



# Newsletter

30 May 2025



They're in! Our Awakino crew are now enjoying their new whare. Photos to come next week once everyone's settled in and back to feeling 100%

Meg, Jo's beloved dog, friend, and loyal companion, has quickly become a much-loved regular at our day programme – and our whānau couldn't be happier. Whether she's perched on Pete's lap, snuggled up beside Warren, or mingling with everyone in the room, Meg brings a special kind of warmth wherever she goes.

She's truly become a cherished part of our crew.

Thank you, Meg, for spreading so much love and joy – you really are a very good girl. 🐾



Ahakoia he iti,  
he iti nā te  
aroha.

It is the thought  
that counts.

Big  
Happy  
Birthday  
to this  
rock star  
Ray  
Elvis.  
Rock on  
Ray



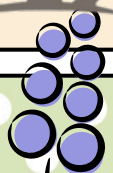
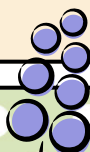
## Whats on

2<sup>nd</sup> June - King's Birthday

6<sup>th</sup> June - Party Zone - A Mid Winter Christmas Theme

Last Wednesday of every month, –

6pm Ukulele welcome to all at the Old Post Office





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On Monday, Lisa took Andrew, Jason, Ray, and David on an unforgettable sailing trip aboard the iconic R. Tucker Thompson — a day made extra special as it was also Ray's birthday!

The weather held out beautifully with no rain and only a light chill, though the sea had other plans. Choppy waters and some dramatic tilting added an adventurous edge to the voyage, giving everyone a real taste of life at sea. In one photo, you can just spot Ray waving while the ship leaned so far that seawater splashed aboard — a thrilling moment for all!

They were joined on board by four amazing crew members and twelve high school students from across Northland, creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere. Andrew had a fantastic day, chatting with lots of new faces and making the most of the social buzz.

Ray was all smiles, especially during his birthday celebration. They sang Happy Birthday, shared cake (candles were no match for the wind!), and cheered him on as he bravely swung into the sea.

Jason was grinning from ear to ear all day. Though he needed a little nudge to join some of the sailing activities, he stepped out of his comfort zone and even struck up a few conversations on his own — a lovely thing to see.

As always, David brought his sunny energy, laughing and bonding with Martin and the rest of the group. His cheerful spirit helped make the day extra fun for everyone.

A delicious BBQ lunch kept everyone fueled for more adventures, including diving, swinging off the ship (go Ray and Andrew!), and even climbing the rigging or relaxing on the bowsprit — all in true sailor style.

They met some incredible people, shared a lot of laughs, and made memories to last a lifetime.

