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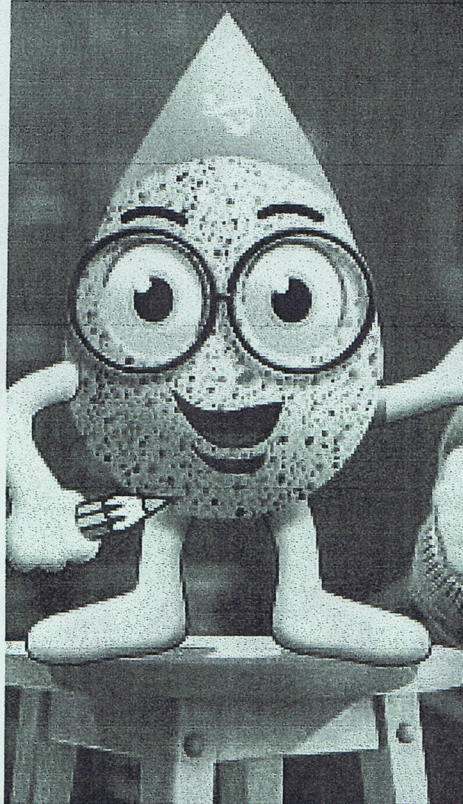
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EDITORIAL

As the days get hotter and longer some of us will start thinking about pulling out and dusting off our BBQ's, filling up our gas bottles and getting ready for those evening grill ups. A good kiwi tradition that will keep going for many generations. As for me, I haven't used a gas BBQ in four years, as a switch to solid fuel barbecuing has opened up a whole new playing ground for my summers.

My family and I, Claire, Colin (9) and Amelia (3) reside on Hinton Road and have been here for two and a half years working for the Kings. As you may have noticed from time to time you will see me hovering over a BBQ, usually in the middle of the day where it can be smoking like crazy.

Spare ribs, pork belly, brisket, beef cheeks, short ribs... just to name a few, are what I generally like to BBQ. But as I said earlier, I use solid fuel, which is charcoal and charcoal briquettes, which help me cook these meats at a low temperature where I can add smoke flavour. Now this low temperature has one drawback... time. These meats can take anywhere from six hours to sixteen hours – pork belly six hours, beef cheeks eight hours and brisket, sixteen hours (unless it is a stubborn piece of meat, then eighteen hours). Though there are times that I will get my coals hot and just throw on steaks and sausages for a quick cook, still tasty with a bit of smoke flavour.



This type of barbecuing/smoking is generally associated with American style barbecuing, but here in New Zealand it has taken a good grip on a lot of kiwis and is now getting a kiwi twist, with tastes and flavours that we are throwing at our meats. The smoke profile is very unique to our part of the world due to our native trees that we can smoke with. Pohutukawa is my favourite, followed closely by Oak. I will leave the Manuka for the fish, as it is far too strong for red meats.

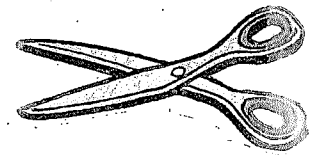
How I got into it; four years ago I stumbled across a new event to be held in New Zealand for the first time, *Meatstock*. I saw it was about barbecuing and was interested, I went along and within six weeks I had my first charcoal BBQ. A small kettle to start learning on. I now have four charcoal BBQs/smokers and am looking for my fifth (wife pending). With the help and guidance from a BBQ pit masters page on Facebook, I have picked up some good tips and tricks to help improve and master the charcoal cook.

So, as you can tell I thoroughly enjoy barbecuing even if it means getting up at 2am to get the coals going, meats rubbed, BBQ to temp (230F), I find it all worth it. Who needs sleep right, when you have a juicy, tasty piece of meat to enjoy for the next meal?

Enjoy your summer and BBQ season, maybe try charcoal and its wonderful flavour.

Greg Lockley

SNIPPETS



DONATION THANKS TO: The Tauwhare Bowling Club

RUBY WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS TO: Colin and Glenys Middlemiss of Hooper Road who celebrated 40 years of marriage on 8 November. Best wishes to you both for many more good years of marriage and motor racing!

80th BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO: a couple of local identities who recently celebrated the big 80! Well done Robin Bargh and Mike Stokes and every good wish to you both for lots more years to celebrate.

WELCOME TO EUREKA to the young couple who have purchased Charlotte Williams' property on Platt Road, Ben and Shari Smith have moved out from Hamilton to enjoy rural life and love the big garden that will keep them happily occupied. A warm welcome to you both. Phone 0276018903.

AND WELCOME TO EUREKA also to Leo and Majella Voorend who have moved from Hamilton having bought the Marshall property on Eureka Road. They have four grown children. Daughters Emma and Nicole are living in Hamilton and sons Scott and Blair are presently living at home.

Leo and Majella owned a poultry farm on Onion Road, Te Rapa, for 20 years before going dairy farming in Ohaupo. Leo is having a change now and working as Maintenance Manager at Alandale, and Majella is a hobby florist and gardener. A very warm welcome to you all. Ph. 021 663 707

Condolences

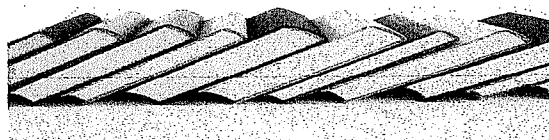
Sincere condolences are extended to Peter and Claire Warren of Tauwhare Road on the death of Peter's father, John Warren on 13 November

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Friday 4th – Sunday 13th December

9am – 6pm

Eureka Hall



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Geoffrey Ross Hinton

5 July 1953 – 31 October 2020



Sadly, lifetime Eureka identity Geoff Hinton lost his 6 month battle with lung cancer on 31 October and the huge farewell turnout of friends and family was testament to the esteem in which Geoff and his family are held. He would have loved the great reunion of past and present Eureka residents.

Geoff was Eureka born and raised – a third generation Hinton to farm on Eureka Road – the eldest son of Tom and Claire Hinton and grandson of Ross and Florence Hinton.

Great grandfather, Thomas Hinton first bought the land in Eureka in 1907 and he and his wife, Nelly had 12 children, the seven youngest all attending Eureka School. Many of the family settled in the district or had connections to Eureka over the ensuing years.

When Geoff's father, Tom was born in 1926 his parents, Ross and Florence were living and farming on Station Road (now Eureka Road). At that stage there were only two houses on their side of the road and three on the opposite side. (Yes, now Eureka Road boasts about 70 houses!)

In the mid-40s, due to health problems, Ross and Florence moved into Hamilton and Tom returned to take over the farm in 1951 with his wife, Claire (nee Seymour). They lived in the old homestead and produced their family there, Geoffrey, John, Leigh and the late Anne. Tragically, Geoff lost his adored sister, Anne when she was 3 years old and he was 4 years. But brothers, John and Leigh joined the family and the boys were great mates, enrolled at Eureka School like their father before them. Tom and Claire were very community minded taking an active part in all local activities. They built a new home in 1962 and lived there until soon after Geoff married Diane (nee Barlow) in 1979.

Tom had established Eureka Blueberries Ltd and he and Claire retained their association with the district through this venture after moving into Hamilton in 1977. Geoff and Diane raised their two children, Daniel and Anna on the farm, and were in turn very



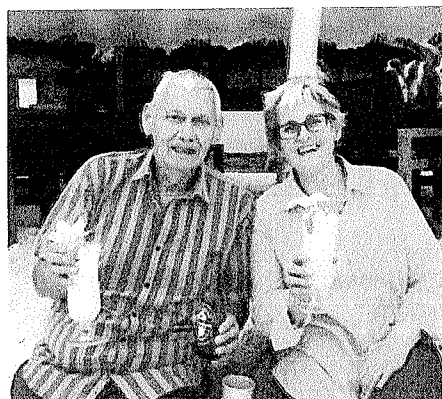
community minded and actively involved in hall, school and district activities. Geoff dairy farmed for a number of years before converting to bull farming, then returning to dairying before son, Dan married Abbie in 2009 and moved back to manage the farm.

Anna had married local lad Guy Irvine in 1998 and they were then also living on Eureka Road and raising their family. They have since moved into Hamilton.

Geoff loved life -family, friends, fun, and, of course, fishing and diving. Parties in the blueberry shed and at Lake Claire are legendary, plus practical jokes that could only be traced back to Geoffrey! His good humour and ready smile were infectious and will be greatly missed. A love of motorbikes and motor racing took him away on regular trips, particularly to Oz where he met up with brother, John. In latter years the acquisition of a motor home provided many enjoyable breaks away.

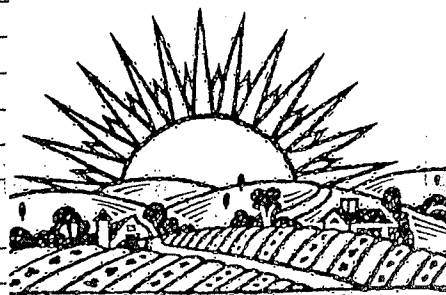
Geoff leaves behind his beloved wife of 47 years, Diane, two adored children and five cherished grandchildren. To Diane, Dan, Abbie, Charlotte, Joe, and Anna, Guy, Emme, Tom and James Irvine, goes our heartfelt sympathy in their huge loss.

Geoff will be sadly miss by us all.



WEATHER

Weather for October 2020		
Rainfall total	64 mm	
Rain Total for year	523.4 mm	
Rainy days	13	
Most daily rainfall	18 mm	13 th October
Highest wind speed	30.6 km/hr	4 th October
Temp high	24.7 C	26 th October
Temp low	1.2 C	17 th October



HALL UPDATE

November almost done, 2020 almost over, as the song goes, "Looks like we made it". It has been a pretty rough year for us all, but most of us have come out the other side with different attitudes and optimism for the future.

I just have a few reminders for you with the holiday season close, and time to hopefully get some time to relax with family and friends. Remember the little library is there so you can replace and swap your reading matter while you are relaxing in the sun. Trudi will be having her last book fair for the year in December, another chance to stock up, remember shop local.

You will all see the sign at the hall pointing to the AED, but do we actually remember it is there. Just a gentle reminder that should an emergency arise, it is at the door of the hall. All instructions are on the box and are clear. Hopefully it won't be needed, but it is good to just refresh your memory.

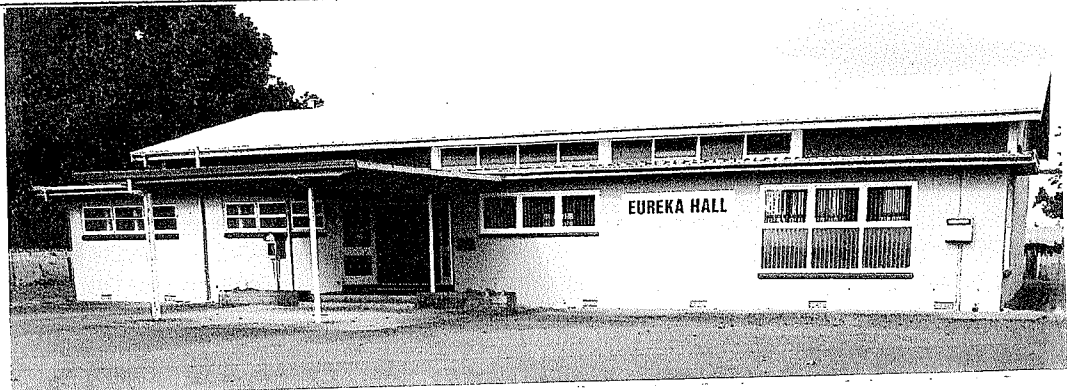
The hall committee have been busy this year, and will be again next year completing new projects for the hall to keep it maintained and updated so it becomes the hub of the community once again, as it was 50 years when it was built.

The Hall committee would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and relaxing New Year. We thank you for your support over the year and look forward to you using and enjoying the hall again next year.

Still some time available to book an event, so if you would like to book a function, contact Gail Mayall 8241758.

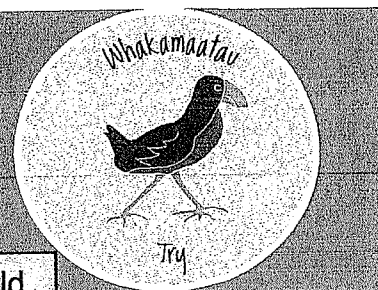
We will still maintain the Covid scanning and hand sanitiser regulation in the hall, and we encourage anyone using the hall, to please use it.

Usage	Residents	Non - Residents
Meeting Supper room per day	\$ 25	\$ 50
Meeting Hall per day	\$ 50	\$100
Social function	\$150	\$250
Weddings & Dance	\$300	\$500
Children's party	\$30	\$ 30
Bond	\$400 Secretary's Discretion	\$500 Secretary's discretion



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We are almost at the end of another fabulous year at school. While there have been some new challenges for us all thanks to COVID, we are finishing on a high note!

2020 ACADEMIC RESULTS

Having had over a term away from school and therefore missing explicit teaching we were all bracing for lower than usual academic results this year. The lock down was especially difficult for our youngest learners as they need the face to face learning and hands on experiences from their teachers.

However, thanks to parents doing such a great job in helping to keep the learning going during lock down our children have done well again this year. Thank you also to our wonderful teachers and support staff who put in extra programmes to support any learning that was missed.

2020 Mathematic results: we have maintained our 91.5% achievement at or above the expected curriculum levels for 2 years in a row. 85.7% of all Maori students are achieving At or Above the Expected Curriculum Levels, this is an increase of 6.4% from 2019.

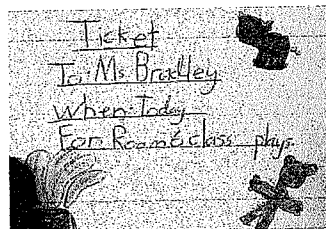
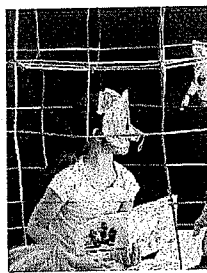
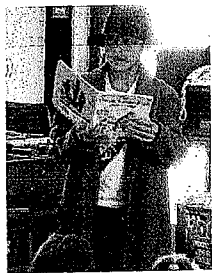
2020 Writing results: we have 86.4% achievement at or above the Expected Curriculum Levels. 81% of all Maori students are achieving at the Expected Curriculum Levels

2020 Reading results: 91.5% of all students are achieving at or above the expected curriculum levels. 81% of all Maori students are achieving At or Above the Expected Curriculum Levels, this is an increase of 1.7% from 2019.

The few students who are achieving below the expected curriculum levels are being supported in their learning through targeted teaching, teacher aide assistance in class, small group teaching and numeracy and literacy catchup withdrawal programmes.

Room 6 (Year 2) Production

Mrs Brown and I were made to feel like very special guests at Room 6's recent productions of The Three Little Pigs, The Enormous Turnip and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.



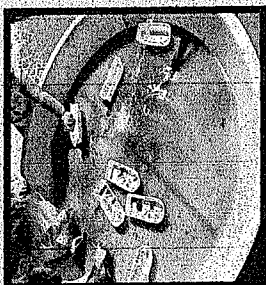
SWIMMING POOL

For the last couple of years we have had trouble with our school swimming pool during the Xmas holidays. Huge numbers of people arriving on mass, most without pool keys, dirty nappies and rubbish left lying around, picnic and woodwork tables pulled over for kids to jump off and young children dropped off at the pool with no supervision.

Our Board of Trustees has reluctantly decided a change is needed if we are to continue to open for the holidays and weekends.

This year we will be opening the pool for the families of current Tauwhare School children and for families of pre-schoolers who are on our pre-school roll. There can be no sharing of pool keys. All keys not returned need to be brought back to be reactivated.

Please phone the office 078240864 if you would like to pop your preschooler on our preschool roll.



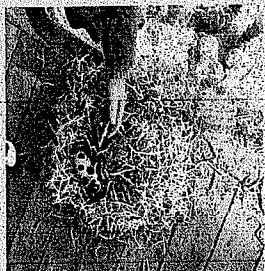
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NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Friday Mornings Room 7 visiting at 11am**
- **4th December Nola's last day & Farewell please wear Orange**
- **17th December Pukeko Pre-school Christmas Party 6pm**
- **18th December Karen's Farewell Prepare for lots of Running**
- **Our last day of the year for 2020 is Wednesday 23rd of December**
- **Our first day of Term 1 2020 is Thursday 14th of January**



Kia ora and Welcome to our November Newsletter!

Wow we are nearly at the end of 2020!!!! This year has absolutely flown by!

We will be celebrating the end of 2020 with our annual Christmas party on Thursday 17th of December 6pm - there is a form at the sign in desk to let us know if you are coming and if you will be bringing a savoury or sweet plate.

We are planning a themed farewell day for Nola and Karen

- Nola's will be the 4th of December, the focus for the day will be dress up in or as anything orange!!!! This is Nola's favourite colour.
- Karen's will be the 18th of December with a running themewe will have lots of different kinds of running races.

Thank you for continuing to chose Pukeko Preschool for this part of your children's learning journey!

If you planning on your tamariki taking the school holidays off with their siblings once school has finished can you please touch base with Karina.

We are starting a Guinea Pig Feeding roster so keep an eye out, we would really appreciate your support with taking turns.

Cupcake and Rosie



This month we farewell Emily and Ryan we wish them well on their next adventures.

Thank you!!!!

We would like to say a massive thank to you all, for contributing to your children's portfolio we are so excited about the response and look forward to this continuing to happen and contribute to our planning process.

Super duper big thanks goes to the Woods Family for weeding our outdoor space!! It looks amazing.

We have had a rather huge influx of interest in our whero space and with changes in staff we are planning for next year if you know of anyone that is keen to come and join us in the new year, encourage them to touch base with Karina to secure their space.

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We have the Hearing and Vision testing for our 4year olds on Monday the 23rd of November.

Policy for review:

Accident and Illness, this can be found in the Blue folder at the sign in desk we value your input into reviewing this policy.

We are on the look out for.....

- Camera for our whero room
- Guinea Pig Cage
- An off cut of trellis to hide our Rubbish bins.
- Can you or someone you know help us with this!

It is a very busy term 4 at Newstead as we move towards the end of the year.



Athletics Day

Thank you to everyone who turned up last week for our annual Athletics Day. The weather played its part and everyone enjoyed themselves. We always enjoy these types of days because it's an opportunity to see how our children respond to a multitude of emotions they tend to go through on the day. One thing we try really hard to do here at school is help our students build up their 'kete' of skills to deal with emotions including frustration, anxiety, nervousness, disappointment, and elation. We love seeing our children cheering on other children, helping out their mates if things didn't go their way, and just giving things a go.

Thanks to Mr Carroll for organising the day and to all the teachers, teacher aides, teacher trainees and parents who helped out on the day.



Life Education

We currently have 'Harold' and the Life Education bus visit us. The kids always enjoy Harold and get a lot from the lessons. Each class has different topics they are covering in a fun and informative way

Visit from Author Adele Gaddes



Last week we had an informative and entertaining visit from author Adele Gaddes.

We learnt the important role monarch butterflies have and their predators.

All children were given swan plants to take home with them. This is a beautifully illustrated and informative book which would make a great Christmas present.

If you are interested you can contact Adele by emailing her at hello@adelegaddes.com

Upcoming Dates

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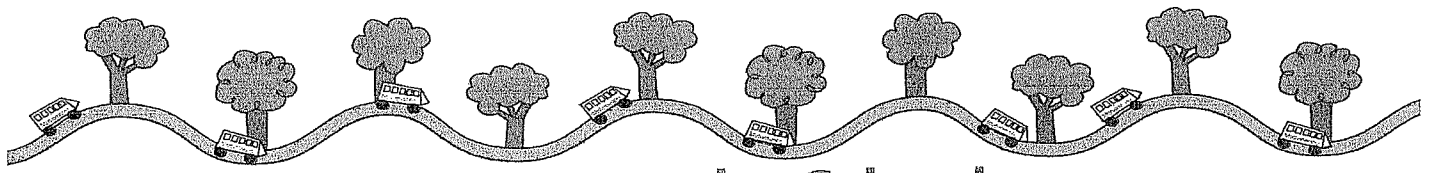
- 23-26 Life Education
- 27 Interschool Athletics

December

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| 3 | Senior School Sleepover | 10 | Final Assembly @ Hamilton Car Club |
| 7 | Yr 6 Movie | 11 | Teacher Only Day – No School |
| 8 | Yr 6 Fair | | |
| 9 | ASC Christmas Party | 14 | School Finishes 12pm |
| | St Stephens Choir | | – Last day for the year |

Term Dates for 2021

Term 1 2021 – School Starts Wednesday 3rd February



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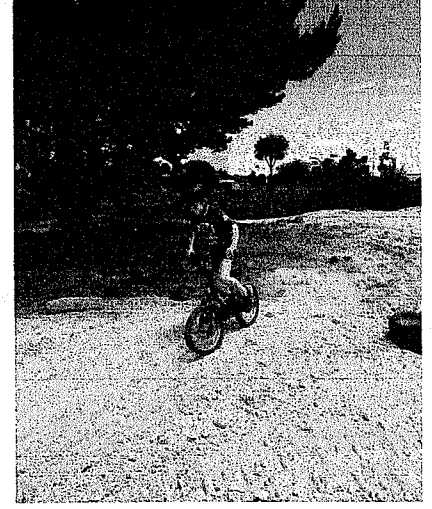
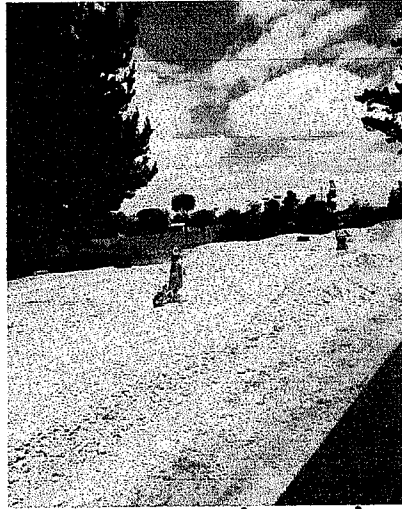
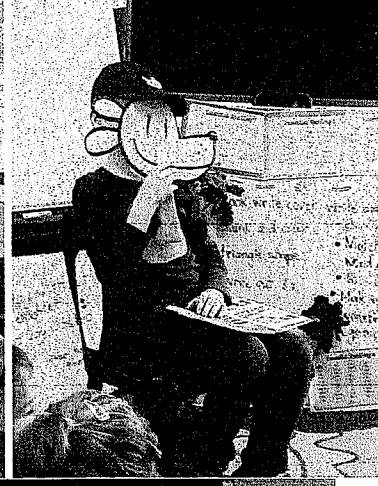
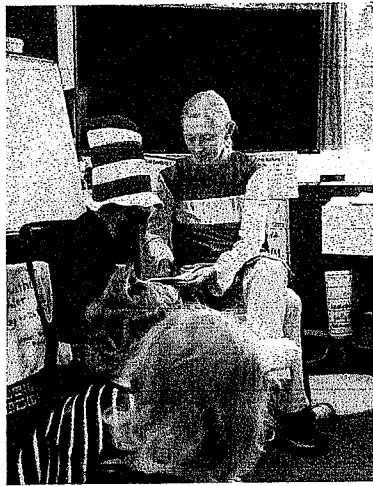
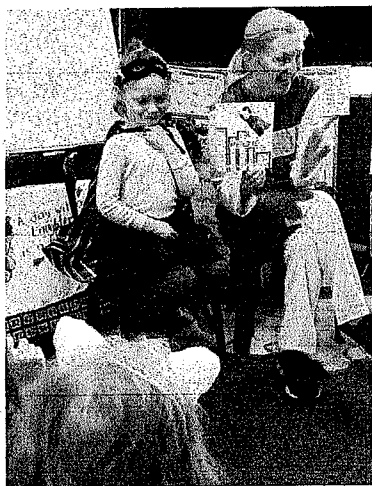
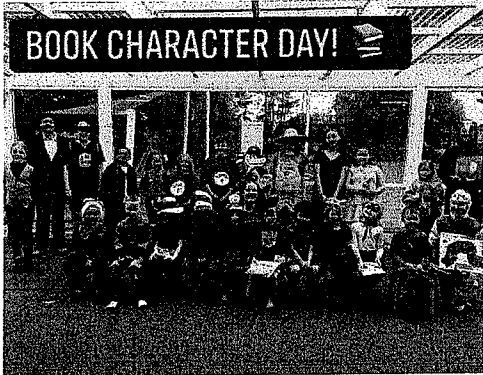
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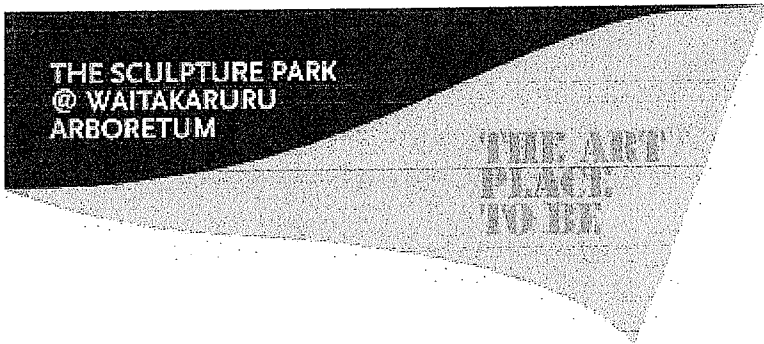
Kia ora koutau katoa,

Book Character Day - In Week 5, we held our Book Character Day and what a beautiful day it was! Our focus is on kindness and this was showcased with our learners celebrating this by making kindness comments to put on their pillow case. We shared our books with each other by reading these out aloud. Our learners and staff had such a fun experience!

Bike Track - Our bike track is up and ready to use. A big thank you to Clive Stanaway who worked on the track. It looks great and our learners will enjoy another fantastic opportunity we offer at our school.

Nga mihi
Phillip Otto – Principal





We are pleased to announce that the future of the sculpture park and arboretum is now more assured.

The **Art-in-Nature Arboretum Trust** is up and running! The inaugural board includes trustees with a wide range of expertise and skills to contribute to the park's operations: Rob Graham (Wintec), Felicity Campbell, Ian McKim, Simon Reynolds, John and Dorothy Wakeling. (see photo). We still think there should be local authority representation on the trust board.

Watch this space as this charitable trust drives more initiatives to promote creative and environmental inspiration at the park.

To make it easier for visitors to come into the park an online booking system will be running shortly.

The Trust still needs volunteers for all sorts of projects—please get in touch at sculpturepark1@gmail.com if you are interested.

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How old is too old?

When do you replace a computer? What are the obvious signs to look out for? There is no simple answer, unfortunately. Apologies for your *immediate* disappointment. A lot of it comes down to how frequently you use your machine, what type of machine it is, and whether it's actually misbehaving presently.

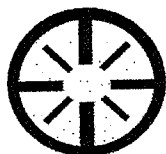
If it is misbehaving, you need to figure out why, or get someone else to do that for you. Because if it's a dying hard drive (~70% of cases) or failing memory/power supply (~3% of cases) that's easy and cheap to replace. No problems there, and if you replace the hard drive with a solid state drive (they're cheap now) it'll be a lot faster too. You can also get problems with minor peripherals and add-on cards such as network adaptors, keyboards, etc. Those are generally easy to fix or replace. If it's a software issue, you might as well sort that out, as replacing hardware won't necessarily fix the problem. Sometimes CPU overheating can be an issue, and that's usually easily fixed. The only things which aren't really worth fixing are problems with the motherboard (reasonably common in older computers) or problems with non-standard power supplies.

Once a computer gets to around 8-10 years of age, you can start to get issues with vague instability and flakiness, due to components such as capacitors aging on the motherboard or power supply. You can also get micro-fractures in circuit substrates over time which occur naturally due to the heat-expansion/compression cycle of metal. But I have seen 20-year-old computers running fine (running Windows 10!) and 1-year-old computers fail, so much of this comes down to luck and how often the computer has been used. Hard drives are similar – while failures can occur in the first year, I have had drives which lasted 10 years with reasonable amounts of use before failing. And solid state drives (the newer breeds) tend to last longer generally-speaking.

So should you replace your computer every 10 years as a precaution? Well, bear in mind that replacing a computer + transferring all your data and programs onto the new one can be a non-linear process, depending on what programs you were running, whether you were using a different operating system on the old computer, and whether the old programs will in fact run on the new computer. This is as relevant for Mac computers as it is for PC's – older, 32-bit versions of applications on Mac won't run on the newer operating systems. You may need to substitute different programs and learn how to use those, or just stop using certain programs entirely. So while it might seem straightforward and 'the right thing to do' to simply replace old computers, that's not always the case.

My general rule of thumb: if it isn't broke, don't fix it. If it is, fix it. If it's too expensive to fix when balanced against the age of the machine, or can't be fixed, replace it. If it's simply running too slow and it has a non-SSD hard drive, put in an SSD drive and optimize the software side of things. And if it's not any of those things, that'll need to be covered in a future article.

Got a suggestion for a future article, or a computer issue you can't figure out? Email Matt at info@homepcsupport.co.nz or phone **0211348576**. \$60 per hour, or \$50 for drop-off-to-workshop services.



Bentley Home PC Support



TASTE BUDS

Courgette Pickle

This recipe was originally published in the Express by Eureka resident Margaret Freke. It has become a firm favourite for us with our adult children requesting a batch each year. The vegetables remain slightly crunchy.

Vegetables Quantities not critical

1Kg Courgettes
2 Large onions

Spices

4 teaspoons of Mustard seed
3 teaspoons of celery seed. (Mandatory, Available Bin Inn)
3 teaspoons Turmeric
3 cups white sugar
2 cups white vinegar and extra for thickening see below
Use root ginger and /or chilli if heat is desired



Method

Using a mandolin at 3mm saves a lot of time, otherwise slice using a knife.
Cut large courgettes lengthwise into 4 or 6 strips almost to stem to aid mandolin slicing.
Slice onion into 4 or 6 keeping root intact to aid mandolin slicing.
Place in plastic bucket and sprinkle with the salt. Stir with hand and leave 2 hrs
Put vinegar in a 3L pot and bring to boil. Add spices and sugar, boil for 5 minutes. Remove from heat
Rinse salt from vegetables and add them to the pot, stirring to evenly coat all vegetables.
Leave stand for 2 hours.

Thickening

Mix paste using 4 Level tablespoons of white flour with the extra white vinegar (about 1/2 -2/3 cup)
Place pot back on stove, bring to boil and thicken
Boil for 10 mins and pour into preheated jars.

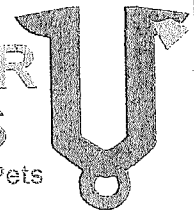
Makes ~ 1.6 L or six 350gm jars



RECIPES

Share your Favourite Recipes 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 a future edition of the Eureka Express. Send them to editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz



Rye Grass Staggers

Staggers is caused by the toxins from a fungus which is actually living inside the grass. The grass provides the fungus with food and the fungus in return produces a toxin which affects animals and insects like the Argentine Stem Weevil. This is what biologists call a symbiotic relationship. Affected animals show nervous signs, such as staggering and falling if they are startled. Their head has a very slight tremor. It can also increase their body temperature. The affected animals come to grief by falling into drains or water troughs or onto electric fences. The toxins themselves aren't usually fatal.

Preventing ryegrass staggers

The toxin is present throughout the whole plant but tends to concentrate in the seed heads and in the base of the plant. Levels of toxin vary from plant to plant, season to season.

It is difficult to prevent animals from becoming affected when they are grazing fungus infected pastures. Some animals are affected more than others.

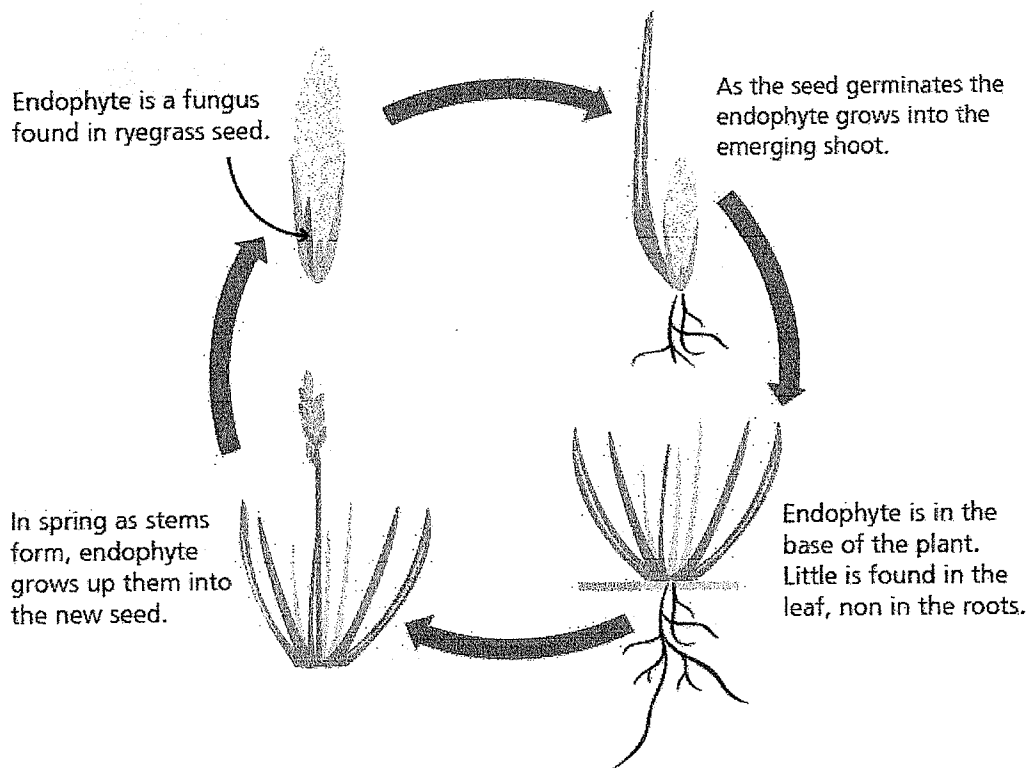
Below are some options that may help reduce the effects of the toxins:

- Feeding high quality supplements (silage, last season's hay, turnips, maize).
- Leaving higher post-grazing residuals.
- Pasture topping or mowing of seed heads.

In extreme cases, dairy cows may have to be dried off and severely affected calves removed from pasture and fed entirely on supplementary feed.

At present there does not appear to be any treatment for affected animals or a prevention. Mycosorb (a powder) may be of some help in absorbing the toxin from the rumen.

Unfortunately, the affected animals have to be drenched daily. It cannot be administered via a water trough.



NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

– 24th NOVEMBER 2020



This month Council held a very well attended retirement farewell for Betty Connolly who many of you may have crossed paths with during the last few years. Betty initially started work with the Raglan Council, took an 8 year break while there, joined the staff at Waikato District Council after amalgamation and was one of our longest serving staff members spending 40+ years in local government.. Betty has held many roles, was latterly a Senior Planner in the Community Growth and Development Department and took the lead in the very successful Little Library and ANZAC poppies initiatives. Her knowledge and community contacts will be hard to replace – we will miss her.

Next week is the last meeting of the **Hauraki Gulf Forum** for 2020 being held at the Pukorokoro Shorebird Centre in Miranda on the edge of the Hauraki Gulf. I represent Waikato District on the Forum and our meetings are held quarterly.

The Forum is made up of the appropriate Central Government Ministers and representatives, one representative from each of the Councils & Community Boards that border on to the Gulf and six representatives of the tangata whenua of the Gulf and its islands. Technical Officers from each authority meet regularly and act as advisers to the Forum.

The Forum has the following purposes:

- (a) to integrate the management and, where appropriate, to promote the conservation and management in a sustainable manner, of the natural, historic, and physical resources of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people and communities of the Gulf and New Zealand:*
- (b) to facilitate communication, co-operation, and co-ordination on matters relating to the statutory functions of the constituent parties in relation to the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments, and the Forum:*
- (c) to recognise the historic, traditional, cultural, and spiritual relationship of tangata whenua with the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and, where appropriate, its catchments*

The amazing Hauraki Gulf will soon be showcased world wide during the various America's Cup regattas. Something for us all to look forward to.

We're heading into the busy season for **roadworks**. In the latest newsletter Waikato District Council reminds us that – *our contractors face a high variety of risks and hazards throughout their day, including harassments from travellers.*



We ask for you to please be patient and be kind to our guys on the ground this summer.

Hamilton Expressway – local news from the *Project Update*:

- *Bridge construction, drainage and landscaping is now complete at the Ruakura Interchange.*
- *Production of the Hi-Lab rock blend has resumed at the relocatable blending plant sited near Puketaha Road.*
- *Compacted sand is being prepared and tested in preparation for pavement construction at the Greenhill Interchange and chip seal repairs are being carried out on local road connections*
- *The main walls and western wing-walls of the Powells Road box culvert are completed*

Also, the 2020 winter and spring planting season is complete and to date 500,000 plants, mainly native species, have been planted. The clearing and planting of the Mangaonua Gully near SH26 is nearly complete – the goal is to provide new habitat for native bats, birds and lizards. The remaining 360,000 seedlings and specimen trees will be planted along the 22km section next winter.

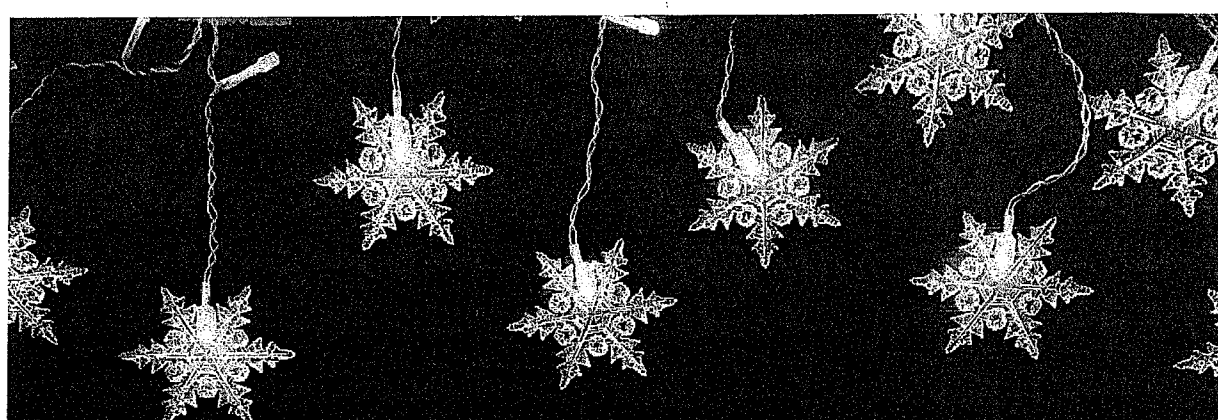
Read their newsletter for yourself at <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/hamilton/hamilton-section-project-update-november-2020.pdf>

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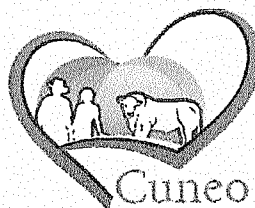
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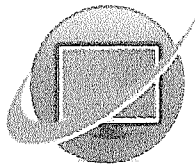


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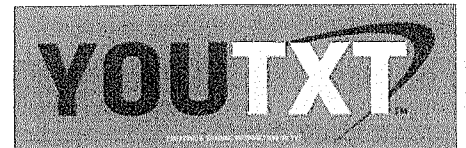


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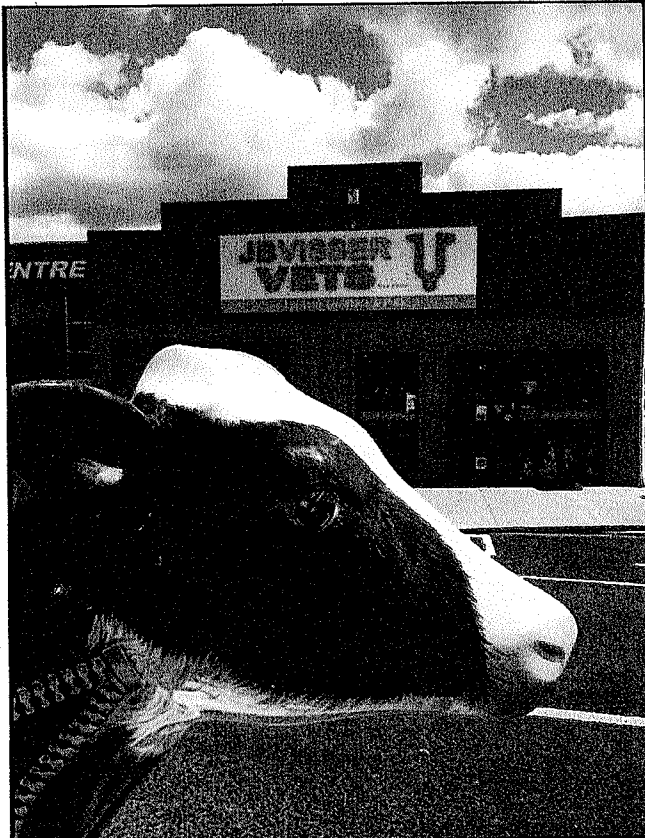
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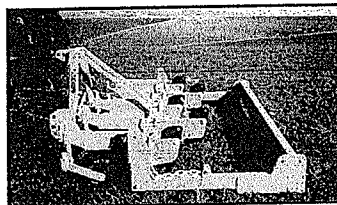
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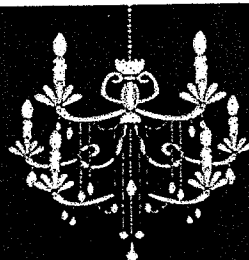
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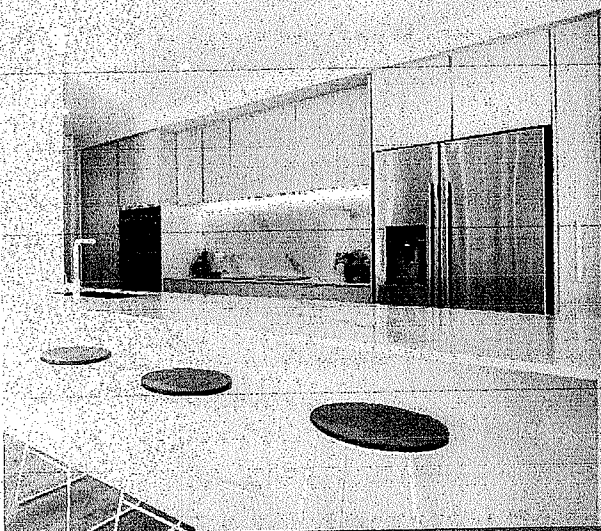
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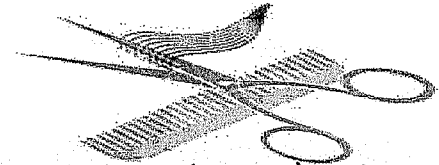
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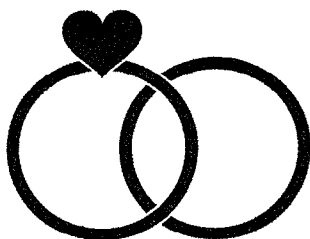
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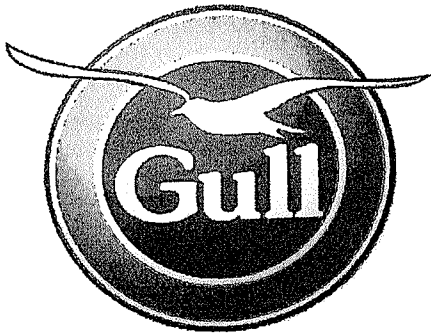


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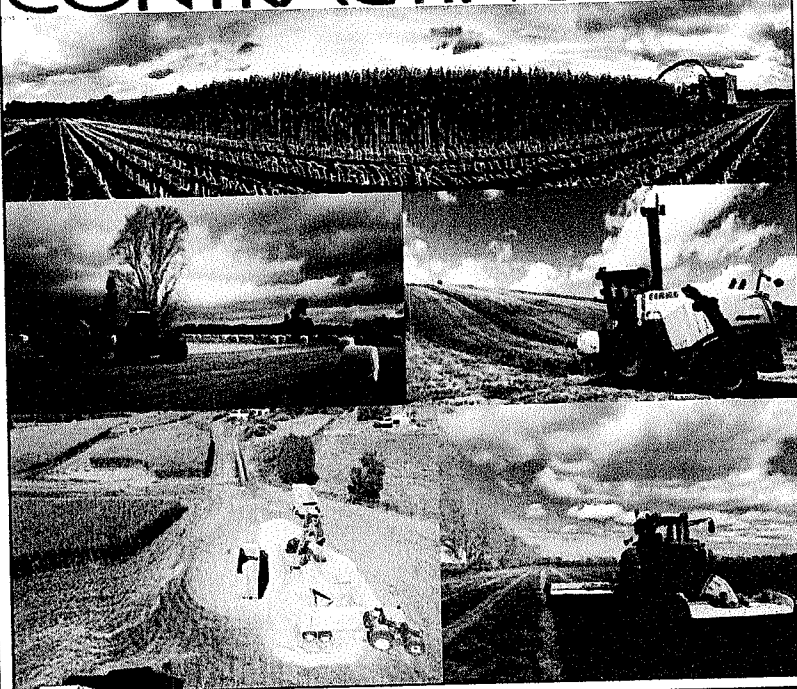
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