



FRIENDS OF CHILDREN IN
HOSPITAL CHCH INC

NEWSLETTER DEC 2023

HELLO EVERYONE

Just back from holiday in Hawaii, where the weather was very consistent, warm and it is their winter!!! Sadly to say the weather on return not consistent, but at least we have a government!!!

So looking forward to better weather. FOCH committee can report the website is up and running, however has taken longer to sort than we thought.

Website www.foch.co.nz

The newsletter can be viewed via the website, or by email, and for those without it can be posted.

At our last newsletter we mentioned the passing of members, Pauline Timms and we were very thankful to discover She had left FOCH money in her will and we are grateful for this.

This year has gone so quickly. We have been able to hold the easter stall (\$1482), and the June stall (\$1706) and are busy now getting ready for the December stall which is

CAKE STALL:

Tuesday 12th December
10-1.30pm
Waipapa ground floor
New hospital building

Cash and internet banking (this has worked very well over last 3 stalls)

Once again we will have Kay Read's gingerbread houses, Santa, candle and cracker cakes. Di Topschij's Christmas cakes and shortbread packs, and so much more!!!

The last 2 years we have been allowed to hold only the Christmas stalls, so we are thrilled to be back to our usual.

Contact Janine if you have any donations for the cake stall or food hamper raffle.

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SPENDING:

We have been able to supply all requests so far. We have seen increasing requests for taxi vouchers. This year by November, we have spent \$5500 which is what has been a year's total in 7 months, and this month is another \$1000. We have also spent another \$4000 on other requests for toys, books, stickers, bubbles and other equipment.

We once again thank Blogg and Carter Trusts for our applications being successful and we are awaiting on Rata, and Lamar Trusts applications.

COMMITTEE:

We had our AGM in June, and we re-elected ourselves onto committee. Dorothy Lavelle has experienced health issues this year and hasn't been able to attend meetings as much and so will float on committee. We welcome Nerelle Fountaine as a new member on the committee, a nurse working in paediatric surgery.

Janine Randle (chair/secretary), Kay Read (treasurer), Monica Wilson, Anne Morgan, Raewyn Millar, Pam Woodham, Victoria Cullens, Nerelle Fountaine

Special friends and or members, Helen Allpress, Kaye McGrail, Diane Topschij, Heather Manson.



2024 COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:

Monday 4th March 2024 3-3.30pm @ Janine's (Kay away 26/2/24)

Monday 8th April (Easter)

Monday 20th May (Kay away)

AGM Sunday 23rd June 2pm
Christchurch South Library

Monday 26th August

Monday 23rd September

Monday 21st October

Monday 25th November

CAKE/CRAFT STALL DATES:

Monday 25th March (Easter) 10-1.30pm

Tuesday 11th June 10-1.30pm

Tuesday 10th December 10-1.30pm

The meeting dates and cake stall dates are slightly different in 2024 as committee members are away as well as fitting in around public holidays.

It has been another busy year for everyone including the committee and I thank everyone who has helped FOCH over the year to achieve all we have done. We are hoping with the new website that we can send out more newsletters in the year or at least send reminders out for events, stalls and AGM's, etc.

Hoping everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Year, may it be safe and joyful, and full of memories.
