



TU NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou. We hope you enjoy the highlights from the last couple of months. This month we would like to take this opportunity to welcome Yash and his family as the newest members of the Thumbs Up whānau



We attended the What's Outside the Box Transition Expo in Kilbirnie during training week where we got to advertise our amazing service and had fun meeting lots of new people and potential service users.

We said a sad goodbye to Miriam at the end of last term, but she is going to come in and visit us when she's not out and about doing fantastic things with all of her housemates! We will definitely look forward to our catch ups.



Welcome to our new volunteers this term: Mae who is leading our gardening and sustainability project, as well as supporting us in basketball and Meals on Wheels; Willow who has joined the Monday swim crew and Daniel who joins us for basketball and Meals on Wheels.



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 huge thank you to people who have recently donated! We are also going to be selling items on Trade Me, so if you know anybody who may have items to donate, please ask them to get in contact.

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?



Matty enjoyed spending some time exploring at the Petone Library



Abi enjoyed a game of Kupu—testing out her knowledge of Te Reo Māori

Our gardening team have been able to take advantage of some of the finer weather that we have been having and make a start on our sustainability practices and getting the gardens ready for a productive Summer.



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 City Council Mouri Ora Fund for a grant contributing to cleaning costs



- All of our wonderful volunteers— your support enables us to continue to deliver our diverse and wonderful programmes.



Corey loves going and joining Kimi Ora for Kapa Haka on a Thursday afternoon.



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