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Guest Editorial

The best job in the world.

Anthony and I moved to Eureka 3 years ago from Reefton, we have moved up and down the country dairy farming and decided it was time to settle down. Wanting a change from dairying we brought a chicken broiler farm, we have really enjoyed the new challenge and all the great things the Waikato offers us as a family. We have 3 children Emma 15, Luka 13 and Liam 11.

Parenting in our house is very much a team effort; I have written the following on my personal feelings on the changing faces of being a busy Mum.

Looking back when they were little, though busy, life was simple and structured, I was in control. As a Mum, you're their world, you know everything. Now I ask my 11 year old how to work the computer. The kids ask their Dad to help with their maths homework now; it's too hard for me.

As time goes on parenting becomes more challenging, and more expensive. Clothes from Farmers just won't do, its Backdoor and Northbeach where the clothes are twice the price but don't seem to last twice as long. No longer happy with the quiet camping grounds with a great playground, its surf beaches and socialisation where brands and labels become super important.

They always make me feel wanted"Have you seen my PE gear? Can you pick me up, I forgot to do my homework" (5 minutes before the bus). Liam's favourite 'get what you want line' begins with... "You're the best Mum in the world" AND it works. I'm such a pushover.

The prospect of Emma driving is the next thing to stress me out; seated on the passenger's side with gritted teeth and white knuckles my nerves will be shot.

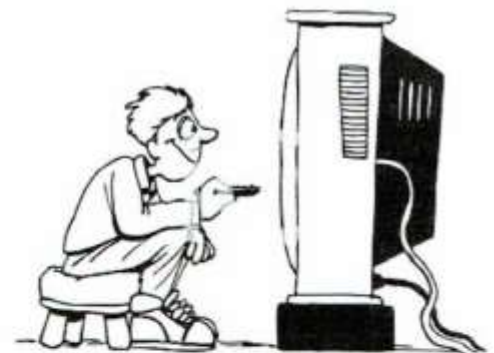
Many hours of standing on the side line cheering I realise sports have jumped to a new level of competitiveness, the triumphs are higher and the disappointments lower. Tears when you get bowled for a duck or worse a golden duck. No second chances. Gone are the PC days where everyone gets a go.

Adapting to the ever changing emotions and moods as they transition from childhood to adolescence to adulthood, I seem to get a handle on one phase when another rolls in to challenge me. I find I can easily get negative and bogged down worrying, are they watching too much TV, Playing too much PlayStation, spending too much time on social media, doing enough homework? Instead of focussing on the positives and encouraging them in what they are doing and achieving, forming their own identities and ideas.

I love being a Mum and wouldn't change a thing, It's taken me a while to accept I can't get it right every time, I have learnt that as the dynamic of the family evolves I need to modify how I approach things, striving to find the balance while guiding them into forming their own moral code and achieving independence.

Being a Mum is without a doubt the most challenging job I have ever done but also the most rewarding!

Becky Walton



SNIPPETS



APOLOGY AND CORRECTION: The phone number for RD 7 relief mailman, Arthur Rye, had a digit missing in last month's EE. Arthur's number is 0274 963151. We sincerely apologise for this error and any inconvenience caused.

WELCOME TO EUREKA:

- to Grant and Emma Burke, and their springer spaniel, Maya, who are new residents on Manor Park having bought Stuart Lye's home. A warm welcome to you all. Phone 0272447520
- Welcome also to Dean and Carolyn Chamberlain and their three girls, Summer (14), Cali (7) and Katlin (5) who have moved from Tauranga onto Eureka Road. Dean is working on the Scatchard farm. Phone 8241625.

Sincere Condolences

are extended to Michelle and Craig Arundel and family of Morrinsville Road, on the death of Michelle's brother, Peter Nielsen, on March 16. Peter, aged 55, worked for Nutritech, and is sadly missed by his loving family, friends and clients.



EASTER SUNDAY

5th April

At St Andrews, Tauwhare

Kids for Christ is celebrating with a Family/Community service at 9.30am.
Anyone is welcome to join us for an interactive Easter Celebration.

Morning tea included plus an Easter Egg hunt

ZUMBA - With Sam and Melody

6.30 pm Tuesday

6.00 pm Thursday

Eureka Hall

Cost \$5.00 (first time \$2.00)

Phone Sam and Mel 021496544

EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB

Juniors starting from 1st Wednesday after the school holidays at Matangi Hall

From 6pm to 7.30 pm.

Ages 7 years upwards. Racquets available.

Phone Bryce 8240923





2015 EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

Results as follows:

SENIORS:

- 1st Millie Wallace (10yrs)
- 2nd Alex Meredith (9)
- 3rd Rachel Basi (10)
- HC Ashleigh Mayall (9)
- HC Leo Wallace (8)

Commended:

Letitia Taylor (8), Ben Newman (9), Jessica Chambers (9), Lucy Holden (10),
Ryan Chambers (8), Wyatt Grant (9), Jessica Brunton (10), Jordyn Horsburgh (9).

JUNIORS

- 1st Noah Ellesmere (7 yrs)
- 2nd Lauren Pryor (7)
- 3rd Bianca Ellesmere (5)
- HC Hannah Gordon (7)



Commended:

Patrick Gordon(5), Daniel Pryor (5) Stirling Grant (6), Alison Brunton (7),
Corbin Billings (5), Olivia Billings (7), Ashlee Winter (6), Jesimae Strawbridge (7),
Leo Steffert (6)

PRE-SCHOOL

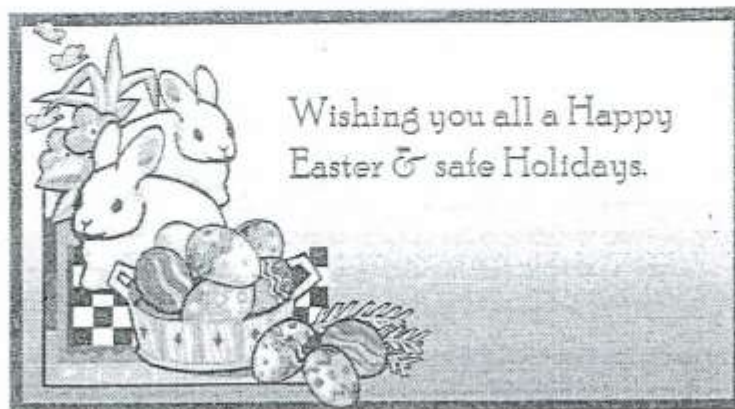
Shaun Mayall (4), Holly Steffert (3), Bruno Wallace (3) Wilha Grant (4), Elina
Morris(4).

COVERS

Renee Mayall (12), Amy Gordon (11), Mya Haggett (12).

Congratulations to all 34 children who entered the competition. Once again your beautiful
colouring made our Judge's task very difficult.

Entries are on display at Eureka Motors.



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Roll:166

A huge thank you to Janine Broekhuizen and all of the other families that have worked hard to maintain the swimming pool for community use over the summer holidays. Their commitment and hard work has been appreciated by everyone – particularly on the super-hot days that we have experienced!

ANZAC DAY – FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

Our year 5 & 6 students will be holding a service and creating a field of remembrance at school on **Friday 24th April at 1.30pm** to honour the 18200 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice when serving our country in World War 1.

You are very welcome to come and join in this special event with us. We would love to see returned servicemen and women and current members of our armed forces.

BUILDING PROJECTS

We have some major building projects coming up in the next two terms.

The Multi-Purpose Room has been confirmed as a leaky building so it needs to be completely reclad.

New Staffroom

At the same time we will be building a lovely new staffroom, which we need due to roll growth, which will attached to the Multi-Purpose Room, so the two projects will be built as one project.



SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to the team who represented our school at the interschool swimming sports. They swam their very best and we had many in the finals.



RAGLAN ROCK POOLS

Our school trip was a great success with the children exploring the rock pools and having the opportunity to observe a range of different creatures in the pools. All classes are



doing follow up activities from murals, to sketching and writing. The children are researching the rocky shore creatures with a focus on report writing.



DYSLEXIA FOR SCHOOLS

Last year our special programmes were filmed by University of Waikato to be used in a book and DVD to help other schools to assess and teach dyslexic children. The promo for the book is out now and features Tauwhare School. You can find it here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwRgwh_fuoU

If I were a colour I would be yellow because I have a bright personality.

If I were a fruit I would be a dragon fruit because I have a hard spikey outside and a very soft inside.

If I were a shape I would be a star because sometimes I like to stand out.

If I was an animal I would be a komodo dragon because I can be wild and untameable.

If I were a country I would be Africa because it possesses some of my favourite elements.

By Christian Yr 6



PUKEKO PRESCHOOL

Last month saw us celebrating the Chinese New Year and Dr Seuss' Birthday, a tree study and a keen interest in the Princess and the Pea. Our focus on 'I am Unique' continues, and we have discovered lots of wonderful qualities amongst our children.

We had a visit from the author Sharon Holt, who read us many of her wonderful books.

We had a few visits from Leprechauns in the lead up to St Patrick's Day. The children made some very elaborate traps to try and catch them but they always seemed to get away.

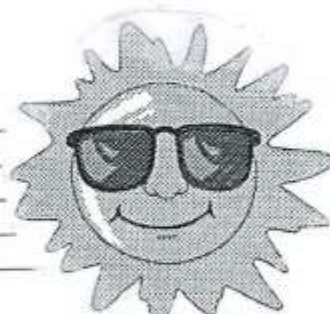
Remember we now run 3 sessions: 8.45am – 2.45pm; 8.45am – 1pm; and 8.15am – 3.30pm, and we open most days of the school holidays. Please call in and see us on the grounds of Tauwhare School (Scotsman Valley Rd), or contact us on 824 0860 or pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz. We'd love to see you ☺



RAINFALL

	February 2015	Year to 28 th February
Total (mm)	36	119
Average (1994-2015)	62	145
Difference	- 26	-26

Rainfall recorded on 9 days.





Friends of Pukeko Preschool

At preschool, we are working hard to raise funds towards the cost of building our new preschool building (on the site next door to our current preschool).

Our 2014 fundraising calendar was busy with a mixture of events, sales drives and grant applications that achieved some great results. We are now planning our fundraising for 2015.

We are introducing our new 'Friends of Pukeko Preschool' group, which we would love people from our community to join, if they would like to contribute to our efforts.

What will you be asked to do as a 'Friend of Pukeko Preschool'?

We politely ask that you complete and return to preschool the following form with your contact details, and the type of areas you are prepared to offer help with our fundraising.

What will the Preschool do with this information?

We will keep your information on file for future reference, or until you ask us to remove you as a Friends of Pukeko Preschool member.

When we have an event coming up, we will contact you if you have ticked a box that matches the relevant skills/tasks that we require, to see if you can help us out. By completing and returning the form you **are not** committing to any one event, you are just saying you are prepared to help when and if you can.

Why start a 'Friends of Pukeko Preschool' Group?

In starting the Friends of Pukeko Preschool, our intention is to reach a number of groups:

- Parents/families with children at the preschool, and
- Members of our community who are keen to see us achieve the exciting project of building the new preschool! We'd love to hear from people with skills and the time available to help us reach our goal, whilst getting to know others in our community better. This may be people who have lived in the area for a while, and would like to contribute towards this project, for the benefit of future generations of Tauwhare children.

We hope that you will consider becoming a Friend of Pukeko Preschool, and help us to reach our goals. Please contact us if you would like to discuss this in more detail.

Thank you and kind regards,
Pukeko Preschool Trust Board

26 Scotsman Valley Road, Tauwhare, RD7 Hamilton, 3287, Email: pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz

Pukeko Preschool, Tauwhare

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

Friends of Pukeko Preschool - form

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____ (primary method of contact)

I would like to become a member of the Friends of Pukeko Preschool, and would be happy to be contacted about contributing to future fundraising events.

I would be prepared to help out in the following areas:

Help out at an event

Be involved in a subcommittee for an event

Be a Coordinator for an event

Contribute food / supper for an event

Sourcing Sponsorship / Donations / Prizes

Do Gardening / Groundwork / Working bee

Do carpentry / maintenance

I have other skills / qualifications that I would be prepared to contribute:

Bar Licence

PA Announcing

Other: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Tauwhare Playgroup

Important Notice – Playgroup will be changing venue for Terms 2 and 3 this year – please read on for details:

In Term 2 and 3, Playgroup will be at St Andrews Church on Tauwhare Road, still from 9am on Thursdays. Tauwhare School is having building work completed on the multipurpose room during this time, so we are moving out during the renovations! We'll be back at the school later in the year. Many thanks to the Church for letting us use their building for a couple of months.

We've been having a great time with all kinds of autumn themed activities this term. This included a fantastic trip to Monavale Blueberries, where we picked bucketfuls of blueberries, then had morning tea in the café, with blueberry ice creams, blueberry muffins and blueberry juice!

The lovely warm weather has meant we have been able to play outside too. It was great fun playing with the sand and water play, this appealed to children of all ages, from the babies to the big 3 and 4 year olds.



We'll be making Easter crafts and having an Easter Egg Hunt in the last few weeks before the Easter holidays. Have a safe and fun holidays, everyone.

About us:

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

For more information, contact:

Pippa on 07 824 0846.

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



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TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

The Tauwhare Club was formed in 1954 and is the oldest, still functioning, club in Tauwhare.

Club nights are held at the Tauwhare Hall each Thursday, commencing at 7:30pm. (Names in by 7:30pm). You are very welcome to come and join us, have fun and enjoy the camaraderie each week. New members are always welcome. We supply all the equipment – all you need to bring is a pair of flat soled shoes or slippers.

Opening night was an opportunity to play bowls, "catch up" with fellow members and the visiting Matangi players.

The major event for April will be the match against Gordonton for the Brown Bowl. Tauwhare are the present holders.

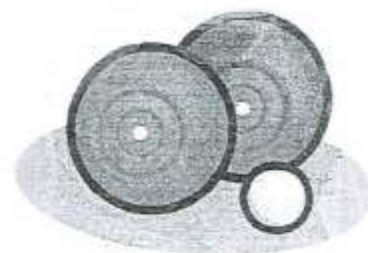
Results:

5 March 2015 – Opening Night

- Winners Alex Jones, Jim Bargh, John Bargh
- Runners Up G. Membery, R Coxon, D Pizzini

12 March 2015 – Club Night

- Winners J Arnold, John Bargh
- Runners Up A McNally, H Bargh



Upcoming Events

2 April 2015	Club Night
9 April 2015	Triples Open Tournament (Plate please)
16 April 2015	Skips & Threes; Twos and Leads Competition
23 April 2015	Rinks Championship
30 April 2015	Club Night
7 May 2015	Club Night

Good Bowling Everyone

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THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BURGLARY

WHO burgles a house?

- A burglar can be male or female of any age, height, size, colour or race;
- They may operate alone, in pairs or in groups;
- They may be on foot or could use a vehicle, motor bike or bicycle to check out your neighbourhood;

WHEN do burglars strike?

- They burgle houses by day and night, come rain or shine – especially when they can see no one's home or the risk of being seen, or caught is low;
- They often burgle one or more nearby houses in the neighbourhood.
- They often return to a burgled house a few weeks or months later when the stolen items have been replaced.

WHERE do burglars pick their victims?

- The house looks empty, like there's no one home – lights aren't on at night, curtains may be closed during the day, or mail and newspapers have been left to accumulate in the letterbox. The phone keeps ringing instead of going straight to answerphone: no one home!
- Names on rural letterboxes which enable burglars to ring the telephone number and check if anyone is at home!
- Some windows or doors open or unsecured, for the cat and dog, or just like people used to in the "good old days";
- The house is not easily visible from the street, there are lots of trees and shrubs to hide the burglars from those nosey neighbours;
- The house is conveniently situated next to an alleyway, park or reserve so they can get into and out of the house as quickly and quietly as possible;
- Items of value are left outside to be stolen: bikes, copper plant pots for example;
- A television glowing in clear view from the street;
- Garage door left open too, so it can be seen that the car isn't there and the lawnmower and chainsaw are up for grabs!
- If they've been to the house before they will know the layout pretty well.

WHY DO BURGLARS STEAL?

- They want cash, and small valuable items like jewellery, electronic and portable digital equipment, alcohol, and tobacco which can be quickly converted into cash or drugs;
- Whatever is on their "shopping list" which is often kept in the "getaway car". Remember burglars earn their living doing this!

WHAT PUTS A BURGLAR OFF?

- Houses with alarms. Especially properly installed alarms which are always armed whenever the occupier goes out no matter how long for;
- Houses with security lighting, especially the kind that is set up properly and which works;
- Neighbourhood Support signs and stickers; suspicious, enquiring neighbours; people who challenge them; people who call the Police;
- Dogs. Or guard dog signs on fences and gates;
- Houses with good, solid, locked, locks and doors, windows and other entry points.
- A vehicle in the driveway;
- Lights, TV and radio are on;
- People who advertise that they are using SNAP and SelectaDNA.

On the home front.....

Have you ever thought of colour as a non-verbal form of communication, silently speaking volumes by setting mood, reflecting emotion and inspiring action. With this in mind, ask yourself how important is colour?



Colour can have a powerful effect to the look and feel of a space following are a few ideas on the impact of colour can have.

Bright Red:

Exciting, energizing, passionate, powerful or aggressive, and antagonistic.

Deep Blue:

Credible, authoritative, basic, classic, service, loyal, confident or aloof, distant, melancholy.

Sky Blue:

Calming, cool, heavenly, true, serene, and expansive.

Red Purple:

Sensual, thrilling, intensely exciting, dramatic, creative, witty, expressive.

Neutral Grey:

Classic, sober, corporate, practical, timeless.

Dark Green:

Nature, trustworthy, refreshing, cool, restful, traditional, reliable.

Try this philosophy and see what you come up with, remember colours can mean different things to different people.

Leanne Hilder

IN YOUR GARDEN

Hi Folks,

Well it's been a few months since I wrote. Weather patterns are changing from hot dry days without any rain to cooler nights, even down to 6 degrees! The days also are getting cooler. A few of us have had some rain, but not nearly enough.

It's time to prepare and plant winter veges now, clear out the vege patch and dig in some compost. If you need some we have mushroom compost, which is sterilised to stop mushrooms growing, but better still it is guaranteed weed free, and has no bark! It consists of chicken manure, straw and peat and has very little lime, so can be used around acidic plants such as Daphne, Camellias, Azaleas, Rhododendrons etc.



All brassica, some lettuce varieties and herbs can be planted now, along with other veges such as beetroot, celery, leeks etc.

Spray your fruit trees (that aren't fruiting) and roses with copper spray to clean up and harden new growth for winter.

The farming community are feeling the pinch with milk prices down and very little grass and are managing with silage, hay

and meal. Staying positive is sometimes difficult, but keep your heads high as with any business we manage to get through the lows and then enjoy the highs.

Happy Gardening
Mike

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• x 10 insertions	\$160 / year		

HEALTHY RIVERS PROJECT

I know that some of you think that things going on by the District or Regional Council are tedious, boring and often only worthy of criticism when decisions are finally made.

And in the past the Regional Council has appeared particularly aloof, with seemingly little real consultation over water and other matters.

However, with a new CEO, Vaughan Payne, and Paula Southgate as Chair **things have changed**. I regularly attend Waikato Federated Farmers Executive Meetings (by invitation) and even those hardy critics are finding information flows from WRC and meetings with Councillors are no longer a 'clash of titans' but fairly amiable discussions. When WRC was invited to the last Feds meeting to talk about the Long Term Plan they brought 10 Councillors with them, and they even stayed to lunch!

On the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora issues the 24 member Collaborative Stakeholder Group has not only been visiting a very representative list of 'involved parties' around the Waikato, but has been holding a series of 'stakeholder meetings' to update a very wide selection of interested parties (140 at the most recent one) and to seek a lot of input into what they are trying to do, and how they are going about it.

Now you all get a turn to have a say.

During April they are holding four 'drop-in' sessions around the region, where everyone in communities is invited to come and see what's been done so far, and be able to make comments and suggestions on how, what, and why what still has to be done gets done.

The most local one for Eurekaans will be held on **Monday, 13 April, 7-9.30 at the Hamilton Gardens Pavilion.**

At the most recent 'large' meeting the CSG revealed that their initial choice of Freshwater Management Units (as required by the Government's National Objectives on Freshwater) will be roughly the same as for the various WRC Catchment Committees. Some discussion groups expressed concern that the four focus areas for the CSG (Nitrogen, Phosphorus, E.coli and sediment) were not only different in the various FMUs, but also need to get a broader view, and include attributes like human system health, ecosystem health, and water clarity. With the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato/Waipara Rivers signed into law, Waikato has to try harder than some other areas - we also have to be able to swim in, and take food from our waters.

After each big meeting the CSG are presented with yards and yards of written ideas, from which to synthesize the ideas expressed most often and most forcibly. So they are listening!

As I'm now a landholder rep on the WRC Catchment Committee for the Central Zone (Karapiro to Ngaruawahia) I'm attending meetings in all directions, wearing one of what currently feels like my 50 hats. It would be comforting if I felt that others in the district were moved to attend some, and were also aware of what is being done and planned.

So please mark 13 April on your calendars and try to get to the Gardens that evening.

Sue Edmonds

CO Comment

With autumn here with the crisp dewy mornings and sunny days, the long overdue rain finally arrived! A couple of good downpours earlier on gave green tinges to the grass that will now generate decent growth and pasture covers with follow up rain.

In general, farmers remained fairly positive over the summer dry even in light of the low payout, because most of them have been here before and now have systems in place to handle these situations better. Building resilient farming systems that can handle the seasonal variability is a perspective we now need to have.

A key focus for the start of the New Year for DairyNZ has been launching the Tactics for Tight Times Campaign, to provide farmers with resources to ensure their farming system is resilient to manage the volatile milk price and summer dry. There are 29 host farms around the country covering a range of systems and different ownership structures. We will be following these farms for the next 18 months with several fielddays to track their progress on the real decisions they make during this season and the next. These fieldday's also give insight to the dairy industry's economic situation and flow on effects to budgets and monthly cashflows, and provide an opportunity to discuss seasonal or regional issues for example the implications of milking vs drying off.

The Gordonton medium input (system 3) farm owned by Graeme & Karen Bonnar with impressive financial KPI's and a consistent low cost profitable operation had their 1st fieldday mid-March. This fieldday introduced the farm system, the hosts philosophies and decision making processes around tactical financial decision making and future decisions. It also proved to be a great opportunity for people who have been farming for some time with a lot of experience, to share their lessons learnt and offer valuable advice to other people who may be really struggling during these tighter times.

The 2nd fieldday is on the 27th May, and will update us on the progress of the Bonnar's plans, how the rest of the season went for them and the effects on their budget and long term plans as well as a seasonal topic yet to be decided.

So a key area of focus for the next month is doing a realistic monthly cashflow forecast for the winter considering only 5 cent retros will be coming in for June & July – Know what you've got! I encourage you to get engaged with your bank manager, accountant and trusted advisers to make a plan and monitor progress, especially if your business may come under substantial pressure. Remember a problem shared is a problem halved, and the sooner you deal with it the easier it is to manage and the more options you have available to you.

Apply this same principle to your herd with a dry-off plan to ensure your cows reach BCS targets at calving. Regular monitoring of both your herd average, and BCS range across the herd are important to identify and manage your at risk cows (lighter, earlier calving) so they have adequate time to reach BCS targets.

Upcoming DairyNZ events to put in your calendar:

- Waikato Sharemilker of the Year fieldday, at Aaron Price's, Tuesday 31st March, 10.30am, 276 Pioneer Road, Morrinsville, SN 76406. *Come along and see why Aaron won Waikato Sharemilker of the Year.*
- The local Eureka Discussion Group is on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 11am – 1.30pm. The next group is on Tuesday 14th April, host still to be confirmed. For more details please visit the events page on the DairyNZ website.
- The next T4TT fieldday is on the 27th May, 10.45am at the Bonnar's, 652 Woodlands road, Gordonton. SN 72646.

Have a happy Easter!

Jaimee Morgan - DairyNZ Consulting Officer Hamilton North
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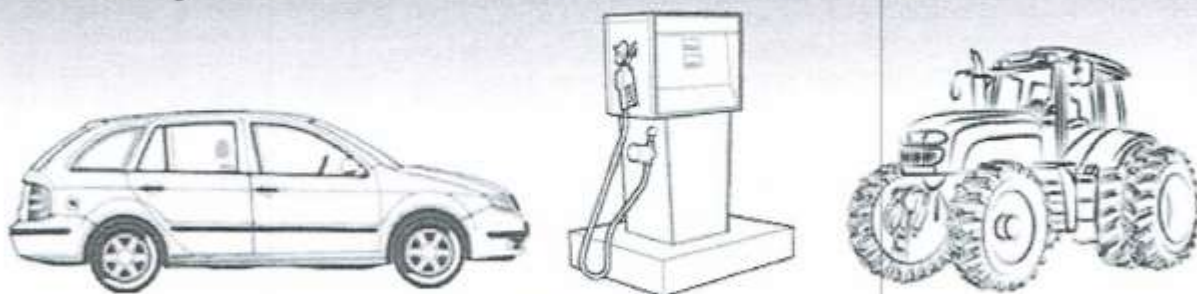
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