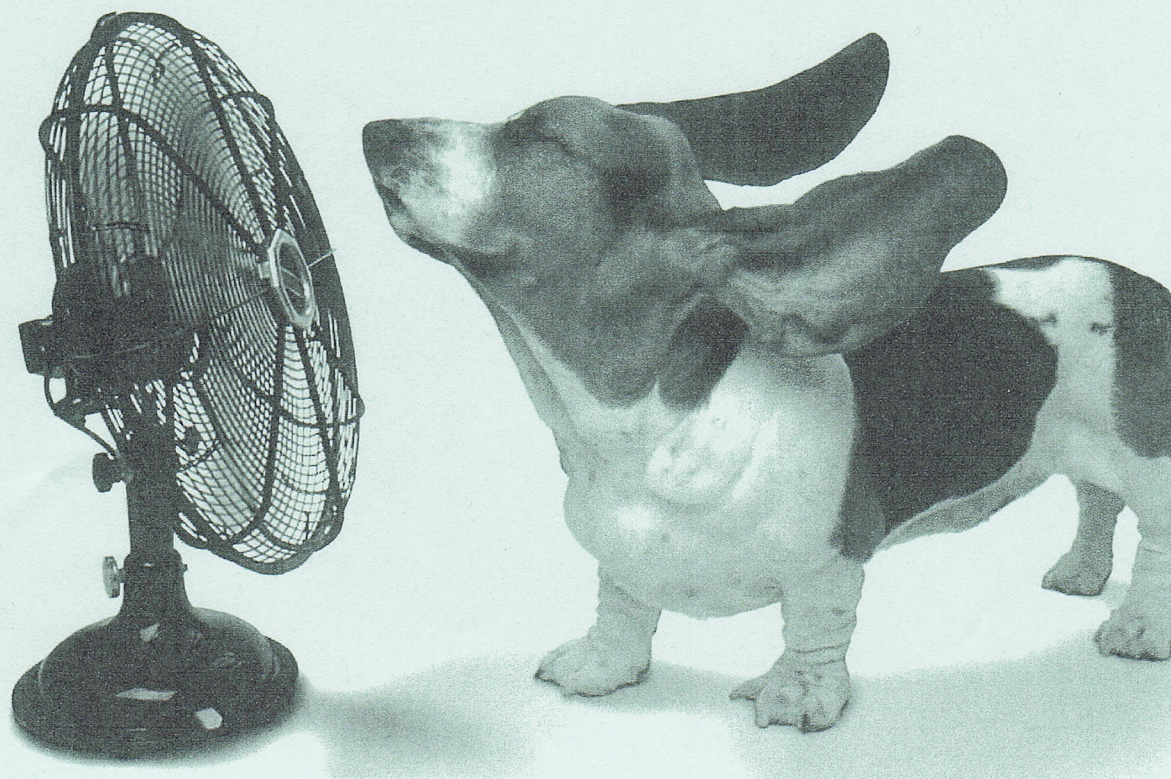


# Eureka Express

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The Annual General Meeting of the

**EUREKA EXPRESS**

Will be held Wednesday 14 March 2018

7.15pm at the Eureka Hall.

All welcome. Supper will be served.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Secretary

# EDITORIAL

Hi there,

I thought maybe it's time to introduce ourselves to the Eureka Community. We moved here in June 2015 and took the opportunity to manage Nelson Badger's new farm.

We are Bruce & Tahlia and we have 3 children - Morgana (20), Victor (7) and Griffin (5). I'm a farm manager for Nelson Badger on Hunter Rd, milking 270 cows. Tahlia is a busy stay at home mum & pet/stock minder, who previously worked as a Veterinary Nurse for 14 years. Tahlia is the President of the Waikato Cavy Club & shows Cavies (guinea pigs) a friendly & very competitive hobby. Morgana lives in Hamilton with a bunch of flat mates, she works as a full-time carer for young kids with disabilities. Victor goes to Silverdale school, attending their special need satellite class, he has high needs, with a diagnosis of Autism. Then there is Griffin, who is in room 6 at Tauwhare School and, according to him, has a lot of very nice friends and the best teacher in the whole school! As a family we greatly enjoy the outdoors, are animal lovers, enjoy music and sports. We try to grow a lot of our own food, vegies & eggs etc. We have a passion for sustainability & preservation of the environment.

I'm originally from South Africa, moved over to New Zealand in June 2004. For me I think it was the best decision for me to leave when I did, still in my late 20s. I needed to find somewhere safer to live, and for me to move to New Zealand was a big step, to leave my family and friends was a big choice. After spending a lot of time in the UK & Europe in my early 20s, I was a well-travelled person. Making a move which is going to change your life forever, well it's quite daunting. But it was definitely the right move, I'm still here, and I married a born and bred Hamilton girl and we have been married for almost 9 years now.

One day at a discussion group held on Holland Rd, I discovered something quite remarkable. We were all chatting away when I heard a voice in the back of the crowd - it reminded me of someone I used to know many years ago. I turned to have a look but didn't click who this person was. Then I saw him again at the Tauwhare School bbq and suddenly it all came back to me. In my early 20s I was working on a pig and arable farm in Essex, and I met this crazy guy called Dan, well what a small world we live in!, Who would've thought that 18 or 19 years later I was going to be living down the road from Dan Hinton. A lot has changed in all those years, aye Dan?

We have made some good friends and we are happy to be part of this community.

***Bruce Hopkins***



## SNIPPETS

**A WARM WELCOME TO EUREKA:** to Lance and Kim Macfarlane who have bought Jeffcoats property on Hunter Road. Lance and Kim who are ex Cambridge, have two daughters, Alisha 10, and Talia, 2 years, who both have ponies. Ex-jockey Lance works for an earth moving firm and Kim is a stable-hand. Phone 021672042

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Megan Whiteley only daughter of Barry and Christine Whiteley of Eureka Road, who wed Alexander Winks in Christchurch on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Megan and Alexander married in their garden at home. We wish them both all the very best for the future.

**NEW GRANDCHILD CONGRATULATIONS** to Keith Law and Linda Miller of Eureka Road who welcomed a bonny new granddaughter, Makenzie Joy Clothier, on Valentines Day 14 February. A darling daughter and first child for Keith's younger daughter Tessa and her husband Jordan Clothier of Thames. Best wishes to all.

## NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST:



Past pupils of Eureka School may have noticed in the recent New Year Honours List that our past Eureka Principal (1977 – 1984), Roger Moltzen, became a Member of NZ Order of Merit. Professor Roger Moltzen was awarded the Honour for his leadership and advice provided to educational institutions. After 20 years as a teacher and principal Roger was appointed a senior lecturer at the Faculty of Education (Teachers' College) at Waikato University in 1988. He went on to be Deputy Dean then in 2011 was appointed Dean of the Faculty, a position he held until 2016.

Roger's areas of expertise include gifted education and talent development, special education, inclusive education teaching, learning and the curriculum, and human development.

In 2005 he was awarded the Prime Minister's Supreme Tertiary Teaching Excellence Award, and in May 2017 Roger was awarded the title Emeritus Professor by the University of Waikato.

To Roger goes our sincere congratulations on this well-deserved Honour.

**TERTIARY STUDIES:** Local school-leavers who are heading off to further study include;

- Tiana Meek, who starts at Teachers College, Waikato University this week
- Emma Walton is starting a degree in social Work at Otago University.
- Owen van der Meulen has begun a Wintec course in the Building and Construction Dept.
- And Cameron Mayall has begun a 6 month Security and Armed Forces Prep Course at ATC Trainme on Ruakura Road.

Our best wishes go with you all as you embark on this new and exciting stage of your life.

## 2017 PRIME MINISTER'S

## SCIENCE TEACHER PRIZE

### WINNER



A Nelson science teacher who sees herself as a co-pilot with her students and supports them to be "a little bit cheeky and grab opportunities that come their way" has won the **2017 Prime Minister's Science Teacher Prize**. Sarah Johns (nee Bennett), who is the teacher in charge of junior science at Nelson College for Girls, says she empowers her students by encouraging them to share her own philosophy of life—to be curious, open to possibilities and

willing to take a risk.

Sarah receives the \$150,000 Prize for what the judges describe as 100 percent commitment to her students and an uncompromising approach to bringing out the best in them. She devotes a huge amount of time to getting to know her students as individuals and negotiating the learning experiences that are relevant to them.

The \$100,000 of Prize money that goes to Nelson College for Girls will support a number of initiatives including establishing a scholarship research fund for students and creating a modern, well equipped science laboratory that all students will be able to access. Sarah was presented with her prize on Tuesday 13 February at Parliament with family members present. Sarah is the elder daughter of Pat and Pam Bennett. She grew up in Eureka and attended Eureka School.

**AVON:** We were saddened to learn that Avon is to cease operations in NZ and Australia as from 2 May. From all her local clients to our lovely Avon dealer, Ros Chambers, goes a big vote of thanks for her 10 years of unfailingly cheerful, friendly, obliging and efficient service. We will miss our favourite products, especially miss that regular contact with you, Ros, and are so sorry for your loss in Avon's departure from our shores.

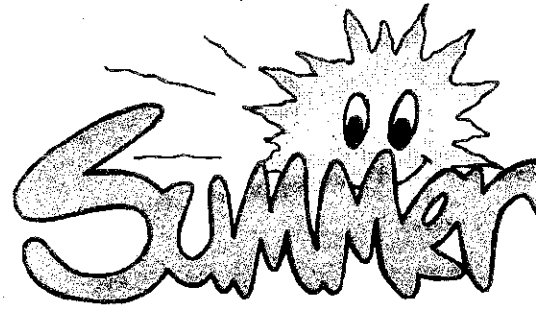
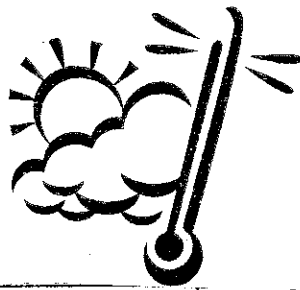
Sincere condolences are extended to John Reed, Craig, Tony and Sharon, and grandchildren, Caitlyn and Makala, on the death of John's wife, Janice on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Janice was a dearly loved mother, mother-in-law, Grandma, Auntie and friend who will be sadly missed. John, Janice and Craig came to Eureka to live in late 2016.

## **EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION**

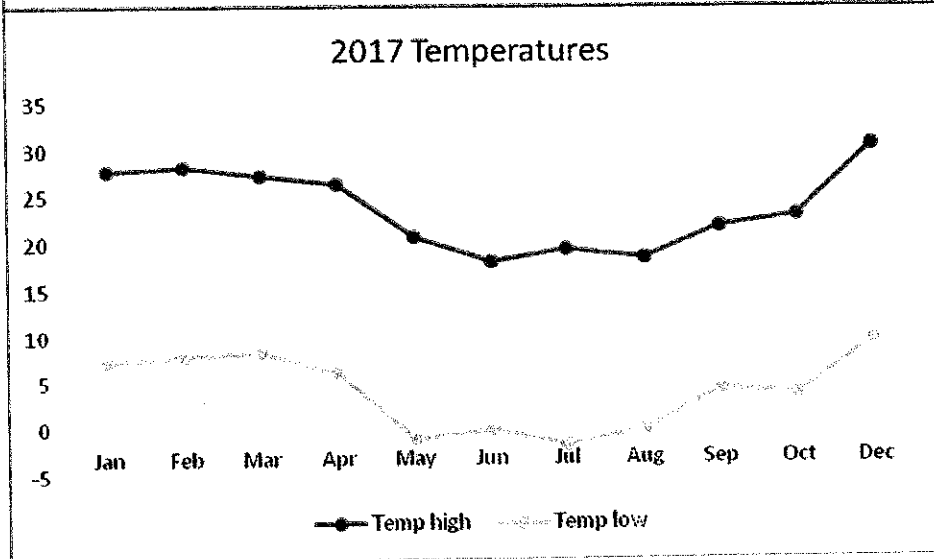
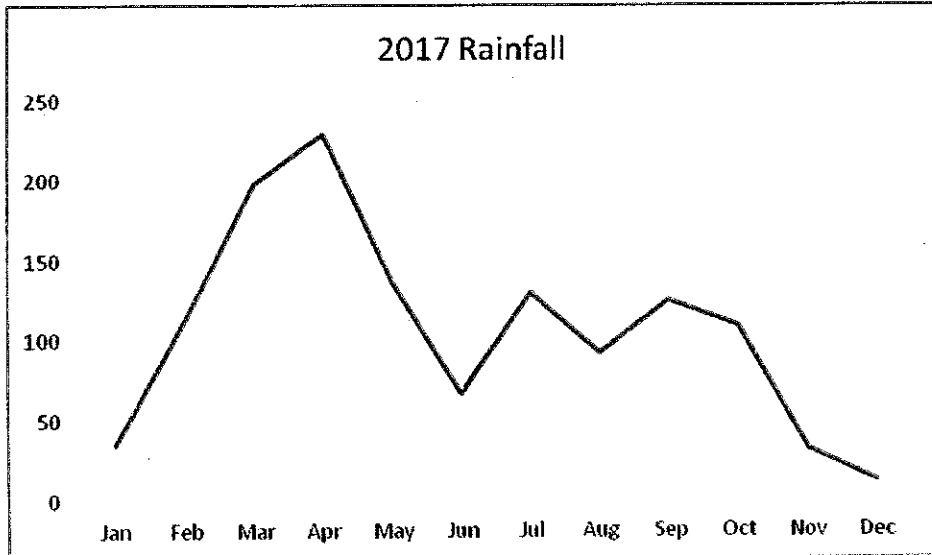
Due to Easter falling in late March this year we will print the next issue a week early on March 22<sup>nd</sup> in order to hold our annual Colouring Competition. But there will be little time to spare. Children please watch out for the March Express, do your entries as soon as possible, and make sure to leave them at Gull Eureka by Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup> to give us time to have them judged and prizes delivered prior to Good Friday. We apologise in advance for the haste.

Thank you. Editor

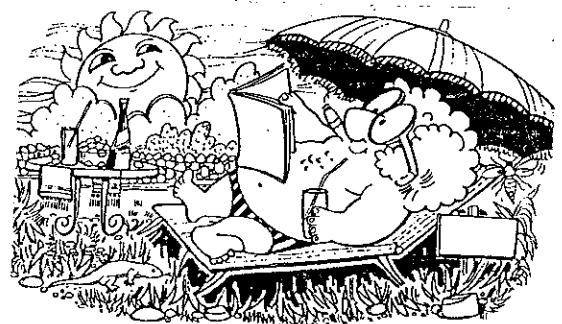
# WEATHER



Weather for December 2017		
Rainfall total December	12 mm	
Rain Total for year	1278.5mm	
Rainy days	4	
Most rainfall	6.5mm	26 Dec
Highest wind speed	35.4km/hr	28 Dec
Temp high	30.4 C	4 Dec
Temp low	9.3 C	15 Dec



Weather for January 2018		
Rainfall total	118mm	
Rainy days	14	
Most rainfall	45mm	22-23 Jan
Highest wind speed	45.1 km/hr	5 Jan
Temp high	31.8 C	28 Jan
Temp low	13.4 C	8 Jan



# TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

OPENING NIGHT 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018

At the Tauwhare Hall at 7:30pm

Visitors and new members are very welcome

If you are interested in learning more about our Club, or would like to arrange transport to come along to our Club Night, please feel free to contact one of the persons below:

Kevin Williams (President) ph. 824 0728

Bev Meads (Secretary) ph. 824 1941

Rosalie Arnold (Treasurer) ph. 07 887 4832

Jim Bargh (Match Committee) ph. 824 1100

## MEGAN & ALEXANDER WINKS WEDDING



Megan said - *We had such a lovely day. Had a marquee in our garden and everything was DIY. I made my dress and the cake. Mum made ceramic roses for flowers. Michael caught venison and Dad did a barbecue .....*



Letter to the Editor.

Every year since we lost our horse, I have written to the Eureka Residents via the Edition to remind everyone, that we are living in the country, and there are lots of animals on the many small blocks. When fireworks are let off they have nowhere to run. We small block owners with stock do everything we can to keep our stock safe over the two-week period of Guy Fawkes

On New Year's Eve fireworks were let off, and the result was two horses jumped over a barbed wire fence into the main road drain from a property across State Highway 26 and then hobbled 2.5 kms. towards Hamilton. On the 02.01.18 I received a call from the Editor asking if we had seen the horses anywhere. The owner was calling house to house trying to find them. Luckily my daughter had seen them in a farmer's front paddock and knew the farmer did not have horses. She put two and two together and the horses were found. They had been gone for two days. Also in Appleton Lane, calves were panicked and went through a fence.

Please, please Eureka residents, consider the stock, they do not understand that some humans do this for fun.

Kind Regards Dinah Booth

## MARKETPLACE

### For Sale:

1 toilet bowl, still packaged – no cistern or seat \$25.00

1 spinning wheel – Little Peggy, made of Southland Beech, rarely used \$120.00

Phone: Heather (07) 8537413

### For Sale:

Firewood. Hardwood, \$90 per cubic metre  
Phone Ace 8241891 or 02102889247

# Tauwhare Food & Fitness Club

## Enrol Now for First Intake

Do you want to join a programme that focuses on food and exercise for everyday health?

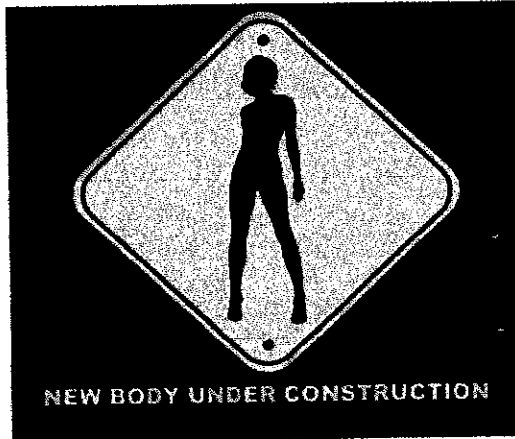
- A new topic presented each week with your own personal goals set (Run in 6 week blocks)
- Full Body Composition Analysis at beginning and end
- Join like minded people who want to make lifestyle changes realistic but still enjoy life
- No supplements or diets involved

Session Times: Tuesdays 7-8pm at Tauwhare School

Cost: \$12 per week

Start date: 20th February

To Enrol please email: [sheena@fit4consumption.co.nz](mailto:sheena@fit4consumption.co.nz)



Sessions run by qualified Nutritionist & Personal Trainer from Fit 4 Consumption



## WDC PLACEMAKING



Information about Placemaking, the philosophy behind it and the advantages it brings to the community can be found on the Waikato District Council website (search for 'Placemaking' on the site) or by contacting the WDC Community Placemaking team (CPT) of Betty Connolly ([betty.connolly@waide.govt.nz](mailto:betty.connolly@waide.govt.nz)) and/or Lianne Van den bemd ([lianne.vandenbemb@waide.govt.nz](mailto:lianne.vandenbemb@waide.govt.nz)).

Two initiatives that Betty and Lianne have in progress are the 'Little Libraries' project, and the Anzac Poppy Tree project.

### *LITTLE LIBRARIES*

Prisoners at Spring Hill Corrections Facility are building 30 'little libraries' for WDC's towns, villages and communities. Holding 20 – 30 books that can be borrowed and exchanged, each little library will be decorated and installed at a local gathering place. WDC acting CEO, Tony Whittaker says "The Council welcomes the involvement of Spring Hill for a project that we expect will bring pleasure into many lives. We are a district of small communities and this is a popular idea with book-lovers who do not have a public library".

Megan Tuhoro, Acting Assistant Prison Director – Industry, Rehabilitation and Learning says, "This is a valuable chance for prisoners to contribute back to their community. We appreciate the opportunity to be part of this interesting local project which will enhance the skill levels of prisoners and help their reintegration back into the community."

The 'little libraries' project kicked off last year with Pokeno and Huntly installing theirs.

On your behalf the E.Express committee have requested a 'little library' for Eureka, painted with a country farming theme, and we await its arrival. With the Hall committee's blessing, it will be erected in the hall grounds. So start saving those books you have read and recommend, and maybe next month it will be reality.



### *ANZAC POPPY TREE PROJECT 2018*



In 2017 community groups across the Waikato participated in the Poppy Tree Project, and from this 21 trees were completed as part of the commemorations.

This year we hope Eureka will take part. Our intention has been registered with the CPT (Community Placemaking Team) and we have been given a small pool of red wool to get us started. If you are keen to knit or crochet poppies between now and April 9, please contact Gail (8241758) or Gayle (8241713) for patterns and wool. Whether we decorate a tree or the cenotaph remains under discussion...

# Tauwhare School

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Accomplished Learners Striving for Success in Tomorrow's World

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs G (Gilroy) and Miss McCambridge. It is lovely having our whole team together again. Congratulations to Joanne Morris who had a beautiful wedding recently and is now Mrs Pickett.

## Our staff & classes for 2018:

Room 1 Year 6	Miss Awhina Ross
Room 2 Year 5/6	Mrs Kirsty Gilroy (Mrs G.)
Room 3 Year 4/5	Mrs Ellie McLeay
Room 4 Year 4	Miss Kylee McCambridge /Ms Sharon Quinn (Deputy Principal)
Room 5 Year 3	Mrs Linda Cook (Assistant Principal)
Room 6 Year 2	Mrs Erika Keyser
Room 7 Year 1	Mrs Emma Elliot
Extra Teachers:	Ms Melton & Mrs. Robinson
Teacher Aides:	Ms Julie Mitchell, Mrs Maureen Vink & Mrs Joanne Pickett
Secretary:	Mrs Paula Brown
Music Teachers:	Mr Paul van Wering (drums, guitar) Gwen Lyon (singing, piano)

## THANK YOU

What would we do without Helen and Jack Morton??!! They get a tiny donation to recognise the work they do keeping the pool beautifully clean. But they had to do so much more than they should have to. This has been our worst year for people giving keys to others, to objects such as shoes being thrown in the pool, dirty nappies left lying around and overflowing toilets. As always, it is a few spoiling it for others. Without Helen our pool would not be open in the holidays. We all owe her and Jack a huge vote of thanks. In the meantime we will be looking at solutions to these issues before opening next season.

## SCHOOL PICNIC

What a wonderful turn out to our School Picnic with 90% of all children and whanau/families there. And what fantastic weather!! Congratulations to everyone who swam in the class races and to the very game adults who took on a very fast kids' swimming team. The children were the victors this year. Thanks to our lovely big pool, and the children being able to swim every day, the skill level from the 5yr olds through to the older children is amazing.



Special congratulations to the finalists in the Steelworks Cup race. It was an exceptionally close race with Jesimae Strawbridge winning by .07s over Finn Bell, close behind was 3<sup>rd</sup> Matthew Sinclair and Liam West 4<sup>th</sup>.



We have a very exciting year ahead. Our overarching context is **Citizenship**. We will be exploring what makes a good citizen, what cultures make up our community, and we will be learning from each other about celebrations, traditions and beliefs and values. We will use The Arts as our vehicle, with carving, sculpture, dance and music on the agenda.

We are also introducing Mindfulness into our classrooms with a trained facilitator to further strengthen our culture of self-awareness, kindness and personal responsibility.

In the Community of Learning we are beginning with an inquiry into transitions between school levels – are the children feeling confident and secure as learners as they enter Yr 7 and Yr 9.

We are also working to develop a whanau group to represent all of our schools, which will help us to reach and teach our Maori students consistently and with understanding from the beginning to the end of their schooling.

# Pukeko Preschool - February 2018

Pukeko Preschool has got off to a very busy start with lots of new families joining us. If you are thinking of enrolling in term two please come in or give us call so you don't miss out.

The children have been asking so many questions about the world around them that we have decided to take a closer look at the elements of air, water, fire and earth. The children have loved all this rain as they get out there with their umbrellas and enjoy jumping in puddles. Fire has come in the form of baking soda and vinegar volcanos as there are fire restrictions on at the moment. The children have been doing their bit for the earth as they support the enviro group at Tauwhare School by picking up rubbish in the weta walkway.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> February we celebrated Valentine's Day and the Big Heart day by walking in the beautiful Newstead walkway. Valentine's Day is a day where we celebrate those who are in our hearts. It was lovely to see the children enjoying the natural surroundings, challenging themselves and having fun as they came together to celebrate what it means to look after your heart with healthy food and exercise. There were so many learning opportunities all around us as we explored the grove and the huge fallen trees, danced on the stage, played tag with one of the mums and looked up into the tall protected gum trees with awe.

A big Welcome to Tori Gilroy who will be joining us two days a week while she studies for her Early Childhood Education qualification.



## **About Pukeko Preschool**

*We are a small rural preschool situated in the grounds of Tauwhare School on Scotsman Valley Rd. We are open from 8am – 4pm and licensed for 17 children. Session times are 8.45am – 1.00pm, 8.45am – 2.45pm, or choose your own hours for bookings over 6.5 hours. We welcome children from 2 years of age. They need to be toilet-trained (or close to it) as we do not have nappy changing facilities (we will have these in our new centre).*

*Limited spaces are available – call in and see us, phone 824 0860, or email [pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz). We offer 20 hours Free ECE (NO extra charges for these hours) and you may also be eligible for the childcare subsidy. Contact us for more information, check out our website [www.pukekopreschool.org.nz](http://www.pukekopreschool.org.nz), or find us on Facebook 'Pukeko Preschool in Tauwhare'.*

# Tauwhare Playgroup

- call for a life line may have been answered

Various changes have taken place at playgroup over the past 12-13 months, and we went from having a sole playgroup coordinator (the lovely Pippa Berry-Cope) who left at the end of 2016, to having a co-op of four different mums leading the team in 2017. Over time some of those mums have left and gone on to pursue other things, leaving only two mums to run the bulk of playgroup. That worked fine for some time but as 2018 has arrived that is no longer a valid option for the group, with both remaining parents having to step out of their current playgroup roles to tackle their final years of study, leaving no one to hold the fort.

Last year numbers of mums and children were up, this year we are down. We still have Mums & bubs interested in participating but we don't have any hands that are willing to go up to help run the group.

We've tried hard to muster enthusiasm, we've asked our fellow mums what they are willing or able to do, to steady the ship. We've had hands up for helping out with dishes, cleaning, attending meetings and so forth, however there's more to it and that's where the seas have become rough and a little confusing as far as steering into the future.

This left us with two options, recruit a coordinator(s) from the wider community or close the playgroup. So, we sent out an SOS via the Tauwhare Playgroup Facebook page and the Tauwhare Trader Facebook page and we have found a willing mum to take on the coordinators role.

However, we don't want to just leave it there. We would love for some more Mums/ Dads/ Carers/ Grandparents/ etc, people to come, support and share some of the coordinators responsibilities. Because we know that sometimes life gets in the way. If anyone feels they could commit to one week a month or so to host playgroup. That involves turning up to open, organising an activity (may be water play, play dough, crafts or a walk) for the morning or getting the toys out. Meeting and greeting new mums, taking the roll for the day and packing up. All other attendees can help with cleaning, coffees, morning tea, helping out during activities etc.

We also need one attendee to write a monthly article (roughly 10 times a year) for the Tauwhare Transmitter & Eureka Express. Lastly, we need someone to do the Ministry application forms twice a year and two people to be able / willing sign off on the banking transactions where needed. In hindsight that's all pretty easy stuff, but we need the people. **WE NEED YOU!**

Playgroup also needs members. We know life gets busy, and appointments are always booked for a Thursday morning. But if we do not get people coming along then we miss out on developing a diverse dynamic group, which makes the coordinators role harder. Playgroup has been such a massive asset to Tauwhare for some time now, there's funding, a big shed full of toys and even the funding for a group trip out and about once a term. But the reality is if no one is willing to stand up, then the group, it's funding, the faces and its toys will discontinue.

Please if you can help, whether that's once a month, or would be keen on taking on the joint coordinators role then please contact the Tauwhare Playgroup Facebook page by private message.

Playgroup happens Thursday mornings during school term from 9-12, based at the Tauwhare School Hall. We take a break during school holidays.

So please let us see some enthusiasm, community spirit and can-do attitude from those who can and will have the time. If we don't have the response we need, then it may be that the group won't see the end of term 2.

Kind regards

***The super mums of Tauwhare.***

# TASTE BUDS

## Courgette Slice

½ cup Olive Oil  
5 eggs  
3 Grated Courgettes  
1 Onion finely chopped  
3 Rashers Bacon, chopped  
1 cup flour  
1 cup Tasty Cheese  
1 ½ tsp Baking Powder



Preheat oven to 180c. Whisk eggs and oil together, add remaining ingredients. Spread into a greased tin and bake for approx. 30-40 mins till puffed up and browned.

## Strawberry Jam (Quick)

1.5 kg strawberries  
3 kg sugar  
2 level tsp tartaric acid  
Put strawberries in pan. Boil gently 5 mins. Add sugar, stir well, boil 15 mins. Add tartaric acid, boil 3 mins. Bottle, as it sets.

## Tonight's Pudding – Tomorrow's cake

Apple  
60g Butter  
¾ c sugar  
1 egg  
½ tsp lemon essence (optional)

1 ½ c flour  
2 tsp baking powder  
½ c milk  
cinnamon  
sugar



Cream butter and sugar, add egg and beat well. Add flour and baking powder alternately with the milk. Put into 18cm square tin. Place the apple segments in a pattern on top and sprinkle with the mixture of cinnamon and sugar. Bake 190 deg C for 30 minutes



## EUREKA – THE INVENTIONS OF ARCHIMEDES

I love living in Eureka. When I tell people where I live it generally brings a quizzical look to faces, as they wonder how/why/where such a place exists.

I recently wrote an article, which is now on the Waikato District Council website (and which was also printed in the Express) on the odd relationship between the finding of Archimedes in his bath and us producing a place to live out of a swamp (water rising and falling).

So when I received an email from the Waikato Museum with a tailpiece announcing a three month exhibition of some of the ingenious machinery and tricks which Archimedes created so long ago, I simply had to remind all us Eurekaans that they should be sure to go to this.

It will be open from 3 March until 24 June and according to the Museum –

'Waikato Museum is the exclusive New Zealand venue to host this international touring exhibition showcasing the inventions and scientific discoveries of Archimedes, the 'Father of Modern Science'. Visitors will experience an absorbing journey through history featuring the machines of the ancient world. While the concepts are centuries old, many of these pioneering technologies have been adapted for use today. With computer-modeled animations, interactive machines and an activity station, this exhibition is designed for all ages.'

The admission cost will be:

Adult - \$12; Child (4 to 14 years) - \$8; Child 0-3 years – Free; Concession\* - \$10  
Small Family (one adult and two children) - \$20  
Large Family (two adults and up to four children) - \$40

I remember visiting the Museum show on the inventions of Leonardo da Vinci some years ago and it was true value for money. Remember it's only coming here!



Archimedes was born in 287 BCE and died probably at the end of 212 BCE, and his main interest was mathematics, although he put much of his findings to practical use in repelling the Roman siege of Syracuse by burning their ships using an array of mirrors. He was reputedly killed by a Roman soldier when they finally landed, possibly because he wouldn't leave his mathematical diagrams.

Archimedes surfaced in my life just recently when I attended a workshop at the Regional Council on the difficulties for native fish and eels in getting up and down our watercourses which have 118 pumping stations on them to get rid of floods. Seemingly the only pump type which gives them a fair go is in the shape of an Archimedes pump, which is like a huge screw thread. Apparently the most frequently used pumps might allow native fish upstream, but produce a lot of minced eels when the females head downstream at the end of their lives, heading to Tonga to spawn before they die.

Funny how things recur in one's life, isn't it?

Sue Edmonds

## Using credit/debit cards online – don't?

Things are tough online now - a business can get hacked and lose millions of customer's details to hackers. Unfortunately those details sometimes include credit cards. There is also an underground industry of stolen credit card details, often funding illicit "deal" websites like G2A (a computer game reseller), or other seedier sites.

There is no way to guarantee that a site will not be hacked; even the most fastidious, security-oriented businesses like LastPass (known for storing online passwords securely) have been hacked, leading many to ask, how can I guarantee that my credit card details are safe online?

Luckily, there is a way to ensure that your credit card will never be used by the wrong people online - and that is not to use it, or to use it sparingly, and prevent businesses from storing it. For example, when trademe.co.nz asks you whether you want to store your credit card details for the next transaction with them – you may simply say no, and untick that box. It is best practice to do this with all online sites that you use a credit or debit card with. That way, the company can only store the card's details for the duration of the transaction, but no longer.

Sure, it's tedious and time-consuming to re-type a credit card number many times, but it beats having someone else obtain it. Last year while I was travelling in America, I had to suffer the embarrassment of not being able to pay for a restaurant bill because my bank had flagged my credit card as being possibly compromised (nothing to do with me being overseas, I informed them in advance). In other words, even if a threat doesn't eventuate, these things can still have consequences.

A second approach is to use an online service such as Paypal to transfer funds. Many or most online businesses accept Paypal, and while Paypal *will* store your credit/debit card details, those details are only shared with one company instead of many. Which, purely through statistical odds, decreases the chance of your credit card details being hacked and stolen. Of course, you should use a very secure password for Paypal, just like any other site; see the earlier article of mine about creating a secure password (a copy is stored here: <https://www.neighbourly.co.nz/message/view/29944286>).

In summary, if you do have credit cards stored with one or more online sites, it is good to remove them. If you need help doing so, give me a bell. By the way, you might have noticed that I've re-branded to "Waikato Home PC Support" – I'm stretching my range a bit wider than I was previously. Still local, still loyal though.

Thanks once again,  
Matt

0211348576  
\$50 p/h, no callout fee, 20 years experience  
[info@homepcsupport.co.nz](mailto:info@homepcsupport.co.nz)  
[www.homepcsupport.co.nz](http://www.homepcsupport.co.nz)



# Waikato Home PC Support



- Leave your bin or bag as close as you can to the kerbside, clear of the footpath and clear of other bins.
- Place your bin or bag away from signs, lamp posts and trees. Make sure your bag is not overfull and that your bag is safe to carry.
- Place your bin or bag out by 7.30am on your usual collection day. Remember to check [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz) for public holiday changes.
- Remember if you don't put your refuse and recycling out right, it may not be collected.
- Wrap any broken glass or sharp objects thoroughly before putting them in the refuse bag.
- Place a pre-paid sticker on each refuse bag.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Is there a limit to the number of refuse bags I can have collected?**

There is no limit as long as each bag has its own clearly displayed pre-paid sticker. 20kg is the maximum bag weight or 60 litres in size. From 1 July, any bag can be used e.g. calf meal sack, a dog biscuit bag, a black sack from the supermarket or a reusable plastic bag.

**2. What can I put in the recycling crates?**

You can put rinsed glass, plastic 1, 2 and 5, aluminum and cans. Cardboard and paper must be contained in a bag or a box or tied up with string and placed beside your crate.

**3. Are pizza boxes recyclable?**

If they are empty with no left over pizza or crust, they can be put out for recycling.

**4. What happens if I put something in my recycling that is not recyclable?**

It will be left in your recycling crate (for you to put in your refuse bag) with a sticker attached and the reason for non-collection.

**5. Can I put my cardboard out without a bag for collection?**

We recommend putting it in a box, bag or tying it with string. Keeping it contained means it doesn't get blown around the road.

**6. What if refuse is dumped on the kerbside in front of my property?**

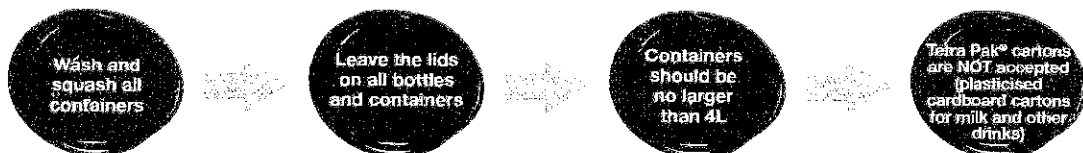
Contact us on 07 824 8633 or 0800 492 452 and report any details you may have such as vehicle registration plate details, descriptions or photographs and we will take it from there.

**7. Why should I squash plastic containers?**

Squashed plastic bottles are less likely to blow around in the wind.

**8. Do I need to remove the lids from bottles?**

No, there is no need to remove the lids.



All clean soft plastics i.e. bread bags, biscuit wrap, frozen veg bags, pasta and rice bags, courier envelopes and single use plastic bags can be taken to some New World, Pak n Save and Countdown supermarkets. Check for the big bin at your nearest supermarket.

# NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



It is hard to believe that summer is nearly over – I can't remember any other summer of such contrasting day to day weather patterns. As I write this newsletter, Cyclone Gita is passing over NZ and big swells and strong winds are predicted for the east coast of our district. However, so far, I haven't received any reports from staff of any major damage. It is a big relief that the Waikato is not to be in the path of the storm, but I feel for those who have suffered major damage. New Zealand, particularly the South Island, has experienced more than its fair share of earthquake and storm damage to infrastructure and property in the last five years.

The Eureka & Tamahere Wards Heritage Committee has been meeting regularly to discuss ways and means of archiving photos, maps and historical information obtained from local groups, schools, families etc. Last year we received funding to establish a website and this is due to go on line on or about 15<sup>th</sup> April. Basic information on Eureka, Puketaha and Tamahere districts is already on line. There will be a process for you to add information to the site – more details to follow.

Council reconvened in early February and we have been holding multiple workshops to fine tune the Draft District Plan (DDP) and Long Term Plan (LTP) 2018-28

- Feedback on the DDP closed on 22 January. Staff will consider the feedback before the plan goes out for formal consultation in mid-2018. For further information on this process, visit [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/districtplanreview](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/districtplanreview).
- Waikato District is growing rapidly, and it is crucial we plan well for this growth. Information on the LTP will be available on our website at [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/longtermplan](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/longtermplan). On Wednesday 14 March a month-long consultation process will begin on the LTP which details e.g. our budgets, planned works, proposed rate increases for the next 10 years and more. We welcome feedback which must be received by 9am on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

The February issue of the District newsletter "Link" is now available on line at <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/news/link-newsletter>. An excellent way to read about our people, places and events and receive information from Waikato District Council.

In my November newsletter I mentioned various funding streams are available each year for community groups and organisations in Waikato District. For more information go to our website [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/funding](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/funding).

Once a year there is also an opportunity to apply for funding to the Wellbeing Trust. This Trust was formed when, in 2010, the Waikato Foundation Trust proposed to distribute its capital fund to projects or trusts to fund projects of a community nature which will result in long term benefits to as many people as possible within the geographical area of the three constituent territorial authorities namely Hamilton City Council, Waikato District Council and Waipa District Council.

The Waikato District Community Wellbeing Trust was established to receive these funds and \$2.56 million was transferred to the Waikato District Community Wellbeing Trust in 2011/12. The Trust distributes funds that:

- Promote the social, environmental and cultural wellbeing of the Waikato district and its communities; and
- Deliver on the aspirations and community outcomes of the Waikato district identified and promoted by the community and endorsed by Waikato District Council.

If you think your group may meet the criteria for funding, the Community Wellbeing Trust has a single round of funding which opens on 26 January and closes on 30 March.

Every five years, NZ run the census – the official count of how many people and dwellings there are in New Zealand. By asking everyone to complete a set of questions about themselves and their household a snapshot can be captured of who is living in, and visiting, New Zealand. **The census provides a wealth of information for government and local government to understand more about the people who live in New Zealand and to help make good decisions about where services are needed.**

The next census is on Tuesday 6 March 2018. Letters with information will arrive in your mailbox from 23 February. This census will be different as Stats NZ are aiming to collect more information from you online. You will receive a letter with information in your mailbox any time from 23 Feb which will contain an access code for your household. **Paper forms will still be available for those who do not have access to a computer or prefer to fill in a paper version.**

To request a paper form phone 0800 236 787 and select the option to *request paper forms*. You will need to authorize that you (or the person you are calling on behalf of) is a resident of the address. To help with this, have your access code letter handy. Once your paper forms are ordered, they will be sent to you via mail so check your letterbox. Complete your census (making sure you complete all forms that are supplied). Place your completed census forms in the envelope supplied and post them to the return address. This is an important step to ensuring your completion is registered - the new process means that you should not wait for a field officer to collect these.

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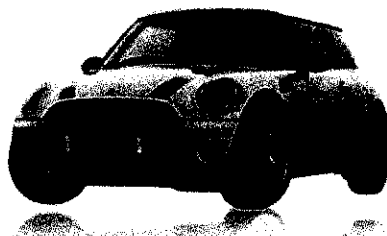
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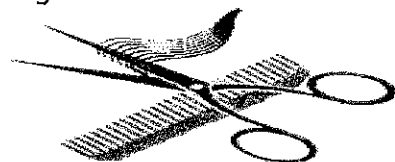
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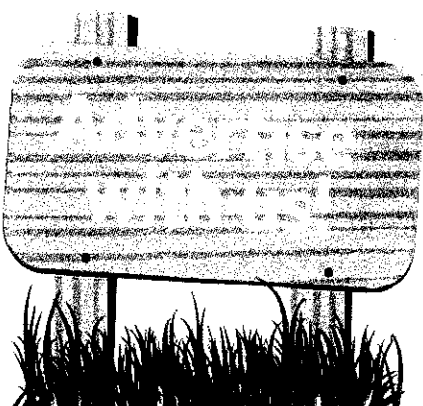
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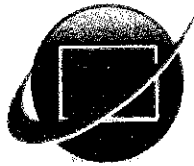
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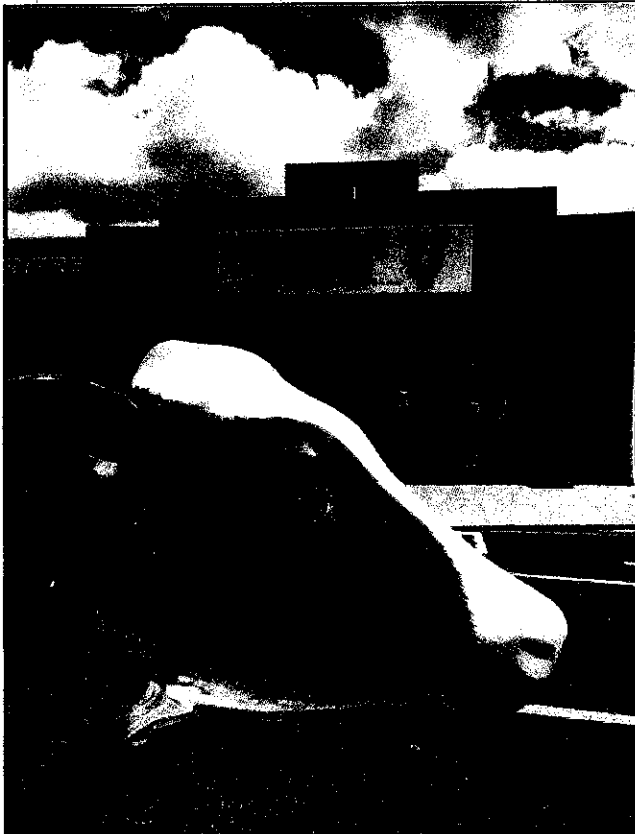
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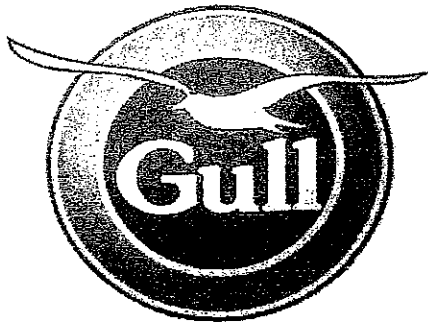


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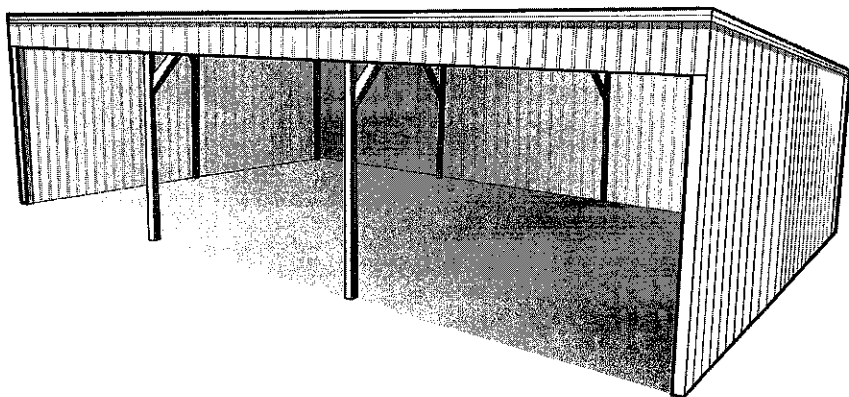
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