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Hello readers. Our names are Steve and Helen van der Valk. We moved into the district in June 2020 after the very first lockdown, having bought the farm from Patty Stokes. After 4 years living here, we still don't know many people in the district, so we still feel like the new kids on the block in many ways. Our main farming business is grazing dairy heifers, although we raise a few beef animals each year and last year bought about 7 red deer hinds.

We have 5 adult children and currently 14 grandchildren who all enjoy spending time on the farm. We have currently engaged Ardent Building Developments to build our new house so that is exciting. If anyone is looking for a builder for any building work from renovations, farm sheds, to new builds etc we highly recommend Steve Dixon and his team. Steve and I both volunteer during the week, at the church we attend in Cambridge. Steve and a team of guys help maintain the building, doing little maintenance jobs and I help out in the office, mainly responsible for setting up accounts for payment and sending out invoices and doing the GST.

Farming is an industry that neither Steve nor myself were born into. Steve was a butcher by trade before he went farming. Although it wasn't something that either of us had grown up with, we both really love the lifestyle it has provided us. We have been blessed to have been able to spend lots of time with our children as they grew up and now with our grandchildren. As I write this editorial, we are babysitting some grandies while their Mum attends an appointment in town. We have 1 wee grandson asleep in the bedroom while his older sister is enjoying time with 'Pa' on the farm.

While farming can be incredibly rewarding at times, the flip side is that it can be quite a cruel taskmaster and very isolating. Some people have found it a hard industry to be a part of and sadly, farming related suicides are too common. Both Steve and I joined Rural Support Trust about 6 or 7 years ago. The Trust is essentially made up of farmers who help other farmers. It's a confidential and free service available to anyone farming in NZ. Farming includes Dairy Farming, Drystock, Sheep & Beef, Deer, Duck, Poultry, Horse Studs and even incorporates Growers. Any Primary Industry, I guess. Anyone that wants help or support, just needs to ring the 0800 number, (0800787254). The phone holder will organise a facilitator to contact the client and together they can make a plan to move forward. RST offer support and a listening ear and can help direct clients to professional help if required. Help or support can range from budgeting and employment issues, through to Mental Health and everything in between.

RST also run a few events over the year, like the Surfing for farmers at Raglan or the Mountain biking at Te Miro. They have also organised barbeques, golf days, quiz nights and other events for farmers to attend, with the idea to get them off farm and engaging with other people. RST also play a pivotal role in adverse events, like floods or storms etc. or Civil Defence emergencies.

If you or someone you know is struggling with an issue, then we would encourage you to either ring the 0800 number or get them to ring. Often a lot of problems can be resolved over a cup of tea and a chat.



## Matariki

Matariki can be translated as: *Mata Riki - Tiny Eyes or Mata Arika – the Eyes of God*, it is of the most important of Māori Celebrations – the Māori New Year.

Matariki is a star cluster that appears in the early morning sky in New Zealand during the mid-winter months. It is called by its ancient Greek name, Pleiades or the Seven Sisters. There are many stories of 'The Seven Sisters' throughout Māori history and culture

Matariki is celebrated on different dates from May to the end of June because Tangaroa (God of the Sea) is not a single phase of the moon, but rather the last quarter period of the Lunar calendar, which is 354 days compared to the solar year of 365 days.

Historically, the stars of Matariki were also closely tied to planting, harvesting and hunting. It is believed that if the cluster is clear and bright, it will be a warm, productive season with an abundance of food (kai). However, if the Matariki, looks hazy or shimmering, then it will be a cold and a difficult growing season. Mātauranga Māori (ancestral knowledge and wisdom) is at the heart of celebrations of the Matariki public holiday, and it is a traditional time for;

- Remembrance – Honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki
- Celebrating the present – Gathering together to give thanks for what we have
- Looking to the future – Looking forward to the promise of a new year.
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Traditionally, Matariki festivities included lighting ritual fires, making offerings and various celebrations to farewell the dead, honour ancestors and celebrate life. Nowadays, people across Aotearoa come together to remember their ancestors, share (kai) food, sing songs, tell stories and play music. Matariki is about reconnecting with your home and whānau (family). There are many ways to acknowledge the Māori New Year and observe the rising of Matariki;

- Take time to remember loved ones who are no longer with you
- Give thanks for the year that has passed
- Enjoy a Matariki feast together
- Plan for the next year
- Spend time with family and friends
- Write down your wishes for the year
- Plan to grow a garden

**Mānawata a Matariki – a greeting to honour and welcome Matariki**

By Heather Monahan



## WELCOME

A warm welcome to the new Sharemilkers on the Gordons farm. Marc & Emma Callis from Matamata with their two children Reef 7, who goes to school at Horsham Downs, and their 3-year-old daughter India. Also, from Matamata working for Marc & Emma, are Lucas Wilson and his son and daughter. Travelling from Hamilton to the farm is Ryan Bonzo, who hails from the Philippines.

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR EUREKA

JP. Kevin Deane Please call or text to arrange an appointment.  
Kevin Deane JP m 021 970902 , Kevin is located in Eureka.

## DONATIONS ACCEPTED.

We are all aware that the cost of everything is going up all the time. The printing of the Express is also costing more. If you would like to make a small donation, we would be very grateful. We will send you a receipt (which is not tax deductible as we are not registered as a Charitable Trust), for your donation so please put your name as a reference. Our bank account number is 03-1559-0042660-00. The name of the account is Eureka Express. We would also like to thank everyone who puts their loose change in the box at the Gull Station, all donations are gratefully received and help towards the rising costs. A huge thank you for the donations we have received.

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## WHAT OUR LOCALS GET UP TO

Last month we mentioned Trinaka Kenny and her two friends who were selected to represent New Zealand in The Red Bull (can you make it) race from Barcelona Spain to Berlin in Germany.

They had paid return tickets plus a night's accommodation each night before & after the race. They were given a phone that could only be used for photos & had a G P S, and a sealed emergency kit which if they opened it they would be disqualified.

Some participants stayed on, but our girls came home to exams four days later.

The challenged started, they had no money no phones only a tray of Red Bull energy drinks to barter with.

They travelled some 2274 kms

Traded 108 cans of Red Bull (each time they reached a checkpoint they were topped back up to the original 24 cans they started with).

They participated in 30 adventure challenges from being lowered from the side of a 120-metre building to giving a motivational speech to a team - they literally fell over our N Z rowing team getting on their bus in Zurich so climbed on board & gave them a good luck - you can do it speech!

Their accommodation varied from sleeping on the beach in a very small tent to hitch hiking & being taken by a man who brought them a hotel room & meal that night & next morning. They also slept on the stairwell of some hotel with three other contestants.

There cans of Red Bull were swapped for ferry tickets, rail & bus tickets & also food.

They placed 77 vlogs on what they were doing each day.

On the seventh day before crossing the finishing line they summarized their 7 days The worst - carrying the trays of Red Bull Scariest - being dropped at a garage late at night. They got lucky - two soldiers who had come from the direction they wanted to go to turn around and took them back to the Checkpoint and then carried on their way.

They were humbled by the generosity of people who helped them.

What did they miss - Music- with no phones they never realised how much they listen to music What an experience they have had. Thanks, Red Bull for giving them the opportunity of a lifetime.

They finished ranked 88 of approx. 300 teams with 11724 points.

Yes — they did make it!

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## HALL UPDATE

Hello to you all.

The meeting of the Hall Committee was on 11<sup>th</sup> June. We were pleased to have our District Councillor Mike Kier join us for the meeting. Mike was great at offering suggestions for the upkeep of the hall, and for on going projects. It is so helpful to have the direct input from the Council and being able to ask questions and understand where the council stands with the community halls. We are lucky in our ward that all the halls are kept in good condition, this is due to the commitment by the committees. Some communities will lose their halls in the future due to the cost of upkeep and the lack of use. We are so lucky to have such an asset in our community. It is somewhere for us to use should we have a civil emergency (we all pray we don't) however, lets face it we have had some experience over the last couple of years.

The community Response Plan is coming along slowly, but it is being done. I know a lot of people feel it is a waste of time, however, who knows what the future holds for us. Once again, we pray that we are lucky, and we don't have to use the plan. But to know we are prepared, is great. The council do require us to have a plan in place, so this plan will go to the Council Civil Defence Team. Any help you can offer for this we will greatly appreciate.

Try and keep warm and dry, and I know the farmers are now getting ready for calving. We wish you well over this very busy time.

Contact Gayle Orr for any bookings or any other enquiries. 0272917150

| Usage            | Residents                    | Non - Residents              |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hall per day     | \$ 50                        | \$100                        |
| Social function  | \$150 - \$300                | \$250 - \$500                |
| Children's party | \$30                         | \$75                         |
| Bond             | \$400 Secretary's Discretion | \$500 Secretary's discretion |

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| Classified adverts Free               |                |                |
| Small business advert x 10 insertions | \$10 per month | \$100 per year |
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| Half of a page x 10 insertions        | \$20 per month | \$200 per year |

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## PROJECT RURU 6<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July

Project Ruru takes flight again. In 2022, fifteen artists made sculptures of our native owl in a variety of media. 'Find the Roosting Rurus' has become part of another adventure within the park. The park is located along the Waitakaruru Stream (*Waitakaruru* is Maori for owl by the water) so ruru hold a special place in our hearts. We want them to survive and thrive.



This year the Trust is working with **Forest & Bird** and other organizations to draw attention to our native owl (ruru/morepork). Although this native species is not on the brink of extinction, it is threatened by predators.

The project launches again on 6<sup>th</sup> July with related arts and environmental activities planned to follow through all of the July school holidays. Come any day or sign up for one of our family workshops <https://www.sculpturepark.co.nz/workshops>

**Wingspan** provided the park with a blueprint for making nest boxes of plywood and in 2023 we installed 18 of them to schools in the Waikato. **Hamilton Men's Shed** are making another 10 or more of these boxes from donated plywood from **Mitre10 Cambridge**. Like other years, we hope to install the boxes in locations where ruru boxes can provide better protection for nesting birds. Working with **Wintec** arboriculture students, the Trust plans to have these boxes installed in suitable trees for safer ruru nesting places throughout the Waikato.

Our aim is for all visitors, and especially children, to know more about our native owl before they leave the park.

### PHONE LIST

You still have time to send any amendments to us for the phone list. The final copy will be out in August. If you no longer have a land line please let us know and we can delete it and add you contact details.

### SPACES AVAILABLE FOR ADVERTISING

There are still some spaces available for small business-size adverts. We circulate 300 copies per month around the community, for \$10 per month your business name and details are available for people to get to know your business. For additional information please contact us [editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz](mailto:editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz)

# TAMAHERE-WOODLANDS COUNCILLORS'

## UPDATE JUNE 2024

### District News

#### General rates rise drops to 11.9%

After deliberating for three days earlier this month, Waikato District Council has found ways to reduce its proposed general rate increase from 13.75% to 11.9%.

The new figure was determined as a result of a combination of factors including a decision to defer or re-scope a range of projects and to reduce reserve funds. The decision came after receiving 227 submissions on the draft 2024/25 Enhanced Annual Plan, with rates affordability raised as a concern by 149 submitters.

The final version of the 2024/25 Enhanced Annual Plan is expected to be adopted at a Council meeting on Wednesday 26 June.

The Council will continue to consult with the community on long-term budgets as we start to prepare a nine-year 2025-34 Long Term Plan for adoption next year.

#### Average value of residential housing up by 21%

The latest rating revaluation data from Quotable Value (QV) for all Waikato district properties has been released and shows the average value of residential housing in the district as at 1 October 2023 is up by 21% from the average value set in October 2020.



The new valuations will be used to calculate rates from 1 July. Rate increases are based on how your property value increase compares to the average. If your property has increased by the average amount, then your general rates increase will remain unchanged at 11.9%. If your property value has increased either more or less than the average, then your general rates increase will be affected accordingly.

New rating valuations are now available on the Rates Information Database (RID) on the Council's website ([www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/rid](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/rid)), and letters confirming the valuations are in the post. Property owners have until 24 July 2024 to lodge an objection with QV to the new rating valuation.

#### Policy and bylaw consultations coming soon

The Council's new draft Keeping of Animals bylaw is expected to be released for consultation on 26 June with submissions closing on 29 July. New draft policies on Gambling Venues and Road closures for Motor Sports events are also expected to be released for consultation during the same period. To have your say, go to the Council's website at [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/say-it](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/say-it) when the consultations open.



### Celebrating Matariki

The appearance of Matariki (the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades) marks the Maaori new year – a time of remembrance, joy and peace. This year we celebrate Matariki from 29 June to 6 July with a national public holiday on Friday 28 June.



Waikato District Libraries annual Matariki Online Competition for the best pictures and poems about Matariki closes on 28 June. There are three age groups and prizes to be won. To find out about this and other Matariki events in Waikato district go to the Council's website and search for Matariki.

To help you find Matariki in the dawn sky, watch the Te Papa video guide on its website at [www.tepapa.govt.nz](http://www.tepapa.govt.nz).

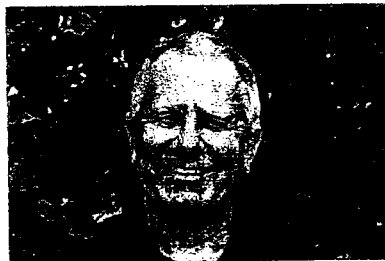
### Dirty Dog Challenge 27 July 2024

The Dirty Dog Challenge is an obstacle course for dogs and their owners. It's a popular, fun event organised by the Animal Control teams at Waikato District and Hamilton City Councils and held annually in Waikato district at the Ngaaruawaahia Christian Youth Camp. The event has sold out for the past two years – so make sure you register soon if you want to take part this year on 27 July.

To allow more people to take part there are two runs on the day, the first starting at 10.30am and the second at 1.30pm. The event is open to dogs of all sizes, but they must be vaccinated, in good health and temperament, and kept on a lead at all times. All proceeds go towards dog desexing programmes in the community. For more information go to the Council's website at [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/dirtydog](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/dirtydog).



### Contact your Tamahere-Woodlands Councillors:



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# Tis the season

Hi, my name is Robyn and I love all things crafty especially if it's combined with Christmas!

Since we opened in Auckland in 2014, I've expanded into all sorts of other crafts, patchwork, knitting and needlework, as well designing our own kits.

Great news- we've now opened a store in sunny Matangi.

We are located at The Matangi Factory. With Eureka just down the road we are an easy drive to 452 Tauwhare Road, Matangi, Waikato. Head on down the driveway opposite the Four-Square, look to the right across the carpark and you'll see us.

We're open 6 days a week: 9:30am – 4:00 pm Monday to Friday and 9:30 am – 3:00pm on Saturday. We're closed on Sundays.

We stock all you need to make your life creative.... kits -ours, (obviously!) but also loads from wonderful NZ and overseas designers. We've also got all the bits you need for your own projects. We stock everything you need for knitting, needlework/embroidery, beads, patchwork fabrics, tools and templates. We also run loads of classes too.

We've always got **LOADS** to inspire you. Please, always feel free to pop in and chat if there is anything we can help you with.

With the colder winter months upon us, we have some lovely knitting patterns and yarn, as well as many sewing projects.

Come and meet our lovely team -we would enjoy having you visit us and inspire you – you will not be disappointed.

Robyn





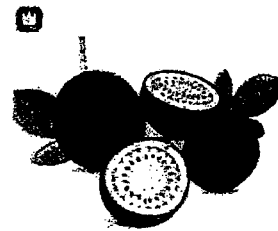
## Gardening Tips

### **What to do this month:**



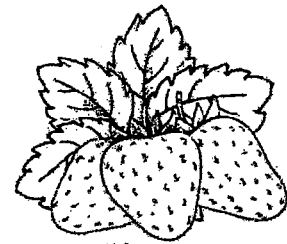
**Potatoes:** Start chitting potatoes to give them a head start. Place seed potatoes in a single layer, on newspaper or in egg cartons, in a warm, well lit room out of direct sunlight. For large spuds, rub off all but for strongest sprouts. After 4-6 weeks plant out.

**Give Passionfruit a trim:** Passionfruit vines need to be hard pruned once a year because they fruit on new season's growth "Prune in winter back to about 5 leaves on each lateral" according to the New Zealand



Passionfruit growers association "Keeping airflow through the plant is important to prevent diseases that are transmitted by air and water. Passionfruit are gross feeders. Seaweed mixes and fish hydrolysates are good, as are calcium-nitrogen mixes. Use whatever you have in your shed, like tomato, potato and rose food. Passionfruit like magnesium during flowering times, so a sprinkling of Epsom salts is appreciated. Seaweed and fish fertilisers can be used as a foliar spray as well. Passionfruit don't like wet feet but like to be moist.

### **Prepare Strawberry Beds:**



In warmer areas, strawberry plants will be in the shops now:

In cooler spots you may not see them until August or September. In either case, it's good practice to prepare your strawberry bed before planting. Choose a spot in full sun and free draining soil. If your soil is prone to water logging, plant on mounds, in raised beds or containers. Prepare your soil at least two weeks before planting by adding 6-7cm of compost and a light layer of all purpose fertiliser. Dig them into the soil to a depth of 20cm. Water thoroughly and allow the area to sit for two weeks. When planting form mounded rows and plant 20-40cm apart and plant deep enough to the crown of the plant is even with the soil. Water and mulch around plants to keep moisture in. Feed in late winter-early spring—a liquid tomato fertiliser is ideal. Feed again when you see fruit forming.

## Ladies a Plate

Rachael's Slices –two different slices with the same base

Chocolate Base for both –

125 g Butter

½ cup sugar

1 egg

1 tsp Baking powder

1 tsp Vanilla essence

1 cup high grade flour

2 tbsp cocoa

Cream butter, sugar, essence, until creamy. Add egg and beat well.

Add other ingredients mix until together. Press into slice tin. Set aside.

TOPPINGS: either Oero or Berry

Oero –break up packet oero biscuits and lay across Chocolate base then in cake mixer beat 250 tub cream cheese ¼ cup sugar and egg Whip until creamy, spread over slice then sprinkle chocolate chips on top Bake for approx 40 to 50 mins on 185 until golden and cooked.

Strawberry Topping- set aside chocolate base as above. In mixer mix together 2.5 cups shredded coconut 1 tin condensed milk drop red food colouring (Gel is Best) 1One packet dried strawberry's. May need to add more coconut if bit wet. Press on top of chocolate base and approx 30 mins on 185.

When cool melt packet of Donovan's chocolate chips and spread on to slice Cut as chocolate goes firm with hot knife and right there

you've got Cherry ripe flavour "enjoy"

## Overselling

Recently I had the displeasure of watching a seasoned professional computer technician attempt to sell an overpriced, over-powered laptop to a novice client who only wanted it for occasional document editing. The situation wasn't such that I could intervene, but it put me of a mind to write an article about this practice. Despite most people not needing much in the way of power, computer salespeople will often line their own pockets by recommending the most expensive laptops and desktops available. Since the general consumer doesn't know too much about computer components, this con is not hard.

The majority of folk are just using computers to check emails, browse the web, edit documents, and you don't need a lot of grunt for that. It's only when you start getting into audio/video editing, photo editing, CAD, gaming and the like, that power demands start to move the money meter northward; but even then, people often don't need as much as they think. For the average user most laptops or desktop computers made in the past 10 years are fine, provided they have a solid-state drive, at least 3-4 CPU cores, at least 4GB of RAM and are running Windows 10 or 11 (another reminder that Windows 10 will stop receiving security updates as of Oct '25, so please upgrade to Windows 11 before then). For Macs the specs are similar, and they need to be on the most recent of the Mac OS. Upgrading operating systems and upgrading to solid state drives is an easy practice for a computer technician and doesn't cost the consumer an arm and a leg. For the sake of reference, when buying a new computer most users should be fine with something which meets the following specifications (and as always, avoid HP due to their track record):

- Intel i5/i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen CPU, no more than 4 years old
- 8 gigabytes of RAM
- A 512GB or larger Solid State or (preferably) NVMe drive

Salespeople tend to couch suggestions to buy more expensive kit in terms of it lasting longer, having fewer issues, or being more future-proof - these are untrue. I've had \$4000 laptops fail within 3 years and \$600 laptops last for 10 years. The brand and specific model have a bigger influence on longevity than the price. In terms of futureproofing, the correct computer is the one you need *right at the moment*. In 2 years' time your current computer will be worth a fraction of what you paid for it, and the extra money you could potentially use to buy a more expensive model is better spent buying a newer model later on - which will always be faster than your current expensive model.

This is, perhaps, why I never did well as a computer salesperson; too honest. And also the job sucks. Does your computer suck? Phone Matt at 0211348576 or email [info@homepcsupport.co.nz](mailto:info@homepcsupport.co.nz)

\$80 per hour, or \$70  
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## Bentley Home PC Support

All previous articles can be viewed online [here](#).

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## TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the June newsletter from the Tauwhare Indoor Bowling Club. If you are new to the area or have never played bowls before but would like to give bowls a try, then come along to the Tauwhare Hall on a Thursday evening. Our numbers have been very low the last couple of weeks but let's hope they pick up again. It was great to have a new member attend our club night last week. We have members within the club that are happy to introduce you to the game. We are a friendly, sociable club and there is always lots of laughter and banter. We need new members in the hope that our club will survive. You do not need to bring anything along – just wear flat soled shoes. The evening usually finishes between 9.30 and 10pm. We would appreciate you being there by 7.20pm ready for a 7.30pm start.

### Recent Results:-

- 23.05.24 Club Night  
Winning team – John Neal, Karen McNally and Adam McNickle  
Runner up team – Lockie Verner, Alison Neal and Glenda Goodare
- 30.08.24 Club Night  
Winning Team – Rosalie Arnold, Glenda Goodare and Adam McNickle  
Runner up team – Bev Meads, Karen McNally and Darron Cutler
- 06.06.24 Club Night  
Winner – Bev Meads, Glenda Goodare and Steve  
Runner Up – Lockie Verner, Karen McNally and Trudy Pocock
- 13.06.04 Club Night  
Winning team – Bev Meads and Alison Neal  
Runner up team – Karen McNally, Lockie Verner and Glenda Goodare

Some of our club members are attending to the Indoor Bowls Nationals in Whangarei for a week starting on the 15.06.24

### Programme for the next few weeks:-

- 04.07.24 Championship Singles  
11.07.24 Club Night or Championship Pairs  
18.07.24 Club Night or Championship Pairs  
22.07.24 Visit Tamahere  
25.07.24 Club Night

Our aim going forward is to make bowls a fun social evening. If you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact one of the following people:-

- Bev Meads 021 172 7822  
Jim & Rosalie Arnold 07 887 4832  
John Cottle 07 824 0992 or 027 524 0992

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### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

Only a few weeks remain to see Six Extinctions at Waikato Museum Te Whare Taonga o Waikato. Proving to be a hit with dinosaur fans young and old, the epic exhibition must close on Sunday 21 July 2024. With deadly prehistoric predators, replica fossils, and a life-sized cast of the largest Tyrannosaurus rex ever discovered, Six Extinctions is one of the biggest exhibitions ever undertaken by Waikato Museum. Six Extinctions takes a journey through 485 million years, with visitors meeting the top predators from each geological period and learning what caused their demise. As well as the five previous mass extinction events, the eye-opening exhibition also explores the sixth and current extinction crisis – climate change – which is the first caused by a single species, humans. Museum staff report that the standout display for many visitors is the replica of a huge Tyrannosaurus rex known as 'Scotty'. The skeleton measures 13 metres long by 4 metres high and recreates the most complete fossil of its kind, discovered by palaeontologists in Saskatchewan, Canada in 1991. The life-sized cast represents the Cretaceous period which ended 66 million years ago due to the impact of a 10-kilometre wide asteroid. It is open at Waikato Museum every day until 21 July 2024. Tickets can be pre-booked online or purchased at Waikato Museum in person on the day of your visit.

# LOCAL RURAL AGENT SERVICING YOUR LOCAL AREA



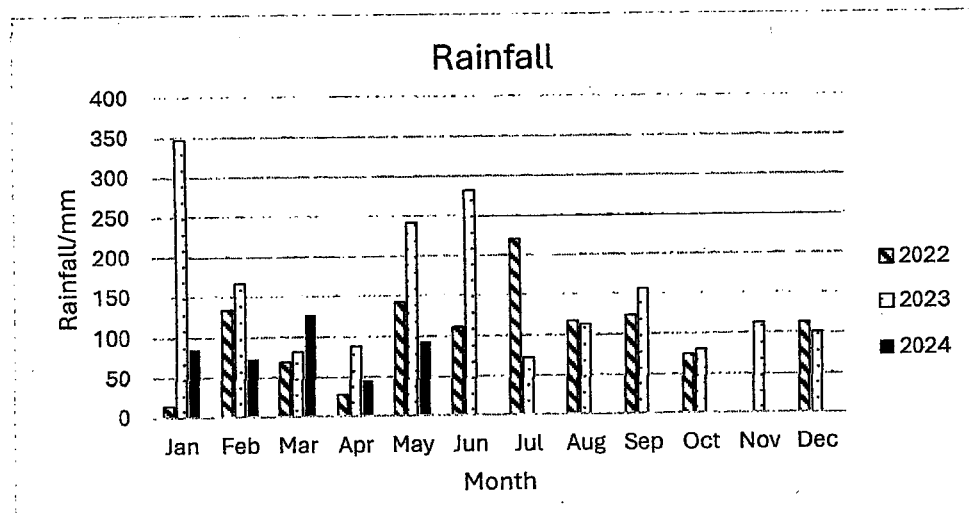
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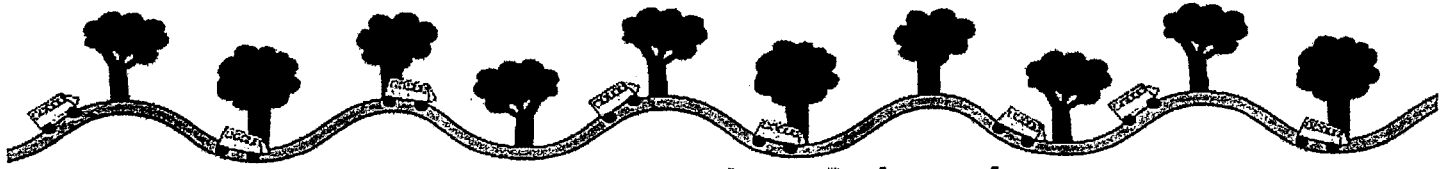
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## LATEST WEATHER INFORMATION.

|                     | May 2024  | May 2023   |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| Rainfall for month  | 93mm      | 242 mm     |
| Rain total for year | 424mm     | 925 mm     |
| Rainy days          | 12        | 21         |
| Most daily rainfall | 31mm      | 80 mm      |
| Highest wind speed  | 48.2km/hr | 46.8 km/hr |
| Temp high           | 19.6 °C   | 22.8 °C    |
| Temp low            | -3.2 °C   | 1.3 °C     |

### Rainfall Tracker





# Motumaoho School

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June, Term 2 – 2024

## Trees for Survival Planting Day

We had a beautiful sunny planting day on Friday, 7 June. The students were very excited when a bus arrived to take them to the nearby farm where we were going to plant our seedlings, now adult plants, that we have cared for over the past year. Our first attempt has been a huge success as our plants looked absolutely stunning.



We would like to thank our Trees for Survival expert, Halle Aish for everything she does for our school and to Gary and Donna Brown for letting us plant our plants on their farm. This is our way of practicing the value of 'service' here at Motumaoho School. A further thank you goes to our sponsor, Fontera for sending helpers, providing the bus, Calci Yum and chocolates for the hardworking students and adults. Another big thank you goes to the parents and grandparent who came along to help us on the day. Your involvement is greatly appreciated.





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Term 2 – JUNE 2024

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## TOP NEWS

### Brand New Junior Playground


*We are so grateful to our incredible PTA for all their hard work and efforts to help us achieve our goal of a new junior playground.*

*A very popular space, we were excited to open the playground this term, weeks ahead of schedule, for the children (and a few adults) to enjoy.*



### Inter-House Football

Our House leaders have organised and are leading our Term 2 inter-house football competition. Juniors play on Tuesday and the Seniors play on Fridays. Kakapo house have scored quite a few goals, Tui are hot on defence, Takahe have excellent passing skills and Kiwi are showing exceptional teamwork.




## Tauwhare School

Tauwhare is a well resourced, rural primary school for Year 0-6. We have spaces for Out of Zone Enrolments at some year levels. Applications reviewed by the Board of Trustees monthly.

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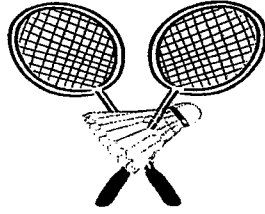


## Newsletter June 2024

This month at Pukeko Country Preschool in Tauwhare, we have been spending time on our orchard/reserve area, exploring the wide-open space, connecting with nature, and making sense of our world through real life experiences - like picking fruit from our trees to share with our friends and whanau. We are learning to be kaitiaki for our land and giving what we must help others. At Pukeko Preschool, the Tamariki are empowered with skills that will set them up for life, as well as a lifelong love for learning. If this sounds like the kind of childhood experience you want for your young ones, get in touch with us at [pukekopreschoolnz@gmail.com](mailto:pukekopreschoolnz@gmail.com). Spaces are limited. We hope to hear from you!



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# **TAUWHARE SENIOR BADMINTON**

**FREE OPEN NIGHT 24 JULY 2024**

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 Facebook/ Tauwhare Senior Badminton Club

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## **REPORTING POSSIBLE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

The suburban Police Stations are now closed to the public, so criminal activity should be reported by visiting the Hamilton Police Station in Bridge Street, or phoning 07 858 6200.

The following website explains the procedure in more detail  
<http://www.ns.org.nz/index/html/Factsheets/whentocall111>

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Use Ten Five (105) to report things that don't need urgent Police assistance. If you need to talk to the Police call 105 from any mobile or landline. It is a free nationwide service available 24/7. If you can't get through to 105 please contact them online [www.police.govt.nz/use105](http://www.police.govt.nz/use105).

**The AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is situated at the Eureka Hall.**

In case of emergency call 111 for an ambulance and ask for the code to open the AED box. The instructions are inside.



Make Me Colourful



**Across**

2. a blue colour  
5. a shiny yellow colour  
6. a bluey green colour  
7. pink like a flower  
9. pale green like a gem stone

**Down**

1. a pale purple  
3. a dark green jewell  
4. the colour of bananas  
8. a deep red colour

10. the colour of an elephant's tusk

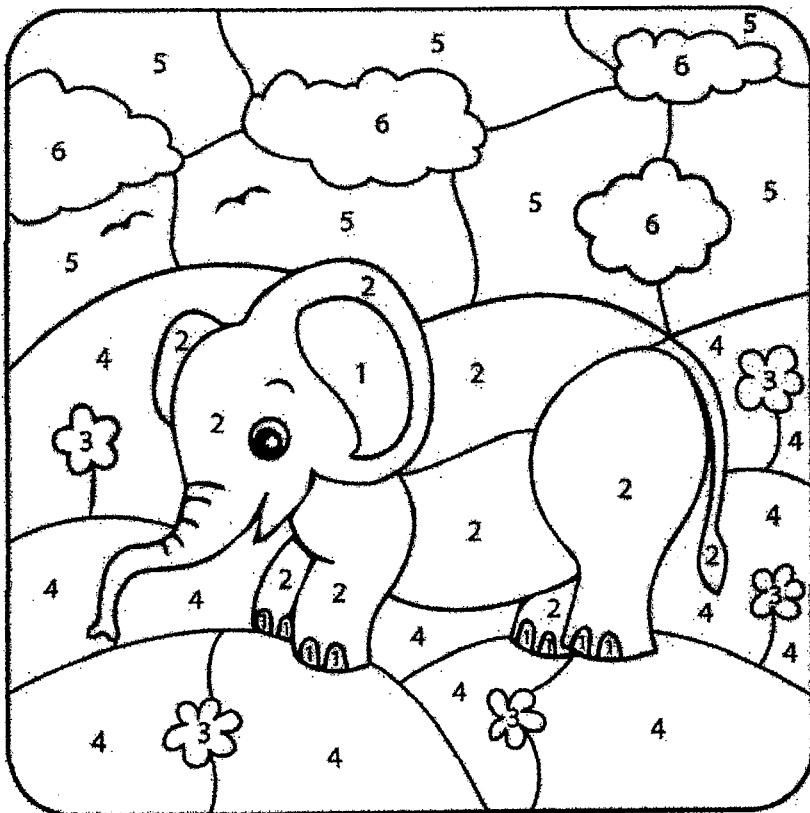
**2. aqua**  
**3. emerald**  
**4. yellow**  
**5. gold**  
**6. teal**  
**7. fuchsia**  
**9. jade**  
**10. ivory**  
**1. lilac**  
**8. crimson**

## Colors

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| x | b | l | u | e | w | y | q | q | j | r | v |

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| green | yellow | black |
| blue  | orange | brown |
| red   | white  | pink  |

### Colour by number



### Dot to Dot Sun

Connect the dots from 1 to 25 to make today sunny!

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|----------|---------|
| 1 Pink   | 2 Grey  |
| 3 Yellow | 4 Green |
| 5 Blue   | 6 Aqua  |



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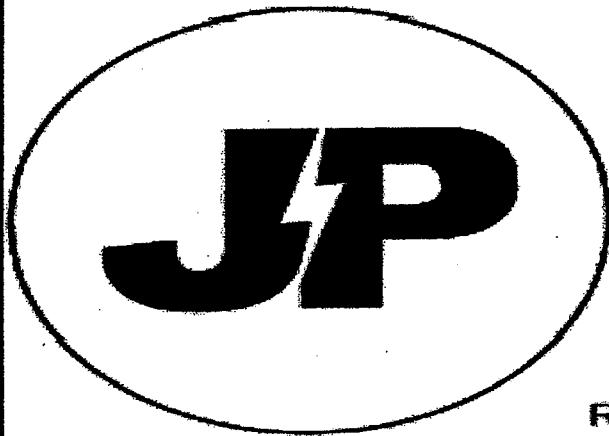
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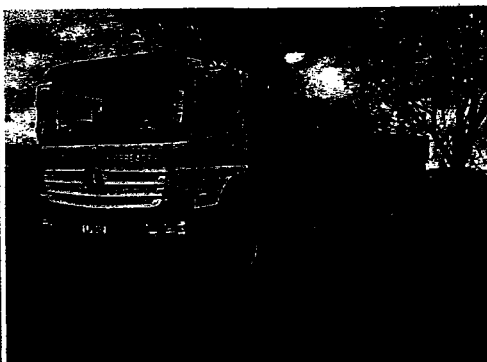
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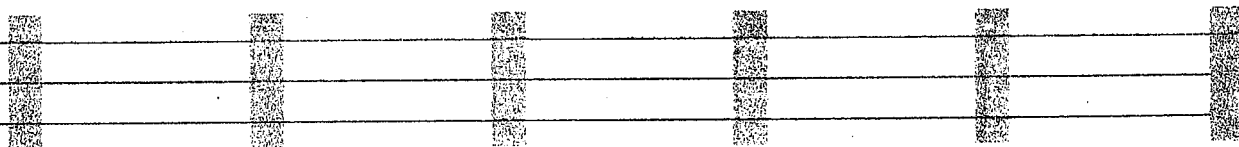
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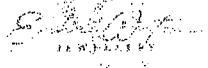
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