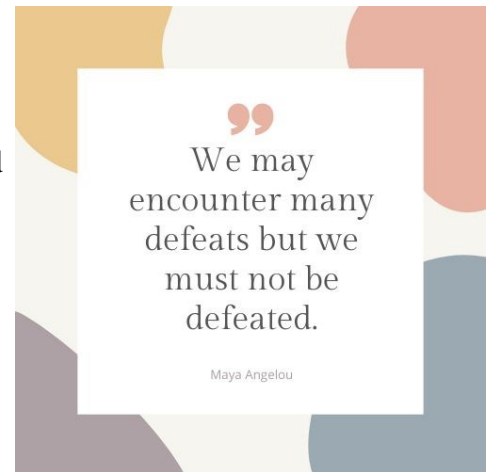
Hauraki Resource Centre

Hauraki Resource Centre continues to play an important role in supporting our local community through a range of programs and services. Our team works alongside individuals and families, offering information, advice, and practical support to help people navigate challenges and stay connected.

One of our valued supports is our volunteer driver program, which assists community members with transport to essential appointments and services. We are incredibly grateful to our volunteer drivers for their time, commitment, and willingness to help others — their support makes a real difference.

We also work closely with **Neighbours Food Bank**, helping community members access food support when it's needed most. Alongside this, we provide information and advice, connecting people with local services and resources to ensure they receive the right support at the right time.

Thank you to everyone — staff, volunteers, and community partners — who help make this work possible. Together, we continue to support and strengthen our community.



Holiday Program & After School Care

Our Holiday Program is well underway, and the children are having a fantastic time! With a great mix of activities including swimming, park visits, movie days, and BBQs, there's been no shortage of fun, laughter, and shared experiences. The program has been a wonderful opportunity for children to stay active, make new friends, and enjoy their school holidays in a safe and supportive environment.

As we look ahead, we're also excited to welcome children back to **After School Care from 26th January**. We look forward to seeing familiar faces return and meeting new children as they join our program for the year ahead. Our team is ready for another great year of connection, play, and support.

We're excited for what's to come and look forward to sharing more highlights as the year continues.

"Every child has the right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreation"



TVAL

Celebrating a successful year at TVAL, we are incredibly proud of how far all our young people have come and their efforts through 2025. All of our leaving senior students will be glinting into the world with a Forklift license, First aid, Safety in the workplace and Time management certificates. One of our students will be transitioning back to college at the start of 2026, we will miss her but very proud of how far she has come. We recently celebrated the success of one young man who has made significant improvements in his reading and writing and has been awarded a diligence certificate at the Paeroa College prize-giving.

We would also like to acknowledge outside sporting achievements for one of our current students and one of our past students who both represented New Zealand in a European competition. Both came home with medals, we are super proud of their efforts.

The team at TVAL are full of pride and are looking forward to what 2026 will bring, with our contract being extended by the ministry of education for a year. We are looking forward to building on our unprecedented results from 2025.

It is a pleasure to come to work each day and work with such awesome young people.

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

Struggling with money?

We're here to help - no judgement, just support

Free, confidential support from Paeroa Financial Mentoring

Through the Paeroa Community Support Trust

Create a budget that works for you ✓

Check Work and Income entitlements ✓

Deal with debt collectors and sort repayments ✓

Plan ahead for bills and savings ✓

A budget is telling your money where to go rather than wondering where it went.

This is a safe space to talk about money - no pressure, no shame. Just real support from people who care.



GBB is a network of people who want to show kindness to those in the community who are having a tough time. They do this by baking delicious treats and delivering them to organisations. They work with, or support people who need some kindness. Their purpose is to give a moment of sweetness to people having a tough time. We are proud to be one of the organisations that they deliver to so we can support our local community and clients who need it.



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Kids Can Cook

Our *Kids Can Cook* program is kicking off for the year on **Tuesday 3rd February**, and we're looking forward to welcoming children back into the kitchen. This year, we're excited to be open to recipe ideas from the kids, giving them the chance to share their creativity and help choose what we cook together. Alongside the fun, we'll continue to focus on important kitchen safety habits. Children are asked to wear **covered shoes**, keep **hair tied back**, and follow safe food-handling practices to ensure everyone can enjoy cooking safely.

The program supports confidence, independence, and teamwork while building practical life skills that extend beyond the kitchen. We can't wait to see the skills — and the delicious creations — grow as the year continues



Muay Thai

We are incredibly proud to share the inspiring story of three local boys who recently travelled to Europe to compete in the Muay Thai World Championships. For all three, this was not only their first time representing their community on an international stage, but also their first time ever flying overseas.

Stepping well outside their comfort zones, the boys showed remarkable courage, discipline, and determination throughout the competition. Facing highly skilled opponents from around the world, each of them performed with strength and sportsmanship — and all three returned home with medals, an outstanding achievement at a world-level event.

Beyond the medals, the experience provided invaluable life lessons. From navigating long flights and unfamiliar environments to building confidence and resilience, this journey was about much more than sport. It was a powerful reminder of what young people can achieve with dedication, support, and belief in themselves.

We congratulate these young athletes on their incredible success and thank the families, coaches, and community members who supported them along the way. They have truly done our community proud.



U3A Hauraki

A great team of enthusiasts are bringing this group together for 2026. U3A is all about continual learning through monthly presentations, and with ongoing active 'special interest' groups. Still lots to arrange, but we will definitely be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday each month (starting February 2026) with a wide variety of speakers in the line up

Our very first monthly presentation will be

Date: 17th February

Speaker: Fiona Cameron, Creative Command

Venue: Paeroa Baptist Church

Time: 10.00am

Cost \$10 pp

Robert Butler August—Robbie is one of the stars of our Co-op church. He's almost always there on a Sunday morning, always looking to help, and often adding some interest to the conversations about his sport, or extensive wardrobe, or kapahaka exploits.

At the Hauraki District Council end of year function in December, Robbie was honoured by the council and presented with an award to mark 20 years of voluntary service for the council and the people of Paeroa.

Give To Gain



Children are our greatest treasure
they are our future.

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