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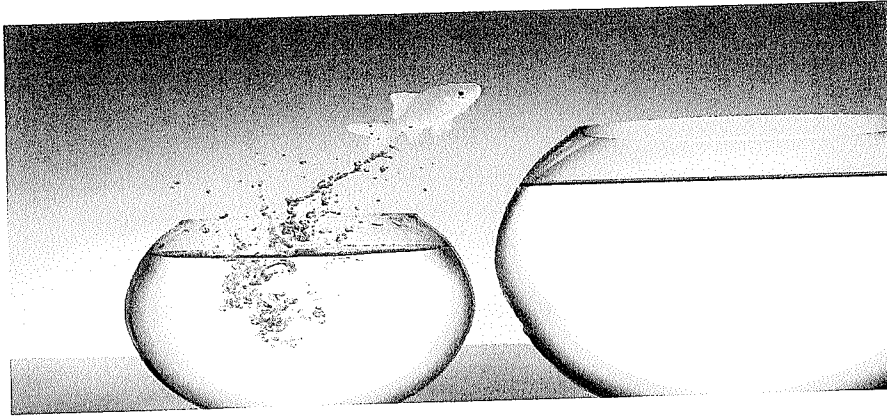
***Celebrating 50 Years of
Fielddays***



Harry & Meghan

May 19th

EDITORIAL



When I got the last-minute phone call from Lin to write an editorial for this month's Eureka Express, my first thought was, do I have time? Can I fit it in...? Sunday. Yeah, Sunday I could probably sit down and put something together...

Right after the phone call I was thinking, wow... What have I agreed to? An editorial, far out. I have no idea what to do. I've never written anything like this before!?!?

Having given it some thought, and after re-reading editorials in previous Eureka Express editions, I got an idea. I decided to write about change and how, as Heraclitus, the pre-Socratic Greek philosopher famously said, change is the only constant in life.

We all know change is a fact of life. Change is fused with time and is ongoing continuously, whether we like it or not. Babies are born, they grow up, have babies themselves, and grow old. Think about all the changes that happen throughout that journey!

Many of us fear change because we are creatures of habit and cruising is comfortable. It's nice to know where you're at, and where you're heading while going about living your life. We tend to fear the unknown. We fear loss of status or face, and we worry that change will come with disruption and instability. And it's true that changes, even small ones, often have unforeseen consequences that may throw us off balance. This is especially true for unexpected change brought about by others.

Change can also be exciting though, and something to look forward to. I remember when Jan and I were granted our permit for residency in New Zealand. Despite the fact that we had never been to this country before, we couldn't wait to get on that plane! We made that huge change a good twenty-four years ago and of course, lots of changes have happened since then. We started out in a motel in Central Auckland, then moved into a one bedroom flat in Ellerslie, before moving to the Waikato a few months later. From here, we worked on dairy farms for about twenty years, raising our two kids in the process, and now we're living in this friendly community of Eureka.

So how do you deal with change? Think of it this way, change is only traumatic if we resist it. Fear of change is a barrier and not constructive in any way. Best to embrace it. Be generally prepared, be open-minded, be flexible, and make informed decisions. If you're going to make a change, plan it, get information, learn, weigh up pros and cons, and ask yourself, if it doesn't work out as planned, what is the worst that can happen? What have I got to lose?

When changes happen that you have little or no say in, decide what you like about it and what you don't. Then follow up accordingly, or don't; there is always a choice. Position yourself, make up your mind, and, as Mahatma Gandhi once said, be the change that you want to see in the world.

I've taken a leap. I've written my first ever editorial, and our daughter, who always asks me to proofread her work, has helped me with my homework for a change.

Gerrie Vissers

SNIPPETS

IMPORTANT: A contact phone number was inadvertently omitted from last month's *Welcome to new RD7 Delivery Person, Sophie Begman*. Sophie's mobile number for texts, messages or calls, is 021 268 5561.

WELCOME TO EUREKA to Warwick and Laura Pitts and their little girls, June 4 years and Rosa 2 years. Warwick and Laura and family have recently moved out from Hamilton into their newly built home at 1246A SH26. A warm welcome to you all. Ph. 021 255 8196.

NEW HOME: Best wishes to Jane Stokes and Judy Bowen of Hunter Road who have moved into their brand-new home. Enjoy.

ADVERTISEMENT: Please take note of a new advertisement beginning in the *Express* this month. Foster carers are urgently needed by *Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children* for our country's growing number of vulnerable children. Spread the word. If you can't help, do you know someone who can?

BEWARE!! - Yet another scam has reared its head in our district, and it's a scam that is well known in the arboriculture industry. A person, often in a hi-vis vest, will knock on an unsuspecting person's door and offer to prune or cut down a dangerous looking tree in their backyard. They'll offer to do it for a reduced price because they "happen to be in the neighbourhood". Often, they are not qualified, or will overcharge. Sometimes the tree in question does not even need to be pruned.

The NZ Arboriculture Association (NZARB) advises against hiring any unsolicited tree-pruners or tree fellers who knock on your door. Reputable companies don't use this technique to get business. Ask for qualifications and always get references, or for examples of their work that you can take a look at. Ask if they belong to the NZARB and if necessary to get work done get more than one estimate.

There are "cowboys" out there. Take care.....

40 HOUR FAMINE

Hi – I'm Ashleigh Mayall and I just wanted to tell you about this really cool event called the 40 Hour Famine which is taking place on 8-10 June; for the 40 hours you give up either food, technology, furniture even talking, just anything that challenges you, and then just start fundraising!

So, this year I've decided to give up food! Your donations go to help South Sudan refugees have a better life that we know we all deserve. With your donations it can add up and go a long way, \$10 can give the gift of education to five children with school supplies, \$20 can help a family safely carry and store water with two large, clean containers, \$24 can help provide toys, puzzles and games for 10 children to child-friendly spaces, \$60 can provide the essentials to an unaccompanied kid, and the support of a community care worker, \$120 can feed a family for an entire month, \$200 can fund an 'essentials kit' with blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, kitchen kits, soap and water containers for a newly arrived family and \$420 can build a toilet block for four newly arrived families!

So, do you want to make a difference! For more information go to famine.org.nz where you can search up my name, Ashleigh Mayall to sponsor online, or sponsor me today by calling or texting me 027 631 9302.

Thanks, every little bit helps!

Sincere condolences are extended to Abbie and Dan Hinton, Charlotte and Joe, on the death of Abbie's Mum, Noelene Godinet of Paengaroa on April 28th.
So dearly loved and sadly missed.

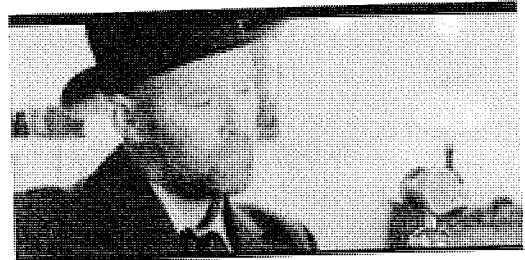
SNIPPETS CONT

CONGRATULATIONS to local muso, **Tony Lee**, who has just released a single and video from his latest album "So Far from the Truth". The single was released in Australia and New Zealand and the album came out on 26th May. See this link to see the write up about his single:-

<https://www.musictalks.xyz/single-post/2018/05/18Tony-Lee-So-Far-From-The-Truth>

MY MUSIC CAREER

I am releasing the first music single and video from my upcoming album "So Far from the Truth" on 7th May, with the album coming out later in May. The single is being released in Australia and New Zealand, featuring on the CRS disc in Australia, which goes out to all the Country radio stations. It is also featuring on the Kiwi Country compilation.

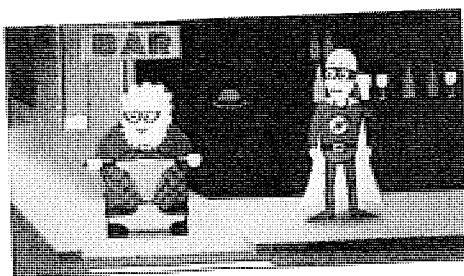


While my last album had a tinge of country about it, this new album is heading firmly down the path of New Age Country Rock.

Continuing my 'heart on a sleeve' writing style, I have produced a serious but fun and catchy set of songs. The album will be available on iTunes and Spotify, with C.D.'s available for purchase as well, and also a limited run of L.P.'s.

I have been writing my own music for 20 years and released my debut album "Road Less Travelled" in 2016.

My Music Video "All that a Man Can Do" was internationally recognised, getting nominated in the Limelight awards in London, and also reaching the semi finals in the Music Video Category of the International Song writing Competition. You can check out the music videos from my last album on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?=-Z3S8yklbSQ>



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All That a Man Can Do-Tony Lee

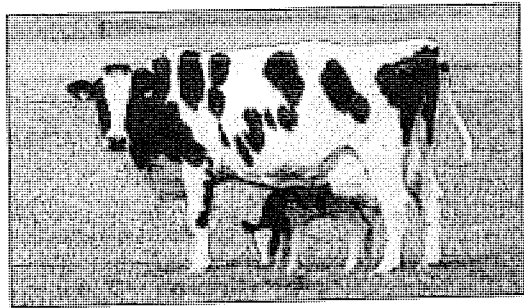
All money from downloads of this tune go to 4-year-old cancer fighter Mason Cowan who lives in the Waikato.

Download

<https://itunes.apple.com/nz/album/all.....>

Tony Lee

FAREWELLS



Another year has flown by and sadly it is that time of year again when we must bid farewell to farming folk who are moving onward and upward with their lives and careers. Our best wishes go with you all.

- After 17 years farming on Schollum Road, Steve and Lisa Meek and family, Tiana, Dylan and Brad are on the move to Pukeatua. Steve and his father, Ross, had actually farmed in Eureka for a couple of years before Steve married Lisa and together they moved back to share milk for the Morrisons when Tiana was a toddler. The boys were born when in Eureka. Steve is a passionate dog trialer when not milking cows, and Lisa is a Medical Practice Nurse. Our very best wishes go with you all.

- Tony and Rose Trenberth are moving to Pahoia in the BOP after a number of years on Schollum Road, then more recently on Tauwhare Road. Tony's engineering skills will be missed and also Rose's smiling face at Eureka Motors in recently times. All the best to you both.

- On Eureka Road, working for Dan and Abbie Hinton, are Ray Bandi-Anon 02 26381467 (185a Eureka Road) and Derek Mendoza 022 027 8588 (185 Eureka Road). Rommel will be leaving soon. Every best wish to you, Rommel.

- Across the road it is farewell to Sanjiwa and family on Mayall's farm.

- AND on SH26, it is goodbye to Brad and Stacey Winter and girls, from Colin Duncan's farm on Morrinsville Road. After three years they are heading to pastures new over Ngarua way.

Our best wishes go with you all.

RAINFALL

Weather for April 2018		
Rainfall total	68.4mm	
Rain Total for year	390mm	
Rainy days	18	
Most rainfall	32.8 mm	28 th April
Highest wind speed	46.7 km/hr	18 th April
Temp high	25.7 C	5 th April
Temp low	4.6 C	23 rd April

Brrrrr.....!



MARKET PLACE:

WANTED:

Trees suitable for firewood. Please phone Brian 0274690295



TAUWHARE FOOD AND FITNESS CLUB.

Tuesdays 7 – 8 pm at Tauwhare School. A weekly group to discuss/learn about different nutrition and exercise topics. There are no pills/potions/wacky diets just genuine, easy to understand information to apply to your everyday life. The content is realistic and aimed at people wanting to make improvements to their health and the way they feel without going to extreme measures. It is run in 6 week blocks for only \$72 total.

Hosted by a Nutritionist and Personal Trainer.

Contact Sheena at Fit 4 Consumption for more details and dates of the next 6 week intake. Ph 0211523262

NOTICE:

HAMILTON OPERATIC SOCIETY
P R E S E N T S

SISTER ACT

Music by
ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by
GLENN SLATER

Book by
**CHERI STEINKELLNER
& BILL STEINKELLNER**

Director
DAVID SIOWELL

Music Director
NICK BRAAE

Choreographer
SONJA MCGIIR-GARRETT

Additional Book Material
DOUGLAS CARTER BEANE

23 June - 7 July

Clarence St Theatre



**CLARENCE ST
THEATRE**

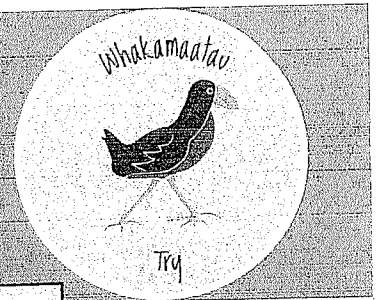
CLARENCE ST THEATRE



Clarence St Theatre is a registered charity. All proceeds from the production of "Sister Act" will be donated to the charity. Wintec is a registered charity. All proceeds from the production of "Sister Act" will be donated to the charity. All performance materials supplied by Wintec Australia.

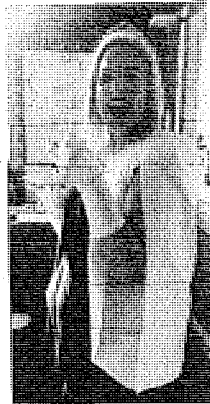
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Accomplished Learners Striving for Success in Tomorrow's World

School is not supposed to be this much fun!!
Term 2 has started with so many fun learning activities. In the past 3 weeks we have had:
Wheels Day – Road Safety week
Big Screen Movie – Fundraiser for camp
Mini Gala – Yr 4&5 children organised a fun-filled afternoon of games & activities
The Lit Quiz – one team competed at Peachgrove
Project Energise Leaders day – Team Building
National Young Leaders Day – over 30 children listened to truly inspirational speakers. The theme was 'Me whakaro rangitira" Think Like a Leader. High Tea with high society, complete with cucumber sandwiches to celebrate the Royal wedding.



MINDFULNESS

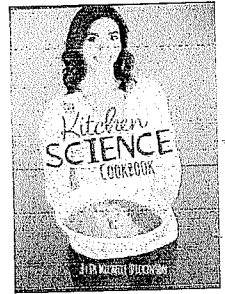
Room 1 children have been participating in the Pause, Breathe, Smile programme facilitated by the Resource Teachers of Learning & Behaviour. During the sessions children are:

- Exploring happiness and learning how our actions impact wellbeing.
- Using creative role-play for looking at the world with the important wellbeing and learning characteristics of curiosity and interest.
- Recognising that emotions are felt in the body and learning how to self-regulate with mindfulness.
- Learning about the brain and how to settle scattered and unhelpful thinking.
- Fostering kindness and compassion toward self and others.

Miss Ross has also enjoyed learning to be more aware of the here and now. So much so, she is now training to be a Mindfulness facilitator so we can use this new learning throughout the school.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kirsty Gilroy (Mrs G) who received this beautiful book after being nominated by a parent for being an awesome teacher.



MARAE TRIP Thank you to our team of teachers who have responsibility for cultural engagement and learning. We had a wonderful day at the Waimakariri Marae where elders spoke with great passion and pride about their ancestors, their traditions and their culture. The children, parents and pre-schoolers who accompanied us, learned so much! They particularly loved hearing about the meaning of place names. The hospitality from everyone at Waimakariri was heart-warming. Thank you all.

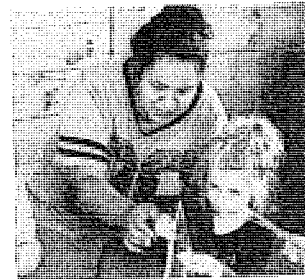


COMING UP

We are celebrating our Book Week by having Grandparents' Day on Thursday 24th May, where the children will do performances around books and show their grandparents their classrooms and work.



Classes are also getting ready for our Matariki celebrations. This is where all the learning around our Maori culture will come together. Children have been learning their mihi & waiata, and will display learning using various art mediums.



The whole school is also going on a trip to Rotorua on May 31st to visit a traditional Maori village and to extend their learning around contrasting and comparing Maori culture with other cultures.

Pukeko Country Preschool

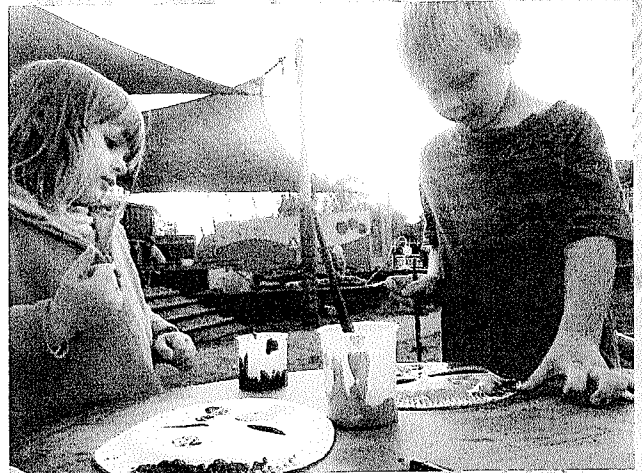


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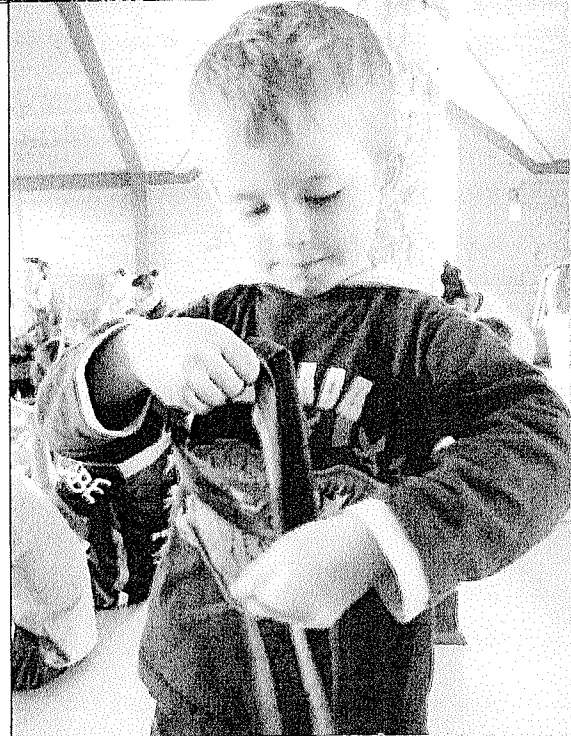
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NEW SITE

right this way



On the 3rd of May we joined Tauwhare School for a trip to Waimakariri Marae. We were welcomed on to the Marae with a pōwhiri. The school children sung a beautiful waiata after the Whaikōrero (speechmaking). Then the Manuhiri (guests) moved across the marae to meet the tangata whenua. The pōwhiri was concluded with the sharing of kai. Outside the children found the large playground and happily played alongside the Tauwhare school children. We were then welcomed in to the new meeting house where the kaumātua talked about the history of the area and we learnt that the marae was called Waimakariri because the area used to flood. (Wai - water) and the wind would blow making it makariri (cold). Another story said the children were bathed in the water and they would get cold. During the morning the children had the opportunity to weave with flax, learn stick games and listen to stories.



Over the past month we have also learnt about the power of kindness and caring with pink shirt day and joined the school for Grandparents day.

We have updated our website; please have a look at www.pukekopreschool.org.nz.

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. 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, or find us on Facebook 'Pukeko Preschool in Tauwhare'.

Tauwhare Playgroup

Playgroup had a short break through the school holidays. On our return, we joined Tauwhare School and Pukeko Preschool on their trip to Waimakariri Marae. The children enjoyed morning tea and activities, as well as great hospitality.

The children have been enjoying arts and crafts for Mothers Day, as well as making and decorating pop cakes. The playgroup has access to a great range of toys so each week we have a variety of activities organised to keep the kids entertained.

With Gypsy Day fast approaching in the farming calendar, there will be new families arriving into the area. We hope that this will be opportunity for new mums to come and join us on Thursday mornings. Its a great way to meet other local mums and kids, have a chat, and get to know more about what is available in our community.

Keep up to date with what we are up to via our Facebook page as this is updated weekly with proposed activities or outings.

Tauwhare Playgroup is a friendly and fun group where babies and children with their parents, grandparents, and caregivers meet in a relaxed environment. We meet at Tauwhare School's multipurpose room between 9am-12noon every Thursday during term time. You don't have to stay all morning, you are free to arrive and leave when it suits you. We hope you can come and join us, even if it is only for half an hour or so, to say 'hi' and have a play. We would love to see you.

Please bring a small plate of food for the children's shared morning tea. Hot drinks are provided for parents and caregivers.

Any questions, please contact Kim on 027 765 1020.



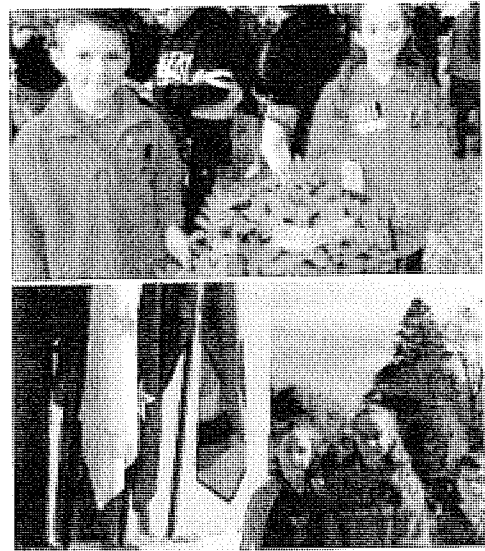
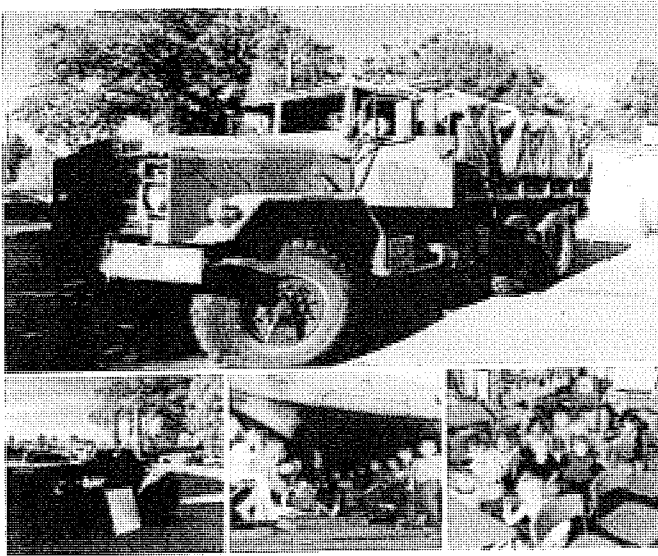


It's shaping up to be another eventful term at Newstead!

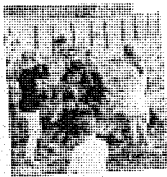
Here are a few happenings that have been keeping our school busy.

Newstead School Kid's Lit Team Sophie Orum, Lauren Pryor, Grace Walden, Max Metcalfe represented Newstead School on Tuesday, 8th May at Southwell School. Well done team!

Anzac inquiry. Guest speakers and eating Anzac biscuits in a trench.

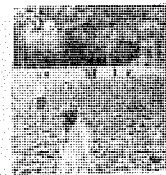


Tui Class had a great day recently playing in the leaves then they collected some and created 'leaf faces'.



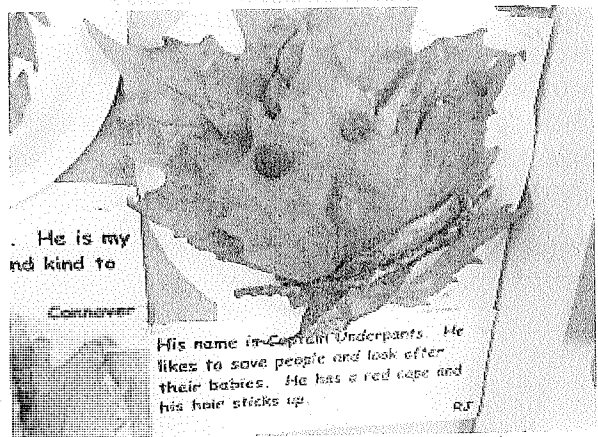
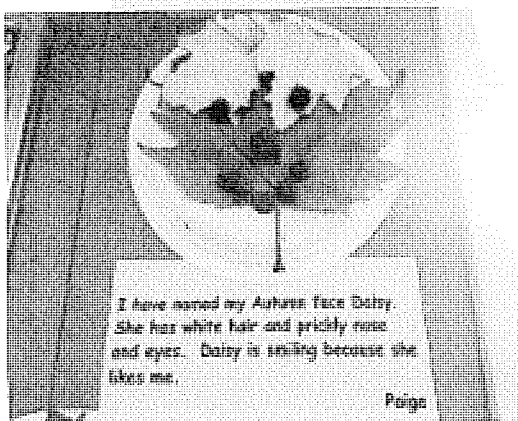
I got so many leaves.

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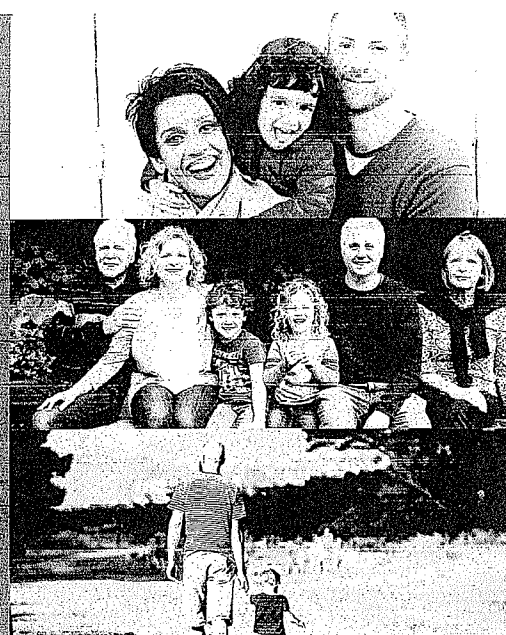


I jumped into the leaves and it was fun and exciting.

Eden



HELP CHANGE YOUNG LIVES FOR THE BETTER



Fostercare Opportunities in Waikato, Hauraki and Coromandel

- Caring for a child in your own home
- Financial support, level reflective of child's complexity
- Generous allowances
- On-going training available
- Clinical supervision from a team of social workers or psychologist.

We are looking for people from all walks of life: couples, singles, families, city and rural dwellers. Providing connections to culture is vital so we are looking for caregivers for a range of cultural backgrounds, who can provide care for children aged 8 to 18 years who have experienced loss and trauma in their lives.

The types of care our children need are:

- Daytime care
- Home for life
- Respite care
- Long term
- Weekend care
- Short term
- Emergency overnight care

What do you need to be a caregiver?

There is no certificate that says you would make a great caregiver. Most importantly you need to have:

- an empathetic nature
- tolerance to cope with distress
- be a good listener
- be able to work as part of a team
- a full driver's licence preferable
- good health
- good relationships with others and have ability to develop a relationship with the child.

Voice of a Child:

Children are our future. In order to ensure positive outcomes for kids like Connor below, they need to feel safe, loved and cared for, by people like you.

"Oranga Tamariki placed me and my brother with a couple, who took us in and cared for us. In the first two weeks I had tantrums and would rip up my clothes, but they didn't give up and I could see they really cared about me. They made sure I got to school on time, took me on family holidays, gave me my first birthday party and even took me to my very first soccer game. Fifteen years later, I have a job and my own place and can honestly say that if it wasn't for my carers, I don't know where I would be."
– Connor, 27.

If you would like to know more, please contact:

Joel Hastings, 029 341 8765 or Joel.Hastings@ot.govt.nz or 0508 (FAMILY)

Rhonda Mitchell, 029 472 7371 or Rhonda.Mitchell@ot.govt.nz or 0508 (FAMILY)

Or contact the team on Regional_Caregiving_Team@ot.govt.nz



**ORANGA
TAMARIKI**
Ministry for Children

TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to May club news.

The bowling season is well underway. Reasonable numbers most nights but if you are keen to give bowls a go it is never too late to come along and give bowls a try.

If you are keen, then come along to the Tauwhare hall on a Thursday evening – start time is 7.30pm and names in by 7.20pm. There are plenty of club members willing to help new players. All that is required is that you wear shoes that have a flat sole.

Contact numbers if you need more information are: -

Jim and Rosalie Arnold 07 887 4832

Bev Meads 07 824 1941 or 021 172 7822

Kevin Williams 07 824 0728

We would love to see some of the bowlers that used to play bowls at Tauwhare come back. We held a family night a few weeks ago which definitely a fun evening. There were some very good bowls played by people that said they had never played before, so we would love to see you again even if you only want to come along on a club night. Please text Bev if you would like a copy of our programme for the 2018 season.

The rinks championship has been played and the winners were Ivan, Karen, Rosalie and Jesse and the runner up team was Bev, Jim, Lockie and Bridget.

The pairs have also been played with the winners being Peter and Glenda and the runner up team was Rosalie and Grant.

Bev and Rosalie entered into the Waikato Championship Rinks with Barry and Lynne from Taupiri and ended up being 3rd equal.

The Eastern open singles were played several weeks ago and Jim Arnold was the winner which gave him his 5th Eastern title.

George entered into the Waikato Junior singles and played very well.

Bev Meads was selected to play in the Waikato Development Team in Taupo. Waikato was the eventual winners over, Bay of Plenty, Hawkes Bay and Taranaki.

Up Coming Events for June: -

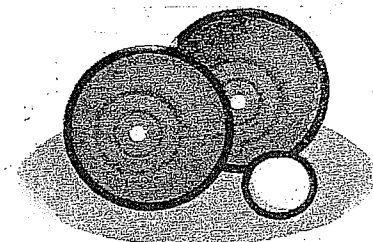
07.06.18 Handicap Singles

14.06.18 Club Night

21.05.18 Singles Championship

28.05.18 Men and Ladies singles

COME ALONG AND GIVE BOWLS A GO – TAUWHARE HALL 7.30PM



TASTE BUDS

FEIJOA AND STICKY COCONUT TOPPING MUFFINS

2 eggs
¾ cup sugar
¼ cup milk
1 tsp vanilla
2 cups flour
4 tsp baking powder
75g butter, melted

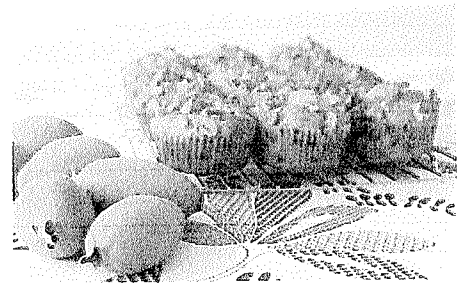
1 cup Feijoa, approx. 180g, scooped and chopped into 1cm cubes

Sticky Coconut Topping

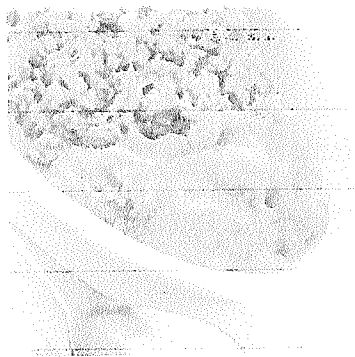
65g caster sugar
30g butter
35g shredded coconut
40ml cream

Directions

- Heat oven to 180 to 200°C
- Whisk eggs and sugar and then add milk and vanilla
- Place flour and baking powder in a bowl, make a well in the centre then add whisked eggs and melted butter. Add Feijoas and mix.
- Lightly grease 15 paper muffin cups with baking spray
- Heat all topping ingredients until melted
- Fill muffin cups two-thirds full of muffin mix and then top with sticky coconut topping
- Cook for 18 minutes until golden and caramelised.



FEIJOA AND APPLE CRUMBLE



Crumble:

75g butter, diced
½ cup flour
¼ cup thread coconut
¼ cup rolled oats
½ cup brown sugar

Fruit Base:

12 ripe Feijoas, peeled and sliced
2 apples, peeled and sliced
½ cup honey

Method:

- Preheat the oven to 180°C
- To make the crumble, place all ingredients into a food processor. Blend or pulse until combined. Place the fruit in a souffle or baking dish. Pour over honey and mix.
- Top with crumble mixture.
- Bake for 35 – 40 minutes, until fruit is cooked and crumble crisp and golden

Tips

- Double the crumble mix and then freeze the leftovers, Great to have on hand for a speedy dessert
- Replace honey with ¼ cup of sugar if wished.



Some History...

TOM MUIR

A well-known Eureka. Well he grew up here and thought he'd be a farmer. But WWII took him overseas, and when he came back the authorities had other ideas for him. He came back and built the second hall in 1968, but Tom Muir's real exploits were created in Hamilton.

Now 94, Tom is living a high-up life in one of the penthouse apartments on top of The Cascades, which itself is sited on top of one of the highest hills in Hamilton. His wife Shirley was, until recently, a fellow apartment dweller, but now needs more care and has moved down a floor or two to the rest home area.

Tom has long been a mine of information about the early development of Eureka, the creation of his father's farm there, and how his farming aspirations were dashed, and turned him into becoming a builder of significant edifices and many houses in Hamilton and surrounding towns. And his continued interest in local history, plus squirrel-like tendencies with paper records have supplied the Waikato Museum with a treasure trove of documents.

Tom's father Jack moved to Eureka from the King Country in 1919, having survived 3 years in France with a unit hauling explosives up to the front lines. His brother Joe had been farming here since 1914 and had married Violet Hunter. Jack 'took on' a 50ha block of scrub and peat which ran from the 'sandy drain' on Schollum Road down to the railway line. Joe farmed the adjoining block until he moved to set up the Shell Petrol Station in Thames Street Morrinsville around 1920.

Initially there were no boundary fences and Jack split blue-gum posts at nearby Hunters Bush – 3 per chain (22 yards) for 80 chains (1 mile), a total of 240 posts. At first he built himself a whare, where he was joined by his fiancée, later wife Muriel. To quote Tom's speech at his 90th birthday party "On her engagement Mum took a train from Auckland to Hamilton and stayed at the Amadale Hotel in Alma Street. She then took a train to Eureka Station, from where she walked for 600 metres on a stony road to the Big Drain, where she turned left and walked another mile to Dad's whare at Lot 2."

By November 1923, when Tom was born, Jack had built all the farm buildings, including a house, using *Pinus radiata* from Casey's Hill near the Hunter Road junction. Muriel's share included providing oak furniture for the house. Electricity arrived after Tom was born.

The Muir children all attended Eureka School, Tom starting in 1929, Valerie in 1930, Wesley in 1933 and Gladys in 1935.

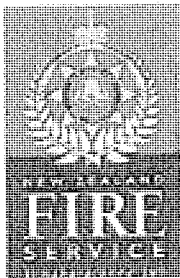
When he returned to New Zealand and was demobbed in 1946, he hoped that he had sufficient farming experience to be given a rehab loan for land. However, the powers that be were allocating on the basis of how much fighting men had done in the desert, and Tom was turned down, having been in the Navy. Instead he was offered a place on a course doing carpentry around 1947. He obviously found his niche in building, because by 1950 he was not only certified, but had also done extra courses which had allowed him first to become a Leading Hand, and then as an Assistant Instructor on the construction of State houses. He was given membership of the Master Builders Association in 1955.

One of his major works with his own company was building the first part of Wintec, including all the services – a job he was proud of as it was finished 'on time and under budget' in 1968. He completed over 120 large contracts in Hamilton, remodelled a fair section of Victoria Street, and also put up the first commercial building on Te Rapa Straight, on the site where Bunnings is now.

But to return to Eureka, when the first hall at the crossroads of SH26 and Hunter/Eureka Roads was taken down after 54 years, Tom built the second one, in 1968, which still faithfully serves clubs and events which are held in Eureka.

Sue Edmonds

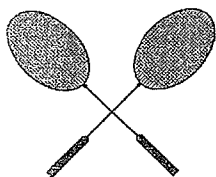
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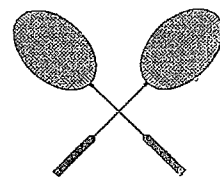
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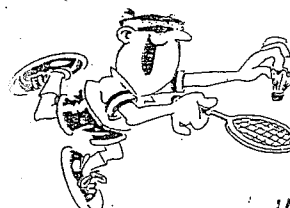
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Should you switch to linux? Possibly not.

Some of you may have heard of this thing called "linux", and that it's more stable, less draining to your computer and generally more secure and better to use than Windows. All of those things are true to an extent, but it has a heavy downside as well. Asides from the issue of unfamiliarity (which is a bigger issue than most computer experts like to admit), you have to be an advanced user just to install it, and to sort out problems? (and there will be problems) That's another issue again.

In my years as a computer scientist (yes, that's an actual thing) I've never quite seen a level of general angst which is similar to that present within the Linux community. In no small way I believe this stems from its founder, Linus Torvalds, and his aversion to anything resembling sane-and-sensible confrontation. He tends to invoke shame and anger in his correspondents in equal measure, leading many to leave Linux development altogether as they fail to see the benefit of being insulted or condescended to, in exchange for their offerings of help.

This attitude is often reflected in Linux development groups across the globe, and in support communities – the idea that it doesn't matter how you deliver the message so long as that message is correct. Recently I asked a general question about a type of software in Linux, on a forum that wasn't specifically for Linux. Several forum members responded with outright hostility, as if I'd dared to criticise their favourite thing. This was their misinterpretation; I was just asking for information. God help the innocent user that stumbles blindly into a support forum to ask a "stupid question" like "why isn't my internet working?".

And this is the principle reason I don't recommend Linux, of any sort, for the average desktop or laptop user. Don't get me wrong; I'm no Microsoft or Apple fan. I dislike each, but for different reasons. The real problem with Linux isn't the software, but its userbase and culture. There are as many flavours of Linux as there are colours in the world; but they all have, to varying degrees, the same problem of community and support. And at some point, you are going to need support, and a community to advise you how to proceed or make recommendations to you.

The second reason I don't recommend Linux comes down to usage statistics. Microsoft Windows may chew through system resources for no good reason, but when you have a problem, you can bet that somewhere, someone online has had that problem too. About 82% of all desktop/laptop computers worldwide run Windows, and this makes it easier to find solutions. By contrast, if you've had an issue with Linux with it's 1.45% market share, chances are you may be the only person who's ever had that problem. Even if you're not, applying the solution will require expertise and knowledge beyond that of the average desktop user.

Apple has roughly 12% market share on the desktop, but also their support system is significantly better, in part because there is no variance in hardware between apple computers like there is with PCs. So again, it can be easier to find a solution. I should note that I personally use Linux for programming and don't have a problem with it. My personal favourite flavour of Linux is Xubuntu, a no-nonsense distribution readily understood by newcomers as well as being quite quick. But as long as the Linus Torvalds of the world are in charge, I am unlikely to recommend it to anyone. Well, not if I like them.

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- **Metabolics** (clearly labelled milk fever treatments and starter drench).
- **3 calving ropes or chains** (strong, supple and cleaned after each use).
- **2 litre container of lube** (a plunger pump is an easy way to dispense lube if hands are busy).
- **Towel and soap for cleaning hands**
- **Notebook and pencil** (A pencil will still work in wet conditions, unlike a pen).
- **Ear tags or other calf identification system** (Pre numbered tags with corresponding numbers on a record sheet will save time and reduce the chance of recording mistakes).
- **Spray paint - red plus another colour** (red can be used as a warning colour. E.g. withhold milk. Communicate this with staff).
- **Gloves - for rectal or other exam**
- **Head torch and spare batteries**
- **Iodine spray - pre-mixed with water** (do not use teat dip as an alternative).
- **Key contact numbers** (vet, manager) on laminated sheet. Save numbers in phone).
- **Calving intervention guide**
- **Food/energy bars**

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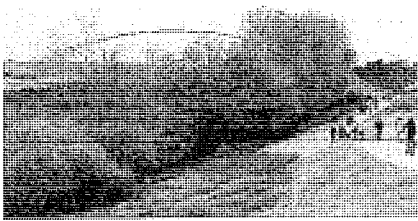
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NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Submissions to the **Long-Term Plan** numbered around 760 with 60 submitters being heard during three days of hearings this month. In the Consultation Document residents were asked to choose one of four options on how we manage our water, wastewater and storm water. We adopted Option 4 - *a professional Council appointed Waters Governance Board*. On the option for re-balancing ratepayer contributions to the General Rate we adopted Option 2 - *to reduce the Uniform Annual General Charge from \$482.85 to \$351.96 which will rebalance ratepayer contributions to general rates to ease the rates burden on lower value properties*. I will report further on the Long-Term Plan when the Auditors have ticked it off and it is passed in its entirety in June.

Projects approved included \$1.5m over three years for footpaths and \$2.5m towards the Te Awa River ride extension – i.e. the section from Hamilton City, through Tamahere to the Avantidrome in Cambridge.



The Te Awa River ride continues to attract visitors and locals. Since the Perry Bridge at Ngaruawahia was opened in November 2017 the average weekly usage by cyclists has increased 435% from 133 to 711 and by walkers 12% from 348 to 391. This is great news for the local community and businesses in and around Ngaruawahia.

<<<*River ride at Ngaruawahia with Perry Bridge in the background*

Waikato District has teamed up with Hamilton City Council to organise an event (**Dirty Dog Challenge**) on **Saturday 16 June** where dogs and their owners can navigate their way through a dog-friendly obstacle course. There is a 2.5km or 6km option with lots of mud, sliding and fun! To be held on **Saturday 16 June at 10am at Ngaruawahia Christian Youth Camp, 148 Waingaro Road, Ngaruawahia** Cost: \$30 per dog. Money from the event will be used to help animals in our communities. Register and pay on line at <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/animal-control/dirty-dog-challenge>

Work is to be undertaken on **boat ramps** at Mercer, Narrows (Tamahere) and Elbow Reserve. The Narrows work is for minor physical work and the timing will be dependent on weather and river level control as the works can only occur at low river levels.

A judging panel at a recent Water Industry Operation Group conference named WDC as the winner of the annual NZ Water Taste Test with the **best tasting tap water coming from Raglan**. They factored in look and smell when choosing Raglan water from 15 other Council entries. This award is an indication of the hard work put in by our Water Teams. Council is also working to deal with issues in other parts of the District but all our district water does comply with NZ drinking water standards.

Do you know that **library membership is free** to everyone who lives in the Waikato district? This allows you to use WDC libraries but also free use of libraries in Hamilton City, Waipa District, Matamata-Piako District and Hauraki District. I suggest you take a proof of residency when you visit any out-of-district libraries to join up. (e.g. a rates or utility bill)

A new library management system was launched in our district libraries this month which will mean you can access an integrated system for our collections from home.

Read how you can access our digital collection and data bases on:-

<https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/libraries/collections/digital-collection>

Eureka, Matangi, Puketaha and Tauwhare have ordered **little libraries** for their district. 33 districts have ordered a little library with art work themes including historic and, local landmarks, farming and Maaori designs. The art work on these has now been completed and the scheme will be launched at Springhill Prison on 6th June. I will be travelling up to Hampton Downs with other Councillors for the launch. After the launch the libraries will be installed in the areas designated by each local community.

Contact me anytime - Rob McGuire: Councillor Eureka Ward

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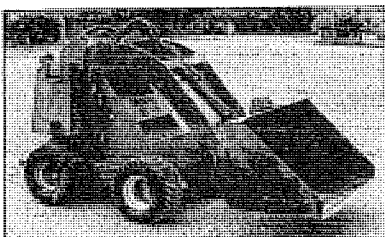
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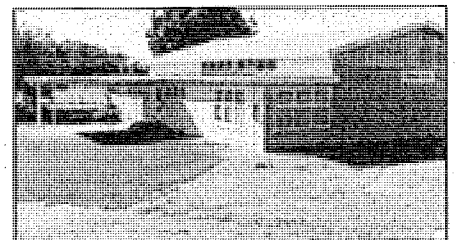


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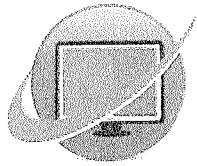
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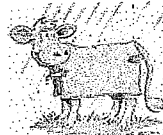
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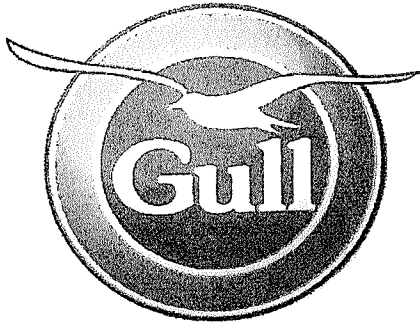
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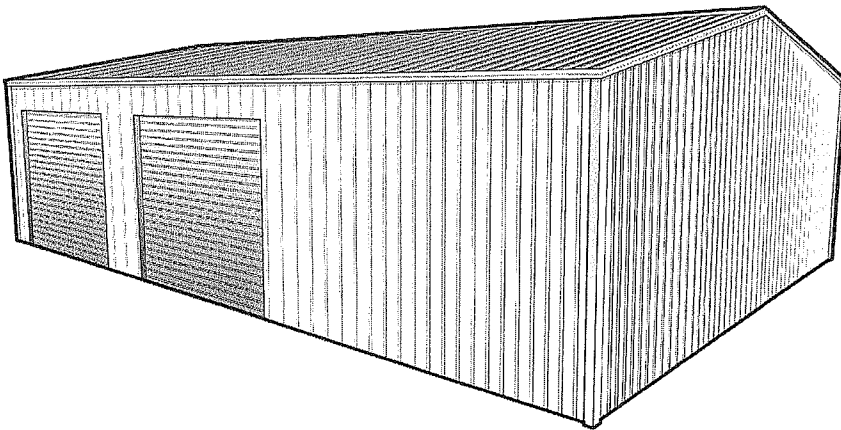
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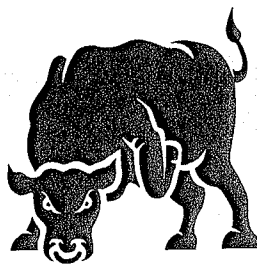
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