



## Celebrating Diwali Festival



*Staff members together with resident Frank*

The residents celebrated Diwali Festival last November. The tables were decorated with battery-operated tealight candles and flower arrangements or also called as rangoli. They also made a traditional Indian dessert—gulab jamun, which they had for afternoon tea. A couple of care staff showed their dancing skills, grooving to upbeat Indian songs!



*Rangoli*



**Gulab Jamun**

**Nikki and Femy showcasing their dancing skills 😊**

## CareerForce Certification



We are extremely proud of Lydia who has completed Level 3 Careerforce, Laxmi, Deepa & Nikki who have all completed Level 2. Thanks to Natasha for all the work you do in marking and all the support offered to staff that wish to do this course.

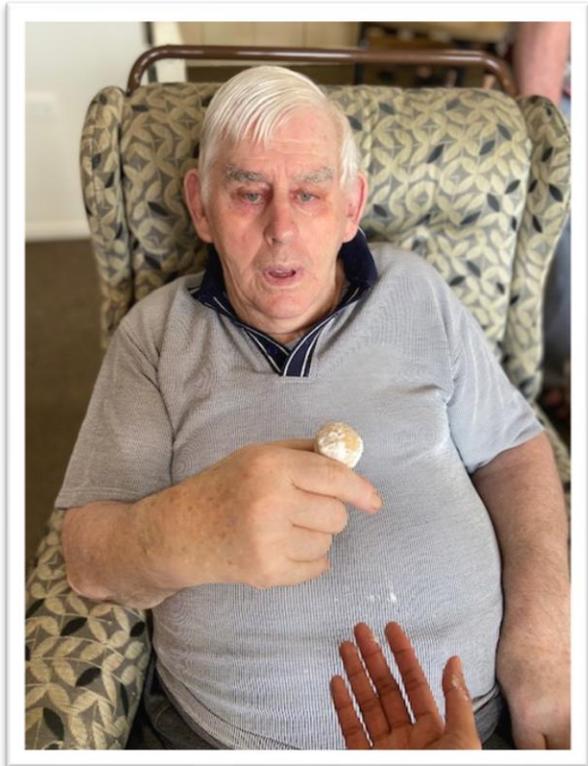
## Farewell

Recently we farewelled RN Dorothy, who came to Montecillo as a Health Care Assistant and we were so lucky to have her join us when she graduated as a Nurse.

We also say goodbye to Abby. Abby reassures us someone made her laugh, when the pic was taken and it is not that she is happy to be leaving. Both of these lovely nurses will be missed greatly.



## Cooking/Baking Sessions



### ***Peanut butter snowballs***

**For the last few months, there were several cooking/baking sessions including making peanut butter snowballs, turon (Filipino banana dessert), pizza and mocktail!**

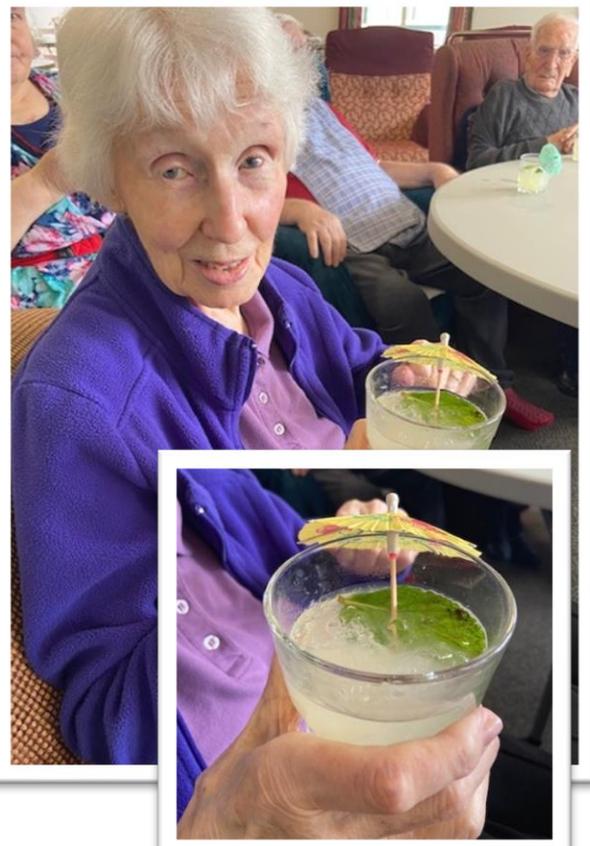


## ***Turon making***

*"Can I have a third one, please? This is gonna be my dinner. I love banana!" – Terry 😊*



## ***Mocktail Making***



## *Basketball / shooting Hoops*



## *Pizza Making*



## Melbourne Cup



In celebration of Melbourne Cup, residents made their own horses during an arts and crafts session and named each of their horses including Black Beauty, Kiwi, and Joy!



## Arts and Crafts Sessions

During arts and crafts sessions, residents were able to unleash their creative sides. Sessions including flower arrangement, build your own Mr Potatohead, eggshell mosaic, card making, and making 3D black cats.



*Flower Arrangement*





**Mr Potato Head**



**Card Making**



***Eggshell Mosaic***



***Black Cats***

**We are so proud of how well Jennie & Jade are doing with the activities programme. We have seen so many more residents participating in activities most likely due to the enthusiasm of the two co-ordinators and the wonderful variety of activities offered. Also a huge thanks to all the staff that support residents getting to the activities. Also thanks to Mele for calling Housie from time to time.**

## Music Session with Liam

During the pandemic level 4 lockdown, unfortunately, we didn't have any entertainers available. Good thing, one of residents' grandson kindly offered to play live music for them via Zoom! Liam who is currently studying music degree at Victoria University of Wellington and also part of band, played a mix of classic and modern songs for our lovely residents!

Thank you, Liam! 😊



Duncan celebrated his 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday



Joyce celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup>

## Kia Ora from Jennie- Activities Coordinator

Hi there, my name is Jennie, I have been working at Montecillo as an activity coordinator since May 2021. Prior to this role, I worked here part time as a health care assistant while I completed a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy Degree. Throughout this degree I gained a particular interest in working with older people. It has been a real treat to come in to a role where I can apply the knowledge, I gained from study in such a practical way. I have learned so much from all the residents here in some way or another, everything from gardening tips, dating advice, bee keeping, baking, fishing, building...the list is endless!



Just a wee bit about me...I was born in the mighty Invercargill sometime in the mid 1980's. I moved to Hamilton with my family when I was nine then followed my family back to Dunedin in 2004. I enrolled at the University of Otago in '04, competing a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Education in 2008.

I have had a real "pick and mix" of work experience so far. Throughout the years I have worked in cafes, dental surgeries, orchards, farms, offices, and shearing sheds. I have also worked at the Cadbury's chocolate factory, in people's homes and even in a western style saloon! All this experience has been great for my current role, I can usually manage to find something in common with our residents to have a good chat about.

In my spare time I enjoy going on road trips, spending quality time with family and friends, gardening, baking, and playing cards and board games. I love a good walk in the bush or the beach with my dog Oscar and I am currently trying my hand at learning some DIY skills to renovate my wee cottage.

Ngā Mihi, Jennie.



## Tuesday Outing's with John's Mobility



Resident's have enjoyed many outings in the van with John's mobility as well as outings in the Montecillo vehicle. Most trips are decided by one of the residents that go on the ride. Ray likes to go to Brighton and definitely enjoys the \$1 ice-cream deal, for Rest Home residents at the Brighton store.

The outing this week, was all through town to various lookouts. Jade (activities co-ordinator) is also enjoying getting a lot more familiar with Dunedin.



# Christmas Celebrations Enjoyed by All



**In Memory of Phil –  
Admission to Montecillo 28.07.2005 – Passed away 09.01.2022**



Phil had been a resident @ Montecillo for 16 years, he was the last remaining resident to move from the original facility up in Eglinton Road. Phil served in the Dental Corp in WWII. On the day of his private funeral service, a large group of residents and staff gathered in the carpark to show their respect to Phil and his family as the hearse drove through on its way to the cemetery.



We have had a busy time, as you can see from all the lovely pics. If you would like a photo sent to your email in original format, please email [admin@montecillo.org.nz](mailto:admin@montecillo.org.nz), or if a resident would like a copy, I can print one. I have been sending out images, as the activity takes place, when time allows.

Please remember to forward any emails we send to you, on to all your family and friends, especially with updates regarding entry and visiting into Montecillo with changes regarding Covid.

A huge thanks to Jennie & Jade for the incredibly diverse activities program planned each week. We are so proud of how many choices and how very clever the girls are at having such wonderful turn out by adapting the activities to suit as many residents as possible.

A massive thanks to Richard & Dana & Cecily for your time coming in to volunteer each week. We truly appreciate all you do.