

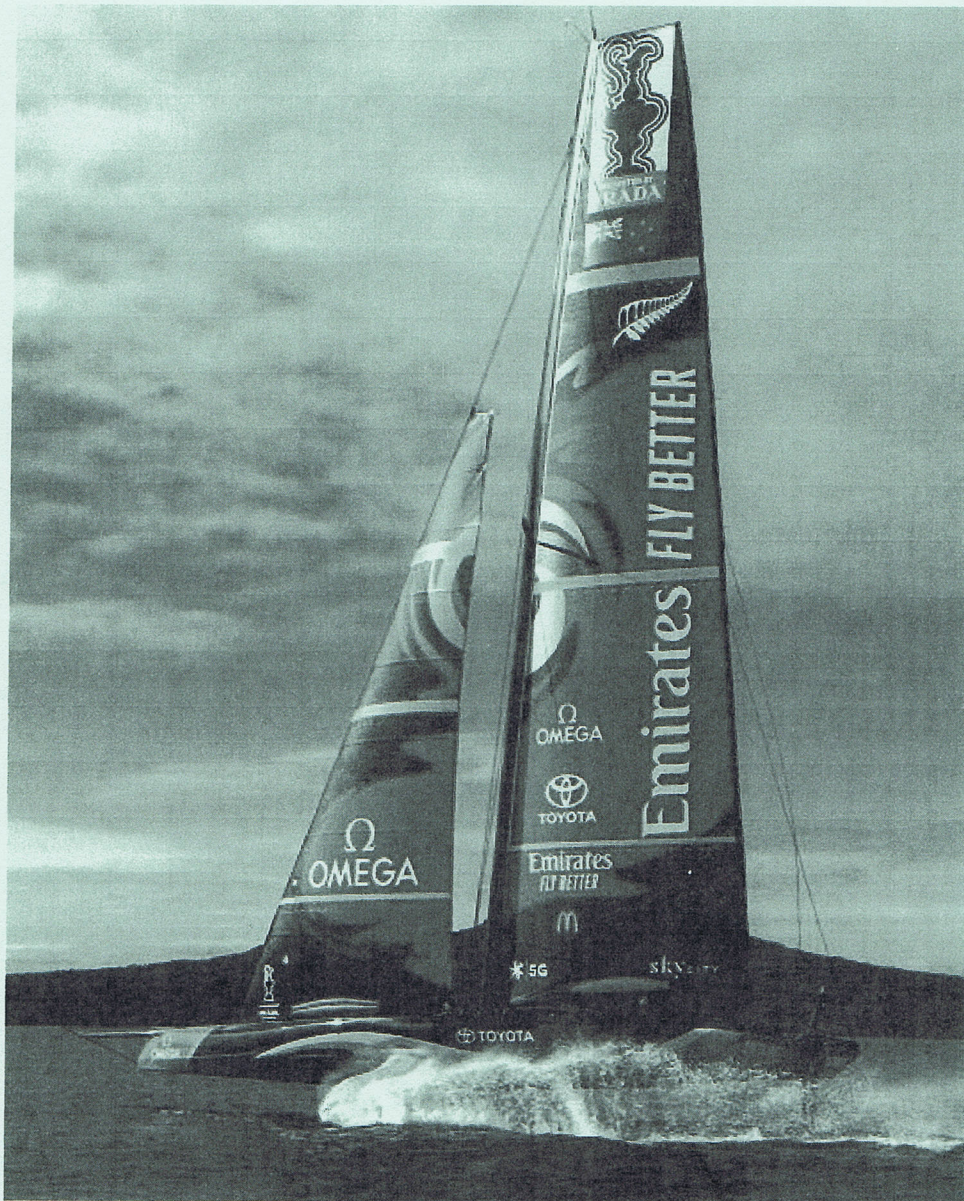
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The Annual General Meeting of the
EUREKA EXPRESS

Will be held Wednesday 17 March 2021. At 7.30 at the Eureka Hall.

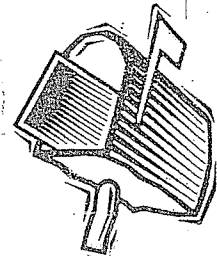
All Welcome. Supper will be served.

Your support would be greatly appreciated. New committee members

needed please

Secretary

EDITORIAL



Having been asked by Lin to write the editorial for the Express my first thoughts were 'what could I write that would interest other people?' Gary and I are both in our eighties and lead a pretty quiet life these days. We enjoy reading the Express and keeping in touch with the news in Eureka, and it seems everyone should take a turn at some time to contribute. So here goes. We live on State Highway 26 and have about 20 acres where Gary keeps himself busy looking after and grazing young stock, mostly calves. We were dairy and beef farmers in Taupiri before we moved here about 30 years ago.

Five years ago we decided to downsize and built a new house and since then have kept busy planting trees and gardens as we are both keen gardeners. Do wonder now about that word 'downsizing' as we seem to have just as much as before.

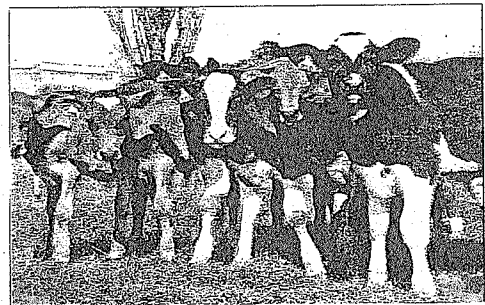
We have 3 children who all live in the Waikato: one in the police force, one a nurse and our son and his partner have a lifestyle block in Taupiri where he rears calves. They also own the Farm shop in Gordonton so grow produce for that as well.

We have 3 grandsons, 2 of whom are living in Hong Kong. Eldest is a racing commentator and his brother is a school teacher and also has a contract to play rugby and coach children's rugby. Unfortunately not much happening with that since Covid hit. We are also looking forward to welcoming our 1st great grandchild soon but wonder how long it will be before we see baby with all the travel restrictions.

We do live in strange times with this pandemic but count ourselves lucky to live in NZ when we read all the bad news in other countries.

Hopefully with the vaccinations not far away we will get back to life how it used to be.

Ngaire Clarke.



ADVERTISING RATES

Classified Adverts Free

Small Business Adverts \$10 /month
- x 10 insertions \$80 /year

One Third Page Adverts \$15 /month
- x 10 insertions \$120 / year

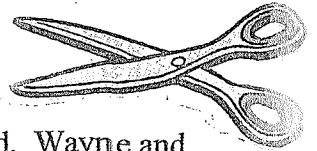
One Half Page Adverts \$20 / month
- x 10 insertions \$160 /year

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SNIPPETS



WELCOME TO EUREKA: to new residents on Friedlander Road. Wayne and Dyanne Osborne have built a new home on their block and are on the point of moving in. They have a dairy farm on Woodlands Road and will go back and forth as need be. A very warm welcome to you both. Ph 021908050

SCHOOL LEAVERS:

Congratulations to all our local secondary school students who achieved well in their 2020 NCEA exams, despite a highly unusual year of study and distance learning. To those of you who have left school and are about to embark on new and exciting careers or tertiary studies goes our very best wishes for the future. Those we know of who are off to University for Polytech are:

- Nicole Whiting, who has commenced her nursing studies at Wintec.
- Sophie Whiting, who will be studying Environmental Planning at University of Waikato.
- And Mya Haggett, who is off to Dunedin to study Health Science at Otago University, with a view to moving on to studying medicine.

Every best wish to you all.

EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

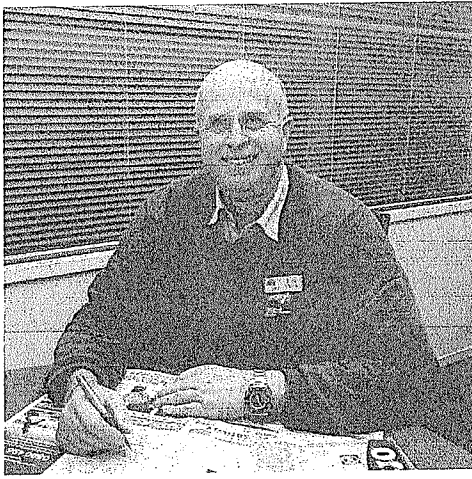
With Easter falling in April this year we will print the March E. Express a little earlier than normal to give our local children time to get their entries coloured and dropped off to Gull Eureka in time for judging prior to the Easter break. So watch out for next month's cover, kids! After last year's disappointing cancellation of the competition we look forward to seeing your lovely work this year.

EUREKA EXPRESS COMMITTEE

As our AGM is upcoming on March 17 please could you give some thought as to whether you could spare an hour or two a month to join our friendly production committee? We meet and greet once a month to make sure things are on track and discuss ideas. And very occasionally an hour of help may be needed on printing day or with a delivery run.

We would love to have some new volunteers as our numbers are dropping with members leaving the district and 'new blood' is always good. You will be very warmly welcomed.

NB: Do please keep us informed of any local news items or achievements you would like to have included. We don't always know these things if you don't tell us! Your contributions and suggestions are really, really appreciated. We aim to print each issue on the last Thursday of the month (Feb to Nov/Dec) so please ring or email new articles or adverts by the Monday prior if possible. Email to: editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz or phone or text Gail on 8241758 or 0212113348, or contact any committee member. Thank you.



QSM CONGRATULATIONS

Past Eureka resident and identity, Kerry Clarkin JP, was awarded the Queen's Service Medal (QSM) in the New Year Honours 2021, for services to agriculture and the community.

Kerry was born, raised, and a resident of Eureka until 2012, continuing his family tradition of involvement and leadership in the community. He became a dairy farmer on leaving school, taking over from his dad, Harry Clarkin, and bought the farm on SH 26 from his parents in 1977. Kerry became involved as a Young Farmer with the Agricultural Fieldays Society in 1971, almost from its 1969 inception. From Chairman of the Ag Fieldays Society he went on to serve a term as President of the National Fielday Society from 1998.

Kerry was made a Life Member of the Ag Fieldays in 2002 and is still actively involved – 50 years of commitment.

Despite the many hours the Fieldays necessitated off his farm Kerry was always a willing volunteer on the local scene of Eureka. He served a total of 24 years on the Hall Committee, the last seven as Chairman, served on two School Jubilee committees, chairing the Centenary celebrations in 2004. When his and Erica's boys, Shaun and Matthew, were of primary age the Board of Trustees was a focus and the unenviable job of liaising the forced closure with the Ministry of Education in 2003 fell to Kerry – a stressful and sad time for all.

Kerry has been a JP since 1993. He chaired the initial Community Committee and was a supporter and deliverer of the Eureka Express for many years.

Once his boys reached secondary level Kerry served on the St John's College Board of Trustees.

The wider and local community has much to thank Kerry for and we warmly congratulate him on being recognised for a well-deserved NZ Honour.

Dig It Earthworks

EARTHMOVING & EXCAVATION

- House Pad & Driveway Prep
- Driveways
- Section clearing
- Footings & Post Hole Boring
- Landscaping & Lawns
- Farm Maintenance & Races
- Truck & Labour Hire
- Calf/Goat/Pig/Chicken Shed Clearing

CONCRETE LAYING

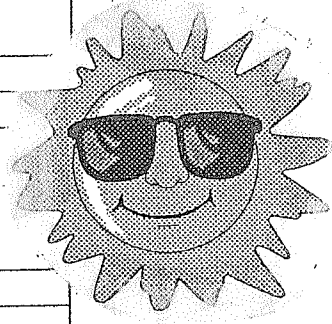
- House & Garage Pads
- Driveways
- Sheds/Workshops
- Patios
- Footpaths



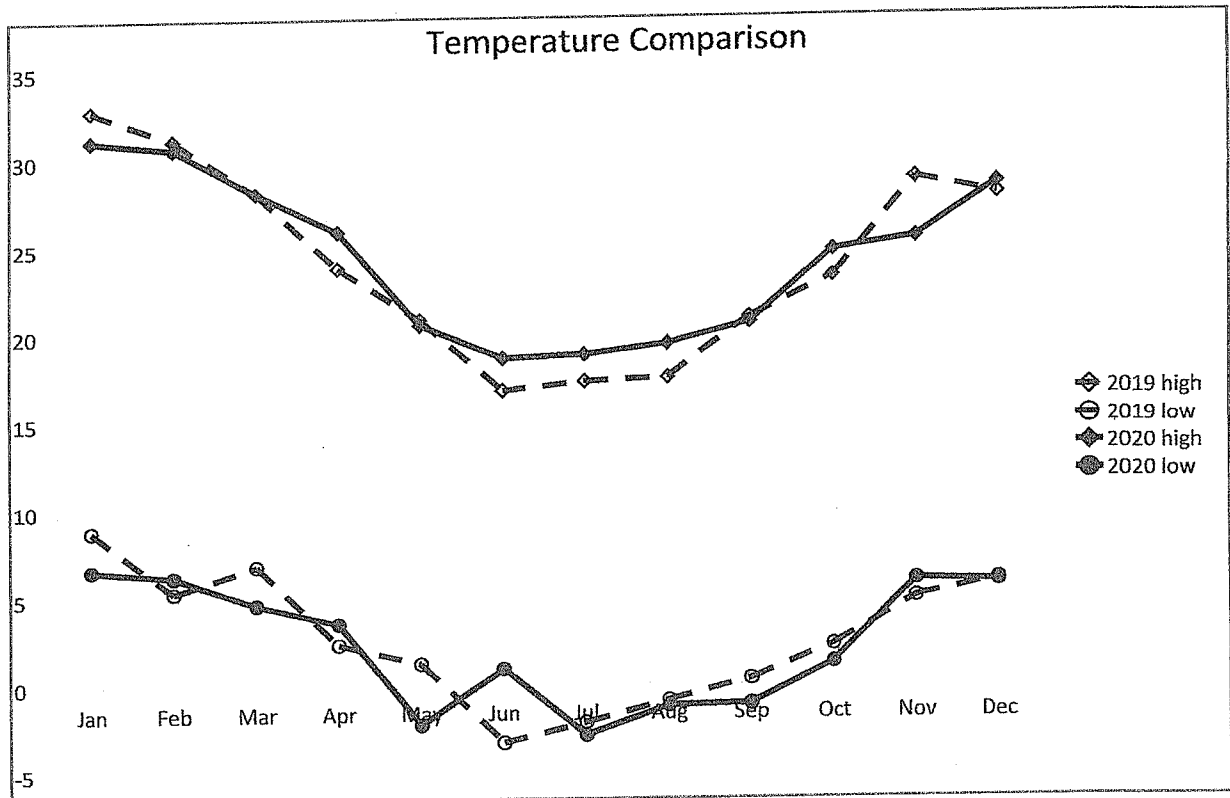
Give Liam a call today for a free quote on 021 02839174

WEATHER

Weather for December 2020		
Rainfall total	40 mm	
Rain Total for year	686 mm	
Rainy days	10	
Most daily rainfall	17mm	9 th Dec
Highest wind speed	46.8 km/hr	11 Dec
Temp high	28.4 C	15 th Dec
Temp low	5.8 C	4 th Dec



Weather for Jan 2021		
Rainfall total	60 mm	
Rain Total for year	60 mm	
Rainy days	8	
Most rainfall	26 mm	2-3 rd Jan
Highest wind speed	38.5 km/hr	24 th Jan
Temp high	30.8 C	14 th Jan
Temp low	8.3 C	23 rd Jan



MARKET PLACE

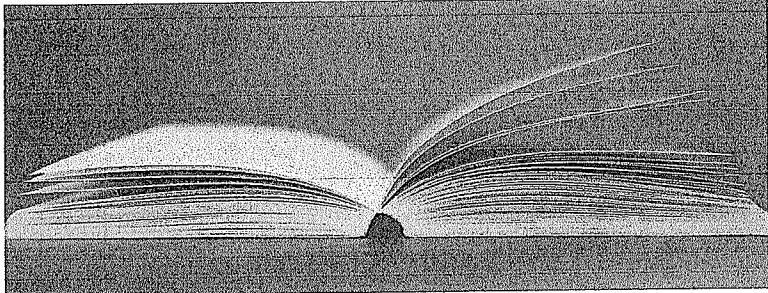
WANTED – HOUSE TO RENT

Working professionals and family of 4 looking for a 3 – 4 bedroom house to rent with garage in the Eureka area or nearby surroundings. Can provide solid references and a good track record.

Registered on 'MyRent' and 'Tenancy'

Please call Michelle on 0272637931

\$2 BOOK FAIR
Friday 5th – Sunday 14th March
9am – 6pm
Eureka Hall



KNIFE SHARPENING:

SharpAZ Mobile Sharpening

Eureka Hall carpark

Saturday 27 February from 9:15am.

If you need knives, scissors, drill bits, gardening equipment or tools etc. sharpened come on down!

You can find the prices on Facebook if you search 'SharpAZ Mobile Sharpening'

HALL UPDATE

February is almost over and we are starting the last month of the first quarter of 2021. The weather has been hot, and despite Covid setbacks we have had as a country, we have to be happy to live in New Zealand.

I don't know if any of you noticed, but over the holiday period we did have a couple of instances at the hall which were of concern. The water tank was attacked with graffiti, and some person dumped their unwanted rubbish and couch at the hall for us to get rid of. Please, if you see anything unusual at the hall, call a committee member or the police. Remember it is our hall and we want to keep it looking nice and used for the purpose it is made for.

The committee will be looking at more projects this year and as usual I will keep you informed on everything we plan.

We will be organising another Eureka Anzac day service, more details will follow, but if you would like to join in, please contact Gayle Orr on 0272917150. We love community input.

Plenty of dates 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.

That is it for this month, be safe and happy.

Hall contacts

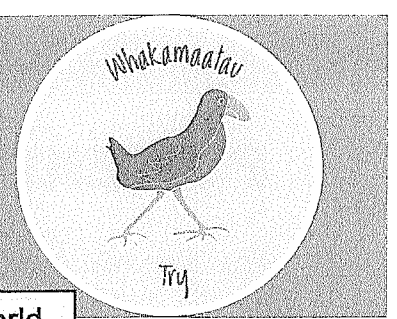
Gayle Orr Chairperson 0272917150 Gail Mayal Secretary 078241758

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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Accomplished Learners Striving for Success in Tomorrow's World

2020 ended on a high, with the children catching up in their learning and having lots of fun while doing it! 2021 has started so well with children and teachers very glad to be back.

We are delighted to be enrolling lots of new 5 year olds this year – it will be the first time I have opened another reception class at the start of term 2. Thank you to our fabulous Board who recognise the value of low numbers in the junior rooms.

Surprise gift

I was very surprised and touched to be presented with this beautiful gift to recognise 30 years teaching at Tauwhare School, 19 of these as Principal. The years fly by when work is ever-changing and rewarding. There were 35 children in the school we I started and 3 of them were mine! Since then, building classrooms has been a regular part of school life.

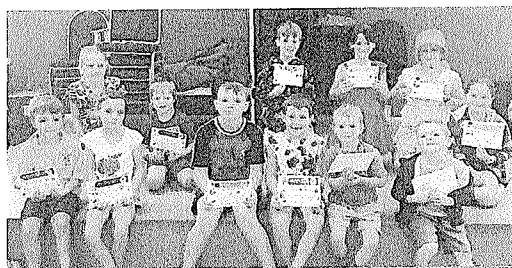
Kaahui Ako Lead Principal

This is my final year of leading the 9 schools and many contributing pre-schools and kindergartens in our community of learning. Schools include Hillcrest High, Berkley Normal Middle, Hillcrest Normal, Silverdale, Tamahere, Newstead Matangi and Tauwhare. Knighton Normal School joined our COL this year, and we welcome them and their contributing pre-schools to our team.

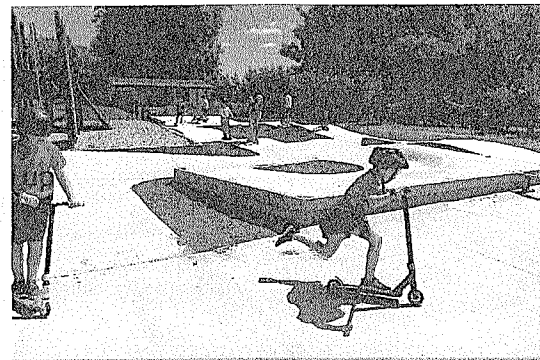
We operate within a culture of high trust and share knowledge and expertise to support our students from ECE through to Year 13 and beyond. The past 3 years have been hugely rewarding and exciting and this year is shaping up to be equally satisfying.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

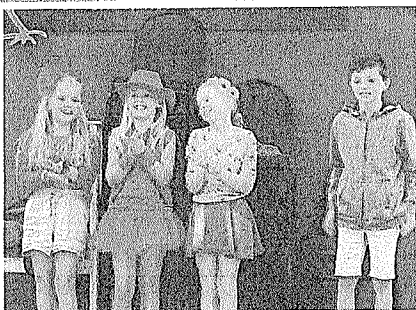
Our new ambassadors ran their first Friday assembly. They included dressing in House colours, joke of the week, kindness and anti-bullying messages and much more.



Congratulations on a great week's work.

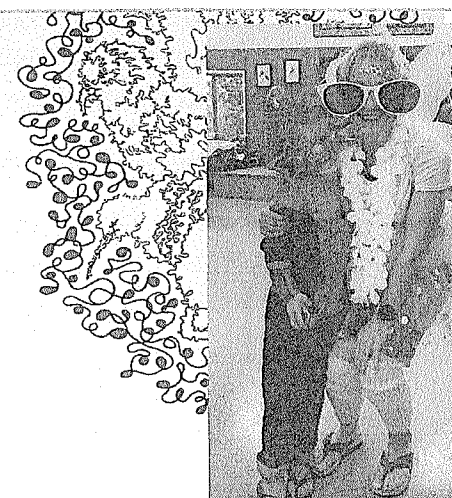


We are loving our new scooter track. The ramps are still to come.



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Must run in the family! Ms Quinn and her grandson, Ollie, won best dressed student and teacher.



We love this artwork, donated by the Kay family. How many birds can you spot?



PUKEKO PRESCHOOL

The Tamariki at Pukeko Preschool have started the year with a huge fascination with messy muddy play. We have a new dirt mound that is explored daily and for many hours. Our newly installed perspex has been well utilized with lots of group painting.

We are located at 20 Scotsman Valley Road down the driveway beside Tauwhare School. We are licensed for 30 children and are open 7:30am – 5:30pm Monday to Friday. We offer a session time of 8:45am – 2:45pm or you can choose your hours for daily bookings over 6 hours. We welcome children from 5 months to 6 years.

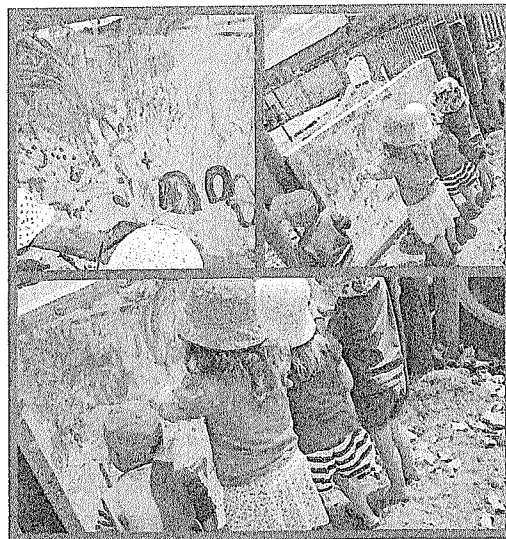
We invite you to pop along and have a visit to meet us and explore our centre.

Pukeko preschool offers 20 hours Free ECE.

We welcome you to make contact with us for more information, check out our website www.pukekopreschool.org.nz or find us on Facebook 'Pukeko preschool in Tauwhare'

07 824 0860

email – pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz



TAUWHARE PLAYGROUP

Tauwhare Playgroup is back for 2021.

We hope everyone has had a great summer break and is ready for 2021.

Tauwhare Playgroup meets at Tauwhare School on Thursday mornings (term time) from 9-12. We welcome families to drop in anytime during the morning between school drop offs and nap times.

Our playgroup is FREE to attend.

Tauwhare playgroup is a place where parents, grandparents and caregivers can meet other local families, make new friends, and share experiences while children and babies have fun and learn through play.

All ages are welcome.

Join our Facebook page Tauwhare Playgroup to see what we are up to this term.

Newstead has started 2021 with another busy start to the term. It was great to see the children's smiling faces back at school. We're looking forward to another great year of learning and growing.

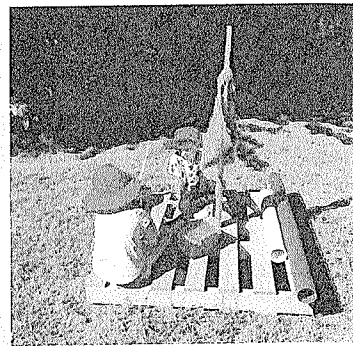
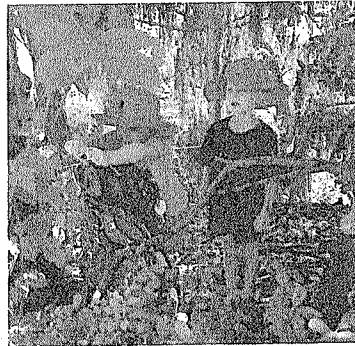
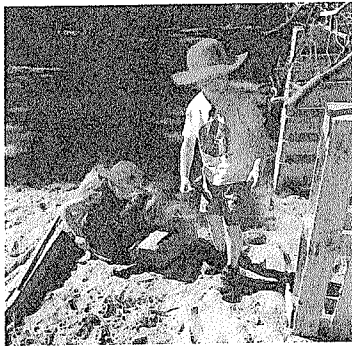


This year Newstead welcomes Renee Hanrahan and Susan Anderson to our school staff. Renee completed her teaching practicum with us last year and helped lead the school production. Renee will be working alongside Lynne Bracey in Tui class for Term 1 and will then work with the 'Roll Growth' children from term 2 (if current pre-enrolment numbers track as expected). Susan Anderson will be working with the Reading Recovery programme at our school each day from 11 – 12.30pm. Susan has recently moved over to the Waikato from Paeroa.

Forest School

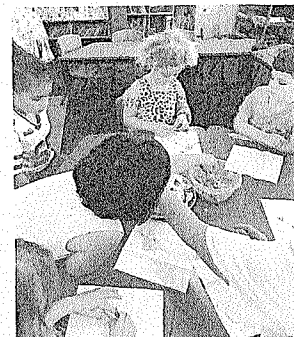
Tui and Tiwaiwaka had their first Forest School session for the year last Friday. As the Newstead Gully is currently closed, we have developed our own school Forest School down the back of the field. The children always amaze us how they naturally make the most of opportunities and take advantage of what nature has to offer them.

During Forest school sessions the children are encouraged to work with others to carry out activities such as den/shelter building, role play, exploration, practical and creative skills and tasks.



Chinese New Year Celebrations

The Junior School were recently given the privilege of having our Chinese parents come to school and help up celebrate the Chinese New Year. The students were given the opportunity to make dumplings, create dragons and watch videos of Chinese New Year Celebrations. The whole experience was very exciting and the students and teachers all enjoyed it. A special thank you to the wonderful parents who helped make it this happen.

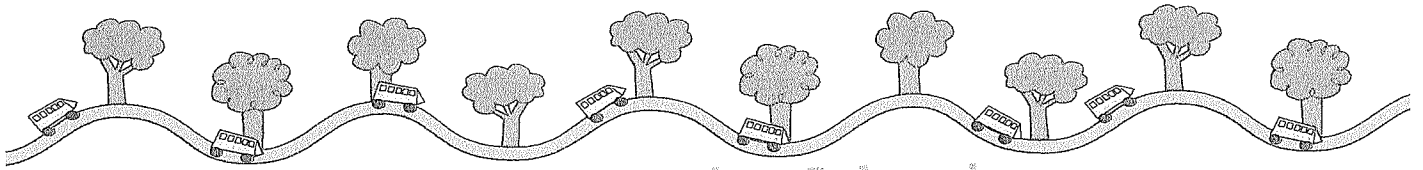


UPCOMING DATES:

- February 24th - Family BBQ Night
- March
- 1 - School Swimming Sports
- 5. - Junior Water Fun Day
- 10-12 - Senior School Camp
- 11 - Junior School Zoo trip

TERM DATES FOR 2021

- Term 1 3 February – 16 April
- Term 2 3 May – 9 July
- Term 3 26 July – 1 October
- Term 4 18 October – 15



Motumaoho School

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February 2021

Kia ora koutau katoa,

Welcome to Term 1 of 2021! We trust you all had an enjoyable Christmas and summer break with your families. It's wonderful to see our learners back at school for a new year and a warm welcome to our new learners and their families also.

Gully Restoration

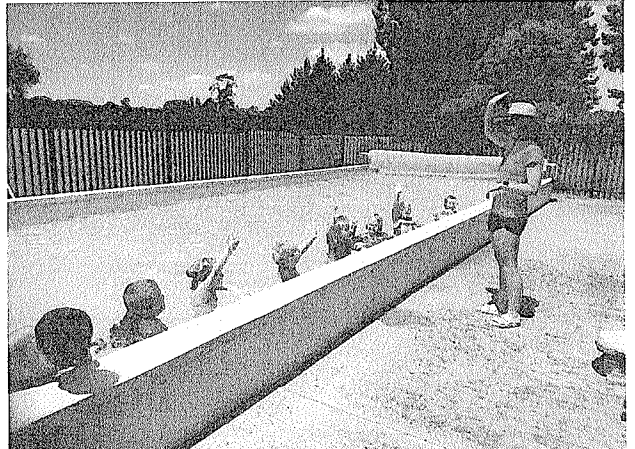
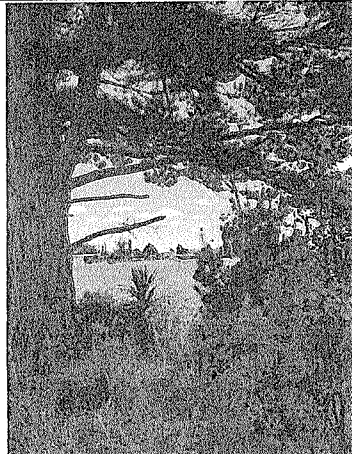
We have made a great start with our gully restoration project. Our learners have spent part of their time in the afternoon learning about some of our native trees and doing a little clearing of weeds at a time. Keep up the great work!

Water Safety NZ

We have begun a series of water safety sessions through funding from Water Safe NZ here at school, and we had yesterday's session at the Morrinsville Pools. (Thank you to those parents who assisted with transport). This is a wonderful opportunity for our learners to gain skills and confidence in the water. We are lucky to have our own school pool so while the weather permits, please continue to send your child/children to school with their togs and a towel.

Nga mihi

Phillip Otto – Principal



TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to February's club newsletter.

Well it is hard to believe that the bowling season is about to begin again.

PLEASE COME AND SAVE OUR CLUB – Last year was a very unusual year for all of us in many ways and bowls was no exception. We are all hoping for a much better year in 2021. We had very steady numbers for the nights that we were able to play. Generally numbers are reducing every year and we would hate to think that Tauwhare Indoor Bowling Club may not survive many more years due to the lack of numbers so come along and save our club. If you are new to the area or been in the district for a while and would like to give bowls a try then come to the Tauwhare Hall on Thursday evenings. You will be made to feel very welcome. We are a friendly, sociable club that has much laughter and banter. Our opening night will be Thursday 4th March. The first 3 Thursdays are "Roll Up" nights so no competitions no pressure, just lots of fun.

We would love to see last year's members back this year and hopefully some new members. Past members, we would also love to have you back playing for Tauwhare, so dust off your bowling shoes, shake out the spiders and head back to Tauwhare. We are always looking for junior players so if you are keen, then come along as we would love to see you and of course bring mum and/or dad with you.

If you have not played bowls before but would love to give it a go then come to the Tauwhare Hall on a Thursday evening. We have people within the club that can explain how the game is played. We start at 7.30pm but names need to be in by 7.25pm

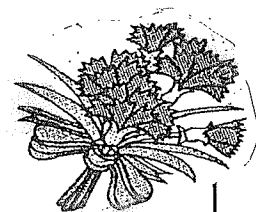
If you would like more information then do not hesitate to contact one of the following people:-

Jim and Rosalie Arnold	07 887 4832
Bev Meads	021 172 7822
Kevin Williams	07 824 0728

Look forward to seeing all the current members and hopefully new members in the 2021 season. I am sure that we are all looking forward to having another fun season of indoor bowls.

TAUWHARE GARDEN CLUB

[launched in late 2019]



Monthly meetings, garden visits, guest speakers and more.
Find us on Facebook – search for 'Tauwhare Garden Club' or contact Pippa on

0272935184 for details

Basic computer terms

I've noticed a surprising preponderance of folk who don't know what to name things in a computer. This is indicative of the age we live in, where people grow up with computers and basic understanding is assumed to be instinctual. Due to this, computer systems tend to be very poor at communicating nowadays, favouring some vague aesthetic over clarity. Disappointing of course, but the world is this way, so here's a bunch of guff for those who're on the novice end of the computer-literacy scale:

- **Computer:** that's the box on the floor with all the wires plugging into it, if you've got a desktop computer, or the entire unit screen-and-all if you've got a laptop or an "all-in-one" (ie. a monitor with a computer in it).
- **Peripherals:** anything that's not directly joined to the computer itself, so in the case of a desktop that'd be the mouse, monitor and keyboard, whereas for a laptop only things like external drives and external mice/keyboards are considered peripherals.
- **Hard drive:** *not* the box or the laptop. A hard drive is a small storage unit that sits inside the computer and stores programs, data and the operating system.
- **Operating system or 'OS':** what you use to access your files and programs. In terms of PC's, this is usually some form of Windows, in terms of Macs this is OSX, in terms of phones this is Android or IOS.
- **Programs:** also known as 'applications' or 'apps', these are what you use to do stuff on a computer. Operating systems tend to include a bunch of programs, such as 'File Explorer' on Windows (what you use to explore your documents etc) or 'Finder' on OSX (same diff for Macs).
- **Files:** pieces of data stored in a computer. Some files are parts of programs or the OS, some files are *your* files, such as documents and pictures. 'Your files' are often collectively referred to as 'your data' by techies.
- **Office package:** a set of programs for basic office work, like writing letters, creating spreadsheets or presentations. Examples include LibreOffice, Microsoft Office and Google Docs.
- **Memory/RAM:** very fast storage that programs and the OS get stored in temporarily while they are running.
- **The Internet:** a vast worldwide interconnected network of computers and devices. Also known as 'The Web'.
- **Website:** a place on the internet. A website may contain many "pages" - effectively many sub-places.
- **Web browser:** a program that allows you to access websites. Examples include Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Opera, and last but definitely least, Microsoft Edge and Microsoft Internet Explorer.
- **Search engine:** a website which allows you to search other websites for keywords and images, etcetera. Examples include DuckDuckGo, Google and Bing.
- **Taskbar:** in Windows, this is the bar at the bottom of the screen where you can click on different buttons to switch between programs, and also launch some programs. Mac equivalent is called the 'Dock'.

This is a bare minimum of terminology you need to effectively communicate with others about computers. There are a gazillion more terms, but I have limited space, so for whatever else you need to know, boot up your computer, run your web browser program, go to a search engine, and search for it.

Need to communicate with me about computer stuff? 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



Norman, Harvey and Noel

You don't want to buy a cow from a stationary store. You wouldn't buy a car from The Warehouse. So why do we so frequently buy computers from non-computer stores? Computers are highly technical items, not to be trifled with – I should know. It's not the sort of thing you want your average appliance-pusher selling you. Yet so often I see people buying from Harvey Norman, Noel Leeming and other "general purpose" stores – because inevitably when you get an issue with your device, those places can't help you. They don't have the right kind of staff with the right level of experience. Things usually have to be shipped back to whichever distributor they came from and processed under manufacturer warranty.

When you buy a computer from an actual computer store, for starters, you're more likely to get the right computer. You probably don't need the most expensive thing in the room. You may only need something for checking emails and browsing the web – why would you need a \$1000 PC for such things? But a salesperson in a non-computer store doesn't really have a clue what you need, they only know what their percentage and/or sales ratings are (depending on how their salary works), and that doesn't necessarily bode well for your purchase. And when you have a problem, they don't have a clue. In a computer store there's so much knowledge floating around that even if one person doesn't know, another person probably does, and that makes dealing with issues a lot easier further down the track.

Lastly I should comment on the quality of both the technical staff and the computers at non-computer stores. They're both driven largely by price, so you don't tend to get the most reliable machines or people in those places. You see a lot of HP laptops (the worst) and technical people who don't really know their arse from their elbow. Someone saying they're a 'Microsoft certified engineer' or the like isn't meaningful in any real sense – it's like having a degree. Except, like, a really crummy degree. That only took you 3 months to earn. Experience is key. At least in a computer store there's enough people who know what they're doing to be able to spot or correct the ones who don't – and even if they have the cheaper computers, they also tend to have better brands as well.

That's not to say you won't ever have issues with a real computer store, or it's staff – but the percentage ratios of good experiences to bad experiences tend to go up. A computer is not an appliance. A computer is a magical everything-box that has so many complications and parameters that it's hard to put a pin in just how much they've changed society. Did you know my job was considered an essential service during lockdown? Along with, you know, plumbing, food delivery and hand sanitiser production? Go figure. Welcome to the future – now where's my flying car? Oh, right – have a look on youtube for footage of the newly available commercial models. Yup.

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RECIPES



IMPOSSIBLE PIE

Mix together in a bowl

3 Eggs	½ cup self-raising flour
400 mls of milk	Salt and pepper
1 tsp chicken stock	

Then you add all sorts of stuff, Tuna, Bacon, leeks, mushrooms, broccoli, ham, spinach, spring onions. Could be just whatever you have in the fridge.

Pour this into a baking dish. Sprinkle the top with grated cheese. Bake for 30 mins at 180c. Cool in the oven for 5 mins

IMPOSSIBLE PIE (THE DESSERT)

4 Eggs	¼ cup of margarine	1 cup of white sugar
½ cup flour	¼ tsp salt	½ tsp baking powder
2 cups of milk	1 cup coconut	1 tsp vanilla

Put all ingredients into a blender and mix until combined. Pour into a buttered 10 inch pie plate and bake at 180c for about 1 hour. The pie will have a crust on the bottom, custard in the middle, and coconut on the top. Make it this way once and then try adding the juice of 1 lemon for a tangy taste.

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1 cup self-raising flour	Pinch of salt		
¾ cup white sugar	1/3 cup cocoa	½ cup milk	60 grams Butter melted
1 tsp vanilla essence	½ cup brown sugar	1 cup water	3 tsp coffee powder

Sift flour, salt, white sugar and 2 tsp cocoa into a 2 litre casserole or soufflé dish. Stir in mild, melted butter and vanilla essence. Mix well. Scrape down the sides of the dish and level the top.

Sift the brown sugar and remaining cocoa over pudding mixture.

Combine water and coffee powder. Microwave on high power for 2 mins. Pour carefully over the pudding.

Microwave the pudding, on high power for 8-10 mins or until the sponge rises up through the sauce. Serves 4.

KUMARA CASSEROLE

1kg kumara	1/2 c sherry
1/2 tsp salt	2 beaten eggs
1/2 c sugar	1/2 c butter

Boil kumara s with salt until cooked. Strain & mash with butter and sugar.

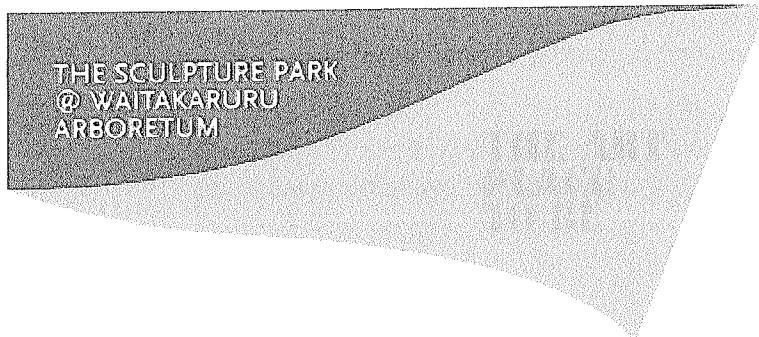
Add remaining ingredients. Place into casserole dish & sprinkle with chopped walnuts.

Reheat in oven 170 c until heated through Enjoy

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

Newsletter for February 2021



Kia ora,

Coming up this March it will be 30 years since we purchased the quarry and started its rehabilitation. The celebration of this milestone will launch **Seeds of Renewal**, our Easter event (2 – 5 April). The event draws attention to ways of sustaining nature and art, the driving forces of the park. The Trust is planning workshops for propagating plants, maintaining trees, renewing soil, and restoring sculptures that have powerful messages to convey. Please mark this event in your calendar to attend!

Starting next week the park will be the alternative venue for practical training of Wintec students who are studying amenity horticulture, landscape construction, and arboriculture. The government's emphasis on trade training has doubled the student numbers this year. Hamilton Gardens is not able to provide hands-on practice for all of them. As we always have more work that can be done, we are keen to make this opportunity work for mutual benefit.

The Trust needs practical assistance from other volunteers. Volunteering Waikato has helped us describe and advertise volunteer positions to help with fundraising, enhancing the park's creative resources for schools and families, as well as basics like keeping the sculptures in good order. If you are interested, check out these links:

<https://volunteeringwaikato.org.nz/volunteer/positions/2011/sculpture-maintenance>

<https://volunteeringwaikato.org.nz/volunteer/positions/1999/creativity-resource-coordinator>

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We have to hope that this prolonged drought breaks by the time you read this. Our ponds have been at the lowest level we've ever seen. It does not bode well for some of our mature trees, let alone the trees planted in the hills this winter.

Hope to see you out here soon!

John & Dorothy Wakeling

www.sculpturepark.co.nz

Using up the summer produce – zucchini chocolate cake recipe



It's the time of year when the garden is overflowing with zucchini. I planted five plants this summer, which are producing 2-3 zucchinis a week. So we have a LOT of zucchini to use up.

I use them mainly in stir fries, curries, and pasta sauce. And I chop them and freeze them, to use all year around. But the extras don't go to waste, as I have used a few in this great recipe.

Zucchini chocolate cake

This cake is so delicious!

Preparation time: 20 minutes

Cooking time: 50 minutes

Total: 1 hour 10 minutes

Serves: 8

Ingredients

- 110g softened butter
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 3/4 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 2 cups flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons cocoa
- 2 cups grated zucchini
- 1/4 cup ground walnuts (optional)

Method

Preheat the oven to 160 degrees C.

1. Grease a 20cm cake tin.
2. Cream butter, oil and sugar.
3. Add eggs, milk and vanilla essence, and beat well.
4. In another bowl, sift the dry ingredients together.
5. Blend the dry ingredients into the butter mixture.
6. Add the grated zucchini and walnuts (if using) and mix well.
7. Pour the batter into the prepared cake tin.
8. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes in the preheated oven, until a knife inserted into the centre comes out clean.
9. Cool cake completely before icing with chocolate icing.

Find me at www.eco-pippa.com and follow me on Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest – search for 'Eco Pippa'.

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NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT - 18 FEBRUARY 2021



Councillors returned to meetings at the beginning of February and the main focus this month has been briefings from staff around the Long Term Plan (LTP). The LTP sets out our vision, direction, work plan and budgets for the next 10 years and outlines how our activities and services will be managed, delivered and funded.. With input from our communities, we develop a new LTP every three years – we currently refer to the 2018-2028 LTP and will adopt the 2021-2031 LTP in June 2021. As usual it is not easy to balance the budgets; however we are making good progress in our discussions.

To follow the process go to the web page <https://shape.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/ltp> The formal consultation process around the LTP will start late March / early April and I will be able to give you the consultation and meeting schedule in next month's newsletter.

Te Huia, the new passenger rail service launches on Tuesday 6th April.

All stations are completed, with public open days on 27th and 28th March.

For more information about the confirmed timetable and fares go to www.tehuiatrain.co.nz



I have previously mentioned that **property revaluation** advice would be received this month. However due to population growth in the Waikato district the valuers are experiencing delays in accurate data collection. Letters will now be sent out in March, date still to be confirmed.

Construction of the three remaining sections of the Cambridge to Hamilton **Te Awa River Ride** has started, including an underpass on State Highway 21, Airport Road and the \$2.5 million Mangaonua Gully section, which includes over 350 m of elevated boardwalk through the gully, associated earthworks, retaining walls and landscaping.

The project is jointly funded by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, and the Government's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund. Work was expected to begin on the eight-month build by the end of January, with completion earmarked for September 2021.



Once completed, the full Te Awa River Ride cycleway will span 60km from Ngaruawahia, through Hamilton and Cambridge, finishing up at Horahora, south of Lake Karapiro.

For more information on the Te Awa River Ride, go to www.te-awa.org.nz

<< The path beside Hooker Road and Tamahere Drive is already complete, with work beginning in March to build an underpass of SH21.

Catch up with the latest news on the Hamilton Section of the Waikato **Expressway** at <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway> This month's NZTA newsletter outlines progress being made with the laying of the asphalt surface – the final phase of the pavement. Also a project update on what has happened since November and other news. Councillors get an opportunity to drive over the Hamilton Section next month so we can see for ourselves the progress being made.

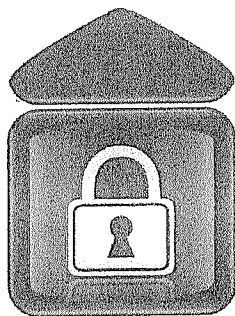
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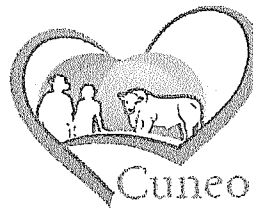
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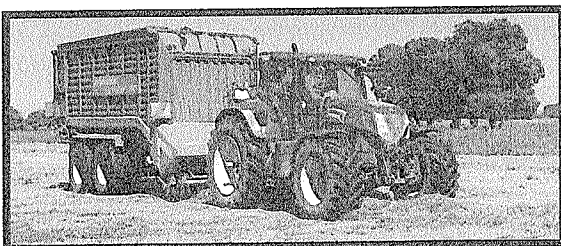
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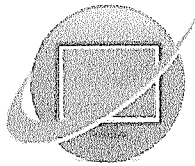


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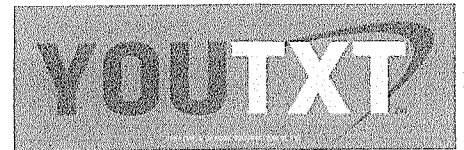


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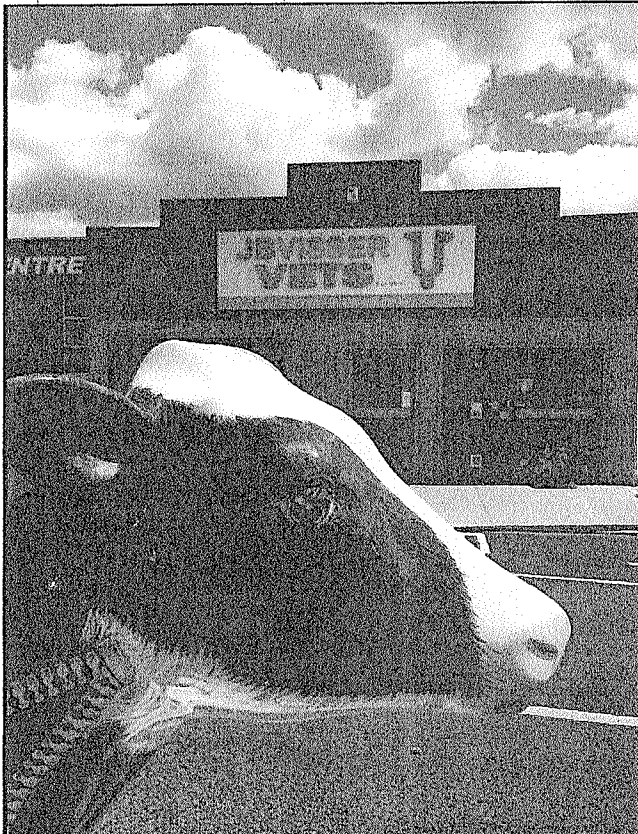
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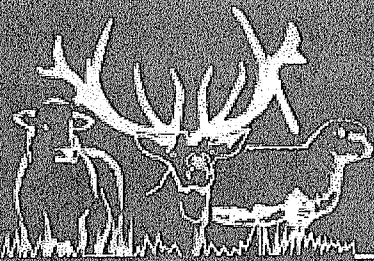


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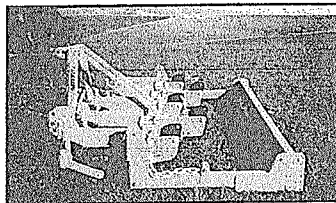
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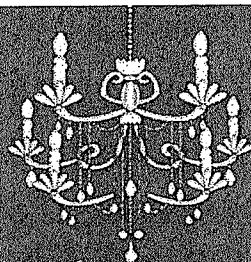
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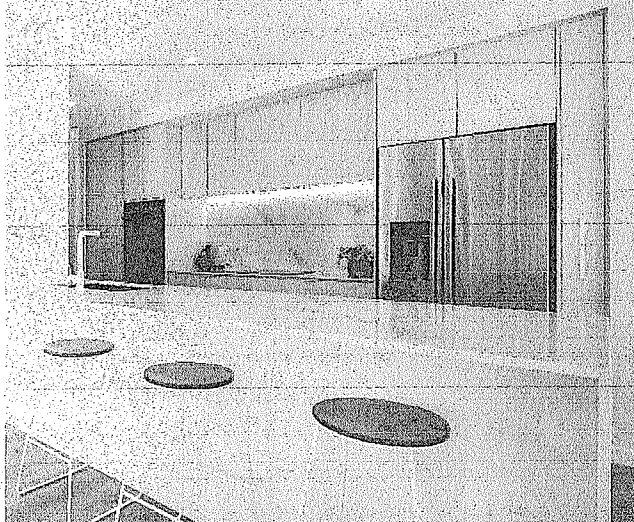
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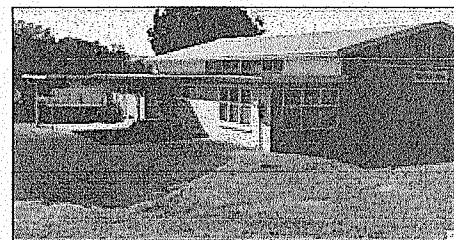
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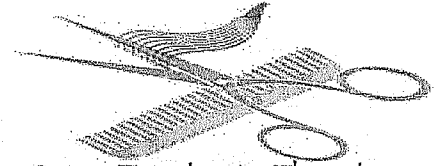
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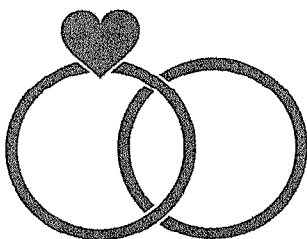
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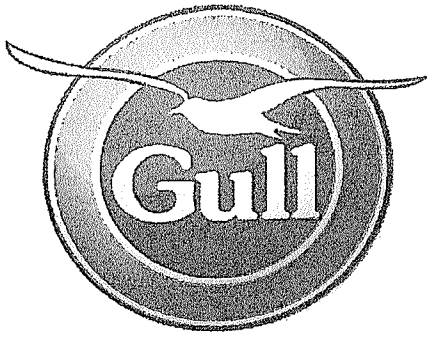
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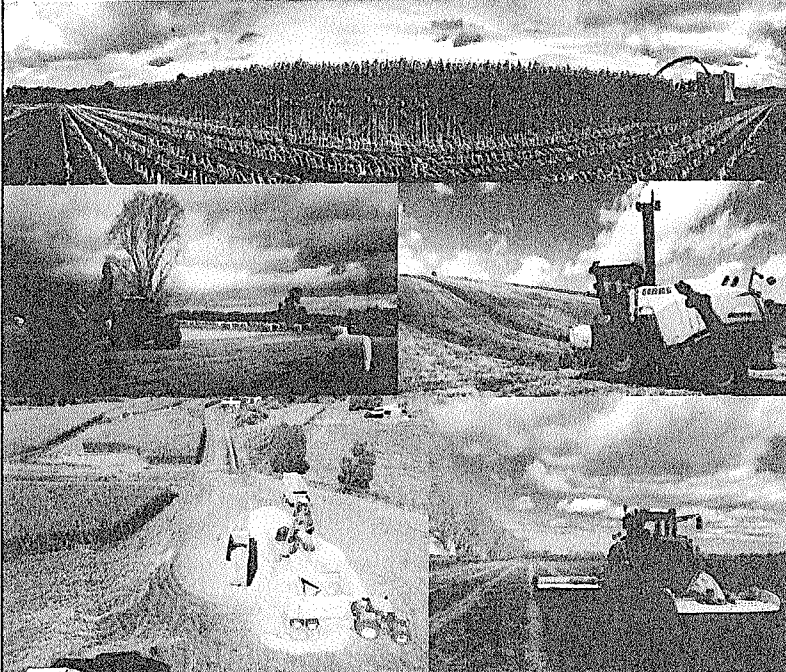
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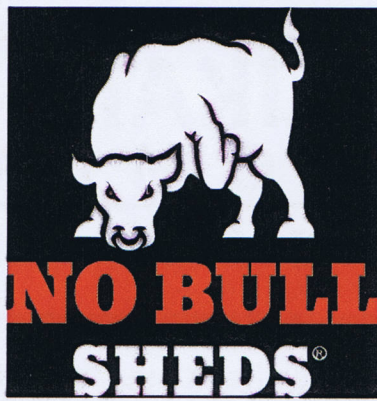
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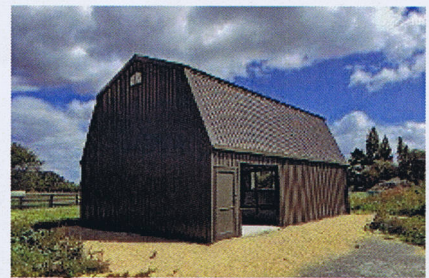


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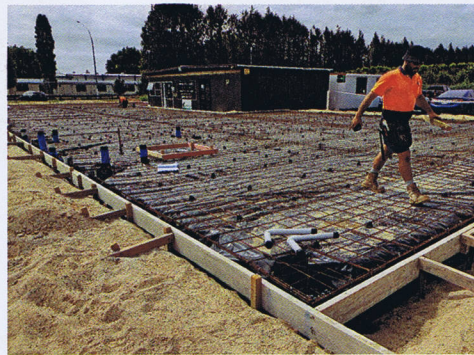
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Answers: 1) A River 2) An Anchor 3) There are nine Mustards in the family. Since each daughter shares the same brother, there are six girls, one boy and Mr. and Mrs. Mustard. 4) What stairs? You live in a one story house 5) Carpet