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Healthy, thriving communities, Kia Momoho Te Hāpori Ōranga.



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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

I wanted to use this last CE Newsletter of 2018 to thank everyone for their supreme efforts, dedication and professionalism during a demanding year and to wish you all the very best for the holiday season.

Though there have been challenging times over the past 12 months, the consistent themes for me have been the passion and compassion that our teams bring to their work on a daily basis. This is evident to those we care for and impacts them tremendously. It is what our patients speak of first when talking about their experience with us with friends and loved ones, after they return home. On another level this passion and compassion manifests itself in a continual drive for improvement in the healthcare we provide, with our communities wellbeing as the focus.

For many the festive season provides an opportunity to take time off with loved ones but healthcare is a 24/7 business and I wanted to recognise and thank those others who will be working through over the coming weeks. This means that some may miss out on some family celebrations. Thank you for your dedication and ensuring that our services are available to all at all times. Your hard work and commitment is acknowledged and deeply appreciated. I hope all of you will have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends, and that you have time to relax and have some fun.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy festive season and I look forward to seeing you again in 2019!

All the best, and take care.

Meri kirihimete

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Pete Chandler Acting CE over holiday season

Pete Chandler will be Acting CE between Monday 24 December and Monday 7 January.



Whakatāne Hospital's Radiology team is in the Christmas spirit.



Children's little helpers. The team on the Children's Ward at Tauranga Hospital.



Whakatāne Hospital Cleaner Rachel Lingman in her Christmas grotto.

"It's not what's under the tree that matters. It's who's gathered around it."

Author unknown.

A selection of images from this year's Tauranga and Whakatāne Christmas lunches

