

December 2021

Dear Friends and Whanau of Totara Farm Trust

Well, in the words of my husband's favourite band, the Grateful Dead – what a long, strange trip it's been!

Christmas celebrations

All properties have had their Christmas parties and they were awesome. It was so lovely to be able to celebrate together – outside, masked up, socially distanced – and just hang out and enjoy a meal, have some laughs and unwrap presents. It made us realise Christmas is upon us!

Thanks so much to the teams and the people living at the properties for all the preparations, house decorating efforts and delicious food. The post Covid diet will just have to wait until the New Year.



Reconnecting with your loved ones

Many of those supported by Totara Farm Trust are reconnecting with friends and family over the festive season. While this involves a lot of planning and managing risk it's so great to be planning for really positive events rather than potential problems.

Staying in touch

As always, we are well covered for staff over the Christmas and New Year period and with a number of people supported reconnecting with family some staff are getting a well-deserved break. The best way to get in touch is to contact the property where your loved one lives, or you can email me:

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Team Totara is Simply the Best

I remain in humble amazement at the resilience and good humour of the whole of Team Totara. As I am sure you can imagine everyone is pretty fed up with Covid and how it's affected each and every person supported and every staff member. Even so there is always a lot of laughter and general good humour at every property and in the office. It really is astounding, and I know I speak for the Leadership Team in thanking such an amazing group of humans. We went a bit crazy with Christmas presents this year as a small token of appreciation.



We all wish that we could confidently look forward to a less disruptive year next year but who really knows. What we do know is that when we put our heads together and are compassionate and kind to each other, we can work through whatever is thrown at us.

We wish you and your families a safe and happy festive season – take good care and some time to smell the roses.

Bernadette and the Leadership Team