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Welcome to Winter... Brrrr...



GUEST EDITORIAL

The Dog and the Holiday

My Master and his family took me on a holiday for Easter. I think we went to a place called Hawke's Bay, my most favourite place in the world, but I didn't see any hawks there. It started with my most favourite thing in the world, a ride in the car. For a moment I thought we were going to my other most favourite place in the world, the dog kennels, where I could play with all of my favourite friends. I got really excited when we drove in. If it wasn't for my lead I would have leapt out Miss L's door. As it was I got tangled in her and her seat. My Mistress took the cat in but forgot to take me. Lucky cat. I ran after him when we got home to ask him how much fun he had, but he just hissed and ran away. I guess he was upset at having to leave such a fun place. Anyway the car ride went for ages and it was extra fun because everyone was in the car. I could lean over the back seat and see what Miss L was doing and smell the shampoo in her hair. She gave me lots pats for it, although they were a bit hard and aimed at my nose.



After a while we arrived at my most favourite place in the world, the Taupo House. I jumped out of the car and ran off down the road to visit my favourite friend, the spotted terrier. But he just barked at me, so I wandered down the path a bit. My Mistress found me a little while later and reminded me that running off without permission isn't a good thing and that I need to return to her when she calls. (She was just calling "Anubis", but I already know my name and she didn't say what she wanted anyway).

After a nice drink of my favourite water we were back in the car for another long drive over some windy wobbly hills. We finally arrived at my Master's parent's house, which is my most favourite place in the world. I was so excited I leapt out of the car and got tangled in my lead. My Master reminded me that strangling myself wasn't a good thing. But I was so excited because my favourite friend in the whole world was there, Hadley the golden retriever. He didn't seem to want to talk to me at first, but I persisted for some hours and eventually he saw how fun I am. We even played my most favourite game in the world "chase the dog with the ball". Hadley was a much better player than my Master, because he didn't give up after I ran past him a few times.



Then it was time for my most favourite time in the world, tea time, and it was dog biscuits- again! Dog biscuits are my most favourite food in the world.

I was so tired after my big day I had to go to bed early. It was like a sleepover, because Hadley was in the kennel right next to mine. We talked late into the night... Well I did most of the talking. My Master had to remind me a few times to keep my voice down. But it was just too exciting. At 4 in the morning I saw some rabbits and just had to tell my Master. It took a while for him to come out to the kennel, but then he just said something to me and went back inside, without even seeing the rabbits. So I had to call him out again. Then for some reason he got angry, I don't think he likes rabbits. I told them that, loudly. But then my Master put a big sack in front of my kennel and I forgot what I was barking at.

I woke up the next morning bright and early, ready for my first day on holiday. The day was so nice I had to call my Master out, he seemed a bit late that morning and he was missing out. My most favourite thing in the world in the morning is to go for a walk. We went on a long walk along the riverbank and when we got back it was time for my most favourite thing in the morning, breakfast! – Dog biscuits, again! I love dog biscuits. I spent a long day doing my most favourite thing to do in the day, lying in the

sun. Except for when I played chase with Hadley the golden retriever, that's my most favourite thing to do.



The next day we went for a walk down the back of the farm. There was a stream there, which is my most favourite thing to play in. I stuck my head under the water blew lots of bubbles with my nose, then ran off over the farm. I especially liked running down the hills at full speed, except when I lost my footing and ended up rolling down the bank and landing on my face. Hadley wouldn't give me his stick, so I found a bigger one. It was the size of a small tree. In fact I think it was a small tree.

Then we went to my most favourite place, the beach. I love the smell of seaweed, and it tastes great too, a bit salty though. My Master threw a stick into the water and I jump in and got bowled over by a wave. I barked at the wave, but it ignored me, so I jumped on it. My Master shouted something about the stick, so I swam after it and pulled it back in. I gave it to my Master then shook myself off. My Master shouted something about getting wet, but I think he was just saying how fun being wet is. I ate some more seaweed and then swam after some more sticks. I had a great wet dog smell by then and everyone commented on it on the car ride back. They must have thought it was really good.

We eventually ended our holiday and had a great ride home in the car, it rained the whole way, which meant when I got out at Taupo I could top up my wet dog smell.

It was a great holiday. I spent my time doing all my favourite things, playing, laying around, and eating, which, after all, is what holidays are for aren't they?



P.S. My master informs me were going to an obedience course next week. That's good, My Master still needs a bit of obedience training.

Dictated to Kent Pryor by Anubis the Dog.

RAINFALL

	April 2014	Year to 30 th April
Total (mm)	110	168.5
Average (1994-2014)	93	311
Difference	17	-142.5

Rainfall recorded on 18 days.

Brrrr.....!



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Snippets



BIRTH: NEW BABY CONGRATULATIONS: to Tom and Nicole Marwick of Hooper Road who welcomed their first baby, a darling daughter, Chelsea, on March 14. Very best wishes to all.

21ST BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS: to Jared Wilson, only son of Ross and Lynda Wilson of Eureka Road, who turned 21 on May 17. Jared has lived in Eureka since he was 5 years old. We trust the celebrating went well, Jared.



WELCOME TO EUREKA: to Bill and Jill Harrison who have bought Jennifer Mace's home on Waverley Road and moved from Piako Road. Bill and Jill recently sold their farm on Piako Road. A warm welcome to you both.

APOLOGY: Your Editor sincerely apologises to Michelle Arundel and her loyal recipe followers for the inadvertent omission of Michelle's recipe page last month. Editor takes full responsibility!

FAREWELLS

Another year has flown by and sadly it is that time of year again when we must bid farewell to farming folk who are moving onward and upward with their lives and careers. Our good wishes go with you all.

On Waverley Road, at Buckley's, it is farewell, after three years, to Steve and Kim Taylor, and children Ben and Emma, who are off to Waitoa.

On the Gordon farm it is goodbye after two years to Phillip Debenham who is moving to Whitikahu, and also goodbye to Ashley and Jacquie, Lange and little Mackenzie who are heading to Tairua after three years here.

On the Mace farm it is farewell to Darryl and Emma Meredith, and their family of Chloe, Jack and Caleb, who are moving to Manawaru after four years on the farm and several years before that working elsewhere in the district. Go well

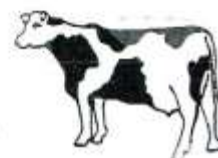
Moving on to Morrinsville Road to Ross DelaRue's farm where Mike and Jo Deverson have left after many years. Mike decided to have a change from dairy farming and has become a shepherd at Tainui Group Holdings, Hangawera Station near Tauhei, up in the hills where sheep, beef and dry stock are farmed. Meantime Mike and Jo are still living in Eureka and Mike is commuting to work. He remains very involved in his passion of dog trialling, being current President of the Morrinsville Sheep dog Trial Club. Go well, Mike.

Also on Morrinsville Road, on Colin Duncan's farm, it is farewell to Anthony, Barbara and little Anika Lila-Bea Duncan who are also leaving dairy farming and heading back south.

To Manor Park where we say goodbye to Ken and Esther Downing who are returning to dairy farming, heading to Ohaupo where a Jersey herd awaits them.



Good luck to you all.
We trust you all leave with happy memories of your time in Eureka,
and may your moving day be fine and dry.





Roll 160

BOOK WEEK(s)

We use many ways to hook children into Reading for pleasure. Teachers go from room to room reading to other classes and it is lovely to see the older children reading to and reading with our younger children.

To celebrate reading we have many events planned over the next two weeks:

- **Monday, 26th May** – visit from author **Kathy White**. Kathy writes books for children, and is active in the area of educational publishing. She has also written fiction, plays, and non-fiction. Her writing has appeared in a variety of educational journals and magazines, and she has worked as a librarian, children's services coordinator, as well as in book sales and as a book reviewer.
- **Thursday, 29th May** – Book Week Disco, 5.30-7pm where children will dress up as a book character (only for Tauwhare School children).
- **Friday, 6th June** – presentation of our learning throughout Book Week - 1.15pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.
- **Tuesday, 10th June** - Perform Educational will be visiting to present their musical production on books and reading. The production also deals with relevant personal development themes including – looking for things we have in common with others, rather than differences plus creativity and imagination help us to expand our horizons.
- **Stu Duval**, a very entertaining author and illustrator (who draws as he presents!), will be visiting us on **Tuesday, 24 June**. He will be



presenting to each syndicate and then working with the senior children in a Writing Workshop in the afternoon.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE

Three members of the Education Review Office have spent a very intensive three days in our school reviewing the educational opportunities given to our children. Their final report was absolutely beautiful!! We have a very knowledgeable, dedicated team, and very responsive children. They said the student meeting was one of the best they had ever had and they noted that our children are achieving above the National Standards in Reading, Writing and Maths. They also made mention of the vast cultural and sporting opportunities.

The full review will be published on our website once we receive the official documents.



STAFFING

We welcome Glyn Doughty to our staff. Glyn has taken over caretaking duties 😊

We are still looking for someone to help us with After School Care. The hours are from 2.50pm – 4.00pm Monday to Thurs. (These hours may well increase.)

**It's
back!!!**

The Tauwhare School PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Q1: When is it?

Answer: Saturday June 28th 7.30pm



Q2: Where is it?

Answer: Tauwhare Hall. Tauwhare Road, Tauwhare

Q3: How much is it?

Answer: \$160 per team/table – Up to 8 members per team.

(We may be able to join you up with other groups to make teams of 8 if you'd prefer
1X COMPLIMENTARY DRINK p/person – Beer, Wine, or Soft Drink

Q4: How do we pay for drinks etc on the night?

Answer: Cash Only (Sorry, no eftpos)



Q5: What's on offer?

Answer: A night of fun, hilarity and an opportunity to test your general knowledge!!

Also Quick Fire Raffles and Silent Auctions.

PRIZES for Winning Team, Best Dressed Team and Best Decorated Table

All proceeds go towards PTA Fundraising for 2014.

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**So where will you be on June 28th?
At the Tauwhare School PTA Quiz Night! - Where else!**

REMEMBER - CASH ONLY!

Register your names and pay entry fee by Friday June 13th. Post to Matt Walton,
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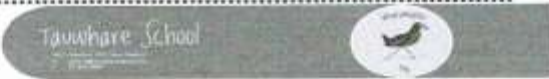


Name(s)

Team Name if entering team:

Phone number:

Email:



Tauwhare Playgroup

Showing off the Hot Air Balloons we made to celebrate the Balloons over Waikato Festival last term.



Welcome back to the Mums who had babies during Term One. It is great to have you back. We have started the term by making Mother Days cards and exploring the range of toys we have in the toy shed. We will be looking at buying more toys and equipment later this term. Any ideas on what we can invest in would be appreciated.

Later this term we will be celebrating everything regal on the 29th May for Queen's Birthday; animals on the 11th of June during the Field Days week and a mid-winter Christmas party on the 26th June.

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



Pukeko Preschool

Autumn is all around us and creating lots of fantastic learning opportunities for our tamariki. We have been on lots of walks taking cameras and boxes for collecting treasures along the way.

We have been painting and drawing using this picture as inspiration. As the children paint they create stories about this Maori man. If you recognise him or you have stories about the Tauwhare area we would love to hear them as the children like to publish their own books.

We would all like to say a huge gigantic thank you to Giltrap Agrizone for their wonderful donation of a ride on tractor. As our old one is upside down getting fixed most of the time it is brilliant timing.

Just a reminder our sessions now run from 8.45am-2.45pm (or 1.00pm). We welcome new enrolments, please call in and see us at Tauwhare School, call 07-8240860 or email pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz.





LITERATURE QUIZ

A big thank you to June and Judi, two dedicated staff members who organised and prepared a school team to compete in the Literature Quiz, held last week at St Pauls Collegiate School. Congratulations to Holly McCullum, Reese Robinson, Mitchell Keightley and Trinaka Kenny for their outstanding performance. They were competing against 50 other schools, most of which were Intermediate teams. One of the organisers commented on Newstead's teamwork and support of each other. The Newstead community can feel very proud of their efforts.

We can also feel very proud of Jackson Keightley, 2013 Year 6, who was in the Berkley team. They came third overall.

This month is the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Appeal fund month. Schools have been asked to fundraise for the Appeal. We fundraised for this on Tuesday and what a magnificent effort it was too. Nearly everyone chose to wear- the Newstead RED T-Shirt, also the chopper's colours. **We had a gold coin trail spelling out Chopper Appeal.** We had a very special stall as the children were dismissed from school on **Monday.** This stall will sold, some

HELICOPTER CUP CAKES again, for a **GOLD COIN DONATION.** We made \$110 alone just with the cupcakes!! They looked and tasted fabulous! Our sincere thanks to Julie Huggins for her very generous offer to make these cupcakes. Through our coin trail we made \$223.00.

Now since the school raised over \$200.00, for this appeal, our fabulous acting principal Russ Young has arranged for an anonymous businessman to donate a big box of new books valued at \$200.00, to the school Library. What an awesome effort, well done Newstead!

This Month heralds the beginning of the Winter Sports season, and we proudly have 9 teams playing Saturday soccer, several children trialling for the rep teams and 2 enthusiastic Netball teams, it is so great to see this level of commitment and many, many thanks go to the hardworking parents who coach and support our kids often in blustery weather.



TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

First news – the Ross Arndt Trophy tournament, which was held at Otorohanga. Waikato's Junior team of 10 players included A. & B. McNally and C. Bargh. Waikato came 2nd to Tauranga. The other teams were Taranaki and North Taranaki. It was great to see the teams decked out in their respective District colours. The sportsmanship and behaviour could not be faulted.

The annual Burnside Trophy challenge by Matangi resulted in a win for Matangi.

B. Meads, J. Arnold and R. Bargh qualified to play in the post-section of the Eastern Waikato Championship Singles. They were all eliminated. The final was a case of 'girls rule'. R. Moore won and M. Pruden was runner up. Both ladies play for the Matangi Club.

The Waikato Development Squad is travelling to Taupo on 17 May to play for the Mernbery Trophy. B. McNally and C. Bargh are in the team. Well done and good bowling to both of you.

Results:

24th April 2014 – Club Night

- Winners J Hooper, L Verner
- Runners Up R Bargh, L Grievewson, G Mayall

1st May 2014 – Rinks Championship

- Winners B Mead, R Arnold, N Stolwyk
- Runners Up I Pizzini, L Verner, C Olsen, H Bargh

8th May 2014 – Club Night

- Winners J Arnold, K Williams, Glenda Goodare
- Runners Up R Bargh, G Mayall

15th May 2014 – Pairs Championship

- Winners R Coxon, G Mayall
- Runners Up J Arnold, D Appleton

Upcoming Events

- 5 June 2014 Esme Pope Memorial (Handicap Singles)
- 12 June 2014 Club Night – Progressive Bowls
- 19 June 2014 Open Singles (4 Games qualifying) **Start 7:00pm**
- 26 June 2014 Club Night

Out and About

- 25 April 2014 Eastern Waikato Rinks Championship
- Runners Up B Meads, J Arnold, R Bargh, R Arnold

More news next month - Good bowling everyone

Robin Bargh Phone 824 1819



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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ROAD WATCH

Are you planning to make it to Monday? We hope you are!
Historically, the most common crash causes during Queens Birthday Weekend are **alcohol impairment, driving too fast for the conditions, poor handling, poor observation and failing to give way/stop.** The majority of fatal crashes occur on our open roads. *Lets work together to reduce injuries and keep the road toll at ZERO.*

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SPEED THRESHOLD

In effect 1600 hours on Friday 30 May until 0600 on Tuesday 3 June 2014.

Expect a fine if you are speeding...



SPEEDERS BEWARE...

Traffic Safety Camera's (fixed & mobile) will be deployed across the region to assist with keeping the road toll and injuries at zero. Stick to the rules.

KIDS IN CARS

Ensure any children travelling with you are in approved restraints.

BE AN ALERT DRIVER

Don't drive if you are fatigued – get some sleep. Don't put yourself and everyone else on the road at risk! Its not worth it.

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO CRASHES IN NZ – FACTS:

- failing to give way (25% of crashes)
- losing control (22%)
- inattention (22%)
- alcohol (19%)
- fatigue (16%)
- travelling too fast for conditions (11%)
- too far left (11%)



SIMPLE.
Don't drink and drive!

DID YOU KNOW?

21% of our fatal crashes occur at intersections

Loss of control contributes to 40% of all fatal crashes.

Every driver pulled over WILL be breath tested over QBW.

Last year the road toll for QBW was 0.

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Blueberry Sour Cream Cake

Line 23cm spring base cake tin

Base

1/2 cup sugar

15 g butter

1 egg

1 tspn vanilla essence

1 cup flour

1 1/2 tspn baking powder

Beat egg and sugar, add egg, vanilla essence, baking powder and flour until smooth

Spread mixture evenly in cake tin

Then cover mixture with 3 cups of blueberries



Topping

2 cups sour cream

2 egg yolks

1/2 cup sugar

1 tspn vanilla essence

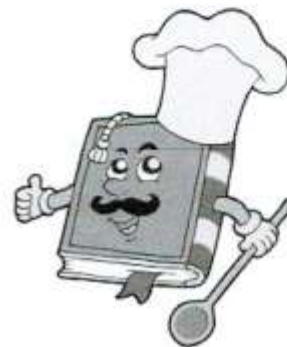
Mix above ingredients together and pour over the blueberries.

Bake at 160 degrees for approx. 1 hour.

Great with ice cream or custard

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



IN YOUR GARDEN

Hi, Mike from Roach's,

Well we have had rain and good grass growth recovery, which is making things a wee bit easier for all concerned. A lot of farmers have dried off early too, this will keep the cows in a better condition for calving.

In the garden all fruit trees and roses should now have been sprayed with copper to stop growth and encourage leaf fall and to harden up soft wood.

You should be spraying copper at least three times every 2 weeks, this will clean up any fungal disease there may be on plants.

Don't prune fruit trees or roses till mid-July. You can cut/trim hedges of any variety whenever the need arises.

Order your plants from the nursery or garden centre now, so as to get the best quality plants at the beginning of the season.



You should have all your winter veggies planted now, if not start planting. A good base for veggies, flowers and general plants is mushroom compost, which we have, it has no bark, is weed free and you can grow straight into this compost. For very fine vegetable plants mix potting mix with compost to get best results.

We have a large selection of citrus just bagged and ready to go now at a very reasonable price.

If you require any hedge plants or numbers of other plants we will source these and confirm price and availability to you as soon as is practical.

Happy Gardening
Mike from Roach's



EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



Eureka Junior Badminton has had a great start to the season, with many new players starting. Fantastic to see last year's Juniors eager to play this season again.

All children 8 years and over welcome.

Wednesday nights 6pm to 7.30pm
Matangi Hall

Racquets available. Enquiries phone 0274489678.



On the home front.....



Got some time for some DIY?? The keep it simple do it yourself rules for your next renovation project.

- Preparation work is key to your end result. Prepare your surface well, this **DOES** matter and makes a difference to the finished results.

- Major renovation work to be done first, then keep in mind work from top to bottom, start with those ceiling and work your way down.



- Sometimes less is more with a colour your scheme, it doesn't have to be complicated to make an impact.
- Use the right products for the job, check with your supplier that you have the correct paint for the area, so you can avoid paint breaking down and get a lasting result.

- With winter here and painting make sure the temperate is right for paint drying time, 10 degrees and over is often recommended or look for a winter grade product.



Often just getting started can create some amazing results.

Leanne Hilder



Iodine

Iodine is a trace mineral essential for proper physical and mental development.

Iodine is used for the production of thyroid hormones and for cell function, metabolism of nutrients, energy production, regulation body temperature, nerve and muscle functioning, repair and growth of tissue and is also important for skin, nails, teeth and hair. The thyroid uses iodine to make the thyroid hormones, thyroxine (T4) and triiodothyronine (T3), these hormones control the body's metabolism.

My grandmother used to paint iodine on the soles of her feet at night going to bed, by morning it had disappeared and she would keep doing this until it stopped disappearing. When it stopped disappearing, your body is telling you you don't need anymore.

It is also used as an anti-oxidant against radiation.

Back in the 1920's and 1930's about a third of New Zealand school children had either goiter or low iodine levels so in 1939 iodine was added to salt.

Iodine is the most deficient trace element in the world. About 73% of New Zealanders have insufficient iodine intake and around 30% of New Zealand children are iodine deficient.

Iodine is called the sea mineral as it is found in extremely high amounts of seaweed, it is also found in iodised salt, strawberries, whole boiled egg, haddock and shrimp, sea vegetables, kelp etc.

I often use seaweed manure on our vegetable garden (we also used it on our pasture when we were milking cows)

Japan's low breast cancer rate has been associated with the high consumption of iodine mainly from seaweed products.



Cheryl McFarlane

Farm Discussion Group

This group was held at Philip and Joelean Mayall's property on Eureka road. They milk 300 cows on 100ha and have 60 ha of support blocks for their young animals, winter grazing cows plus some grass silage bought on to the dairy platform. The day we were at the farm was to be their last day of milking for the season and production ended up at approximately 135000MS.



Phil and Joelean were kind enough to have some Financials available from Dairy Base which gives the group a real understanding of the business performance. Dairy Base figures add a lot to a group as with complex farm system these days it is difficult to know how actual farm performance is going just from MS/ha. We are at discussion groups to learn new ideas, what is working well for others and look to take some ideas back to our own farms. The Mayall's farm is being run very efficiently and was making very good profit/ha. Phil has a real grass focus but supported well by in shed meal feeder and feed pad and moderate bought in feed. Phil and Joelean's attention to detail showed throughout the day and was obviously a contributing factor to the profitability of the farm. This group was a great opportunity to see a profitable farm in action and I thank Phil and Joelean for opening up their farm for the day. I am sure all who attended this group were a little inspired to take home some thoughts on how to make their own business more profitable.

To go with this day out the ASB bank provided us with an awesome lunch and refreshments. It is always nice to have a lunch provided by rural professionals and a chance for them to mingle with farmers in a relaxed environment.

I didn't write a comment last month about our fishing trip to the Coromandel so here is a brief summary of the day. We left Te Kouma boat ramp at 7:00 and headed south to Walkawau mussel farms on a beaut day. The fishing was average with many small ones but enough good size ones around 40 cm were going in the bin to keep us interested. We also fished at Devils point for an hour and this proved a little more fruitful, bringing the tally up to 75 Snapper for the 16 crew along with a few Kahiwai and a John Dory. The catch was taken back to my cowshed for mass filleting along with a bag of mussels and cooked up with a beer or 2. All got a nice bag of fish to take home for the family. Another great fishing trip and looking forward to next years.



Well start of a new season is here along with our new CO so looking forward to all that is ahead of us. Any new farmers in the area are welcome.

You can phone me for details of the next group on 8241108.

Cheers
Brett Gordon

CO Comment

A big hello to the Eureka District as I become your new DairyNZ consulting officer, and carry on Phil's legacy as he steps up to Regional Leader. Phil was exactly right in his summary last month, in highlighting the interview process as 'no mean feat'. Although, the experience allowed me to get an accurate insight into the role of a CO and all that it entails. It was great to see local farmers involved in the process to ensure my appointment is rewarding for all.



Thank you to everyone I have met so far for your warm welcome to the community and I very much look forward to meeting more of you over the coming months – see below for upcoming events.

Make sure you take some much needed time off farm to recharge your batteries prior to setting up your farm for the start of calving. Also a good chance to reflect on the past season and what did or didn't work and set yourself some goals for next season.

Good luck to all farmers and their families shifting farms this June and welcome to everyone moving to our great district.

Upcoming Events:

There are 4 upcoming events to put in your calendar.

1. DairyNZ's popular StockSense workshop, 18th June, 10am-2pm, Morrinsville (farm address advised upon registration). Giving you and your staff the practical skills and knowledge to make this calving season the best it can be. Register online at www.dairynz.co.nz and search StockSense, or contact Ben Turner 021 222 9028, for the two level workshops. Junior Staff - calving preparation and calving kit. Decision-makers and managers: practical skills for humane slaughter and managing udder health. All workshops are free for levy-paying dairy farmers and their staff. BBQ lunch provided.
2. Waikato's Progression Group launch at the Don Rowlands Centre, Karapiro is on June 20th. This will be a really good, most-of-day session in the style of Mark & Measure and will cover both goal setting and wealth creation delivered by top notch outside speakers. As the name suggests, progression groups are for younger people looking to up-skill as they build their dairy business.
3. Waikato's Healthy Rivers plan change (formerly known as Farming with Limits), Friday 6th June, 2-3.30pm, Gordonton Hall. Have your say! Join the meeting to find out about council's collaborative process and give your feedback on how the industry should respond. Register at dairynz.co.nz/events or phone Ben Turner 021 222 9028
4. National Fieldays 11th-14th June

All the best for the new season ahead!

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28 May 2014

HEALTH & SAFETY MEETING

Waikato Federated Farmers welcome all farmers to come along and hear the importance of Health & Safety on-farm.

There are obligations under the Health and Safety in Employment 1992 (Act) that everyone in the rural sector needs to be aware of. Employers have an obligation to make sure that all employees and visitors to your farm are free from any work hazards and accidents.

With all the recent media coverage on farm accidents and the health and safety on farm inspections, rural work places have a message that they must implement a health and safety plan to eliminate, isolate or minimize hazards. Come along and hear more information that can help you set up a plan.

When: Wednesday, 4 June 2014 at 4pm - 6pm

Where: Leamington Rugby Sports Clubrooms, Carlyle Street, Leamington, Cambridge

Guest Speakers:

- Chris Lewis, President, Waikato Federated Farmers
- James Schofield, Hazardco
- Hamish Flett, Sharemilker Chairman Waikato Federated Farmers
- Ben De'Ath, Recruitment Director, Cross Country Recruitment

Free drink and nibbles.

If you RSVP by the Tuesday 3rd June that you will attend, we will provide you with x2 tickets to purchase a drink from the bar (wine/beer), instead of the x1 if just turning up.

RSVP to: Gaylene Bamford 07 858 0820 or gbamford@fedfarm.org.nz

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Free first aid workshops for rural Waikato

St John First Aid workshops in association with Waikato Federated Farmers Charitable Society (WFFCS) will be held free of charge for the Waikato rural community, May to July 2014.

WFFCS have been working with St John to prepare rural communities with the necessary first aid skills to make a difference in an emergency.

Together, it is our aim to better prepare rural communities with the necessary first aid skills and confidence to make a difference in an emergency situation – whether on the farm or in their local community.

St John have developed a unique two hour workshop designed specifically for rural communities. These workshops are practical, hands-on, and plenty of fun.

This fantastic offer is available to everyone that lives and/or works in rural Waikato.

Why should you attend?

- So you can help save a life of a mate, family member, colleague or neighbour.
- You'll learn how to offer vital assistance before more experienced help arrives as sometimes emergency services can take longer to arrive in rural areas.
- The workshop only takes two hours.
- The cost to attend participating St John First Aid workshops have been met by WFFCS.
- You gain a St John First Aid workshop certificate.
- Workshops are conveniently located at your local St John.
- All attendees go in the draw to win a free Panasonic Toughpad worth \$1,799*.

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St John First Aid workshops cover:

- Scene assessment
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- Immediate actions
- Fractures (head, neck, spinal)
- Major bleeding
- Amputations
- Adult CPR
- Crushing
- Follow up actions

St John First Aid workshops in association with WFFCS are held 11am-1pm on the following dates and locations:

Date 2014	Venue	Location
Tuesday 20 May	St John Otorohanga	11 Kakamutu Road, Otorohanga
Wednesday 21 May	St John Te Aroha	33 Burgess Street, Te Aroha
Thursday 22 May	St John Morrinsville	113 Aerson Street, Morrinsville
Monday 26 May	St John Te Awamutu	31 Palmer Street, Te Awamutu
Tuesday 27 May	St John Matamata	Corner Rawhiti Avenue & Ngaio Street, Matamata
Wednesday 28 May	St John Raglan	11 Wainui Road, Raglan
Thursday 5 June	St John Cambridge	16 Fort Street, Cambridge
Wednesday 4 June	St John Otorohanga	11 Kakamutu Road, Otorohanga
Monday 16 June	St John Huntly	11 George Drive, Huntly
Tuesday 17 June	St John Matamata	Corner Rawhiti Avenue & Ngaio Street, Matamata
Monday 23 June	St John Tokoroa	62 Logan Street, Tokoroa
Tuesday 24 June	St John Cambridge	16 Fort Street, Cambridge
Thursday 26 June	St John Te Awamutu	31 Palmer Street, Te Awamutu
Tuesday 1 July	St John Morrinsville	113 Anderson Street, Morrinsville
Wednesday 2 July	St John Tokoroa	62 Logan Street, Tokoroa

Spaces are limited, so register today!

Waikato/BoP Young Farmers have generously offered their support and will be coordinating registrations for those wanting to attend a participating St John First Aid workshop. Please contact:

Casey Huffstutler

Young Farmers, Upper North Island Field Officer
Email: farm1staid@gmail.com

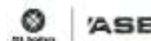
For more information email Casey at the address above or phone 027 213 0043

St John would like to take this opportunity to thank Waikato Federated Farmers Charitable Trust, Panasonic and Young Farmers for their support and passion to equip our rural communities with the necessary first aid skills to make a difference.

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