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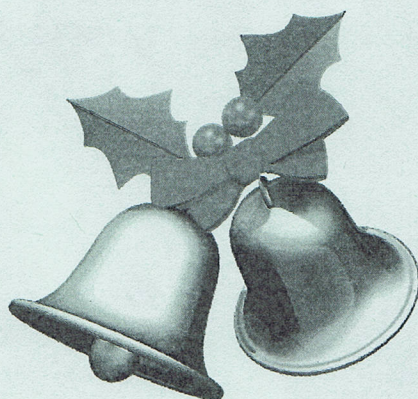
Merry Christmas

**THE EDITOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE
EUREKA EXPRESS**

Wish all our readers and advertisers Seasons Greetings,

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

All the very best for a happy and safe 2020.



UPCOMING CELEBRATION!

A note for your 2020 Calendar or Diary.

The Eureka Express will be celebrating 40 years of production with a community luncheon on April 5th. More details in the February/March edition.

EDITORIAL

Thank you Eureka! What a wonderful welcome my son Luca and I have received since arriving 10 months ago.

Hi, I'm Kim Williamson. Luca and I live on Friedlander Road.

Its been an exciting year, new home, new garden and of course the wonders of watching a toddler grow and develop each and every day.

I've spent many years traveling and living in different parts of the world; England, Africa, Ireland and Australia but I always knew that I wanted my son to grow up in New Zealand in a rural environment just like I did.

I am very fortunate to be a stay at home Mum, we spend our days mainly in the garden. It is my passion to be able to grow most of our own food in a chemical free environment. Luca is a great helper! As a result he loves his veggies, especially straight from the garden. Most make it to the kitchen with a bite taken out here and there.

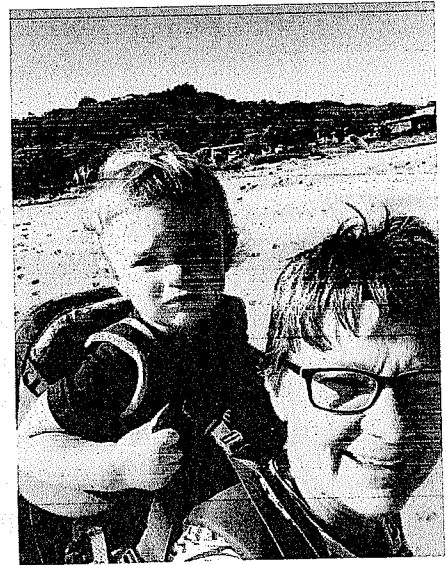
Its been a long time since I have lived in the Waikato and the thing that has really amazed me are the different seasons, in Sydney it's just dry or wet if you are lucky.

Here they are really distinctive....although winter was just far too long and I've never desired spring so much in all my life. Springtime in the garden in Eureka is just wonderful.

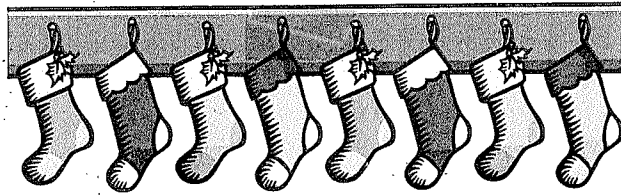
So, as the year comes to a close it's time to slow down and smell the roses. Reflect on a great year, take time out, celebrate with family and friends, go to the beach, picnic, take walks and relax.

From my family to yours,

Luca and I wish you a very merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.



SNIPPETS



50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: CONGRATULATIONS TO: Brian and Sheryll Gordon of Waverley Road who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding having married in Hamilton on 22 November 1969. Very best wishes to you both on this milestone. May you have many more good years together.

CONGRATULATIONS To: Young Trinaka Kenny, only daughter of Brent and Paula Kenny of Waverley Road, who has been selected for the Under 16 Girls Waikato/BOP football team to play in the NZ Tournament in Wellington in December. Well done, Trinaka, and all the best for a successful Tournament.

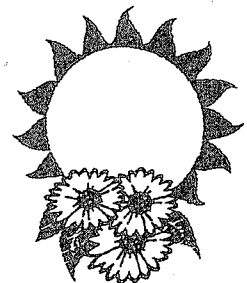
RUGBY WATCH ... Look out for prop Ryan Coxon, grandson of Brian and Sheryll Gordon, who has been named in the Chiefs squad for 2020. Ryan will still be part of the successful Tasman Mako squad for the 2020 Mitre 1 Cup. All the best for a great 2020, Ryan

RISING STAR: We are watching with interest and pride the stellar career of ex-Eureka lass, Liz Stolwyk who has recently been sworn in as Waipa District Council's Deputy Mayor. Daughter of Nick and Maria Stolwyk of Hooper Road, Liz has kindly agreed to write for us, in the New Year, the story of her 'journey' to her present role. We wish this busy and successful community-minded wife and mother every success in her well-deserved new position.



WEATHER

Weather for Oct 2019		
Rainfall total	58.4 mm	
Rain Total for year	570 mm	
Rainy days	16	
Most daily rainfall	13.2 mm	11 th October
Highest wind speed	50 km/hr	2 nd October
Temp high	23.2 C	13 th October
Temp low	2.2 C	3 rd October



Weather for Nov 2019		
Rainfall total	63 mm	
Rain Total for year	633 mm	
Rainy days	6	
Most daily rainfall	46.8 mm	18 th Nov
Highest wind speed	35.3 km/hr	1 st Nov
Temp high	28.7 C	7 th Nov
Temp low	4.9 C	19 th Nov



MARKETPLACE

ALPACA FOR SALE. Due to downsizing I have 34 lovely Alpaca for sale, either whole herd \$8500, or small group packages e.g. 3 males for \$700. All enquiries welcome. Come and have a look! Please phone Karen 0272034141

POTATOES FOR SALE – new season, limited quantity, freshly dug, varieties - Rocket (white spuds) and Purple Passion (Red spuds). Phone 0276150719 or 8241948.

BARBARISTA

Your local coffee and food trailer located at the Eureka Hall

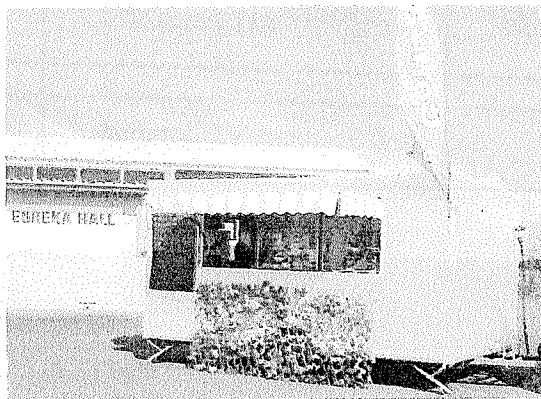
Hours: Monday – Friday 6.30am – 2pm

Eftpos & now CC facilities are available.

***In a hurry! Pre-order with Barb 021 241 3378 Please put a name on your order.**

Please note: Cart is closed from 25th December to 5th January Reopen on 6th January.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

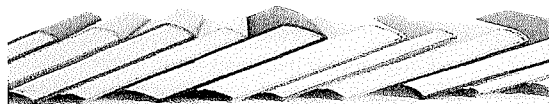


\$2 BOOK FAIR

Friday 6th – Sunday 15th December

9am – 6pm

Eureka Hall



EUREKA HALL UPDATE

The Hall Committee have been extremely busy this year, and we are still working on two more projects which will take us well into the New Year.

The District Council will be running workshops next year for hall committee members, to ensure we are following correct Health and Safety guidelines, so you can rest assured the committee will be busy next year as well, putting everything in place. This will ensure the hall is a safe venue for everyone.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank you this year for your support, and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very safe New Year.

Plenty of time to book for your event for next year, or if you have a hobby group or any other group who would like to book the hall on a regular basis.

Below are the prices for the hall for this year. If you would like to book a function, contact Gail Mayall 07 824 1758.

Usage	Residents	Non - Residents
Meeting Supper room	\$5	\$25
Meeting Hall	\$15	\$60
Social function	\$95	\$160
Weddings & Dance	\$115	\$250
Bond	\$400 Secretary's Discretion	\$400 Secretary's discretion

A FUN NIGHT OUT TO
CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Tauwhare Carols by Candlelight

Sunday December 15th 2019
St Andrews Village Church Grounds
7pm Shared Supper & outdoor fun
8pm Carols begin

Bring something to sit on & a plate to
share for Supper. If travelling by car there
is parking nearby at the Tauwhare Hall

A HUGE PLEA TO THE COMMUNITY

Below is an article from the Waikato District council site. It is interesting to read. This season has been particularly bad for privet, so hay fever and asthma sufferers are having a really bad season. This year has been the worst for me, so I put it out to our community to please check out your land for privet and get rid of it. There is a lot of it around this area, on the road boundaries especially. The trees are all in flower at the moment so are not hard to find. We could make Eureka privet free if we all put in a bit of effort. This effort would be gratefully accepted by the sufferers of asthma and hay fever. We then only have pollens to affect us. Maybe we could make it a community project.

Privet

All privet (Ligustrum species)

Why it is a pest plant



Privet is an evergreen shrub or tree with at least four species found in New Zealand. These include tree privet (*Ligustrum lucidum*), Chinese privet (*Ligustrum sinense*), Californian privet (*Ligustrum ovalifolium*) and common privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*). Both tree privet and Chinese privet are tolerant of drought, as well as cold and wet conditions.

Privet's leaves and berries are poisonous to animals and people. Its pollen and scent is also believed by some to contribute to respiratory disorders such as asthma and hay fever. However, because research shows privet is not a strong allergen for most people, a positive allergy test is needed before the regional council can require a privet tree to be removed on health grounds.

Privet is also an environmental pest, rapidly invading bush margins and waste areas. Tree privet is capable of crowding out canopy trees in native forests, may impede native seedling germination and can eventually dominate an area of forest. Chinese privet can displace shrubs on the margins of native forests.

Privet is widespread and common in the Waikato region.

Identifying features – Chinese Privet

Flower

Small white flowers that are strongly scented and appear from September to December.

Fruit/seed

Dark purple-black berries.

Seeds spread by birds.

Leaf

Leaves are small and dull green with wavy edges.

Responsibility for control

Landowners/occupiers in the Waikato must destroy privet on their land if they receive a pest plant notice from Waikato Regional Council (issued when the council receives a positive allergy test for privet from a neighbour), or live in a community initiative area.

The privet causing the problem must be within 50m of the property boundary or within a public amenity area like a park, reserve, playground or walking track.

Privet is also banned from being sold, propagated, distributed or included in commercial displays.

Community initiatives

A 'total control' rule for privet applies within the 'community initiative' areas of Kāwhia, Tuakau, Whatawhata, Ōtorohanga, Te Kūiti, Pirongia, Kihikihi, Orini, Mangatarata, Te Aroha, Waihi and Paeroa. This means all landowners/occupiers in these areas are required to control all privet on their property irrespective of a valid health-related complaint.

How to control privet

Physical control

- Pull out or dig up small plants, being careful to remove the entire root system so it doesn't regrow.
- If you have to cut down a larger plant, you will need to treat the stump with herbicide to stop it from regrowing.
- Desirable plant species such as native shrubs and grass should be established where soil has been disturbed. This will suppress the germination of privet and other weeds.

Herbicide control

Frilling

With a sharp chisel or axe, make a deep cut into the sapwood at regular intervals around the base of the tree. Immediately saturate the cuts with herbicide.

Basal treatment of trunk

This can be done all year round. Apply with a paintbrush or low pressure sprayer using a solid cone nozzle. Liberally treat the full circumference and the basal parts of the shrub or tree trunk in a manner that thoroughly wets at least 2-3 times the diameter of the lower stem or trunk, including the root collar area.

Cut stump treatment

This can be done all year round. Cut the tree down, leaving a stump no higher than 5cm above ground level. Immediately paint herbicide over the entire stump surface, including the sides.

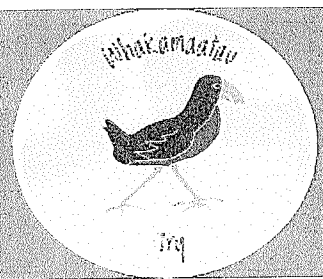
Cut and inject

This can be done all year round. Holes are drilled sloping into the sapwood at regular intervals around the tree. Inject herbicide into holes. A drench gun or similar can be used.



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School is nearly coming to an end for 2019. It has been a wonderful year in so many ways, with wonderful opportunities offered to our students. Our academic results remain strong thanks to our excellent teachers and support programmes run by experienced teacher aides. Results show children working on or above expected levels: Reading 92.4% Writing 87.2% Maths 91.5%
We thank our supportive Board who are dedicated to providing the best resources for the children of our school.

FAREWELL TO MRS COOK

After 20 years at Tauwhare School we must reluctantly say farewell to Mrs Linda Cook as she is moving to the South Island with her husband. Linda has been a huge part of our school; her 2 girls came through the school and Linda has been on the Board of Trustees as staff rep and is the staff liaison on the PTA. Linda has had a special passion around Enviro Schools and students will remember the trip to Adelaide to present at the Kids Teaching Kids Conference.
We will be having a wine and nibbles on December 17th from 5pm to give anyone who would like to join us to come and say farewell.

Tauwhare School's PRODUCTION OF MADAGASCAR JNR

December 4th @ 11am & 7pm and December 5th @ 7pm
at the Tauwhare Hall.

Tickets are available from the office: \$5 per ticket.

We are busily putting the final touches to our production. It has been a mammoth task to costume 137 animals, but they look so cute!!!

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture



Book by
Kevin Del Aguila

Original Music and Lyrics by
George Noriega &
Joel Someillan

TOILET BLOCK

Our new toilet block is nearly completed. The old toilet block will be demolished in the school holidays. If you are planning to come down to school to use the tennis court or the pool, please be aware of this and keep away from the area the builders are working on.

The new toilet block is alarmed in line with Ministry requirements so they can only be open during school time. There is a toilet available in the swimming pool complex for those who have purchased pool keys.

SWIMMING POOL

Pool keys will be available from 9th December. \$65 for school families \$120 for non-school families. This is a beautiful facility which took many years of hard fundraising from our community so please respect it as most of you do and we thank you for this. A few do spoil it for others sadly. There are surveillance cameras which are monitored over the holiday break. Anyone disrespecting the pool will have their keys deactivated.

Pukeko

Country Preschool

We have so much to be thankful for this year and we thank you for all your support along the way!

It was fabulous to see so many people at the open day and the weather was perfect for jumping on bouncy castles, face-painting and chasing bubbles. It was so lovely to share our building with all the families who have played a part in building it, from supporting a fundraiser to being on the trust board.



We have been very busy this month with a trip to the Hamilton Zoo, welcoming lots of new families, playing jump rope and enjoying the big shade sails as we prepare for lots of summer fun in the coming months. The children are practising their songs for our children's Christmas party and we have had so much fun decorating such a big play space.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday this Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.



About Pukeko Preschool

We are a small rural preschool situated next to Tauwhare School on Scotsman Valley Rd. We are open from 7.30am – 5.30pm and licensed for 30 children. Session times are, 8.45am – 2.45pm, or choose your own hours for bookings over 6.5 hours. (We also offer a morning session 8.45am – 1.00pm for our over twos). We welcome children from 5 months of age.

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

TAUWHARE PLAYGROUP

Tauwhare playgroup has had a successful 2019. We have had lots of new families join us this year which has been so neat. We have had many trips to the Matangi Bus Cafe and Hyped Up has supplied us with hours of fun with their bouncy castles throughout the wet winter months.

We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and look forward to 2020 with our regular families and hopefully some new faces. Playgroup finishes up for the year in early December and will be back in February 2020.

New to Tauwhare?

Tauwhare playgroup is a friendly and fun group, where parents, grandparents, caregivers, children and babies meet together in a relaxed environment. Everyone is welcome.

Our playgroup is free to attend, and our activities include: music and singing, imaginative play, outdoor and free play, art and craft activities, trips to interesting places.

We meet at the Multipurpose Room at Tauwhare School between 9am-12 noon every Thursday during school term time. We are happy if people want to drop in for just a short while between naps or after school drop off. You don't have to stay all morning.

Please bring along a small plate of food for the children's shared morning tea, we provide hot drinks for parents and caregivers.

For more information, like us on Facebook to keep up to date with what is happening, Or contact Katherine on 021 403 969.



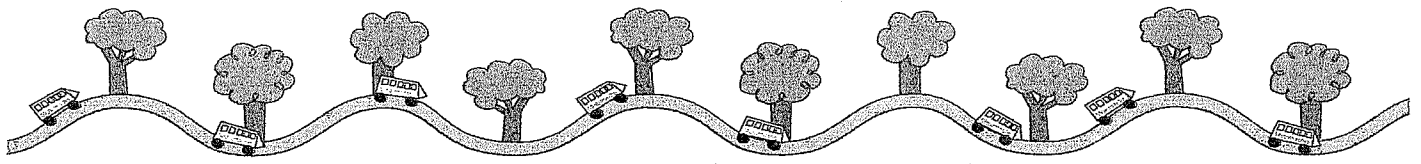
Tauwhare Garden Club

has just launched!

Monthly meetings, garden visits, guest speakers and more.

We'll have more details to come in the New Year, so keep an eye out for info.

Find us on Facebook - search for 'Tauwhare Garden Club', or contact Pippa on 0272935184 for details



Motumaoho School

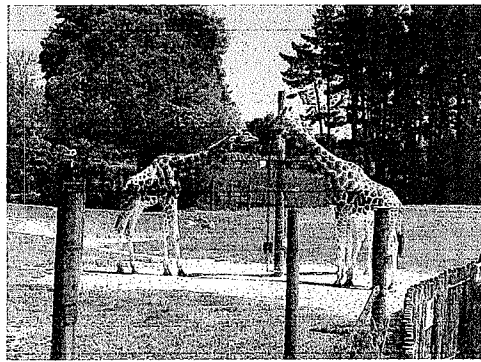
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Term 4 – November 2019

I can't believe we are nearly at the halfway point of our last term of 2019. It has been great to see our learners engaged and focused on their learning. As the weather has been much warmer our learners have been outside enjoying the wonderful large spaces. At the working bee, the school pool has been cleaned and we will let you all know when our school pool is ready for swimming. Hopefully not long to wait. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and staff for your help and support with our livestock day, zoo trip, disco and working bee. Without this support, we would not be able to provide our learners with these events. *Phillip Otto, Principal.*

Zoo Trip

Our zoo trip was interesting and our learners learnt about a whole range of different zoo animals. Many children have mentioned the rhinos, spider monkeys and tigers as their favourite animals they saw.



PTA School Disco – Farm theme

On Thursday the 7th November we had our school disco under the shade sail and large oak tree. It was cool to see many dressing in theme. To add, the hay bales were a nice touch. The weather was fantastic and our learners had a fun time dancing and playing to the music. Check out some of the photos!

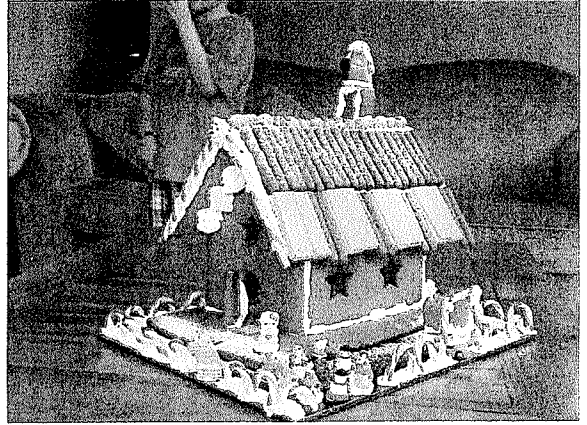


Gingerbread House

We construct this every year on Christmas Eve and the kids know it comes out after Christmas Lunch to dismantle & find the 'surprises' hidden inside the house.... and to then feast on over the holidays. It keeps fresh for weeks if it's kept in an airtight container..

- 1 cup of butter
- 1 cup of Sugar
- 1 cup of golden syrup

Bring the above ingredients to boil on the stove - once boiled take it off the heat and add 1tsp of baking soda & a little bit of cinnamon. Then add enough flour (approximately 3 cups) to make dough that holds its shape. Roll out the dough on baking paper when at the right thickness - (not too thin as it burns and can crack) place the dough on a lightly greased & floured oven tray. Now place the pre-cut pattern over the dough and cut it out. (You can make your own design for the pattern - or find one on the Net)



If you want to make stained glass windows cut out the window shapes - spray a little baking spray in the hole and put crushed boiled sweets into the window shape.

Bake for approximately 7-10 minutes at 350 degrees - then as soon as it is out of the oven place your pattern over it again and re-cut it if required - to ensure the sides are straight.

Royal Icing (cement!!)

Place one egg white in a bowl and whisk well - then add icing sugar slowly. When it becomes stiff, add a squirt of lemon juice and whisk again. Then keep adding icing sugar until it gets stiff again and holds its shape.

Put the icing in a piping bag and pipe it between the edges of the house to use as the cement to hold the house together.

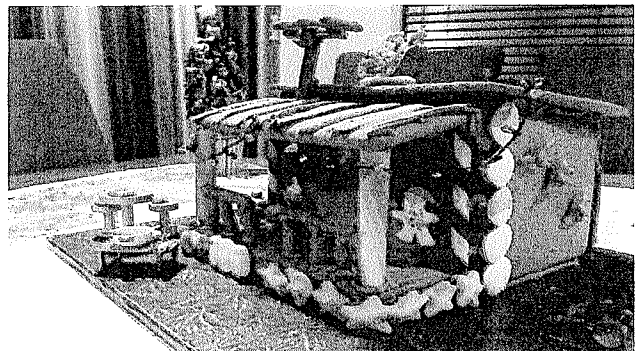
(This gingerbread recipe was used in the 2nd World War by my Grandmother. My mum could remember as a little girl, baking the gingerbread biscuits and putting them in recycled Golden Syrup tins with the addresses scratched off. They would then wrap them up securely with socks, her Mum and Aunties had also knitted, to post off to the soldiers and prisoners of war)

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**Another design –
A New Zealand bach**

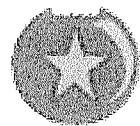


Sam Ware

CHILDREN'S PAGES



CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



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Christmas Carols

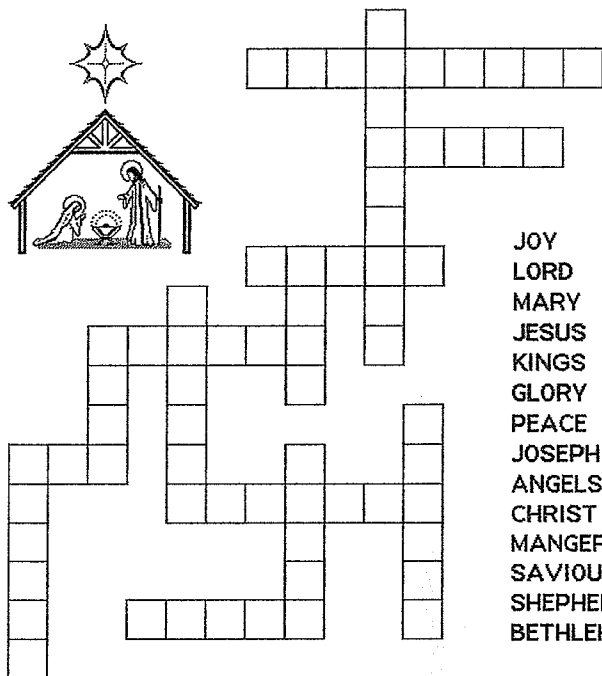
Can you fill in the missing words in these merry melodies?

- ♫ I'm dreaming of a _____ Christmas
- ♫ Have yourself a _____ little Christmas
- ♫ Silent night, _____ night
- ♫ Here comes _____
- ♫ Jingle bells, jingle bells, _____ all the way
- ♫ O little town of _____
- ♫ Rudolf the red nose _____
- ♫ Let it _____ Let it _____ Let it _____
- ♫ _____ around the Christmas tree
- ♫ _____ the snowman was a jolly happy soul
- ♫ We _____ you a Merry Christmas
- ♫ O come all ye _____
- ♫ We three _____ of Orient are
- ♫ Hark! The Herald _____ sing
- ♫ _____ to the world
- ♫ Do they know it's _____ time at all
- ♫ God rest ye _____ gentlemen



Christmas Crossword

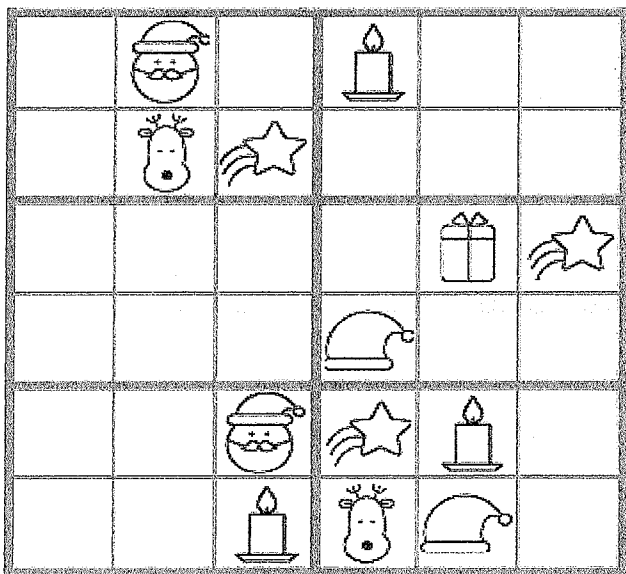
Make all the words fit into this crossword.
Each word is only used once.



JOY
LORD
MARY
JESUS
KINGS
GLORY
PEACE
JOSEPH
ANGELS
CHRIST
MANGER
SAVIOUR
SHEPHERDS
BETHLEHEM

Christmas Sudoku

Directions: Draw in the missing pictures so that each row, column and 2x3 grid contains one and only one example of each picture.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

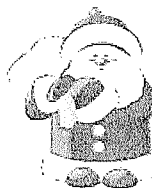


1. Clock hands change.
2. Boy's shirt pocket moves.
3. Black fireplace shape changes.
4. Dog loses dot.
5. Crease on boy's trousers.
6. Tree outline changes.
7. Parcel lacks a bow.
8. Dog's tail is longer.
9. Tree star gains point.
10. Bauble appears on tree.

Christmas Word Search



R N A M W O N S Y Q I D
E C Y J N E F L U N E S
E H B E T H L E H E M T
D R A S Z O K V O M G O
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2009

1. Bells
2. Bethlehem
3. Bows
4. Candy
5. Carols
6. Christmas
7. Elves
8. Gifts
9. Holly
10. Jesus
11. Manger
12. Reindeer
13. Santa
14. Sleigh
15. Snowman
16. Star
17. Stocking
18. Toys
19. Tree
20. Wisemen



CHRISTMAS Word Search KIDS

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| HOLIDAY | DECEMBER | TREE ELVES |
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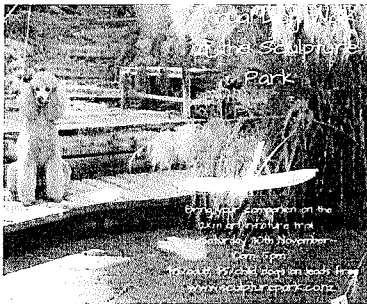
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We've had just the right amount of rain this spring to keep all the plants well-watered; although with the wind and such beautiful warm days this week, it looks like it won't be long before watering will be necessary.

Our Annual Dog Walk day is coming up on Saturday, 30th November. This occasion acknowledges that walking their dog around the park would be ideal for many visitors. The return of wildlife such as ground nesting birds and skinks means that this opportunity is limited to once a year. We look forward to seeing your family pets -- on their leads-- this pooch-friendly day.



Remember the gift of an annual pass (just \$45 per adult) enables the pass holder to enjoy early morning walks, summer evening picnics beside a pond, and makes it easier to introduce friends to the park.

It won't be long before you will be sick of Christmas shopping. Do you need a buy-pass? We will have the park open on Boxing Day (10am – 5pm) for that much needed change of pace – bring your picnics and enjoy the company of your *whanau* here!

John & Dorothy Wakeling

How to upgrade to Windows 10 with a Windows 7 license

As I've stated in previous articles, Microsoft discontinues support for Windows 7 in January 2020, meaning that it will be unsafe to use on the internet due to a lack of security updates. It's unfortunate as, like myself, many prefer Windows 7 to Windows 8 or 10, but there are worse problems to have in the world at present. At this point you've got two choices if you're on Windows 7: upgrade your computer to Windows 10 or, buy a new computer with Windows 10 on it. Alternatively you could crossgrade to Linux or Mac, but that's beyond the scope of the article.

The second option, buying a new computer, is something any computer enthusiast can probably advise you on. The first is something you can still do without purchasing a separate Windows 10 license, with the right knowhow and technical ability. The knowhow is something I can bestow upon you, the technical ability I can't. If you or someone you know isn't capable of doing this, please talk to myself or any other seasoned computer technician about upgrading – otherwise you leave the window open for the more nefarious types to exploit your computer once it stops being protected in late January. But here's how it works, for those interested.

Long ago in the age before time – also known as 2016 – Microsoft 'officially' closed the free upgrade offer from Windows 7 to Windows 10. However they still allow you to upgrade to Windows 10 and receive a valid Windows 10 license so long as you have a valid Windows 7 or 8 license. You have to do a 'clean' install ie. wipe your computer, install windows 10 and copy everything back on, including reinstalling your programs, but for 99% of computers this works fine and you get a valid Windows 10 license as a result. The other 1% tend to be name-brand machines eg. HP, with custom Windows 7 licenses.

If you choose to do this it pays to take a few precautions first. For starters, you're going to want to make a clone of your hard drive, so that if the upgrade doesn't work for some reason, you can put the original installation back on. I recommend Macrium Reflect to do so, but you'll also need another computer and a larger hard drive than the one you're cloning. You'll also need to take the original hard drive out of your computer and put it in the other computer in order to do so. Alternatively you could take the original hard drive out, and not back it up but instead replace it with a faster SSD drive to install Windows 10 onto.

The second step is to install Windows 10: you'll need a spare flash drive of at least 8GB size to put the installer onto. To do so, download and run the Microsoft "Windows 10 installation media tool" (google it). It's roughly a 4GB download. I recommend a 64-bit installation unless your original Windows 7 installation was 32-bit. Then, once you've got the Windows 10 installer on your flash drive, boot the original computer from the flash drive. You may have to press a key such as ESC, F8, F10 or F12 when your computer starts up in order to do so. Once booted the installation procedure should be pretty straightforward; and when it asks for your license key, enter your Windows 7 key and you're (typically) good to go.

Lastly, you'll need to copy your data back on – this is where the backup of your original installation comes in handy. Using Macrium reflect (or whatever other hard drive backup software you've used), navigate to c:\Users\your username) and copy your Documents, Pictures, etc folders to an external drive, then copy from that external drive to the new computer. Lastly, reinstall whatever programs you were using on the old computer. Once done I recommend hanging onto the old installation backup for at least a couple of months in case you've missed something.

This is really the first article I've written aimed at advanced users; the reason for doing so is because otherwise I see that many perfectly good computers will be tossed in the garbage due to Microsoft's machiavelian upgrade strategies. So use the knowledge well! I will be continuing to offer my \$150 Win7→Win10 upgrade package into the new year.

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Waikato region urged to conserve water ahead of hot summer



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Summer is officially here so it's time to start thinking about how much water we use. While we aren't at water alert levels yet, it's not far away if we keep using the amount we are.

Hamilton City Council's City Waters Manager Maire Porter said despite the rain we've experienced in recent weeks, it's important to conserve water now as we prepare for the long, dry summer ahead. "We have already seen a steady increase in water demand over the past month. Historical trends indicate that with improving weather, water use will only continue to increase throughout December."

Acting General Manager Service Delivery Roger MacCulloch says warmer weather always leads to an increase in water consumption in the Waikato district. "Everyone has been doing well so far and as we move towards summer, we need to remember to keep on top of our water usage. It has generally been a hot and dry year so far, so the community can play their part by using water wisely ahead of what could be a long, dry summer. There are lots of ways to conserve water, taking shorter showers, watering the garden by hand, or washing your car on a piece of lawn which needs watering can save hundreds of litres a day."

Waipa District Council's Water Services Manager, Martin Mould, said a hot summer is on the cards but a wet spring season is keeping water alert levels at bay for the first time since the Smart Water campaign started.

"Te Awamutu and Pirongia's water supply comes from the Mangauika Stream. In the summer months, it can struggle to keep up with demand, so we are advising people be mindful of how they use water, particularly over summer.

"Warmer weather and periods of heavy rainfall from recent thunderstorms are contributing well to the stream's levels, however increased water temperatures may cause algal blooms which can also initiate a water alert level. The higher we can keep the stream level, the more freshwater is able to flow and reduce the occurrence of algae growth."

"Waipā is in for a long, hot summer and we all need to consider how much water we are using."

Smart Water has an e-newsletter to let you know when your alert level changes. Sign up to receive it, and access to FAQs, at smartwater.org.nz.

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Smart Water Starts with You! is a sub-regional summer campaign aiming to make long-term change to how we use water and is a joint venture between Hamilton City Council, Waikato District Council and Waipa District Council.

For more information, contact:

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NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – 3rd DECEMBER 2019

On Saturday 16th November Jill and I attended the **Pukeko Preschool Open Day** when their new building was officially opened.



Congratulations to the past and present committee members, parents, staff and supporters for building this wonderful facility – a real asset to the Tauwhare community and families in surrounding districts.

Councillors were sworn in at a ceremony on 30th October. There was a full house on the day with many friends and family there to support the new and re-elected Councillors. We have since been very busy attending training and induction sessions; our Standing Committee meetings begin in December and we will then take a break until late January with a very busy calendar already in place for next year.

For this term of Council, I will be a member of all Standing Committees, the Heritage Assessment Team, various Funding Committees, Chair of the Creative Community Committee and will represent Council on the Hauraki Gulf Forum.

I have in previous terms represented Council on the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) Central Catchment Committee. However, the new Regional Council has recently announced that they have overhauled their committee structure and WRC's twelve Drainage and Catchment Committees have gone. These have been replaced with three new committees – *Freshwater Actions, Infrastructure and Special Projects and Climate Action*. These committees better fit the new era of environmental objectives and priorities, however disestablishing the Drainage and Catchment Committees, whose members included representatives from local communities, could mean the loss of decades of local knowledge. I hope the Regional Council will continue to consult local communities and create a conduit for local input to drainage and catchment issues. Sue Edmonds from Eureka has been a community representative on the Central Catchment Committee, was a very active member of the committee and has made an outstanding contribution – thank you Sue.

Horsham Downs Road has been closed for more than a year for bridge construction over the **Waikato Expressway**. The new bridge will be blessed, and Horsham Downs Road reopened on 19 December 2019. This is the last local road bridge to be completed on the project.

The Huntly section of the Expressway is expected to open on 14th February 2020. I recently had an opportunity to travel over this section with some of the CityEdge staff and see this complex project first-hand. The section is a 15.2km four-lane expressway linking the Ohinewai and Taupiri sections – it is built to the east of Huntly, around the back of Taupiri Mountain. It has involved 3.5million ²m of earthworks, including a 60-metre-deep pass through the Taupiri Range. It also includes over 100ha of forest, bush and wetland enhancement and the permanent protection of a sacred lagoon and two paa. In 2015 the project won three major awards for excellent in planning, engineering and resource management.

Council now produces a **quarterly e-newsletter** from Council's Consents and Building Quality Departments. This has been established to keep our residents informed about important information regarding building and resource consents in the Waikato District. You can go online to <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/land-and-property/growing-places-newsletter> to subscribe to this newsletter.

This quarter's newsletter is very informative and includes information on building code changes, the statutory close-down period for building and resource consents, LIMs and Development Contribution considerations (20 Dec – 10 January), submitting a building consent electronically, Building Code changes and *Common Further Information Requests on Building Consent applications* – i.e. the main reasons Council have to request further information from applicants that can slow down the process.

All Waikato District Council offices close at 3pm on 24 December and will reopen on 6 January. However, you can report any non-urgent matters online during this period or, if you want to report any road damage or other urgent matters, you can phone Council on 0800 492 452.

I am available via email or mobile during the holiday period.

I hope you have an enjoyable holiday season with your family and friends – drive safely and take care in the water.

Contact me any time

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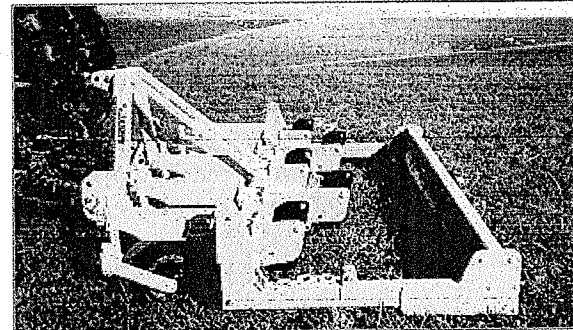
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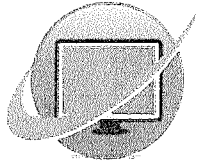
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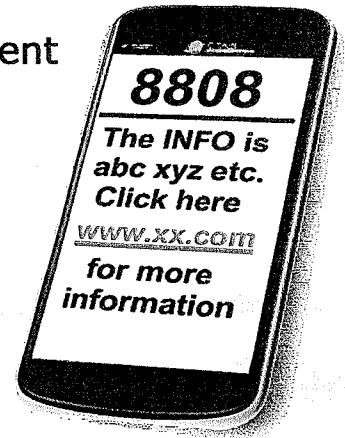


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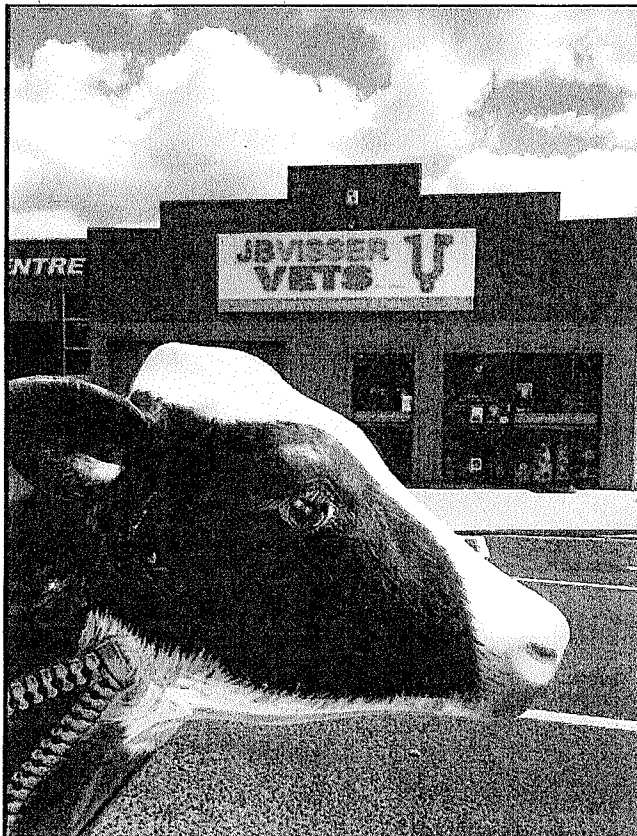
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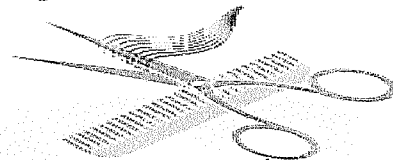
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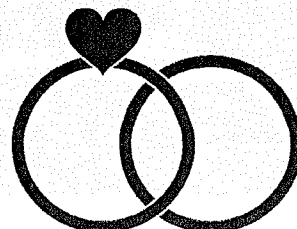
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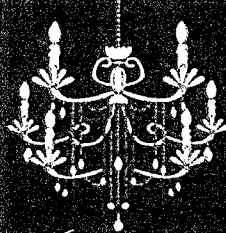


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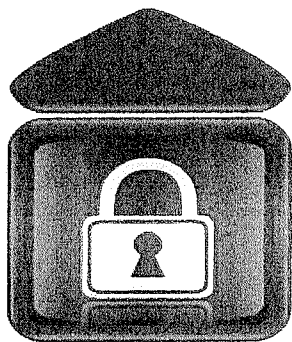
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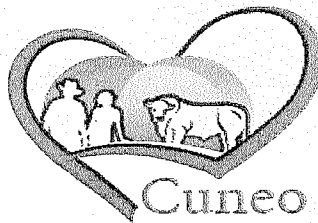
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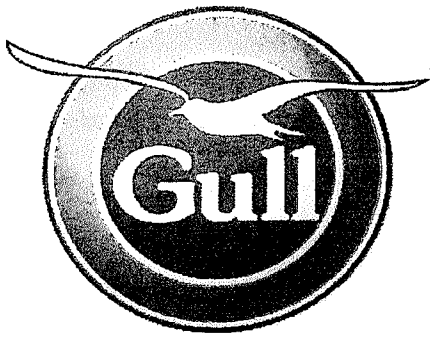


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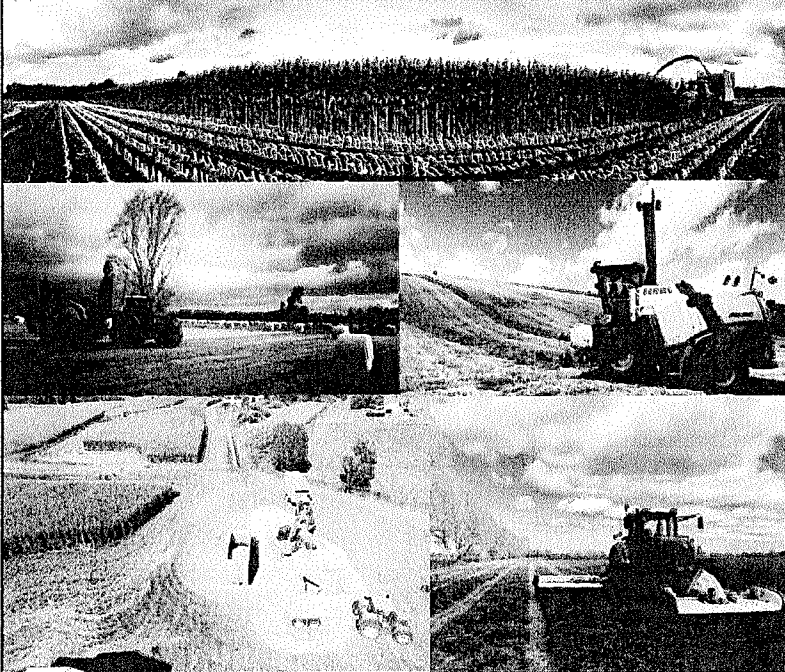
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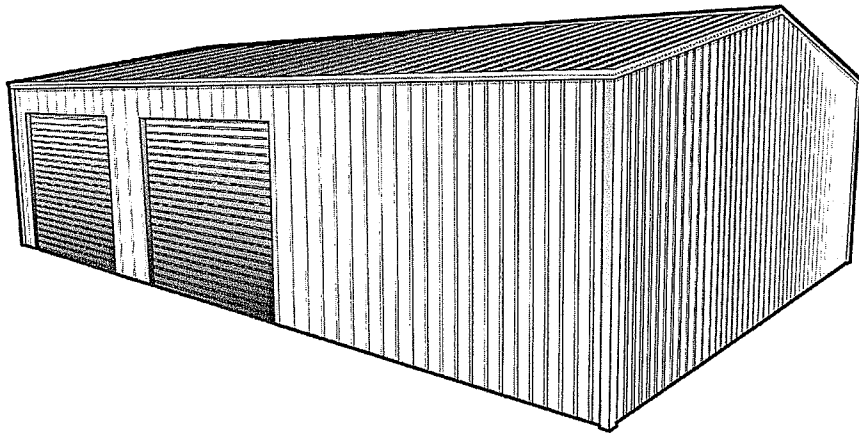
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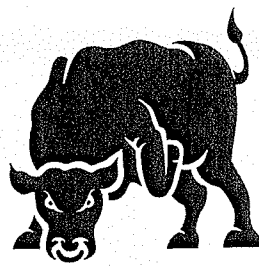
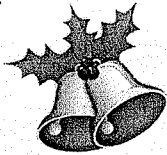
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