

## Chaplains AGM report 2023

My two biggest highlights in the last year would have to be attending conference in Dunedin and gaining my marriage celebrants license and taking my first wedding, the wedding being held at Wintec made it extra special! I made some great contacts at conference and gained some great ideas from hearing about what other chaplaincies are doing.

As a member of wellbeing champions I have been involved in many discussions around prayer rooms at Wintec and helped to run the wellbeing expo in September last year, this involved helping with soup lunches, expo days, sports olympics and seminars for staff around their wellbeing.

I have been working closely with the Kaiawhina and Manaaki Pūkenga teams, I have been invited into the embedded support sessions at the gardens campus and have attended lunch time events run by the Kaiawhina at Rotokauri. I was also invited into a session with the counselling students where I was able to make some good student contacts.

I have been attending the Aniwaniwa alliance drop ins and activities, establishing myself as safe person for members of the rainbow community to speak with.

As part of my professional development I completed a strength finders course (paid by the Wesleyan Methodist church of Aotearoa New Zealand) and am part way through an online te reo course.

It has been a busy start to this year with some really positive staff and student engagement. It has been good connecting with returning students and meeting new ones just starting their studies. I was fortunate to be able to attend the Rotokauri Powhiri, with the city Powhiri being cancelled due to the cyclone.

I was again invited by the accommodations team to be apart of their residential leaders training, running a session for them on self care and boundaries. This was well received and a good opportunity to for them to hear about my role and ways I can assist then during the year.

I have continued to stay well connected with the international team and have been hot desking in their department some Tuesdays.

I have been involved in messages with other Te Pūkenga chaplains trying to establish some form of regular contact between us, so that we can network, share ideas and discuss all things Te Pūkenga, we are hoping to get something up and running in the near future.

Stemming from a conversation with a fellow chaplain at conference, I decided to do \$2 toasties for students, I have started this at the gardens campus once a fortnight as this is where there is the greatest need, the only have a vending machine or the very expensive Hamilton gardens café as food options. The first week of this went well and the students were very appreciative. There is interest in doing something similar at Rotokauri but would probably be more of a one off event as apposed to something done regularly as they have a café on site.

Engagement at my Orientation stand this semester was very positive, this year I decided not to have a game but to instead provide the opportunity for students to write thoughts and prayers for those affected by the cyclone in the Hawkes Bay and Gisborne. I had been in touch with one of the Chaplains from EIT Te Pūkenga and they were finding it tough, especially when they couldn't be on campus because of flood damages, 111 staff and students wrote thoughts and prayers, 38 of these were Christian prayers, 5 students wrote in their own languages and they were all beautiful.

messages of hope and care. After both days of O week were finished I packaged them up and posted them to the chaplaincy team at EIT Te Pūkenga.

The weekly online Wintec wide karakia is continuing, father Jp and I will lead this on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March for the second time. This time we were approached to lead, while last time we were the ones who offered.

Jenny and I continue to meet monthly to pray for Wintec

I continue to thoroughly enjoy my work as chaplain at Wintec, So many times God has placed me right where I need to be for someone or prompted me to message someone right when they need it most, in these moments I see I am where he wants me to be.