



TU NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou. We hope you enjoy our October highlights. We also have some important information regarding all of the fun stuff we have planned for December.

We had the opportunity to go to Blossom Valley and appreciate all the beautiful cherry blossoms, some of us even getting to ride in a golf cart!



Welcome to our new volunteers Makenzie who is working with Brian at the gym, Steve who is our amazing handyman and Margo who is coming in and doing some art therapy with some of the service users.

We said Farewell to Glenda earlier this month. We thank her for her contribution to Thumbs Up over the last 2 years and wish her well in her new role and every success in the future.

End of year celebrations.

The last day at Thumbs Up for 2025 is Thursday 18th December. We will have some fun activities organised for the morning for everyone, and then we will do a shared lunch at 1pm followed by the drama group's performance. There will be more details coming out in due course, so keep an eye out for that. As always, everybody is welcome to attend, but if it is not a normal Thumbs Up time for your whānau member then they will need to have someone with them to support them.



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 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.

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?



Dion had his artwork displayed at the Lower Hutt War Memorial Library.



We were very excited to find a communication board when visiting the Wellington Botanical Gardens.

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!

Our Drama team have been working really hard this term and have written a play to perform for everybody at the Christmas Party. The art group are also helping out with making props. Everybody is so excited to show off their hard work and creativity. Here are a few sneak pics to pique your curiosity... You won't want to miss the performance!



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:

A big thank you to:

- The wonderful donors who have been donating through our Give-a-little page.
- Hutt Mana Charitable Trust for a contribution towards staff deescalation training in 2026



- All of our wonderful volunteers—your support enables us to continue to deliver our diverse and wonderful programmes.
- Mark Rammell for giving us the opportunity to visit Blossom Valley.



We have been working hard on our sustainability project building and filling planter boxes and planting and nurturing seeds and seedlings.

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