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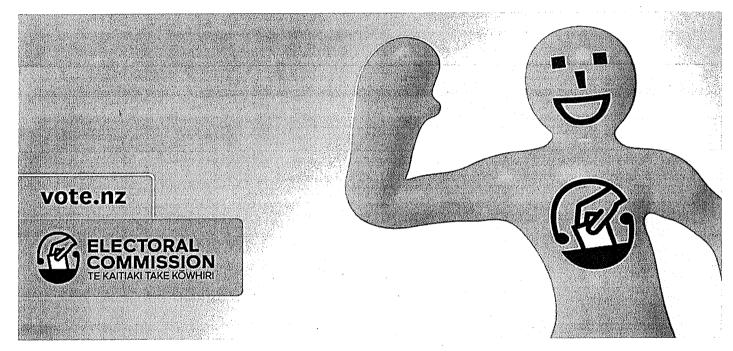
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EDITORIAL

We are Rachel and Russell Kruithof and we bought our first home a year after being married and here we have stayed for 22 years. We immediately fell in love with the traditional features of the house and the generous outdoor space, it was definitely an 'Eureka!' moment! We are both from farming backgrounds so absolutely love the country life style with the added luxury of the close proximity to many townships.

Together we live with our dog Loki, cat Sid, goats George and Benji and a hodgepodge of chickens that keep us well stocked with fresh eggs. As people who enjoy animals we are constantly privileged to witness the abundance of the wildlife that surround us, particularly Tūī, Pheasants, Kingfisher, Pīwakawaka, Skinks, and the magical wingspan of the neighbouring Herons.

When asked to write this months editorial, my first comment was "...we are not exciting people..." Russ is a mechanic and I am an early childcare teacher, who enjoy each other's company and are quite happy spending time working on various projects around the house or in the garden. We have recently begun restoring a '46 Ford Saloon and a '38 Chevrolet and although we are under no illusion that this is going to take time, I already consider myself to be an excellent chrome polisher! We love to go fishing on the Hauraki Gulf and consider ourselves very fortunate to have seen many beautiful parts of the world over the years, getting married in Rarotonga and returning for our twentieth wedding anniversary, Australia, Singapore, Vietnam, England, Germany, Italy, France, Scotland, Isle of Skye, connecting with family links in Holland, Switzerland and Ireland and a family holiday aboard an Alaskan cruise being a definite bucket list highlight!

Finally, after 22 years we decided to embark on a renovation of the kitchen and bathroom. This led to a sudden increase in watching a lot more home renovation shows for inspiration ... which has made a somewhat welcome change from car restoration programmes!

As visual learners, we thought it would be a great idea to peg out the space on the lawn to enable us to try different layout options. This was a fantastic idea until days later I was rushing outside, tripped and broke my shoulder! Yes I had fallen over the new kitchen bench! Thankfully the bone healed without complication other than ongoing physio, and the reno has proceeded equally smoothly and it won't be long before it's all finished. Yay!

Thanks for reading this less than exciting editorial Russ & Rach

Eureka- the quiet retreat

After nearly half a century living at Eureka, Ann and Ken Mackay have moved to Cambridge for the later years of their retirement.

Ken shares a summary of their time at Eureka:

We arrived in NZ by boat in 1970 accompanied by our three children and all our worldly goods. I'd been appointed to the new University of Waikato and Ann was rapidly signed on also to help oversee undergraduate chemistry laboratory classes, both at the uni and at the Polytech. Settling into Hamilton and becoming friends of the museum, joining the archaeological society, various women's groups, playcentre, and other activities, we made some very good friends. These friends took a great interest in our plans to look for a bit of land and were most helpful. After about five years of living near Berkley intermediate, getting all the kids settled into good local schools, we started to look about us for a bit of land to stretch out in and to breathe. The old farm on Tauwhare Road had included some oaks and silver poplars probably from milling days and the block with most trees was a bit cheaper certainly comparable to city lots at that time, so really it was the trees that brought the Mackay family into the Eureka area. We bought in 1974, built a Lockwood (largely designed by Ann) and moved in mid-1975. The home among the trees provided a quiet, replenishing, nourishing retreat and the opportunity for some very novice rural ventures (previously shared with Eureka Express readers!). The early retirement years were quite busy. I enjoyed having more time to potter at home and Ann did sterling work with the Hamilton CAB, the Graduate Women Federation, and the Friends of the Hamilton Gardens while I got interested in astronomy. This time also included genealogical investigations to Canada and the US, as well as return trips to the UK. Ann and I also enjoyed river cruises in the Baltic and on the Danube. But best of all was always coming home to our beautiful leafy retreat at Eureka. Blessed by great, practically helpful, and tolerant neighbours, we managed to keep on living on our 11 and a half acres well into our eighties enjoying quiet peaceful days talking, reading and reminiscing together. We remember with gratitude especially our close neighbours, Graeme and Lynne Brewer, the Bargh family, Devon Ward, and Colin Duncan (whose expertise supported our determination to buy only second-hand cars). Now, in 2023, the property has been sold and hopefully the new owners will also enjoy the peace and friendliness of this very special part of the mighty Waikato. We now live near our daughter in Cambridge.

IN LOVING MEMORY of JENNIFER MACE

It was with great sadness that we learned of Jennifer's death on September 7th in Singapore, almost home from her last dream holiday, this time a Norwegian Cruise.

Jennifer was 79 years old. She and her late husband, Keith, moved to Eureka from Waitara, Taranaki, on 1st June 1997, having bought Tom and Diane Ammann's farm cnr Waverley/Seddon Roads.

Both Jennifer and Keith were community-minded and soon joined local groups. Midst Jennifer's passions for sewing, gardening, reading, travel, and their nine grandchildren, she found time to serve on the Eureka Express committee for some 12 years. For a good number of those years Jennifer contributed a regular and valuable Gardening column, five years as the sole writer then a few more years sharing the task with Mike Roach, This generous commitment was greatly appreciated.

Many close and lasting friendships were forged over their years in Eureka with regular shared trips abroad and also lots of visits back to Taranaki. Jennifer was a talented sewer, having owned a fabric shop in Waitara during their farming days at Huirangi. Her gardening skills were also legendary and she was still enjoying her years as a member of the Orini Garden Club.

Sadly, Keith passed away in January 2014. A few months later Jennifer made the decision to sell the farm homestead (but retain ownership of the farm) and move into Dalbeth Place next to her daughter Deidre. Deidre's husband, Fraser, was gravely ill and there Jennifer could more closely support Deidre and her five young children.

Recent years have seen Jennifer enjoy many more overseas holidays, follow her interests, and enjoy seeing her cherished grandchildren grow and mature.

To Jennifer's family, Pieta, Deidre, Campbell and Christine, and her precious nine grandchildren, goes our heartfelt sympathy in their huge loss.

Our thoughts are also with Jennifer's faithful sharemilkers, Mark and Hayley van Hellemond,

It was a pleasure to know Jennifer who was a dear friend to many and she will be very sadly missed by us all.



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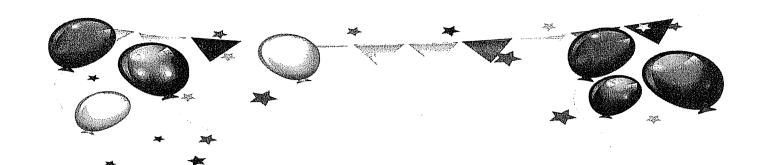
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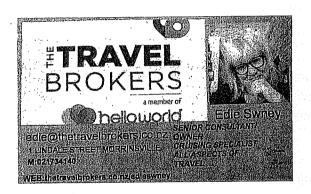
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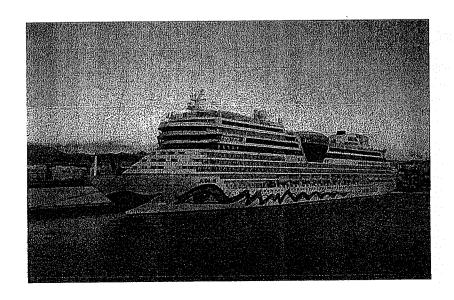
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DID YOU KNOW?

Not everyone in the community use Facebook or social media, and not everyone reads the express paper edition. So, if you have something to say we welcome your input in the Express. You may have something to sell, a fund-raising event coming up, know someone who has done something amazing and you want the community to know. Well, let the Express committee know and we will publish it. We love to know who is in the community and what an amazing place it is to live. I see so much on FB but not so much in the Express. Do you have a small business you would like to promote, one that you work from home. Tell us about it, let the community know so we can perhaps purchase your product or support you in whatever way we can. I know there are so many talented people out there, don't be shy, come forward and introduce yourself. We can't wait to hear from you.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED.

We are all aware that the cost of everything is going up all of the time. The printing of the Express is also costing more. If you would like to make a small donation, we would be very grateful. We will send you a receipt for your donation so please put your name as a reference. Our bank account number is 03-1559-0042660-00. The name of the account is Eureka Express. We would also like to thank everyone who puts their loose change in the box at the Gull Station, all donations are gratefully received and definitely help towards the rising costs.

On behalf of the Express Committee, I would like to send out a huge Thank you for the donations we have received. We really do appreciate your help.

SNIPPETS

We are looking for someone to write a gardening article for the express each month. Is this you? If you love gardening and want to share your knowledge, we would love to hear from you. It doesn't have to be long, just seasonal and full of helpful hints. Contact us and have a chat.

WELLCOME

Joel and Amanda Benjamin

"Joel and I moved into the original farm homestead on Hinton Road March this year. We are enjoying having more space to swing a cricket bat and practice dog agility. We have 2 children, Elijah 2 (oct) and Mikayla 8 weeks (July 2023)".

PHONE LIST

Included in this issue is the latest Eureka phone list. If you didn't get one please let us know and we will get one to you.

SIGN LANGUAGE

Saturday 23rd September.

"International Day of Sign Languages: A World where Deaf People Everywhere can Sign Anywhere."

"Today, we share the WFD's vision of a world where deaf people everywhere can sign anywhere. A world where deaf people are seen as a part of the natural range of human diversity, & national sign languages are celebrated & used everywhere as part of national societies. The WFD calls upon all governments to take measures to ensure at least 50% of their children & youth know their national sign languages, as a step towards building societies in which deaf people everywhere can sign anywhere."

Acknowledging & respecting our mother languages is of utmost importance for those of us in the D/deaf community. Our ability to communicate seamlessly through sign language is a source of pride for individuals of all ages and abilities. Yet, feeling left out in other environments, like family events and workplaces, can be disheartening while accessing services like cafes, schools, and healthcare providers. The solution to this predicament lies in education and empathy. By learning our sign language, others can foster meaningful connections with us & make us feel included in all facets of life.

It's of utmost importance to acknowledge the Deaf community and culture and the benefits of Sign Language for infants born with hearing impairment, even though it can be difficult for new families to come to terms with. While it's natural for parents to desire their child to be able to hear and speak, it's essential to understand that being Deaf is not a disability. Their child can still thrive and communicate effectively within the Deaf community in numerous ways. The healthcare and education industries must prioritise understanding languages and inclusivity. Addressing hearing loss goes beyond the use of hearing aids or cochlear implants to facilitate speech. It is about empowering parents to make informed decisions for their D/deaf child. I highly recommend engaging with D/deaf parents and communities for valuable insights and understanding. Above all, respecting the freedom to use sign language anywhere is essential.

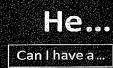
Ever since I was a toddler, I've relied on hearing aids to navigate the world around me. My parents emphasised the importance of being proactive and communicating effectively, which has served me well. I'm using two languages, English and sign language, and my BA degree has also allowed me to become proficient in other languages. When people ask how my hearing aids have helped me, my response depends on the situation. In busy, noisy environments like parking lots or public gatherings, but in places like airports or train stations, the constant background noise of announcements can be overwhelming and stressful.

Sign language is an incredibly effective means of communication, especially in public locations like airports and train stations, to ensure that everyone can benefit as everyone else. It's vital to display pertinent information on screens, such as "boarding number 454 now at Gate 4," to enhance the visual accessibility of sign language. During my global travels, I was pleasantly surprised to see flight attendants using sign language when I boarded the plane. In addition, the flight safety guide was always available on my seat or the screens in front of passengers, while train conductors and staff pointed to signs and timetables to guide me on my way. Ultimately, it's crucial to make information more accessible to everyone, and sign language is an ideal tool to accomplish this goal.

Mastering sign language is paramount, especially during disasters like devastating floods or raging wildfires. It enables us to communicate effectively and seek assistance, counsel, and direction in critical situations. The importance of sign language cannot be overstated, and it is essential to recognise its potential to make a meaningful impact in times of crisis. Have you given any thought to acquiring sign language skills?

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Ngā mihi o te ahiahi Good afternoon





Kāo No



Tēnā koe Thank you

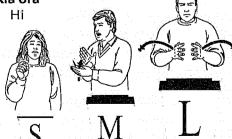


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Hei konā rā Goodbye









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HALL UPDATE

Hello to you all.

Scary as it is, we are on the downhill slide to Christmas. Where has this year gone? I know the Hall committee have been really busy, and we still haven't finished for the year. We are working with the Council to get our new flagpole erected. The flagpole was donated to us by our local Councillor Crystal Beavis and her husband, but to get it erected is no small feat. We have to engage a Civil Engineer, and then work with the council for a permit. This work is being done at the moment, so keep watching for the flag pole by the cenotaph.

The committee are still looking for someone to check over the books for the last 2 years. This is not a full audit, just a viewing of the books to make sure everything is correct. If you could help us with that, we would be so grateful. The books are all done through Xero so it is all pretty easy to follow. Please contact the treasurer Shaun Bartlet to chat to him. His email address is shaun.bartlett@outlook.com.

There will be more follow up on the Emergency Response Plan as it comes together. This is still under action; time is just a factor for us all. But it will get done, and hopefully soon. Keep watching for more information.

Both the Hall Committee and the Express committee are organising another community pot luck luncheon. A little late this year, but it is organised for November 19th at 12pm, at the hall. This is a great way to meet new people, farewell some people, and generally have some really nice food, a cuppa, and a chat. It is a family event so bring the kids, the hall is big enough. All refreshments are provided, you just need to bring a plate of finger food, one sweet and one savoury. We have never regretted coming along to the first one we attended, 6 weeks after we moved into Eureka 17 years ago. It enabled us to meet so many people and to make friends. Moving from Auckland as we did, it made it so easy to get to know the community. Looking forward to seeing you and meeting new people. Put the date in your calendar.

We are seeing more sun, the wind still has a bite to it, but it does feel like spring is almost with us. I hope you are getting time to get out and enjoy it and recharge after the cold, wet winter we have had.

Contact Gayle Orr for any bookings or any other enquiries. 0272917150

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Use Ten Five (105) to report things that don't need urgent Police assistance. If you need to talk to the Police call 105 from any mobile or landline. It's a free nationwide service available 24/7. If you can't get through to 105 please contact us online at www.police.govt.nz/use-105.

AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is situated at the Eureka Hall.

In case of an emergency phone 111 for an ambulance and ask for the code to open the AED box. The instructions for use are inside.

TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the September newsletter from the Tauwhare Indoor Bowling Club.

Well, this will probably be the last newsletter for the season. Doesn't seem that long ago that I was writing the first newsletter for the season. Although the season has nearly finished it was great to have Adam come along for the last couple of weeks and give bowls a go. We can always do with more members so think about it over the summer months and hopefully see you next March. We need new members so that we can make sure the club continues to survive

We endeavour to be finished between 9.30pm and 10pm. If you do decide to come along, then ideally be at the hall by 7.20pm so the draw can be done ready for a 7.30pm start. We have players within the club that would be happy to introduce you to the game. You do not need to bring anything along – just need to wear flat soled shoes. Our aim going forward is to make bowls a fun social evening.

Club night results for the last 2 weeks:-

24.08.23

Winning team - Rosalie Arnold, Heather Bargh and Darron Cutler

Runner up team – Jim Arnold and Lockie Verner

31.08.23

Final Points night

Winning team – Jim Arnold, Trudy Pocock

Runner up team – Bev Meads, Heather Bargh and Darron Cutler

Our programme to the end of the season-

05.10.23

AGM and Prizegiving

19.10.23

Christmas Tournament

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

Bev Meads

021 172 7822 or email - bev.meads@gmail.com

Jim & Rosalie Arnold

07 887 4832

Ana Duncan

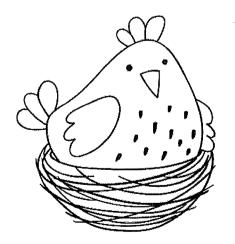
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TAMAHERE-WOODLANDS COUNCILLORS' UPDATE OCTOBER 2023

District News

Blueprints

Community aspirations for the future were a focus for the Council this month, and Councillors spent time considering feedback on local area 'blueprints' as we move closer to developing the next Long Term Plan (LTP) 2024-34.

The LTP will set the Council's work programmes and budgets for the next three years (from July 2024). Consultation on a draft LTP will be held early next year.

Local area blueprints were first developed between 2019 and 2022 to identify community aspirations and to prioritise initiatives to be taken by either the Council or the local community. They form part of a 'District Blueprint' to provide a 'picture' of how the district could progress over the next 30 years to address the community's social, economic and environmental needs, and to meet the Council's vision of 'Liveable, Thriving and Connected Communities'. Outcomes are dependent on LTP funding decisions as well as changes to the District Plan.

In the Tamahere-Woodlands Ward, there are 'Council-led' blueprints for Gordonton, Matangi and Tamahere, and — following the September meeting of the Council's Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee - these blueprints will now be updated in keeping with survey feedback received from your local community committees. More detailed feedback from Tamahere will be included as an addendum to the existing blueprint.

Congratulations to the Tauwhare Community Committee which has led a major effort to develop a Tauwhare blueprint in consultation with the community. A Council decision on whether to recognise this as a full blueprint (as urged by your local Ward councillors) has been deferred, but the community's aspirations were acknowledged, and the document will be published on the Council's website.

Speed limits

The Council has been asked to review District speed limits in line with the Government's 'Road to Zero' road safety strategy. Proposed speed limit changes near maraes, community halls, sports fields and schools are expected to come to the October Policy & Regulatory Committee meeting for consideration for public consultation. It's unfortunate this follows so closely on the Council's own Speed Limit Bylaw review in 2022. Please watch out for notification to have your say.

SH₁B

A proposal for the upgrade of Telephone Road to allow it to reopen has been put forward for inclusion in Waka Kotahi's draft State Highway Investment Proposal (known as the SHIP). The draft SHIP is expected to be released shortly with the final SHIP to be confirmed early next year for inclusion in the 2024-27 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP). Funding is not guaranteed, however, as this project will be assessed and prioritised against other proposed roading projects in the region and around the country.

As the initial options for re-opening the Telephone Road railway crossing were costed at \$8-11 million (compared with a permanent closure option costed at \$2.5 million), Waka Kotahi and Waikato District Council are also working together to develop an alternative, cheaper option for consideration. As this would involve closing Holland Rd westbound from the intersection with Telephone Rd, Waka Kotahi and the District Council will seek community feedback to determine the feasibility of progressing this option. Please watch this space.

Please also note that Waka Kotahi intends to replace the current temporary electronic signage at the crossing with fixed signs about the closure – this is simply to allow the mobile signs to be reused elsewhere.

Recent Community meetings:

- Bus trial Waikato Regional Council is working on final details for a two-year bus trial for Tamahere/Matangi/Tauwhare Pa using a 12-seater van, and ensuring no disruption to school bus services. The District Council will fund it from a budget set at \$200,000 per year.
- New Tamahere Forum proposed At its September meeting Tamahere Community Committee discussed means of re-establishing a website for sharing community news. Watch this space.
- New chair elected for Newstead Residents' Association Congratulations to Noel Smith who was elected chair of the Newstead Resident's Committee at its AGM on 17 September.

Community meetings coming up in October:

- Tamahere Community Committee 3 October, 7.30pm at Tamahere Community Centre
- Tamahere-Woodlands Heritage Committee 17 October at Council's Tamahere office
- Tauwhare Community Committee 25 October, 7.30pm at Tauwhare Hall

Also happening:

- Cherry Blossom Festival now on in Matangi over three weekends finishing Sunday 8 October. Details on their website.
- Sculpture Park, Tauwhare the Park's Roosting Ruru Café is re-open, weekends 11am-3pm.

Contact your Tamahere-Woodlands Councillors:





Crystal Beavis, mob 0275 957 927, email <u>crystal.beavis@waidc.govt.nz</u> Mike Keir, mob 027 449 3012, email <u>mike.keir@waidc.govt.nz</u>



SCULPTURE PARK

Cyclone recovery at the Park

Seven months on, we have almost finished the clear up from the Cyclone damage and our loss of close to 100 trees. Once the park is a little drier we hope that some of the service clubs can easily retrieve the trees suited to firewood. The only bonus has been a newly formed waterfall through a slip continues to provide a lovely cascade at the end of Conifer Canyon.

Part-time Work Offered

The Trust needs a reliable, strong person to work a few days per week. This person will help staff and volunteers catch up on a range of tasks ahead of our busy season. If interested, please text John Wakeling at **02108415464**

Work place

It's time to think about Christmas celebrations. You can help the park to keep going by boosting our group bookings—book your workplace or social club events here. Christmas parties, morning teas, or our team-building game are among the possibilities to suit a wide range of people. Just email Sue Devonshire at info@sculpturepark.co.nz to book a day or chat to her about what your group needs.

DELIGHT—Cherry season (from 16th September to 1st October)

Tauwhare and the park are becoming known for our spectacular Awanui cherries and the many other blooms of early spring. DELIGHT is our annual celebration of the cherry blossom. It's a great time of year to join friends and family for a catch-up walk here.

Roosting Ruru Café reopening

From Saturday, 9th September the café will be open every weekend. Weekdays you can get your Duck Island ice cream fix or a cold drink! **For locals:** just cut out this photo below—bring it along for a complementary cup of coffee!



Roosting Ruru Café OPEN EVERY WEEKEND







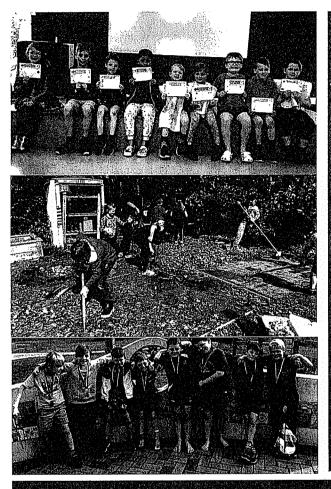


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OPNEWS

TAUWHARE CALF CLUB -

-----We Invite You-----

We would love to see you all here, you are all invited. Friday October 13th starting at 10am.

• 2024 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR. Term 1 Thursday 1st February - Friday 12th April

Term 2 Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July Term 3 Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September

Term 4 Monday 14th October - Wednesday 18th December

NATIONAL LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

We are excited to be partnered with the NZ National Library until the end of 2024 to further develop our reading culture and the library at Tauwhare School.

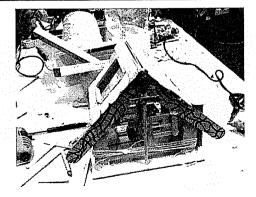
1ST AND 2ND IN CLUSTER SPEECHES

Congratulations to Liam who came first place in the country cluster speech competition with his speech "Plant invasion.' Also, congratulations to Emily for coming second at the Country Cluster Speeches with her speech 'Why we should be paid to go to school.' A great achievement for both of them, well done!



WHARENUI BUILDING

Since our Marae visit, Room 1 has been making wharenui with Whaea Nikita. "We get to use our creativity and imagination to create a wharenui in peers using materials at school and our teamwork skills," said Sylvie. We made them out of popsicle sticks, glue and lots of other material we could find around the school. We can't wait to be finished this week and show other classes our building designs.





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Ngākau Manaaki - Aroha atu, aroha mai If kindness is what you give, then kindness is what you shall receive

Te Wiki o te reo Māori

We recently celebrated Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. We are working hard as a staff to raise our personal Reo level so that this can be passed on to the tamariki. All our students will participate in a range of activities, learning new words, waiata and taking part in the Nationwide speak Te Reo Māori moment. We encourage whānau to share their knowledge too. Learn or teach a new kupu a day!





Special Guest/ Manuhiri Motuhake

Recently we welcomed Mr Harvey Manuel, a past pupil, back to Motumaoho School. It was a privilege meeting him and hearing how he remembered Motumaoho School. Mr Manuel, 96 years of age, came to visit us so that he could ring the school bell. He never had the opportunity as a student and always wanted to do this. We were all happy to provide him with that opportunity to ring the bell.. We also learnt about the links the Manuel family has to our school and the Morrinsville area. This was informative and exciting to hear about. This visit confirmed our thoughts. Motumaoho School is definitely a special place!

Super Smash Cricket Sessions

On Monday, 4 September we had cricket sessions run by the Northern Districts Cricket Association here at

Motumaoho School. We practiced throwing, catching, hitting, bowling, etc. This skill session forms part of our focus on ball skills.











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NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023

Kia ora and welcome!

You can expect a newsletter every month which will provide you with updates about what is going on in the Preschool and any other information that we need to share with you.

PUKEKO'S NOTES

I cannot thank our parents enough for their hard work during the working bee that we had. I was really grateful for the amount of people who gave their time and was super impressed with how everyone got stuck in and helped wherever they could. Thank you so much again, I really appreciate it and the children have had a great time exploring their new environment.

I would also like to thank these people for their donations to support our changing environment:

- Rob and Hayley, for the beautiful Magnolia Tree, which we have aptly named 'Maggie'.
- Simon and Claire, for the Grass Seed.
- Greg and Michelle, for the Mint plant to add to our Herb selection

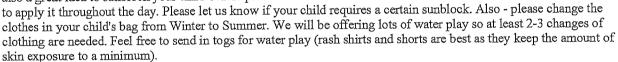


The tamariki that came along with their parents got stuck in and helped improve their/our centre too.

Preschool was donated a LifeVac from James and Steph. A LifeVac is a piece of medical equipment that helps aid a child in the case of choking. We hope to never have to use this piece of equipment however, we are very grateful that we have it, just in case. Thank you, James and Steph, for donating the LifeVac.

The school holidays are fast approaching. Here are the fun things we are going to be enjoying during this time. Please email me if you know your child will be away so I can manage the staff according to the amount of children we will have.

As of Monday – 25th of September, a potae (hat) is required to be sent in for your child. Some children still have their hats still here so please feel free to check. It is also a great idea to sunblock your child before preschool and then we will continue



FEE INCREASE - in the near future we will be increasing our fees. We will give you a month's notice before implementing this change.

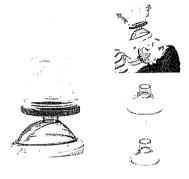
There will be a little bucket and a packet of wipes in the cupboard under the sign-in sheet; this is for you to wipe your child's face and hands if they have had peanut butter for breakfast. This is following our **Peanut Free Policy**. Thank you for understanding and following the procedure.

NEEDED - If you have any of these items lying around at home, Preschool would love to have them for the children to explore with;

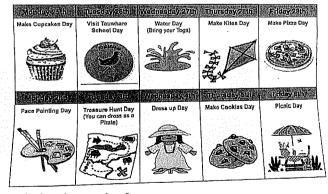
- 1. Push bikes/scooters
- 2. Busy Board items locks, push button, wheels

etc. All items need to be weatherproof and able to be attached to the wooden fence.

- 3. Medium-sized paintbrushes
- 4. Tree Stumps (30cm rounds for example)
- 5. Napkin Rings



School Holiday Fun Term 3 2023



- 6. 3 Metal Pots without handles or 3 Metal Bowls
- 7. Little metal Teaspoons and Forks
- 8. Flannels

We welcome parent feedback on our policies and procedures. If you would like to read and write any suggestions/changes of wording on the policies, please ask one of our teachers to see the folder.

Although our website is still a work in progress it already looks amazing and is so much easier to read and use. Take a look https://pukekopreschool.org.nz/

From 1 April the Government has increased the threshold for childcare support payments. Please check the WINZ website to see if your family qualifies. (Many could do). Please come and talk to Jo or Kim if you have any questions.

Our Ruma Whero tamariki love exploring imaginative role play at the moment. Through imaginative role play, the tamariki are making sense of their world through play. They explore relationships, re-enact experiences from their lives, and are empowered to develop increasing ways to express their thoughts, feelings, and ideas, and new ways to be creative and expressive.

We are very excited to have Ffion, Elijah and Hugo transition from Under 2's side to Over 2's side in October. They have been having transition visits these last few weeks and they are absolutely loving being able to explore their new environment and are fitting into the preschool ways of life perfectly. With these 3 children

transitioning over, I am very happy to announce that Pukeko Preschool is now at full capacity and we now have to have a wait list for both rooms.



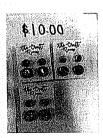
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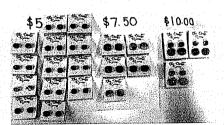
- Check the community table that we have on the front deck to see if you can score any goodies to take home.
- ☐ Please do not send your child with chocolate and lollies in their lunch box.
- With the change of seasons, we are now requiring cooler 'Summer' clothes in your child's bag. Two or more of each item would be great, as we will be enjoying a lot more water play. Please also send along a wet bag to put wet items in afterward.
- ☐ Please label all of your children's clothing
- ☐ The Parent Pockets are now located by the sign-in sheet. Please check them regularly.
- ☐ We have a No Peanut Policy. Due to this, we cannot have any Peanut Butter sandwiches etc. All other nuts

We have these beautiful Earrings for sale. If you would like to have a look at them, then just inquire and someone can show you:)









Ngā mihi - *Jo Morris*Pukeko Preschool
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Ladies a Plate

Butterscotch Self-Saucing Pudding (microwave)

1 cup self-flour

1/4 cup sugar

50g butter

½ cup milk

Sauce

2 tbsp golden syrup

11/2 cups boiling water

25g butter

Add melted butter and milk to flour and sugar. Spread into a microwave ring pan. Stir sauce ingredients together has melted. Pour over the mixture in a ring pan. Cook on high for 7 minutes (650 watt oven)

Lemon Garlic Potatoes

4 potatoes peeled and cut into medium sized cubes

Juice and grated zest of 2 lemons

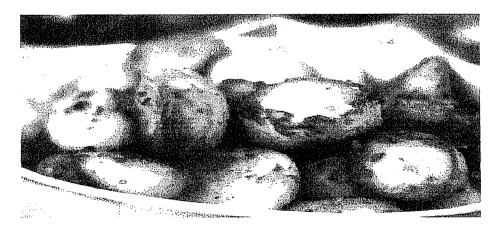
3 cloves garlic (finely

chopped)

14 cup olive oil

salt and ground black pepper

Place all ingredients into a baking dish, ensuring that the potatoes are well coated with the rest of the mixture. Place into a pre-heated oven (200C) and cook for 45-50 minutes until potatoes are crispy. Turn occasionally during cooking to baste.



Upgrading your operating system

As a brief introduction, an operating system or 'OS' is the software which runs your computer - windows or linux for PC, MacOS for Macs, iOS for iPads or iPhones, Android for other smartphones. It does the busywork to manage your hardware and make sure you can run your apps. But like all things software-based, operating systems gather dust, so to speak, and cease to be usable eventually. There are many operating systems which are out of date, or soon to be out of date. Windows 7 and 8 are already unusable, while Windows 10 has 2 years to go before it will stop receiving security updates and cease to be safe on the net.

There are a few ways to get your windows PC up to Windows 11 before the cut-off date of October 14th, 2025. The first is to buy a new computer - not something I'd normally advise, but if your computer is over ten years old, it might be worth doing. The second is to upgrade your existing Windows 10 installation to Windows 11 - which, contrary to what Microsoft has said, works on 90% of computers out there, including ones as old as 15 years. Occasionally I'll run into a computer which won't upgrade for some reason, but the majority of computers do it without issue.

A third option is to do a clean installation of Windows 11 using the Windows 10 key. If you do this, Windows 11 makes it tricky to create a 'local' account (an account not tied to a particular microsoft ID) but it is possible. The advantages of a local account are that you can set a computer up to be resold without knowing the Microsoft account details of the buyer, and less tracking of your activities and data by Microsoft. 11 has grown on me, but it's still an over-designed re-jig of Windows 10 with the differences being largely superficial.

Similarly to Microsoft, Apple tells their customers they can't upgrade Mac's to the most recent version of MacOS due to hardware incompatibility. Sometimes this is true, but mostly it's not. And it's unfortunate because internet browsers only tend to support the more recent versions of MacOS, meaning an older Mac becomes useless on the internet. But a 2013 iMac can run the most recent MacOS "Ventura" without issue; the key to bypassing this forced obsolescence is a program called called Opencore. Documentation is available, but it's very much an expert job to get this done - and you need to make sure you have your data backed up.

It's funny how computers are designed to run pretty much any software, but it's the software companies now telling us which computers we can use and which we can't. "Fight the power!", and all that. Linux and the open-source community are the only havens of sanity in this mess, but their userbase tends to be heavily techie and unfriendly to novices. I'd like for that to change, but such things tend to require the cooperation and structure which businesses provide and which open-source communities, typically, do not.

Phone Matt at 0211348576 or email: **info@homepcsupport.co.nz** \$70 per hour, or \$60 for drop-off-to-workshop services.



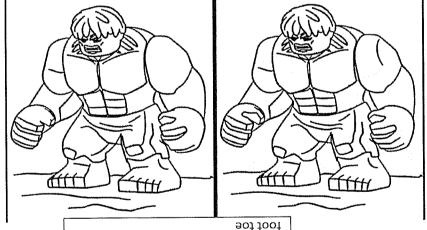
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Superman: Why?

Superboy: Because Robin ate all the worms!

Lizzie: What superhero uses public transportation?

Krista: I don't know. Lizzie: Bus Lightyear!

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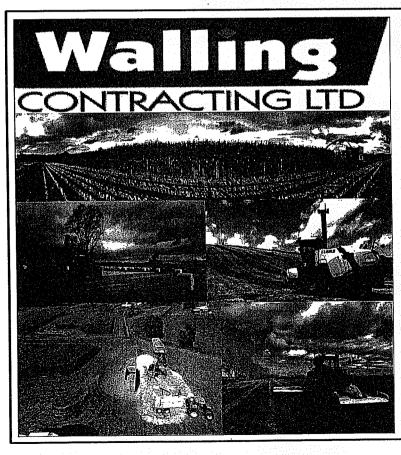
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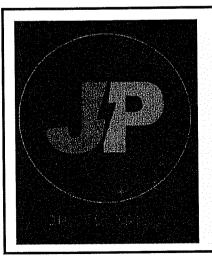
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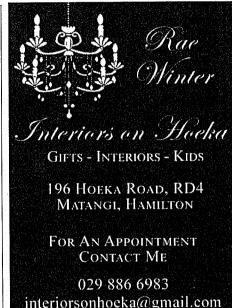


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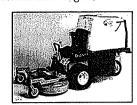


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Stage 1 The lawn Transformation

Outside our reception entrance the grass been killed off to make way for a new irrigation system. This is an important part of a new lawn, from there we can from there we can decide on the type of grass that will best suit what we want to achieve.





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