



TU NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora! We're excited to share our November highlights with you – it's been a fantastic month!

But that's not all... we've got lots of fun activities and celebrations planned for December. Check out the details and mark your calendars – you won't want to miss out!



- We are saying Farewell to Gareth later this month. His last day with us will be December 12th. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Gareth for his contribution to Thumbs Up during his time here and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.
- We also said Goodbye to Muntaha this month. We have thoroughly enjoyed having you here and you will be missed.



Karyn, Bradley and Shelby splashing in water to cool off while enjoying the sunshine.

Ignite Sports day.

We have our annual day with Ignite Sport booked for **Thursday 11th December** at their base in Waiwhetu. We will send out more details closer to the time as we consolidate the plans. We can't wait—it is always such a fun day and we are really looking forward to it!



Cameron watering our seedlings.



Fundraising 2025: Thumbs Up wouldn't be able to offer the amazing service that we do without fundraising and grants. We would love your support in helping us achieve our fundraising goals for this year. If you were not aware, Thumbs Up does have a [give a little page](https://givealittle.co.nz/org/thumbsup) where you can donate to us (every little bit helps)- givealittle.co.nz/org/thumbsup or **scan the QR code** to the left.

Please share this page with family/friends/work colleagues who may like to donate to a worthy cause. A

Are you a video editing whizz?

We are looking for someone to come in and help us edit some videos and put together a promotional video for Thumbs Up—could this be you or someone you know?



Exploring at the park

End of year celebrations.

A reminder that the last day at Thumbs Up for 2025 will be Thursday, 18th December. We've sent out an invitation with more details—please RSVP to Katrina by 8th December so we can plan ahead.

Schedule for the day:

Arrival: Between 12:00 and 12:30 PM

Play Performance: Starts at 12:30 PM

Shared Lunch: Around 1:00 PM

Everyone is welcome to join us! If it's not a regular Thumbs Up day for your whānau member, please ensure they have someone with them for support.

We'd love to see you all here to celebrate and enjoy the play that everyone has worked so hard on!

Enjoying the Liberty Swing at Shorland park Playground in Island Bay



Pitching in for a cleaner, greener community.



Making friends at Battle Hill



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025-2026

Term 3

8th September—18th December

Service Users last day 18th December

Staff last day 23rd December

Term Dates 2026

Term 1—12th Jan—1st May

Term 2: 11th May—28th August

Term 3: 7th September—17th December

Term 1 2026

12th January—1st May

Closed: Jan 19th: Wellington Anniversary; **Feb 6th:** Waitangi Day;

April 3rd - 6th: Easter; **April 27th:** Anzac Day Observed

TU ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

- The wonderful donors who have been donating through our Give-a-little page.
- IHC Hutt Valley for donating fun equipment to revitalize the back yard.
- Philip Calvert for donating some Dargaville Heirloom tomatoes for us to grow.
- Menzshed Naenae for making us an awesome bench seat so we can sit out the back around our table.
- HCC Lottery Community Fund for a generous grant towards operating costs
- New Zealand Community Trust along with their partner venues—Cutlers Bar, Sin Bin and The Hardware Bar and Restaurant
- All of our wonderful volunteers— your support enables us to continue to deliver our diverse and wonderful programmes.



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