



# NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2026



## 4412 COMMUNITY MARKET x PASIFIKA NIGHT MARKET

The 4412 Community Pasifika Market was held on 20 March 2026 at Monrad Park in collaboration with the Pasifika Night Market. Building on the success of the inaugural 2025 market, the event aimed to continue creating a vibrant and welcoming community space for the 4412 community while supporting local vendors and whānau connection.

The evening saw over 500 attendees and featured 25 stallholders connected to the 4412 community, many of whom were small local businesses. Vendors showcased a diverse range of kai, crafts, and products representing Pasifika, Māori, and RIMA communities.



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Whānau enjoyed a range of free activities including bouncy castles, sports games, and activities provided by Sport Manawatū and Kia Ora Warriors. The atmosphere throughout the evening was overwhelmingly positive, with strong feedback from community members, stallholders, and partner organisations.

The market successfully supported its key goals of celebrating local creativity, strengthening community connection, and providing a free, accessible, and mana-enhancing event for whānau.

A huge mihi to all stallholders, whānau, volunteers, and partner organisations who contributed to making the event such a success.



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# Kaimahi Profile: DENAE TE HUNA



**Role / Job Title:** Youth Justice Mentor

Denaë has been part of the Specialist Youth, Community & Whānau Services team since 2024, working within Youth Justice and providing incredible support to our whānau and rangatahi. Through her mahi, Denaë brings compassion, guidance, and dedication to helping young people and their whānau navigate challenges and build positive pathways forward.

**Ko wai au:**

Ko Ruapehu te Maunga  
Ko Whanganui te Awa  
Ko Aotea te Waka  
Ko Matahiwi te Marae  
Ko Te Āti Haunui a Pāpārangi te iwi  
Ko Denaë ahau

I was born in Palmerston North but my dad’s whānau whakapapa back to Hawera, Taranaki and my mums whānau whakapapa to Palmerston North and Mangaia, Cook Islands.

I am a proud māmā to four beautiful tamariki. I have been a part of the youth justice team at HWC for the past four years in between having my tamariki. I enjoy watching sports, colouring in, going to the beach, eating/making yummy kai and catching up with friends.

**What do you love most about your mahi?**

What I value most about our mahi is being able to support our rangatahi to see their true potential and being able to walk alongside them to achieve their goals and aspirations. It’s truly rewarding being a part of their journey. I also value working alongside each of their whānau, because strong support systems play a huge role in creating lasting change.

**Fun fact:**

I love sunsets!!

**Favourite quote:**

“If it makes you happy, it doesn't have to make sense to anybody else”



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## HWC Holiday Programme

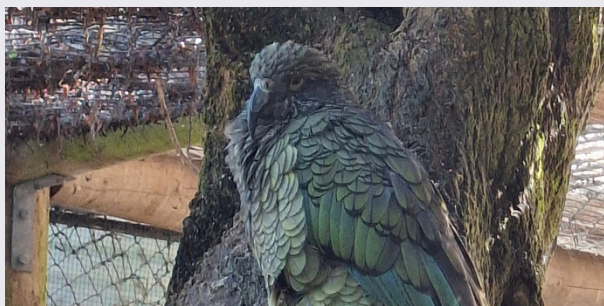
The Term 1 2026 Holiday Programme ran over four days at HWC during the first week of the school holidays. As always, the kaupapa was to provide an affordable and safe space for tamariki to have fun, build friendships, and stay connected over the break.

We welcomed 24 tamariki aged 8-13, supported by an awesome team including Astryr, Fabien, Claudine, Toby, Matt, Kelly, and Sandra. This was our first holiday programme led by several new staff members, and it was fantastic to see the team work so well together to support one another and create a positive experience for the tamariki.

Throughout the week, the kids enjoyed a huge range of activities including sports, games, arts and crafts, climbing trees, and even sitting through almost three hours of Avatar! We were also fortunate to host Waka's Adventures from the Palmerston North City Council, who brought along virtual reality headsets and tablets that the tamariki absolutely loved exploring.

One of the highlights of the week was an outing to Ngā Manu Nature Reserve, led by Kelly in her home area. Staff at the reserve shared the fascinating life cycle of tuna (eel), and the tamariki had the opportunity to feed them as well. The group also got to see tuatara and visit aviaries filled with kea, kākā, and kākāriki, while spotting wild kererū along the way. Although the tamariki's endless energy seemed to slow about five minutes into the bush walk, the day was full of laughter, learning, and connection with nature.

It was wonderful to see the tamariki enjoying the outdoors, working together, trying new experiences, and strengthening friendships throughout the programme.



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# UPCOMING KAUPAPA

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- **Pink Shirt Day:**

Friday 15th of May 2026

- **Youth Week:**

Monday 17/05/26 - Friday 22/05/26

- **Youth Day @ START Youth Service**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 10:00am - 2:00pm (212 Featherston Street)

- **4412 Community & Pasifika Market**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 - 5:00pm - 8:00pm (Highbury Whanau Centre)



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