

# WILROSE NEWSLETTER

HONESTY, RESPECT, EMPOWERMENT, SUPPORT



**Wish 4 Fish**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Centre Reopened: 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026

Lets get excited for another full year ahead achieving goals, dreams and most of all having fun with friends!



## Learning Together, Growing Stronger.

Over the last few months, our Discovery groups have been busy with a brand-new act of service. In collaboration with the Iauranga City Council, we've been helping to restore Johnson's and Argyll Reserve.

Our team cleared out 'Tradescantia' (also known as wandering Jew), a pesky weed that smothers our forest floors. We also enjoyed learning about the native NZ trees that will be planted in its place. Great teamwork for a fantastic purpose. Keep up the amazing work, everyone!



## Sonic Cinema At Historic Village

We've seen some banger movies at Sonic Cinema down at the Historic Village, 'How to train your dragon' and 'Wonka'. We can't wait to get back here in early 2026!



## Fun In The Sun



The weather has warmed up and we have had some stunner days out on the water with Sailability. It was fun getting to steer the big catamaran boat.



Friends gather for a relaxed soak in the salty water at the Mount Hot pools, socialising and sharing a laugh while listening to tunes at Kulim and Ila Parks.



Hannah with her horse masterpiece

## Arts, crafts & Design

Getting creative is what it's all about! We have enjoyed a great variety of activities recently, including paint-by-numbers, 'bug' rock painting, and plaster mould making. We also explored Samoan pattern design, mindfulness colouring, and used the sewing machine to create a blanket for our sensory room.



## Get Involved!

***"I love being creative. I mixed, poured, painted, and sealed this plaster mould to use as a hair tie holder at home."***

-Gayleen



## Learning Lifeskills

"We all enjoy pitching in around the centre and learning new life skills. Here is Isaac growing sprouts for a sandwich, Sophie helping to vacuum the floor and Bruce cleaning out the vacuum and filter. Tara and Kathy have been busy watering our strawberry plants and helping with garden maintenance. Meanwhile, Scott invited his friend Megan out for morning tea at the 16th Ave Café—a great way to practice friendship and communication skills!"



## Creative Kitchen

"In Creative Kitchen, we have been using our home-grown produce to reap the rewards. We've made refreshing lemonade and some sweet tomato relish to take home."



-Moeata cutting and squeezing lemons to make fresh lemonade.



-Nigel helping to measure and mix our ingredients to make tomato relish.

"NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE. THE WORD ITSELF SAYS I'M POSSIBLE"- AUDREY HEPBURN

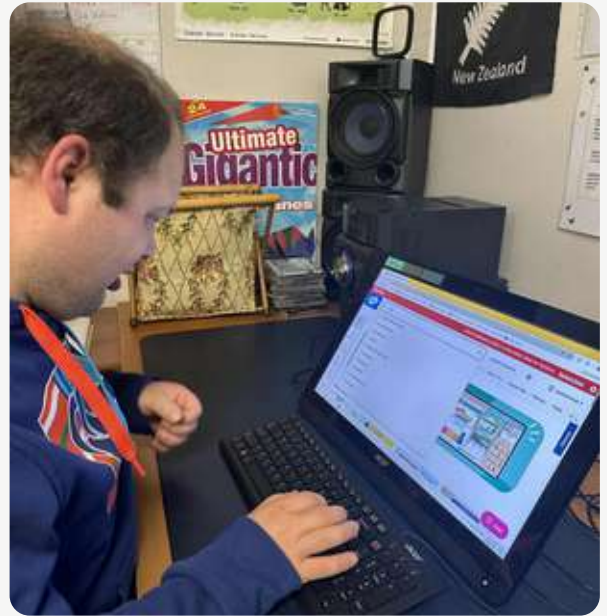
# Mixed Activities



"We've enjoyed a great mixture of centre-based activities over the last few months, including painting, seed propagation, sewing, board games, knitting, mindfulness colouring, and some good old-fashioned card games."



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-Matt searching for a recipe to cook.



***"This was my first time using AI technology. I used it to create a picture of a kitten for my arts, crafts, and design session. I found the process very interesting."***

Suzanne

# Summer fitness

"One of our sayings here at Wilrose is: 'If you don't use it, you lose it!' We stay active every chance we get, whether it's swimming, going to Blaze Gym, dancing in iDance, or playing sports. It's always easier when you have friends encouraging you and making it fun!"



## World Disability Day 3/12/25

A big group of friends went to celebrate International Day of People with Disability with Circability at Youth Central. There were heaps of activities to choose from, including a craft table, chatter rings, balancing plates, hula hoops, juggling, "roll the dice," VR headset experiences, and fake tattoos! We were also treated to music by DJ Spin and a special performance by our very own Tara, who led her kapa haka group. It was a fun morning had by all!

***"I had such a good time with my friends and can't wait to do it again in 2026!"***

-Ani



**"KEEP SMILING, BECAUSE LIFE IS A BEAUTIFUL THING AND THERE'S SO MUCH TO SMILE ABOUT"- MARILYN MONROE.**



# i-Sing Christmas Performance

TALENT, SKILLS, FUN & CELEBRATION



## HAPPY Birthday

**October**  
Gayleen

**November**  
Jonathan  
Taylor  
Sophie  
Joshua  
Megan

**December**  
Suzanne  
Katiana

**January**  
Bruce  
Mike



"It was great to see all the talent at the 2025 end-of-year Wilrose i-Sing Karaoke Christmas performance. There was a fantastic range of songs across many genres, including Christmas favourites, Waiata, and a heartfelt Haka from our Kapa Haka group. Well done to everyone for giving 100%, and thank you to our guests for making the day extra special!"



A special shout out to Dean Follas for catching fresh fish for our fish & chip lunch.



Everyone enjoyed a visit from 'Busy Be' icecream truck.

A great day had by all!

