



Green fingers

How do you inspire an interest in the natural world and create healthy, resilient, resourceful children and adults? Get the children gardening, of course! More than just fresh air and exercise, the garden provides a stress-free place for children to think, relax, and recharge; and like every activity at Cholmondeley, gardening is an opportunity to learn, to experience challenges and success.

Gardening teaches children basic maths and science: measuring quantities and distance; understanding the effect of the seasons; identifying different plants by their leaf shape, texture, colour, or growth patterns; and learning about nutrient transfer through making compost. The children also cook with and eat the produce they've grown — venturing to try new fruits and vegetables, discovering the health benefits gleaned from their hard work and perseverance.

The Cholmondeley garden also boasts its own chook house with three bantam hens. Feeding, watering and caring for the hens helps children to take responsibility, and grow their sensitivity for all living things. The hens love a good cuddle and have even had stories read to them!

All of this is carried out alongside the adults, who provide a nurturing relationship where these everyday fun activities become opportunities for growth and learning.



“ Imagine a thriving garden filled with many flowers and plants, a tranquil place of aroma and colour where everything blossoms and flourishes. Envisage what conditions this oasis would require, what it would take to nurture the plants, to develop their fullest potential. And then imagine that, instead of plants the garden is filled with children, all different and unique, all rich in potential. What conditions would they need in order to grow and develop? (Eichsteller & Holthoff 2011) ”

We'd love to keep you up to date. If you would prefer to receive your Care newsletter by email please contact fundraising@cholmondeley.org.nz or phone Emily on 329 9832.

Tau Hou Hari!

A very Happy New Year to you! With it being summer, I am mindful of all the new growth we are seeing around us.

Our property was re-landscaped with many native trees and tussocks in our main courtyard and the surrounding areas. A vote of thanks to Jenny Moore, our landscape architect and local Governors Bay resident, who gave many voluntary hours to this. Thanks also to the many volunteers who came to help on planting day.

Shortly after moving in, Sandra (a member of our practice team), arranged with the children to build garden beds and plant these with vegetables, along with finally getting some residents for our chicken coop.

These have all burst into life and are growing well. The planting of seeds and nurturing their growth provides a great analogy for what is happening at Cholmondeley; both for the organisation and for the way we work with children. Using the approach of social pedagogy, which is captured in our Philosophy of Care, we believe that children have rights

equal to adults', that all children have unlimited potential to achieve, and learning and development needs to involve the whole child, that is, the head, heart, and hands.

Our aim at Cholmondeley is to create a 'thriving garden for children' – a fertile environment where their wellbeing and learning can flourish, and where they can connect to their natural resources and their surroundings. In order that this garden becomes self-sustaining our practice is based on the presence of an intrinsic value of people both as individuals and as a collective. Therefore we extend these principles to all people; valuing and supporting parents and carers, families and whānau, and the wider community. At Cholmondeley we aspire to provide the child with experiences that plant the seed, build resilience and that have a long term positive impact on their lives, leading to a 'successful everyday'.

Ngā mihi nui

Shane Murdoch
CEO



International
Volunteers
Saskia, Julian,
Felix, Pauline



International Students Opportunities for mutual learning

Mimoun and Kim are both in the final year of their Social Pedagogy degree at University of Copenhagen, Denmark. The relationship between the University and Cholmondeley has existed since 2011, with Cholmondeley having hosted several students during that time.

Both Mimoun and Kim are excited to see social pedagogy applied in the context of Aotearoa, New Zealand, and to experience Adventure Based Learning in our unique natural environment.

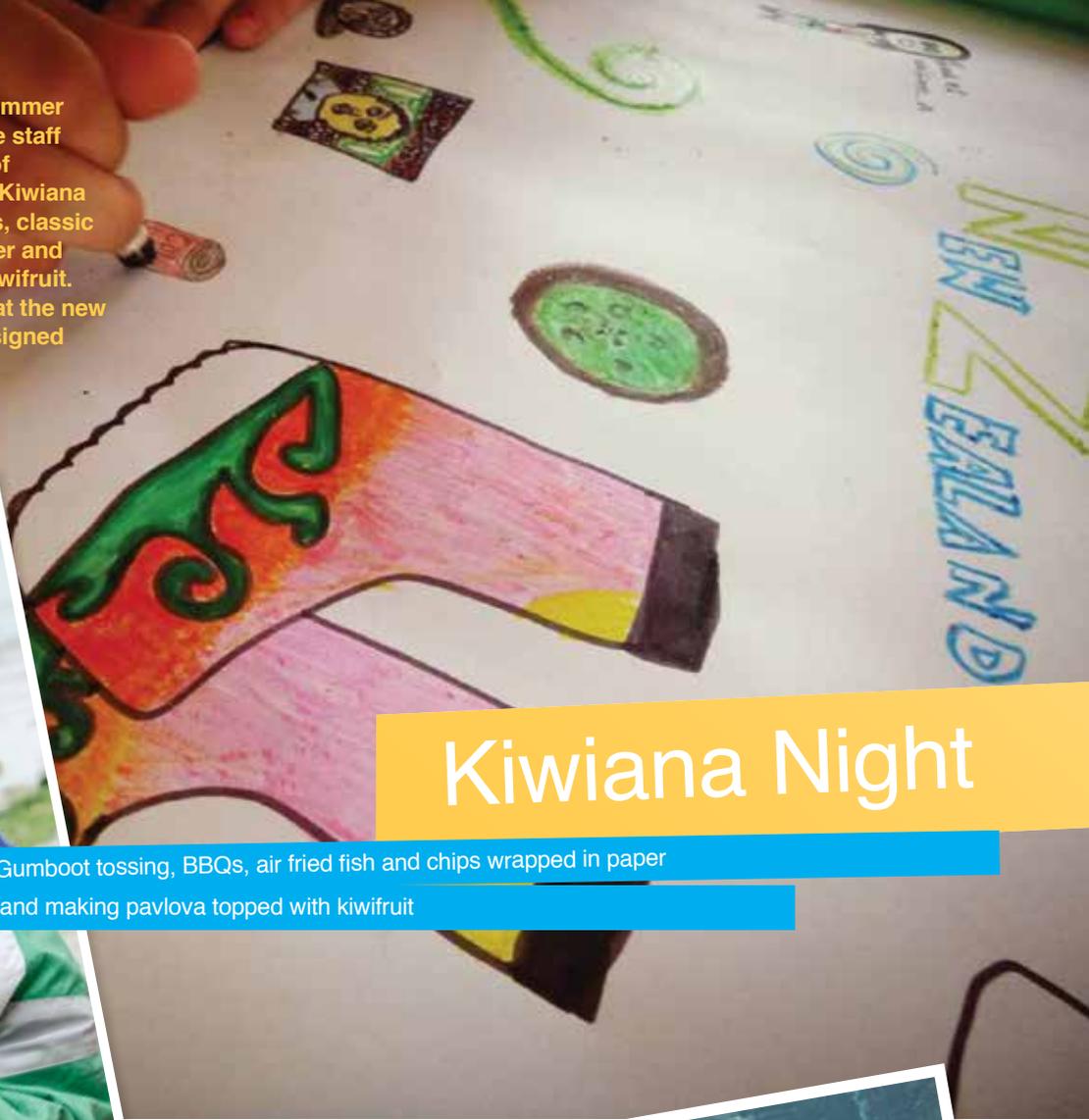
In addition our newest "völlie", Saskia, has arrived from Germany and joins our other wonderful ACVE volunteers Pauline (Germany), Felix (Austria), and Julian (Germany).

All three of our new arrivals joined the Cholmondeley team for professional development week after being welcomed on the Monday morning with a mihi whakatau. It was a fun and engaging way to begin their time with us and a chance to meet the whole team.



Mimoun and
Kim in the
Learning Hub

To celebrate The Great Kiwi Summer and all things New Zealand, the staff and children enjoyed a range of Aotearoa-themed activities on Kiwiana Night: Gumboot tossing, BBQs, classic fish and chips wrapped in paper and making pavlova topped with kiwifruit. The children even took a look at the new options for the NZ flag and designed their own...ka rawe! Awesome!



Kiwiana Night

Gumboot tossing, BBQs, air fried fish and chips wrapped in paper and making pavlova topped with kiwifruit

Antarctic Adventures

Thanks to complimentary passes from our friends at the International Antarctic Centre, the children had an opportunity to experience and learn about one of the coldest, most mysterious, and remote places on Earth...

The children especially enjoyed riding in the all-terrain, amphibious vehicle: the Hagglund. There were lots of happy screams and brave faces during the ride, and excited chatter that continued long after it ended.

Another highlight was watching the Little Blue Penguins swimming in their natural Banks Peninsula themed environment – we couldn't peel the children's faces away from the glass! The penguins are rescue birds, many of which would not have survived on their own in the wild.

A few children even braved the Antarctic storm in the indoor polar room and enjoyed dressing up in the appropriate jackets and boots. We can't thank the Antarctic Centre enough for inviting the children to experience their award-winning attraction. They really learned a lot, and enjoyed every minute of it.



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Sculpture on the Peninsula Raises \$85,000

Thank you to the Lombardy Charitable Trust, and the community of volunteers who have supported Cholmondeley for many years with this incredible biennial event, Sculpture on the Peninsula.

Showcasing the work of well-known and emerging New Zealand sculptors and artists, Sculpture 2015 saw record crowds attend over the event's three days and raised \$85,000 for Cholmondeley.

We were overjoyed with such a wonderful result for the children and families we serve, and acknowledge the Lombardy Charitable Trust for its incredible level of support.

More great news!

Borrmeister Architects have signed on again in 2016 as a Silver Sponsor. Thanks to Wulf and the team at Borrmeister Architects.

Team from right:
 Wulf Borrmeister,
 Colin McKean, Sarah Hooran Park, Toni-Rose Brookes, Jaimee Leach, Jasper Kelly



Kerri Fitzgerald one of the wonderful volunteers at Sculpture on the peninsula.

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