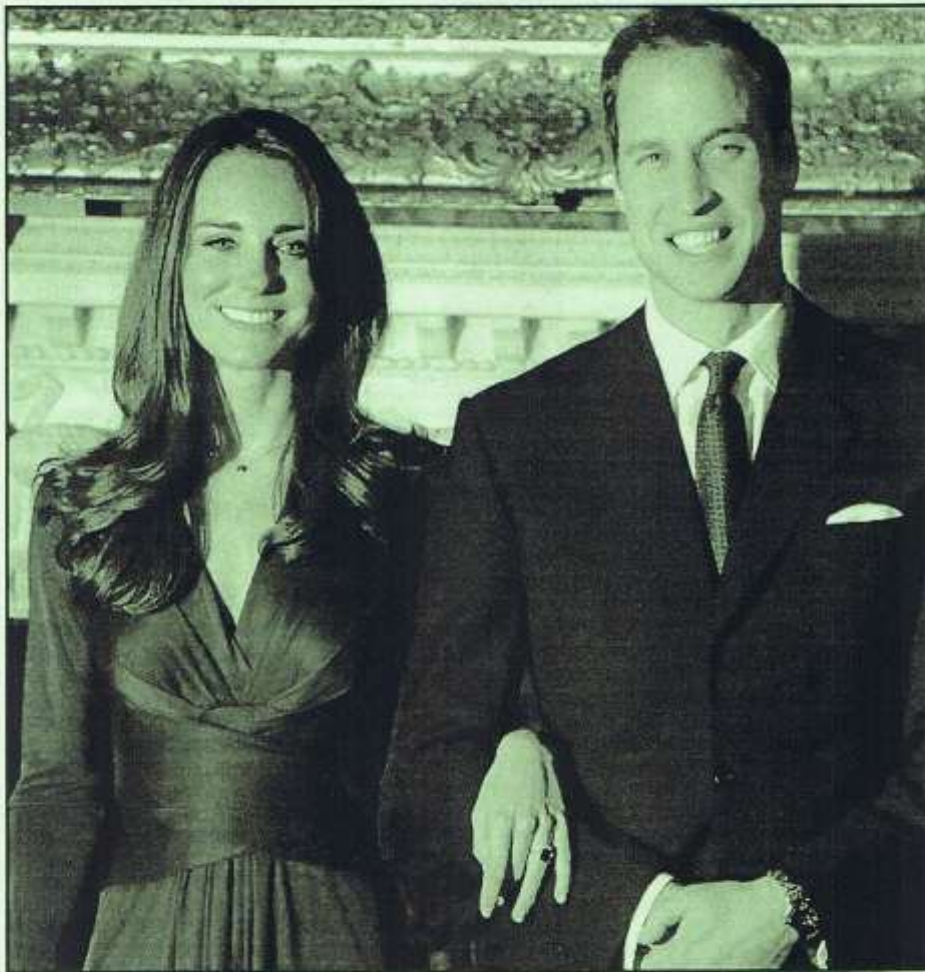


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## *The Royal Wedding*

*Prince William & Catherine Middleton*

*Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, Westminster Abbey*



## GUEST EDITORIAL



Well sh..... ! I've dreaded the day that I would get asked to write this editorial.

I have lived in Tauwhare and Eureka since 1981-2, starting off on my parents' farm at Horsham Downs then shifting here, where we converted a dry stock farm to dairying and promptly got hit with high interest rates from a certain Labour Government? But that's water under the bridge - life goes on.

I've milked cows and driven tractors all my life, getting married in 1993 to my wife Karen. We have four children, Daniel 17, Clare 15, Amber 14 and Bronwyn 12. I no longer milk cows.

I live on Hunter Road in Eureka and work for Colin Duncan at Eureka Motors as a mechanic, where I very much enjoy my time. Colin gave me an opportunity that maybe most would not have. I have learnt an awful lot in the six years or so I've been there, especially confidence in myself. So thank you Colin.

There's a bit of rivalry between us - Colin likes Ford tractors and I like MF. Obviously MF is better but Colin has a hard time accepting it - ha ha. Just as an example - a Blue thing drove in to the garage for what ever. Colin said "gee Andrew listen to the power that thing's got - must be 500 hp duals all round." I said "sh.... Colin it would need all that to push that 3 foot buckrake on the front of it". He was lost for words. Very rare that! But seriously, we get on very well. I enjoy living in Eureka with my family.

**Andrew McNally**

## RAINFALL

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**DONATION THANKS** to the Eureka Badminton Club.

**BIRTH – NEW BABY CONGRATULATIONS** to **Dan and Abbie Hinton** of Eureka Road who welcomed with love a darling **daughter, Charlotte Tracey**, on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Another lovely grand daughter for Diane and Geoff Hinton and a new niece and cousin for Anna and Guy Irvine and family all of Eureka Road. Very best wishes to all.

Sincere condolences are extended to Steve and Lisa Meek and family of Schollum Road on the death of Steve's father, Ross Meek, on 12<sup>th</sup> April.

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## WAITAKARURU STREAM WALK

Last week the junior and senior school walked to the stream across the road from the school to study water quality, to find bugs, check clarity and make decisions on whether or not our local streams are healthy. They will compare results with other streams and make recommendations on how we can all improve these water ways.



## ROOM 6 BLESSING

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April we had a blessing to open the new classroom. It was a lovely occasion, lots of stories, laughter & waiata.

Thank you so much to Tuku Wheki for organizing this and a special thank you to Mr Wheki snr for giving such a moving talk to the children. We were also delighted to have Mike the builder there as we wanted to thank him for his professionalism and courtesy which made this a relatively easy project.



Thank you also to Mrs Cook and the Room 5 children who put up with pungent glue smells, banging, drilling, grinding etc without complaint!



Congratulations to our ex-pupils:

AMANDA BROWN who has been selected for the New Zealand National Badminton Squad!

REBECCA BROMELL who has been awarded a scholarship to the United Wold Colleges, one of only a few children in NZ to be given this!

The Enviro Group's winning scarecrows!!!

# TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

The 2011 bowls season is well underway with our first Open Triples tournament completed and other Waikato and Eastern Waikato events also played.

Congratulations to Bev Meads on her selection for the Waikato Top 12 Ladies Team which played for the Bettridge Shield versus Thames Valley at Matamata.

J Hooper, J Bargh, I Billings and Andrew McNally played in Eastern's team for the first Moore Cup match versus Hamilton Red.

A special thank you to Ivan Billings who has done some improvements to our storage trolleys. Now the score boards, dusters etc has designated homes and the bowls, formerly stored in their original cardboard boxes, now have brand new wooden boxes.

Thank you to all our members for their input in to the hosting of our first Triples Tournament. The night was a great success with 22 teams participating.

Our annual Novelty night, held on 14<sup>th</sup> April, had the usual demonstration of good natured humour and great sportsmanship for which the club is renowned. It is this camaraderie which contributes to a very successful club to which we belong and we invite visitors to come along to our club and have a game of bowls or just to see what bowls is all about. Social bowls in the primary aim of the club and if you wish to aspire to things higher, there is that opportunity too.

## Club Night - Thursdays, 7:30pm, Tauwhare Hall.

### Contact Numbers:

- |            |             |            |             |
|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| • J Cottle | 07 824 0992 | I Billings | 07 824 1832 |
| • R Arnold | 07 867 4832 | R Bargh    | 07 824 1819 |

### Results:

- |                      |                                      |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>24 March 2011</b> | <b>Mulholland Trophy</b>             |
| • Winners            | B Meads, B McNally                   |
| • Runners Up         | D Appleton, N Woodcock               |
| <b>31 March 2011</b> | <b>Triples Championship</b>          |
| • Winners            | J Hooper, J Cottle, B McNally        |
| • Runners Up         | I Spencer, H Bargh, Grant Goodare    |
| <b>7 April 2011</b>  | <b>Open Triples Tournament</b>       |
| • Winners            | M Greenwood's team                   |
| • Runners Up         | B Arnold's Team (Taupiri)            |
| <b>14 April 2011</b> | <b>Novelty Night</b>                 |
| • Winners            | B Meads, R Coxon, M Bargh            |
| • Runners Up         | J Arnold, E Silvester, Amber McNally |



### Up and Coming Events

- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| 5 May 2011  | Rinks Championship (prior entry)          |
| 12 May 2011 | Club Night and Rinks final                |
| 19 May 2011 | Pairs Championship                        |
| 21 May 2011 | Tauwhare's visit to Maungamahoe (Taranki) |
| 26 May 2011 | Open Tournament Triples (plate please)    |
| 2 June 2011 | Club Night                                |

### Out and About

- 8 April 2011 - Waikato Centre's Progressive Tournament
- Winning "Three" - Andrew McNally
  - Winning "Lead" - Clare McNally

Until next month - good bowling everyone.

Robin Bargh



## A Week On Stewart Island

Sheryll and I spent a wonderful week on Stewart Is. From 7 - 14 March 2011. It was a busy week tramping, fishing, Kiwi spotting.

We rented a house at Oban, the main centre, for our stay and all things were within walking distance. There is a regular Ferry crossing from Bluff and numerous flights each day from Invercargill airport.



We first did a half day fishing and Patterson inlet Tour and rather quickly caught enough Blue Cod to last us the week. We then visited the reserve at Ulva Is. This has been a reserve for 100 years. The bird song was great as it was in most parts of the Island we visited. Bellbird, Tui, Kaka, Wood pigeon were the most common. We then visited the site of a former Norwegian Camp and Boatyard where they maintained the whaling chase boats that fished in the Ross Sea, Antarctica, around 1930. A slipway, large shed and House and accommodation were set up to maintain these 30m vessels that fed the motherships with whales for processing. The venture was short lived having a duration of only 5 years.

The next morning we flew across the Island in a small plane to land on the beach at Mason's Bay. An interesting flight, thankfully in unusually calm conditions. We walked part of the long beach with huge sand dunes formed by the very strong South and Southwesterly winds on this exposed beach. We began our 17.5 km walk back across the island over low swampy flat land, farmed as a sheep farm until around 1970s. The DOC hut had plenty of residents, 13 had seen Kiwis in the wild the night before!

We then walked past the DOC Rangers house, the former farm house, which was well presented in its original condition. The Ranger was happy to show us through and was proud that the temperature gauge on the coal range still worked. Great those Shacklocks weren't they. On past the old woolshed, yards and sheep dip station. Then time to get some kilometers done as we have to meet a boat at 4.30 or walk another 15km home. The walk was easy flat but due to swamp there was no forest or large trees. Flax, Titree and swamp grasses everywhere. We made Freshwater River in good time. Another DOC hut here with plenty of people again. There was also a group of track workers heading out to town for the first time in 10 Days. An interesting water taxi ride out of the river, about 7 km of winding narrow river at 20 Knots, into Patterson inlet which can only be accessed at high tide. Then a beautiful ride in calm sea up the Patterson inlet to Golden Bay and a further 2 km walk home. A welcome Beer tonight! The next day we rented scooters and rode over nearly all the 27 km of roads on the Island. The beaches and bays on the island are beautiful, golden sand and clear water and very large kelp grows from the rocks.



Tonight we assembled at 8.30 pm to hopefully see Kiwi in the wild. The Skipper advised they had not missed seeing Kiwi on these trips in the past 2 years! After a 35 min boat ride across Patterson inlet we stopped at a jetty with 16 hopeful Kiwi spotters and a Guide. Well, 7 different Kiwi later, we arrived back. The Kiwi come on to the beach at night to feed on Sand Hoppers and other beach bugs. We watched one for 10-15 minutes, feeding 3-4 m away, happily feeding under the guides torchlight while we 16 watched. On our way back to the boat we got close and personal to another kiwi beside the track, happily feeding and not the least concerned at the 17 people watching.

Stewart Island Kiwi feed in the day time as well as night time and are the largest of the Kiwi Species. Stewart Island Kiwi mate for life, share the nesting responsibilities and foster their young for up to 2 years. This is unlike the North Island Kiwi who abandon chicks soon after birth.

This was an absolute highlight for me, seeing Kiwi in the wild, no tags or transmitters and no artificial feeding. Home to bed at midnight.

Around Oban there are many bush walks from 15 min to 3-4 hours. We did most of these from our house and return around various beaches and bush tracks.



We walked with Denise Irvine and friends on the first day of their three day Stewart Island walk. This was to Port William Hut where we would be picked up by water taxi at 4 pm. We walked over several beautiful beaches and through some wonderful bush with very large Rimu trees prevalent. The section from Maori Bay to Port William was a great example of rainforest with large trees, lots of moss, lichen, ferns, Rata vines, Beech trees and the Rimu. This track is one of the NZ Great Walks. Another one ticked off for Denise. Finishing our day with a lovely boat ride back around the coast to Oban.

On our last day we walked local walks a gain and readied for an early departure in the morning.

A wonderful place to visit, a week was not too long as we were always busy. They have a 4Square Store at Oban that sell everything and a pub that sells 'Waikato'! Just another reminder for us that we truly have world class places to visit right here in NZ.

Brian Gordon

## Sue Edmonds ● Ruth Manning

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# Eureka Fishing Discussion Group

We have changed the name of our group as our last meeting was so successful.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of April we met up at Te Kouma Wharf and hopped on the snapper safari mussel boat for a morning's fishing. It was flat calm with the sun out, no better place to be. We went straight through the gap and found a mussel barge harvesting and setting out a great burley trail for us.



It didn't take long and the crew of 18 was filling the bin at a great amount of knots. Snapper were the main species on offer but there were some nice sized Trevally and some rat kings around to tangle a few lines. After about an hour or so and one big fish bin full the skipper was keen for us to count the fish to see how many more we were allowed. About 30 more left to catch, the size limit just went up. It was only 9:30 in the morning. I think more fish went back in the water than in the bin after that. So we dragged out those last 30 fish for as long as possible and at 10:15 we were off back to the wharf. A statistician on the boat worked out that a fish went in the bin every 45 seconds, not bad going for a bunch of busy farmers with no time to get out fishing.

It had been a great morning and now it was back to my cowshed to fillet up the 162 snapper and seven Trevally. We obviously have a few people in our group who have a second job as fish filleters as the fish were dealt to in no time. We smoked a couple of the big ones for a snack followed by a few fresh fillets on the bbq as we supped on a beer or two.

It was an awesome day out and fun had by all; looking forward to seeing you all at the next discussion group - I'm sure you will all be there as early as you were for the fishing trip.

The next Group is to be held at Steve Clausen's property on Seddon Road 10<sup>th</sup> of May.

Cheers All - **Brett Gordon**



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# IN YOUR GARDEN

## 10 top tasks for April/May

1. Beat thrips. If you didn't spray to control thrips in summer, your evergreen viburnums and rhodos are probably turning silver now. Cut them back to remove unsightly foliage while the weather is still warm enough for new foliage to be produced.
2. Chill out tulips. Pop tulip bulbs in the fridge for up to eight weeks. A cold snap helps them produce big flowers on long stems. Store in paper bags so they don't sweat.
3. Plant now – primulars, polyanthus, cyclamen, cinerarias, ranunculus, iceland poppies and stock
4. Sow sweet peas. These are best sown in autumn at the foot of a sunny wall or supporting tepee or trellis. Add compost and lime, keep moist until germination, then only water if soil dries out.
5. Plant winter greens. cabbage, try wintercross and of course savoy and broccoli. Plant in full sun in a well drained fertile soil. Cauliflower is excellent all year round. Watch out for slugs, snails and caterpillars. Caulis mature in about 70 days. Celery needs to be in full sun in a frost free area. Also grows well in a greenhouse. Spinach and silverbeet.
6. Citrus aid – Are your trees spindly with sooty leaves or scabby fruit? Sooty mould is caused by aphids or scale – spray with conqueror oil and follow with copper spray in spring.
7. Hydrangea health – Deadhead and spray with conqueror oil for white scale (spotted white mounds of soft cotton on the undersides of the leaves)
8. Clever cutbacks – Give perennials a good clip around the ears. Deadhead perennials that have come to the end of their display. Take out all diseased or twiggy growth, lift and divide cannas, delphiniums and phlox now but don't overdo it. Tall perennials such as salvias are coming to the end of the season, but leave the seedheads on for winter structure and bird fodder.
9. Snail watch – get them before they get your plants, especially renga renga lillies and new annuals.
10. Prepare to plant native trees to cut your carbon footprint, but do your research first as to how tall they grow and pick an appropriate site so they don't steal the sun from the rest of the garden



Jennifer

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## LADIES A PLATE

Feijoas are in abundance right now and thankfully there are many ways to use them. Here are my two favorites a crumble and a cake.

### **FEIJOA, GINGER AND ALMOND CRUMBLE** –serves 4

8-10 large feijoas	1 tsp baking powder
1 Tbs butter plus 60g extra for topping	40g ground almonds
1 Tbs honey	2 Tbs finely chopped crystallized ginger
100ml dessert wine	60g flour
1/3cup brown sugar	cream or ice-cream to serve

Preheat oven to 200c. Peel and slice the feijoas. Butter a baking dish with the tablespoon of butter. Place the feijoas in the dish drizzle with honey then pour over the dessert wine. Make the crumble topping by mixing the brown sugar, baking powder, ground almonds and ginger. Rub the butter into the flour with your fingertips until crumbly with visible small pieces of butter. Combine the butter mixture with the sugar and almond mixture then spoon over the feijoas. Bake for approx 30 minutes or until golden and bubbling. Serve hot with cream or vanilla ice-cream

### **CINNAMON FEIJOA CRUMBLE CAKE**

125g butter softened & chopped	¼ cup caster sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract	2 eggs
1 cup plain flour sifted	1 tsp baking powder, sifted
1 tsp ground cinnamon	½ cup milk
1 ½ tbsp ground almonds (I use extra flour if I don't have any)	

6-8 peeled and chopped feijoas

#### **Crumble Topping**

½ cup plain flour	1 ½ tbsp brown sugar
¼ tsp baking powder	60g butter, softened and chopped

Preheat oven to 160c. To make the crumble topping, combine the flour, sugar and baking powder in a bowl. Add the butter and use your fingertips to rub it into the flour mixture.

Beat the butter, sugar and vanilla with an electric mixer until pale and creamy. Gradually add eggs and beat well. Add the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and ground almonds and beat to combine. Fold through the milk and feijoas. Line the base of a lightly greased 20 cm round spring form cake tin with non-stick baking paper and spoon in cake mixture. Top with crumble topping and bake for 1 hour 10 minutes or until cooked when tested with a skewer. Allow to cool in tin.



**Feijoas freeze well.** If you have plenty of freezer space you can freeze them whole. Other wise, cut off the skin and freeze the fruit to use for pureeing, baking or throwing into your morning smoothie, long after the season has ended.

*Sharon Laurent*

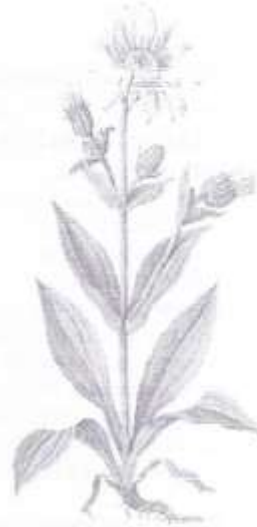


# ARNICA

*Arnica montana* L

Arnica is a herb I always have in the house as it is invaluable for any injury as it prevents swelling, brings out bruises and also helps reduce pain. My family love sports and motorbikes so it gets a lot of use when they injure themselves to the extent they ask for it as they know how it really helps. I use Arnica in the spray form (Homeopathy – in a very diluted form) which I spray on the area and also 4 sprays in the mouth, it should not be used on broken skin but can be sprayed out from the broken skin area.

The plant has been used medicinally in Europe since the sixteenth century. European physicians prescribed it as a stimulant, particularly for the heart and circulation, an overdose of an extract from the plant can cause painful irritation of the stomach and intestines and can increase blood pressure. Arnica in infinitesimally tiny doses, is to this day the standard homeopathic remedy for shock occasioned by a sudden painful injury. The best way to use arnica is as an ingredient in salves and liniments or as I do a homeopathic spray.



**CONSTITUENTS:** Essential oil (thymol), sesquiterpene lactones (arnicin, helenalin) flavonoids, polysaccharides, inulin, carotenoids, tannins.

IN 1751 Briton – John Hill in his herbal – lamented that arnica was "greatly recommended by ancients but much neglected by present day practice". It was, however, well known in Germany where, in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe credited arnica for saving his life when it relieved the anginal attacks he suffered from hardening of the arteries. In Germany more than 100 different drug preparations contain arnica flowers and sometimes the leaf.

Arnica is not usually used internally except in Homeopathic dosages and also should not be used before and operation but fine after an operation.

CHERYL MCFARLANE

## WORD FROM JAPAN

Sometimes you find out the most interesting things about people who live in Eureka.

Last week Sue Edmonds discovered that Harold Woolford began a penfriend correspondence with a Japanese lady, Atsuko Kimura, forty-one years ago. His daughter Jean Derby has been keeping it up for the last twenty years.

They had received a letter from Atsuko dated 11 April, following on from the big 11 March Japanese earthquake, and felt people might be interested to hear what it has been like for someone living near Tokyo. Atsuko has very good English, but we've used her version as written. Here it is:



"Following the NZ earthquake we had a greater disaster by tsunami, earthquake and nuclear crisis. Nobody think of such a violent quake hit us on March 11. I can't describe the scene of destroyed towns and villages on the coast area after I watched TV news. I keep watching TV since then and read newspaper every day, even today (*Atsuko also sent newspaper clippings showing photos before and after the devastation*)

I was very lucky my place (*apartment in Tokyo*) hasn't hit directly but I had a big quake at my father's house (*in Kanagawa Prefecture*). I sit down quickly under the kitchen table for 5 or 6 minutes, soon after that I turned on TV and know what was happened. I have no word to describe about that.

My brother came here next day to stay for 8 days as the water supply stopped in his area, and his wife went to her mother's house in Tokyo. My nieces were in a big trouble of transportation and had a hard time to reach homes late at night.

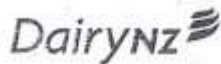
Nuclear crisis seems worse day by day. I really give my deepest sympathies those people involved in agriculture and fishing and seafood products workers. Hundreds of volunteer people help and support affected people in evacuate centers and shelters.

We very much appreciate that rescue teams from over hundred of foreign countries came quickly. They worked very hard every day. Thank to their help and support Japan is saved and will get through this disaster soon.

Reconstruction is going on and the life line is almost rebuilt and a lot of temporary housing is setting up now.

Many people moved to the other prefectures where their relatives and friends live and to the new place to homestay. School resumed last week, but complete reconstruction will take long time. We thank NZ team helped us and a lot of heartfelt messages from all over the world. I watched these news with tear. We wish polluted air and seawater by radioactive contaminants will not spread any more. I really pray that to God. The only thing I can do is the contribution for affected people.

My apartment building and residents are all safe, but I couldn't go there for a while due to less operation of train. We have to save electricity so it's dark in every super markets, public buildings and inside the train with no heater. This phenomenon is new to us. I wrote only about disaster today."



### Smiles for Miles

It's been a great Autumn! Firstly the Eureka Discussion Group fishing trip was amazing with the snapper quota, of 162, caught in just over 2 hours. Thanks to Brett Gordon for doing a great job organising it. Secondly it's been an Autumn 'out of the box' for pasture growth. Can anyone remember an Autumn as good as this one?

Average pasture covers are a good 500kg DM/ha more than the same time last year. In fact probably the last 3 years. AND we have an excellent Milk Price to go with it! No wonder I see so many smiles and happy farmers on my travels.

### How long to milk for?

With everything looking so good most farmers will be milking into May. This is certainly a change from the previous 3 seasons. The drying off decisions don't change though. It is still based on a consideration of cow condition, ability to achieve desired 'calving' average pasture covers by early June, expected pasture growth rates and supplement on hand. Formalise the picture by doing a feed budget for your farm. This will give you increased confidence about the decisions you make. Don't blow a golden opportunity to actually achieve all the desired targets for the start of calving and have a great start to next season.

### Face to Face

Please circle May 26<sup>th</sup> in your diary and then go on-line to the DairyNZ website [www.dairynz.co.nz](http://www.dairynz.co.nz) and register yourself and your staff for the DairyNZ Face to Face workshops. There are 3 sessions of 3 workshops in each where you get to choose one. Scientists will be presenting on practical subjects such as "Cost effective use of crops and supplements" Dr John Roche, "Feeds of the Future" Dr Dave Clark, "Should we be milking fewer cows" Kevin McDonald, Managing risk and volatility" Matt Newman. There are also talks on Nutrient use efficiency, effective people management for employers and a separate session for employees, Hot Science with an opening address at 10am by Dr Tim Mackle, CEO of DairyNZ, "Challenges and opportunities for the decade ahead". The day concludes with lunch at 1pm. Face to Face is free to levy paying dairy farmers and their staff. Otherwise it is \$50. You must register and choose the workshops you want to attend.



### Progression Groups

The new Biz Start and Biz Grow Progression Groups have been going now for 10 months throughout NZ. A new round will begin in June so if you are interested go on-line and register your interest. Biz Start caters for Lower Order Sharemilkers and Managers and Biz Grow 50/50 Sharemilkers, Equity Partners and new farm owners. Or put another way those that have a significant outlay in herds and/or land (Biz Grow) verses those with little or no capital outlay yet (Biz Start).

Phil Irvine  
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## INTRODUCING...



Christmas was quickly approaching and it was our turn to host the family Christmas. Of course as usual we had left it all to the last minute. The spit we had thought we could hire was of course already booked out. So now what?

Little to the knowledge of the Mrs who was panicking about how she would feed the tribe James was already planning his next move. James had just recently been making a spit for a customer and thought it wouldn't be to much stress to make another. But this one would be better. Two days before Christmas sets in the spit arrives at home much to the Laura's relief

So they day before Christmas we tested it out with a couple of chickens and sure enough they where divine and where cooked within half hour. So we had a stress free Christmas day it went off without a hitch the lamb was great the spit was a breeze to clean and the whole family was stuffed and ready for the afternoon over stuffed Christmas nap.

Right so now there's two of us and we have a spit big enough to cook for a small army what do we do next. First step was to get the spit powder coated firstly to protect it from the elements and secondly to make it look a damn site better. Then family members started wanting to borrow the spit, which sparked the idea, maybe there's a market for this. So we posted a listing on trade me to either sell our spit or make new spits to what ever specs the customer wanted. Within a few weeks we had three orders and James was flat out every day after work making spits. The spits looked great but they where missing something.... Our log, so as you can see in the picture we have now designed our own branding to get our name out there.

So hey presto were now in the spit selling business, we also hire out our original spit. A long way from giving up our day jobs but keeps us busy. We can also supply the meat on request and even offer to set up and cook the meat for those people who love the idea but just aren't quiet sure how to get it all done, or don't want to worry about the stress of cooking.

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## TAUWHARE SCHOOL

A huge thank you to all those who took part in the Tauwhare School Ambrose Golf Tournament at Walton Golf Course. We had fantastic weather, and it was great to have so many local teams playing.

We raised a total of \$4,200, all of which goes towards the school pool project.

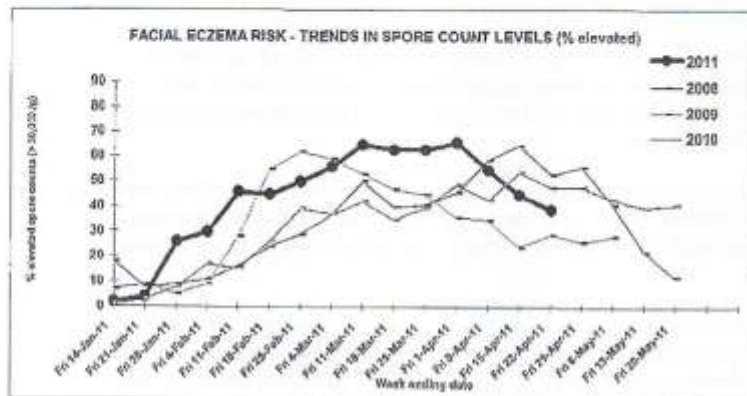
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## Facial Eczema Risk

The week of bad weather we are now experiencing at the end of April does mean the Facial Eczema spore numbers which have been dropping should fall some more.



This graph generated just before Easter shows the spore counts falling, though they still remain high in some areas.

Region	District	No of sites monitored	Counts for week '000's/g			FE Risk
			Average	Lowest	Highest	
Waikato	Whitanga	3	47	15	65	Moderate
	Waik	0				
	Hauraki Plains	0				
	Pieko	0				
	Maramata	9	47	2	110	Moderate
	South Waikato	7	75	0	200	High
	Raglan	0				
	Hamilton	0				
	Waipa	5	117	30	190	High
	Oteranga	5	10	0	45	Low
	Waikomo	7	29	0	75	Slight
	Tauupo	6	17	0	55	Slight



As the table above shows there is quite a variation across the district but high spore counts (anything over 80) are still being found which means they could be still high spore counts on your farm.

The bottom line is you need to continue with Facial Eczema protection for your stock.

### Copper – when to give it

If copper, in the form of copper sulphate powder, injections or bullets is given to stock while the FE spores are still about, then the toxin in the spores becomes more dangerous. For this reason if you are intending to give your stock copper it is best to wait until after the FE season has passed. This is unless you are

using proteinated copper which is safe to give at this time of the year. Unfortunately the presence of high levels of zinc, used to protect the animals from the FE toxin, does inhibit the normal uptake of copper. So animals which have had a lot of zinc will have low liver copper stores.

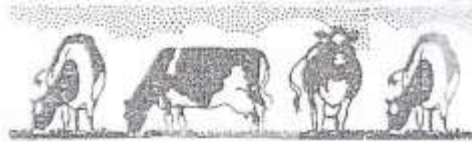
Cattle and sheep and hinds pass copper across the placenta into the developing foetus. This is to ensure the newly born animal will have enough copper for the first few months of life as there is no copper at all in the milk. This means it is important the mother has sufficient liver stores. For the cow it means liver copper concentrations should be above 400 micromol/kg fresh tissue as it goes into the winter. Have liver samples taken from any cows which you cull and send to the works to work out your herd's copper status.

### Normal Foetus Loss

A New Zealand study found that for every 100 cows mated 90 would become pregnant. But after 21 days only 65 were still pregnant. At 56 days, 60 of the original 90, were still pregnant. And then only 58 cows actually calved to that mating. These losses, believe it or not, are considered normal.

Sometimes it is difficult to know if empty cows turning up late in the season is "normal" or not.

If you are concerned about the number of abortions or "empty" cows give us a ring and discuss your situation with us.



# EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



## JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

Junior Badminton has started again and we are enjoying seeing the familiar faces. All of the children have improved and it is great to see the new players from last season hitting the shuttles over the net.

New members are welcome so come along, Wednesday evenings 6pm at Matangi Hall. We are a friendly club so do not worry if you have not played before, just come along and give it a try. Badminton is on during this holiday, we thought it would be fun to let the parents have a go...so come on kids give your mum or dad a challenge!

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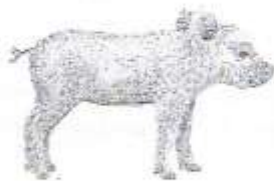
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