



Kia ora...

Here's the low down on what's been going on and what's coming up soon!



Don't worry this isn't going to be an email full of Covid-19 doom and gloom.....this message is one of HOPE!

Yes El Rancho has taken a huge financial hit this year, but so have many other businesses and families.

But we're still standing; choosing to celebrate the good stuff and looking forward to an amazing Spring and Summer ahead.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" Romans 15:13



We love being generous!

Following the Level 4 lockdown, we gave away 15 Midwinter Escapes...blessing 5 church leaders and 10 essential workers and their families, with a complimentary 2 night stay in one of our Villas.

And we've just drawn the winners of our '**Day of FREE Activities for your School**' competition.

Kopane School and **Rangikura School** were the lucky ones, we're looking forward to hosting them next week.



Kids Stay Free!

Over Queens Birthday Weekend and the last school holidays, we ran our hugely popular family accommodation special, where all the kids got to stay for FREE....plus we offered FREE activities across the weekend too!

Keep your eye out for this special again soon.



Kids Camps

Rather than our standard overnight stay style of camp, in July we ran our Kingdom Camp every day over five days. We offered spaces for kids from 5 - 12 years and they had an amazing time.

Our Spring 'Safari Camp' kicks off on 28 September. This is a week long overnighiter....and we're excited. Tickets sold out within 24 hours for this but we hope to open up more spaces...stay tuned!



School Camps

We are so pleased to have two school camps here this week and we have a bumper Term 4 ahead, chocka with school bookings.

We have our usual schools coming, along with a number we had to move from earlier in the year, who missed out during lockdown.

Book your Summer Holiday with us!

If you're keen for a relaxing break this Summer then we'd love to host you.

Whether you're after a **campsite**, a **cabin** or **motel unit**, it's going to be a busy time but we'll try our best to accommodate you.



Thinking of a Gap Year?

Our **Career Training Internship Programme** will unlock your potential...empowering you and equipping you with life skills that will look great on your CV and kickstart your career.

If this sounds like you or someone you know, head to our website.



We were due to hold our **Marriage Retreat** in August, but were unable to due to alert level restrictions. We still hope to reschedule this event.

As we are currently working through options for a new date, please pray for this, as it is such a blessing to so many couples.

Please support us!

Registered as a charity, we are a not for profit organisation and rely on the generosity of our supporters. Covid-19 has hit El Rancho hard financially, so our invitation to you is that if you feel you would like to donate to this ministry, please head to 'Support Us' on our website.

There are so many ways you can support us, not only financially. We'd love you to share your skills or talents, or pray for us.





Check out our new look Elm units. Elm Lodge is the first to be fully refurbished with updated bedrooms, bathrooms & kitchen facilities. Oh and we now have impressive air conditioning units in both Kauri and Redwood Halls too...so if you're after refreshingly cool in summer...or warm and toasty in winter we've got you covered!



Please pray...

We appreciate your prayer support!

Pray for our nation as we continue to navigate the Covid-19 crisis and as we head towards the general election next month, including the referendums.

Please pray for our staff and team of volunteers, as we head into our busy season.

Pray for the many groups and families that will be with us over this Spring & Summer season, may they experience the love and hope of Jesus Christ through the manaakitanga we offer at El Rancho.

A word from our Director, Bruce O'Brien

Kia ora e te Whānau. As you all know, it has been a challenging season. We have all had to flex, change plans and adjust to the needs of the day. However, I am continually encouraged by how the community and this country continues to work together for the common good of the people.

We continue to trust Jesus Christ, whose father owns the cattle on a thousand hills.

Kia kaha.

Blessings,

The El Rancho Team