



# PUKETE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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## FROM JANE

Welcome back to the New Year I am hoping it will be a bit better than the last year. I trust most of you have been able to have a bit of rest and relaxation over these very hot summer days. Having that little bit of extra time to spend with family and friends is very precious. We are looking forward to a bit of a reprieve from our old Covid 'mate'. We began the year quite well and had a Scone Wednesday – all packaged up and ready to eat. Sadly, we have not been able to have another one due to staff shortages. I have the next one tentatively scheduled for 4 May. Our children's programmes are just ticking along. Not a lot of attendances but we expect this to grow in Term 2.

Our adventure to the start of a new purpose built facility for Pukete Neighbourhood House has taken a giant step forward. We have a designated consultant and staff from Hamilton City Council guiding us through this process. If you have any grand ideas let me know by email; [manager@pukete.org.nz](mailto:manager@pukete.org.nz).

Take care and stay safe,  
 Jane

## PNH SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

After we had a well-deserved break during Christmas/New Year Holidays, we started the year with a blast. Both Holiday Programmes, one in-house and one for children who lived in emergency accommodation, were running smoothly even though halfway through we were moved into RED traffic light setting. Our great staff, PNH OSCAR team, did a brilliant job at adjusting the plans for the programmes. The kids had a lot of fun, and they enjoyed the meals that we provided for the programmes. We just want to say a massive thank you to all our parents and kids who have been so flexible with all the changes due to COVID traffic light level changing, your ongoing support is so much appreciated.

## OMICRON IN THE COMMUNITY

Since the Omicron has been spreading in the community. We are taking a higher precaution of how we are operating each service. For our Freestore, we bag the food and give one bag each to Freestore visitor's instead of putting the food in the crates and calling numbers. This helps reduce the contact for our staff and Freestore visitors. Meetings and appointments are done via Zoom or phone calls. For Before and After School Care, our OSCAR team are trying our best to separate children from each school as much as we can and make sure they're enjoying their time at PNH. Our community support services are getting a large number of food parcel requests every day. At the rate it is going, we will be processing at least a thousand applications by the end June. Some of our services are still suspended as we classify them as high-risk activities for our staff and our community during this hard time.

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May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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### Join our Team!

We are hiring for a range of different positions across our programmes. Make a real difference in your community and come and work for your local community house! Visit the below link to apply.

<https://www.puketehouse.org.nz/vacancies>

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### THE PUKETE FREESTORE

The Pukete Freestore is a partnership with Kaivolution where food from grocery stores that would normally go to the landfill is provided free to the community. The Pukete Freestore opens at 11 am and is open to anyone and everyone.

### FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BAGS AND MEAT PACKS

These are an affordable option to feed a family of 3-4 for a week. The fruit and vegetable bags are \$12 each and come with a selection of 6-7 types of fruit and vegetables. The meat packs are \$25 for five cuts of quality meat with a halal option available. Order through our website at [www.puketehouse.org.nz/fruitvegmeat](http://www.puketehouse.org.nz/fruitvegmeat) for collection on Thursdays.

### SCONE WEDNESDAYS

As much as we would like to host the Scone Wednesdays more often, we are unable to do so with the Omicron going around in the community. However, the next one will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Sign up for our mailing list for the update at [www.puketehouse.org.nz](http://www.puketehouse.org.nz) or follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/ThePNH](http://www.facebook.com/ThePNH) for PNH latest news.

### APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

We are planning an awesome, fun-filled holiday programme and would love to have your children join us. The holiday programme will be running from April 19-22 and April 26-29. Early bird price is \$55 a day, which includes the activities and food; breakfast, morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea. Early bird price ends on April 11<sup>th</sup>. There are limited numbers for each day so make sure to get in quick.

## REGULAR COMMUNITY EVENTS

**FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER** - Craig Wills is our Family Support Worker. Craig will advocate for you with Work and Income, Housing NZ, ACC. Craig is also a Justice of the Peace. He is available at the "House" for JP work on Friday morning by appointment only. You can contact Craig via email [familysupport@pukete.org.nz](mailto:familysupport@pukete.org.nz) or txt/ring 027 7106485.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE** - every weekday afternoon 3pm—6pm. Have your children well supervised until you finish work. Includes a great afternoon tea—craft—sports—and just plain fun. CYF Approved—Work and Income subsidies available. Enrollment forms can now be filled out on our website.

**BEFORE SCHOOL CARE** - every morning from 7am—9am. Breakfast and transport to school provided.

**KNITTING AND UNFINISHED OBJECTS - CRAFT GROUP** - Every Tuesday morning from 10am-12noon and every Wednesday evening from 7pm—9 pm. Bring that unfinished project and work on it with like-minded people.

**HAMILTON COMBINED CHRISTIAN FOODBANK** - we are an agency for the foodbank. If you need a food parcel, please email Leah at [community@pukete.org.nz](mailto:community@pukete.org.nz) to see if you qualify.

**NORTH CENTRAL NETWORK MEETINGS** - Next meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Please join us on Zoom if you are a service provider in our area. We would like to hear and share about the work you do. For more info, please email Siri at [admin@pukete.org.nz](mailto:admin@pukete.org.nz)

**FREE LEGAL ADVICE** - With Niemand Peebles Hout. Friday mornings by appointment only. Please ring the House to make an appointment or you can book via our website.

**OFFICE SERVICES** - photocopying colour or black and white, laminating - very reasonable prices

**TAI CHI** - At 10.30am on Wednesday and Friday—Cost \$5 per session. All enquiries call Trevor on 022 322 3410.

**SHOP AND DROP** - This is a grocery shopping service for those people who are unable to leave their home. There are no delivery fees, only the cost of your groceries. Contact us at either 021 086 23177 or [shopanddrop@pukete.org.nz](mailto:shopanddrop@pukete.org.nz).

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** - Order Now! It is now only in a digital form with three different subscription types: \$69.99 for 1 year and 1 city, \$119.99 for 1 year and all 21 cities, and \$229.99 for 2 years and all 21 cities. Visit [www.entertainmentbook.co.nz](http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz)

**SKINNY JUMP** - Affordable internet for those without access. If you are wanting to make an appointment for more information email [community@pukete.org.nz](mailto:community@pukete.org.nz).

**AFFORDABLE ENERGY FOR ALL** - Come and see one of our friendly team members about how you can save money on your energy bills. For more information email [community@pukete.org.nz](mailto:community@pukete.org.nz).

**EQUIPMENT HIRE** - We offer equipment hire for parties and events. Chairs are \$2ea, Tables \$6ea, Pie warmer \$50, Gazebo \$20ea with a refundable bond of \$50. Call or email [ContactUs@pukete.org.nz](mailto:ContactUs@pukete.org.nz) for availability.

**LOUNGE HIRE** - We hire out our lounge area for \$20 an hour. Call or email for availability and more information.



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