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Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



THE EDITOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE EUREKA EXPRESS

Wish all our readers, advertisers, contributors, and distributors,

Seasons Greetings,

A very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

All the very best for a happy and safe 2015.



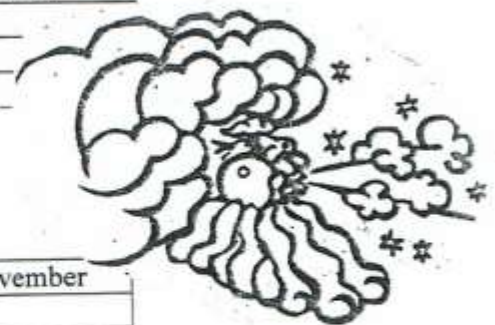
RAINFALL

	October 2014	Year to 31 st October
Month	76	827.5
Average (1994-2014)	91.5	990.5
Difference	-15.5	- 163

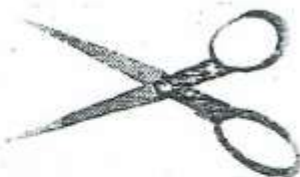
Rainfall recorded on 14 days.

	November 2014	Year to 30 th November
Month	80.5	908
Average (1994-2014)	69.5	1060
Difference	11	- 152

Rainfall recorded on 16 days.



Snippets



DONATION THANKS: To Mike and Joy Stokes.

BIRTHS: NEW TWIN GRANDCHILDREN CONGRATULATIONS! Lyn and Jay Hill of Schollum Road were delighted with the early, but safe arrival of twin granddaughters, Zoe and Ally, in Nerang, Queensland, on November 13. First children for proud parents Michael and Michelle Wilson. All doing well. Our very best wishes to all.



AND FIRST GRANDCHILD CONGRATULATIONS to Paul and Catherine Lelieveld of Hooper Road who were delighted to welcome a beautiful grandson, Kyle George Warner, on Nov 24. A darling son for Grace and Hayden. Very best wishes to all.

21ST BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS: to Rebecca Little, only daughter of John Little and Kathryn Schicker of Manor Park, who celebrated this milestone on November 23. All the best, Rebecca.

WELCOME TO EUREKA: to new residents of Hooper Road, Henry Ding and Ivy Jin and their 2 year old daughter, Emily. Henry and Ivy have moved out from Silverdale having bought No 16B. A very warm welcome to you all. Phone 8241699.

MARKET PLACE:

FOR RENT: Fully furnished 2 bedroom cottage on Hooper Road for rent. \$250 per week including metered water & WiFi broadband. Bond & references required. Available mid-January 2015. Please contact Milton Tel: 8241777, 0211343709 or email miltonhhko@gmail.com



WANTED: I am in need of containers to help raise Native plant seedlings for my Native Tree Project. Please, if you have any plastic containers, e.g. milk, drink bottles, ice cream, used plant containers, 44 gallon drums which you are no longer in need of contact Finn phone 8240923

YOGA IN TAUWHARE

Just wondering if there could be enough interest in the community to start a local Yoga class? Some nice gentle restorative stretches for beginners and beyond could be good. It would be a week night evening most likely. If you are keen then please email me, Becky at craigandbex@gmail.com. If numbers are strong enough we will look into finding a teacher for Term One 2015.

Hi To The Eureka Community

What an awesome little slice of paradise we are fortunate to live in "Eureka"

Introducing myself – Max MacDonald

I play a variety of instruments – keyboard, guitar, harmonica, saxophone and have been involved in the local "muso" scene for over 30 years. Playing a variety of styles i.e. Rock & Roll, Jazz, Rock and my personal passion – The Blues.

Tutoring – Harmonica, saxophone, guitar. I really enjoy sharing my skills and helping others on their musical journeys. Lesson times / dates arranged to suit.

Available to take lessons in Eureka. Always wanted to learn to play an instrument – now is your chance!

Check out my website www.maxmacdonald.co.nz or www.tiednote.co.nz for more information and my music is available to listen to.

I wish everyone a safe, happy Christmas and wonderful New Year 2015

Gift Vouchers available

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WE ARE A GREEN GOLD SCHOOL

Congratulations to Linda Cook, twice awarded Most Outstanding Lead Teacher of Enviro Schools, to the whole Enviro Schools Group, and to the school and the community for the years of hard work getting us to this point.

We are very proud to be recognised as a community that values our environment and takes the initiative to ensure sustainability for future generations.



YOUNG DESIGNERS

Our senior school students presented their beautifully designed and crafted playground ideas to the Board of Trustees and PTA this month. We hope to turn the children's designs into reality next year. The girls who designed the musical garden are ready to go for grants and donations. They

We are ready to go for grants and donations of materials. Most of our garden is made from steel piping and wood. We also need drums about 40cm in diameter with heights ranging from 95 cm to 75 cm.

If you could help us, or for more information, please contact us at school. Thank you, Olivia, Emily, Saskia, Mandi, Kiriona, Tiana.



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CONCERT



Athletics
Day



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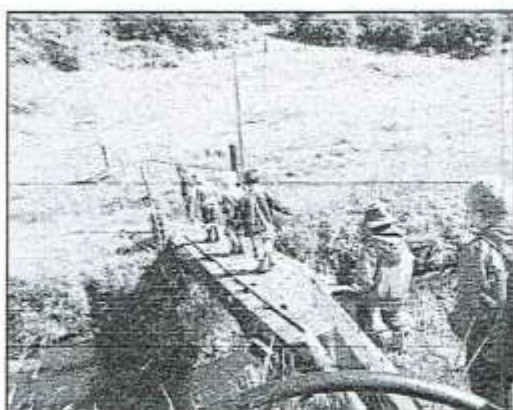
Pukeko Preschool December 2014

The children have had lots of fun experiences this month. Huge thanks to St John Ambulance for showing the children through the ambulance that was at Tauwhare School for the T-ball tournaments. Some of our children have (fortunately) never been in an ambulance but they agreed it would be nice to go in this one, so if they ever need to in the future they won't be scared. Good thinking!

We also had a lovely trip to Ben Tau's farm on Scotsman Valley Rd, to collect pinecones for Christmas craft – thanks to Ben's mum Megan for organising this trip.

Pukeko Preschool closes for Christmas on Tuesday 23rd December, and we re-open on Wednesday 14th January 2015.

The staff and Trust Board wish the Eureka community a safe and happy Christmas, and a wonderful summer holiday. Thank you all so much for your support of the preschool this year. We are looking forward to next year and more progress on our new building ☺



Come Celebrate Christmas

***At the 2014
Tauwhare/Eureka
Community Carol Service***

*With carols for all and stories by
children of the local "kids for
Christ" group*

When:

*Sunday 14th December
7pm*

Tauwhare Community Hall

Bring a plate for shared supper



Tauwhare Playgroup

We have had some amazing activities at playgroup over the past few weeks. On 13th November, we had a gymnastics and activity session run by Paula from Jumping Beans. We sang action songs, then we tried out the huge obstacle course they set up for us, which tested our climbing, balancing and jumping skills. We finished with catching bubbles – always popular.

Please see their website www.jumpingbeans.net or contact Paula at paula@jumpingbeans.net for more information on Jumping Beans.



On 20th November, we had fun creating pictures with our new art and craft supplies. The glitter glue was great, we used it all up so Pippa will need to buy some more for our next artistic creations!

After morning tea, we made soaps, to give to our family and friends as Christmas presents. We mixed the soap flakes with oats, poppy seeds, lavender oil and water, with all the children taking turn to mix the pot. Then we pressed and shaped the mixture and cut it out with special Christmas themed cutter. Everyone went away with a tray of soaps to wrap up as gifts, and we all had beautiful smelling soft hands that day!



We will be taking our bikes to the children's track at the Velodrome in Cambridge for a trip soon, and then it is almost the end of the year already. Our last playgroup for Term 4 is on Thursday 11 December, and we will have a Christmas party, so please come dressed up!

Thank you to all the families who have supported Tauwhare playgroup this year. We are very lucky to have such a lovely group of friends to meet with each week. Thanks to all the mums, dads and carers who pitch in to help run such fun activities for the children.

We will be back at playgroup again on Thursday 5th February 2015, and look forward to seeing our regulars, and to welcome new families to our community.

We meet at Tauwhare School's Multipurpose Room from 9am-12noon every Thursday. Please bring a small plate for the children's shared morning tea, and we provide hot drinks and something yummy for parents and caregivers.

For more information, contact: Becky on 824 0150, or Pippa on 824 0846.

Like us on Facebook and keep up-to-date with what is happening.





Greetings from Newstead Model Country School

Country Schools Speech Finals:

The final interschool event was the Speech Finals held at Tauwhare School, last Thursday afternoon. This is annual event to celebrate the presentations of those children selected to present their speeches to a wider audience.

We were represented by **Neisha Cooper, Maria Turner and Charlotte Ulyatt**. Teachers report that they did very well for themselves, delivering quality speeches confidently and expressively. Congratulations to **Neisha** who won the competition.

Many thanks to the teachers and the parents who have supported all children during the last few weeks with the preparation and the presentation of poems and speeches. We have heard some amazing pieces of work, each year the standard gets better and better!

Newstead School Speech Finals Results:

Year 4 Poems	Year 5 Speeches	Year 6 Speeches
1st Sarah Crowther	1st Charlotte Ulyatt	1st Neisha Cooper
2nd Arlia White	2nd Lydia Marsters	2nd Maria Turner
3rd Matthew Wade	3rd Mitchell Keightley	3rd Carly Meehan

End of Year/Beginning of the Year Arrangements :

Last Day of 2014 – Last day of school is Tuesday 16th December. EARLY FINISH – 12pm

Bus – the last day of bus travel is Tuesday 16 December –MORNING ONLY.

There will be no afternoon drop off.

After School Care – Monday 15th December is the final session for the year.

First day of 2010 – school begins for the new year Monday 2 February.

Well done Newstead!

These teams represented us last Friday at the City and Country T Ball Tournament, hosted at Tauwhare School. The Redsox did extra well by gaining third place. Quality of play and behaviour, of both teams was to be commended.

Round the Bridges:

Over twenty runners participated in last Sundays event held in Central Hamilton. It was a 2km course that followed Victoria Street. It was tremendous to see such a depth of interest and runners doing their best against those of several other schools. Many thanks to the parents who managed and coordinated our team. It proved to be an exciting morning of sport.

CORN FUNDRAISING PROJECT

We had an awesome time at McFarlanes Contractors watching them plough and plant our corn. The kids just loved all the large machinery and learnt so much about the process. They are growing the corn for us to sell next year. We so appreciate the support they are giving the school.

Farewell Assembly (Monday 15 December)

Note on calendars that the assembly begins at 1pm.

It is to be held at the Car Club, Vaile Road.

Lastly we would like to thank all the wonderful parents, families and outside agencies who support our school and share our children's achievements in so many special ways.

We have a fabulous community and are proud to be Newsteaders!!

Have a wonderful Christmas and all the very best for 2015!



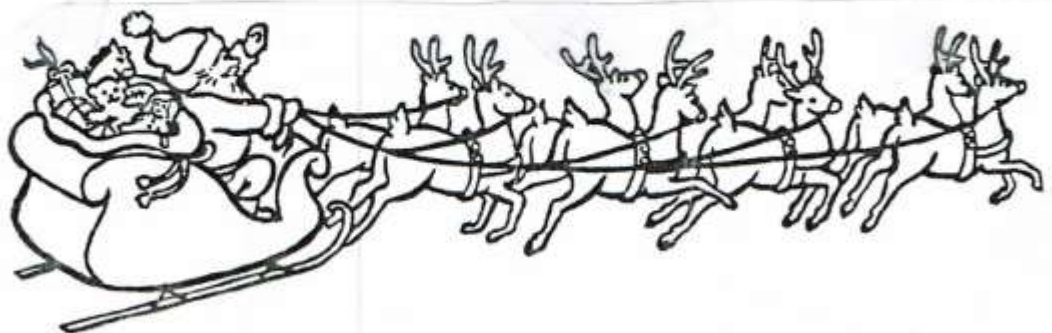
Corn Planting



Corn Planting



Speech Finals



On the home front.....



The Great outdoors.....Spruce up that garden, garden furniture, paths, decks and fences. Nothing screams summer like an inviting garden or outdoor area set up with purpose build furniture to enjoy the outdoors.

Makeover your deck by using moss and mould killer and repainting that outdoor furniture with bright eye catching colours. Redo the deck surface with two coats of decking oil for a natural look or stain with a penetrating oil stain, which will also give colour. The same can be done for a wooden fence. Surfaces finished this way will need recoating yearly or two yearly depending on exposure to the elements.

Tidy that metal furniture with a wire brush to remove all rust spot prime and paint using high gloss waterborne enamel paint in your desired colour.

Cleaning concrete and bricked paths and surfaces makes huge improvements to your outdoor area; moss and mould clean these surfaces using a hard brush to remove dirt from stubborn areas. Clean off with a gentle water blast. Concrete paint can be used to give life to a worn concrete surface, using non-skid paint is ideal.

Wooden furniture looks great with two coats of oil stain once moss and algae are removed; this helps to preserve and main the wooden furniture if done each year.

Corrugated fences become a great back drop in a garden setting, by painting the iron with roof paint, quickly a rundown fence has style to plant against.

Then make time to enjoy those sunny BBQ days.

Leanne Hilder

LADIES A PLATE

Kiwi Cheeseball

Ingredients

- 250g cream cheese
- 250g tasty cheese, grated
- ¼ cup finely chopped gherkins
- 2 Tbsp finely chopped onion
- ¼ cup Wattie's Tomato Sauce
- 1 Tbsp Lea and Perrins Worcestershire Sauce
- 70g pkt walnuts, chopped



Method

1. In a bowl combine cream cheese, tasty cheese, gherkins, onion, Wattie's Tomato Sauce and Lea and Perrins. Divide mixture in half and form into 2 balls. The mixture will be quite sticky.
2. Roll balls in chopped walnuts. Wrap in cling film and refrigerate for 30 minutes before serving with crackers and vegetable crudités

Tip

Cheeseballs will keep in the refrigerator for up to 7 days. Remove from fridge and allow to come to room temperature before serving.

Frozen Strawberry Crunch Cake

Ingredients

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| 1 box Nature Valley Granola Bars | 1/3 cup brown sugar |
| 6 tablespoons melted butter | 1/2 cup flour |
| 2 egg whites | 1/2 cup sugar |
| 1 cup heavy whipping cream | 1 lemon |
| 4 ounces cream cheese | |
| 1 1/2 cups freshly chopped strawberries | |



Directions

1. Put the Nature Valley granola bars in a food processor and process until you achieve a course crumb.
2. In a large bowl, add the crumbs, brown sugar, flour and melted butter and mix together. Then spread into an 8x8-inch pan that has been covered with parchment paper. Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes. Let cool. Then divide in half and set aside.
3. In a mixing bowl, combine eggs whites and sugar and mix on high. Add the heavy cream and continue mixing for another 5 minutes.
4. Continue to add the fresh squeezed lemon juice and softened cream cheese. Mix on low speed until incorporated.
5. Fold the fresh strawberries into the cream mixture.
6. In a buttered glass cake pan, press half of the crumb crust mixture on the bottom. Top with strawberry mix and then add the remaining crumbs to the top.
7. Cover and freeze for three hours or more and enjoy!



Berry Christmas Pavlova

Ingredients:

Pavlova

- 4 eggs whites (at room temperature)
- Pinch of salt
- 250g castor sugar
- 2 tsp of cornflour (sifted)
- 1 tsp white wine vinegar

Raspberry Coulis

- 125g fresh raspberries
- Juice 1/2 lemon
- 1/4 cup castor sugar
- 1/2 tsp of brandy (optional)



Topping

- 300ml fresh cream – whipped
- 1 x pomegranate
- Raspberries, cherries and strawberries to decorate
- Bunch of holly or fresh mint

Method

1. Preheat oven to 120C. Line a tray with baking paper. Use a round baking tin to draw one large circle (22cm) then draw another circle inside it approximately 13cm wide.
2. Beat egg whites and salt until soft peaks form. Beat in sugar, a little at time until meringue is stiff and shiny. Sprinkle over sifted cornflour, vinegar and fold in lightly. You should be able to up end the bowl at this stage with no fear of anything coming out.
3. Grab a dessert spoon and scoop a dollop of meringue. Place this dollop between the outside and inside line. Repeat until a ring of meringue is complete. Create a second layer of meringue on top of the first until second ring is complete. Flatten the top by smoothing the meringue.
4. Place meringue in oven for 2 hours at 120C. When time is complete, turn off the oven and leave meringue in the oven until completely cool. This is very important as there will be less risk of the meringue cracking and collapsing.
5. When cool, spread with whipped cream, drizzle on raspberry coulis then decorate with cherries, pomegranates, strawberries, raspberries and holly or mint.

Raspberry Coulis

1. Blend fresh raspberries, lemon juice and sugar together until sugar has completely dissolved. Set aside until required.



IN YOUR GARDEN

Another month has gone by, 3 weeks till Xmas, I feel the older I get the quicker the year goes by!

I hope have you all got your planting done, as warm summer temperatures are just around the corner.

With the chance of another drought which we don't need maybe it's a chance to look at the hours we work. It's a known fact that when we are stressed no matter what the reason we will struggle to work at our best. It's time to trust the milker, farm manager or worker to look after things for a few days while you have a deserving break away from the farm and stress.



Taking a break can help focus our thinking and allow us to be more productive with our day to day work when we return.



Finally, when planting veggie seedlings, always postpone planting until plant is nearly root-bound; holding soil in a tight ball so the soil will not fall away. If you were to plant a very small fresh plant that when taken from punnet loses soil from around its roots, leaving it barerooted, the risk of it dying is 50% plus.

Positives...More rain is expected this week!

Keep smiling, enjoy your gardening and relax when you can.

Veggie seedlings, weed-free mushroom compost, rose plants, citrus and more are available at Roach's Nurseries, 150 Schollum Rd. 8 -4 Monday to Friday. Weekends phone 027 4955 183.

Happy Gardening

Mike

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CO comment for Eureka Express



With the summer season here, we are into the last round of on-farm discussion groups for 2014 with the key focuses being how to best manage through the low payout- where are the \$ best spent, summer management plans, and mating progress as AB is over for most and there is no routine inductions next season.

The common crystal ball question being asked is 'will there be a drought?' With the classic belief that with the low payout there will be no drought! My answer to this is simple, whether an early dry or late dry summer becomes a reality, we need to have a plan in place, and then monitor the situation to make timely decisions concerning stock and feed management such as; N application, summer rotation, destocking with pregnancy & herd test dates, milking frequency, cow condition scores & supplementary feeding. While we cannot predict the weather forecast, a plan provides the framework to what decisions need to be made with the key targets and trigger points to act on.

Whatever the summer conditions, the first management rule is to fully and efficiently use spring pasture before dry and hot conditions reduce the growth and quality of pasture. From this period it is pasture management that will allow a small and steady decline from the peak, rather than a rapid drop in milk production.

The last couple of months have also proved to be very eventful with an array of local dairy industry workshops, including off paddock infrastructure, employment compliance and recruitment, effluent storage solutions, and updates on the new Health & Safety and Milk Cooling regulations coming into effect. A key highlight was the DBOY fieldday at Brett & Rachael Gordon's farm who won Waikato/Bay of Plenty Best Equal Farm Business. The rain broke the morning of to turn out a good crowd to see this high performing farm, and hear first-hand the Gordon's farming philosophies behind their profitable, low cost operation.

Events to put in your calendar for early in the New Year:

- The local Eureka Discussion Group is on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 11am – 1.30pm. The 1st group for 2015 is on Tuesday 10th February.
- Taking the Employment Bull by the Horns workshop – Leadership Skills and Communication (including understanding yourself). Thursday 19th February, 10.30am followed by lunch at 1pm, at the Gordonton Hall. *This is an interactive workshop with practical tips and guidance to create strong foundations for successful teams.*

For further information about local events supported by DairyNZ, visit the DairyNZ website.

Best wishes for the festive season and safe travels to visit family and take a well-deserved holiday!

Jaimee Morgan -DairyNZ Consulting Officer Hamilton North



NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

With summer just around the corner remember to be **'smart' with your use of water**. Waikato District, Hamilton City and Waipa District Council have formed a partnership to educate communities on water conservation. Visit our website for information on water alert levels and tips to conserve water.

If you are connected to the Southern District Water Scheme **check regularly for leaking pipes**. I also encourage you to note any unusual water ponding on local road reserves. This could indicate one of the main water pipes is broken or leaking - phone Council who will send out someone to check.

In August / September feedback was sought from Community Boards and Committees on their **priority project rankings**. These projects have been confirmed and are currently being uploaded into IPM (Integrated Project Manager). Priority projects for Eureka include improvements to intersection of SH26 – Eureka Road/Hunter Road, move or underground three power poles along Eureka Road, erection of bus shelter beside the Eureka Hall and creation of walkways and cycleways – Hinton Road and Masters Avenue.

I have requested that a **flag light** be installed at the intersection of **Eureka and Masters Roads**. Council has advised that this has been added to the works programme. Installation of new flag lights is programmed for late in the financial year so this light should be in place April / May 2015 before the winter.

I mentioned in my October newsletter that we have been investigating various **options for better managing rubbish and recycling collection (solid waste)**. You will be receiving a letter and feedback form regarding the Solid Waste Review – these are being posted from 1 December. Council will also inform communities of this programme in the Dec / Jan issue of *The Link*, Council's website, Facebook page and some community meetings and information days. We aim to encourage our residents to send less solid waste to landfill to help us to create a zero waste policy. We are also suggesting that the inorganic rubbish collection be revamped to a phone-in collection. **Please read the letter which gives the rationale behind the changes and the new cost structure** and then fill in the feedback form and return by 15 December.

Specimen design and tender documentation is underway for the **Hamilton Section of the Expressway** and Statement of Interest and Ability for construction of this section has been called for. Construction contracts will be awarded in 2015 for completion in 2019. Submissions on the Notice of Requirement for the alteration to the designation for the proposed Ruakura interchange closed on 22 October. Hearings before Commissioners will be held at Waikato Stadium week 9 – 12 December.

The Council offices will closed from 3:00pm on Wednesday 24 December. Normal hours will resume on Monday 5 January 2015. For emergency calls (all hours) regarding Council services phone 0800 492 452.

You may have noted that I often refer to *The Link* in my newsletters. This Council newsletter is published bi-monthly and is a forum to inform District residents of news, meetings, new initiatives, community notices etc. I would be interested to hear if your household **does not** receive this newsletter via your rural mail. Also remember, if you have an event or activity you would like to share with residents of the Waikato email your notice to communications@waidc.govt.nz well ahead of the event and ask for it to be put on *The Link Community Notice Board*. The next issue is the Dec / Jan newsletter.

Check out www.openwaikato.co.nz to explore the Waikato District. The site has a wealth of information and fact sheets about the Waikato and aims to encourage people to move to the District, invest, start a business and visit our many attractions, culture and heritage sites and events.

Our last meeting for the year is on 8 December and we reconvene on 9 February for a series of workshops on the Draft Long Term Plan 2015 – 2025. An overview on Draft Plan is being prepared and will be circulated to all homes in the District early next year. Submissions will close on 17th April 2015.

You may have friends or family who are affected by **Privet** which can cause hay fever and other respiratory disorders. **Waikato Regional Council (WRC)** is reminding people who think privet on a neighbouring property or public area is causing them problems that **new rules** are in place covering when WRC will require the removal of the plant. Under their new Pest Management Plan the privet allegedly causing the problem must be within 50 metres of the property boundary or in public amenity areas such as parks and playgrounds or in frequently used thoroughfares. You have to get a positive allergy test from your GP or clinic before WRC will consider asking for the plants removal. You can find control options for privet and other pest plants on www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/rpmp or call biosecurity staff on 0800 246 732.

My family joins me in wishing you all a happy and safe festive season.

- Contact me at any time

Rob McGuire - Councillor Eureka Ward

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Source: Hamilton City Council

NEW DRINK-DRIVING LIMITS

Police preparations for the lowered drink-driving limits are in full swing - and a wide-ranging publicity campaign is advising drivers to play safe by avoiding alcohol altogether or arranging alternative transport.

From 1 December the limit for drivers over 20 lowers from 400mcg of alcohol per litre of breath to 250mcg, and from 80mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood (0.08), to 50mg (0.05). For drivers under 20, the limit remains zero.

Adult drivers blowing 251-400mcg of alcohol per litre of breath will receive an infringement notice (\$200) and 50 demerit points. Those over 400mcg will face criminal charges, as now.

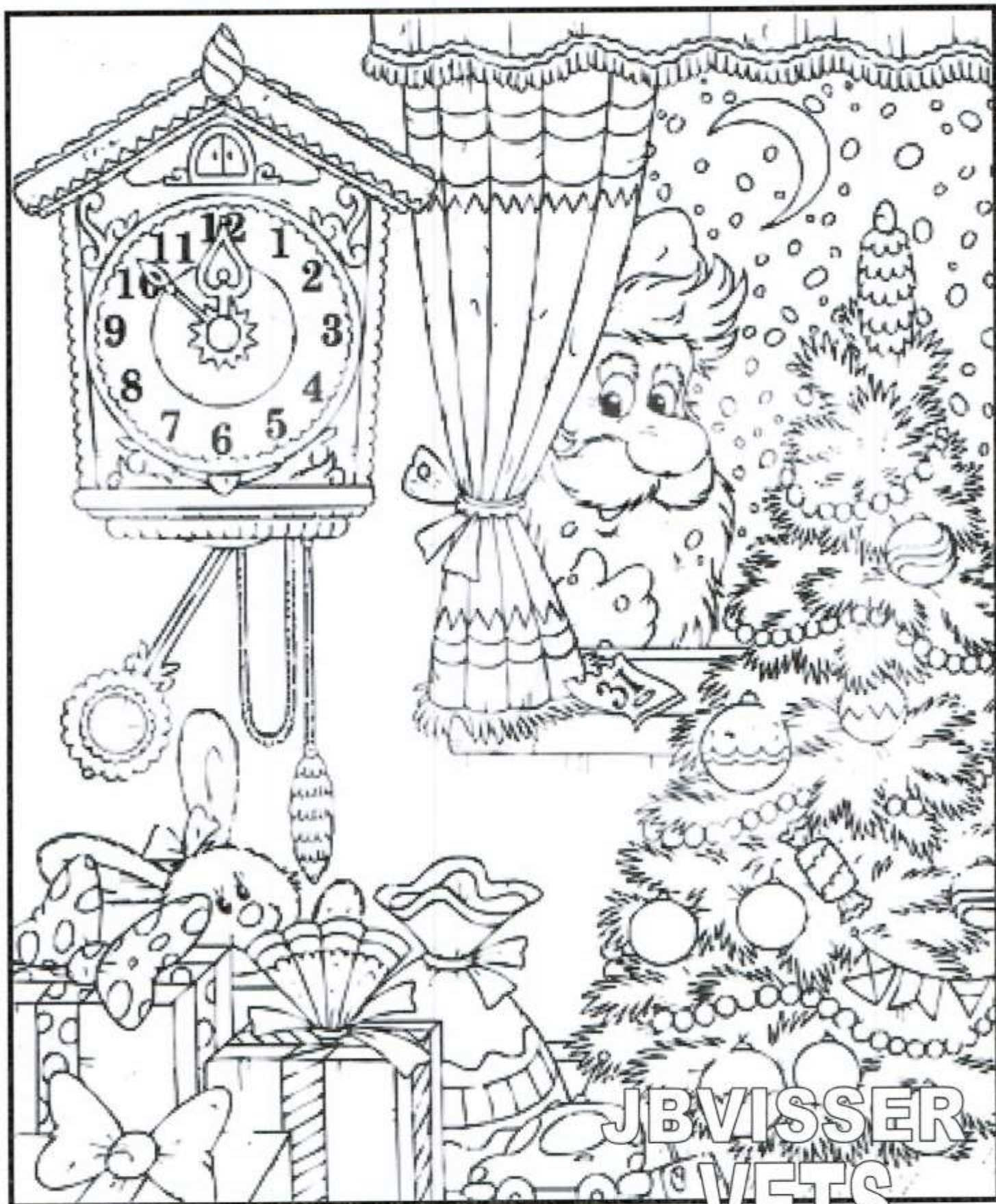
Research indicates an additional 19,000 drivers could fall into the infringement range annually but it's impossible to predict numbers with certainty, says Superintendent Carey Griffiths, National Manager Road Policing.

"The number of drink-drive prosecutions is steadily decreasing and we anticipate the lowered level will have a strong deterrent effect. Staff talking to motorists say many are already taking the new limits on board."

There is no 'safe' level of alcohol for driving, and the best advice is to avoid any doubt by choosing not to drive if you are going to drink. Call a taxi, take a bus or get someone who hasn't been drinking to drive you home. Think ahead - it's always easier if you have a plan.

The current NZTA advertising campaign publicising the forthcoming change includes bus shelter posters in main centres, radio ads and information on TV ads. Police in districts have been giving drivers leaflets.

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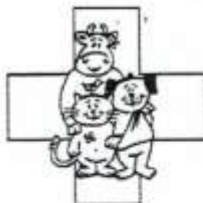


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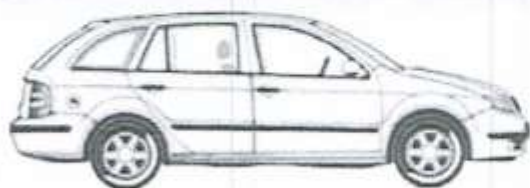
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