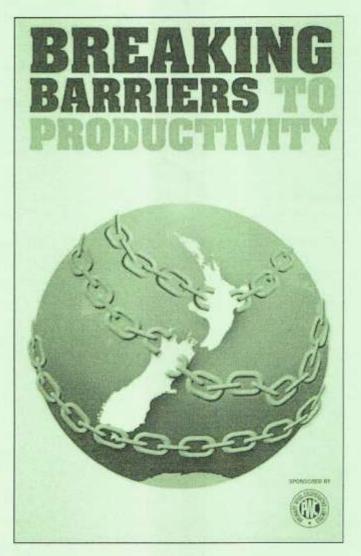
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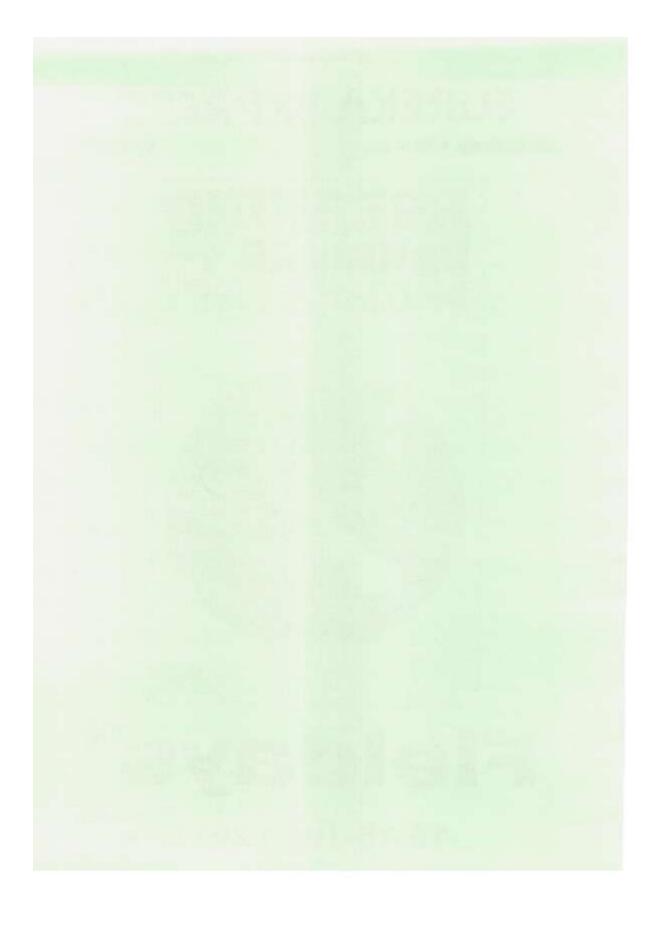
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GUEST EDITORIAL



Childhood Memories

I switched on the heat pump the other night, and, as I thought about what to write for this editorial, I started thinking about when I was a child in Eureka — getting the wood for the fire, lighting it, waiting for it to warm the room, enjoying the crackle and blaze. There is something special about wet winter nights as a child and the memories they create.

It seems such a short time ago when Guy and I were the children. How things change so quickly. Now we are the ones with the children and we are helping create their childhood.

Biking was the main mode of transport for many who attended Eureka Primary. Biking along on frosty mornings with our breath producing little cloud puffs — our frozen fingers covered with gloves. Stopping along the way to check for ice on the pot holes _on the side of the road and looking for the largest spider webs linking blades of grass. It was the excitement of the adventure to get to school and the chatter of all that had happened the day before and what was to be continued that day. Now we take the children in comfort, in a heated car, but some things are not so different. The kids still excitedly chatter about what they are going to do or what they have done during the day.

Our childhood adventures largely tended to focus around home. Looking for ducklings or frogs, playing on our bikes around the drive way, collecting camellia flowers, picking blueberries. Our children certainly have some of this. There are the fruit trees which are now mature enough for the children to climb and pick the fruit. The pet lambs and pig to care for. Tomatoes in the vege garden to raid, grapes on the vines. But we also often travel wider for adventures. Easter was spent at Rotorua, our son Toms favourite holiday location. Unlimited swimming in the hot pools, playing at the park on Rotoruas lake edge, riding bikes around the camp, and all squashed very happily in nani's caravan. A strong favourite place to visit is the Paradise Valley Lion Park.

Even when wet, windy and miserable, an out of town adventure quickly passes an otherwise bleak day as it did last Sunday. Guy had to be away for work so Nani, the kids and I hopped into the car. Our first stop was to Mcdonalds in Otorohanga where the kids played happily on the playground provided, while the clouds emptied further. Quite a few other families had the same ideal. The adventure continued when the rain cleared and we visited the Otorohanga kiwl house and managed to arrive at feeding time. Great fun for the kids to watch the kiwi running up and down the sides of the glass, waiting for the food. Even though it is quite a small place, it really is worth a visit. A bush track investigated and a leaf fight later we were all back in the car ... faces smiling and that wee memory bank enriched further.

A trip down to Wellington for the winter carnival fireworks is scheduled for September, the snow in August, and our first tramp in November at the National Park is on the calendar to do list

Watching their faces as we enjoy these adventures with them makes me realise that children's childhoods are full of excitement and opportunities. And already we are realising that this time is going to pass too quickly.

Guy and Anna Irvine

SNIPPETS

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Thomas Hill and Belinda Millow (on Troy and Michele Hinton-Bosch's farm) who married in Tauranga on April 30th. Every best wish for your future happiness.

RUBY WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Nick and Maria Stolwyk of Hooper Road who celebrated 40 years of married life on May 22nd. Every best wish for many more good years together.

GOLDEN WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Mike and Joy Stokes of Eureka Road who will clock up 50 years of married life on June 10th. Happy celebrating and all good wishes for many more good years.

SPORTING SUccess. Promising young athlete Tyla Johnson represented Walkato / Bay of Plenty in the NZ Inter provincial athletic championships held in Inglewood over Easter. In the points based competition the Walkato / BOP team finished 4th overall out of 11 provinces. Tyla came 1st in her 400 metres heat and 2nd in her 800 metres heat gaining 2375 points for her team. Great running, Tyla.

MOVING ON

The Johnson family of 1569 Tauwhare Road have sold their home and are moving back in to Hamilton. Ken and Rhonda and their three children Zane 20, Nathan 17 and Tyla 14 have lived in Eureka for eight years with Nathan and Tyla having grown up through the local school system of Tauwhare Primary, Berkley Intermediate and currently Hillcrest High School, all top quality schools for Eureka based families.

Ken, who manages Eureka Orchard for Sunfruit Orchards Ltd, has been there for 12 years and will continue to manage the orchard. Rhonda works at the Fonterra plant on Foreman Road, Te Rapa. With children who are getting older future employment opportunities are the main reasons for moving in to the city. We have enjoyed our time in Eureka, lived the lifestyle block life and now it is time to get back closer to the All the best - Ken, Rhonda and family' shops!!

> DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to Jeanette Broome, Paul and Carey and all the family on the death of Jack on May 24th.

A dearly loved father, father in law and grandad, Jack made Eureka his home for some 34 years until ill health forced him in to care four years ago. Our thoughts are with you all at this sad time.

Sincere condolences are extended to Greg, Julie, Mark and Brendan Purdy of Friedlander Road on the death of Greg's mother, Mrs Effle Purdy of Hamilton on 4th May.

FAREWELLS

Another year has sped by and sadly it is that time of year again when we must bid farewell to farming folk who are moving onwards and upwards with their lives and careers. Our good wishes go with you all for a bright and prosperous future and we trust you all leave with fond memories of your time in Eureka.

- On Waverley Road it is farewell to Stephan Barnard who is leaving the Gordon farm and heading to Te Awamutu
- Moving on down to Eureka Road where It is goodbye to Mike Jones who has sold
 his farm after nine years and is moving back Tauplri way. Leaving with Mike are
 Karen Coleman and her boys including little Marshall. Our good wishes go with
 you all.
- The new owners of the Jones' farm are next door neighbours Peter Scatchard and Flora Hastie.
- Over to Schollum Road where changes are happening. Paul and Donna Hinton have sold their farm and are moving to Mt Maunganui for a break before deciding on their next move. Paul has spent all his life on the farm in Eureka, being the third generation Hintons to farm the property, so it will be a huge change for him. He was raised and schooled in Eureka as were his own children. Our best wishes go with you also.
- The new owner of Paul and Donna Hinton's farm, Mrs Shirley Morrison, next door on on of Schollum Rd and SH26, has sold her previous Schollum Road farm to neighbours Brian and Donna Verryt, and her sharemilkers Steve and Lisa Meek are moving up the road to the new farm.
- Changes are also happening along Morrinsville Road. Troy and Michele Hinton-Bosch, fifth generation Hintons to farm the property, have sold their farm and are off down south to farm at Ashburton. Troy grew up in Eureka and with Michele returned to the family farm in Eureka in 2003. They have raised their three children, Antony, Kiri and Sam here. Our good wishes go with you all in your big move south.
- Also departing the Hinton-Bosch farm are newlyweds Thomas Hill and Belinda MHlow who are off to Whitehall. Every best wish to you both for the future.
- Next door, on the Eureka side, changes are afoot on Caroline and Gary Tims'
 farm. Son Peter and daughter Sheryl Forbes, who both reside on Hinton Road,
 will be sharemilking and managing the farm and Peter's boys Shaun and David will
 be living in the farm cottage.
- Leaving the Tims farm after three years are Cory and Meg Osborne who have a new position at Piako.
- Also on Morrinsville Road, on Ana Duncan's farm, it is farewell to Dave Moodie who
 is heading to Horsham Downs.
- For the Johnson family of Tauwhare Road please see 'Snippets'.

You are all wished every success in your new ventures

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It is only day 1 of week 4 and already our calendar is full to overflowing with exciting opportunities and events for our children. ENVIRO GROUP

Our enviro group has been working hard all year planning changes to our car park to make it safer, and to accommodate roll growth for us and for the pre-school.

Together with the Waikato District Council they have come up with a very workable plan — all we need now is funding. Hopefully we will be able to access some grants from the council and the Ministry of Education.

The children are also designing their Care Code which will be displayed in the gardens.

A trip to Mr Woodcock's farm to collect sheep manure was a huge success — lots of manure and lots of learning!! Thank you so much to Mr Woodcock for his patience, and willingness to explain the shearing process to many of our children who had never been in a shearing shed before. Thank you also to Graham Mayall for bringing his tractor to transport the manure. Our vegetable gardens will surely grow a bumper crop this year!

Last week Mrs Cook and her enviro students attended a National Young Leaders Day in Rotorua featuring speakers from NZ and overseas who gave inspirational messages to the students:

"T.R.Y = Truth, Respect, You (you first always choose what you think is right even if you are standing on your own).

Learn from your mistakes.
Jamie Fitzgerald said "Never give up. Even when you think you are making the least progress you are often making the most" Reported (but heavily edited as they recounted so many wonderful anecdotes) by Jack Morton & Cameron Bargh.

SPORTS

We are very fortunate to have the support of Sports Energise and Kiwi Sport who come to school to help the children get a taste of many different sports. We have had training sessions in Turbo-Touch, Hockey (with Cathyrn Findlayson from the Black Sticks) Basketball, Ball Skills and Tennis. Because the children loved the tennis session we decided to invest further in this area and purchased 3 class sets of junior tennis rackets and balls, moveable tennis nets and expert coaching 4 times a year for the next 3 years. To help off-set these costs we are having a special Sports Disco on Thursday night where everyone comes dressed as their favourite sports star.

The 3 rugby teams look very smart in their new sports uniforms!

Room 1 children earned a class outing and chose to go to the Rock Climbing centre in Hamilton. They had a fabulous time and discovered new skills.

ANCHOR MILK BAR CODES

Thanks to so many people logging onto this site and registering our school we are now coming 7TH IN New ZealandIII Thank you to Churchills Café & Restaurant in Te Awamutu for collecting so many for us, also The Dell in Cambridge. I know some of our parents are collecting bar codes from their work places also.

Remember all you have to do is text or log on and enter the code on the anchor website and nominate Tauwhare School. You go into the draw each day for \$2500 and so does the school. There is a big prize of \$50,000 for you and for the school! Get as many cafes and offices to support us.

We are happy to log codes in also so stick them on a piece of paper and send them to school.



We have had a very busy term so far with many fabulous learning opportunities taking place. Last week the whole school took a visit to the Hamilton Zoo coinciding with our Biodiversity Concept Study. We had a fabulous day and the children took home many interesting facts about animals. We hope to be able to share some photos and stories with you in the next edition

Historical Plaques:

The school has a rich history dating back to when it opened in 1890. A Captain Runciman, owner of the Marshmeadows Estate, donated 20 acres of land for a school and he was instrumental in having a building erected.

We have named the Learning Needs room to recognise the significance of his gesture.

In 1990, the school celebrated its centennial. The organising committee erected a wall to create a library courtyard. The association of several early settler families to Newstead School was indicated by plaques located along this wall. As the layout of the school environment has changed, earlier this year the wall was taken down. Brent Whiting generously gave of his time recently to relocate the plaques on the wall beside the office entrance. This has become a striking feature and effectively keeps to the fore the contributions of planeer families.

There are several other areas of historical interest in the playground.

The swimming pool area:

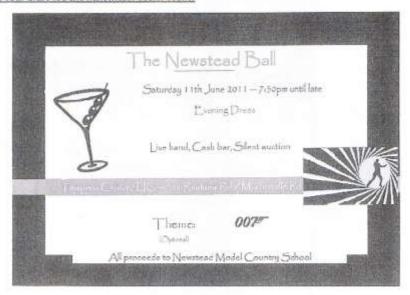
- Scott Ferguson Memorial Tree
- Hamilton City Centennial Tree
- A tree planted by W H Baker
- Jubilee Reunion (1890 1950) tree planted by A J Davison

By the adventure playground:

- Darryn and Larry Ferguson Memorial Trees
- Davison Memorial Tree

We are fortunate to have historical links to the district and the families feature in this way. Do spend a bit of time when visiting to view these features of significance.

Book this into your diary it's the next major social event!





Pukeko Preschool, Tauwhare

"Quality early childhood education for 2-5 year olds in a caring rural environment"

With the changing seasons Pukeko Preschoolers have been enjoying some lovely autumn activities. During our walks around the school grounds we've collected an assortment of leaves and acorns which inspire some great craft creations. We continue to visit the school library each week.

We have recently had a great catchy, informative brochure produced about Pukeko Preschool. Should you want one, or know of anyone who may like to know more about us whom you could pass one onto, please collect one from the preschool, Tauwhare School office, or phone us on 824 0199.

Finally an important date to note in your diarles now - FRIDAY JULY 8th, will be the TAUWHARE WINTER FAIR. We have hosted this fun evening over the past two years as our major fundraiser, and do appreciate fabulous support from the greater community. Keep the date free to come along to the Tauwhare Hall for some novel fair bargains or a family evening out with some good spot prizes!







JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

Our badminton season is well underway and it is great to see so many junior players coming each Wednesday. We had our first Yankee tournament of the season and the winners were: Bronwyn McNally, Amber McNally, Dan and Brandon Vink.

We had fun in the holidays with children challenging their parents and of course the children showing their superior skills on the courts! There has been interest expressed by adults to play, so come down to Matangi Hall around 7.15pm to play and we can see if the interest develops.

Junior Badminton is held each Wednesday at 6pm until 7.30pm, members welcome. For more information contact Trisha Benge 829 5531

MARKET PLACE

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2011 Scout Jamboree



Hi my name is Camden Wright. You may remember me from an earlier article last year about my fundraising for the 2011 Scout Jamboree. Now I have finally found some time to write about how the huge event went. I want to thank the community for your support and helping me to get to the Jamboree. This year was one of the biggest Jamborees ever held in New Zealand with over 4,000 scouts and several thousand leaders and other helpers. Scouts came to Mystery Creek from all over New Zealand and Australia; there were also troops from Cook Islands and Samoa. This made badge swapping very fun.

The event went for 10 days from the end of December 2010 to the first week of January 2011. Activities were held on site at Mystery Creek and also off site all around the greater Walkato area. Most individual Scout troops had around 30 scouts and leaders. The scouts were put into patrols of about six people. My troop is Hillcrest and this year our nickname was the Cow-A-Sockies. Our

mascot was a cow wearing Walkato socks and a motor bike seat. There was a competition going on between the troops on who had the best gateway into their campsite. Hillcrest's was made out of bamboo and lots of rope with our sign on top.

Our daily routine included cooking our own meals and keeping our camp site clean and tidy. We had to get our daily rations from the quartermaster store everyday.

The Scout troops were divided into three teams. The teams were called the Xtreme, Xcite and Xplore. Some of the activities we did were Xhaust, at the go-cart track, and Xperience, which was set up like a military training camp assault course. One of the offsite activities I did was a great race around Cambridge. This involved reading

instructions, following maps and identifying clues which had us running around Cambridge looking for our final destination. I also went caving and abselling at Adventure Waikato.

On our 'rest' days we would stay at Mystery Creek and could ride motor cross bikes, go on a flying fox that went over the Waikato River, rock climb, and make lots of crafts such as tie dying. Badge swapping with other scouts from around the country was also a big part of the occasion. On New Years Eve we had a massive party with lots of music and performances.



This year we were fortunate enough to have sun ever day and there was no virus spread around like at the last Jamboree. Jamboree was an awesome experience and I can't wait to return and help at the next one.

TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLS

Congratulations to Andrew McNally and daughter Clare for their selection to play in the Walkato Development Squad for the Membery Trophy at Taupo on 21st May.

The Devon Art Cup challenge by Tatuanul results in a loss to the Matangl / Tauwhare Team.

Sadiy Tauwhare recorded a loss against Matangi in the annual Burnside Trophy Challenge. Eastern Walkato's Moore Cup match against Morrinsville resulted in a draw. J. Hooper, A. McNally and I Billings were in the team. Andrew McNally qualified to play in the post section of the Eastern Singles – well done.

All of our junior members Clare, Bronwyn and Amber McNally and Cameron and Melita Bargh played in the Walkato Junior Singles Championship. It was great to see them enter a more serious competition. Amber qualified to play in the post section – well done.

And now away from the bowls subject. Congratulations to two of our members who have reached milestones in the marriage realm.

- Ian and Alison Spencer Golden Wedding Anniversary 13th May and
- Nick and Maria Stolwyk Ruby Wedding Anniversary 22nd May.

Results:

21 April 2011

Leads and Twos

Winners E Silvester, J Paton
 Runners Up E Porter, D Miller

Skips and Threes

Winners I Spencer, E Morris
 Runners Up B Meads, J Cottle

28 April 2011 - Club Night

Winners
 Runners Up
 Andrew McNally, N Woodcock, H Bargh

4 May 2011 - Rinks Championship

Winners A McNally, G Mayall, J Paton

Runners Up L Grieveson, D Appleton, Glenda Goodare

12 May 2011 - Club Night

Winners
 Runners Up
 A McNally, D Appleton, N Stolwyk

Un & Coming Events:

2 June 2011 Club Night

9 June 2011 Esme Pope Memorial (Handicap Singles)

16 June 2011 Club Night (Progressive)

23 June 2011 Open Singles (7pm Start) Four games – qualifying

30 June 2011 Club Night

7 July 2011 Mens and Ladies Singles (7pm Start) – Four games – qualifying

New players and visitors are always welcome. Tauwhere Hall – Thursday nights 7:30pm For enquiries and information phone Robin Bargh 07 824 1819

Robin Bargh

P.S. - Get well wishes to our Patron Ian Spencer who has been unwall



IN YOUR GARDEN

What an incredible autumn we are having, I can't believe it's almost June and I am still picking beans. Unfortunately we all know that it cannot last.

Rake leaves for the compost, tidy up errant weed growth. Planting of deciduous trees is in full swing this month, but delay planting if the soil is too wet. Make sure you get garlic planted before the shortest day.

Plant tulips. Tulips hall from cold climate places, so for best results in milder climates trick them by chilling them in a paper bag in your fridge for 6 – 8 weeks. The best time to plant tulips is now till late autumn.

Shift trees. Now is a good time to move trees and shrubs, since they're in a dormant growth periods. If you've planted something in a spot that is too wet, too windy, too cramped or too boggy for it, then take it for a walk.

Save tender plants from frost. Young citrus, subtropical plants, coprosmos, pukes and palms all need covering. Frost cloth is easy to find at garden centers or hardware stores.

Break up clay now by digging in compost before winter sets in and the worms will do the rest.

Tie up plants while they're leaf free. Once deciduous trees and climbers have shed their leaves you can get a better idea of their branch structure, and can train them up walls, supports and pergolas.

Plant daffodii bulbs for cheerful spring colour.

Raise containers on wooden decks to avoid wet feet and risk rotting your deck.

Come mid-winter you will want to get into cutting and shaping of roses and many deciduous trees and shrubs. So prepare now. If your tools are dirty, clean them, if they are blunt, get them sharpened, if springs are stiff, oil them now before pruning day arrives.

Plant Illies now in a sunny spot or in a pot and they will flower brilliantly in early summer.

Veggie garden tasks: Sow or plant lettuce, ice-berg is probably the best for this time of the year. Mound up leeks, pile soil around the stems. Harvest yams, leave them in the ground until the frosts kill off the follage, then dig them, brush clean, and store in paper bags.

Sow spring onlons, in bunches is better than straight line. Check stored pumpkins, onlons and garlic for decay and use first the ones that look as if they won't last the distance. Sow broad beans, even in chilly conditions they will pop up in 14 days. Sow in blocks for easier staking later.

How to tackle slippery paths and decks as winter sets in: Pour 4 cups of white vinegar into half a bucket of warm water, add tsp of detergent, brush this onto paths or deck, leave for at least 30mins then hose off. The acid in the vinegar eats away at the slime and mould.

Happy gardening, Jennifer

MILK

MILK - THE COMPLETE FOOD



Milk is often referred to as 'the complete food'. Milk needs to be included in the diet because it features in almost all the major food groups which the body needs every day. Milk and milk products – butter, cheese and yoghurt – are extremely valuable sources of protein. They also contain Vitamins A and D and minerals, especially bone building calcium.

Milk is very easy to digest, which is the reason that we give it to babies and that milkshakes or milk puddings is such an excellent food for an upset stomach.

One pint per day is recommended for all age groups. Children and babies need milk for growing strong healthy bones and teeth. Adolescents and adults need milk for maintaining strong healthy bones and teeth. Milk can be taken in the form of drinks, soups, puddings or as yoghurt, a highly nutritious form of milk. Cheese also will contribute to your milk and calcium intake, 25grams of hard cheese is equivalent to about 1/3 pint of milk.

PROTEINS:

Proteins perform two important functions in the body. First, proteins are used to form the basic framework – bones, teeth, muscles, skin, hair and nails. Children need more protein while bones and teeth are being formed. Adults need protein to repair worm-out tissues. Second, protein is needed to produce heat and energy and to regulate bodily functions such as supplies of enzymes, hormones and food digestion.

Proteins are the building blocks for our bodies and can be found in milk, cheese, mest, nuts, fish and cereals.

MILK IN SCHOOLS:

When Colin and I were at primary school there was a scheme provided by the Government where students could have daily a free bottle of milk. They were small glass bottles and it ensured each child had access daily to milk. At my school we were also offered a hot milo in the winter (the good old days).

There is a lot we can learn from the past, the emphasis was on good strong, loving, family units, after all, the way we treat our children, food and thoughts, decides the future of our beautiful country. Lets all build beautiful loving, caring, positive families and MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.



CHERYL MCFARLANE

LADIES A PLATE

Anzac Slice and Biscuits

These are enjoyed all year in our family

Anzac Slice
1 Cup Rolled Oats
½ teasp mixed spice
½ cup desiccated coconut
2 tblsp golden syrup
½ teasp bicarbonate soda

1 cup Plain Flour 1 cup brown sugar 125g butter chopped 2 tblsp water

- Combine oats, sifted flour and mixed spice, sugar and coconut in a large bowl; mix well
- Combine butter, golden syrup and water in a medium pan; stir over low heat, without boiling, until butter is melted. Bring to boil, remove from heat stir in soda.
- 3. Add syrup mixture to dry ingredients in bowl; mix well.
- Grease a 20cmx20cm lamington pan; line base and two opposite sides with baking paper extending paper 5cm above edge of pan. Press oat mixture into pan.
- Cook in a slow oven 160 for about 35 minutes or until cooked when tested. Cool slice in pan for 5 mins transfer to wire rack to cool.
- 6. Cut slice into squares

Anzac Biscuits

- Prepare quantity of mixture as in Step 1 of Anzac slice, adding an extra ¼ cup desiccated coconut.
- 2. Proceed with steps 2 and 3
- 3. Spoon heaped teaspoons of mixture, 5cm apart, onto greased oven
- Cook in a slow oven 150 for about 20 minutes, or until lightly browned. Loosen biscuits from trays while warm; cool on trays





JBVisserVets Monthly News

Nitrate Poisoning

With the temperatures being warm still and all the overcast weather at the same time we thought it would be rather important to talk about Nitrate Poisoning. Also all the testing we have done this week has been in the highly dangerous do not feed category.

Something to consider if feeding crops such as sorghum, new sorghum crops, turnip leaves, oats and new grass paddocks, especially short rotation Italian ryegrasses. Climatic conditions which predispose to high plant nitrate levels are: drought (nitrate builds up in and around roots of plant) followed by rain (sudden uptake of nutrients and growth spurt of plant) and also: cloudy weather with otherwise good growing conditions.

Nitrate accumulates from the base up so the base is always more toxic than the leaf.

How long does it take for Nitrate Levels to Drop?

The extra nitrate in the plant has to be converted to plant material which occurs during photosynthesis when the sun is out. It takes a lot of new plant material to drop the levels even a small amount—it will happen over weeks not in a few days. High levels will remain high for some time.

Crops and grass with high levels can be fed if carefully grazed e.g. only grazed for an hour per day and only after they have been fed something else.

Graze in the early afternoon of a very sunny day (if you can) as the sunlight helps convert the accumulated nitrate into plant tissue.

Does Balling Or Ensilling Reduce Nitrate Levels In Feeds?

Ensiling may reduce nitrate concentrations under some conditions. However, this cannot be relied upon to always ensure lower nitrate levels, Crops ensiled with high soluble sugar content (e.g. cereal grains) have a rapid fermentation process. This rapid fermentation does not promote degradation of nitrate during the ensiling. Checking silage nitrate levels when the pit is being filled usually provides an accurate indication of what the nitrate level will be later on.

Curing and baling will not reduce nitrate levels. In fact, if round bale greenfeed, is baled too moist (18-20% moisture) and heats the problem can become worse. The nitrate present in the feed may be converted to nitrites by the microbial action that causes heating. Nitrites in a feed are ten times more toxic than nitrates.

Calves Scouring in Spring

Vaccinate your cows in winter

It seems a bit early in the season to discuss calf scours but it's not. To prevent calf scours you have to act before they are born.

Calf scours remains one of the most widespread diseases affecting young calves, and will affect virtually every dairy or beef unit that rears calves at some time. Severe outbreaks are costly and place a significant stress on farmers and family, at an already busy time of the year. It can kill up to a third of infected calves. Calves that recover may never perform as well as non-affected animals.

Calf scours may be infectious or nutritional in origin.

Nutritional causes of scours include:

- · changes in milk composition,
- · changes in amount of feed.





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Infectious scours are generally caused by:

- Rotavirus,
- · Cryptosporidla,
- · Coronavirus,
- · Bacteria (Salmonella or E.coli).

The best economical solution for calf scours is preventative vaccination. Rotavec Corona protects calves against infectious scours.

Adult cows are vaccinated 4-12 weeks prior to calving, enabling high antibodies in the colostrum fed to calves when born. This means the whole herd can be vaccinated at one time.

Calves must receive adequate colostrum (2-3 litres) within the first 6 hours after birth. To ensure that the disease challenge on the farm is kept to a minimum it is important all cows in the hard are vaccinated and that good hygiene is maintained in calf housing and feeding.

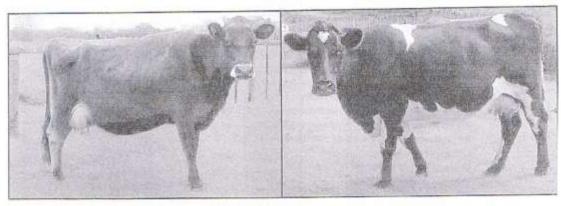
If you have a significant problem with scouring calves then this will help. Give us a call if you are interested and we can customise a plan for you.

Ensure cows achieve a BCS 5.0-5.5 at calving.

Cows need to be maintaining or gaining body condition during the dry period to ensure they calve in the best condition for high reproductive performance. A few points to consider;

- Test supplementary feeds for nutritional value (especially hay and silage) to ensure they are sultable for feeding to dry cows,
- Ensure that all cows in the group have equal access to supplements,
- Separate thin cows at drying off and feed them differentially to achieve their respective condition targets,
- Monitor and record the condition score of your herd throughout the dry period. After drying off there may be a large range of condition scores within the hard that demands separate mobs, and differential feeding to close the condition score gap from different groups.
- Manage cows so to tighten the variation in BCS, 10% below 5.0 and 10% above 5.5%.

If you need advice about feeding supplements and about condition scoring your herd we are happy to help you out. (source incalf)





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It's Official

The amazing Autumn we have had has been quantified and put in perspective at DairyNZ's Scott Farm on Vale Road. The month of April saw the highest average pasture growth rates for that month since pasture cuts have been taken. And a record by quite some margin. The previous record for the month of April was 49 Kg DM/Ha/Day but this April saw a massive 60 Kg DM/Ha/Day average. Have a guess what the previous 2 years April growth rates were? 8 and 41

Amazingly for some there is almost too much feed. Whole farm average pasture covers of 2,700 have been experienced by some. Can you have too much? Certainly not from a feed bank point of but in terms of maximising winter and early spring growth and pasture quality I say yes you can. To have an average pasture cover of 2,700 you have to have some paddocks well over 4,000 Kg Dm/Ha and once a frost or two come along those paddocks will really struggle to recover after grazing out hard. I can hear some of you saying "give us a break and just enjoy what the Autumn has given us". I agree and will pull my head in on this one after making that one point.

Stock Sense Calving Workshops
Calving is looming and now is the time to get prepared.

To help get ready for this calving, DairyNZ is partnering with local vets to run a series of interactive, StockSense calving workshops targeting the skills required for this busy time of the year.

Taking place at 15 locations nationwide, the workshops will be held from June 7-July 5 and are designed to prepare your team in readiness for calving.

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Presented by members of the DairyNZ Animal Husbandry Extension Specialist team, the sessions will provide practical tips and skills training that will help your team improve performance at calving time.

To maximise value across your team, tailored workshops will be structured to suit both management and junior staff levels.

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8 June 2011	Te Puke
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14 June 2011	Te Awamutu

Managers

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Improved communication, training and management of staff at calving time is vital. During the workshop, managers will examine and develop management resources for use on their own farms.

Participants will have an opportunity to share their own experiences to learn practical costeffective solutions for better calving management.

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- Observation of cows pre-calving and recognising signs of imminent calving
- Calving what's normal? What's not? And when to call for backup
- Care of the newborn calf clearing airways, treating navels, mothering up cows and calves
- Recording births and transporting calves to the shed.

After the split sessions, the whole group will share the knowledge gained and take part in a team exercise challenge.

The workshops are free for levy paying farmers however due to the practical nature of these workshops, numbers are limited and registration is essential. Register at www.dairvnz.co.nz

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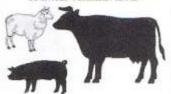
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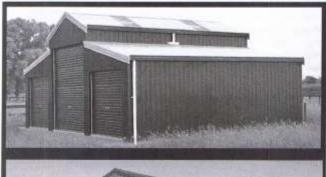
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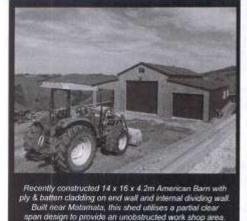


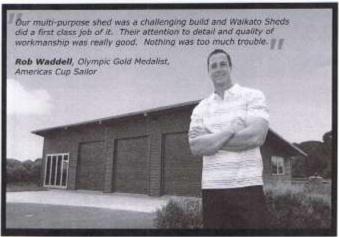
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