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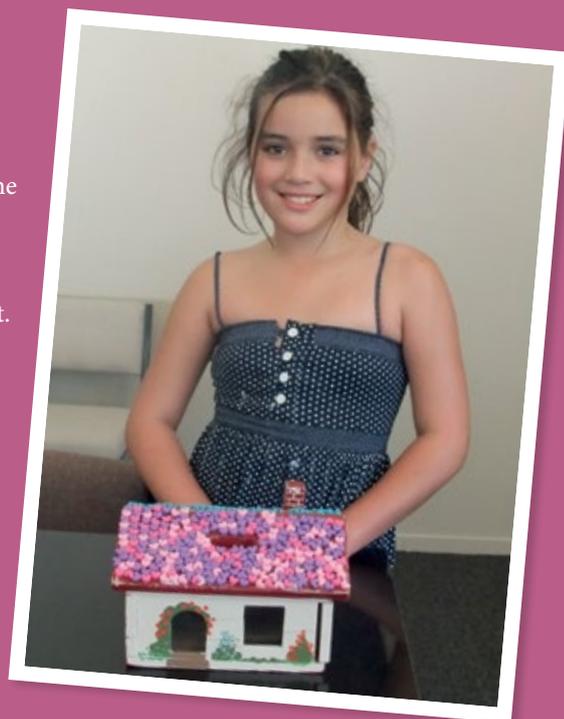
## Meet Javannah

When she was four her parents separated and life became very different at home for her and her sister Brittany. She began to act out and her mum (Rebecca) found it very difficult to manage on her own. Hearing about Cholmondeley Rebecca realised she had to do something or she was going to go crazy. At first it was hard for her to drop the girls off and leave without them. "I couldn't do it. In fact the first time I turned around and took them back home!"

Five years on, the girls are now booked in for regular planned respite care, every six weeks at alternate times. Rebecca has been able to manage the difficulties at home, and she has seen marked changes in Javannah's behaviour. "Cholmondeley is absolutely wonderful. When the girls come to stay we all get the chance to recharge our batteries it has become like another family for them. My children RUN to the staff and can't wait to hug them! They love coming here and the staff are so loving and friendly."



Javannah enjoying Adventure Based Learning at Rapaki.



9 year old Javannah and her customised money box.

## ...and Aiyana

... who wrote and read her own speech at the Turning the First Sod ceremony at Cholmondeley. Aiyana is 13 years old and comes to stay at Cholmondeley with her 8 year old sister Nakyla, who has diabetes. Both girls have Celiac Disease. Although having a special diet can be tricky, it isn't a problem at Cholmondeley and it means Jo (their mum) gets a break too. The girls love coming to stay in fact, Aiyana has asked to come for the full two weeks of the school holidays! Here is a section of Aiyana's very moving speech about what Cholmondeley means to her ..

"Cholmondeley has been a part of my sister's and my journey for three years now and it is always a great highlight to our weekends when we go there. The staff are so caring, happy, supportive. They are always there if we need a chat or to voice any concerns we may have, which gives us the confidence and knowledge that our best interests are in their control."



Aiyana reading her speech at the Turning the First Sod ceremony.

See inside  
for more on  
Turning the  
First Sod

# Roll on May 2015!

On Friday 6th June a significant milestone in our long journey to rebuild Cholmondeley Children's Centre was achieved with the 'turning the first sod', signalling that we are now at the point where construction can begin. In many respects this day has provided us with an entrée to the main course which will be the opening of the new centre, currently scheduled for May 2015.

We were privileged to have three special guests join us, acknowledging the considerable legacy developed by Cholmondeley over the past 89 years, along with a sense of renewal and optimism for the future of the organisation and the children it serves.

Lachie Griffen, past president and (until recently) long serving board member of Cholmondeley and Sir Miles Warren, well known architect, neighbour and long term supporter of Cholmondeley, along with Aiyana Manson-King, aged 13 years broke ground together with a large digger as the back drop.

I thank them for their contribution to a lovely day with even the predicted rain holding off.

So, these are busy but very exciting days where City Care Ltd, our successful contractor, are beginning their site preparation with actual construction starting in July.

Many have contributed to us getting to this point with \$3m of the \$4m having been raised or pledged. There is still \$1m to go and Cholmondeley's Board remain committed to completing our rebuilding debt free. Therefore, your support is still greatly needed.

Sincere thanks go to all those who have supported the campaign to this point and for enabling us to continue operating while our rebuilding goes on.

*Nga Mihi Nui  
Shane Murdoch  
General Manager*



Cholmondeley teachers Tim and Amy.

## Education at Cholmondeley

Meet Tim and Amy, they are the Cholmondeley teachers who work in the Care and Education team here at Governors Bay. Tim and Amy work with the children on exciting education projects, ranging from studying the beautiful local beach environment, creating art or cooking endeavours.

Amy is from Christchurch where she trained as a primary school teacher. She joined the Cholmondeley team in 2013 after living overseas where she spent time working on the super yachts. An experience she describes as truly unique. Amy's favourite part of teaching at Cholmondeley is Discovery Time, where the children get to choose the activities they would like to participate in.

Tim is Australian from Broken Hill (famous for the Flying Doctors TV show!). He has been in New Zealand since January and is a trained secondary Physical Education teacher, however the last 6 years Tim has been teaching at a primary school level. He enjoys teaching at Cholmondeley because of the strong links the Adventure Based Learning programme has to Physical Education.

The children love Tim and Amy especially when demonstrating their skills on the scooters in the half bowl!

## Wonderful Wearable Arts

The children's creative juices were flowing while they made wearable art to celebrate Matariki (the Maori name for the star cluster known as Pleiades or the Seven Sisters) to welcome the beginning of the Maori New Year. This year's theme which is kaitiakitanga or guardianship, celebrating the unique place in which we live and giving respect to the land we live on.

The children's costumes featured beautiful images of birds and the forest which the children proudly wore as their protectors. Stunning colourful work.

Libby MacMillan in her creation.



## Turning the First Sod

This very special ceremony marked a milestone for the rebuild at Cholmondeley. A sincere thank you to Sir Miles Warren and Lachie Griffin who broke ground for the new Cholmondeley Children's Centre, as the rain held off and invited guests witnessed this very important occasion. Thank you also to Cholmondeley Board member Nuk Korako who gave a Karakia Tawhito blessing and Aiyana for sharing her wonderful speech.



The new Cholmondeley Children's Centre.



Sir Miles Warren, Lachie Griffin, Shane Murdoch and Aiyana Mason-King turning the first sod.

We are all looking forward to the completion of the new centre in 2015. Cholmondeley still needs your support as we raise the final \$1million for the rebuild.

You can donate online at [backonthemap.co.nz](http://backonthemap.co.nz) or contact Sarah Barrer 027 544 9977

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## Canterbury's Biggest Morning Tea

It's that time of year again! Businesses, service clubs, schools and individuals across Canterbury and beyond will be hosting a morning tea fundraiser for Cholmondeley.

This year Canterbury's Biggest Morning Tea will run for the entire month of **August**.

Registering is easy. Just go to: <http://canterburysbiggestmorningtea2014.eventbrite.co.nz>  
For more information contact Emily on 03 329 9832 or email [emily@cholmondeley.org.nz](mailto:emily@cholmondeley.org.nz)



## The 24th Annual Cholmondeley Charity Golf Classic

For 24 years the Rotary Club of Riccarton and the Coringa Golf Club have run this wonderful golf event, donating all of the funds raised on the day to Cholmondeley. Last year an incredible \$35,500 was raised!

We are looking forward to you joining us this year on Wednesday **15th October**.

A huge thank you to the Rotary Club of Riccarton for making this such a great event.

For more information or to register email [charitygolf@riccartonrotary.org.nz](mailto:charitygolf@riccartonrotary.org.nz) or tel 027 485 1013.



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# Thank You ...

Cholmondeley relies on our community for support, we couldn't do it without the service clubs and businesses in Canterbury. This month we wanted to say a very BIG thank you to:

**Rangiora Inner Wheel** – every year Sheena and the lovely ladies bring Easter eggs and make and fill toiletry bags for the children. **Oxford Women's Institute, Loburn Women's Institute, Ashburton County Women's Lions Club, and Greypower North Canterbury** who have chosen Cholmondeley as their official charity this year.

Also thank you to **Good in the Hood** at the Z stations in Cashmere and on Brougham Street and **Pivot Software** for fundraising at their team building day by purchasing and building three beautiful bikes for the children. There are so many others and if we have missed you our apologies but a very big THANK YOU!



The Pivot Software team who donated three new bikes to the children.



Dear Cholmondeley

For six years I have been privileged enough to have this experience in coming to Cholmondeley. Everyone was so welcoming. I enjoy all the activities we do. I want to make a big thanks to Eammon for helping me grow and being better at ABL. I want to say thank you to Ada for being so nice. I want to say thank you to everyone that works or volunteers at Cholmondeley.

Love Ashleigh Harvey xx :)

## Goodbye Ashleigh!

You may already know Ashleigh from some previous editions of CARE, and like many of the children who stay at Cholmondeley getting to know Ashleigh has been a real privilege. On Ashleigh's recent 13th birthday and going away party, she wrote this beautiful testimonial about why she has loved staying here.



Ashleigh blowing out candles on her birthday cake.

## You can use on-line banking to donate to Cholmondeley

Cholmondeley Children's Centre Inc. Westpac 03 0866 0337413 00 or you can use your credit card to donate directly on the Cholmondeley website [www.cholmondeley.org.nz/support-us/](http://www.cholmondeley.org.nz/support-us/)

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