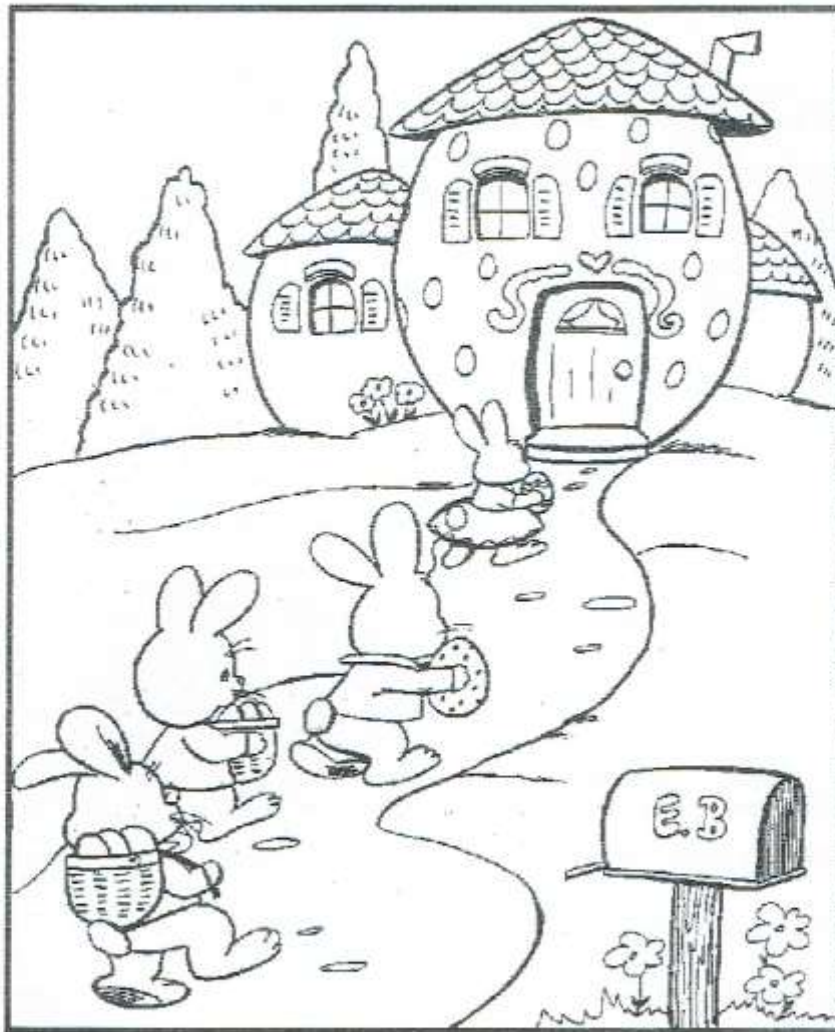


# EUREKA EXPRESS

MARCH 2014 – Easter Colouring Competition



Happy Easter

## GUEST EDITORIAL

Hi All,

My topic for this month's editorial is something that has always been very dear to my heart and that is sport and what it has done for me in my life, the many seemingly unachievable goals that have been achieved and the many cherished friendships that I have made along the way.

Along with my two brothers I carried out my secondary schooling at Melville High School in Hamilton and because I was always very small for my size I didn't achieve any great heights in sport until I left school. Probably the single biggest decision that I made in life that has affected my outcome and where I am today was when I joined Fraser Tech Rugby Football Club in 1977 as a little 17yr old.



Those early years as an U19 rugby player were definitely big learning curves and ones which taught me so much about true friendship. Those friendships I still hold today and cherish dearly. I was fortunate enough to play right through the grades from U19 to senior level and was also fortunate enough to play with some All Blacks, which was always a great thrill.

At the age of 37 I started coaching U21 teams at Tech and went on to coach Senior B level which was great fun also. The most rewarding was the U21 boys.

From my point of view professional rugby has not been good for NZ. Towards the end of my coaching career I found a great deal of players were out there for themselves. The camaraderie moved away from the game and the changing room was near empty 10 min after the game way over.

My focus has now moved onto Rowing. I rowed for about 4 years as a young adult, first with Hamilton Rowing Club and then with Waikato Rowing Club. Again I made great friendships and had great times. I



have started coaching novice rowers at Hillcrest High school which I am enjoying immensely. I see it as a long time investment and something that my brother and I are very passionate about and growing the sport at HHS. For those who do not already know, Kelvin Whiting (Principal at HHS) is my brother.

We have had a number of young students within the Eureka Express zone who rowed this year along with parents as administrators.

I probably need to wind this up and if there is a message from this editorial, never underestimate the power of sport. It has given me friendships, gained me employment, taught me that those unachievable goals are achievable and given me opportunities which I would never have had. There is no greater reward than to look at the face of a young rower when they come off the water after a race, just absolutely buzzing with excitement and just dying to tell you all about it. It's absolutely magic.

PS: If there are any students wanting to give rowing a go, get in touch with Mr Whiting (Principal) at HHS.

Cheers  
Brent Whiting

## SNIPPETS



**A BIG THANKYOU TO:** Our Gardening Gurus, Jennifer Mace and Mike Roach who have agreed to share the gardening column in future issues of the Express. We are fortunate to be sharing their expertise and thank them for their commitment.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Anthony Duncan and Barbara Thorn who were married at the Sculpture Park in Tauwhare on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Anthony and Barbara are milking on Anthony's father, Colin's farm on SH26. Every best wish to you both for a bright and happy future together.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Local power-lifting Champion, Katie Arundel of SH26, who performed superbly at the December Oceania and Commonwealth games under the sub-junior category for NZ in power-lifting, winning two gold medals and a silver –

- Squat 122.5 kg Gold
- Bench 47.50kg Gold
- Deadlift 130kg Silver
- Silver overall

Squat was the commonwealth record, however, a competitor attempted it before Katie, so she holds the record but Katie received the gold medal as she was competing lighter.

Katie really enjoyed it and is now on the Gold Coast working as a personal trainer. Go Katie!

**FAREWELL TO EUREKA TO:** Angela Goulstone of Eureka Road who has sold her home and with her husband Trevor Fenton, is currently living in Tauwhare. Go well Ange!

**WORLD CHAMPIONS IN EUREKA:** The Waikato Clay Target Club recently held very successful National and World Championships at their Headquarters on Holland Road. Congratulations to the Club. You really put us on the map!

### Sincere Condolences

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mark Daniels and Heather Parker of Hinton Road, on the recent death in Wales, of Mark's mother, Mrs Margaret Lawrence.

Sincere Sympathy is extended to John and Gary Middlemiss of Eureka Road on the death of John's brother, and Gary's uncle, Brian Middlemiss in Hamilton on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The Middlemiss family have a very long association with Eureka and Matangi.

And sincere condolences are also extended to Ron and Karyn Spyve and family on the death of Ron's older brother, Ray, in Australia on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Ron's family also have a very long association with Eureka.



**Kid's Concert – Tauwhare Hall – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April – 4 p.m.  
Not to be missed!!!**

Gold coin entry

Light refreshments will be served following the concert.

Jules Riding is New Zealand's most prolific and accomplished Christian singer/songwriter with 12 albums including 3 Golds and 2 N.Z. music awards. He has 2 children's CD's – Kids-Time 1 and Kids-Time 2 and will be performing songs from these albums. Suitable for all children of primary school age including grownups!

If you have any questions please call Lynette on (07) 856 7866.



# EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



**JUNIOR BADMINTON AGM**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> Matangi Hall @ 7pm.**

Season will commence every Wednesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> school terms for 8 year olds upwards.

Matangi Hall 6pm to 7.30pm

Racquets available. Any enquiries to 0274 489678

## RAINFALL

	February 2014	Year to 28 <sup>th</sup> February
Total (mm)	13.5	46.5
Average (1994-2014)	63	146.5
Difference	-49.5	-100



Rainfall recorded on 5 days.

Other low January/February total monthly rainfall figures combined are 2008 with 15 mm and 2013 with 38 mm

## MARKET PLACE

**GARAGE SALE:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1151 SH26 (Morrinsville Road) Eureka. (Huge willow tree out front). Not before 7am. Lots of bits and pieces, something for everyone. Come and have a look.

**FOR SALE:** White faced Friesian calf for sale. Bought weaned November 2013 (6 months old) \$450.00. Phone 8240822

**FOR SALE:** 1.6 hectares (4 acres) of bare land on Scotsman Valley Road, at the edge of the Tauwhare Village. Walking distance to Tauwhare School and Pukeko Pre-School. Subdivision in progress. Post and rail fencing, power and phone to the boundary. Asking price \$365,000. Please phone James on 0292998909 for more information

**FOUND:** Black, fluffy cat with white feet. Looks well cared for but may be lost. Phone Denise 8241170

**WANTED FOR RENT:** Small house around the Eureka area, around \$300 per week. Phone Hannah or Regan 0279281917.

### SHED SALE April 6<sup>th</sup> 9.00am, 1032 Tauwhare Road

- Euro Spreader 500: \$250 – sows lime, grass seed, Fertilizer
- Cordless Drill \$35
- Portable Gas stove – 2 burners, plus 2 gas bottles \$45
- Round table and chairs \$45
- Laundry tub: Needs taps fixing \$55
- Pinch bar \$20
- Lots of different netting, also some high tension wire and some No 8 wire
- 2 x 200litre Plastic drums, one with lid
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- 1 skill saw: hardly used \$45
- Double end grinder: App 8”



### Lots of this and that

Cash only or by arrangement. Prices negotiable

**Graham Mayall ph 0277172131**

# HAVE YOUR SAY IN YOUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE

Wednesday 16 April 2014 7 – 8pm

## Tauwhare Hall

Waikato District Council  
Draft Annual Plan 2014-2015  
Long term plan – three years



## Public Meeting

Learn about what is proposed for your town, community and the district and make your voice heard.

### Items that may be of interest in your area:

#### Tauwhare area

- Designing a new water reservoir and other water services

#### Proposed Spending for the district

- Emergency road work
- New Footpaths
- Tankers for rural fire
- Work on toilets
- Additional funds for grants and donations

#### Proposed increases to fees and charges

- Library, legal services and consent fees
- Trade waste and refuse fees
- Road Safety and Corridor Access Request (CAR) fees

#### Community Engagement

- Tell us how we can do better

**General Rate increase is 1.89% not the expected 2.55%**

*Join us and have your say in your community's future!*



## FROM YOUR COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

We may have a low profile, and no unnecessary committee meetings, but your Community Planning Committee, largely in the form of me, is being heard, noticed and contributing to the thinking at the District Council.

For those who haven't caught up on our new Community Plan, the Council aren't doing printed copies this time, but the whole plan, including those for Matangi, Newstead and Tauwhare, is on the website at

<http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/CMSFiles/bd/bdc784a4-ee73-4cbd-8e36-9ffb105b6ff0.pdf>

I was invited a while ago to be part of an evaluation group of community reps on the shape and wording of the Draft Annual Plan 2014-15 and the Long Term Plan Year 3. After several sessions where opinions were expressed forcefully, the Council has now recognised that it needs to consult BEFORE they spend untold hours on plans, and not just consult AFTER they've put it all together.

So as you will soon see from the latest Waikato Navigator, which will arrive in hard copy in your letterbox, they now sound much more approachable and encouraging for submissions, and there is a new Communications Strategy being finalised which will ask first and adjust planning, as much as they can, afterwards. As well, they have done heaps of work on making website and internet accessibility easy for any resident to be able to ask questions anytime, and actually get answers! (If your copy of the Navigator doesn't arrive within a couple of weeks, either ring/contact the Council, or let me know and I'll make sure you do get one.)

I'm now embroiled in a community group which has begun looking at possible themes and ideas for the next Long Term Plan 2015-25, in conjunction with the Mayor and Councillors. It was interesting at the first meeting this week that the Council has a very complex task to marry the hugely varied needs and thoughts of the six towns and twenty-four villages within its bounds. There are some that find it difficult enough to focus on the 'wants' for their own small areas, and mind boggling to see the District as a whole. It was comforting to think that Eureka and its neighbours have already sorted out their Community Plans, and are more able to think broadly. Will keep you posted on progress on this over the year.

Progress on the formation of a Community Response Plan for Emergency Management is proceeding slowly. It's a new concept for both the various government agencies and the Civil Defence Emergency Management groups and individual Coordinators. There is a lot going on at 'high' levels, but I'm hammering away at the need for 'the community' to be better informed of both the dangers and the thinking/organising that is going on 'up there'.

On a more local level, the minutiae of where to put our donated bus shelter has proven quite complex, and I'm now checking with all the parties concerned (bus companies and Council) over the final details. Once those are sorted, our bus shelter will arise, no doubt rapidly.

Re the proposed turning/passing lanes at the Eureka intersection, after a great deal of negotiation we are now 'on the list' at NZTA. That doesn't mean instant changes, but is progress, if you know how these things work!

So Eureka and its fellow Community Committees now actually register with the Council, and we are asking for a greater formalisation of the relationships and responsibilities, particularly in comparison with Community Boards, which are created under statute.

Will keep you all updated.  
Sue Edmonds, Chair, Eureka Community Planning Committee.



# Tauwhare School

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We were reminded this week of how our lives are controlled by a connection to the global world. Our systems went down for a week and, while the teachers could revert to 'old style' teaching, Paula and I struggled to get anything done without access to our emails and internet.

## **FAREWELL TO OUR CARETAKER**

Sadly, we are about to farewell our part time care-taker, Graham Mayall. Graham has been with us for eight years and those of you who know him will appreciate how much we will miss him. He has always done over and above what was required and is always there to help in every way.

However, it is time for Graham to put his feet up! We will be farewelling Graham on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April (last day of term) at 10.30am**. Please do feel free to come to school to join with us in thanking Graham.

We are now looking for a new part time caretaker/handyperson. Please contact the school 07 8240864 or [admin@tauwhare.school.nz](mailto:admin@tauwhare.school.nz) if you are interested in working for 5 hours per week. Hours are flexible.



## **HOT AIR BALLOON VISIT**

We are very fortunate to be having a hot air balloon at school on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The pilot, Dean Larkin from Mildura Australia, will arrive at 7am to set up for a take-off from school weather permitting. He will talk to the children and will join us for a sausage sizzle breakfast. Please do feel free to come and join in with this exciting event!!!

## **NEW PLAYGROUND**

Work continues on our new playground. The sandpit is so huge we can fit more than 50 children in it and still have room! We have had plans drawn up for a ship to be built in it and we are hoping to get some help to build this. Do ring if you could help!!!! It is a simple but fun design.

We have eight NZ Navy guys arriving on Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> to bring down and build a Burma bridge in the sand pit also. That will be huge fun for all of us!!

We have had a very exciting month with many trips and school events to start the year in style. The junior school went to the Butterfly House in Thames as part of their Think like an Entomologist. The senior school went to the Waikato Museum to see the Roman Exhibition as part of their Think like a Physicist.

The Yr 5 & 6 students are at camp in Waihi Beach learning all about mining as well as learning to surf. All 45 children are having a wonderful time and the teachers and parents are having just as much fun!

The middle school had Camp Experience days at school and made Smores and sandcastle competitions.

Have a wonderful month  
Fiona Bradley  
Principal



## Tauwhare Playgroup

We have been enjoying the lovely fine weather and having lots of outdoor play, including getting the water table out, and playing in the schools new fantastic sandpit. We got creative and brought out our inner Irish with St Patrick Day crafts and green piklets.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of April we will be having a trip out. Where, is yet to be decided. Check our facebook page for details closer to the time.

Our last get together for the term will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April, when we will be celebrating Easter with crafts, Easter food, and an Easter egg hunt.

We will get back together after the school holidays on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May.

After last year's fantastic growth of the playgroup, we have fallen back down to a few children again. We do understand that we all live busy lives with lots of other commitments, but without your support we may lose the playgroup from the community for good.

We meet at Tauwhare School's Multipurpose Room from 9am-12noon every Thursday.

Bring a small plate for a shared morning tea. Hot drinks provided.

For more information, contact: Karina Hayward on 824 0932.  
Like us on Facebook and keep up date with what is happening.



## Pukeko Preschool April 2014



Pukeko Preschool has had a colourful focus, celebrating Purple Cake Day, and everything green on St Patrick's Day. We enjoyed an Irish Dancing performance by Hannah, Maddy and Georgia from Tauwhare School - thanks so much to the girls for sharing their dancing with us.

At present we are focusing on 'Music and Movement' - all about ribbons, costumes, listening to different types of music and dancing and singing inside and well everywhere. We used our hands to 'see' under the scarf. The children had chosen five musical instruments to cover up ... but only after we had talked about their shapes, textures, sounds and names. We didn't know what one of them was called so Connor named it 'Bob!' 😊 By exploring with our fingertips we were able to hunt around and find each instrument in turn.

We would like to thank all our parents helping out with the maintenance around the centre. It is wonderful to be in such a caring community.

If you are looking for childcare please call in and see us (on the grounds of Tauwhare School) or call Clare on 824 0860. Our hours are 8.45am – 2.45pm, or 8.45am – 1.00pm.



## TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

The club held their Opening Night on 6<sup>th</sup> March with a good muster of Tauwhare members and our guests from the Matangi Club.

Our Club is now 60 years old, and would undisputedly be the only original district club still in existence – table tennis, tennis, Lodge, Country Women's Institute (CWI), Athletic Club and the School's 500 card evenings to name a few have all been and gone!

Who can play bowls? Children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, workmates – anybody can play this wonderful game.

We meet at the Tauwhare Hall each Thursday at 7:30pm. If you would like to give bowls a try, or would like more information, please phone me on 824 1819 – Robin

We welcome visitors and new members. Remember bowls is for all ages.

Our sincere thanks to Bev Mead for printing our 2014 programmes. Congratulations to Bev on her election as Vice President of the Eastern Waikato Sub Association. Also congratulations to Jack Hooper on his election as Vice President of Waikato. I note that Alex Jones from Matangi is Waikato's new President. How many mountains can we move having the top Waikato positions held by Eastern Members? Maybe it could benefit us mere country mortals!!

Andrew and Karen McNally have been selected as Waikato Junior Selectors – well done.

### **Results:**

#### **6 March 2014 – Opening Night**

Winners	Skips	A McNally
	Directors	Julie Logan
	Leads	D Pizzini

#### **13 March 2014 – Club Night**

- Winners I Spencer, K Williams, K McNally
- Runners Up Jim Bargh, Grant Goodare



### **Upcoming Events**

3 April 2014	Triples Championship <b>(Prior entry)</b>
10 April 2014	Open Triples Tournament <b>(Plate please)</b>
17 April 2014	Skips & Threes; Twos and leads
24 April 2014	Club Night
1 May 2014	Rinks Championship <b>(Prior entry)</b>

### **IMPORTANT**

Each week members will find a manilla folder on the stage. It is labelled "Please Read". The folder contains minutes etc from the New Zealand, Waikato and Eastern Associations. Owing to the 'clutter' which can occur on our Notice Board this may be an easier way to display the said correspondence and keep you all up to date.

**Good bowling everyone**

**Robin Bargh** Phone 824 1819

Well, this has been a very busy term and time is rocketing away on us already. So many valuable learning experiences have taken place and our children are working enthusiastically on many topics.

We had a storm warning last weekend which promised some decent rain and we certainly did not get much of it! The landscape is very brown and quite arid. You have to feel for the farmers at the moment having once again to supplement the feed for their animals. One thing is for sure, the acorns and branches from the large oak trees carpeted the entrance to the school. In fact the carpet of acorns was so thick that it was quite dangerous to walk over. We have Simon, from Groundcare who comes each Wednesday and Sunday afternoons and blows the paved areas around the buildings. By Monday morning you would not have known we had had a storm. Thanks Simon you do an amazing job in a very short time. Could I suggest to families with a fire place in their house, that we have lots and lots of acorns for the picking. They might save you some fuel costs. Help yourself.

### School Camp

Next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, our Year 4, 5 and 6 students will be on school camp at the Narrows. Thank you to all those involved in doing work behind the scenes to make this camp possible, and particularly to the staff who have been extremely busy preparing for this time. The staff are really looking forward to a wonderful time, having planned some exciting adventures for the children to enjoy. The first day, the students will be working at Pirongia, and returning to camp in the late afternoon.

WE had a very exciting visit from a Hydroplane racing boat thanks to the Latimer family(Max and Sean) and their parents. The children were able to come up close with a boat that was racing at Karapiro "Festival of Speed " Tour, photos were taken and the driver explained his boat and the races he took part in. Everyone was very impressed with the boat and learnt lots about this sport



## NEWSTEAD SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS 2014



### Freestyle

#### Girls 7 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Madeleine Coombes

2<sup>nd</sup> Holly Irwin

3<sup>rd</sup> Jorja Taylor

#### Boys 7 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Kaea Cribb

2<sup>nd</sup> Hayden Lloyd

3<sup>rd</sup> n/a

#### Girls 8 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Emerson Wright

2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Crowther

3<sup>rd</sup> Maya Dresser

#### Boys 8 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Hamish Wilke

2<sup>nd</sup> Matthew Wade

3<sup>rd</sup> Jacob Dromgool

#### Girls 9 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Trinaka Kenny

2<sup>nd</sup> Lydia Marsters

3<sup>rd</sup> Charlotte Ulyatt

#### Boys 9 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Mitchell Keightley

2<sup>nd</sup> Marcus Woodward

3<sup>rd</sup> Cameron Dewdney

#### Girls 10 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Stella Coombes

2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole Smith

3<sup>rd</sup> Neisha Cooper

#### Boys 10 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Warner Rudolf Henderson

2<sup>nd</sup> Isaac McFarlane

3<sup>rd</sup> Dylan Francis

### Backstroke

#### Girls 7 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Madeleine Coombes

2<sup>nd</sup> Charlise Davison

3<sup>rd</sup> Ella Taylor

#### Boys 7 Years

1<sup>st</sup> n/a

2<sup>nd</sup> n/a

3<sup>rd</sup> n/a

#### Girls 8 Years

1<sup>st</sup> EmersonWright

2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Crowther

3<sup>rd</sup> Lucy Chibnall

#### Boys 8 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Sam Keightley

2<sup>nd</sup> Hamish Wilke

3<sup>rd</sup> Matthew Wade

#### Girls 9 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Trinaka Keriny

2<sup>nd</sup> Charlotte Ulyatt

3<sup>rd</sup> Millie Wallace

#### Boys 9 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Mitchell Keightley

2<sup>nd</sup> Marcus Woodward

3<sup>rd</sup> Nathaniel Piripi

#### Girls 10 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Stella Coombes

2<sup>nd</sup> Neisha Cooper

3<sup>rd</sup> Nicole Smith

#### Boys 10 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Isaac McFarlane

2<sup>nd</sup> Warner Rudolf Henderson

3<sup>rd</sup> Dylan Francis

### Breaststroke

#### Girls 7 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Charlise Davison

2<sup>nd</sup> Madeleine Coombes / Jorja Taylor

3<sup>rd</sup> Ella Taylor

#### Boys 7 Years

1<sup>st</sup> n/a

2<sup>nd</sup> n/a

3<sup>rd</sup> n/a

#### Girls 8 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Emerson Wright

2<sup>nd</sup> Maya Dresser

3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah Crowther

#### Boys 8 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Matthew Wade

2<sup>nd</sup> Hamish Wilke

3<sup>rd</sup> n/a

#### Girls 9 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Trinaka Kenny

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3<sup>rd</sup> Lydia Marsters

#### Boys 9 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Mitchell Keightley

2<sup>nd</sup> Cameron Dewdney

3<sup>rd</sup> Connor Davison

#### Girls 10 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Nicole Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Stella Coombes

3<sup>rd</sup> Emma Wilke

#### Boys 10 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Isaac McFarlane

2<sup>nd</sup> Warner Rudolf Henderson

3<sup>rd</sup> Dylan Francis

## Newstead School Relay Team at Country Schools

(Photo By: Richard Coombes)



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# LADIES A PLATE

## Peach Danish

### INGREDIENTS

2x 425g cans sliced peaches (1 can peaches & 1 can apricots was yummy)  
 75g melted butter  
 1 egg  
 1/2 cup milk  
 1/4 cup juice from peaches  
 1/4 teaspoon almond essence  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 1 1/2 cup SR flour  
 1/4 cup toasted flaked/slivered almonds



Drain peaches, keep juice. Melt butter in medium sized bowl, add egg, milk, saved peach juice and almond essence.

Beat with a fork to combine

Chop peaches roughly, add half to the liquid. Then add sugar and flour.

Fold until flour is dampened - **don't** over mix or break up the fruit, stop before mixture becomes too smooth.

Spray/line a 23cm cake tin, spread mixture over bottom evenly, arrange peaches on top.

Bake at 190C for 15-20 minutes (depending on size of pan) until centre springs back

Cool on a rack, sprinkle with almonds (toast in oven while it is heating up, takes about 5 minutes), then dust with icing sugar

## Share Your Favourite Recipe With Us

Do you have a favourite recipe – maybe it is one that you created or maybe it is one that has been handed down the family. If so we would love you to share it with us and we can include it in one a future edition of the Eureka Express. Send them to [editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz](mailto:editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz)

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## In Your Garden

Winter is approaching. What was supposed to be the weekend of Cyclone Lusi didn't give Waikato, especially Eureka a lot of rain. Never mind, we move on. You should be planting your winter veg or at least preparing the ground for them.

Mushroom compost is a very good top up for all gardens, even around plants that are acidic, as very little lime is in the compost.

Do not fertilise plants at this time of year as 90% of plants should rest in winter and be pruned, especially roses and fruit trees about July.

If you do fertilise at this time it will take approximately three months for the plant to respond to the food which brings you to the middle of winter. Fruit trees, roses and many other plants put their feet up and usually stay dormant till Spring.



Our weather patterns have changed and if your roses are in full flower over Winter they will not give you 100% flower in the Spring. To make your roses dormant before Winter spray with a heavy concentration of copper spray and repeat every couple of weeks.

Start fertilising, pruning and spraying in July for most areas, further South should be later.



Remember you can trim, cut etc most hedges all year round. Photina looks good if it's trimmed twice a year, so as to encourage its bright new growth which is red leaved.

Roach's supply mushroom compost – weed free – no bark and available bagged or by the trailer load. (A lot cheaper to buy in bulk).

Order your plants now for June delivery, which will be around very quickly.

Happy Gardening, chin up...we will get some rain soon!

**Mike Roach**  
**Roach's Roses**



# Oranges



Oranges are a super food, just like the saying, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away", the same goes for the fantastic orange.

An orange contains more than 100% of our daily requirements of vitamin C, 13% fibre, 10% folate, 3% vitamin B17, 8% vitamin B5 and 5% calcium – to name but a few. The nutritional profile of oranges includes 80 health-promoting nutrients.

As we all know, vitamin C is our body's primary water soluble antioxidant that neutralises free radicals. If free radicals are unchecked, there is an acceleration in the aging process and also an on-going decline in our immune system, which increases our risk of free radical damage to our DNA and an increased risk of developing cancer. Free radical damage can also result in inflammation like various forms of arthritis and asthma. Free radicals also oxidise cholesterol resulting in plaque building up in the artery walls, which causes cardiovascular disease, heart attacks and strokes.

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## On the home front.....



Getting inspired is easy when you see the amount of choice and quality of wallpaper today; it will soon be time to rug up and enjoy those inside tasks. Choosing wallpaper for a feature or for texture or just because you can.

Wallpaper can offer a variety of looks and styles, it is easy and quick and often non-messy way to have a huge impact. What to keep in mind when making your inspired choice.

**Quality:** For the area you are wallpapering, e.g. Kitchen. Make sure it is scrubable or washable. Consider an easy wipe surface in the areas you will need to wipe often. Most papers will give signs on the back of the paper itself or at the back of the book indicating how washable it is.

**Texture** a textured wallpaper other than a flat wallpaper will not show imperfections in your wall. A shiny paper will show most marks e.g. nail holes or ruff plastering especially if it's a flat paper as well.

There are 3 ways to hang wallpaper/ always read the gatter( the piece of paper around the roll) before hanging it give instructions on which system to use relating to your chosen paper.

**Pre-pasted wallpaper** where the paper is cut then put through a wallpaper bath and is allowed to soak before placing on the wall.

**Paste the paper** which the paper is cut and laid on a pasting table where it is pasted with the recommended glue.

**Paste the wall** this is becoming most common now, where the wall is pasted with the correct glue and paper is cut and hung onto the wall....mess free for some.

Don't forget to size before wallpaper.

Happy Wallpapering

Leanne Hilder

## Travelling the South

Sitting in our Eureka committee meeting on Monday night catching up with all the members and sharing our holiday stories and experiences, Gail asked me to do a quick write up of my motorbike trip around the top half of the south Island with my son on the back of the bike.

A spare of the moment idea, I had always wanted to see Nelson, so with a day to organise, pack up and encourage my 15 year old son this would be great... we headed off to Wellington on the 5 January to catch the ferry at 8pm coming into Picton at about 11.30pm staying one night in Picton then on to Nelson the next day along Queen Charlotte Drive beautiful sights and amazing riding, by now we had had rain wind and finally today was the ideal riding weather with only 107km to Nelson after a late night and traveling 519km the day before...The day was topped off by one of the nicest ciders, well Jordan enjoyed fish and chips and our busy back packers.

It was on to Golden bay though Motueka and changing our location of stay to Takeka as there was major rain over the Takeka hills and we were soaked. A quick shower and on to the mountain bikes to a crystal clear stream (poipoi springs??) just outside of Takeka the bush walk in the rain was breath taking. As it fined up I was keen to make it to farewell spit, so leaving Jordan at the back packers off I headed, it wasn't far but well worth the ride especially on my own. It was going to be a big day tomorrow so movies with the German girls we had met at the pack packers and an early night.

A 415km trip today and some by me taking the wrong turn and heading for Nelson lakes, back on track to Hamner Springs though Lewis pass, wow!! When they say its different here compared to the North Island it really is, with the best riding roads. More rain as we got into Hamner Springs just in p time for soaking in the hot pools.

From here we needed to be up early for our final stretch of the South Island finding some fantastic roads linking us to state highway one to Kaioara, Blenheim and on to the ferry in Picton.

An Experience well worth doing and memories for a life time.

**Leanne Hilder**



## CO Comment for Eureka Express

**Rainfall:** As cyclones go, Lusi was a bit of a disappointment! The areas that needed rain the most got between 5 and 15mm. It was enough to cause a slight greening up but no drought breaker for sure.

Until now farmers have tended to address the supply side of the feed deficits. i.e. buy in more feed. However since Lusi didn't deliver in the Eureka area, more farmers are thinking about the demand side of the deficit. i.e. culling cows and drying off some or all of the herd.

It is decision time for many right now. This is especially the case where grass silage has, or is about to, run out. Given that grass silage is a good source of protein and a lot of maize silage is now being fed, which is low in protein (8%), some diets are now protein limited. i.e. protein rather than energy is limiting production.

1 or 2 kgs of protein rich supplement such as cotton seed meal can fill the protein deficit, but at around \$800/t it is expensive. There is a train of thinking that if a diet is protein limited the "spare" energy goes into body condition gain. If that is the case then a protein limited diet at this time of year is not all bad. We need to hear more science on this one.



**Maize Crops:** There has been huge variation in maize crops, even within paddocks. Some of the DM% figures have been ridiculously high. I sampled a stack where the bulk of it was very dry and could not be properly compacted so the contractors got in some 'green' maize to put on top to aid rolling and sealing. The 'dry' sample was 60% DM, 7.4 crude protein and 10.8 ME while the 'green' sample was 36% DM, 6.9 crude protein and only 9.4 ME. The green sample was obviously low in grain and inferior maize silage. Hardly good milking tucker.

**Levy Vote:** Dairy farmers are urged to exercise their vote in the upcoming DairyNZ levy round which occurs once every 6 years. April will see promotion and information about this important decision with May the month that voting occurs. The levy is spent in a wide range of areas on behalf of dairy farmers. Priority areas of levy investment are:- **Farm Profit, Research & Development, Talented People and Environmental Stewardship.** Other areas include Animal Welfare, Industry Information Systems, Work Environment and Local Communities. Farm Owners and Sharemilkers – have your say. VOTE.

**New Job:** I have been promoted to the role of Regional Leader, North Waikato, taking over from Duncan Smeaton. I will be staying within the team I have been in for the last 5 years but taking on more of a leadership role. This means a new CO will be running most of my groups but I will be seen at groups from time to time supporting the CO team of 5 in the region. We will have appointed my replacement by the time you get to read this. In case this is my last Eureka Express article, I want to say it has been great putting pen to paper each month. Hopefully one or two of you have found it useful.



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## Farm Discussion Group Report

Well we just missed cyclone Lusi so still in the dry. Looks like the end will be soon although most at our latest discussion group held at Richard Lansdaal's property on station road were upbeat considering our situation and milking on. At Richards's farm they have built a new 36 aside HB shed with a lot of new features including teat spray applicated to the teats in the cups after milking and cups rinsed between each cow being milked. This has reduced the cross contamination of mastitis and has reduced another job in the cowshed. The shed also featured a well thought out flood wash system using green water from the top of the effluent pond. We had a demonstration and it was very impressive another labour saving system. The water flowed off the rectangular yard and into a large sump before returning to the pond. The new shed was well thought out and made for a very good visit.



A round up of the groups situation showed that most were positive considering the dry. On average people were feeding out about 12-14 kgs of Dm/cow. A lack of protein was talked about and those feeding high protein diets were getting a better milk solid return for their supplements. Some are talking of drying off heifers and skinny cows in the next week or 2 but planning to get to mid-April with the rest or longer if rain comes in time. Payout was a big influence on these decisions as feed is still relatively cheap compared

to payout and the cost of feed above maintenance of a dry cow it makes dollars not cents to keep milking at the moment.

Our group was followed by a shed shout by the ANZ with refreshment's and a great Bbq that was much appreciated

We have a discussion group fishing trip coming up on 24<sup>th</sup> April on the mussel barge 7am at Te Kouma wharf, anyone interested contact me please, limited numbers and already over half gone cost approx. 60-70 dollars includes bait.

Thanks all for a great turn out and see you next month and hopefully we will be green by then and have something else to talk about.

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### Does your Cat suffer from stress?



As we get back from a hard day at work, it can be hard to believe that your cat is stressed. They have been asleep most of the day on your chair and may open an eye to greet you, or demand food from you immediately! They appear to have an easy life! However, cats naturally want large spaces to roam around in and they seek privacy as they are generally solitary animals. These days, many houses have more than 1 pet and many cats live in urban areas where there is a high cat population density.

#### What can stress my cat?

There are many situations that can lead to a stressed cat, and with most of them we (as humans) would not even consider them to be worrying. Examples include:

- New furniture or moving old furniture to different places
- New cat/dog in the family
- New baby into family
- Moving house
- Building work and renovation
- New cat/dog in neighbourhood
- New partner moving in
- Change in diet
- Moving food bowls within the house
- Having guests come to stay

#### Clinical signs of stress

They can be many and varied and not every cat will show the same clinical signs, but if your cat is showing some of the following, then stress might be a factor.

- urine spraying/marketing furniture and walls
- scratching furniture and walls
- vocalizing more
- change in personality, e.g. becoming aggressive towards yourself or other pets.
- changes in food intake - eating more or less than normal,
- bald patches from over grooming, toileting in the house when previously been clean, hiding from you and not interacting with you as normal.

Long term health issues can be associated with stress, and these include cystitis and skin disorders.

#### What can be done?

There are a number of things that can be done to help your cat. The first thing is to recognise that your cat is stressed. It is important to realise that some cats do not like living with other cats and that they prefer to have only 1 person in their life. Cats use facial pheromones to mark their environment as being safe and familiar. This is what your cat is doing when they rub up against you! "Feliway" is a synthetic version of the facial pheromone which has had excellent results in helping cats reduce and prevent signs of stress. For those cats which are very highly strung, there are even anti-depressant drugs that may help!

*If you have any questions about anything brought up in this article then please contact the clinic to talk to one of our staff about your pet.*



## NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

As Council's representative on the *Hauraki Gulf Forum Committee* I recently had the privilege to be invited to join 250 other local government members, environmentalists, community boards, students and others on a trip around the islands in the Hauraki Gulf. The Hauraki Gulf Marine Park was created in 2000 to recognise and protect 1.2 million ha of ocean and more than 30 major island groups - around 14 of these islands are now pest free. It is New Zealand's first national park of the sea. This trip was hosted by the Waiheke Community Board and we had a full day out on the Gulf. Various speakers gave presentations relating to the Gulf and Islands ranging from island restoration, animal and plant pest management, historic heritage, ecotourism, recreation and more. We also had the opportunity to go ashore at Motutapu Island where a restoration trust is doing amazing work. In the last 20 years thousands of volunteers have planted hundreds of thousands of trees to create an indigenous forest. An ambitious pest eradication project undertaken by the Department of Conservation in 2009 has created a safe habitat for native fauna. In 2001, to celebrate the pest free status of Motutapu and Rangitoto, four Takahe were released. Since then another 13 birds have been released and five pair of Takahe have made nests this spring. Volunteer days take place on the island on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, except on public holidays. For more information on the Motutapu Restoration Trust go to their website [www.motutapu.org.nz](http://www.motutapu.org.nz) - Next week our Committee has been invited to hold our quarterly meeting on Kawau Island in the Gulf and also visit the historic sites on the island.

A public meeting for residents of Eureka, Tauwhare, Matangi, Newstead and surrounding districts is being held on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at Tauwhare Hall – 7:00 – 8:00pm** so you can learn about what is proposed for your community and district and so we can hear your views. The Draft Annual Plan 2014 – 2015 and Long Term Plan – Year Three will be discussed along with proposed spending in your area and in the district and proposed increases to fees and charges etc. The general rate increase for next financial year is 1.89% not the expected 2.55%.  
- I hope you can join us.

The latest section of the *Te Awa River Ride*, Cambridge to Avantidrome (next to St Peters School, SH1), is due to open on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 4:30pm. The public are encouraged to ride their bikes to the opening event – the trail can be accessed in Cambridge at the Gaslight Theatre, Alpha Street. When completed the River Ride will travel 70km along the banks of the Waikato River and will eventually stretch from Ngaruawahia to Horahora.

Construction of the various sections of the *Waikato Expressway* is pushing ahead. The long dry summer, while not good for farmers, has been a bonus for the roading works. The Cambridge Section has a 'haul road' operating across the full length of the route keeping construction vehicles off local roads and construction has started on the Northern, Victoria Road and Southern interchanges. On the Hamilton Section a change to designation to allow an interchange at Ruakura has been lodged – details are available on line [www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/hamilton](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/hamilton)

Last month I mentioned that regional meetings were being held to discuss the issues for *cyclists on rural roads*. You may have recently noticed the 'Share the Road' signs that have been erected by the Council to humanise cyclists so motorists see them as real people and not just a bike taking up space. The 'faces' on the signs are local people with a story to tell. These people have provided us with a background on their cycling habits and their concerns when they use the road.

An education programme through *Bike Wise, the Official NZ Code for Cyclists and Cycle Skills Training* courses are educating cyclists about how they should share the road. An initiative by Megan Jolly, Council's Road Safety Coordinator, to strengthen the *Share the Road* campaign is to distribute free reflectorised vests with titles like Mum, Dad, Son, Daughter, Nana, Poppa, Brother or Sister on the back of the vests. These vests are another opportunity to 'personalise' cyclists to other road users and are free for any cyclist. Cyclists who are keen to support the safety campaign can get one of these vests by contacting Megan at the Council on 0800 492 452.

There is still time to apply for funding from Council's *Heritage Assistance Fund*, open to all owners of heritage items registered in Appendix C (Waikato Section) or part 8A Historic Heritage (Franklin Section) of the Waikato District Plan 2013. The fund is for conserving, restoring and protecting valued heritage items through the district. Applications close 28 March. Find out more on [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services/funding.aspx#Heritage](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services/funding.aspx#Heritage)

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**Contact me at any time – more next month**

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