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GUEST EDITORIAL

Hello we are Emma and Darryl Meredith,

We are late comers to the dairy industry and the community, and are working for Brad and Crystal VanHellemond on the Maces farm,

We are originally from Kati Kati in the Bay of Plenty and with Darryl's working background driving trucks and manufacturing coloursteel roofing and Myself a Beauty Therapist and owning a beauty therapy clinic; Dairy Farming was far from our minds.



With our family growing and increasing pressures of the elusive work/life balance we agreed that we were due a lifestyle change, and Dairy Farming was a great option as Darryl had grown up on a dairy farm that had been in his family for generations and always regretted not taking up the challenge of running the farm before it was sold, and the idea of our children growing up in the same environment really appealed to us.

We did our research on the Dairy NZ and Ag ITO websites and sent out Darryl's CV through Fencepost, Darryl organised to do some relief milking's with a good dairy farmer friend of ours, we got busy arranging tenants to rent our house and shutting up shop of the Beauty Therapy Clinic, explaining to surprised clients we were going in search of "Greener Pastures".

Our first job was with Brads brother Glen in Paeroa, and in that first year I managed to learn how to milk the cows and succeeded in only being pooped on once, the children were learning a lot too, about the world around them, they marvelled at the birth of the calves and where their food actually came from, our son Jack was not so keen on knowing the origin of his meals and on one particular night asked his sister if she could "taste the cow" in their dinner!!!!

We are now starting our 4th season farming and our 3rd here with Brad and Crystal, and loving every minute of it,

Our daughter Chloe is attending her first year at Hillcrest High school, our son Jack is at Gordonton school, and Caleb is at Rainbows, they all love the rural lifestyle and the freedom that comes with it, being able to have lambs and calves for the yearly Ag day at school is much more exciting than the hanging basket or flower arrangement which were the only town options, Darryl has completed his National Certificate in Agriculture with AgITO, and we are motivated and eager to progress through the industry, 50/50 Share milking being our goal, and with all the opportunities in Dairy and the close-nit farming community and their willingness to offer advice and help the possibilities are endless.

The biggest lesson farming has taught us is you must have respect for each other and your environment to be able to reap the rewards life has to offer.

Snippets

Congratulations to Jo Buckley who is playing squash in at the Morrinsville Squash Club. Jo's team won the Inter-Club final Division E section and Jo also won the Plate Final in her division.
Well done Jo

Golfers Dream - hole in one!

Congratulations to Kevin Buckley who achieved this feat at a recent golf day at Hukanui Golf Club 9th hole.

Congratulations to Dylan Kenny who continues to improve racing his 65 c.c. class motor cross KTM bike. At the recent North Island Championship event Dylan was 9th equal overall for the day.
Well done Dylan and good luck for your up and coming NZ champs later this year in Wellington

Wanted

Wanted Relief Farm Worker
Some experience required. Hours to suit.
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Welcome to **Jason & Kelly Anderson** and their two daughters **Mia & Ahli** who have moved to State Highway 26. They are living on Kings old property, with Jason working for McFarlane Contracting. We trust you will enjoy being in the Eureka area.

Congratulations to **John & Charlotte Williams** who recently celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary. They married in Perth, Scotland.

Congratulations to **Amy & John Elworthy** on the birth of their daughter **Zoe Kate**, a sister for Sam and a new grand child for Yolande & Brian Insoll.

Congratulations to our DairyNZ Consulting Officer, Phil Irvine who recently got married and is now honeymooning in Europe.



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The Annual General Meeting of the
EUREKA HALL COMMITTEE
Will be held on Tuesday 14th August 2012
at 7:45pm
at the Eureka Hall



All welcome

Secretary

Farm Discussion Group Report July 2012

Hi all, it's been a good start to the calving season with the weather playing its part although it is raining as I write this and I don't think it knows when to stop. I missed the last group so can not report on it, but just wanted to let people know the next time we catch up is on 14th August at the Top Pub in Morrinsville from around 11:30 onwards for a beer and hot lunch to have a break off the farm and catch up with fellow farmers to compare stories.

Hope to see you there Brett Gordon

Badminton

Hello everyone.

We have had two yankee tournaments since last time. Congrats to Cameron Mason, Amber McNally, Whiti Kairau and Bronwyn McNally, fantastic games played by all. We had a family night in holidays which saw a few competitive games between children and adults.

Come down and join us.

Vanessa Mason

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RAINFALL

	June 2012	Year to 30th June
Total (mm)	97.5	512
Average (1994-2012)	119	553
Difference	-22.5	-41

Rainfall recorded on 17 days.



FISHING TRIP



Room 5 went to Raglan on the last day of term to fish! This is part of their on-going topic study on the sea. What a wonderful way to end the term.

MULTI-CULTURAL DANCE PERFORMANCES



On the final week of school we had a dance performance. Each class chose a dance from a

different country in the world. We managed to cover most continents!!

SWIMMING POOL

In the holidays the large green water tank was moved to make way for the new pool. Thanks to Walling Contractors, the two pools have now been demolished ready for the new 20m Fiberglass and tile pool. Very exciting!!

We have finally been given the green light to build classroom number 7! We will begin the process now and expect to complete the building by the end of the year. That means that we will be able to start the 2013 with 7 fulltime

teachers in 7 classrooms. We also have plans this year to insulate the office and classrooms in the main block, and to build large decks in **ROAD SAFETY**

We love Constable Jo coming to school to work with the children. The highlight for the junior children was definitely going for a ride in the police car and the siren wailing.

Constable Jo said that research has shown that children are safer in a booster seat until they are 142cm tall. This makes the car seat belt cross them properly and not around their neck.



front of the 3 older classrooms. Ms Melton is now working fulltime in Room 4 alongside Kirsty Gilroy. Mrs Gilroy (Senior) will continue to release Kirsty for her Reading Recovery sessions. We thank Ms Melton for being flexible and extending her hours!

Pukeko Preschool July 2012

Pukeko Preschool celebrated Matariki with a shared breakfast with our preschool community. Everyone provided a plate of yummy food relating to their own culture and traditions.

We offered a school holiday program for 6 days during the holidays, and followed the children's daily interests.

We are extending the children's knowledge of their wider world with activities and games relating to the Olympic Games. The children have learnt about long-jump, including measuring the distance they all jumped, and trying to jump further with each turn. They are also learning about the different countries participating in the Olympics, and the location of these countries around the globe.

We continue to cherish the language and will celebrate Maori Language Week with te reo incorporating waiata, rakau games, poi, weaving and learning a mihi.



All current trustees were re-elected onto the Trust Board at our AGM in July.

We currently have spaces available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and operate a waiting list for all other days. Call in and see us or phone 07-8240860 for more information. We can also be contacted by email: pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz.



News for the start of Term 3

The roll at the moment is, 119 children. During the first two terms we have welcomed families from a variety of directions. Our catchment area remains diverse. About eighty per cent of families come from the city, the others mainly from the Newstead and the Eureka districts.

We are definitely a school of choice, providing a safe nurturing environment and the curriculum is delivered by experienced and enthusiastic teachers.

We continue to make reference to the wonderful parent support we experience, this year so far is no exception. For instance over thirty people attended the PTA AGM, and eight soccer teams, the two netball teams and the rugby team have coaches and managers.

The term has been busy and the teachers and the children have participated in a variety of activities and situations.

- We continue to be an Environmental School, this year focusing on Innovation
- Teachers have attended a variety of courses related to students learning and to their responsibilities
- Senior children attending Arbour day planting with other school
- Seven Aside Sports at Tamahere School
- Accommodating a variety of Faculty of Education student teacher groups, especially the new Year 1 practicum arrangements
- Visits to the Waikato Museum and to MOTAT in Auckland
- Class Hui's or sharing times

Agricultural Day Sub Committee:

Thank you to Paula Kenny for attending the Agricultural Day Meeting, Paula will distribute an outline for families, soon, introducing the programme for the School Agricultural Day event, **Friday 19 October**. This is a very special feature on the calendar and as many children as possible are encouraged to participate. We are also hosting Group Day, **Wednesday 24 October**. The Waikato Show is being held on **Friday 26 October**

Winter Sports Catch Up:

It is the time of the year to celebrate the early achievements of our winter sports teams.

Soccer, once again, has been a very popular sport. We have eight teams who are doing very well in their grading groups and the schools field on a Saturday morning echoes with the sounds of enthusiastic side line support.

Strong interest continues in netball. Our two teams participate in the Minogue Park series of games on Thursday afternoons. They made a tremendous start, winning a lot of their grading games.

Victorious at last! The combined Newstead and Silverdale team (Silverstead) had their first win in two years on Tuesday, after school at the Marsters Avenue Park. A win over rivals Tamahere, 20 points to 10! Players and supporters were absolutely delighted, not one try but four! The competition continues for a few weeks after the July holidays.

Calender of Events

23-27 Jul	Maori Week
13-17 Aug	Berkley Information Evening
14 Aug	Gymnastics Festival
20-23 Aug	School Production Week
27-31 Aug	Berkley Enrolment Forms Returned
31 Aug	School Cross Country
4 Sept	Country Schools Cross Country @ Newstead
5 Sept	125 Years Mtg @ 7pm

- 6 Sept City & Country Schools Cross Country @ Newstead
 - 14 Sept Daffodil Show
 - 17 Sept Class & Sports Team Photos
 - 20 Sept Parent/Teacher Conversations @ 12.30pm
 - 19-23 Nov Berkley Orientation Week
 - 28 Sept Term 3 Concludes
 - 19-23 Nov Berkley Orientation Week
 - Arbour Day Celebrations
- Last term many of our senior children attended Arbour Day and has a fabulous day in the outdoors planting new trees (photos below)



TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

June - July has been a busy time for our club, especially the Junior members.

At the North Island Secondary Schools tournament at Tauranga Amber McNally was runner up in the Singles and sister Bronwyn and Amber were third in the Pairs. Well done girls.

The Eastern Waikato Junior Singles Championship was won by Melita Bargh with Bronwyn McNally runner up. Congratulations to you both.

Melita Bargh was in the winning team at the Easter Waikato's Twos and Leads Tournament. Well done. Eastern's match vs. Morrinsville for the Grupen Cup 1st round resulted in a win for Eastern. M. Bargh and B. Meads were in the team.

Tauwhare challenged Matangi for the Brown Bowl. Tauwhare won. I. Billings, J. & M. Bargh, Andrew and C. McNally, J. Arnold, D. Appleton and R. Coxon were in the team. Good luck for the challenge against Gordonton.

Results:

21st June 2012 - Open Singles

- Winner Andrew McNally
- Runner Up C. McNally

28th June 2012 - Club Night

- Winners L Grieveson, B McNally
- Runners Up J Cottle, K McNally

5th July 2012

- Men's Singles

- Winner E Morris
- Runner Up J Hooper

- Ladies Singles

- Winner M Bargh
- Runner Up A McNally

12th July 2012 - Club Night

- Winners J Arnold, D Pizzini
- Runners Up R Coxon, D Miller

21st June 2012 - Ferris Trophy (for most successful Lady in the Open Singles Championship)

- Clare McNally

Upcoming Events:

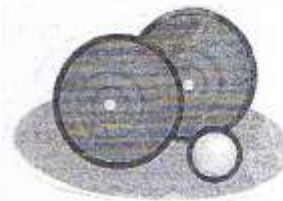
- 2nd August** Drawn Pairs
- 9th August** Club Night
- 10th August** Couples Night
- 16th August** Novelty Night
- 23rd August** Club Night
- 30th August** Sattrup Trophy

Out & About Results

- 5th July 2012** Hillcrest Triples Tournament
- Runners up Clare, Andrew and Bronwyn McNally

Good bowling everyone

Robin Bargh - Phone 824 1819



LADIES A PLATE

Rolled Oats Biscuits

Mix together:

2 cups flour
1tsp Baking powder
2 Cups Rolled oats
½ tsp salt

Into a big pot:

225g butter
¾ cup sugar
2 tsp Golden syrup
Melt - do not boil



Then pour over (1tsp Soda dissolved in 1 tablespoon of boiling water).

Then put in dry ingredients

Roll into balls and flatten with a fork (makes two trays)

15- 20 mins at 175 watch closely

Peanut Toffee Slice

150 g butter
1 tablesp Golden syrup
Melt just bring to boil

Pour over dry ingredients:

2 cups Rice Bubbles
1 cup Peanuts (blanched)
1 cup flour
1 heaped tsp Baking powder



Mix and flatten into a sponge roll tin.

Bake about 20 mins between 150-180degrees

Mark into oblongs and cut before it is too cool, other wise it becomes to brittle to cut.

IN YOUR GARDEN

It may be cold, dark and miserable, but console yourself, we are now past the shortest day, so roll on Spring, but remember there are always jobs to be done.

This is a great time to be planting fruit trees, also existing deciduous fruit trees need to be pruned now.

Epsom salts (magnesium sulphate) dissolve 2 tbsps in 9ltrs of water then pour onto the pre-soaked area under the tree out to the drip line of Lemon & Daphne bushes.

Plant Strawberries now, but be wary, while strawberry plants are frost hardy the flowers can be damaged by frosts. Strawberries will grow in most sunny situations but they don't like wet feet so drainage is essential. They are also susceptible to the same diseases as tomatoes and potatoes, so avoid planting where tomatoes or potatoes have been planted in the past 4yrs. If planting in pots use good quality potting mix with slow-release fertilisers. Water regularly.

Ideal shrubs for our area that can be planted now are:

Flannel Bush, a South African shrub with fluffy flowerheads in winter, a vase life of 7-10 days.

Protea Laurifolia, produces velvety blooms year round with a vase life of 2-3 weeks.

Grampians heath Myrtle is an Australian native with pink buds that open to starry white flowers, it blooms from autumn to spring and lasts many weeks in a vase.



Off the top of my head, flowers to plant now; Primulas, Calendulas, the perennial Lobelia, Sweet Peas, Sweet William and Roses.

To do list:

1. Plant Garlic and Onions
2. Take Rosemary cuttings.
3. Plant Rosemary for the bees, remembrance or cooking.
4. It's time to dig in your glasshouse, use a fork & dig as deep as you can to oxygenate the soil.
5. Pile lawn clippings, & fallen leaves into your compost to provide warmth for decomposition.
6. Keep walking around your garden with a hoe, thus preventing wet clumps of soil and provides plants with better insulation from winter cold.
7. If you don't like lichen, spray your deciduous trees with Lime Sulphur.
8. Put the spade through dormant clumps of Hostas to increase your plantings but remember to sprinkle some snail bait around.
9. Plant seeds in trays in your glasshouse.
10. Quote: The Bare Earth is Full of Promise



Happy Gardening, Jennifer

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Abscesses

Chickweed leaves applied directly.

Bee Stings

Remove the sting by scraping it out, then rub a chewed leaf of Plantain onto the area to ease the pain.

Bleeding

Plantain, Shepherds Purse, Witch Hazel, yarrow or Self Heal can be applied directly on to the wound and will stop bleeding.

Bruises

Apply bruised leaves of Comfrey, Nettle, Witch Hazel lotion or Wintergreen oil.

Burns

Immerse immediately in cold water until pain is gone then apply contents of a leaf of Aloe Vera, raw grated potato, cucumber or Calendula.

Cold Sores

Aloe Vera gel, Calendula and Comfrey ointment.

Cuts

Cayenne Pepper, Honey, St Johns Wort, Plantain, Comfrey and Calendula ointment can be applied for anti-septic value.

Earache

A few drops of oil of Cloves, oil of Garlic. Warm infusion of Chamomile or Horehound. Always treat both ears.

Eyes

Inflamed eyes - wash with infusion of Chamomile, Fennel, Lemon Grass or Chickweed.

Headaches

Lavender or Rosemary oil rubbed on temples and back of neck. Hot Mustard foot baths.

Indigestion

Chamomile, Peppermint, Fennel or Ginger as teas.

Insect Repellent

Lavender, Citronella, Pennyroyal or Eucalyptus as oils or ointments.

Nose Bleeds

Clasp the nose between the thumb and index finger. Apply pressure for five minutes. Apply Witch Hazel extract on cotton wool bud.

Ringworm

Garlic rubbed on fresh four times daily. Plantain ointment, or Tea Tree oil.

Sprains

A poultice of raw grated potato or onion will soothe as will Marshmallow and Comfrey - also arnica spray.

Travel Sickness

Ginger tea, lemon juice in water and peppermint tea are all effective.

Toothache

Peppermint oil, yarrow leaves, Plantain leaves will ease pain if chewed. Also chewing whole Cloves helps.

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To slice meat into thin strips, as for Chinese dishes partially freeze and it will slice easily.

A roast with the bone in will cook faster than a boneless roast the bone carries the heat to the inside of the roast quicker.

To keep cauliflower white while cooking add a little milk to the water.

Let raw potatoes stand in cold water for at least half an hour before frying to improve the crispness of french-fried potatoes.

Lettuce keeps better if you store in refrigerator without washing first so that the leaves are dry. Wash the day you are going to use.

Don't throw out all that leftover wine: Freeze into ice cubes for future-use in casseroles and sauces.

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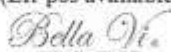
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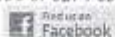
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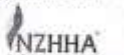
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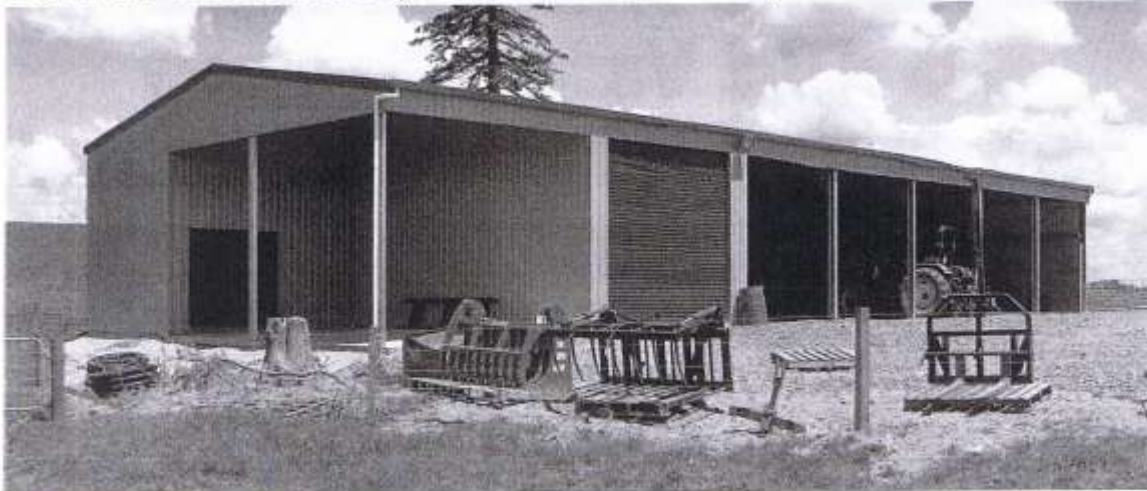
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