



Atawhai Assisi

An outreach of the Methodist Church of New Zealand

ASSISI RETIREMENT VILLAGE NEWS

December 2025



Hi again. Well it's getting closer to when the man in the red suit comes to see us so I hope you're starting to prepare for his visit. December is always a busy time and I'm presuming this year will be no different. For those travelling to see friends and family at Christmas time please take care on the roads and for those of you lucky enough to be travelling overseas, travel safely and enjoy your trip.

It will be good to see how residents decorate their houses and gardens this year. Some of you are already ahead of the game and put your decorations up so good on you. Some of you, like me, are yet to do so. I'd better get my act together and get cracking!

This month's newsletter will include December and January 2026 as I don't do a newsletter in January so apologies, but it may be a bit longer than normal.

New Villas



Yes, the new villas are coming along nicely. Roofs and building paper is now on villas 26-29 while villas 30 and 31 are still progressing.

B I N G O

14	24	44	53	68
7	28	31	54	73
2	26	★	51	67
3	22	39	57	75
9	20	37	50	71

As from December the time that bingo is played will change. It will now only be played once a month – on the third Monday of the month at 4.00pm.

It will start again on 19th January 2026

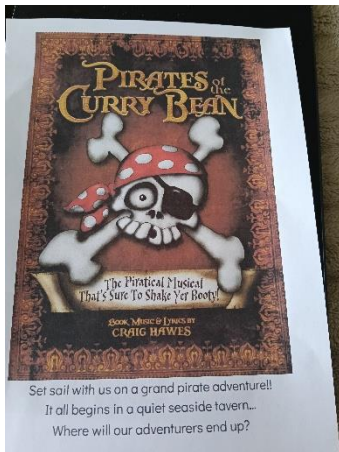
Garden



The garden is looking really good. We had to replace a couple of the cucumber plants as they got eaten by the bugs. The beans are streaking ahead with flowers on the vines. The spinach needs to be eaten and we have now planted more lettuce plants for continuity. We are getting more stakes for the tomatoes in the next few days so will be able to tie them up then. Thanks to Winsome and John for the compost they got for us and to those who helped spread it on the garden. The cabbages need picking too.

The citrus trees have lots of blossom on them and are looking great. Hopefully we will have lots of citrus fruit next winter.

Tauwhare School Production



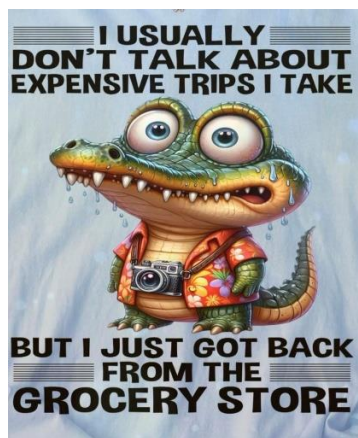
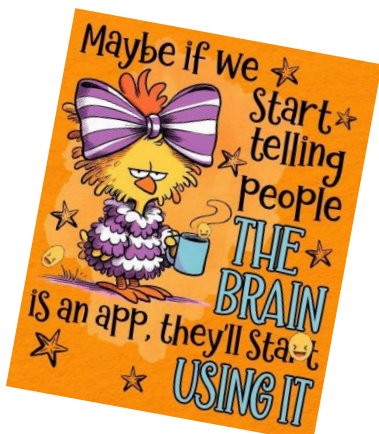
Don't forget to support the local production by the Tauwhare School of "Pirates of the Curry Bean" to be held at the Tauwhare Community Hall on Tauwhare Road. There are still some tickets left for the matinee if you or some friends would like to attend. See Sharon Quinn in villa 19 As there are a number of residents attending the matinee production on Wednesday, 10th December at 11.00am, those going may want to car pool.

Tauwhare School Room 4 is also singing at St Stephens Church on Wednesday, 3rd December at 10.30am so if you'd like to hear them, please feel welcome to attend.

Movie and Fish & Chip Night

The movie and fish and chip night for December has been cancelled as the fish and chip shop is going to be closed when we usually have it. Also with so many things happening in December, it was difficult to find a date that was suitable so it was decided to cancel it.

The Movie and Fish & Chip night will resume on Monday, 12th January 2026.



Assisi Chapel Services



Here are the sessions for December 2025

Bible Study

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday, 2 nd	11.00am	Chapel
Monday, 8 th	11.00am	Chapel
Monday, 15 th	3.00pm	Rest Home (Hata Dining Room)
Monday, 22 nd	3.00pm	Rest Home (Hata Dining Room)

Blessing of the Crib

Tuesday, 16 th	1.30pm	Chapel
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Combined Church Services

Monday, 22 nd	11.00am	Hospital
Tuesday, 23 rd	11.00am	Chapel

Catholic Mass

Wednesday, 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st	10.30am	Chapel
Saturday, 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th	10.30am	Chapel
Sunday, 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	10.45am	Chapel
Christmas Day, 25 th	10.45am	Chapel

Please note that I do not have the Bible Study and the Combined Church Service times for January.

Drinks in the Barn
Friday, 5th December 2025
3.00pm

Reminders

Just a few reminders....

1. The Barn will also be closed on Sunday, 30th November from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and in this instance, the bowling green will also be closed.
2. The Barn will be closed over the Christmas and New Year Period but to date, have not heard back from Sandra with the exact dates.
3. Chartwell shopping trips will be on Friday, 5th and 19th December 2025 at 10.30am
4. Hillcrest grocery shopping trips will be on Mondays 1st, 8th, and 15th December at 10.30am

**Suné's last day will be on 23rd December 2025
and will return on Thursday, 8th January 2026**

Mix & Mingle High Tea in the Barn
Thursday, 11th December 2025
\$15.00 per person
RSVP to Kaylah by 8th December 2025

Games Days

The final games in the Barn will be on Wednesday, 15th December 2025 and will resume on Wednesday 14th January 2026.



Please ensure your Secret Santa gifts are given to Suné by Wednesday, 17th December 2025

Crafts

The quilt has now been finished and even if I say so myself, it looks fabulous. The girls have done a brilliant job and special thanks go to Janie for putting the finishing touches on it. All that needs to happen now is to hang it on the wall. It's a real master piece. Congratulations girls – well done!

With all the happenings going on between now and Christmas, the craft group will meet again after the New Year on Monday, 19th January 2026. To this end, can you put your thinking cap on and come up with a few ideas what we can do next year as a group project. Thanks



**My son got detention again today...
The teacher pointed a ruler at him
and said, "At the end of this ruler is
an idiot." All my son said was
"Which end?"**



A smile is a sign of joy
A hug is a sign of love
A laugh is a sign of happiness
And a friend like me.....well that a sign of good taste

**The last day the Barn will be open is Sunday, 21st December 2025
and it will re-open on Monday, 12th January 2026**

Entertainment in the Rest Home

The following is the entertainment in the Rest Home for December 2025.

Tuesday, 2 nd	1.30pm	St Joseph's Singers
Tuesday, 9 th	10.30am	Trish & Colin
Friday, 12 th	10.30am	Louise Henry
Monday, 15 th	10.30am	Graham Horne
Friday, 19 th	1.30pm	Charlie
Monday, 22 nd	10.30am	Freda & Girls

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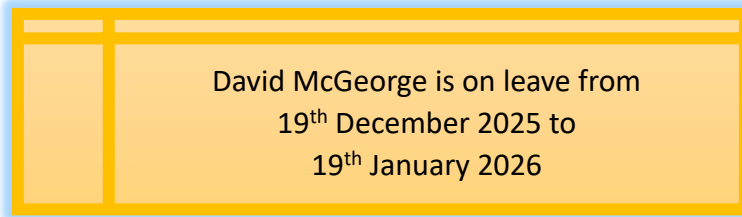


I would like to sincerely thank Carole ,my counterpart from Tamahere, for all the information she forwards on to me and therefore you. She is an absolute gem. Thanks so much Carole.

As a result of Carole, we have the following information for you.

1. From 28th November to 21st December, the Claudelands Event Centre transforms into Hamilton's ultimate winter wonderland with a 100% frozen ice rink which is open daily from 10am to 10pm. Skate helpers are available for hire (subject to availability) and for safety reasons, helmets are compulsory for skaters 12 years old and under. Bringing your own helmets is recommended but helmets are available.
2. Trails and Walks. The 4.6 hectare Tamahere Reserve (begins at 30 Tauwhare Road) is a popular spot for locals and visitors to enjoy native bush and wildlife. More information is available on the DOC website.
3. Gourmet in the Gardens. This happens on the Rhododendron Lawn at the Hamilton Gardens every sunny Sunday afternoon and will continue until the end of March. Start time is approximately 4.00pm. The region's best food trucks will be available. Take a picnic blanket or chairs and enjoy some time chilling out with friends or family.

4. The Regional Council have advised that our bus service WILL NOT RUN over the holiday period. It will cease on 24th December and start again on 5th January 2026.

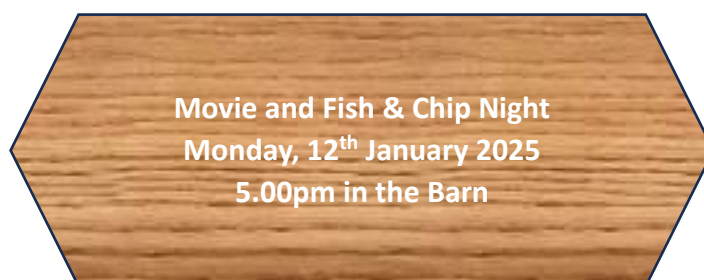


Now Moving on to January 2026.....



Messages from Suné

1. Chartwell shopping will be on Friday, 9th and 23rd January
2. Hillcrest Shopping will be 12th and 19th January. As 26th January is Auckland Anniversary Weekend and therefore a public holiday, there won't be any shopping on that day.
3. Bingo resumes on Monday, 19th January and will continue once a month on the third Monday of the month.
4. Games will resume in the Barn on Wednesday, 14th January 2026 at 1.30pm



Garden Club Notice

I have been over at the garden and have looked inside the garden shed and there are problems with ants in it. We have sprayed thousands, and I mean thousands, of ants and heaps of eggs as well and then have left ant bait in the shed in the hope that they will take it back to their nests and that would be the end of them. This worked the first time but they have since come back a couple of more times so we have repeated the process. If you happen to be near the shed, can you pop in and see if you can see any ants – lift some of the containers and wood to see if they have returned. If so, please let someone know so we can deal to them again.



Well folks, that's about it for another year. There will be no newsletter in January but it will resume for the beginning of February 2026.

In the meantime, have a lovely Christmas break and Lyall and I wish you all a very happy Christmas and nothing but the best for the new year. May it bring you good health, lots of laughs and great friendships. If you're travelling, let your neighbours know so they can feed animals, water pot plants and gardens and keep an eye out on your home.



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Allison and Lyall Gallagher

Assisi Retirement Village – Calendar of Events – December 2025

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