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Montecillo Spring Carnival Week



Montecillo Spring Carnival was celebrated last September 14-16, 2022. Residents enjoyed playing carnival games such as dinosaur water gun game, ball toss, table hockey and relay game— it was a team up between the residents, OT students and the staff members. Residents were also treated with their favourite carnival foods including candy floss, popcorn, gummy lollies, hotdogs, and fruit juice. Jay the juggler was the

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highlight of the Montecillo Spring Carnival week! He combined comedy, magic, juggling and balloon twisting to showcase his performance. The Dining room was definitely full of fun and laughter during that week! Also, a lil birdie whispered that there was a "pink cockroach" roaming around Montecillo disguised as a butterfly/fairy but we were 100% sure, it was definitely a pink cockroach!





Age Concern Tea Party



Residents from different rest homes were invited to a tea party by Age Concern Otago to celebrate the life of the late Queen Elizabeth II last September 23, 2022. Three of our lovely residents Fay, Amelia and Elsie joined the occasion wearing bright coloured hats and a fascinator.

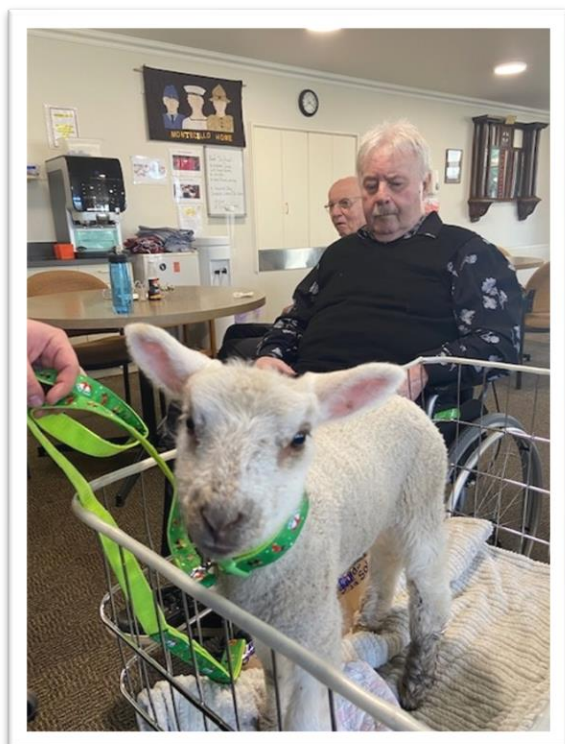


Big John's Ice Cream Shout



To celebrate Big John's Mobility Taxi's second year anniversary in the business, John or "Big John" as we know him, chose one lucky rest home to shout free ice cream for everyone— not only for the residents but also the whole staff! Aren't we lucky? Thank you, Big John! 😊

Meet and Greet with Lizzie the baby lamb





Lizzie the baby lamb is a family pet of Scott, one of the OT students. It was named after her majesty— Queen Elizabeth II. Lizzie was seen parading up and down the facility in her own “royal carriage” aka laundry trolley. Lizzie behaved like a true royalty. Not even a single baahhh was heard. She was a bit shy but not shy enough to not pose for the camera! It's safe to say that Lizzie is used to being surrounded by nosy paparazzi, in this case— activities coordinator 😊

Cooking Session



Residents were introduced to few Filipino snacks and desserts during cooking sessions. There were heaps of good feedback from the residents and from some lucky staff as well who were able to try the foods! Some may have eaten few more pieces than the others but hey the secret is safe here so no name dropping hee-hee-hee. It only means more reason for them to join morning exercises just in case they may have added a couple of more pounds! 😊

An afternoon with the Over 60's Entertainers



Residents were treated to a musical extravaganza from the ladies and gentlemen of the over 60's entertainers' group. They sang, they danced, they even had three costume changes! It was lovely to see a group of entertainers in the lounge again, we all look forward to seeing them again.

Over the months we have had many entertainers in. Often the entertainment is on a Friday afternoon, to include "Happy Hour". The kitchen staff kindly prepare a cheese board platter and snacks to be offered alongside the extensive range of beverages.

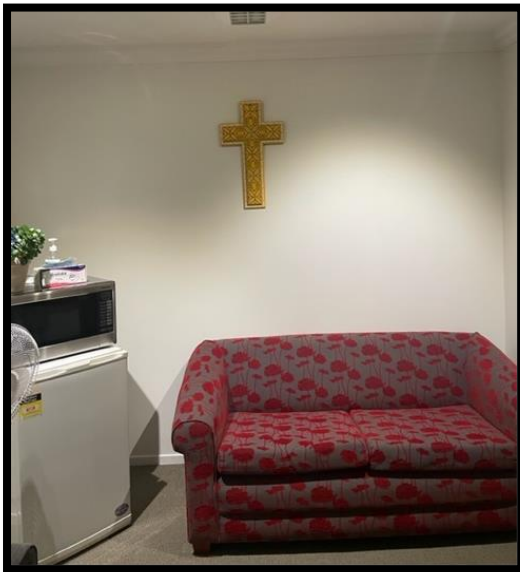
New Vehicle!

Wow – the residents are saying how fabulous it is to have this beautiful vehicle – “such comfort and it travels so quietly”.

The first outings included- Spring flowers and baby farm animals in Mosgiel, trips to Brighton, Portobello & the Armistice Day service at Queens gardens. We are looking forward to many outings in the future.



A Huge thank you to Loto's family for the beautiful gift to the Whanau room



We are proud to have this room available for when families require a bit of time together, to have a cuppa or just have some alone time & a time to reflect.



Whitebait Fritter's on the Menu – 25.11.2022

Tom pictured here with a plate of today's delicious lunch - whitebait fritters, hoki bites and prawn twisters, fries, and salad, with even a slice of buttered white bread on the side. Well done to the kitchen team – the meal was appreciated by everyone. A huge thank you to Peter (maintenance person) for providing the whitebait.



Montecillo Unit Naming Ceremony - 29.11.2022

Today the naming of Fraser Unit – upstairs, and McMahon Unit downstairs. Mihi Whakatau by Capt (ret) John Broughton -

Opening remarks by David More Montecillo Trust Board Chair. Unit naming LT Gen (ret) Jerry Mateparae. Acknowledgements by families on behalf of Dame D Fraser and Brig (ret) Dr Brian McMahon. Closing remarks by Lynley Kloogh (Montecillo CEO). It was disappointing that Covid prohibited residents and staff being able to take part and the meal had be cancelled for our prestigious guests.



Summary of this few months

Yet again – an extensive lot of activities were on offer for all residents. Wow – how lucky are we to have such a great team – Jade & Jennie put so much work and effort into the Carnival week. There was such a lovely atmosphere amongst the residents and staff – laughter could be heard all week. A lot of work went on behind the scenes from both girls, so thank you Jade & Jennie. We appreciate all you do to uplift the spirits of everyone.

It is a pure joy to look into the main lounge to see the exercise classes in the mornings, led by Jade or Jennie. After this there is often a word-builder or quiz.

Richard still comes in each weekday to read the newspaper to residents, in the Grove Street Lounge. He & Dana (collie dog) are a big part of the Montecillo team. We really appreciate all you do Richard.

Thank you also Roy, your giving of your time, and your talents for the Residents is appreciated.

Housie is still very popular on a Tuesday and Thursday. Thank you, Cecily, for volunteering your time on these days.

We all love trying the foods from the cooking classes. Often Jade has been making Filipino recipes – and offers the dish for all to try. – Bless you Jade – there are quite a few of us that like our food and to try new things.

It must be said that one of the highlights of the year, is the purchase of the Montecillo vehicle. Many residents had not been out for a while due to John's Mobility being short staffed. It has been pure joy seeing residents sitting in the front seat, who would have only been able to go out in a hired vehicle in the past. The rear of the vehicle allows for 3 to 4 walking frames to be taken & the activities team to go on many more outings, including visiting cafes for a cuppa or a visit to an area like the lower Botanical gardens. The covers on the seat make it easy to shimmy on over too. We are working on a design for signage for the exterior. Give us a wave if you see us out and about.

And to now have names for the units instead of upstairs and downstairs is fabulous.



Christmas.... is coming, ready or not

We will again be having Christmas Carols and presentation of the RSA Christmas Cake on Thursday 15 December. We are hoping the big jolly fellow will make a visit that day also.

Each year a number of Residents go out for Christmas Day. Can you please give your name to Jade, Jennie or Briggite if this is the intention this year.

It is highly likely (due to Covid) we will not be able to host any family or friends for Christmas Lunch this year. We will keep you posted. This decision will not be finalised until the week leading up to Christmas

And finally.... if you or Santa are planning clothing on the list of gifts this year, please, please, make sure they arrive named.

There will be no activities planned for between Christmas and New Year. Things may happen spontaneously; we encourage family and friends to visit and feel free to arrange outings.

We wish you and yours all the best for Christmas and the New Year. Stay safe and take care.

With kindest regards from the Montecillo Team

