



MEERCROFT NATTERS *our internal chat page* **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019**

WELCOME TO THE SUMMER EDITION OF NATTERS.



In Appreciation - Staff Christmas Luncheon

The staff Appreciation Christmas BBQ will be held on Tuesday December 17th at 12.30pm in the Staff Room. Secret Santa gifts will also be circulated at the party.



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Residents Christmas Party

The Residents Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday December 10th at 12.00pm. Residents are able to have 2 Guests attend.

Staff Dress Code during the Festive Season

Staff are invited to wear Christmas T shirts during the festive season.

Devonport Christmas Parade

Meercroft and Munnew Residents, Clients and Staff will again be participating in the Devonport Christmas Parade which will be held on Friday December 6th at 6.30pm. All staff are invited to participate and a meeting will be held to discuss the parade in the near future. The Parade will be taking a different route this year which will be closer to Meercroft Care.

Building Program

Stage 1 of the Building Project in Parkview and the installation of the lift has now been completed with Stage 2 building of 4 new rooms in Oceanview also completed. The remaining parts of stage 2 include the increase in the size of the Oceanview Drug Room, concreting and roofing of the Bluffhaven Courtyard, and roofing of the Banksia Courtyard, fencing of the new garden area in Oceanview. Stage 3 in Seaview

is well underway with 2 new rooms being built and the refurbishing of 6 rooms. This stage will run into 2020 after which stage 4 will commence.



3 year Accreditation Assessment

Meercroft Care Accreditation expires on April 24 2020 therefore we have been required to submit our self-assessment and application to the Quality and Safety Commission by November 2 2019. The assessment visit will no longer be announced but unannounced with the Team expected anytime within the next 3 months. We will be assessed against the new aged care standards. The Assessors will meet with staff, residents, families and visitors during the audit. If you would like to make an appointment with the assessors there are posters around the facility with the contact details. We have provided education on the new standards to staff and residents and further sessions are planned in December. Coloured T shirts with each standard worded on them are being provided for staff to wear on a daily basis to assist remind staff of the new standards.

Meercroft Email System

All staff now have access to a Meercroft email address. All





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payslips, memorandums information from Meercroft will be emailed to employees reducing the use of paper. If anyone is having difficulty setting up the email please see payroll staff for assistance.

Pay roll Portal

This will be commenced in the near future where staff will be able to receive their rosters on the portal, be offered and accept shifts and apply for leave. More information will be available soon.

EBA Negotiations

The current EBA expires in June 2020 and negotiations will commence in the new year.

Resident Cruise

The Leisure and Lifestyle Team are to be congratulated on the wonderful 2 day cruise event to Greece held last month. Residents were exposed to (2) fun filled days which included Greek food, entertainment, deck games and finished with a dinner dance. Staff also dressed for the occasion which included the addition of a pirate and stowaway on the ship. Well done and we look forward to next year's cruise to China.

Staff Well Being Expo

I would like to congratulate Jodi Towns on her organisation of the recent Health and Well Being Expo. The information that was shared was of great value to staff and was enjoyable. We had nutrition and exercise advice, seafood dishes

to try, mental health advice, financial advice just to name a few. Staff that attended the expo certainly had access to some great information and we look forward to next year.

Birch Project

We are currently introducing the Birch Project to Oceanview in partnership with Dementia Australia and will be driven by Oceanview staff which will provide a positive supportive environment for residents, staff and family members. I look forward to reporting on the project as we progress.

Pavlova with Whipped Bailey's Cream

6 egg whites
12 ozs sugar
2 teaspoons white vinegar

Beat egg whites to form soft peaks, add half the sugar and the vinegar and beat, then add the remaining sugar and beat. Place on an oven tray (or I use a plate and glad bake) and cook in a fan forced oven on 150oC for 90 minutes. Once cooked turn off the oven and leave the meringue in the oven until cool.

Baileys Custard

500ml(2 cups milk)
125ml (1/2 cup) Baileys Original Irish Cream liqueur
4 egg yolks
100g (1/2 cup) caster sugar
2 tablespoons cornflour
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Method

Place the milk and Baileys in a saucepan and stir over medium

heat until nearly to the boil. Remove from the heat and set aside.

Whisk the egg yolks, sugar, cornflour and vanilla in a large bowl until thick. Gradually whisk in the warm milk mixture.

Return mixture to the pan. Stir over medium heat for 4-5 minutes or until the mixture boils and thickens. Transfer to a bowl and set aside to cool, stirring often. Cover the surface with plastic wrap (to avoid a skin forming) Place in the fridge to chill.

Use the electric beaters to beat the cream in a bowl until firm peaks form. Add half the Bailey's custard and beat until just combined.

Transfer the pavlova to a large serving plate. Top with the Baileys custard cream. Scatter over grated chocolate and serve with the remaining custard on the side.



Message to All Staff

For the season of joy and thanksgiving, the Management Team would like to express our gratitude to our very special, hardworking staff this Christmas. May you and your families have a wonderful, festive holiday season and best wishes for a prosperous 2020.

Wendy Shearer
CEO/DON

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MEETING DATES 2020

Residents Meeting

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Seaview Lounge

Thursday 27 February

Thursday 23 April

Thursday 26 June

Thursday 27 August

Thursday 22 October

Thursday 17 December

Office Administration Unit Meeting

Time: 11.00am

Venue: Upstairs Sitting Room

Thursday 9 January

Thursday 5 March

Thursday 14 May

Thursday 9 July

Thursday 3 September

Thursday 12 November

Education Meetings

Time 11.00am

Venue: MFR

Thursday 6 February

Thursday 5 May

Thursday 1 September

RN/EN Meeting

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: MFR

Thursday 20 February

Thursday 16 April

Thursday 18 June

Thursday 20 August

Thursday 15 October

Thursday 17 December

Medication Advisory Committee

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Upstairs Sitting Room

Thursday 16 January

Thursday 19 March

Thursday 21 May

Thursday 16 July

Thursday 17 September

Thursday 19 November

Domestic Cleaners and Laundry Unit Meeting

Time: 11.00am

Venue: MFR

Thursday 16 January

Thursday 12 March

Thursday 14 May

Thursday 16 July

Thursday 10 September

Thursday 12 November

ECA Combined Meeting

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Multifunction Room

Thursday 9 January

Thursday 12 March

Thursday 14 May

Thursday 9 July

Thursday 10 September

Thursday 12 November

Leisure and Lifestyle Unit Meeting

Time: 10.00am

Venue: MFR

Thursday 17 January

Thursday 20 February

Thursday 19 March

Thursday 16 April

Thursday 21 May

Thursday 18 June

Thursday 16 July

Thursday 20 August

Thursday 17 September

Thursday 15 October

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Quality Meeting

Time: 10.30am

Venue: MFR

Wednesday 29 January

Wednesday 29 April

Wednesday 29 July

Wednesday 27 August

Wednesday 28 October

Munnew Staff Unit Meeting

Time: 3.00pm

Venue: MDC

Wednesday 15 January

Wednesday 18 March

Wednesday 20 May

Wednesday 22 July

Wednesday 16 September

Wednesday 18 November

Kitchen Staff Unit Meeting

Time: 1.15 pm

Venue: MFR

Tuesday 28 January

Tuesday 24 March

Tuesday 26 May

Tuesday 28 July

Tuesday 22 September

Tuesday 24 November

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Workplace Health and Safety Committee Meeting

Time: 9.00am

Venue: MFR

Wednesday 15 January

Wednesday 18 March

Wednesday 20 May

Wednesday 15 July

Wednesday 16 September

Wednesday 18 November

Infection Control Sub Committee Meeting

Time: 11.00am

Venue: MFR

Tuesday 4 February

Tuesday 4 April

Tuesday 4 August

Tuesday 6 October

Tuesday 1 December

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