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EDITORIAL

Kia ora koutou. My name is Katie, and my husband is Luke. We have two daughters, Dinah (9) and Una (6), both students at Tauwhare School. I currently work as the Digital Discovery Manager at the University of Waikato Library, while Luke works as a Manufacturing Coordinator at TRT in Hamilton.

I've been tasked with writing this editorial, and I must admit, I'm not quite sure where to begin. So, I'll start from the beginning of our life here on Hinton Road. We moved here over a decade ago, settling into our cosy two-bed cottage back in 2012. At the time, it was just us and our trio of feline friends, with hopes of a growing family. Little did we know, the path ahead was going to be anything but ordinary.

At the end of 2013, after two rounds of IVF, I fell pregnant with Dinah. The rush to renovate our house in preparation for her arrival took an unexpected turn when I fell ill with Swine Flu, landing me in the hospital 35 weeks into my pregnancy, and leading to a life-threatening situation. I was put into an induced coma, and Dinah was born by c-section the next day, 8 July, 2014. My family were prepared for the worst, but after a total of 10 days in a coma, I woke to the news that I had a little baby girl called Dinah. After a few more weeks relearning to walk, I finally returned home to find my family had completed the renovation project that Luke and I had started almost a month earlier.

Fast forward two years in the summer of 2016 we began building a new four-bedroom house on our back lawn. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't 'summery' at all. The rain persisted throughout the build, leading to frequent flooding on our property. Our "driveway" resembled a swimming pool more often than not. Luke tirelessly dug trenches to redirect water away from the house, given the lack of proper drainage. We had dehumidifiers running 24/7 to prepare the interior for jibbing, and as the excavator worked on the hole for the septic tank, it became a race against time to beat the water backfilling so that the tank could be placed.

On top of that we were about to welcome Una into the family. While her entrance wasn't quite as dramatic as Dinah's one, she certainly made herself known on 9 May, 2017. With our new house nearly complete, we had to manage in our two-bedroom cottage for a little while longer. As many parents can attest, babies tend to occupy a lot of space relative to their size, especially when combined with a growing toddler. We eagerly awaited the day when we could finally move into our new home, which happened in mid-2017. Since then, we've been settled in and enjoying our time here.

Our family has expanded, now including not just our two kids but also two dogs, three cats (though only Manny has been with us since our move to 89 Hinton Road), and even two Ag Day lambs. Furthermore, the cottage is now home to some of our favourite people. Hinton Road has become a true village for us. Our kids often return from outings with treats from our amiable neighbours, and the road itself is bustling with various animals and wildlife, ensuring there's never a dull moment. It's a quiet no-exit road, great for bike riding, walking babies to sleep, or going for a run. I think Luke and I made a great choice when we decided to move to our tree-lined piece of rural paradise, and hope to stay a while yet.

Thanks for reading.

Written by Katie Van De Pas

ALL HAIL EUREKANS!

This is in the nature of a celebration of twenty-six years of living among you, a farewell and a thank you to all those who have provided help and friendship when needed over that long time. And it ended with a bang when I was recently presented with a Mayor's Community Award for all the effort that I had put in to keeping Eureka evident on the Council map, and helping locally to make sure our needs and interests were taken into account when changes were proposed.

I was flung in right from the start by getting involved as Secretary and then Chair of the Community Planning Committee, as well as trying out various roles connected with the Eureka Express, a WRC Catchment Committee, and our local Heritage Committee (the results of which are now next to the bus shelter, which I also got built).

But life was more than committee roles. I acquired a succession of cows, donkeys, goats and abandoned cats, sometimes by choice and others when spare animals needed a home.

Initially I ran a snack vending business with then partner Sparks, which had machines all over Hamilton and one at Wallings, and several sites in Cambridge. My parents at that time were living in Matamata, but Mum died in 1999 and Dad in 2000. With the funds from an inherited house, I decided that there were things I hadn't yet tried. So, Sparks moved to Hamilton, although I continued to help with vending when needed, and we remained good friends for another twenty years. I then managed to fulfil a long-held dream and was allowed to become a weekly lifestyle columnist for the Waikato Times (The Good Life), and a bit later a book reviewer for them too. Later a new Editor changed my writing role to a farming writer, and I even got a stint being editor of the short-lived Waikato Farmer. I wrote for Coast & Country for six and a half years, and most other farming papers at times, getting seven Pulpits and Opinion pages in Farmers Weekly. But I also used my inheritance to set up a business selling children's chairs (The Evolution Chair) mainly over the Internet. I was enormously helped by my family who had professional skills in product design, engineering, graphic design, and day to day help. Eventually my writing and committee work took over and the business was closed.

I managed it all until this last winter, when feeding out twice a day to six hungry and bossy animals was a bit much for an 81-year-old. When I countenanced a move into a retirement village, I happened to find the ideal town house as soon as I began looking. So, family and a wonderful agent (Charles Digby) turned to and got my Hooper Roadhouse looking more saleable, and it sold in ten days when it hit the market. The buyers, Andy and Colleen, wanted to leave their town rental as quickly as possible, and I moved into Roseland Park on 10 October. Unpacking most of the accumulation of 26 years will take a while yet, but my fellow villagers are making me most welcome as their newest member.

I have loved my house, my animals, my earning, and volunteer activities in Eureka, and hope you'll remember me if something I could help with crops up.

In the meantime, on with my new life!

Sue Edmonds

TAMAHERE-WOODLANDS COUNCILLORS' UPDATE OCTOBER 2023

District News

Tamahere-Woodlands Ward volunteers honoured with Mayoral Awards

Congratulations to Sue Edmonds of Eureka, Kitty Burton of Matangi, John Bridgman of Gordonton and Leo Koppens of Tamahere, who were local recipients of the 2023 Waikato District Mayoral Awards presented at a ceremony in the Council Chambers this past month.

- **Sue Edmonds** (pictured left): A member of the Eureka community for 25 years, Sue Edmonds immortalised Eureka through a long-running column in the Waikato Times, chaired the Eureka Community Committee (currently not operating), prepared submissions to Council on behalf of Eureka, was a member of the Eureka Express committee, and a member of the Tamahere-Woodlands Heritage Committee.



- **Kitty Burton** (pictured second left) has volunteered in the Matangi community for more than 30 years. She was secretary of the Matangi School Board of Trustees through the 1990s, was on the school's PTA fundraising committee that renovated the school pool and provided a school hall, and helped organise the school's centennial celebrations in 2010. Since then she has served as secretary for both the Matangi Community Committee and Tamahere-Woodlands Heritage Committee, as well as running the community's news website Matangi Link.
- **John Bridgman** (pictured second right) has lived in Gordonton all his life and has served on numerous local committees such as the Woodlands Trust, the Gordonton School Board, the Hukanui Marae and the Gordonton District Committee, for which he served as chair for more than 10 years and is currently its longest serving living member. He's been a key local figure in many improvement projects, the major one being the Gordonton Hall.
- **Leo Koppens** (pictured right) has been passionate about the ecological restoration of gullies in the Tamahere and Matangi area for 40 years. He has led a dedicated group of volunteers to restore the Tamahere Reserve along the Mangaone Stream, the Allan Turner Walkway and, most recently, the reserve land below Bilsthorpe Lane along the Mangaharakeke Stream. He has also inspired many private landowners to rehabilitate their own gully land.

Long Term Plan

The Council is working towards its next Long Term Plan 2024-34 with a focus on the first three years starting in July 2024. This is challenging, as the indicative cost of maintaining infrastructure and services currently looks like requiring a double-digit general rate increase. To keep rates down your Council is now examining what initiatives may need to be delayed or, possibly, levels of service reduced.

However, there are items that should not be avoided any longer, such as upgrading the dog pound in Ngaruawahia at a cost of \$1.85 million to keep staff safe, maintain animal welfare, and meet legislated requirements.

With just 33,000 rateable properties, every rise or fall of 1% in the general rate is equivalent to about \$780,000, so this Council operates tight budgets.

Roading: For example, our roading budget is allocated the single largest proportion of general rates (\$31.50 of every \$100), but this no longer keeps pace with the rising cost of renewing one of the largest roading networks of any district council in the country. We must maintain more than 2,400 kms of road, but inflation means we haven't met our annual target to reseal a minimum of 5% of our roads for the last two years. We still meet targets for average quality measured by smooth travel - despite rising requests to repair potholes - but we're sweating our assets and recent weather events have strained our resources.

Three Waters and targeted rates: With the new Government's promise to repeal Three Waters' legislation, your Council is also now working on our plans and joint recommendations (with neighbouring Councils) to the Government on how to proceed. Reform is still needed as Councils cannot afford the massive multi-million-dollar investment required in our assets to meet growing demand and higher legislated standards. Rate-based funding is likely to prove inadequate in the foreseeable future.

The Council's LTP workshops are open for the community to attend. Formal community consultation is expected to take place about March/April next year.

Consultations currently open:

- **Waikato District Council Proposed Water Supply Bylaw 2023** - this contains Council's rules for protecting our water supply from waste or contamination, and protects our infrastructure from damage, including water meters. With about 18,000 connections, the Council supplies potable water to about half of the rateable properties in the district. Consultation on the new bylaw is open until Sunday 5 November on the Council's website at <https://shape.waikatodistrict.govt.nz>.
- **Waka Kotahi community survey on SH1B Telephone Rd rail crossing** - Waka Kotahi is seeking community feedback on a new option to keep the rail crossing open - to realign Telephone Rd and to close Holland Rd on the western side of the intersection. This option is costed at \$3-4 million and, compared with the cost of the first options proposed (\$8-\$11 million) to meet safety requirements, it would more closely rival the cost of permanent closure (\$2.5 million). Have your say on the Waka Kotahi website <https://nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh1b-telephone-road-rail-crossing> before the survey closes at 5pm on Friday 3 November.

Contact your Tamahere-Woodlands Councillors:



Crystal Beavis, mob 0275 957 927, email crystal.beavis@waidc.govt.nz

Mike Keir, mob 027 449 3012, email mike.keir@waidc.govt.nz

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 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 help towards the rising costs.

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.

The Hall committee are still looking for someone to help us out and review the books. If this is something, you could do please contact our treasurer Shaun Bartlett at shaun.bartlett@outlook.com.

The Express committee are looking for someone to deliver the express on Friendlander and Schollum Roads. After doing the job for many years, Ros Chambers would like to pass the job on to someone else. Thank you, Ros, for the work you have done for the Express over the years.

PHONE LIST

They have all been distributed, but if you didn't get one, please let us know. A huge thank you to Natalie Bartlett for the work she did getting the phone list up to date. We very much appreciate your effort.

WELCOME

If you know of anyone who has joined us in the community, we would love to welcome you or them. Please let us know, we need you to be eyes and ears for this. We always try to greet people and let them know they are now part of the Eureka Community.

We would like to send a warm welcome to Andrew Laws and Colleen Moody and their two children Arlo and Bella. They have moved into 141 Hooper Road (Sue Edmonds old place). They left Dinsdale /Nawton area to join the Eureka Community. The family are really enjoying the peaceful country life so far. Andrews phone number 0276376262 and Colleen's number 027321 6720. We look forward to meeting you and hope that you join us for the potluck luncheon on 19th November.

TRAVEL NOTES.

With Edie Swney

The travel brokers.co.nz

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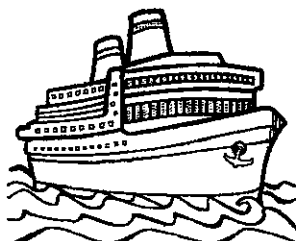
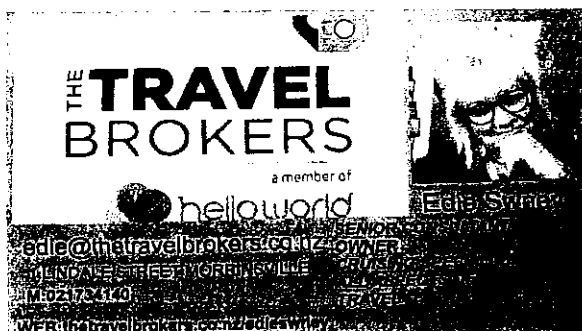
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Got a 21st coming up with the kids? Send them overseas to experience the world and see the history and beauty while on tour with other like-minded travellers. Top Deck is a favourite travel product that has been around a while and in fact a tour that I sent my son on when he turned 21. Being a travel agent, I wanted my children to experience as much of the world as they could. He had the best time while making lifelong friends from other countries. In a safe environment with a Tour guide who not only knows how to have fun but serious when it counted. I also wanted him to grow with this experience and he did.

Top Deck tours cover Europe, USA, Asia, Middle East and North Africa, Africa, Latin America, Australia, and New Zealand. It really is a great opportunity to experience leaving New Zealand in a safe environment where they can see the world without a filter. Try the food. Meet the locals. Swim, fly, explore, embrace it all. Generally single travellers do Top Deck but occasionally couples are accommodated. Often it is difficult to find some one to travel with but in this case, you can quite easily travel on your own and end up with many new friends. With many destinations to choose from it covers every interest. A Popular tour is the 49 Day Mega European which covers 18 countries. These tours cover accommodation, transportation, 27 meals. There are shorter tours that may suit or different destinations perhaps Japan.

Topdeck offers tours exclusively to **18 to 39-year-old** travellers and has group sizes that range from 30 to 50 people per group. Their travel styles differ slightly based on the accommodation style and destinations, but in Europe, it is typically travelling on one of their famous coaches have only covered the basics and if you would like to know more email me or call and I can supply you with a brochure.

"THE BEST JOURNEYS IN LIFE ARE THOSE THAT ANSWER QUESTIONS YOU NEVER THOUGHT TO ASK." – Rich Ridgeway



HALL UPDATE

Hello to you all.

The flagpole is still a work in progress, but we have preceded a bit further. A lot of red tape to get through but the Council are working with us to make it an easier process. I will keep you informed on the progress, or you might just see the flagpole erected and standing in all its glory at 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 Bartlett to chat to him. His email address is shaun.bartlett@outlook.com.

The colours for the interior paint have been chosen and will be purchased soon. The kitchen will be the first room painted, and then we will follow on with the rest of the hall. If you are handy with a paint brush and would like to volunteer some of your time to paint a room, we would be really grateful. Everything will be provided we just require your time.

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 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.

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

Usage	Residents	Non - Residents
Hall per day	\$ 50	\$100
Social function	\$150 - \$300	\$250 - \$500
Children's party	\$30	\$75
Bond	\$400 Secretary's Discretion	\$500 Secretary's discretion

EUREKA EXPRESS - ADVERTISING RATES 2023

Classified adverts Free

Small business advert x 10 insertions \$10 per month \$100 per year

Third of a page x 10 insertions \$15 per month \$150 per year

Half of a page x 10 insertions \$20 per month \$200 per year

TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the October newsletter from the Tauwhare Indoor Bowling Club

This is the last newsletter for this year's bowling season. It has been a good season. With our numbers being fairly steady for the season we were able to complete all our championships etc.

We have had our AGM and it was very well attended. We decided not to do a pamphlet drop next year but the newsletters will still be written every month.

We held our Christmas this week and it was well attended. Managed to get 10 mats down which is the maximum we can have in the hall. Thanks must go to go to Jim for getting all the teams.

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. 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	027 475 7925
John Cottle	07 824 0992 or 027 524 0992

Weather for Sept 2023		
Rainfall total	155.5 mm	
Rain Total for year	1545 mm	
Rainy days	16	
Most daily rainfall	38 mm	23 rd Sept
Highest wind speed	48.2km/hr	18 th & 29 th Sept
Temp high	22.2 °C	21 st Sept
Temp low	0.3 °C	1 st Sept



Bentley Home PC Support

Warranties, Guarantees and the like

A client recently noted that the Consumer Guarantees Act (CGA for short) basically guarantees that a computer item should last approximately 5 years or more. Intriguing, I thought, and looked into it further. The truth is not quite so black and white. Technically, the CGA states that an item should last the amount of time an item of that type is expected to last for. Unfortunately, people can have differing estimates on how long an item 'should' reasonably last for. But at least this gives people an avenue to pursue would-be offenders in court or Tribunal, should things go south on the longevity side of a product.

Consumer.org.nz states 5 years minimum for computers, but I would say that's a little hazy. Different components have different life-expectancies, and for good reason. CPU's and motherboards are the core of a machine and can be difficult or impossible to replace further down the line, so they tend to have the longer warranties. Hard drives, too, can cause catastrophe if they fail early (which they sometimes do) and so have historically had longer warranties. Printers, keyboards, screens and other assorted peripherals are expected to have a lot of physical user interaction and are replaceable if they fail, so tend to have shorter warranties.

So when you say "computer", are you lumping all those things in together? Of course you are. The consumer.org.nz estimate therefore extends to the warranty lifespan of the components with the longest warranties (CPU + motherboard) which is 5 years. However if a non-critical and easily-replaceable component fails, I would say it's going to be hard to push for replacement under the CGA. An example: regular old non-solid-state hard drives have a median lifespan of 6 years, with a quarter failing within the first 4 years. Most warranties for hard drives extend to 3 years. If you bought the computer as a package, is it reasonable to expect that the hard drive would not fail within 5 years? Maybe, but would the CGA cover it? Would it cover the cost of loss of data, if you hadn't backed up your documents?

The answer is probably no, largely because the hard drive is easily replaceable and backing up data is considered basic good practice. But if a core component such as the motherboard or CPU failed, or the power supply freaked out and subsequently fried the rest of the components, would the CGA cover it? I think so, though I am anything-but a technology lawyer. Those things have longer warranties, so generally we see individual component warranties line up with the CGA to an extent. The large caveat to this is for name-brand desktop and laptops, which tend to just have a singular (and reasonably short) warranty. In those circumstances one could reasonably expect to pursue justice in the case of failure before the 5 year mark.

It is good to know that we have legal ramifications in place should warranties not suffice (in the majority of circumstances). In my experience a good-quality (ie. non-name-brand) desktop computer will last 8-10 years, a decent laptop should last 5-6, and HP computers last about as long as it takes for the warranty to expire.

Computer expiring? Phone Matt at 021 1348576 or email: info@homepcsupport.co.nz
\$80 per hour, or \$70 for drop-off-to-workshop services.

Ladies a Plate

One Pot Oaty Ginger Crunch

With Vegan and Gluten-Free options

225 grams Butter or (Vegan Option) margarine

3 tbsp golden syrup

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar

1 cup desiccated coconut

2 tsp baking powder

1 cup plain flour, sifted or gluten free flour mix

2 tsp ground ginger

1 cup chopped peanuts

2 cups rolled oats (use gluten-free oats, if required)

Ginger Frosting

70 grams butter or (vegan option) margarine

2 tbsp golden syrup

1 tbsp ground ginger

1 and $\frac{3}{4}$ cups icing sugar, Sifted

Crystallized ginger, to decorate (optional)

Preheat oven to 170 C, Prepare a medium-sized slice tin by greasing and lining with baking paper

In a heavy based pot over low heat, melt together butter, golden syrup, and sugar. Stir continuously until combined remove from heat. Sift in flour, baking powder and ginger and mix with wooden spoon. Fold through rolled oats and chopped nuts. Transfer mixture into slice tin and bake 20mins. Leave to cool in tin. To ice, you can re-use the pot. Rinse pot, and then slowly melt together butter and golden syrup over a low heat. Remove from heat and add icing sugar and ginger, stirring until smooth. Once a thick spreadable consistency (add more icing sugar during this step, if required), spread over cooled slice. Decorate with crystallized ginger, if desired. Leave to set in fridge before cutting into squares.



COMMUNITY POT LUCK LUNCHEON.

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

EUREKA HALL

12PM START.

**PLEASE BRING ALONG A PLATE OF FINGER FOOD
ONE SAVORY AND ONE SWEET.**

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

**ALL WELCOME, BRING THE FAMILY, CHILDREN
ARE WELCOME.**

MARKET DAY

* 14 OCTOBER * 18 NOVEMBER * 16 DECEMBER *

EUREKA HALL



WE WOULD LIKE
TO INVITE THE
COMMUNITY TO
TAKE PART IN A
MARKET DAY

SATURDAY 14TH
OCTOBER
SATURDAY 18TH
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SATURDAY 16TH
DECEMBER

*CAR BOOT SALE
*FOOD STALLS
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\$10 PER STALL
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9 AM - 12 PM
SATURDAY'S

All stalls welcome.
Please book your space now...
Sonay 0211418640
or email - sonay.sharp@outlook.com

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:

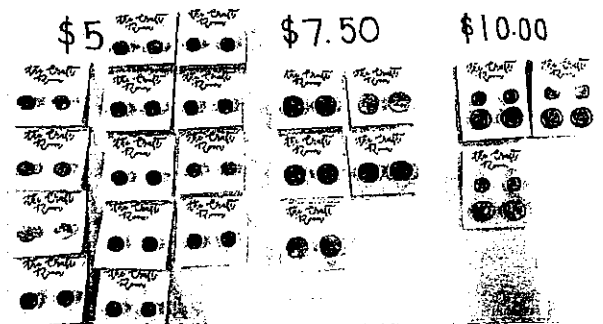
1. Push bikes/balance bikes/scooters
2. Busy Board items - locks, push button, wheels etc. All items need to be weatherproof and able to be attached to the wooden fence.
3. Medium-sized paintbrushes
4. Tree Stumps (30cm rounds for example)
5. Napkin Rings
6. 3 Metal Pots without handles or 3 Metal Bowls
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/>



This jersey was left at preschool after the working bee... does anyone know the owner?

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



Reminders:

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.

Feel free to send in togs for your child to wear - ensuring they are sun safe (rash shirt and shorts is best).

Please label all of your child/ren'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 are fine.

Ngā mihi

Jo Morris

Pukeko Preschool

Centre Manager

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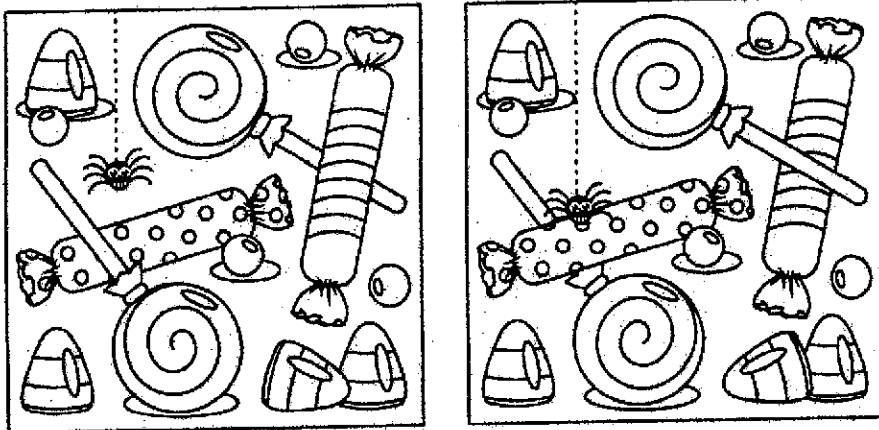
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GHOST PUMPKIN FRIGHT COB WEBS
 WITCH MONSTER HORROR CANDYCORN
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 CANDY SCARY MASKS HAUNTED HOUSE

Find 5 differences.



Halloween Word Scramble

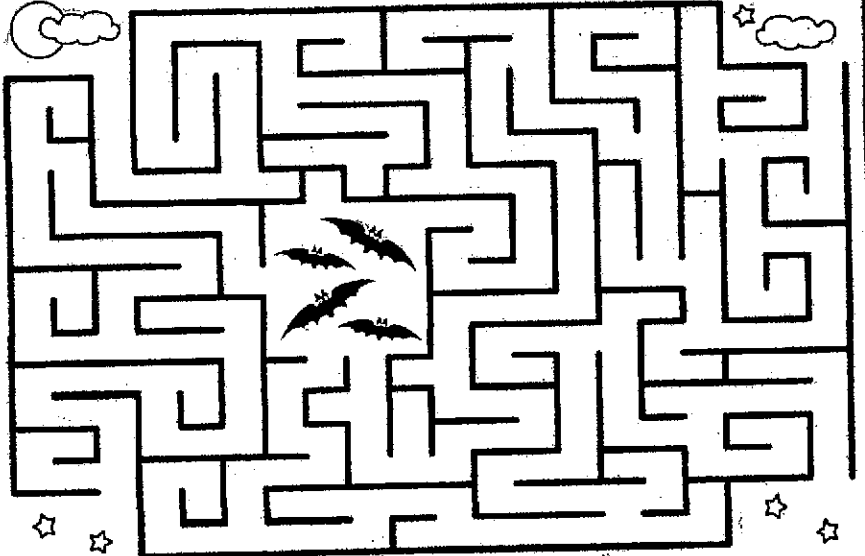
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Spooky, pumpkin, treat, ghost, candy, vampire,
 skeleton, ghoul, creepy, costume, haunt,
 scarecrow, hayride, blood, blackcat, goblin,
 mummy, scary, spider, scream

Bubble in top lollipop, spider moved,
 lollipop sticks, spiral in bottom lollipop
 reversed, bottom right candy flipped

Halloween crossword

Help each bat get out of the maze in its own way.





International Disabled Day on the December 3rd.

Hi (Hand waves as for the Deaf people use hand waves instead of clapping)
Next month (December), there is a special day called International Disabled Day. The theme still needs to be confirmed.

International Disabled Day is on December 3rd. It's a day to promote the rights of people with mobility and disability issues. Remember, it's not just about people with disabilities but also those with poor mobility and older adults who struggle with mobility. Let's raise awareness and make a difference by celebrating diversity and inclusivity.

Did you know about the latest playground in Claudelands?? If not, you are not alone. There is a Magical Playground for children and youth with disabilities to use at the Claudelands. Over the weekend, an official opening of the Magical Playground will be coming soon, around early December. Watch out for the date and time!

Check out this link here. <https://www.magicalbridge.co.nz>

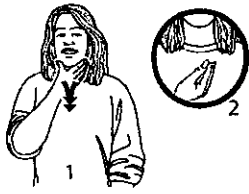
There will be events at the Magical Playground on the 2nd and 3rd of December. On December 2nd, the event will run from 10 am to 3 pm.

It's time to recognise that mobility equipment, accessible playground activities and communication tools have revolutionised the way people with disabilities live their lives. But it's important to acknowledge that financial costs and the struggle to find funding through organisations like Te Whatu Ora (Ministry of Health), Ministry of Education (ORS - Ongoing Resourcing Scheme funding), or Enable NZ are still significant obstacles. Let's raise awareness and demand that these organisations take action to support those in need.

One thing that has stayed the same over some time is sign language. The additional bonus is technology, such as video chat, social media video chat, Zoom, or Microsoft Teams and texts/SMS. In the past, many Deaf people used fax machines and TTY (Teletypewriter) equipment.

Let's learn more about NZSL (New Zealand Sign Language).

Jean



Christmas

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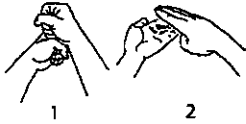
fireworks

*ahi tipua, pahū
muramura*



angel

anahera



grandmother

tipuna wahine, kuia



nana

kui, kuia



goat

nanenane, koati



avocado

raho pūru



gift, prize,
wrap

koha, perehana



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The following website explains the procedure in more detail

<http://www.ns.org.nz/index/html/Factsheets/whentocall111>

Work out what supplies you need

In an emergency, you may be stuck at home for three days or more. Figure out what supplies you need and make a plan to work out what you need to get through.

At home

You probably have most of the things you need already. You don't have to have them all in one place, but you might have to find them in a hurry and/or in the dark.

- Water for three days or more — make sure you have at least nine litres of water for every person. This will be enough for drinking and basic hygiene.
- Long-lasting food that doesn't need cooking (unless you have a camping stove or gas barbecue) and food for babies and pets.
- Toilet paper and large plastic buckets for an emergency toilet.
- Work gloves and a properly-fitted P2 or N95 mask.

If you have special dietary needs, make sure you have enough to last three days at home. As well as in a grab bag. If you have to evacuate, emergency shelters may not have the food that you need. Don't forget that you and your neighbours can help each other by sharing supplies too. By looking after yourself and your household, you'll also be helping emergency services focus their limited resources on the people who need the most help.

Storing water (getready.govt.nz)

Water supplies, including drinking water, could be affected in an emergency. Have a supply of stored water for three days or more. Find out more about storing water.

Make and use an emergency toilet (getprepared.nz)

In a disaster, you may not be able to use your normal toilet if sewerage lines are broken or damaged. The Wellington Region Emergency Management Office has instructions on how to make and use an emergency toilet.

In a grab bag

Have grab bags ready for everyone in your family. A grab bag is a small bag with essential supplies. Each bag should have:

- Walking shoes, warm clothes, raincoat and hat
- Water and snack food (remember babies and pets too)
- Hand sanitiser
- Portable phone charger
- Cash
- Copies of important documents and photo ID

Remember any medications you might need and keep your first aid kit, mask or face covering, torch, radio and batteries somewhere you can grab them in a hurry. If you have special dietary needs, make sure you have the food you need in your grab bag too.

In your car

Plan ahead for what you will do if you are in your car when an emergency happens. A flood, snow storm or major traffic accident could leave you stranded in your vehicle for some time. Keep essential emergency survival items in your car. If you are driving in extreme winter conditions, add:

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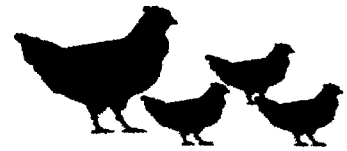
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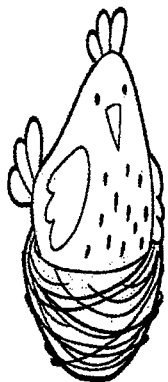
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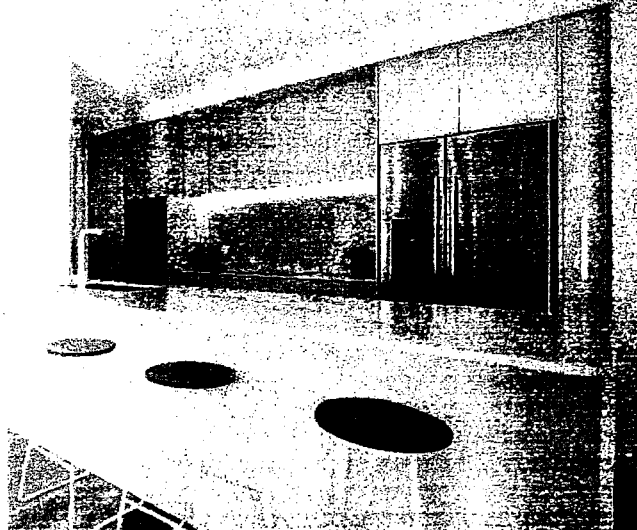
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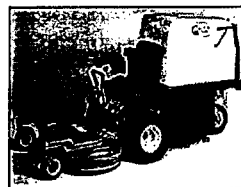


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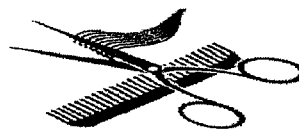
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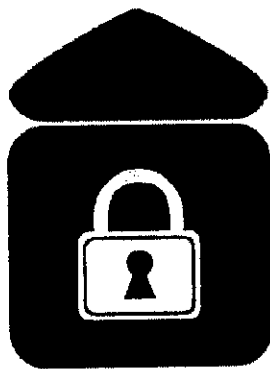
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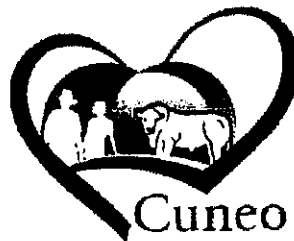
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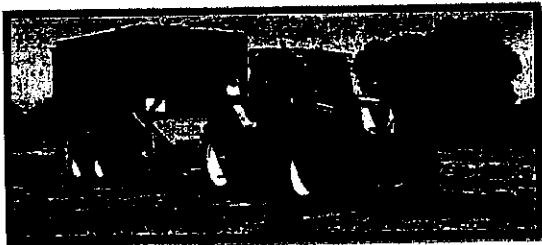


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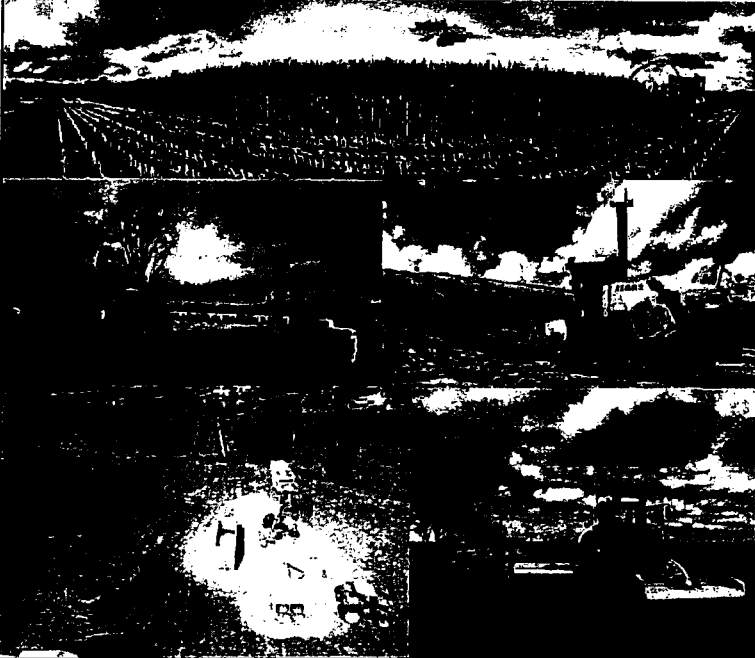
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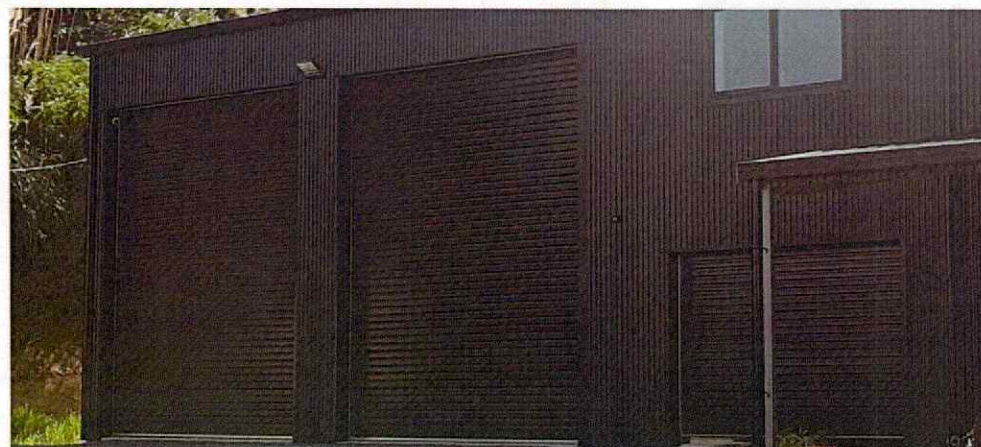
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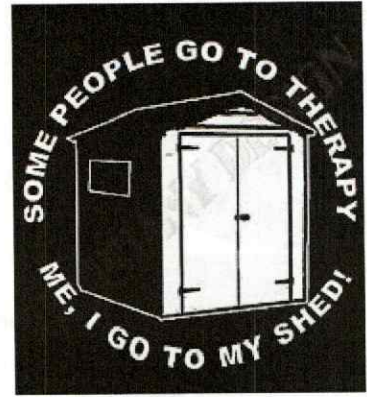
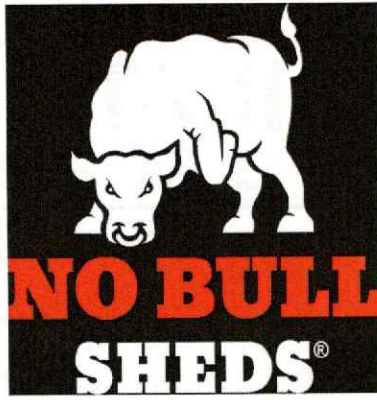
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Step One Foundation/Concrete Pad

Make sure your boxing is square & the concrete surface even

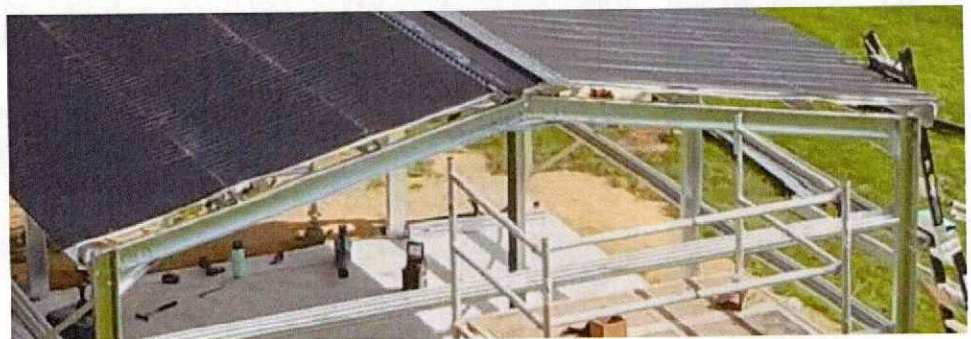
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