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EUREKA COMMUNITY FACEBOOK GROUP

We now have a Eureka Community Facebook Group for buy/sell/swap, neighbourhood watch & community information sharing.

This group is for residents of Eureka and the local surrounding areas only.

Just search EUREKA COMMUNITY under GROUPS on Facebook – the *iEUREKA* image is the profile pic.

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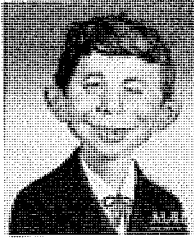


Eureka Community

Group · 110 members

For buy and sell and general info

EDITORIAL



"What, me worry?" Alfred E Neuman Mad Magazine.

Climate emergencies, idiot politicians, obesity epidemics and increasing crime are the stuff that shock jocks and the chatter classes of the media make a good living from, making sure we are all worried about our futures.

Fears, scares and worry sells and best of all gets the votes!

Good news everyone - everything is not as bad as you think – in fact, they are never as bad as they are portrayed because good “news” does not sell.

A moment reflection on the following statement will prove the point: “The 21st Century is first time in human history where more people die of obesity than they do of starvation”.

To bring it home you have no doubt heard about “Screen time danger threatens kids”. Children today have grown up with a vast array of electronic devices at their fingertips. Be it kids or adults we cannot imagine a world without smartphones, tablets, and the internet.

Screen time dangers are:

- **Obesity:** Too much time engaging in sedentary activity.
- **Sleep problems:** light from screens interferes with sleep patterns
- **Behavior problems:** Elementary school-age children who watch TV or use a computer more than two hours per day are more likely to have emotional, social, and attention problems.
- **Educational problems:** Elementary school-age children who have televisions in their bedrooms do worse on academic testing.
- **Violence:** Exposure to violent TV shows, movies, music, and video games can cause children to become desensitized to it and they get into violence themselves – witness the Christchurch attack and it is not just kids...

Screen time is so much of a problem that world-wide productivity at work has decreased since 2007 as eyeballs are glued to their tiny smart phone screen.

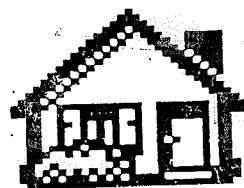
Shock horror!

A problem identified is a problem to be solved. Drink was a problem in the 19th Century, smoking and drugs in the 20th and 21st century but all of these problems are can be coped with and mitigated against. Electronic issues are here to stay but it is up to us to have the wisdom to use the media to best effect rather than rail against its evils.

Hope and wisdom springs eternal – so I don't worry!

Steve Wood

SNIPPETS



WELCOME TO EUREKA TO SEVERAL NEW RESIDENTS:

- On Eureka Road it is a warm hello to Michael and Gillian Brown who have bought the Drever property. They have spent the last 9 ½ years in Christchurch and since purchasing their new home have been away on sabbatical overseas for two months. Michael is a Minister at Hamilton's Activate Church, and Gillian is a GP presently working in Morrinsville. Their daughter, married son and grandchild all live in Lower Hutt. Welcome to you both. Ph. 021427696.
- On Hunter Road, No 121, it is welcome to Dave and Eddie. Dave is an International Pilot for Air NZ and is loving the friendly environment of the area, having met and been welcomed by their neighbours. Eddie owns Premier Horse Transport and carries horses mainly around the Karaka, Cambridge and Matamata areas. He is a member of Eureka's Facebook Community page so if you need a horse transported get in touch with him. A warm welcome to you both.
- And welcome also to Paul Maplesden at 1569 Tauwhare Road. Paul works part time at Hillcrest High School in the Technical Department. His passion is metal work and he intends to set up his garage as a workshop for his creations. Paul sells his work at Inspirit Studio and Gallery. Go online and search for your new artwork! A warm welcome to you too, Paul.

CONGRATULATIONS To: Gerrie Vissers of Eureka Road who has a new qualification. After four and a half years of on-the-job learning and four years of online study and three practical assessments, Gerrie is now a level 5 qualified Pharmacy Assistant. Well done and well deserved, Gerrie.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: 13 year old Sam Van Hellemond of Waverley Road who was selected in the Waikato Under 57 kg Roller Mills Rugby Team for 2019. The team was very successful, winning the annual upper North Island Tournament for the first time since 2012. Well done, Sam, and all the best for your future rugby playing.

LITTER!! While delivering the EExpress recently Lynn saw a young lady picking up rubbish from the side of the road. She had a black bag and a long pole with grabbers on the end. Lynne stopped to thank her. She lives in Gordonton and travels to Cambridge every day and often stops somewhere to pick up litter thrown from cars! Thank you, Kayleen. (Roadside rubbish is a blight on our community and nation. Please take you rubbish home, and pick up any you see when out walking. Be a Tidy Kiwi!)

Sincere Condolences are extended to Daren and Kim Ross and family of Platt Road, on the death of Daren's father, Mr Colin Ross, in Huntly on 22 October.

And our condolences also go to Willie van de Pas and family of Hooper Road on the death of Willie's mother, Mrs Agnes van de Pas in Hamilton on 28 October.

MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE:

Standing crop of grass silage sold KG/DM over scales available.

Also taking orders for standing maize silage for this season [grown on contract]. Locally grown in Eureka

Phone 824 1860 / 0274 754 983 Bernie Clarkin



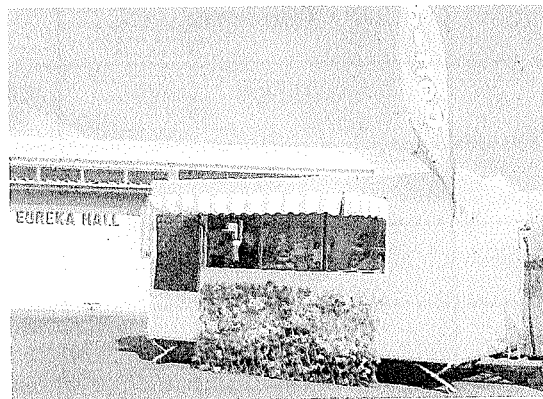
BARBARISTA

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.**

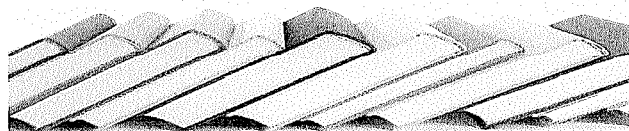


\$2 BOOK FAIR

Saturday 7th – Sunday 15th December

9am – 6pm

Eureka Hall



EUREKA HALL UPDATE

Hard to believe we are now so close to Christmas. I read somewhere the other day there was only 9 Fridays until Christmas Eve. I thought you all needed to know that interesting fact.

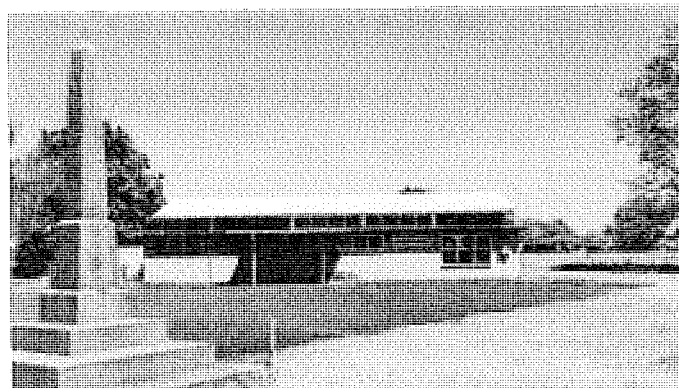
The committee have been busy getting quotes for new heating for the hall. We are just waiting on one more then we will hold a meeting to discuss the best option. We will have it installed for next winter, so the hall will be much warmer and more pleasant during the cold winter months. Much warmer for all events.

The hall has had a spring clean and is looking really nice. All set for the summer. The small lending library is being used which is great to see, but please remember to swap books when you can. A few of us do keep it filled up, but if we all share the task, we will have an amazing selection of reading, especially with the summer months coming up, and for time out during the holidays. Another book fair by Trudi will be held closer to Christmas. A good time to stock up.

Bookings are still coming in for the hall, so good to see it being used more and more. Below are the prices for the hall for this year. If you would like to book a function, contact Gail Mayall 8241 758.

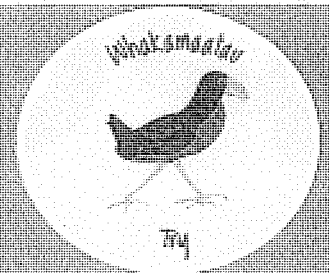
Have a great month.

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



Tauwhare School

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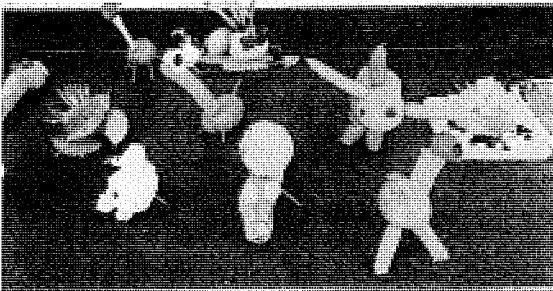


We have lots of exciting events planned for this term including Cluster Schools' Tee Ball Tournament, City & Country Schools Tee Ball Tournament, Athletics day, Sports Prize-Giving, Madagascar Jnr and Christmas Singing at Tamahere Church.

CALF CLUB & GROUP DAY

Congratulations to all the children who brought their pet lambs or kids to Calf Club and Group Day. All those hours of feeding, grooming and training paid off. It was great to see so many getting ribbons and awards.

The flower show was a success also. The children worked hard on their flower displays and their vegetable creations. Thank you to Ivan & Delia Pizzini for judging the children's work.

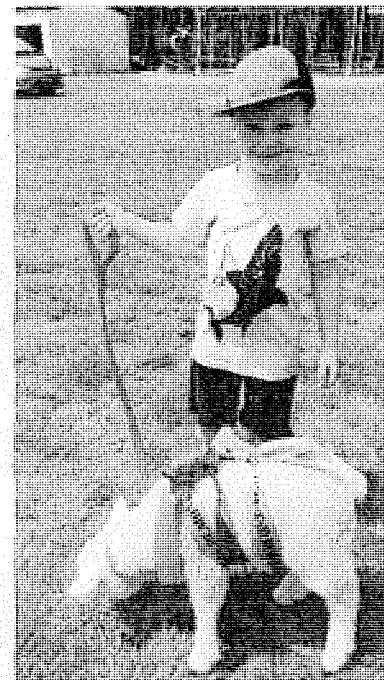


A huge thank you to Abbie Hinton, Emma McCarthy and Paula Brown for their work in organising this fantastic day for the children.

Thank you to all the wonderful helpers on the PTA, the parents who came down to set up the rings, and to everyone who did baking or manned the stalls.

We could not have days like this

without your support and dedication. You are most appreciated.



SCHOOL MUSICAL: MADAGASCAR JNR



Work is underway on what promises to be another fantastic production. Mrs Robinson is teaching choreography, the leads are busy learning lines and moves, teachers are painting backdrops and our kids crew are building sets and props. Our production is on December 4th & 5th at 11am & 7pm. Tickets are \$5 and are available from the office.

STEP IN

On **Wednesday 20 November** 9am – 10.30am

Tauwhare School's Step In programme for pre-schoolers and their parents/caregivers is held regularly throughout the year. All prospective 4 – 5 year olds are encouraged to come along to the new entrant room to join in on a typical morning in the classroom.

Parents will be able to see first-hand the kind of topics Mrs Pickett will be teaching their child once they enrol.

NEW TOILET BUILDING

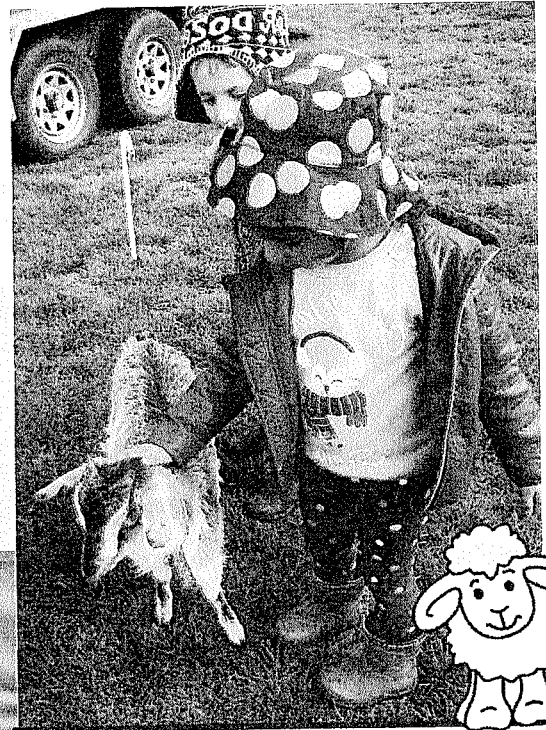
Our new toilet building is almost completed. The old toilet block will be demolished, allowing us to build out in that area in the future.

PUKEKO

COUNTRY PRESCHOOL

We have had a fabulous month in our new building with Ruben the Road safety bear, bike days, science day, mad hatter's tea party, camp fire, visiting the school library, shake out, visits from the new entrance room and Calf club. We have also made lots of new friends with over ten new enrolments.

Calf club is an annual event for rural families and schools fostering motivation, commitment, compassion and responsibility in young children. Children work hard to select and prepare their animals for the show and the preschool children are right there learning alongside their older siblings. The days official proceedings began with the preschool show. The children walk the lambs around the ring just like the school children will do later in the day. This year we didn't have many siblings with animals but our wonderful supportive community were very generous and every child was able to enter the ring and receive a packet of chips and ribbon.



Come along to our

OPEN

DAY

Saturday, 16th Nov 19



- Have a peek at the new building
- Bouncy castles
- Face painting
- Sausage sizzle
- Coffee cart
- Meet the teachers and find out more about the cool things we do.
- Enjoy the huge outdoor area.

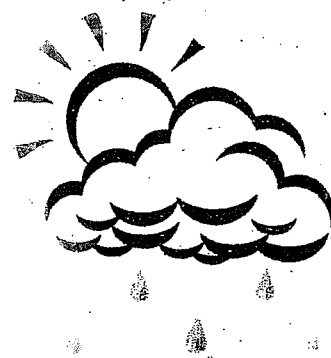
20 Scotsman Valley rd – Tauwhare

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WEATHER

Weather for Sept 2019		
Rainfall total	81.2 mm	
Rain Total for year	512 mm	
Rainy days	18	
Most daily rainfall	17.8 mm	8 th Sept
Highest wind speed	45 km/hr	25 th & 26 th Sept
Temp high	20.9 C	5 th Sept
Temp low	0.3 C	1 st Sept



TAUWHARE PLAYGROUP

Term 4 is underway and is always a very busy term for everyone.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates on where we are and what's happening this term as we won't be able to hold playgroup every week at the school.

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.

We meet in the Tauwhare School multipurpose room on Thursday mornings (during term time) from 9-12.

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.

About Playgroup

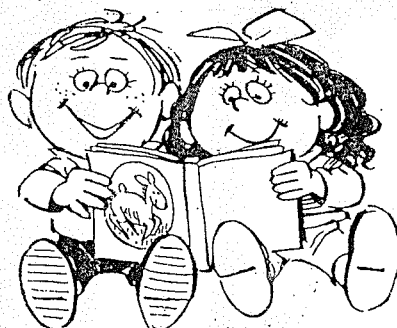
No child is too young for playgroup. All children from 0-5 love new experiences and benefit from developing sensory, social and communication skills through activities at playgroup.

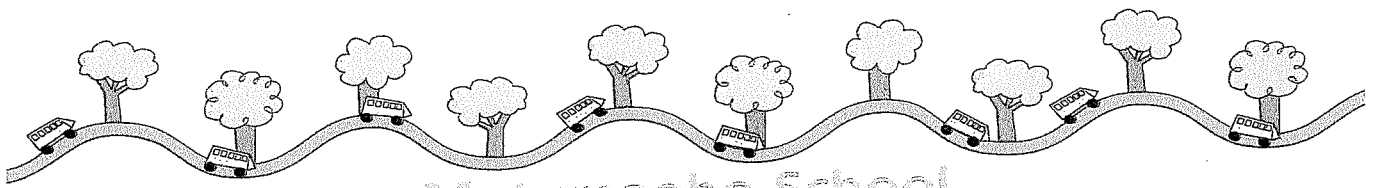
Children like playgroup because they can:

- Participate in new experiments.
- Develop and increase their social skills.
- Learn sharing, cooperation and simple routines.
- Interact with other children and adults in a safe environment.
- Enjoy learning more about their world.

Adults also benefit from playgroup

- a time to talk, meet other local families, make new friends, and share experiences while children have fun and learn through play





Motumaoho School

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Term 4 – October 2019

Livestock Day

On Wednesday the 16th of October we had our annual Livestock Day. It was a huge success!

Thank you and well done to the children and families who entered an animal this year. The work put in by the children paid off on the day and it was fantastic to see them all with their goat being proud.

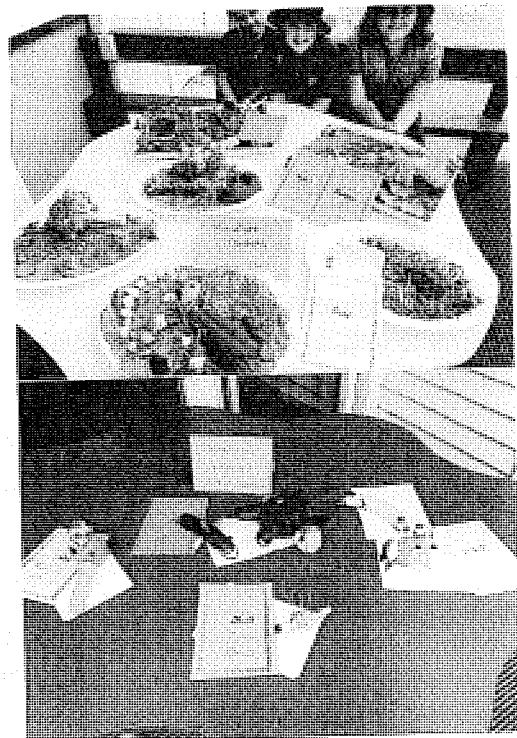
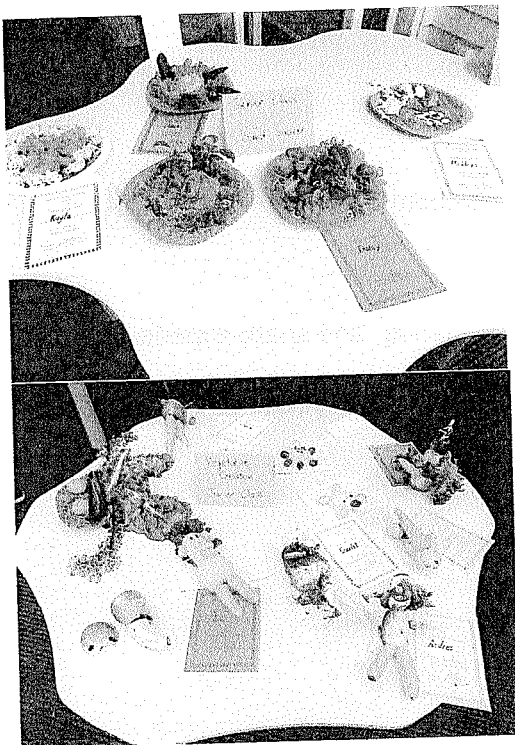
Thanks to our staff and PTA who organized and ran the bake stall and raffles, and the parents who helped with this. The baking that was produced was outstanding and your contribution to supporting our school is immense.



Flower Show/Vegetable Creations

While the Livestock Day was underway, our teachers did a great job with our learners who didn't have an animal but instead made sand saucers, flower arrangements, vegetable creations and farms. Top job to all our learners who participated in these activities and displayed their artistic sides.

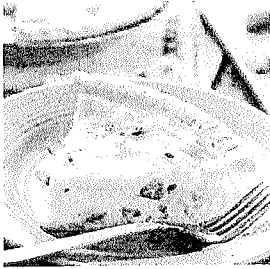
Thanks to ASB for providing helpers with the bbq and overall a big thank you to everyone who supported and helped in some way to make the day memorable. I was very proud to continue the tradition of a school livestock day at our school. *Phillip Otto, Principal.*



TASTE BUDS

IMPOSSIBLE QUICHE

This recipe is brilliant because you can virtually use any filling ingredients you have on hand into it. I will often add chopped-up leftover roast meat and vegetable. Great for lunches or a light dinner when served with a salad.



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups eggs, ham, chicken and herbs, chopped
- 1 ½ cups milk
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 1 onion, diced
- ½ cup self-raising flour
- Salt and pepper to taste (approx. ½ tsp pf each)

METHOD

- Preheat oven to 180 deg. C (350 deg. F) and grease quiche dish.
- Place all the ingredients in a large bowl and mix
- Pour into prepared dish
- Bake for about 45 minutes or until golden brown.

ORANGE AND ALMOND CAKE

Fill your home with the gorgeous aroma of freshly baked orange cake

INGREDIENTS

2 large navel oranges (choose oranges with unblemished skins as the whole fruit is used in this recipe.

5 Eggs

1 ¼ cups (250g) caster sugar

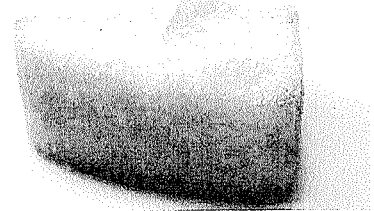
2 ½ (250g) ground almonds

1 teaspoon gluten-free baking powder

Pure icing sugar to serve.

METHOD

- Preheat oven to 170 deg. C. Grease and line the base of a heart-shaped pan.
- Place the two whole oranges in a saucepan and cover with water. Bring to the boil and simmer, covered for 1 hour ensuring that the oranges remain covered with water. Drain and cool. Chop the oranges into quarters, discard any seeds, then place the chunks into a blender and puree until smooth.
- Beat the eggs with the sugar until thick, then add the orange puree, ground almonds and baking powder and mix well.
- Pour into prepared pan and bake for 1 hour. Leave cake to firm up in pan for 2 minutes then turn out, remove the baking paper and turn over to finish cooling the right way up. This cake definitely mellows with a little time and can be prepared up to 48 hours in advance.
- To serve, sift icing sugar on top decorate with orange zest and almonds.



Gender Inequality of Media Coverage and Pay Within Sport

By Alycia Begbie, Ashleigh Mayall and Hayley Sharpe

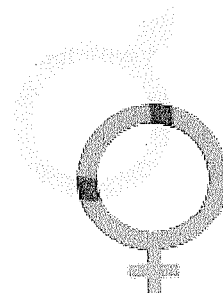
We are three year ten students who attend Hillcrest High School. Last term, we were tasked by our Social Studies teacher with completing an inquiry into one of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. With a focus on goal 5, gender equality, we researched the inequalities of media coverage and pay that women face in professional sports. Our inquiry was based on three research questions: why does gender inequality in sports exist, how has this changed over time, and what initiatives have been or will be put into place by sports organisations, governments or companies to address the inequality? As part of our research we interviewed one of the PE teachers at our school, Ms Natasha Brill, who is a former player of the NZ Women's Black Sticks Hockey team. She helped us to understand our issue by giving us insight into the discrimination she has faced during her time representing New Zealand.

One question we asked her was how she thinks coverage of men's sports compares to women's sports in New Zealand. She told us that she thinks many of the news outlets were 'ridiculous', saying that there were multiple articles for rugby teams, yet nothing was posted when the Black Sticks made the Olympics. Another point we didn't think about until talking to her was the sexualisation of female athletes. Media outlets don't want to invest time in female athletes if they 'haven't had their kids yet'. Photographers take photos from inappropriate angles, and advertisers put their logos across the chest of the uniforms instead of on the midriff or back.

The other half of our inquiry was focused on pay. We were told that "the most that any of the players in my team could get would be \$21,000, when some All Blacks players could be funded upwards of half a million \$ for a club deal." Ms Brill also told us that Richie McCaw was offered a knighthood for captaining the All Blacks to the World Cup. "Should that not be a reward in itself?" she said. "The netball players won their World Cup and didn't even get prize money."

After having our eyes opened to the discrimination that women face in sport here in New Zealand, we decided one of the best things we could do would be to advocate for these female athletes, who deserve just as much opportunity and reward as our men.

Therefore, if you feel just as passionate about supporting women in sport as we do, try tuning into a game of women's sport, or encourage your sisters, daughters, and other women in your life to participate, so that the playing field is fair and these inequalities no longer exist. We're now working towards a presentation at the end of November to inform our school community and advocate further for equality in sports.



Freeware to the rescue!

It occurred to me today that the number of additional pieces of software I use in Windows is quite staggering. I rarely, if ever, use the built-in Windows apps (asides from maybe Calculator), as there's almost always something better in the freeware world. For those of you who don't know, 'freeware' means free software, of which there is a ton on the Windows platform. It's one of the reasons I stick with windows, because for everything I need, there's almost always a program which will do it, and in the specific way I want it to be done. This is not always true for Linux.

So I thought I'd share with you some of my favourite bits of freeware - all of these are lightweight applications with no cost, which greatly simplify certain tasks. First up, Irfanview (<https://www.irfanview.com>). This little bit of software replaces the Windows photo viewer and has the advantage of being blisteringly fast, but is also able to view tons of image types which the Windows viewer can't. The only complaint I have is that the nice icons for photos get replaced by the rather ugly Irfanview icon, but it's a small price to pay.

Secondly, I'm a big fan of x2plorer lite (<https://www.zabkat.com/x2lite.htm>). This is like the Windows File Explorer, but gives you multiple panes for viewing different folders in. If you do a lot of heavy file or image management, it's an absolute godsend. The default interface has a few ugly toolbars and whatnot, but you can turn all of them off and customise it to your hearts content. Makes navigating folders and files a lot simpler.

Third is Agent Ransack (<https://www.mythicsoft.com/agentransack/>). There used to be a decent file search tool back in the days of Windows XP (cutesy search animation notwithstanding), but since then we've had relatively ineffectual search functionality in Windows. Agent Ransack allows you to search for filenames, part of a filename, or to search by the age of a file or by what the file contents are, and it doesn't screw up the way the Windows one does. Once installed, it's simply a matter of right-clicking on a drive or folder, clicking Agent Ransack and going from there.

Openshell (<https://github.com/Open-Shell/Open-Shell-Menu/releases>) is my fourth pick – initially it was designed to give Windows 8 and 10 users the old (Windows 7 style) start menu back, but it is also a tool you can use to customise make your start menu (the icon you click on in the bottom left) on any version of Windows. Initially you choose from one of three styles (XP, Vista or Windows 7), and after that you can customise things further if you so choose.

Flux (<https://justgetflux.com>), the fifth tool, is only really necessary for Windows 8 and below. It changes the screen colour ("temperature") so that it emits less blue light in the evenings. Blue light stops your brain producing melatonin, which in turn can make getting to sleep difficult. Windows 10 has a similar feature built in (but turned off by default) called "Night Light". If you're still using Windows 7 or below you should upgrade to Windows 8 or 10, as 7 expires in 2020 (call me!):

My last recommendation is a media player. The built-in players for Windows are slow and have difficulty playing certain types of files. MPC-BE (<https://sourceforge.net/projects/mpcbe/>) does not have these issues, is tiny and easy to install. For older or slower hardware in particular, it can make video playback much better.

If you're needing a particular type of software to do a specific thing and you're struggling to find it, google with some search terms relating to the activity you're wanting to do and the word "freeware". Chances are you'll find what you're looking for. But be wary: some forms of software masquerade as freeware while actually being trials for paid software. Use your head and always make sure your virus scanner is active when downloading software off the internet.

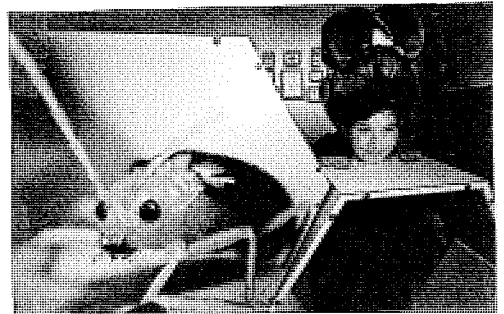
Email Matt on info@homepcsupport.co.nz or phone **0211348576**.
\$60 per hour or \$50 for Grey Power cardholders, with no callout fee.



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Waikato Museum Te Whare Taonga o Waikato



Live insects invade Waikato Museum over Spring and Summer

Live insects are invading Waikato Museum in a new family-friendly, hands-on exhibition opening on Friday (25 October) in time for Labour Day weekend and running through the summer.

Bugs! Our Backyard Heroes is a free-entry exhibition exploring the secret world of bugs and the vital role they play in our lives. It also brings visitors face-to-face with some real live mini-monsters, including a giant centipede, tree weetaa, stick insects, locusts, crickets, cockroaches and Avondale spiders.

Waikato Museum Director Cherie Meecham says: "This exhibition provides visitors a unique opportunity to learn about the different native species of bugs in New Zealand and the precarious position they sometimes hold in the ecosystem."

Plenty of hands-on activities will stimulate youngsters' minds with ideas, including how to become a citizen scientist and how bugs inspire those on the frontline of technology, she says.

"We invite schools to contact our education team to take advantage of a tailored programme for school visits," says Ms Meecham.

The exhibition has been developed and toured by Puke Ariki, New Plymouth.

Activities for younger visitors include a chance to dress-up in a bug costume.

Eureka Badminton Club

Come down for a game, all levels welcome! We have novices through to A Grade.



Wednesdays: 7:30pm onwards at the Matangi Hall

Only \$5 Per Person payable on the night, Adults 16+

Bring a Racket if you have one, if not the club has some spare rackets.
Please wear indoor non marking shoes.

It will be pay to play until we get consistent numbers up then will look into club fees for a fixed term.

Hope to see everyone there!

Will run until end November 2019.

NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – 28 OCTOBER 2019



I feel very privileged to have been re-elected to represent you as your Ward Councillor for the next three years.

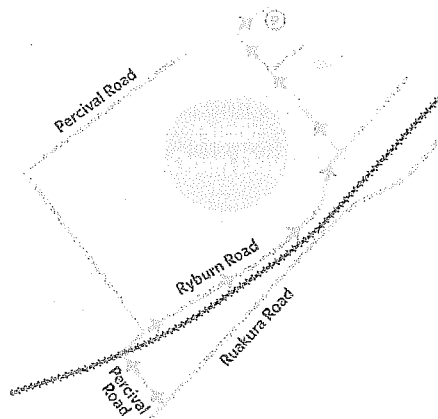
Two new Councillors will join our team – Councillors-elect Chris Woolerton. Hukanui-Waeranga Ward and Carolyn Eyre Onewhero-Te Akau Ward.

The new Council will be sworn in on 30th October with a busy month of workshops and induction sessions to follow. Our last meeting for the year will be held on 9th December.

Next month another public information day for the Hamilton section of the Waikato Expressway will feature bus tours to the southern end of the 22km section. Project staff will provide commentary and answer questions on the bus trips.

This annual event, which is based at the site office on Ryburn Road (signposted off Ruakura Road) will be held on Saturday 16th November with bus tours running from 9am – 1pm. Tours will take 50-60 minutes.

You can also view videos, scale models, larger floor maps and an archeological display at the site office. If you require more information email info@cityedgealliance.co.nz or phone 0800 322 044.





Earlier this year Council asked for idea and suggestions on a Reserve Management Plan (RMP) for the Council owned Woodlands Homestead and Gardens. This have now been included in a draft RMP and a concept plan has also been prepared.

You can view the RMP on the following link on our Council website (if you wish to make comments on the RMP, the closing date for submissions is 9 December).

<https://wdcsitefinity.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity-storage/docs/default-source/your-council/public-consultations/woodlands-estate-reserve-management-plan/draft-woodlands-rmp.pdf>

Councillors have been invited to Sport Waikato's 2019 annual awards where sporting successes for clubs, teams and individuals and the hard work of their coaches, officials etc will be recognised.



The awards ceremony is to be held on Wednesday 20th November at Waahi Paa Marae, Huntly from 6pm. Tickets are \$30 (dinner & dessert are included) and can be purchased through either the Sport Waikato website (www.sportwaikato.org.nz) or enquire by emailing waikato@sportwaikato.org.nz

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Kia ora supporters,

Despite the frequent, heavy rain, this Spring has been stunning. Don't miss out on the last of the bluebells and numerous other flowering plants in the park if you haven't been lately. And the frogs are croaking again!

We have taken the plunge and employed a full-time gardener, Harpreet Singh, who is proving to be a great asset and successor to Derek and Colin. He along with Sue Smith's one day per week will be invaluable help for keeping the park up to visitor standard.

Some of you will know that we had a unique opportunity to harvest the pines in the upper reaches of the park without damaging the arboretum and main trail. This is because our neighbours were taking out their pines. Our 27-year-old pine trees were starting to cause a hazard so it's a great relief they are gone. The last logging truck left two days ago! We were really fortunate that the forestry crew were so skilful working close to the main trail. John and Harpreet have already planted 50 trees in the past few weeks on the expectation the wet weather will continue through spring. The park is still a Permanent Forest Sink under the Emissions Trading Scheme---but we know the government will be making changes to this by the end of the year. Come May and throughout winter 2020 we will be planting thousands more trees. ...more long-lasting than pines -- and it is still our intention to remain in the ETS if possible.

Our consistent Sunday openings are going well, as are visitors choosing to purchase annual passes so they can come in any daylight hour. We have several events coming up which we hope will boost our profile and reinforce that the park is not just a one-off visit. The Creative Play Weekend (26 - 28 October) is a way of showcasing the numerous family outdoor activities to choose from here: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/creative-play-weekend/hamilton> We have also been prompted to choose Saturday, 30th November as a special event for visitors to walk their dogs in the park.

Thank you to all of you who help spread the message that we are more accessible again through Facebook and other social media.

Only occasionally can we get newspaper coverage but some of you may have seen this in the Waikato edition of the Herald.

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Best wishes

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Local Student Spreading Christmas Cookie Magic



Neighbours on Eureka Road may have noticed that the house at 241 is packed to the rafters with Cookie Time Christmas Cookies. To many this may sound like a dream come true but for Fay Van Der Meulen, there's a long summer of hard work and Christmas joy ahead!

Having recently returned from Wellington where she has been studying Film and Theatre at Victoria University, Fay has taken on a new challenge by partnering with Cookie Time to be one of the many Christmas Cookie Sellers around the country.

She will be spending her weekdays going door to door at businesses in Hamilton East, sharing free samples and taking orders for the delicious Christmas buckets. Then, in the afternoons and weekends, she sets up her stall on Boundary Road and dances with her cookie sign until the sun goes down!

Fay will be working hard this summer to fund her next year of study down in Wellington. She has just finished the last papers of her Bachelor of Arts and is hoping to be selected for the limited entry Master's in fine arts degree. She has an interview coming up which she will need to prepare for while she's out selling cookies but thanks to the support of her family, she is able to balance her student life with her cookie life!

You may be thinking it's a little early to be thinking about Christmas, but the appearance of Christmas cookie sellers marks the beginning of the end of the year and time to look forward to the well-deserved Christmas break!

Don't let Christmas catch you by surprise this year, sort out your gifts early by getting your hand on some tasty Christmas Cookies! And don't forget to treat yourself too!

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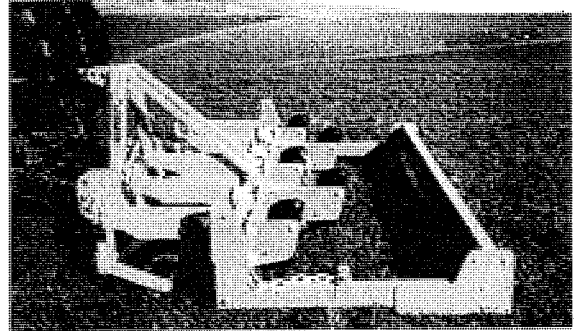
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- **Improved drainage** - The free draining soil will allow rainwater to pass through into drains or enter the water table reducing ponding and runoff.
- **Reduced surface runoff** - During heavy rain the less compacted soils allow the rain water to soak into the ground thus retaining both animal and artificial fertiliser on the farm and reduces contaminated runoff into waterways.
- **Reduced soil erosion** - With less surface runoff there will be less erosion of the top soil resulting in a more sustainable farming practice.
- **Increased pasture root mass and depth** - With less compaction the grass root mass and depth will increase that will enable the plant to feed and grow better.
- **Releases locked up soil nutrients** - With extra plant root mass and depth plants are able to make use of previously locked up soil nutrients resulting in extra growth and a reduction in future fertiliser requirements.
- **Increased worm populations** - Aerated soils lead to a 70 to 90% increase in worm populations resulting in faster breakdown of organic matter and animal dung to produce a healthier soil and plant life.
- **Increase in air porosity around the plant root structure** - Ruakura research has shown that there is a 10% increase in pasture production for every 1% increase in air filled porosity above a critical air-filled porosity level of 10%
- **Increases spring pasture boost** - Due to better drainage spring soils are dryer and therefore warmer which promotes a better spring growth response.

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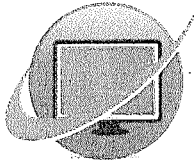
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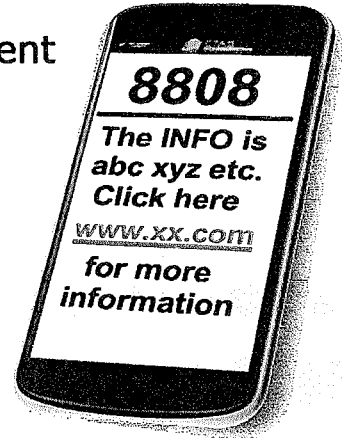


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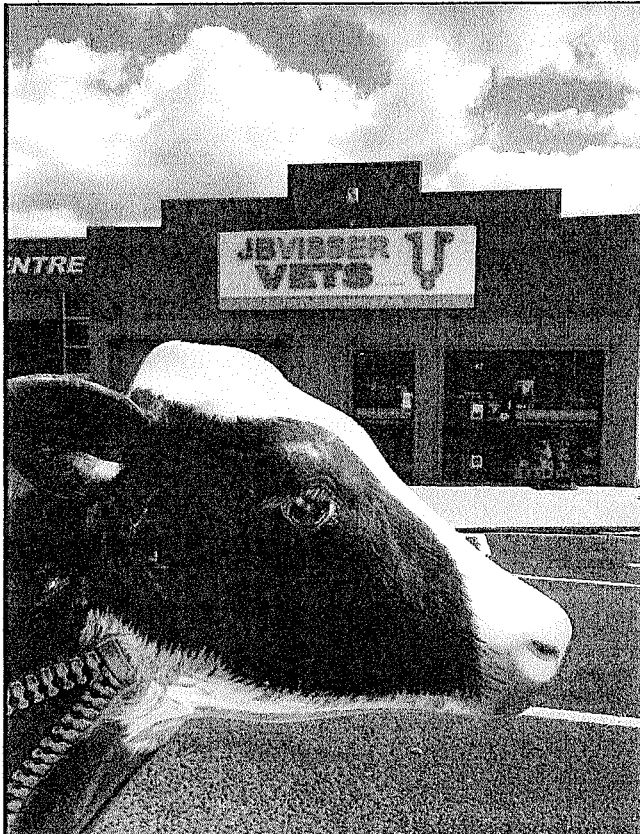
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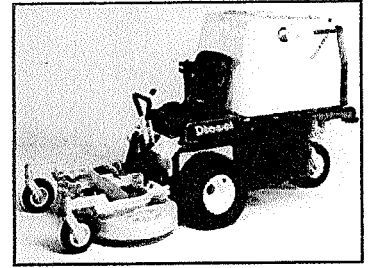


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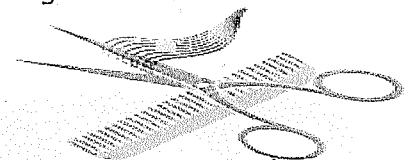
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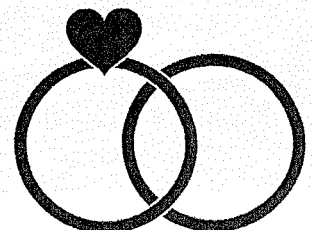
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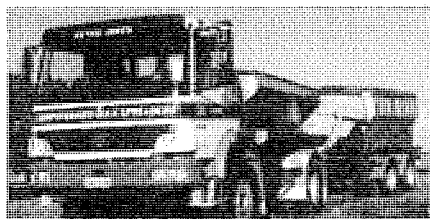
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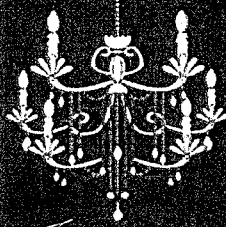
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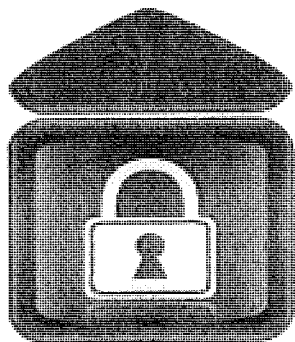
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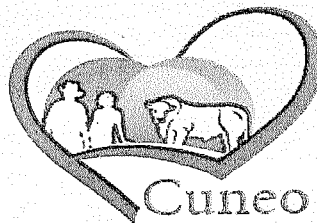


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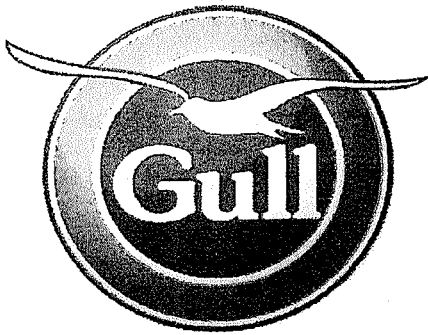
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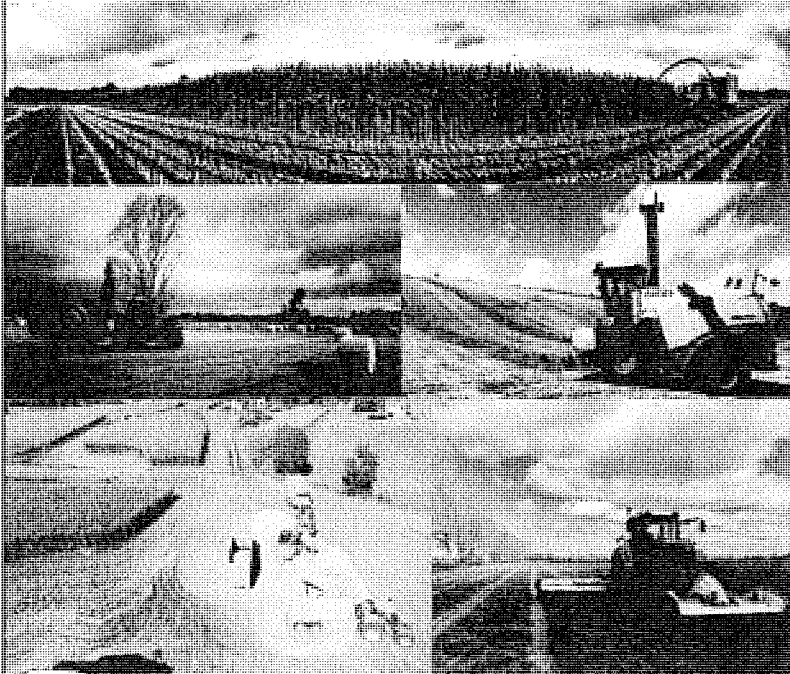
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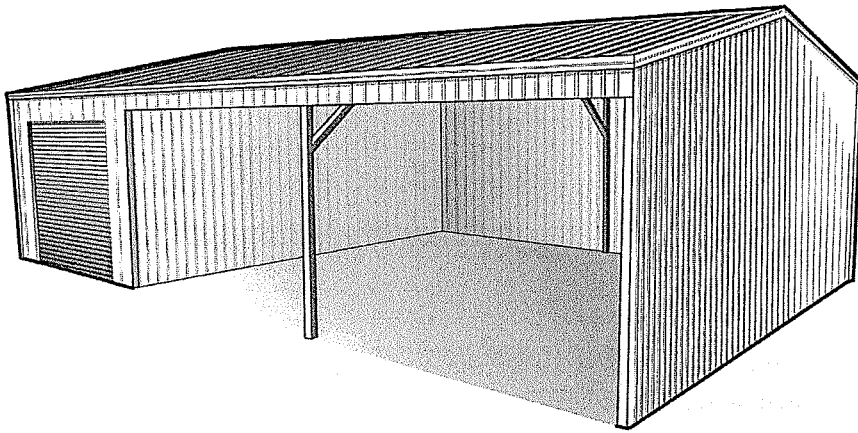


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