

# Good News Community Centre

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It is hard to believe we have reached April already. May your Easter be filled with the power and peace that comes from His resurrection. It has been another busy, but exciting few months at the Good News Community Centre.

### Staff

Since our last newsletter we have four new staff members. Terry Falevaai is one of our Sunday afternoon games co-ordinators. He works as a kiwican tutor at Crawshaw Primary and Forest Lake Primary and spends his spare time training as an athlete. He has represented New Zealand at three para-olympics in field events. Ruby Ruru has also joined the staff as a games co-ordinator. Ruby is a year 13 student at Nga Taiatua and is the student representative on the Board of Trustees. She is very involved in St Johns and for the last few years, she has been a junior leader at the St Marks Afterschool Club and the Sunday afternoon programme. Pamela Whanga, a parishioner of St Marks, has joined our team as a cleaner. Pamela is currently studying and is a very valued member of our team. An outcome of the Trustees planning day at the beginning of the year was to create a Programmes and Community Liaison Officer position. This position involves working with the community to establish new programmes at the centre based on local needs. I have been appointed to this part-time position. It has been great to establish new links with the community and begin to see some of our dreamed programmes turning into reality.

### Homework Centre and Learning Hub

We are currently planning and raising the funds to start a homework centre and learning hub at the community centre from the beginning of term 3. Local students find not having access to the internet a huge hindrance to their school work. We seek to have a portable computer suite of laptops as part of this, but also provide support and help to students with their studies. Alongside this we will have computers available to the public during the day. Over a third of residents in the Crawshaw area did not have access to the internet in the last census.



### Tax Receipts

We are very grateful to all those who have so faithfully given to the Te Rongopai Community Trust. For those who have contributed to the building project in the last 12 months and who attend West Hamilton Community Church, Holy Trinity and St Marks, we hope to have tax receipts available at the services on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April or from the office the following week. For everyone else, receipts will be posted soon after 31 March 2015. If you have any queries, please contact Pat on (07)843-7755. For those who have given to the Trust for other purposes (other than the building project) you will receive your receipts by the end of April.

*Warm Regards and blessings to you all*

Susanne Rowse

Chairperson, Te Rongopai Community Trust.