

Happy Easter!

NGONGOTAHA NEWS

The Sunny side of the Mountain -

FLUORIDE FREE NGONGOTAHA

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Happy 94th Birthday to Rex Marcroft



It's a big happy 94th birthday of one of our old identities of Ngongotaha. Rex was home from Melbourne recently, and he can be seen below catching up with the daily gossip. Pictured above with his brother-in-law Ray Turton.

Rex enjoying a smoke at a bar in Melbourne on the day he turned 94 and below Rex with all his moko.



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From the Library.....

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The three main types of programmes we will run:

- Programmes the library facilitates entirely on its own
- Programmes we collaborate with other organisations to develop and deliver
- Programmes which are entirely delivered by other organisations and we are merely the coordinators or 'connectors'

We would very much like to connect with the Ngongotaha community. If you, or any other groups or individuals you know would be available to discuss this opportunity with us, we would be delighted to hear from you. Ngā mihi, Karisma Vala

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. Surprise, surprise !! It was an Apple, but with extremely limited memory, Just 1 byte. Then everything crashed!

Don't think it can't happen to you. This is what all of you 70+ year old's have to look forward to: This is something that happened in an Aged Care Centre. The people who lived there have small apartments but they all eat at a central Cafeteria. One morning, one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so my friend went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door. He said that he was running late, and would be down shortly, so she went back to the Dining area. An hour later, he still hadn't arrived; so she went back up towards his room and she found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hell of time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right. She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain, and just wanted to have his breakfast. So she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast. When he tried to return to his room he was completely unable to get up even the first step so they called an ambulance for him. A couple of hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one leg of his boxer shorts.

Wisdom from Grandpa... Whether a man winds up with a nest egg or a goose egg, depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries.





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MAUNDY THURSDAY:

13th April - 6.00pm Last Supper dinner with Communion
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GOOD FRIDAY:

14th April - 10.00am Reflective Service

EASTER SUNDAY:

15th April - 9.45am Family Eucharist followed by coffee and
fellowship



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Cheers

Robert Dew Director

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Ngongotaha School

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Term one is almost complete as we move into the autumn season. We have had an excellent swimming season with our pool still in action and children taking advantage of this school resource. Hopefully we will be able to swim through to the end of the term. Swimming has formed our physed programme during term one and Mrs Ngatai has been busy with each class teacher and students ensuring our programme is meeting the needs of the students. We had a team of swimmers who entered in the swimming sports day held at Kaharoa School earlier in the term. This was an excellent event and our children certainly enjoyed the opportunity to put their skills to the test against children from various Rotorua Schools.

Currently our Office Administrator, Julie, is away as she is in Auckland for medical reasons. We wish Julie a speedy recovery. We have advertised for a person to work with us in the office till the end of the year. This vacancy has closed and we look forward to appointing a new member to staff. Thank you to Mrs Whyte who has been assisting in the office during Julie's absence.

We will have our first Duffy Assembly on Friday 31st March. We are sponsored by Mainfreight and are a member of the Duffy Books in Homes family. Each year the children receive a selection of free books which assist them in building up their own home library.

This is an extremely valuable

programme which has benefited children from Ngongotaha School for many years. We thank Mainfreight for their continued support of the school.

Each of our teams has had a recent trip to a local marae as part of our school programme. Te Whanau Ngahere spent a day at Parawai marae. Te Whanau Wai spent a day at Waiteti marae and Te Whanau Manu spent two days at Waiteti marae. Te Whanau Maunga are due to spend a day at Tarukenga marae near the end of the term. Having these resources on hand for our school is not taken for granted nor is the support we receive for our school programmes. We thank you all for the continued support you give the school and for the assistance we receive in integrating our local history and culture into our school programme. Thank you to all the helpers who attended these trips with each team, we would not be able to carry out these experiences without you.

Next term we will host the Life Education Classroom for the first two weeks of the term. This is a resource which supports the health programme in school. Each class will have two lessons with the Life Education teacher and work to follow up on back in the classroom. We look forward to Bernie and Harold joining us for the start of the term.

The mobile dental van has been with us for the term and has now left us for Mamaku School. If you require the services of the dental therapist call the mobile number listed on the Kidzone newsletter.

Our sports teams are all organised and ready to start their seasons in term two. Hockey, netball and miniball are organised through the school with rugby and soccer run through the clubs. Thank you to all the parents who are coaching or managing a team, we really appreciate your commitment and dedication to the children. Thank you to Mrs Ngatai who has spent hours working through the organisation and registration of teams. Please have all your registration fees paid by the end of this term so all are ready to go. We have a group of between 80 and 90 children who will attend the mini marathon event on Friday 5th April. The children are

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working through their cards to complete kilometres before the event then on the day complete the last 2 km. This coincides with the Rotorua Marathon and is an excellent event for children to get into for the future. Well done to all who have entered and who are completing their daily run. Good luck to all who have entered.

We have a focus on science running through the school this year and are working with a facilitator out of Waikato University. The children will have exposure to lots of observations of their natural environment and the opportunity to take part in science experimentation followed up with discussion. The natural curiosity of children has been evident in work so far, seeing the excitement and engagement of children has been a feature of what we have covered so far. We look forward to the continued development of this aspect of the school programme.

Our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) continues to be a feature of the school and evolves each year. We have a number of reward systems in place with the latest being our values vouchers in the community. A number of the local shops and services have our values vouchers in their premises and complete these when children are seen to be using our school values in their businesses. We have had a great response and the children are so excited when a green form is pulled from the values voucher box at assembly each week. Thank you to these businesses for supporting this initiative which will see our children modelling GREAT values not only in the school and home but also in our community.

We wish you all a very happy Easter break which is during the school holiday break. Look after each other and we will see the children back for term two.

Term One: Tuesday 31st January to Thursday 13th April – 11 weeks

Term Two: Monday 1st May to Friday 7th July – 10 weeks

Term Three: Monday 24th July to Friday 29th September – 10 weeks

Term Four: Monday 16th October to Friday 15th December – 9 weeks

Iti rearea teitei kahikatea ka taetae” – “Aim High, Stand Proud”

Cathryn Naera and staff of Ngongotaha School

The math teacher saw that Larry wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, "Larry! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?" Larry quickly replied, "NBC, FOX, ESPN and the Cartoon Network!"

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

Because his class was so bright!

How is an English teacher like a judge?

They both give out sentences.

Teacher: You missed school yesterday, didn't you?

Student: Not really.

Teacher: If I had 6 oranges in one hand and 7 apples in the other, what would I have?

Student: Big hands!

Teacher: If you got \$20 from 5 people, what do you get?

Student: A new bike.

Teacher: I hope I didn't see you looking at John's exam?

Student: I hope you didn't either.

Q: Teacher: What is the shortest month?

Student: May, it only has three letters.

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Rotorua pool safety inspections due to start

A change in legislation means Rotorua pools owners now have more responsibility for keeping their pools safe.

The new Act replaces the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987 and sets out requirements for New Zealand councils to start an inspection regime.

The Building (Pools) Amendment Act 2016 was passed with a focus on better protecting children from drowning in residential swimming pools while giving local authorities more powers for enforcement.

Local authorities have a three-year timeframe to identify, register and start the inspection process for all residential pools.

The key changes of the act are:

- Residential swimming pools must be inspected every three years;
- Safety covers will be able to be used as barriers for spa pools and hot tubs;
- Territorial authorities (will have better tools to enforce pool barrier requirements including notices to fix and infringement notices).

The Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment has reported that drowning figures have reduced from 10 deaths a year prior to the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act being enacted in 1987 to an average of two per year during the last 10 years. What this means for Rotorua

There are currently 1644 pools listed on council's Pool Register.

To start the three-year process council staff have been working to check current data and identify pools that are not currently on the register.

Rotorua will be divided into sections and inspections will be carried out by suburb during the next three years.

Council staff will notify pool owners by letter to confirm inspection schedules.

What can I do to prepare?

Inspections are expected to start in April so pool owners have time to check their current safety features and check if they comply. All pools that were built prior to 1 January 2017 must comply with the regulations set out in the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987.

What will council staff be inspecting?

Council staff will inspect safety features of pools including safety barriers/fences, gates and latches and doors and windows of buildings adjacent to pools.

What is a safety barrier?

A fence at least 1.2m high at every point around the entire pool which cannot be climbed or have spaces larger than 100mm underneath or between rails.

What type of pools need safety barriers?

All pools with a water depth of 400mm or more must have compliant safety barriers.

Why type of pools don't need safety barriers?

Pools that sit at least 1.2m above ground with smooth walls, no permanent steps or objects that would allow a small child to climb in;

- Pools with less than 400mm water depth (such as shallow paddling pools);

Pools such as public pools where people are employed to supervise users and where the entire pool facility is locked at all other times.

How much will this cost me?

Pools that are not exempt will require three yearly inspections. The initial inspection fee is currently set at \$110, with a follow up fee (if needed) of \$55. The fees are set by the local authority and cover the costs of administration, staffing and travel for inspections. Ring council with any other queries.



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- ❖ Each Thursday 1.00 p.m. until 4.30 p.m.

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We regret to advise that Nurse Keren Johnston has left us and moved to Hamilton. We are however pleased to welcome Keri Fox to the NMC Team. Keri and her family are relocating to Ngongotaha from Kawerau and they are looking forward to becoming part of our community.

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Up date on the N S C A Ngongotaha Sports Community Association

The season has started off well with the Rugby winning all games so far. The Bay wide has started with a good win against Kahukura on Saturday.

Below is the Draw for the bay wide .

Sat 1st April Ngo vs TeTeko at Ngo 2.45 kick off

Sat 8th April Ngo vs Marist at Marist 2.45 kick off

Sat 15th April Ngo vs Waimana at Ngo (this game may change to Easter Friday)

22nd April Ngo vs Waikite at Ngo 2.45 kick off

29th April Ngo vs Papamoa at Papamoa 2.45 kick off

6th May Ngo vs Rangiuru at Ngo 2.45 kick off

13th May Ngo vs Opotiki in Opotiki 2.45 kick off

20th May Ngo vs Katikati at Ngo 2.45 kick off. This game is the Joe Tawi Memorial game (One of Joe's sons is playing for Ngongotaha) This is a big day and night for the whole community to get behind. All past present and life members supports are all welcome to come along. The FAMOUS KRISY KNAP is our entertainment for the night.. Hope to see you all come and support.

Sat 27th May Ngo vs Judea in Judea 2.45 kick off.

Sat 3 June Ngo vs Ruatoki in Ruatoki 2.45 kick off.

Look forward to the on going support of our community.

NETBALL: is under way with our Premier side playing in the Tauranga competition on Thursday nights. This Saturday there will be another 2 teams taking the court in the Local competition in Rotorua.

Come on you other sporting codes, would be nice to have reports from you too. Editor

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A resident in a seaside hotel breakfast room called the head waiter to his table. "I want two boiled eggs, one of them so undercooked it's runny, and the other so overcooked, it's tough and hard to eat. Also, give me some grilled bacon that has been left on the plate to get cold; burnt toast that crumbles away as soon as you touch it with a knife; butter straight from the deep freeze so that it's impossible to spread; and a pot of very weak coffee, lukewarm." "That's a complicated order, Sir," said the bewildered waiter. "It might be quite difficult to prepare." The guest replied, "Oh? But that's what I got yesterday!!"

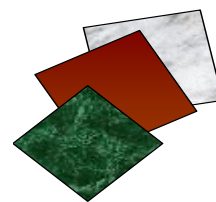
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Join the conversation! Kōrero Mai!

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Sport and Recreation

Netball

I went and viewed the re-development of the Rotorua netball courts at Westbrook and what a change. Apparently all the drainage has had to be done and banks remove etc. It looks really good and with the rebound ace due to go in toward the end of the year this facility will be world class. Congrats to all the committee working with council to improve this facility another gem for Rotorua. Can't wait to watch the Magic in the new comp and I hear on the grapevine ROTORUA WILL HOST A TEST MATCH AGAINST JAMAICA.

Rugby

I watched the 2005 game lions v BOP recently on video and it seems only like yesterday this game was played in front of 30,000 people to open the tour of the British and Irish lions at Rotorua's international stadium. BOP was Captained by Colin Bourke with players like Cashmore, Tupai, Bunting, Anthony Tahana - BOP after being down 17-0 early on went to half time at 17-17. What a spirited effort, but eventually the lions ran out winners 34-20. After 58 minutes the Lions led 22-20 and with late replacement especially at hooker where three throw ins to line outs gifted the lions good ball the players battled well. Reminded me of the first time I watched the lions in 1966 at Rugby park Rotorua, with Campbell-Lambertons team drawing 6-6 with the Bay. Our game here is verses the Maoris and will be played in June in front of what I hope is a record crowd. (I'll only be there if I can get stand tickets, never been a Terrace person, and don't intend starting - Editor)

Racing

No one can deny the success that David Ellis and Te akau have had in recent months especially with Gold Rush, Gingernuts and Summer Passage. Great to see local jockeys Cameron Lammass and Opie Bosson riding so well for the stable. That Rosehill Guineas ride by Bosson just off the pace until they straightened up was a delight to view. Must also congratulate Rotorua's own trainer Iain Kennedy with his recent wins with AWAKENING and ENDEAN ROSE. As I said last month ENDEAN Rose a Savabeel horse will be there at Te Aroha in the NZ thoroughbred breeders stakes and will give the race a big fright. The owners trainer and jockey deserve group 1 status.

A trial had been scheduled in a small town, but the court clerk had forgotten to call in a jury panel. Rather than adjourning what he thought was an exceptionally simple case, the judge ordered his bailiff to go through the courthouse and round up enough people to form a jury. The bailiff returned with a group of lawyers. The prosecutor felt that it would be an interesting experiment to try a case before a jury of lawyers, and the defence counsel had no objection, so a jury was impanelled. And the trial went very quickly — after only an hour of testimony, and very short closing arguments, both sides rested. The jury was then instructed by the judge and was sent back to the jury room to deliberate. After nearly six hours, the trial court was concerned that the jury had not returned with a verdict. The case had, in fact, turned out to be every bit as simple as he had expected, and it seemed to him that they should have been back in minutes. He sent the bailiff to the jury room, to see if they needed anything. The bailiff returned, and the judge asked, "Are they close to reaching a verdict?" The bailiff shook his head, and replied, "You're honour, they're still doing nomination speeches for the position of foreman."

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- 250ml (1 cup) milk (at room temperature)
- 75g butter, melted
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 600g (4 cups) plain flour, plus extra, if necessary
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 225g (11/3 cups) sultanas or raisins
- 55g (1/3 cup) mixed peel

Crosses

- 75g (1/2 cup) plain flour

Glaze

- 75g (1/3 cup) caster sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

In a small bowl, combine a large pinch of the sugar with 125ml (1/2 cup) body temperature water, then sprinkle yeast over it. Stand mixture in a draught-free place for 7 minutes or until it becomes foamy.

Combine yeast mixture in a large bowl with the milk, butter and egg and stir to combine well.

Add flour, spices, dried fruits and 1 teaspoon salt, then stir until combined and a coarse dough forms (it may be necessary to use your hands).

Turn dough out onto a lightly-floured surface then, using your hands, knead dough for 10 minutes or until smooth and elastic, adding a little more flour if dough is sticky. Take care not to add too much extra flour or buns will be heavy.

Place dough in a large, greased bowl, turning to coat, then cover with plastic wrap and leave in a draught-free place for 1 to 1 1/2 hours or until doubled in bulk.

Using your fist, gently punch dough down to deflate. Turn dough out onto a lightly-floured surface, pat into a rough round shape, then ask an adult to cut into 12 even-sized pieces with a large, sharp knife.

Roll each piece into a ball then place, 6cm or so apart, on a greased tray. Cover loosely with a kitchen towel and stand in a draughtfree place for 1 hour or until doubled in size. Grease base and side of one 58x30cm (or base and sides of two 29x16cm) baking dish(es) and pre-heat oven to 200°C. Using a metal spatula, and taking care not to deflate buns, place in dish(es), spacing them evenly apart.

For crosses, combine flour and 80ml (1/3 cup) water in a small bowl and stir until smooth and combined. Place mixture in a piping bag fitted with a small, plain nozzle and pipe a cross shape over the top of each bun. Bake for 20 minutes, or until golden and risen, then turn out onto a wire rack and allow to cool.

Glaze and serve

For glaze, combine sugar, lemon juice and 80ml (1/3 cup) water in a small saucepan and slowly bring to the boil, swirling pan occasionally to dissolve sugar. Simmer over medium heat for 4-5 minutes or until mixture has reduced a little and is syrupy. Cool slightly, then brush mixture over top of buns. Buns are best served on the day they are made, but they will keep, frozen, in an airtight plastic bag for up to two months.

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Just sit at Ngongotaha and watch the number of south bound people mainly from Auckland who hit Rotorua every weekend to enjoy free access to our forests, trail ways etc. however the economic value these people bring is huge. Sorry to be negative but most locals and visitors do look after our wonderful places. **So ROTORUA DO THE RIGHT THING BY OUR LOCAL GEMS LOOK AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUR GREAT GRAND-CHILDREN AND INTO THE FUTURE.**

Debt

Quite frankly Rotorua is growing and the demands on infrastructure are huge. Each of you would have experienced delays at Ngongotaha roundabout stretching back to and past Waiteti, on Te Ngae road, and I'm sure each and everyone of you have seen more vehicles on the road requiring capacity building on these stretches of road. The Hemo Gorge is a classic example where accidents and the number of vehicles using that

intersection grew way beyond the capacity of it to cope. Many deaths of forestry workers and the general public grew hugely so re-design was required. NZTA, Te Puia, Waiariki and users demanded action and they have got it. In 2014 Lake road had the bridge removed and was redeveloped and look at the economic activity that that has taken place since this new dynamic road was created. That was mostly done with local ratepayer debt and wouldn't have happened if we had to save to provide it and why should the ratepayers of today pay today for infrastructure which will last over 100 years. Same with sewerage, water, rural road, sealing, refuse. There are two types of debt user pay debt which you pay via fixed charges. Ie HAMURANA water supply the infrastructure is paid for by ratepayers who today use it and a factor for growth over the life of a scheme. However council attempted to lower the costs per rateable unit by allowing increased development in HAMURANA through changes to the district plan. These were opposed locally by the residents who did not want development and went all the way to the Environment Court to stop it. So user pay for infrastructure is the norm by a targeted rate. Same for tourism & economic development whose costs are shared by the business sector.

Many of the 'naysayers' state councils debt is out of control and that is so far from the truth, in fact they guess and it's laughable. After Mayor Chadwicks election we employed Price Waterhouse Coopers to overview council finances debt level or operation etc. Under this 2013 council we have the finances of council under firm control with experts like CEO Geoff Williams and finance controlling officer a registered accountant Thomas Colle giving us monthly updates of our position, opportunities, capital work and how we are proceeding with regard to our budget, cash flows etc etc. this is a far cry from the previous regime which did not have an accountant but a CEO who was out of his depth on these matters. Council from 2010-13 under chair Mike Mc Vickers and Mayor Winters was borrowing to fund its operation which was crazy so a complete review under the leadership of Mayor Chadwick and Cr Janet Wepa with the support of all but two councillors, was embarked on and we saw a complete operational review and yes some job losses but council had never changed how it did business. WE INTRODUCED COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATION. These have experts from the commercial world guiding the work they are charged with. They report to council often on progress, work streams, projects and smart ways of doing business. They are council owned and we set their KPI.

I'll be upfront one of our biggest FINANCIAL challenges FACING COUNCIL is disposing of sewerage as our water right in Whakarewarewa forest expires in 2019. Council has been working in conjunction with the science community Scion, local Iwi, EBOP and Central government to find solutions to make the discharge of the almost pure waste water which I understand is cleaner than what comes down the Uthuna and other streams going into lake ROTORUA. Culturally and spiritually this is unpalatable to many but the options have all been explored. I'll keep you posted.

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Noah's Ark :

Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark.

ONE: Don't miss the boat.

TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat!

THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

FOUR: Stay fit. No matter your age, Someone may ask you to do something really big.

FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

SIX: Build your future on high ground.

SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage.

The snails were on board with the cheetahs

NINE: When you're stressed, float awhile.

TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; The Titanic by professionals.

ELEVEN: No matter the storm, there's always a rainbow waiting.

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Kaharoa Keas

This year Kaharoa School is pleased to be implementing a transition to school programme called the Kaharoa Keas. We aim to provide a smooth change for you and your child from preschool, to the new, big and sometimes overwhelming environment of school. The weekly contact with their new teacher, classmates and the wider school environment will help provide security and confidence for your child. It will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions, and find out about our wonderful school and what we can provide that other schools can't. If you're interested in enrolling your child into our school transition programme, or just wish to find out more feel free to email me on kathys@kaharoa.school.nz.

Camps

The children in Room Rata to Room Totara have enjoyed the class camps this year. The weather was kind to all but Room Tawa. However this didn't dampen Tawa's spirits and they enjoyed the challenges, learning and fun offered at Waimarino. We would like to extend our thanks to all the parents who provided transport and supervision.

Art Club

A group of keen young artists have completed their art, themed, 'Scenes from Rotorua'. These artworks were auctioned at a charity breakfast hosted at Third Place on March 31st, supporting the Hospital Chaplaincy Service. The quality of the work is testament to the support and expertise of one of our parents, Mrs. Paula Vernon, and the commitment of the children.

Sport BoP Rippa Rugby

Rippa rugby continued throughout the term with Kelly Haimona, culminating in a Rippa fun day to be held on Wednesday 5 April.

Swimming

Our School Swimming Sports and the Rural Swimming Sports went well. The weather was perfect for both events and the children from all schools who participated did their school and their whanau proud.

Kaharoa school contd.....

Go 4 It: Pass It & Kick It

This skill development programme involved all the senior classes and took place once a week for the term. The programme is facilitated by Sport BoP. The senior classes have been enjoying the programme and improving their ball skills through it.

Rhythm Interactive Performance

The Rhythm Interactive Performance was a fantastic interactive opportunity for all the children in the school to learn and try new rhythms using drums.



Marotiri School.

On April 3rd we welcomed the staff from Marotiri School who spent the morning with us, as we shared with them about Kaharoa School.

Term dates

The last day for Term 1 is Thursday 13th

April. Term 2 commences on Monday 1st May.


We wish everyone a safe and relaxing break.

Coming up in Term 2

- Monday 1st May Go 4 It- junior school commences.
- Thursday 4th May 'Keeping Ourselves Safe,' parent meeting 5.15pm-6.00pm
PTA AGM 6.00pm-7.00pm
Disco 5.15pm – 7.00pm
- Friday 5th May: Rotorua Mini Marathon
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THE BACK NINE

You know ... Time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is... The back nine of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back nine was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting gray...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change... Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant... but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though I'm on the back nine, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's over. A new adventure will begin! Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the back nine yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the back nine or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. **LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY ! HAVE A GREAT DAY Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver. LIVE HAPPY IN 2017!**

LASTLY, CONSIDER THIS:

~Your kids are becoming you....but your grandchildren are perfect!

~Going out is good.. Coming home is better!

~You forget names.... But it's OK because some people forgot they even knew you!!!

~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything like golf.

~The things you used to care to do, you aren't as interested in anymore, but you really do care that you aren't as interested.

~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV 'ON' than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".

~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..

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~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?". ???

~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"!!!!

~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

~Everybody whippers.

~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

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A man and his wife were having some problems and were giving each other the silent treatment. The next week, the man realised that he'd need his wife to wake him at 5 a.m. for an early flight.

Not wanting to be the first to break the silence, he finally wrote on a piece of paper: "Please wake me at 5 a.m."

The next morning the man woke up, only to discover it was 9 a.m. and he'd missed his flight.

Furious, he was about to go and scream at his wife when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed that said: "It's 5 a.m. Wake up."

A man asks a farmer near a field, "Sorry sir, would you mind if I crossed your field instead of going around it? You see, I have to catch the 4:23 train." The farmer says, "Sure, go right ahead. And if my bull sees you, you'll even catch the 4:11 one."

Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands.... When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around with other women," she told her mate. "Eve, honey, you're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You know you're the only woman on earth." The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by a strange pain in the chest. It was his darling Eve poking him rather vigorously about the torso. "What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded. "Counting your ribs," said Eve.



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Proposed Plan Change 10 hearings reconvene

Public hearings for the Proposed Plan Change 10 to Regional Water and Land – a plan change which ultimately seeks to improve the water quality of Lake Rotorua – will reconvene on Monday April 3, 2017.

The proposed Plan Change 10 introduces rules to limit the amount of nitrogen entering Lake Rotorua from land use and relates to rural properties in the Lake Rotorua Catchment.

Sessions were held from March 13 to 22 for submitters to speak to the independent hearing panel chaired by Retired District and Environment Court Judge Gordon Whiting.

Hearings were originally scheduled for two weeks but will continue to allow submitters who are yet to speak the opportunity to do so.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council chief executive, Mary-Anne Macleod says the proposed rules are just one part of the long term solution to improving the water quality of Lake Rotorua.

“The development of the rules has been underway for three years, including over two years of engagement and public submissions.

“We have had a significant amount of community engagement into this entire process – our community is passionate about

Lake Rotorua and it’s been great to receive their input,” she says.

To meet water quality standards set by the community, nitrogen entering the lake must reduce by 320 tonnes by 2032. Less than half of that, 140 tonnes, will come from these proposed rules where landowners will need to make changes to the way they use their land.

“This proposed rule change is just one way in which we are trying to improve the water quality for everyone to enjoy,” Ms Macleod says.

“An additional one hundred tonnes will come from voluntary land use changes purchased by the Lake Rotorua Incentives Board, 30 tonnes will come from voluntary gorse conversion to trees, while 50 tonnes will come from engineering initiatives.

“We recognise that improving the water quality of Lake Rotorua will require a whole community effort that is fair and realistic for all.”

The hearings will take place at the Rotorua Millennium Hotel from 9am, on April 3 and 4, 18-20 April 2017 and closing statements will take place 28 April 2017.

The public is welcome to attend.

All information regarding the hearing including a provisional schedule can be found here: www.boprc.govt.nz/pc10hearings

THE YEAR'S BEST COMEBACK RESPONSES

If you ever testify in court, you might wish you could have been as sharp as this policeman.

He was being cross-examined by a defense attorney during a felony trial. The lawyer was trying to undermine the police officer's credibility

Q: 'Officer --- did you see my client fleeing the scene?'

A: 'No sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away.'

Q: 'Officer, who provided this description?'

A: 'The officer who responded to the scene.'

Q: 'A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?'

A: 'Yes, sir. With my life.'

Q: 'With your life? Let me ask you this then officer. Do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?'

A: 'Yes sir, we do!'

Q: 'And do you have a locker in the room?'

A: 'Yes, sir, I do.'

Q: 'And do you have a lock on your locker?'

A: 'Yes, sir.'

Q: 'Now, why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?'

A: 'You see, sir, we share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room.'

The courtroom EXPLODED with laughter, and a prompt recess was called. The officer on the stand has been nominated for this year's 'Best Comeback' line -- and we think he'll win.

A lawyer meets with the family of a recently deceased millionaire for the reading of the will.

'To my loving wife, Rose, who always stood by me, I leave the house and \$2 million,' the attorney reads.

'To my darling daughter, Jessica, who looked after me in sickness and kept the business going, I leave the yacht, the business and \$1 million.' 'And finally,' the lawyer concludes, 'to my cousin Dan, who hated me, argued with me and thought I would never mention him in my will. Well, you were wrong. Hi Dan!'

A man wakes up one morning to find a bear on his roof. So he looks in the yellow pages and sure enough, there's an ad for "Bear Removers." He calls the number, and the bear remover says he'll be over in 30 minutes. The bear remover arrives, and gets out of his van. He's got a ladder, a baseball bat, a shotgun and a mean old pit bull. "What are you going to do," the homeowner asks? "I'm going to put this ladder up against the roof, then I'm going to go up there and knock the bear off the roof with this baseball bat. When the bear falls off, the pit bull is trained to grab his testicles and not let go. The bear will then be subdued enough for me to put him in the cage in the back of the van." He hands the shotgun to the homeowner. "What's the shotgun for?" asks the homeowner.

"If the bear knocks me off the roof, shoot the dog."

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT.....

A man's favorite donkey falls into a deep precipice. He can't pull it out no matter how hard he tries. He therefore decides to bury it alive. Soil is poured onto the donkey from above. The donkey feels the load, shakes it off, and steps on it. More soil is poured.


It shakes it off and steps up. The more the load was poured, the higher it rose. By noon, the donkey was grazing in green pastures. After much shaking off (of problems) And stepping up (learning from them), One will graze in GREEN PASTURES.

As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at anytime, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not.

He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. "Well," trainer said, "when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free."

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn't, they were stuck right where they were.

Like the elephants, how many of us go through life hanging onto a belief that we cannot do something, simply because we failed at it once before?



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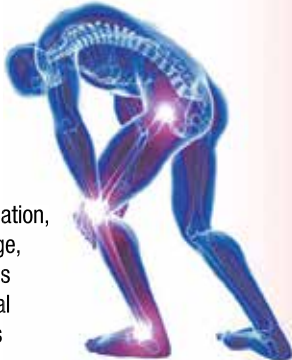
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Failure is part of learning; we should never give up the struggle in life.

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed. Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing. After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. "Daughter, what do you see?" "Potatoes, eggs, and coffee," she hastily replied. "Look closer," he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face. "Father, what does this mean?" she asked. He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity— the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently. The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak. The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard. However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new. "Which are you," he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?" "Moral: In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is what happens within us. Which one are you?"

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