

We would like to thank -

PENNY STEADMAN (photo on below) for her very kind gesture! (Two trays of Banana cake & two trays of Carrot cake and also just more recently—two trays of pikelets for the clients and staff, they were very much appreciated) Penny has been involved with adults with disabilities for many years. She has been involved with the 'Riding for the Disabled' and knows many of our clients.

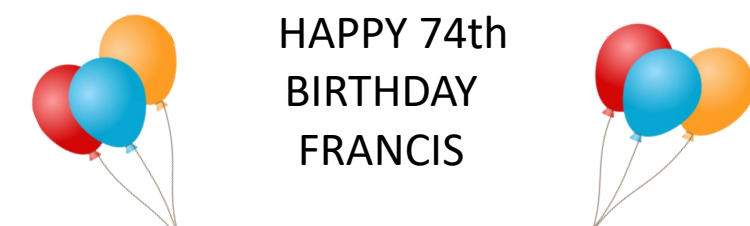


She also supports us by buying our firewood regularly. She decided to thank us for our hard work with this gesture! We at the South Waikato Achievement Centre also gets regular donations of fruit and small goodies from some local Schools! We would like to thank you all for your kind gestures and wish you all a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!

OUR TWO INDOOR BOWLING STARS:

Photos Right: William Johnson and Edwina Stewart showing their form at their last bowling event for the year. Most Tuesday's a staff member takes them to the Tokoroa Club to play against other club members teams and when there are tournaments in Tauranga they are taken by their advocate Mark Nicholson and his wife Gerlic.

Both William and Edwina have been successful at most of their tournaments bringing home many Certificates and Medals! WELL DONE!!!



FRANCIS resides at our CLYDE STREET RESIDENTIAL HOME— Francis had a surprise visit from two of her Whanau! They took Francis out to the Cosmopolitan Club in the afternoon and treated her like a 'Princess' later on they took her to dinner and then the three of them spent the night at a local Motel catching up on family gossip.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRANCIS from all!



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Photo Left:

FRANK TURNER passed away on 05 December 2018 in Auckland

Frank was a client at SWAC for at least 17 years, leaving in 2015 when he went home to Christchurch to his family. He was a quiet spoken and joyful person as his work mates in Packaging will recall. We offer our condolences to the Turner whanau.

Frank is now at rest. GOD BLESS the WHANAU!



QUOTE from Disability News— 4 Dec 2018
"People with disabilities also have abilities and aspirations. It's time we stopped underestimating their ability. We need to be providing the support and opportunities to people with disabilities that remove barriers to success, so they can more fully contribute in line with those aspirations. All our



communities will be richer and stronger as a result", says Dr Sheard.

Eg- STEPHEN HAWKINS
Well known English theoretical physicist, cosmologist, author.



SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS

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SWAT CEO - RUSSELL ENSOR As the year draws to an end, I want to take the opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for the support you have given to me over the past year.

We have grown so much and this is reflected by the support we are getting from the community. It can be said that we are an integral part of the community. The South Waikato Achievement Trust is only as good as it's people, employees, management, trustees and families.

Our Vocational and Residential areas have had a very busy year supporting our people. I would like to thank all of our team leaders who have done an amazing job in such a challenging sector.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe Merry Xmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES:

Team Leaders: Raewyn Brennan, Lee Chesterman & Natasha Wilson

SWAT has three residential homes, Clyde Street, Kent Street House/Flats & Thompson Flats

A 'Shout out' to Choices and Creative Art & the main Office for all their support with transporting clients to & from Clyde Street and working in with us around the use of vans & cars. Clyde Street staff are very appreciative and would like to say thankyou! Merry Xmas from Clyde Residential Team Leader—

Natasha & Staff



SOUTH WAIKATO ACHIEVEMENT TRUST FLOAT

Entry into the Xmas Parade held on 8th December they were the 'overall' - winning Float and received prizes for 'Early Bird Entry' & 3rd Place in the 'Community Category'. Well done to all who put in the great effort.





CHOICES - HIGH NEEDS VOCATIONAL SERVICES

Team Leader Trish Dixon - 3 Paraonui Road (07 886 2456)

A great day at Waihi for our clients a quick stop at Paeroa before heading to Waihi and a trip on the Goldfields train, enjoyable lunch at the Waikino Station cafe before heading back to Waihi then home.



MERRY XMAS from the staff at CHOICES

Photo right: All staff and clients are learning to sign. It's lots of fun and all are enjoying it, this helps with communication with one of our clients who already knows how to sign in her everyday life.

Photo Below: It's great to see the weather improving so all can enjoy getting out in the fresh air for a bit of fun and exercise.



C.H.O.I.C.E.S new Van!!!



Clients learning to sign!



CHOICES staff are really enjoying our new van, it has made transporting our wheelchairs so much more efficient and time saving. The clients enjoy their ride a lot better and staff find it so much easier on our aching bones.



'MERRY XMAS' From all the staff & employees in the KINDLING DEPARTMENT:

Have you ever seen a room hum!
The orders are still coming in for bagged and

boxed KINDLING to build up supplies for next winter, so this team will still be packing through the summer!
It's good to see them all enjoying their work as they have been changing job roles and chores to help with giving them variety and ownership to their jobs

LAWNS: Photo below: Rob Martin (staff) with his helper Robert Navratil. Robert helps Rob Martin with the lawn at 12 Thompson Street then the rest of the Achievement sites are maintained by Rob Martin. Photo below/right— **MAINTENANCE PERSON for SWAT** —Bruce Southwood



Bruce is what you call a 'Jack of all trades' He does most of the repairs for our vocational and residential areas as well as in the winter he is very busy helping out with the firewood orders.

If a light bulb has blown, who do we call 'Brucie' if something breaks in the residential homes who do we call 'Brucie' No job is too big or too small, who do we call "BRUCIE"



Creative Art Korero

Team Leader: Rachael Campbell—corner Bonaly Street & Bridge Street, Tokoroa

We are pleased to have Rachael and Kyla back on board and welcome our staff members that have joined our team.

We have a few new clients transitioning into our service Josh Te Whare from Tokoroa High School & Elizabeth Joseph from Papakura. Jonathan Gates has recently passed his Restricted Licence and now drives himself to work. Micaiah also has achieved his Learners Licence and is driving to work in the mornings.

Our clients that attend the Tokoroa Literacy groups have finished their programmes for the year. They all achieved the unit standards for Tikanga Maori, Work Ethics and Personal Development and received certificates.

Throughout this year our wood work guys have been busy completing a variety of woodwork projects ranging from a dolls house, cat scratchers made to order, DVD & CD rack, Chair & Table restoration for a community order, hand towel racks, mail boxes and bar leaners. This month our woodwork crew, our props, prep group and our maintenance crew were an integral part of building the scenes, making the props and getting the room ready for our *‘House of Twisted Dreams’* Halloween surprise for the community.



Above: Welcome to Josh Te Whare - Student Transitioning!

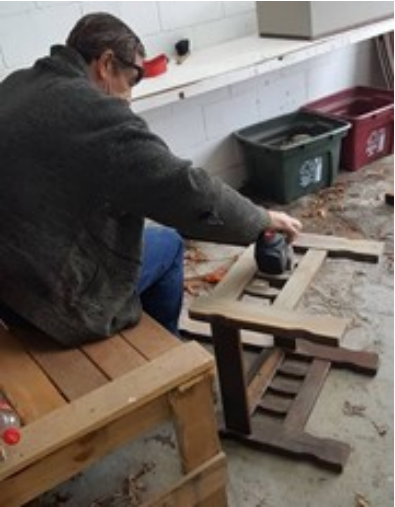


Our last project for the year will be our Christmas float with our Props & Prep team working hard for the last few months to get this completed.



Above: Jonathan with his Restricted Licence.

Photo left: Alison Small proudly displaying her certificate showing that she has completed the ‘Personal Development Course’ with Literacy Aotearoa.



Above: David sanding a chair for restoration.



Above: Robert sanding table for Restoration.



Above: Robert putting finishing touches on his letterbox



Above: Welcome to Elizabeth Joseph New client from Papakura

WOOD WORK GROUP for 2018



Above: Bar leaner for a community order.

CREATIVE ART

Halloween: House of Twisted Dreams: Creative Art

This was our first time putting a fun surprise on for Halloween in our sensory room next-door. We put our Haunted House together in 2 weeks almost all from recycled, re-purposed materials. Our team created a walk through for all who enjoy a good fright! This area was for youth 10+ and was intentionally really realistic, our aim was to give everyone a fantastically good scream and definitely not for the faint hearted or kids & adults who don't like ‘Horrors’ or being scared... Because we were super packed out & a popular event on Halloween night, many people missed out going through our ‘House of Twisted Dreams’ so we decided to run it for another night. We made a few changes from the last one and added a few extra characters.

This would not have been a success without all of our support staff, clients, Jeremy Siulepa & YMCA Young leaders, whanau and of course our ‘Horrific Actors’ - their gruesome artistic & acting talents received rave reviews from all who came through.

This was a humble attempt at doing something a little different for Halloween and based on the response from our community - it looks like it will be an annual event.



Left: SWPIC and Sports Waikato ladies, dressed up and ready to get scared! Other visitors ‘Brett’ & YMCA staff and some of our crew.



From Creative Art have a Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year



Ewaste Department / Recycling:

Team Leader: Joe Mataafa-Sefu

Photo Right: **Baling Cardboard**

Jake and Mark proudly showing off their skills of a completed bale of cardboard! These two men are skilled in the process of tying off a completed bale!

Good Work Jake and Mark!



Photo Left: **e-Waste Team**

Team leader Joe Mataafa-Setu would like to thank his team of workers for the hard work done by all! Also he would like to welcome a new staff member Timothy Haggar to their team.

HAVE A SAFE AND MERRY
XMAS
REST UP
& WE'LL SEE YOU ALL IN THE
NEW YEAR!



From Left to right: Terry, Jake, Timothy (staff), Mark, Brian (staff), Scotty, Joe (Team Leader) Marilyn, Jean (CP staff), Maria (staff), Kane and Hayley (staff). In Front: Josh and Albert.



Photo above: Scotty, Albert and Jake finishing off clearing any of the cardboard that has been accumulated throughout the day. When trucks come in with a delivery, any cardboard from them is cleared by these workers along with staff member Timothy Haggar the pile into the baler.



Photo above: Mark with Joe (Team Leader) We have a contract to dismantle expired child car-seats. These are from the Auckland area and our job is to cut out all the steel/metal rods and take off all the stickers etc then they are returned to Astron Plastics Ltd in East Tamaki. 'Astron' has been in Plastic recycling for over 30 years, they convert plastic scrap into recycled plastic resin.

Packaging Department: Team Leader:

Gail Bomford

The year has gone so fast with many contracts fulfilled and with no big dramas! Our team would like to wish everyone a 'MERRY XMAS & a HAPPY NEW YEAR! From the staff Chicky, Donna, Tracey, Betty and Gail!



CROAD PLACE RECYCLING:

Team Leader: Tua Pirato

A lot more of their time is taken up with sorting the plastics #1 and #2 which are what we can process, any other plastic from 3—7 there is no market at present and has to be stockpiled pending buyers.

Tua and her team have been doing an excellent job of keeping on top of recycling with Xmas fast approaching and the amount of cardboard and bottles increase! We have hired a few more people to help with the sorting to help ease the work load through this Xmas / New Year break.



Tua and her team would like to wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year!