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Winter's almost here...

EDITORIAL



My name is Natalie Bartlett and together with my husband Shaun and our 3 children we have been living on SH26 in Eureka for 8 years now. It certainly doesn't feel that long - time sure does fly by. A lot has happened in our lives in those 8 years: an engagement, wedding, 3 children, 2 horses, 3 chickens, a dog and a cat!

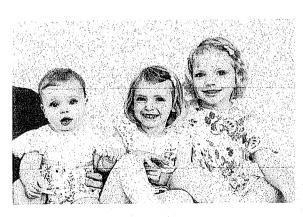
Shaun hails from rural Auckland and works as an IT Cloud Engineer for a consultancy company in Hamilton. Luckily for us since covid he has been

pretty much working from home full-time now. With a young family this has been a godsend! A number of times a baby is often plonked in his office while I deal with the other kids!

I was born and raised in the mighty King Country (Piopio) where my parents and now my older brother and his family are dairy farming. When not on maternity leave, I work at AgResearch as team leader of the Environmental Science team at Ruakura campus. Having completed my postgraduate study at Waikato University majoring in Soil Science I then spent 5 years living and working abroad, 3 years in Australia and 2 years in the UK and Europe.

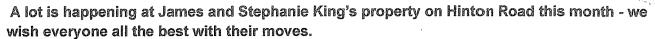
We have been blessed with 3 beautiful girls, Ella is turning 5 in October and we are looking forward to her transitioning into Tauwhare School. Chloe is 3 in July and Zara has just gone 7 months. So even though we are still knee deep in nappies and sleepless nights, we are making the most of enjoying our children during these precious years. We definitely appreciate that the nights are long, but the years go by quickly. It is so great watching the girls play and interact together. Although, we are slightly nervous about the teenage years....

We thoroughly enjoy being part of the Eureka community and are grateful to have such wonderful neighbours. We couldn't imagine living in town and not being able to look out at green paddocks and seeing the children and animals have so much space to play and explore!





SNIPPETS



Greg Lockley and his wife Claire and their children Colin, Amelia and Tiana are leaving us after four seasons and heading to Morrinsville.

Bailey Gibson and his fiance Shannon are moving into Greg's place on Hinton Road and are expecting a baby in September. They are coming from Gordonton. Bailey will be our 2ic on the dairy farm and the dry stock farm. Shannon works with GeneMark at LIC

Luke and Melissa Athy are joining us from Morrinsville. Luke will be moving into the house on Craig Road and Luke will be Manager of the farm. Melissa works for the Waikato District Council.

Johnny Wearne is our new Farm Assistant who started in May but is not living in the district. He will be travelling from his home in Gordonton where he lives with his partner Samantha Fox and their 6-month-old daughter Frankie. Samantha owns and runs Fixate Eatery in Rangiriri.

Movements on Philip and Joelean Mayall's farm on Eureka Road:

We are saying goodbye to Chantell Visser who has been with us for two years and moving to Cambridge where she has a new job for Summerset. Wishing Chantell all the best in her new endeavours.

Congratulations -

Ashleigh Mayall, along with past Eurekan Hannah Gordon and their Tauwhare School mate Bridget Hill, have been selected to play in the NZ under 18 Lacrosse development team. They will play in the Australian national tournament in Adelaide, 6-10 July.

WEATHER

Weather for April 2022			
Rainfall total	28 mm	7	
Rain Total for year	44.5mm	7	
Rainy days	6		Juny 1
Most daily rainfall	10 mm	12th April	ASSESSED AND THE SECOND AND THE SECOND ASSESSED ASSESSEDA
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Highest wind speed	37 km/hr	24th April	
Temp high	26.4 C	4th April	
Temp low	2.7 C	15th April	

HALL UPDATE

Sadly over the last year or so we have lost valuable members of the committee. We are now needing some new members, we need new people to join us and share their ideas on how we can keep the hall in the community. After the school closed several years ago, the hall is the only place we have left in the community. The hall is owned by the Waikato District Council and the committee are the caretakers. It is our job to ensure the hall is kept in safe condition, is always presentable and is hired as much as possible. It is a vital building for any emergencies and for civil defence emergencies. I know you think that would never happen, but the Council work with us to ensure the building is available for such events. We also like to organise community events for us all to attend. Events such as Anzac Day and last year we held the garage sale, and we want to organise more, so the community can come together and meet each other and make new friends, even get to know your neighbours. The committee only meet about 5 or 6 times a year, and a lot of information is shared via email so it isn't a huge demand on your time. Presently we are looking for a secretary, who will take the minutes of the meetings, and assists with taking bookings for the hall. We may need a new treasurer at some stage which also is not a huge time consuming job. All done via online banking. You may just want to come along to the meetings and see what we do. The meetings are public and you are welcome. You would have no pressure to actually join the committee, but you may have some ideas you are willing to share. We would love to hear from you, we would love for you to join us. The hall has been there for 50 years, let's keep it going for another 50 years.

Give me a call if you want to know more.

Have an amazing month

Hall contacts

Gayle Orr Chairperson 0272917150

Usage	Residents	Non - Residents
Meeting Supper room per day	\$ 25	\$ 50
Hall per day	\$ 50	\$100
Social function	\$150	\$250
Weddings & Dance	\$300	\$500
Children's party	\$30	\$ 30
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EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



JUNIOR NEWS

Junior Badminton is underway at Matangi Hall every Wednesday 6pm to 7:30pm

New players welcome. Racquets available
From about 8 years upwards. Come along and give it a try
For further information please phone Bryce on 07 824 0699



Hi everyone,

I am doing a Pyjama collection again this year for Foster Hope NZ's Pyjama Drive.



I will be collecting NEW children's pyjamas or donations from now until the end of June. These Pyjamas will go to Foster Hope Waikato to give to children going into foster care.

Lets see how many we can collect for these deserving wee kids!

If you would like to donate money then I will do a bulk shop for pj's towards the end of June.

If you would like to donate pj's, you can leave them at Gull Eureka for me to collect or text me to sort delivery/ pick up.

A pair of new pj's (for ages 0 to 17yrs) could be the first new item of clothing these children have ever had.....

Thank you!!

Monique Woods

Phone: 021 842 832

My account details for donations:

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Use your name and 'PJ' as the reference

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Accomplished Learners Striving for Success in Tomorrow's World

How wd____hus!
This term we had our first whole school assembly in a long time – albeit well-spaced out and with good ventilation. It was heart-warming to hear every staff member welcoming the children back; there

was a lot of laughter and happiness in the room. It promises to be an action-packed, exciting term. At Orange level we are still taking things cautiously, but can now reintroduce joyful things such as

assemblies, sports, school singing, Kapa haka and itinerant music tutors.

Observatory Visit

Our children have been learning about Planet Earth & Beyond which includes the study of our Solar System, Planet Earth and the effects the solar system has on our daily lives, e.g. day and night, seasons. This topic integrates very well into all aspects of the curriculum. In maths time (day nights, months, seasons) and distance (metres to light years), in English reading and writing reports & explanations, comparing and contrasting our planet to others. Our visit to the Hamilton Observatory was thoroughly enjoyed by all children and adults. Looking through the telescope was a highlight.

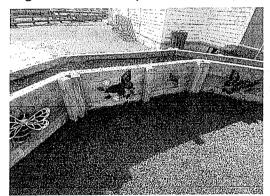
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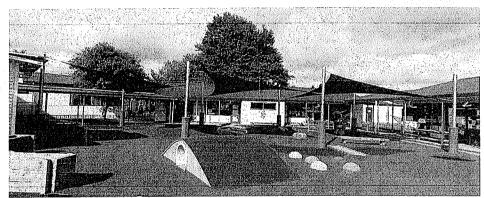
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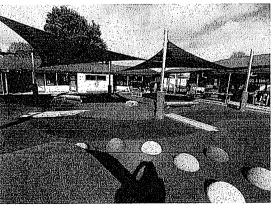
through the telescope.

New playground Area

Our new courtyard is open for children to play on. It is still not quite finished as we are waiting for a hopscotch and an Alphabet wheel to arrive in the country. But we all agree it looks fantastic. The two inground mini trampolines are very popular.











BREAK IN

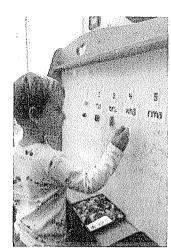
Sadly, we had a break in at the school over Anzac weekend. Nothing appears to be taken, so it seems like mischief-making once again. The police are investigating and checking video footage. If your kids are playing unsupervised at the school after hours please remind them to respect our grounds. They are very precious to us!

STEP IN

Our next Step In, where we welcome children aged 4yrs and their parents to our new entrant room from 8.45am – 10.30am, is on Wednesday 8th June 2022.



Our Whero room has had a lot of interest heading into term 2. Hugo has been enjoying his first couple of weeks at Pukeko. Welcome to Theo, Beau and Grace who have joined the Kikorangi room.



Pukeko Country Preschool

The tamariki have been enjoying all the fresh fruit off the trees in the orchard recently. The persimmons seem to be a favorite.



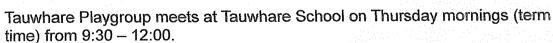
Pukeko Preschool is a small rural preschool nestled in the village of Tauwhare. We are located at 20 Scotsman Valley Road down the driveway beside Tauwhare School. We are licenced for 30 Children and are open from 7:30am-5:30pm daily. We welcome children from 5months to 5yrs and our staff warmly welcomes you to pop on in for a visit to meet us and explore our new building.

Ph 07 8240860 or email <u>pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz</u>

We offer 20hours Free ECE, contact us for more information, check out our website www.pukekopreschool.org.nz or find us on Facebook 'pukeko preschool in Tauwhare'







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. Adults are required to wear a mask.

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





"Speak up. Stand Together, Stop Bullying": Bullying-Free NZ Week.

There has been such a buzz around the school as each class explored a range of activities to promote kindness, resilience and respect.

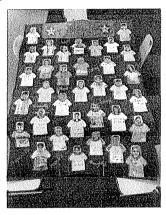
Our Newstead Virtues of Respect, Trust, Perseverance, Excellence and Responsibility were highlighted and practised through many of the tasks and learning activities throughout the week.

What's been happening in our classrooms recently?

Tui/Tiwaiwaka

In Tui/Tiwaiwaka we have done a variety of activities surrounding Bullying Free Week. These included designing our own shirts that displayed kind messages to others, talking about the differences between being mean, rude and a bully and discussing Oat The Goat. These are the shirts we made that show some of the kinds of things we can do like giving someone a hug or sharing our things. We then wrote some words around us that reflected the people we are in Tui and Tiwaiwaka.





Kereru

Kereru has had a great week participating in various activities during Bully Free Week.





Kakapo

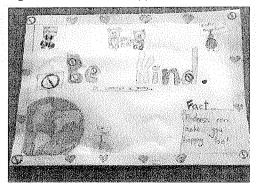
Kakapo has been discussing ways we can support each other to solve problems and be kind. Here is a sample of the comics they made

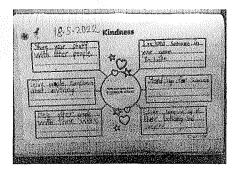


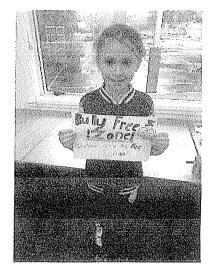
<u>Kiwi</u>

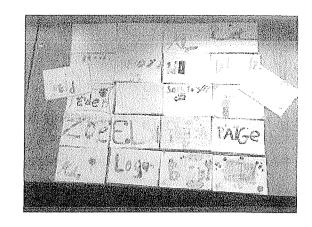
Kiwi Class has had a great week discussing how we show kindness and respect to one another. We enjoyed many activities focusing on tolerance and appreciation of one another.











Ruru_

Things we do in Ruru class to stop bullying

In Ruru we have been doing some anti bullying activities.

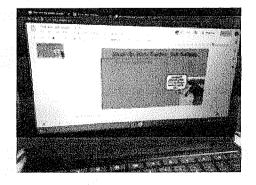
One thing we have done is draw self-portraits, and then we shrivelled them up and unwrapped them and said that all the crinkles are all the times you have been bullied. It all starts to bunch up and then it makes a big shield from the outside world.

We have also done an online, interactive activity called Oat the Goat. It's where you go on an adventure and you choose what the character Oat does when he faces problems around bullying and negative behaviour.

We have this thing in our class called 'Random Acts of Kindness'. It's where you notice someone in our class being kind and write it down on a piece of paper, and put it in a big kete (woven bag)

.Stop bullying once and for all.











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May - Term 2, 2022

As Term 2 continues we are quickly moving into the many activities that are happening at school. This week we began with rugby skills lessons and learning about being kind to others as part of our learning during Anti-bullying week. Motumaoho School certainly is a wonderfully busy learning space where our tamariki are happy to be.

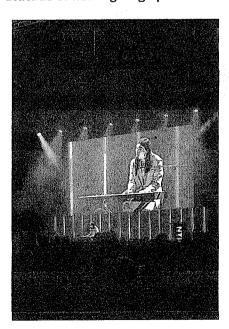
Mother's Day Picnic Lunch

Thank you to all the mothers who joined us for the picnic lunch on Friday, 6 May. It was lovely to see so many of you here on site enjoying the sunny afternoon with your child/ren. We know how difficult it is to juggle work, etc. The students were so excited to create the gifts and cards throughout the week. I am certain that those of you who couldn't attend were spoiled at home. We appreciate everything you do mums! You are amazing.



National Young Leaders Day

On Thursday 12th May our Year 6 students and Ms Roberts had the privilege of attending the annual National Young Leaders Day at Claudelands Arena in Hamilton. The theme of the day was resilience. They used the whakatauki, 'kaua e mate wheke mate ururoa!' – Don't die like an octopus, die like a hammerhead shark! This represented the attitude of never giving up.



Over the course of the day the students listened to various speakers who shared their experiences and how the course of their lives they've had to demonstrate resilience to get to where they are now. The speakers were William Pike (kiwi explorer and founder of The William Pike Challenge), Georgia Line (Singer/Songwriter), Georgia Latu (CEO Potiki Poi), Zane Kapeli (Rugby player for Tonga and Chiefs Waikato) and Brooke Neal (former New Zealand Women's Hockey player). All the speakers were amazing, as were our students on the day.



TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to May's club newsletter.

Well, Tauwhare bowling club is still going along nicely but more members would certainly be welcome. We have averaged 11 people attending over the last four weeks and this year we have affiliated 13 members.

We are always looking for junior members, so if you are keen, then come along to the Tauwhare Hall on a Thursday evening and of course bring mum and/or dad with you.

If you have not played bowls before, or you are new to the area, or have been in the district for a while and would like to give bowls a try then come along to the Tauwhare Hall on Thursday evenings. You will be made to feel very welcome. We are a friendly, sociable club and there is always much laughter and banter.

There are still a few members that we haven't seen since last year. Let's hope that you still intend to come along in the next few weeks!! It was great to see Daniel back last week and here's hoping that he continues to attend.

As the numbers are still low compared to other seasons we may find it difficult to play some of our championships. The majority of our evenings may be club nights.

Club night results :-

- 21.04.22 winners were Jack Hooper, Karen McNally and Gene Andrew
- 28.04.22 winners were Rosalie Arnold, Ana Duncan and Barb Bright
- 05.05.22 Championship Rinks Winners Jack Hooper, Rosalie Arnold, John Cottle, Barb Bright
- 12.05.22 Winners were Bev Meads and Ana Duncan
- 19.05.22 Winner was Jim Arnold

The programme for June (if numbers permit) is:-

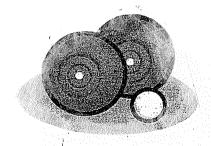
02.06.22 - Club Night

09.06.22 - Singles Championship

16.06.22 - Club Night

23.06.22 - Club Night

30.06.22 - Men's and Ladies Singles



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 some players from previous seasons and also some new players that would like to try bowls.

SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

Inclusive language, ensuring everyone is included in the conversation

By Jean Masters - a deaf advocate here and overseas and a specialised community worker coverage through social service over many years.

Did you know how many languages New Zealand has?

There are three languages but only two official languages - Te Reo and NZSL. Every year, many D/deaf people and D/deaf people with disabilities celebrate their first language - NZSL.

There are two events to raise awareness, twice a year - in May and September. September is the International Deaf Awareness week.

This year, the theme was that our language is **essential** in all areas like education, community, workplace, and rural regions.

Have you thought about how many sign languages are around the world? There are over 300 sign languages in the world.

Is sign language universal or not?

There is no universal sign language. There are different sign languages used in other countries or regions.

Some countries adopt features of ASL(American Sign Language) in their sign languages. For example, British Sign Language (BSL and using two hands) is a different language from ASL (using one hand), and Americans who know ASL may not understand BSL.

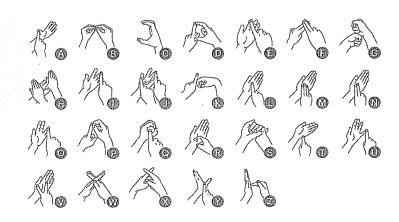
Sign languages are expressed through manual articulations in combination with non-manual elements in sign language. Sign languages are full-fledged natural languages with grammar and lexicons and are structurally distinct from spoken ones. Note that sign language is a language from the mother's hands (tongue)/the first language before speaking language during the early days as a young baby going through cognitive psychology, not a non-verbal communication tool or gestures.

Let us learn our basic daily essential NZSL here. Before preparing to learn sign language, ensure which hand is the main hand, and the other hand is a pointer or movement. for example, use your dominant hand when finger spelling and forming signs that use one hand as in your right hand or left hand. It is pretty straightforward.

LOOK OUT FOR MORE EXAMPLES OF SIGN LANGUAGE TO COME IN FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE EXPRESS

Fingerspell with the alphabet

Every beginner starts by fingerspelling words. Check out the alphabet to get a feel for how to move your fingers. Then, try spelling out your name.



KOOKING WITH KAZZA

HEALTHY SULTANA BRAN LOAF

2 cups bran

2 cups trim milk

2 cups sultanas

2 cups self-raising flour

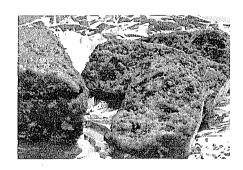
2 cups raw sugar

Preheat oven to 150 deg. Line and spray a large loaf tin.

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl until well combined.

Scrape into prepared tin. Bake approx. 1 ½ hours.

Great buttered or toasted. Also freezes well.



ALMOND SLICE

165 gms butter

2 eggs

1 1/2 cups white sugar

1 1/2 cups plain flour

1 tsp almond essence

1 pkt sliced almonds

1 1/2 tsp vanilla essence

Preheat oven to 180 deg. Grease 20 cm quiche tin with removable base. Melt the butter and beat in the sugar and essences.

Add the eggs and beat well. Stir in the flour. Tip into the greased tin. Sprinkle over the almonds and gently press into the mixture a little. Bake approx. 30 minutes. Cool and cut. Dust with icing sugar.



THAI-STYLE PUMPKIN SOUP

2 tbsp olive oil

1 large onion

2 tsp red or green curry paste

4 cups chicken stock

2 medium carrots

1 kg pumpkin

2 medium kumara

400 ml can coconut cream

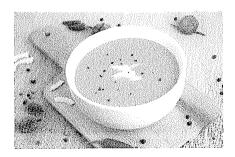
2 tbsp fish sauce

salt & pepper

Heat the oil and cook the finely chopped onion. Then add curry paste and cook 2-3 mins longer stirring, before adding chicken stock.

Prepare vegetables cutting into cubes then add to pot and cook approx.12 mins until tender.

Blend and sieve. Put into pot and add coconut cream and fish sauce. Bring back to boil and season, Serve.



Web browsers are for browsing the Web

Hi all, this month we're going to talk about web browsers, what they're good for, and the ones that aren't so good. See there's this whole thing where if you want to go on the internet, you need a program to do it, and that thing is called a 'web browser'. It's the thing that people mean when they say "I just go to google", except what they're actually doing is going into a web browser and going to the google website. Okay, so you need a web browser to go on the internet, what's next? Well, how many web browsers are there? As it turns out, <u>Tons</u>.

Yes, there's a lot of them, But chances are you've only heard of the big Three: Firefox, Chrome and Edge. Edge is made by Microsoft but it's based on Chrome, which is made by Google. They're basically the same browser under the hood, but one is spying on you for Microsoft, and the other one spies on you for Google. Firefox is made by Mozilla, a not-for-profit organisation, and it doesn't spy on you. There's a few other ones like Opera and Tor, but they're not well-known and are beyond the scope of this article.

Overall I recommend Firefox, because of the whole 'not spying on you' thing. But from a purely functional point of view, I have to say I like Chrome - it does it's job, it gets out of your way and doesn't make a fuss. Firefox is great, but they've picked up a bad habit of informing you about all the cool things they're doing, which is fine for a more advanced user, but can be just confusing for novices. From a usability point of view, Edge is OK but slightly more annoying to use than Chrome.

All three of them also support 'addons' or 'extensions', which change or add to the functionality of your browser. Probably the most common extensions are ad-blockers, which remove ads from websites. Ublock origin is my favourite of these and is available on all three browsers. Occasionally addons can cause issues, so be judicious in your use of them.

Web browsers also tend to do the onerous job of remembering your website passwords for you - a feature as fraught with problems as it is with ease. Usually people forget that they have passwords, because the web browser just 'puts it in' for them - meaning people forget to write them down and then lose them. Also, anyone who steals your computer can use certain tools to get those passwords out of your computer and gain access to your website accounts. Though typically criminals are not smart enough for that.

So that's web browsers, the programs you use to browse the web ie. the little colourful swirly logo in your taskbar. Hopefully that was elucidating. Incidentally, I'm introducing discounted 'winter rates' this month - I know people are inside a lot more this time of year, so if you have any problems, get in touch.

Cold computer? Phone Matt at 0211348576 or email info@homepcsupport.co.nz \$60 per hour, or \$50 for drop-off-to-workshop services (winter discounted rates).





10 WAYS TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE AT HOME

Every day, around the world, so much food is wasted. Here's how you can do your bit to reduce food waste, and save money too.

1. PLAN YOUR MEALS AND MAKE A SHOPPING LIST

Planning meals in advance is useful for avoiding buying items you might not use. Making a plan for a week, or even a month, will help you buy exactly what you need.

Check what you already have in your cupboards, fridge and freezer before making a meal plan. This will help you write a shopping list of what you need for your meals.

2. USE LEFTOVERS TO AVOID FOOD WASTE

If you make too much dinner, save the leftovers for another time. Put them in the fridge for eating the next day, either as lunch or to turn into another meal.

Store leftovers in the fridge in a clear glass container. This helps you see them more easily, and you will be less likely to forget them.

3. FREEZE FOOD TO USE LATER

If you have fruit or vegetables in the fridge that you won't use before they go off, pop them in the freezer. Frozen fruit like bananas and berries are excellent for adding to baking or smoothies. Vegetables such as mushrooms, capsicums, zucchini, and pumpkin can all be chopped and frozen.

4. UNDERSTAND FOOD LABELLING DATES TO HELP REDUCE FOOD WASTE

There are differences between 'Use by' dates and 'Best before' dates on food packaging.

- 'Use by' dates are about food safety, and show the date that the product should be used before (unless it was frozen at home before that date). Food may not be safe to eat after that date.
- 'Best before' dates are about food quality. Food eaten after that date may not be at its best. Use
 your senses to smell, look at and taste the food, to decide if it is ok to eat.

5. COMPOST ANY SCRAPS TO PUT FOOD WASTE TO GOOD USE

Composting food scraps or leftovers turns food waste into a source of nutrients for plants. Keep a small container in the kitchen for food scraps, and a compost bin outside.

6. PRESERVE SEASONAL PRODUCE

When you have an excess of seasonal fruit or vegetables in your garden, or when the prices are low in the shops because there is a glut of a particular food, you can preserve produce to use all year round.

7. SHARE FOOD THAT YOU CAN'T USE

Donate extra food that you can't use, while it is still in date. It could be given to friends or neighbours, or via apps like Olio. You could also donate to local food pantries or food banks.

8. STORE FOODS THAT PRODUCE ETHYLENE GAS AWAY FROM THOSE THAT DON'T

Some fruits produce more ethylene gas as they are ripening. This ripens other fruit more quickly. Keep these foods in a different storage place, rather than all in the fruit bowl together.

Fruit that produces ethylene gas while ripening includes: bananas, tomatoes, avocados, peaches and pears. Store these away from ethylene-sensitive items like apples, berries, apples, leafy greens, and capsicums, to help them last longer.

9. STORE POTATOES AND ONIONS AWAY FROM EACH OTHER

Potatoes and onions like similar cool and dark storage conditions.

However, they shouldn't be stored together, as it will make both of them spoil more quickly.

10. STORE BREAD IN THE FREEZER

Bread is at the top of the list for one of the most wasted types of food.

Keep bread in the freezer until you need it. If you eat a whole loaf a day in your family, get a loaf from the freezer the day before. If you eat less, freeze half a loaf, and store the rest in the pantry.

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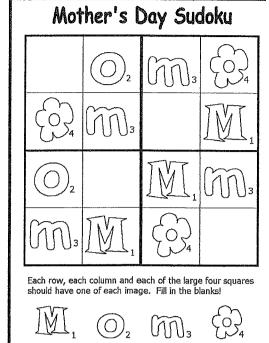
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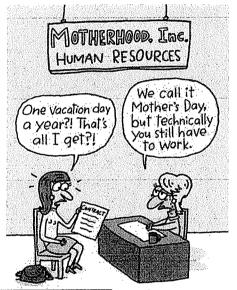
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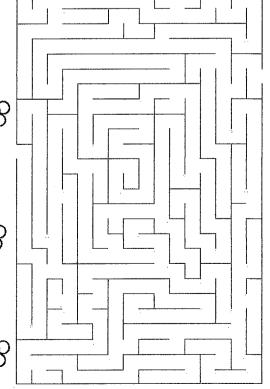
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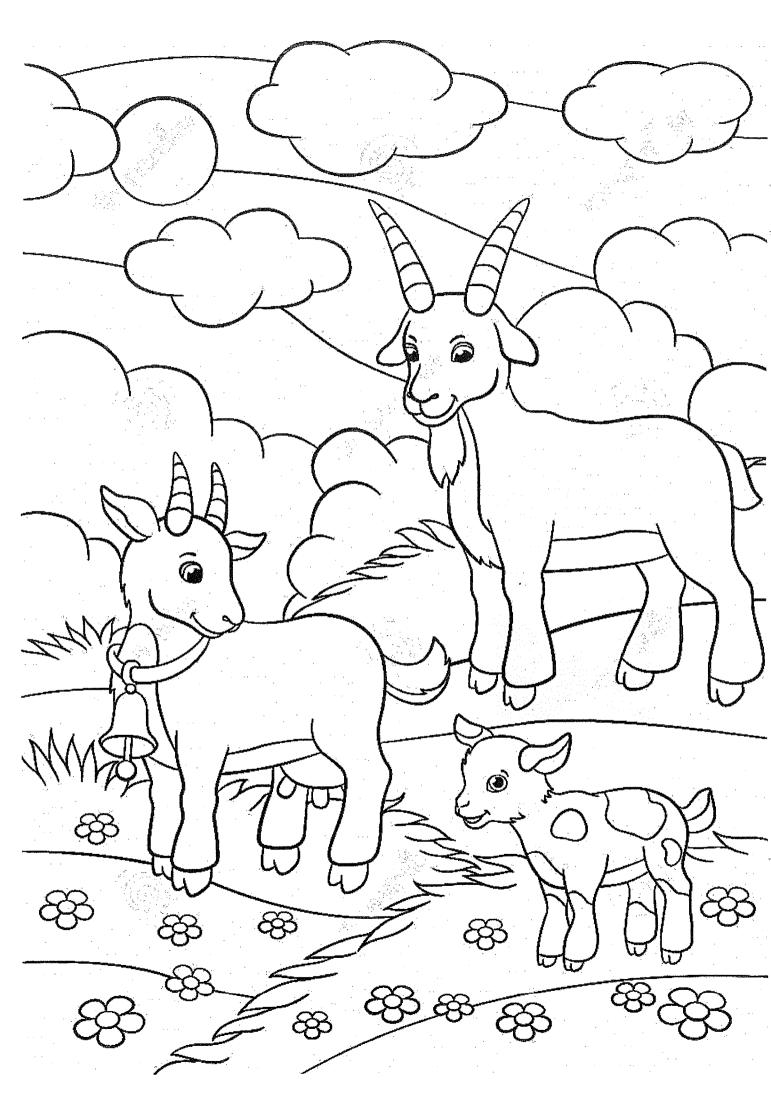


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NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR 24th MAY 2022

Last week's rain was very welcome; I hope there is more to come before the cooler weather arrives.

On 3rd May Councillors returned to Ngaruawahia for meetings. It seemed strange to be dashing out the door at 8.45am instead of making coffee and taking a leisurely stroll into my home office. The new normal I guess. Council will continue to meet via Zoom for some meetings.

On 11th April Waikato District Council adopted its Dog Control Policy. There are approximately 15,000 dogs in the Waikato District. After consulting with the community, Council has decided to make changes to the by-law based on the feedback we received. 666 submissions were received during the consultation period: 71 submitters spoke at, or were represented at, the hearings over three days in February. One of the changes to the policy is to remove the proposed permit requirements for rural zoned properties. This means dog owners in rural zoned properties will not need to get a permit for three or more dogs.

In a media release Council wrote - "Council had originally proposed a permit for more than two dogs in rural zone areas, but we received submissions from an overwhelming number of people who did not support this, Our intention was to consider a different way to address some of the welfare issues we have seen over the past five years, but we acknowledge that a permit was not the best approach. Our sentiment was good - but we got it wrong. We know that the majority of people in our district are good dog owners and we do not want to make it harder for them." The full media release can be found at https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/news/media-releases/article/2022/04/11/council-adopts-dog-controlbylaw-with-changes-after-listening-to-feedback-from-dog-owners

Most of you will be aware that Telephone Road was closed in early April, initially for a month. The decision to close the road was initiated by Kiwi Rail after a number of incidents over the last three years of traffic damaging the rail crossing putting trains at risk of derailment. 38 trains travel along this stretch of rail each day; daily train movements will increase markedly when the inland port at Ruakura opens.

I am communicating with Council around this and am very well aware of the inconvenience this closure is causing and that the detour route is onto roads not suitable to carry heavy traffic. An added complication is that Google Maps is sending traffic travelling south via Cambridge down Eureka, Hunter Road, Tauwhare Roads. New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) are trying to negotiate with Google to redirect traffic back to SH1b at Marshmeadow Road.

Waikato District Council, NZTA and Kiwi Rail are discussing solutions so Telephone Road can reopen but the problem is not an easy fix and may take some time. NZTA has commissioned a technical report with possible options for the intersection, to be tied into a business case. When this has been studied by the working group a public meeting will be arranged to be held at Puketaha Hall. This will be advertised on the NZTA Facebook page and other social media and I will mention it in my monthly newsletters.

If you know of anyone who may benefit from our Rates Rebate Scheme a reminder that applications close on 30th June. This scheme came into effect in 1973 to benefit home owners who have low incomes.

Application forms are available on line at

https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/rates/rates-rebates or forms are available at any Council office including the Tamahere Office located at Block C, Level 1, 65 Devine Road, Tamahere 3283 (next to the pharmacy, up the stairs) Phone: 0800 492 452 The opening hours at Tamahere are: Monday – Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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Contact me anytime Rob McGuire - Councillor Eureka Ward Ph. 824 3696 / Mob 0274 970 966 Email: rob.mcguire@waidc.govt.nz



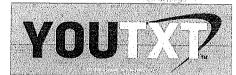


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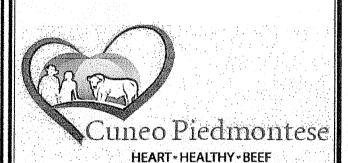


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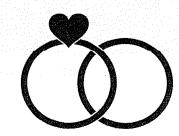


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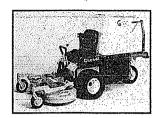


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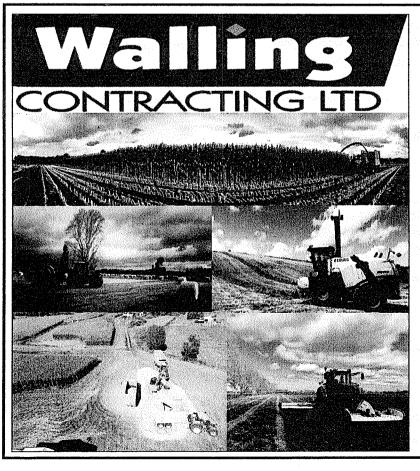
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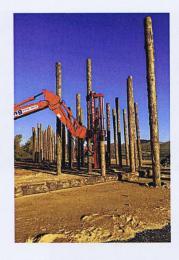
Well, Council Consent has been approved and work has started on the foundations with 400 piles being driven now to support the concrete floor of Auto Shoppe's new workshop.

We are pleased to be working with Kelvin Lalich Builders on this project which is being supplied and built, by locals for locals.

We will keep you updated as the build progresses.









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