

# Eureka Express

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## AND ON A LIGHTER NOTE



## CRICKET

### **The definition of the game of cricket.**

Each man that's in the side that's in goes out and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he is out. When they are all out, the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in, out.

Sometimes you get men still in and not out. When a man goes out to go in, the men who are out try to get him out, and when he is out he goes in and the next man goes out and goes in.

There are two men called Umpires who stay out all the time and they decide when the men who are in are out.

When both sides have been in and all the men have been out, and both sides have been out twice after all the men have been in, including those who are not out, that is the end of the game.  
Understand??



## Guest Editorial

We were woken up on yet another Sunday morning in Rototuna to the sound of children riding their 3 wheeler trike cars up and down the deck of the house behind us. When I say the house behind us, I literally mean 2 metres from our back fence. Any idea of a Sunday morning sleep-in now that our 4 children had left home was abruptly squashed. Any of you who know Rototuna will know that the sections seem to be getting smaller and smaller and the houses take up most the property which means you can virtually lean out the window and touch the neighbour's fence.



My dutiful husband Tony made me breakfast and coffee in bed just as the neighbour's dog on the other side of us started up his morning howl followed by their young son screaming to his mate to "come play with me" at the top of his lungs.

Now don't get me wrong, we have raised babies and had our time with our own little 'noise makers' but clearly it was time to leave our street of young families and see if we could find a property that ticked all the boxes with peace and quiet and maybe even a view in the country.

We promptly put our house on trade-me and started the process of keeping it 'Show home perfect' as we ran an open home every Saturday and Sunday. Our house took 6 weeks to sell and we were delighted with how easy the process seemed. Our belief was that once we were all 'cashed up' we would be in a better position to find the elusive property that we had in mind.

After living at my mother's house for 3 months, a real estate acquaintance of mine rang to say "how do you feel about living on the city boundary out in the country with 2 houses on the one property". He knew what we had been looking for so one evening in the middle of winter we drove out to Eureka to view the property as it wasn't even on the market yet.



Tony gave me strict instructions on our drive out there, that we were going to take our time and that you must never make a decision to buy a house in the dark. I agreed with him that it was just to have a look. We wandered around the two properties in the dark and that night rang the agent and made an offer.

We are thoroughly enjoying our property and love the magnificent views, we have great tenants in the other house and have embraced country living wholeheartedly.

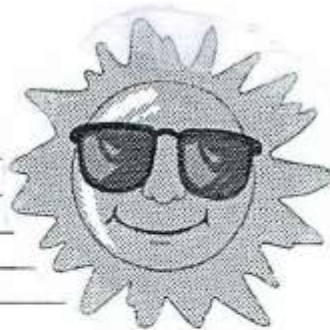
It would be remiss of me if I didn't mention that I am lucky enough to work from home as an Insurance Broker. If anyone in our lovely hamlet is interested in an obligation free review of your life insurances and health insurances, please call Lynette on 027 3767540.

**Best wishes from Lynette and Tony Walker**

# RAINFALL

## Rainfall Data 2014

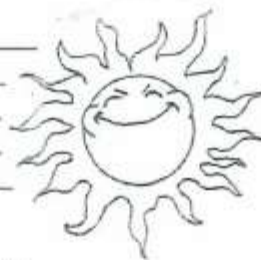
	December 2014	Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> December
Month	82.5	990.5
Average (1994-2014)	110	1170
Difference	-27.5	- 179.5



Rainfall recorded on 13 days.

Since recording rainfall from 1994, this year is only the third to fall below the 1000mm annual rainfall mark. The other two years were 1999 with 839mm and 2000 with 957 mm.

	January 2015
Total (mm)	83
Average (1994-2015)	83.5
Difference	-0.5



Rainfall recorded on 2 days. Highest fall was 76mm

In 2013 from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March a total of 75 mm was recorded and for the corresponding 3 months in 2014 a total of 59 mm rain fell.



### WANTED:

**VOLUNTEERS PLEASE.** Do you have the time to do some EExpress deliveries once a month along SH 26 ?? Or take on the position of treasurer?? Or join the committee?? All offers gratefully received. Please phone Editor, 8241758



**RD7 BOXHOLDERS.** A reminder that your mailman, Gary Self, is currently on leave for 3 months following heart bypass surgery. Gary is making a good recovery but urges that any queries be directed to his relief driver, Arthur Rye, on 027496315 and before 7pm please.

## EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

Due to Easter falling early in April this year, the Easter Colouring Competition needs to be done in March. We have inserted copies inside your February EExpress. More copies are available from Eureka Motors. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side of the picture and make sure entries are in to Eureka Motors (the collection point) by 10am Thursday 12 March.



Thank you,  
Editor

## SNIPPETS



### **FAREWELL TO EUREKA:** to two Manor Park families.

- To Cameron and Jenny Barr and family who have moved to Tauwhare meantime:
- And to Stuart, Jordyn and Hannah Lye who have also sold and moved away.

### **A WARM WELCOME TO EUREKA:** to lots of new families:

- Hi to Phil and Brenda White and their daughter, Shanelle, who have bought the Barr property on Manor Park. After 20 years living in Auckland we trust you are all enjoying the country life in Eureka. Phone 8241848
- Hello to: Jean Masters and Rusty Sheargold who are the new owners of the Stewart property corner SH 26 and Hinton Road. Ex-Hamilton, Jean is a deaf community support worker for the Deaf, Hearing Impaired and Deaf Blind, an advocacy person for the disability people, NZSL (NZ Sign Language/Literacy tutor and a Deaf Historian. Through her family ancestry. Jean has a connection to Eureka through the Hinton family, so feels reconnected. Text 0211510982 or fax 8241926.
- Greetings to Stuart and Suzanne Coker who are living on-site while they build their new home on Schollum Road. Phone 0273562647
- And welcome to Lindsay and Nicki Duffy, and son, Hayden, who are well settled in their new home on Tauwhare Road. Lindsay is store manager of Chartwell Farmers. Phone 8241086

Eureka warmly welcomes you all and we trust you enjoy your new community.

**OMISSION FROM PHONE LIST:** Please add landline number for Luke and Gill Redgate of Waverley Road. Phone 07 2100396

**SPORTING SUCCESS:** Congratulations to young Millie Wallace of Eureka Road who has made the Waikato Rep Under 11 years Touch Team. Well done, Millie and may you have lots of success with your team.

**RACING SUCCESS:** Congratulations to Jeanette Broom, owner-breeder of the talented horse, Carlotta, who scored a convincing win in the MediaWorks Radio Waikato 2400 at Te Rapa a couple of weeks ago. Carlotta won by 3 ½ lengths and it was her sixth win in 43 starts. May Carlotta continue to give you pleasure and excitement, Jeanette.

Sincere condolences are extended to Linda Miller, Keith Law, Laura and Katie, on the death of Linda's Mother, Mrs Margaret Ure, in Hamilton on February 7<sup>th</sup>. So dearly loved, so sadly missed.

And sincere condolences also to Jennifer Mace on the loss of her dear son-in-law, Fraser McRobie on February 8<sup>th</sup>. To Jennifer's daughter, Deidre, and children Cameron, Angus, Lachlan, Douglas and Annabelle, we extend our deepest sympathy in their huge loss of a treasured husband and father.

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## Roll: 163

Welcome back to another exciting year! A special welcome to the new families to our school community. What a lovely long, hot holiday it was. We are all refreshed and raring to go. A big thank you to Janine Broekhuizen and her wonderful team of volunteers for keeping our pool looking so beautiful all holidays, and to Glyn for looking after our grounds.

Thanks to our hard working PTA who had air conditioners installed during the holidays, all of our classrooms are lovely and cool. ☺ ☺

### Our staff & classes for 2015:

Room 1	Year 6 Ms Quinn (Deputy Principal)	
Room 2	Year 5 Mr Quenby	Mrs Mead Teacher Aide
Room 3	Year 3 & 4 Miss Gilroy, Ms Melton	Mrs Vink Teacher Aide
Room 4	Year 3 & 4 Miss McCambridge, Ms Melton	Mrs Vink Teacher Aide
Room 5	Year 2 Mrs Cook (Assistant Principal)	Mrs Williams Teacher Aide
Room 6	Year 1 & 2 Mrs Keyser	Ms Mitchell Teacher Aide
Room 7	Year 1 Mrs Elliot	
Secretary:	Mrs Paula Brown	

## **NATIONAL STANDARDS RESULTS 2013**

*(2014 results not yet published by Ministry of Education)*

	<b>Tauwhare School</b>	<b>Waikato region</b>	<b>New Zealand</b>
<b>Reading</b>	91.4%	76%	77.9%
<b>Writing</b>	90.7%	67.9%	70.6%
<b>Mathematics</b>	78.8%	72%	74.6%

Our children continue to achieve above the National averages in all core subjects.

## **SCHOOL PICNIC**

We traditionally start our school year with a picnic and swimming sports day. This is a wonderful way for families to meet each other and for you to chat to teachers and staff in an informal setting.

Children do not come to school that morning. Families and teachers meet at the pools and set up their picnic blankets. We all swim and play and mingle, and then at 11.00am we have organised races for all of the children, culminating in the hotly contested Yr 5 & 6 race for the Smith Steelworkers Cup, and a parent vs children race which is always entertaining. After the races everyone has their lunch and mixes and mingles.



## **WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP**

We like to start the year with a whole school study and trip. This year we are planning to go to Raglan on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February** to visit the rocky shore as part of our science study. Staff professional development is focussing around Art this term, so this trip will also open up opportunities for sketching and print work.



## Pukeko Preschool March 2015

Welcome back to another exciting year at Pukeko Preschool. The Trust Board is making progress on planning our new building, and we hope to start building by the end of the year. The fundraising committee have raised \$10,000 in the last 6 months which is a great achievement – well done! Thanks to all in the community who are supporting our fundraising efforts.

In December 2014 we were visited by the Education Review Office, who were very happy with our community centre. The confirmed report will be available on the ERO website very soon.

Our focus this term is on "Being Unique". We are really enjoying discovering all our children's different interests - dinosaurs, dancing, the word 'us' and the earth are just a few of the interests coming thorough from our amazing children.

Remember we now run 3 sessions: 8.45am – 2.45pm; 8.45am – 1pm; and 8.15am – 3.30pm, and we open most days of the school holidays. Please call in and see us on the grounds of Tauwhare School (Scotsman Valley Rd), or contact us on 824 0860 or [pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz). We'd love to see you ☺



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# Tauwhare Playgroup

Happy New Year and welcome back to Tauwhare Playgroup for 2015!

We want to say a big thank you to all the families who helped us to clean out and tidy up the Playgroup shed over the summer holidays. With all the helpers who gave us their time on the day, we were able to get it finished in a couple of hours! We really appreciate the help – thanks team!

We started back at playgroup on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February. It was lovely to see our regular playgroup friends, and to welcome some new children and their carers to our playgroup.



## Term One activities:

For Term One, we are planning activities and events on the theme of autumn and harvest time. Our plans for the term include:

### Fruit filled February

19<sup>th</sup> Feb – a creative play workshop, plus we will be having a visit from our Ministry of Education playgroup coordinator on this day

26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Trip to Monavale Blueberry farm

### Munchy March

5<sup>th</sup> March – Water Play and picnic outside

12<sup>th</sup> March – Craft with Becky and Pippa with harvest theme

19<sup>th</sup> March – Homemade fruity beverages with Pippa and Becky

26<sup>th</sup> March – Easter crafts

2<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Egg Hunt



### About us:

We meet at Tauwhare School's Multipurpose Room from 9am-12noon every Thursday. Please bring a small plate for the children's shared morning tea, and we provide hot drinks and something yummy for parents and caregivers.

For more information, contact: Becky on 824 0150, or Pippa on 824 0846.

Like us on Facebook and keep up-to-date with what is happening.



## ***Welcome from our wonderful little country school!***

### **We have had so many things happening this term and its only week 3!**

Last weekend for example, we have had over 40 entrants in the Weekbix TRYathlon event. That represents a little under 50% of the school. A fantastic family day was had by all and all the children tried their best to represent their school and to achieve their own goals.

The cricket teams have begun their practices and are extremely well supported. We are mindful and grateful for the parent support we get to be able to offer these extras to our students.

Next week we will be offering additional speech and drama lessons and we will be offering additional music classes.

We have much to celebrate.



### **NEWSTEAD CORN PROJECT**

Once again this year we will be holding many different fundraising events with proceeds raised benefiting our children at school. The first major fundraiser is the "Sweetcorn Harvest". Plans are well underway to make this fundraiser a huge success. In the meantime, please remember to keep saving your plastic grocery bags which we will need when selling the corn.

This weekend will be full on with the corn project. Again a band of such willing and giving parents who are backing an offer made to us.

This could bring a huge sum of money into the school. . Any help will be gratefully appreciated. An hour? Two hours? Please complete the forms circulating to help with the organisation. Be a part of a winning team.

### **Fabulous New Shade Sail**

The poles are up at the school, and on Thursday the first part of the Shade Sail was erected under the excited eyes of the Newstead kids. It looks just great and will provide much needed shade for activities outside during both sunny and showery days. Year 6 Students from 2014 have donated just over \$1000 to go towards the Crash Pads for the 2 middle poles.

Our corn project will allow us to continue this structure which is of huge benefit to the school. Thanks to our wonderful community, PTA and BOT for all the hard work behind the scenes that makes this all possible.



# TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

**2015 OPENING NIGHT  
THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT THE  
TAUWHARE HALL - 7.30pm  
VISITORS AND NEW PLAYERS WELCOME**

The Tauwhare Club, which was formed in 1954, is the oldest club in Tauwhare.

You are very welcome to come and join us. We supply all equipment, have lots of fun and enjoy the camaraderie each week. All you need to bring is a pair of flat soled shoes or slippers.

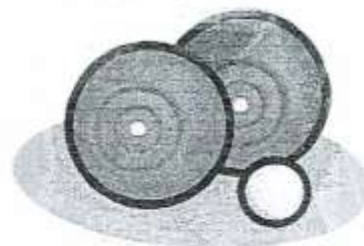
Enquiries to: - Robin Bargh - 824 1819 **or**  
Rosalie Arnold - 07 887 4832  
Kevin Williams - 824 0728  
Bev Meads - 824 1941

## **Upcoming Events**

5 March 2015	Opening Night (members a plate)
12 March 2015	Club Night
19 March 2015	Club Night
26 March 2015	Mulholland Trophy
2 April 2015	Triples Championship

Looking forward to meeting everyone on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

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# LADIES A PLATE

## Cauliflower Salad!!!

I love potato salad...but I hate all those carbs...so I made a low carb potato salad / with cauliflower instead.... it was SOOOO good!!!

1 head of cauliflower steamed or boiled until tender in bite size pieces  
6 boiled eggs (when done peel eggs, rinse and separate yolks into a bowl. Then mash the yolk and cut the whites into small bite size pieces then blend together.  
1/3 cup (approx.) miracle whip or mayonnaise (don't use light it has more carbs)  
3 tbs of mustard  
3 tbs of pickle relish  
1/8 cup of chopped onion (uncooked) can use more if you prefer salt/pepper to taste  
mix all together and you can garnish with egg slices and parsley. Chill overnight (1 cup of cauliflower is only 3 carbs vs 1 cup of potato is 37!!)



## Cauliflower 'Bread' Sticks

If you are trying to get away from Bread... Cauliflower!

It might be easily passed but this Nutrient Dense cabbage is Low in Fat & Carbs, high in Fibre and Rich in Anti-oxidants... and makes a pretty darn good replacement of bread but it's low carb, gluten free and grain free!

### Cauliflower 'bread' Sticks:

1 head of Cauliflower  
1/2 cup shredded Cheese  
2 Eggs, beaten  
1 tsp dried Parsley or Oregano or Basil  
2 cloves Garlic, minced  
Onion powder, Salt & Pepper to taste



1. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees.
  2. Cut up Cauliflower and steam till soft.. put on a tea towel and blot, try to get as 'dry' as possible.
  3. Put in food processor or blend till it's mashed potato texture.
  4. In medium bowl stir Cauliflower, Eggs, Cheese, Garlic & Seasonings
  5. Lightly spray baking pan and pat the mixture out.
  6. Bake at 450 for 15-20 minutes or until top starts to brown
- Cut into bread sticks

## Share Your Favourite Recipe With Us

Do you have a favourite recipe – maybe it is one that you created or maybe it is one that has been handed down the family. If so we would love you to share it with us and we can include it in one a future edition of the Eureka Express. Send them to [editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz](mailto:editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz)

## IN YOUR GARDEN

Because of the dry conditions of the past 2 months there hasn't been much activity in the garden and unless you have an unlimited water supply it's best to just cut back, clean up and mulch. Look after your fruit trees with a general spray of copper.

I acquired this article on worm farms which I thought would be of interest to all.

It seems to be a widely held belief that if you cut a worm in half you will have two worms. Wrong, you will have one dead worm! Though they can survive losing a few segments off their tails. They will eat anything that has been alive, though some experts say they do not like onion skins or citrus, as the latter is too acid for them. Other experts say it doesn't matter. As worms breathe through pores in their skins, greasy or fatty foods should not be put in the heap, as fatty foods may clog the worm's breathing pores and cause them to suffocate. Worms are said to eat their own weight in food a day. Since they require oxygen, they need a damp, but not waterlogged environment. Although compost worms tend to feed near the top of the heap, they also tend to burrow away from the light, so the heap or bin needs to be covered with an old damp sack or piece of carpet. Worms are hermaphrodite, that is they are capable of performing both the male and female function – but it takes two to tango! The worms mate by twining together, and an exchange of semen takes place. Each worm can then lay an egg. The eggs are like tiny round pieces of amber jelly. Each egg may have up to 4 baby worms inside. During adverse conditions, as in a drought for example, the egg sacs can survive unhatched until conditions are suitable for the survival of the newly hatched baby worms. On hatching, the tiny threadlike worms are self-sufficient, and promptly set about the business of feeding and growing. The content of their guts can be seen through their transparent skins. How fast they grow depends on things like availability of food, and temperature. Worm populations are said to be self-regulating, according to their environment. It is recommended that worms are not handled with bare hands, as human skin exudates can affect their sexual prowess.



If you are interested in trying worm composting on a small scale, a good way to start is with an old wooden apple box. Make sure that there are a few holes in the bottom and line with 5 or 6 pages of damp newspaper, add 10-15 cm of litter consisting of a mix of damp peat moss with a little dolomite lime added (to take off the acidity), and damp shredded paper. A sprinkle of garden soil, if you like. Put the worms on top, add chopped up

vegetable peel, leaves etc. Some dung if you can get it, then cover the lot with a damp sack or old piece of carpet. Add vegetable waste from time to time and keep damp. The other alternative is to let the worms loose on an existing compost heap, and let them get on with it! Don't smother them with too many lawn clippings though as they may overheat. Happy gardening!!!

Jennifer

# On the home front.....

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January/February comes around quickly; Eureka seems to be on the move, with homes selling, new homes being built bringing change to the area and community.

After enjoying the summer holidays exploring sheep farming, taking a holiday in the classic car and generally enjoying the outdoors, I'm obsessed with the modern meets vintage look. This style seems to hold its own and has many dimensions to it which allows you to bring the old and new together which offers unique personality.

I also enjoyed time white washing outdoor furniture, having the ability to dress it with bright patterned cushions and vintage table pieces this has made for a simple yet subtle difference, which keeps encouraging me to make the most of the outdoors at home. It's also given the wood new life and will help to maintain the furniture against the sun's effects.

Often a neutral pastel palette is used, either in the grey tones or warmer beiges, then accents of bright colours are often added, this helps to keep it simple yet effective and allows a stand out effect.

An abundance of wallpapers have come out with this washed look or vintage, with the use of modern colours to give definition to an area, it's simple to use, quick, cost effective and often impressive.

Also, while time scheduling was not so important I applied crackle paint to picture frames and old pictures. This is magic. It allows you to use two colour ways one crackling on top of the other. My modern meets old really was coming together.

A sneak peek on Pinterest offers inspiration and great simple ideas to try for creative solutions.

***Leanne Hilder***

## NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

**Happy New Year to all.** I hope you have taken the opportunity during the long hot summer to visit some of the beautiful reserves and beaches in the Waikato District and use the river cycleways. The Te Awa River Ride is becoming very popular with work now being done to link Ngaruawahia to Horotiu including a bridge over the Waikato River. The beach patrols at Ngarunui Beach at Raglan and Sunset Beach at Port Waikato will continue until Easter with hours of operation varying. You can also walk your dog on a leash in almost all District public parks and reserves. There are also off-leash areas throughout the district including some beaches. To view a full list of dog exercise areas visit [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services/animals/asp](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services/animals/asp) The Hakarimata Summit Track in Ngaruawahia is also a very popular destination with a 100,000 visitors using the track last year.

The prolonged dry weather has resulted in **Council suspending the issuing of fire permits until further notice.** This will be reviewed once we have had significant rain fall. **If you have a current permit it is no longer valid.** Council will contact residents who have already submitted a permit during the restricted fire season.

February is a busy month at Council. As well as our usual round of committee meetings we will be hearing submissions to the Proposed Gambling Venues Policy and Local Alcohol Policy and reviewing the Stock Movement bylaw, last reviewed in 2011, and making changes as necessary.

We also held a series of **Long Term Plan 2015-25 (LTP)** workshops and at the moment the final document is being put together. A summary of the Draft LTP will be mailed out to residents soon with submissions closing in April - the Government Auditors have to tick it off before it can be circulated. Please use the opportunity to participate and give us your feedback.

I mentioned in my last newsletter that Council is investigating various options for better managing **rubbish (solid waste) and recycling collection** and we sent out a survey to all ratepayers before Christmas to gauge opinion on proposed changes. About 3000 residents responded and 63% voted to retain the status quo. (The status quo allows for one recycling bin, which I believe is sufficient, and two bags of rubbish per week at a cost, through your rates, of \$196.00 per household.)

Councillors considered the survey feedback and discussed the draft policy last week and voted by a small majority to put out the draft policy, as circulated, for further consultation - i.e. \$127.81 for two recycling bins paid through your rates and an additional \$1.50 per bag of rubbish. E.g. If you send two bags per week you will pay an additional \$156.00 per year.

The rationale for charging per bag of rubbish is of course to reduce the amount of rubbish going to land fill but I am struggling to see how we can do much better. I think most householders already endeavour to reduce their landfill rubbish and the only improvement I can envisage is perhaps a food waste collection which could help depending how you deal with your food waste. I would be interested in your comments and encourage you to make a submission on the draft policy through the Draft Long Term Plan process.

If the proposed policy goes through as a pre paid rubbish bag collection and you have rental properties and or farm worker accommodation you will have to work out how you will deal with the bag cost for these properties because at the moment you pay for tenant's rubbish removal through your rates and your tenants put out their rubbish at no extra cost.

Council will soon be undertaking a tender process for **district wide road maintenance services.** We will move to an alliance approach and partner with a qualified organization as roading contracts expire. New contractors will be able to tender directly or as subcontractors. I will give further information as this new concept evolves.

District wide **universal water metering** will soon be implemented with a consistent charging regime being proposed. The cost of all water delivery will be averaged out over the district. This will result in increased costs for some areas; decreased costs for other areas. In the Draft Annual Plan the targeted rate for those in the Southern Districts will reduce from the current charge of \$339.00 per year to \$200.00. The charge includes a line charge. You will still be charged for water usage, the rate likely to be around \$1.70/cu m. The \$200 for Southern Districts will allow for a yearly surplus, to be used for improvements and maintenance. We are also proposing to build two water reservoirs in the Southern Districts probably around Matangi / Tamahere.

**- Contact me at any time**

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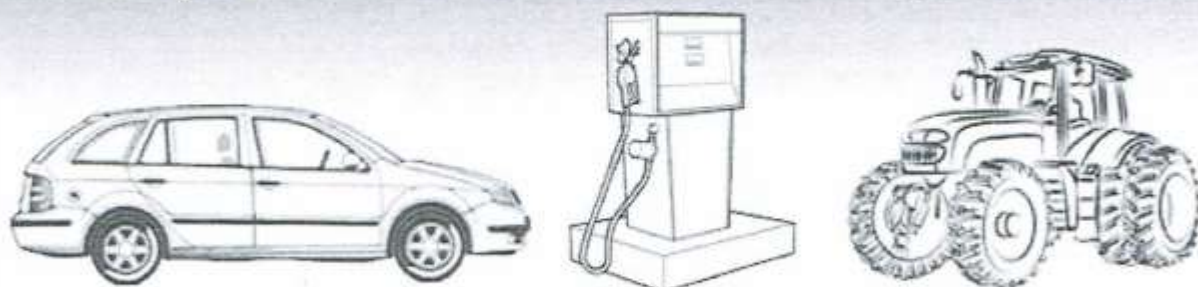
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