

MANAGER'S CORNER



Firstly my apologies, it has been a while since we sent out a newsletter. It has been a little busy what with one thing and another but we have all survived.

The audit has come and gone in early August and we await the final report from MOH. The interim report from the auditors was pleasing—some good comment especially about our food and the general appearance, atmosphere and obvious level of care here.

I had this belief that things

might quiet down a bit following that, but no, if anything we are getting busier. Our numbers are growing and we have had a very vigorous training programme for everyone in place for some months now which adds to the workload.

Our brilliant team has responded magnificently and I believe the results of their hard work is there for all to see and appreciate.

The statistics show a decrease in numbers of

falls, skin tears and infections over the last 3-4 months that is really pleasing.

We wish to thank all of you for your help and support and tolerance over the last few months, your input in whatever form has, as always, been invaluable.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our family meeting on the 9th of October 2011.

—Cecele

“SPARK OF LIFE”

On the 3rd, 4th & 5th of October, the manager will be attending a seminar named “Spark of Life” following which she will be bringing the brilliant philosophy and training back to BriarGate.

Rather than trying to explain it here, we invite you to google “Spark of Life”

and read about it for yourself. We hope you will then understand why we are all excited about adopting the tools and skills these talented people are sharing with us and using them to improve the lives of those in our care.

MILESTONES BY LAETITIA (DIVERSIONAL THERAPIST)

Our Diversional Therapy programme is designed and compiled to encompass the needs of our clients individually according to their mobility as well as psychological ability.

We start our days with grooming and nail care, followed by ten minutes of ball therapy to relax the muscles a bit. The programme offers live entertainment with local artists 4X per week, Van Trips 3X per week, newspaper corner daily and

Church Services on Saturday mornings. Our most popular activities are: Musical DVD's, Mozart's Effect, Brush & Paint – they absolutely love working with watercolour paint, colouring pictures of their choice. Music and painting are very therapeutic and wonderful activities. We have recently been experimenting with Doll/Cuddle Therapy to provide additional comfort and it seems to be a very positive experience, obviously more for some than others.

Spring is here which means more garden walking, picnics and BBQ's! Although we have In-house Movie times, we are now selecting those times to keep our residents updated with the Rugby World Cup. Hope the All Blacks will keep the cup at home! We will also be celebrating International Day of Older Persons on the 3rd of October all day and you are welcome to drop by!



Clive Grimsdale
Eleanor McDowell
Elvira Cripps
Nanette Mclauchlan

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Dates To Remember!

03 OCTOBER 2011

International Day of Older Persons

09 OCTOBER 2011

Residents' Family Meeting



21-23 Anne Mclean Drive, Bayview
North Shore City

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

WWW.BRIARGATE.CO.NZ

"MILIEU"

Maree has continued to forge ahead with the "Colour Me Beautiful" Programme at Briargate and we certainly look different to 6 months ago.

All the corridors plus the dining room are now painted, new drapes every where and colourful prints and so on.

We look feel, smell (and are) delightful!

STAFF CORNER



As part of our staff education requirements, we sent all staff to a seminar entitled "Dementia and The Management of Challenging Behaviours" sponsored by Waitemata District Health Board. Staff were divided into 4 groups so that everyone could participate in the seminar.

According to those who attended, it was very worthwhile, helpful and a generally good experience.

Staff are all actively involved in trying to bring the Rugby World Cup to Briargate and involve the residents as much as possible. So if you arrive and find us sporting rather colorful clothing (or maybe all in black) please don't be surprised. ☺



Welcome

Brent, Ivan, Iris & Lara

Birthdays

July

Yvonne Browne - 77
Beverly Holmes - 70
Alex Debrecini - 78

August

Marion Dodd - 62
Gertrude Brent - 96
Verna Mossong - 86

September

Clive Grimsdale - 78
Joan Davis - 84

Photo Gallery



RN'S CORNER BY JACKIE

We are working together with the physiotherapist to promote resident's independence in daily life.

Each resident will be assessed by the physiotherapist.

Physiotherapy treatment will target

difficulties associated with limited range of movement, swelling, pain and risk of falling.

If you have any concerns about your loved one, please don't hesitate to see us and let us work it out together.

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT BY SHERYL (CHAPLAIN)



The Older person ... is "A Gift", A Blessing if we have eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to understand'. (Quote ..taken from A Daisy Among the Dandelions by Jackie Treetops. - Scripture Union Encounter with God Notes)

I am constantly reminded of what a gift and privilege it is spending time listening/sharing/praying/and chatting with our residents at Briargate. I am learning the importance to celebrate every smile, every sigh, every tear, every

conversation and every moment of grace.

In my role as Chaplain at Briargate I am usually at the rest home on Wednesdays and Fridays. I am available during these times for residents and their families plus Briargate staff. So if you are ever needing a listening ear, or prayer please make yourself known to me. God Bless.- Sheryl