



THE WILSON HOME TRUST

Welcome to Term 1 2025 Newsletter

From Gale's Desk:

Happy 2025 everyone, I hope that the year has started off well for you.

At the end of last year the Wish for Fish charter boat took a group of physically disabled children and young adults out for a fun day on the water. One dad said *"It was a wonderful experience and the first time we have been fishing together, my boy even caught a fish"*.



The next fishing trip will be offered in Tauranga, we are waiting for more details and to confirm a date.

I'm happy to advise that the building work to the rehabilitation and respite Villas is continuing to go well, much progress was made through the Christmas break. We look forward to them being completed in June this year.

The Trust is proud to have provided so many holiday grants this season, it's

heartwarming to hear the stories from family holidays about the special memories they made. As usual, we have also provided equipment and activities grants to many families.

An update on the stolen bronze water statue is that the police have been unable to recover it, we are so sad that someone thought that it is OK to steal a statue from a children's charitable property. We would love to hear from anyone who has an idea about what we can replace it with – perhaps there is a local artist who would like to display their work?

Thanks to our garden volunteers who give up their Thursday mornings to tend to the gorgeous gardens, so far this has been a very dry summer so they have had their hands full keeping everything alive and beautiful.

As the first term of the year gets into full swing I wish all the children a fun and productive year ahead.

Halberg Games 2025



Halberg Games - Thursday 24th April to Saturday 26th April

The Halberg Games 2025 is nearly here, and this year they're celebrating 10 amazing years of sport, inclusion, and connection! From the court to the field, young athletes of all abilities will showcase their skills, try new sports, and inspire us all! it's going to be a milestone to remember.

Competitive sport registrations and complimentary t-shirt cut off is Friday 21st February - so make sure to get your registrations in this month! - Register now at <https://halberg.co.nz/halberg-games/>

Happy Training!!!

If you are struggling to get the finances together to register or travel to the games you may qualify for a Wilson Home Trust Activity Grant, please check out our [activity grant](#). The next closing date is Thursday 13 March with the outcome being communicated in the week of the 31 March.

If you require further information please call Chris on 09 488 0126 or email Christinej@wilsonhometruster.org.nz

Show Your Ability Expo



The graphic features the 'SHOW YOUR ABILITY' logo on the left, with '2025' in large orange text on a dark blue background on the right. Below the logo is the text 'DISABILITY EQUIPMENT EXPO'. To the right of the logo, a list of cities and dates is provided in a teal-to-blue gradient background.

SHOW YOUR ABILITY	2025
DISABILITY EQUIPMENT EXPO	AUCKLAND Monday 10th March
	HAMILTON Wednesday 12th March
	PALMERSTON NORTH Friday 14th March
	CHRISTCHURCH Tuesday 8th April
	DUNEDIN Wednesday 9th April

We will be attending the Auckland and Hamilton shows with our Parent to Parent colleagues. Please come and say hello and find out more about the

grants that we provide.

Mum / Caregiver Retreat 2025

Waikato / Bay of Plenty / Rotorua / Taupo

2025 Mum / Caregiver Retreat Okoroire Hot Springs Hotel - Tirau 11 – 13 April 2025



Be quick only a few spots available!!

This year the retreat is for mums, grandmothers or caregivers of children and young adults with a physical disability aged up to 22 years of age that live in the Waikato / Bay of Plenty / Rotorua and Taupo regions.

The cost is \$50.00 and the rest of the costs are subsidised by the Wilson Home Trust for those that qualify for the Wilson Home Trust support – see our [website](#) – Grant criteria.

This weekend is a great opportunity to relax, have some fun, meet other mums and caregivers and explore the Okoroire Hot Springs.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Chris on Christinej@wilsonhometruster.org.nz

Grants



The next grant funding closing date for Equipment / Activity and Young Adults is on **Thursday 13 March 2025**.

Holiday and Counselling grants can be applied for anytime during the month.

For more information, please contact us on 09 488 0126 or email info@wilsonhometruster.org.nz

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