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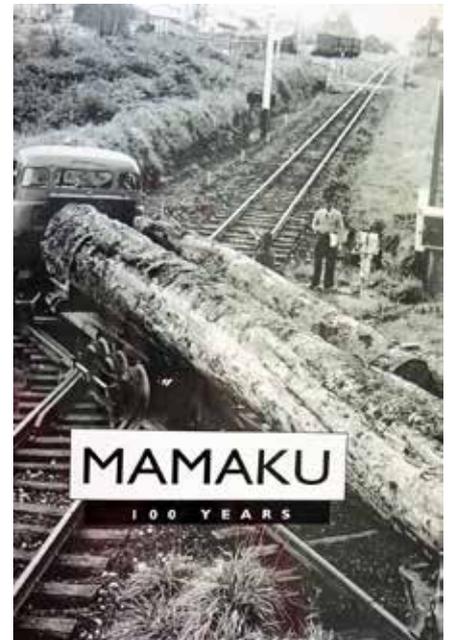
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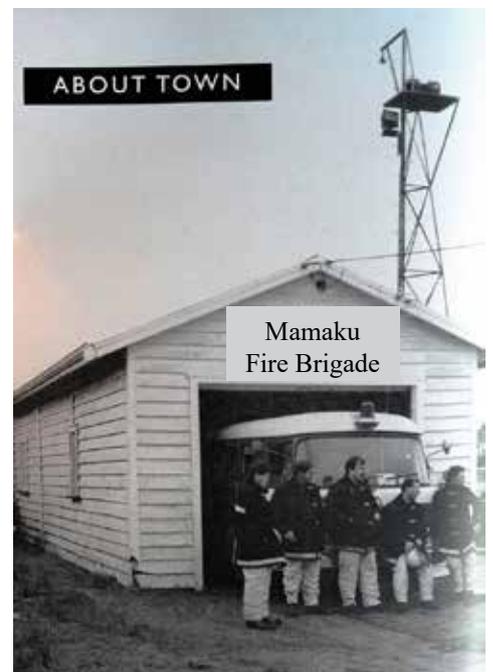


Fletchers: From left Mr "Lucky" Luxford, Mr D.Tansley (mill manager for the past 2 years,) and Mr Civil. I do believe this is just before the mill closed.

Now here is some really old ones. Thanks to Colin Brake for the 'BLAST FROM THE PAST'



Mokoia Transport owner Johnny Lepper surveys all that remains of his Kenworth Truck reduced to a melted wreck by fire



The old Trinity Church is being replaced. Pictured Minister J.Scott and Mr J. Carson



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Thanks to R.L.C. Mark Paget and his team, as well as the volunteers, for the delivery and planting of soil, fertilizer, and Pohutakawa trees. The Hauraki Stream LANDCARE GROUP also had support, this time for erosion control, for the area opposite Fryer Road end. The roadway there has been closed. Further along the lakeside, the council spot sprayed a large bank to enable planting of donated trees and shrubs. To donate, phone Diane 0220 609 881

HAMURANA will be represented on the newly formed LAKES COMMUNITY BOARD, thanks to action by HARRA.

All are welcome to attend our AGM 20 JULY 2016 AT 7.30PM

AT LAKES VIEW BIBLE CAMP, HAMURANA ROAD. Paulina Wilhelm from the council will speak about the rezoning of Hamurana. Committe nominations will be accepted as well as subscriptions.

A husband walks into Victoria's Secret to purchase a sheer negligee for his wife. He is shown several possibilities that range from \$250 to \$500 in price -- the sheerer, the higher the price. Naturally, he opts for the sheerest item, pays the \$500, and takes it home. He presents it to his wife and asks her to go upstairs, put it on, and model it for him. Upstairs the wife thinks (she's no dummy), 'I have an idea. It's so sheer that it might as well be nothing. I won't put it on, but I'll do the modelling naked, return it tomorrow, and keep the \$500 refund for myself.' She appears naked on the balcony and strikes a pose. The husband says, 'Good Grief! You'd think for \$500, they'd at least iron it!' His funeral is on Thursday at Noon.

At a wedding ceremony, the pastor asked if anyone had anything to say concerning the union of the bride and groom. It was their time to stand up and talk, or forever hold their peace. The moment of utter silence was broken by a young beautiful woman carrying a child. She started walking slowly toward the pastor. Everything quickly turned to chaos. The bride slapped the groom. The groom's mother fainted. The groomsmen started giving each other looks and wondering how best to help save the situation. The pastor asked the woman, "Can you tell us why you came forward? What do you have to say?" The woman replied, "We can't hear at the back."



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JUSTICE OF PEACE CLINICS

It is pleasing to see that our weekly Ngongotaha JP Clinics are starting to attract more people.

Need a Justice of the Peace?

A drop in JP Clinic is held every Thursday between 11.30am to 1.30pm at Progress Ngongotaha Shop (next to the Wheatsheaf).

NGONGOTAHA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

It has been quite awhile since I have written an article for the Ngongotaha News. As you will all be aware the Fire Brigade is still operating 24/7 for the benefit of our lovely community and the wider community.

Last article I wrote was when I still held the position of CFO within the brigade. Since then I have stepped back to let the younger generation take the reigns.

Our present Chief Fire Officer is Francis Boag who is doing a marvelous job.

This year it is the brigades 75th Anniversary on the 19th November 2016. – Yes we have been serving the community for 75 years.

We are hoping to hold a reunion on the 19th November to celebrate the occasion.

We are planning a street parade of old appliances through the township and also displays at the Ngongotaha Domain and the Fire Station will be open.

As part of this we are trying to locate as many past members of the brigade as we can and also if anyone has anything to contribute to the brigade from over the years please contact myself

**Paul Newcombe on 3574357
or paul.newcombe@fire.org.nz**

or

**CFO Francis Boag on 0277051817
or francis.boag@fire.org.nz**

If you are unable to contact either please call down to the station on a Monday evening between 19.00hrs and 21.00hrs You are always welcome to call in for a chat.

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Kia ora tatou,

A while ago I wrote an article in the Ngongotaha newsletter about 'who will speak for the trout in the Awahou river' that were getting slaughtered by the hundreds. The fishing situation was also creating social problems in the Awahou community on various fronts. I decided to put my hand up along with several others and make a letter submission to Fish and Game for the closure of the Awahou river for Trout fishing. This letter was signed and supported by around 50 people including the Awahou residents from the Awahou marae down to the river mouth. If successful the river will be closed for trout fishing in October 2016. As you read the letter I hope you can see that my submission was as much about the river, the Awahou community and who we are, as well as the trout. I acknowledge my father Tommy and my uncles and aunts and cousins who supported and helped draft this letter from all of us. Enjoy the read.

To

Eastern Fish & Game, Private Bag
3010, Rotorua, 3046,

Tena Koe – To whom it may concern

My name is Ngahihi o te ra Bidois and I am a member of the Bidois family who reside at the mouth of the Awahou River and a member of the Ngati Rangiwewehi tribe who are also based at the Awahou river. I am also a licensed angler.

I am writing to express my concerns over the negative biological effect on the fisheries in the Awahou river and the behaviour of anglers fishing in the Awahou river who are negatively affecting our Awahou community.

I have proposed a couple of solutions to my concerns.

My concerns and solutions have also been expressed to me by a number of other local people from Ngati Rangiwewehi who also support my letter to you. Due mainly to time constraints a few of them have signed this letter in support. More will sign the letter later for other submissions.

I also wish to emphasise that the Awahou river is bordered by private land and accessed by a private road. Anglers are only able to fish there because of the good will of the local land owners and the Ngati Rangiwewehi people.

Issue

Each year a number of problems are occurring at the Awahou River due to the arrival of trout in substantial numbers during the January to March months of the fishing season.

These problems are getting worse each year. They are having a negative biological effect on the fisheries in the Awahou River and placing the health and safety of local people and other river users at risk while

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causing illegal fishing activity to occur by some anglers.

Rationale for Issue

The following is a list of problems occurring due to the behaviour of anglers at the Awahou River upon the arrival of trout in the Awahou river in substantial numbers in the January to March months. CONTD OVERPAGE.....

• **Negative biological effect on the fisheries in the Awahou River**

In February 2014 over 800 trout were counted on a go pro video recording in the first 100 metres of The Awahou river. Large schools of trout were also seen dispersed further up the river with most schools having over 60 trout in each. The Awahou river is a crystal clear water source and the trout were highly visible for everyone to see. This made the trout highly targetable and encouraged illegal fishing poaching to occur. These trout are seeking refuge in the Awahou river from the very warm lake waters in these months. However their refuge or sanctuary is nothing more than a death trap that has a negative biological effect on the fisheries in the Awahou river.

The high visibility of these trout in very high numbers is attracting people from outside the local tribe to poach causing negative biological effects on the trout and causing problems in the local community. For example conflict is occurring between locals and the poaching anglers when they are confronted about their illegal fishing methods.

• **Conflict between anglers**

Anglers are fighting.

The concentration of trout in the limited fishing spaces on the Awahou river is causing conflict between anglers with police involved in an incident earlier this year (2016). Conflicts between anglers in the river are becoming more common. These problems do not seem to occur when anglers are fishing in the lake where there is more room to fish and they are more visible to everyone else.

• **Conflict between anglers and other river users**

The Awahou has always been a popular swimming river with many families from the local and other Rotorua communities who swim at the various swimming spots found on the river. These deeper swimming spots are also where trout congregate and conflict is occurring between anglers and swimmers. One of the most popular swimming spots is also the safest swimming area for children with shallow water at the river mouth. There have been instances of anglers bullying children away from the only safe place for them to swim which has created conflict between anglers and parents of those children. Other fishing rivers in the district do not have the same numbers of swimmers in them. Swimmers in the Awahou should have priority over the anglers.

• **Health and safety of swimmers in the river**

The illegal use of hooks which have been taped together by anglers to foul hook trout or lines with three or four lures on them to also foul hook trout at popular swimming spots is creating a health and safety risk for swimmers. There have been various illegal multi pronged hooks found on logs which line the river bank where people swim. These logs are popular jumping and diving places with children who could stand on the hooks protruding from the logs under water causing serious injury.

There are also swimmers who start their swim at the main road bridge and swim down to the river mouth. Their safety is at risk with the numerous anglers who line the Awahou river.

• **Health and safety of the local community**

Numerous fish have been caught and left to rot on the river banks of the Awahou river by anglers. These rotting fish pose health and safety problems to the local community. There have also been instances of anglers cleaning their fish on the side of the river attracting flies and rats to those areas. Some anglers are also leaving their caught fish on the banks of the river instead of in containers or bags creating a stink and mess unacceptable to the public.

• **Private property**

Numerous anglers are not aware that they are on Private Property and are only able to fish because of the good will of the local land owners and people from Ngati Rangiwewehi. The road they drive on to get to the lake is also a Private road.

There have been instances of conflict between locals and anglers who leave their rubbish and do not demonstrate respect for the Private properties they are on. The annual arrival of anglers has also lead to an increase of thefts in the area. Last year a Bidois family member had all four wheels from their four wheel vehicle stolen and another member had their outboard motor stolen from a shed this year.

There have also been instances of anglers fishing after midnight in the river. One local described it as the night shift of anglers who arrive after all of the other anglers have left. This creates a health and safety problem for locals who have strangers in the area after midnight and into the early hours of the morning while they are sleeping. Their noise as well as lights means locals sleep is disrupted and they do not feel as safe as they should in their own community. Especially given that no one should be fishing after midnight.

• **History of the Awahou river**

The Awahou used to be a highly productive spawning river with numerous trout of various sizes being seen dispersed along the river. However the taking of water by the local council lead to lower water levels which in turn lead to a channel being dug through the rivers spawning metals at the river mouth causing disruption to the spawning. The river was considered by many in Ngati Rangiwewehi to be a sanctuary with most fishing occurring in the lake only and the river being out of bounds due to the spawning behaviour of trout. Many trout once populated the Taniwha Springs found at the top of the Awahou river.

Solutions for Issue

• Make the whole of the Awahou river a non-trout fishing river. Trout fishing would be prohibited from the mouth of the Awahou river (defined as a straight line from land point to land point at the river mouth or an agreed land mark) up to and including the springs that form the river. Fishing is already prohibited upstream from the Hamurana Road bridge. CONTD PAGE 8.....

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This solution would create a sanctuary for trout, contributing positively to the biological effect of trout and eliminate nearly all of the above problems.

There are ample fish and fishing areas in the lake at the river mouth for all anglers so they would not be hindered by the closing of the river. Most poaching occurs in the river so the closure of all of the Awahou river to fishing would make the river easier for Fish and Game to monitor with any fishing activity on the river being deemed poaching. It would also make it easier for private land owners to police and mean less people on their private land bordering the river.

- **Develop appropriate signage in conjunction with land owners**

Develop signs that emphasise that the fishing is prohibited in the Awahou river and clearly outline that people are on private property. These signs would be “friendly” in nature and designed by the locals and Ngati Rangiwewehi in conjunction with Fish and Game and the appropriate organisations.

A good example of signage is the one on our Bidois property which reads Private Property. All fishermen welcome but no cars please. This sign has assisted in various people showing more respect for the property and acknowledging our whanau as the land owners.

- The stronger presence of Fish and Game rangers at all times including after midnight with higher fines etc to discourage illegal fishing. These problems at the Awahou river only occur during the three maybe four hot summer months of the year. The closure of the Awahou river to fishing would assist in the time management of Fish and Game rangers time allowing them to target other problems that are occurring in their district at other places.

- In conjunction with solution above make the Awahou river a trout sanctuary/ fishery similar to the one on Tongariro with viewing platforms etc.

The Awahou river used to be a spawning river heavily populated by trout at all levels of development. The closure of the river, the recent return of Taniwha Springs and the development plans of Ngati Rangiwewehi may hopefully return the river to the sanctuary it once was.

A Trout sanctuary/spawning river would add value to the local community and ensure the survival of trout for many years.

- **In the long term develop a River Management Plan with Ngati Rangiwewehi**

Ngati Rangiwewehi is the local Iwi who have a very close association with the Awahou River and always will have. Fish and Game could develop a local river management plan that incorporates the matters and solutions raised in this letter along with others as a plan for the future. Ngati Rangiwewehi have just received the Old Taniwha Springs back and any management plan that makes the river, community and wild habitat such as trout is good for everyone involved.

Thank You.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter at this time which I understand is the bi-annual time where you consider river and Fish and Game Management regarding the Anglers notice policy.

Various people have contributed to this letter and I have asked a few of them who were available to sign this letter in support of the matters I have raised. Others will sign when they are available. will also be forwarding this letter to various other people from Awahou and Ngati Rangiwewehi for them to consider making their own submissions and raising other issues they have observed.

I am sure that there are other matters that will not be raised for various reasons including personal safety but hopefully you get a good picture of what is occurring through the essence of my letter to you. **Ngahi Bidois**

KAHAROA SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their sons and daughters at Kaharoa School for Term 4 2016.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

The enrolment period runs from 24 September 2016 to 16 December 2016.

The Board has determined a limited number of places are likely, at some year levels, to be available for out of zone students in this enrolment period.

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

For students seeking enrolment within the enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 9 September 2016.

Written applications to The Board of Trustees for out of zone places should be made on the schools out of zone enrolment form and posted to the school office, 296 Kaharoa Road, RD6, ROTORUA 3096 or e mail principal@kaharoa.school.nz

Applications from out of zone students will be processed in the following order of priority:

- First priority will be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in an approved special programme (This category is not applicable at our school).
- Second priority will be given to applicants who are siblings of current students.
- Third priority will be given to applicants who are siblings of former students
- Fourth priority will be given to applicants who are a child of a former student.
- Fifth priority will be given to applicants who are either a child of an employee of the board or a child of a member of the board.
- Sixth priority will be given to all other applicants.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a **ballot** is required it will be held on Monday 12 September 2016. **Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.**

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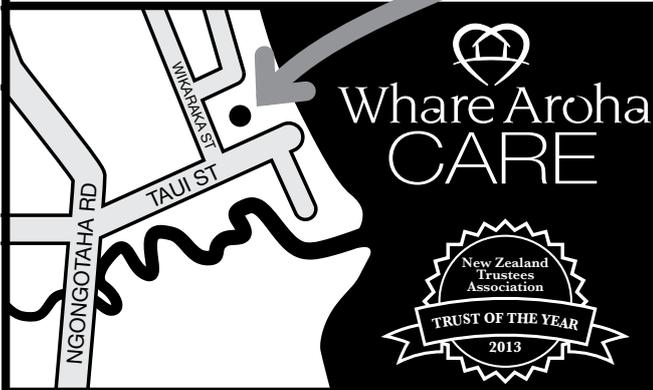
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Whare Aroha CARE has defined the 7 lifestyles New Zealanders live as :

Country – for people with a rural background

Minimalist – for people who have lived a simple life

Contemporary – for modern people who have experienced the comforts of life

Middle New Zealand – for people whose focus is on family and community

Classic – for people used to a more well-to-do lifestyle

Remote – for those wanting their peace

Cultural – for people who identify within a Maori cultural setting
The lifestyle people with dementia remember could be one as far back as when they were a child growing up in their family home.

People are expected to find comfort in living with like-minded people with similar backgrounds. Country people have their ways – they get up early, they like their space (but love to talk!) and life revolves around the kitchen table. Someone who grew up in a more classic lifestyle would struggle with the dining table being in the kitchen because they would expect it to be in a separate dining room. Thérèse Jeffs, Chief Executive Whare Aroha CARE, says "Having individual households has been hugely successful in the Dutch village we are modelling our village on because what's normal to one person, isn't normal to someone else. My mother had a very classic lifestyle and she still gets annoyed when the milk isn't in a jug. Others might not know where the milk was if it wasn't in its 2l bottle! We don't need to create confusion over milk. Our job is to help people with dementia understand their world."

The vision for the Whare Aroha CARE village is for people with dementia to have a better life by allowing them to live as near-normal life as possible.

Construction of the village is well underway and it is on schedule to open in December. To follow progress 'LIKE' the Whare Aroha CARE Facebook page.

I told my son, "I want you to marry a girl of my choice."

He said, "No." I told him it's Bill Gates daughter.

He said, "Okay." I contacted Bill Gates and told him, "I want your daughter to marry my son." He said, "No." Told him my son was the CEO of the World Bank. He said, "Okay."

Went to the President of the World Bank and told him to make my son CEO of the Bank. He said, "No." Told him my son was Bill Gates son-in-law. He said, "Okay."

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As a Trustee of the board I have to express my disgust at the recent vandalism using a vehicle to do 'donuts and skids' very close to two headstones at the cemetery and to one headstone which is covered for unveiling shortly. This is a sacred place and under the leadership of Mayor Chadwick who is our Chairperson, we have spent money to upgrade roads to prevent vehicles getting stuck, kerbed roadways to improve drainage, removed the trees at the front to open the carpark, closed the parking bay at the front to stop the unsavoury activity going on there after dark and made the cemetery an appealing and pleasant place. Like many of you, I have family who are buried and remembered there. There is a section for stillborns, RSA members and the Ngati whakaue side is steeped in history with many famous Maori and non Maori honoured with headstones galore in both sections of the cemetery. To those who did this 'Karma' has a funny way of repaying itself. I do not want to see big fences and speed humps in the cemetery. If anyone knows anything about this please call me and obviously there must be either a drug or mental health problem someone to do this in such a special place. I would no more go to a cemetery after dark than fly to the MOON so its someone who has little self respect or respect for the dead or their fellow human beings.

Council

I have to say Cr McVicker, Bentley and Kent's charade of not turning up to a scheduled meeting of Full Council because they are concerned about matters being discussed "Confidential" are hypocrites. They did this knowing Cr Searancke was in Fiji, Cr Wepa away with a sick father in Brisbane, The Mayor and Cr Maxwell representing NZ and more importantly Rotorua (at no cost to Ratepayers) at an economic development and cultural exchange conference in China, leaving only Crs Gould, Tapsell, Donaldson, Raukawa Tait, Hunt and myself to attend the meeting. The hypocrisy comes because three days later they attended the recalled meeting with the same agenda which was all heard in "confidential" and Cr Wepa, Cr Searancke, Cr Maxwell and the Mayor were all present. Their actions had the potential to cost council much in terms of meeting financial deadlines. The confidential matters which have all been released now for public scrutiny were a tender, individuals for a board, sale of properties (of which I do not vote on) and one other matter. Whether they like it or not we as a council as custodians of the ratepayers funds are bound by NZ law and we are bound to consider all the matters in public excluded because of the law. So these three wanted to make a point that we are using or abusing confidential sessions to hide things and do things behind closed doors. Most people who know me know that if that was the case I'd be yelling from the mountain tops as I do not condone what they have insinuated and this impinges on our integrity. Well isn't it ironical that under Mayor Chadwick she removed the executive that the former Mayor and the chairs of which Cr McVicker was one, who would meet on a regular basis (at least once a week) to discuss matters not privy to me as a councillor. Yes Council got minutes but long after the matters had been resolved. I can assure those of you who elected me I will not condone any such behaviour of going into "confidential" on a whim. At the front of each agenda are the reasons for going into confidential, if you disagree usual meeting procedure takes over, you propose and amendment and we vote yes or no whether we go into confidential. I think it's silly and with council being reduced to 10 members the granstanding will continue to up their own Profile. Hand on heart can any of you remember a positive either of these councillors have done in the past three years???

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Leaks

The reasons why Mayor Chadwick removed Cr Searancke from all her roles representing Council is through Cr Searancke's own actions in not distancing herself or admonishing the people in the organisation she Chairs from using confidential Council leaked information on the organisations website or by public statements by its mouth piece Dr Reynold McPherson before it was to be released to the Public. Petty you may say but the confidence in this council must be retained by the public and her actions were undermining that in the view of many. The trust and confidence in Cr Searancke was lost not only by the Mayor but the Deputy Mayor and by the vast Majority of Council as while Cr Searancke couldn't see it she had a direct conflict of interest because like me and all elected representatives, she has obligations to adhere to under the Local Government Act and the Meeting and Procedures Act. Mayor Chadwick was backed into a corner but showed leadership, had private discussions with Cr Searancke to try to resolve the lack of trust and confidence in her to do her job as an elected councillor. This went on for a long time and patience was being stretched. If you a member of any organisation which has rules of play and behaviour the "buck stops" with the Chair. I have to say this is a very sad way to end a career of 30 years in Local Government for Cr Searancke who announced she is standing down and while I have had fervent disagreements with her in debate I have always admired her tenacity and grit. But for this one error of judgement Cr Searancke along with Crs Wepa and Hunt and the former Crs Bob Martin and Cr Geoff Kenny did a mountain of work for over 15 years to get the newly operative District Plan signed off recently with no matters being referred to the environment court for adjudication. Congrats to all involved especially staff who worked tirelessly on this project for many years. The District Plan sets out the zonings, development areas types of use for land in our district. Often there are protracted disputes but this time they were all resolved not needing to go through the costly Environment Court Process. Getting back to leaks they are still occurring which is a huge disappointment to all and those guilty I hope you cant sleep at Night. Its terrible one cant trust ones colleagues around the council table. I know who I can.

Council Elections.

Nominations will be called in late July for the election of BOP Regional Council (2 members = 1 Maori member), Rotorua District Council (Mayor plus 10 councillors), Lakes DHB (6 elected members), Rural Community Board (4 elected members), Lakes Community Board (4 elected members) and if in Reporoa the Waikato Regional Council (1 rep). If your mission is to serve the people then stand up and put your name forward. Of the current 13 councillors on the Rotorua District Council Cr Kent and Cr Searancke have indicated they aren't seeking re-election to Council. **Election date when all Postal VOTES must be returned is by Noon on Saturday 8 October 2016.** You have to be on the electoral roll to have your say. All people regardless of whether you own a property, rent a property, on the general or Maori rolls are eligible to vote, but you must be on the roll. Ngongotaha Post shop and the Electoral office in town or most stationary shops have forms to get you enrolled. Have you say counted on election day. I knew of a Mayor who had the marked roll on his desk and if a ratepayer or member of the public moaned about any issue pertaining to his council he would hang up after saying you didn't bother to enrol or vote so what makes you think you have a say!!!! Bullseye .

Next Month Lakes DHB and those who support Fluoride in your water I'll name them, Building act 2004 your obligations re Building permits and regs, So will be costly. What's on the horizon with Sport and Recreation in Rotorua. ie BMX, Netball, Soccer ground development in Ngongotaha, Ngongotaha Youth centre development by Progress Ngongotaha. Apologies to Progress Ngongotaha, missed your AGM, heard it was well attended and Bob Martin has briefed me on issues raised. Call into the store (where my old 4 square was) in the village to talk things over with Lynn Benfell, Bob Martin and committee member of the Progress Ngongotaha team. Remember they are all volunteers.

Finally Congrats to **YAAP VAN DORSERES** our local champion for the environment who was honoured for his work on stream restoration and planting along our rivers and his conservation interests was awarded a QSM in the Queens Birthday Honours list in June. Congrats Yaap from the whole community well deserved.

Kind regards, **CR CHARLES STURT**

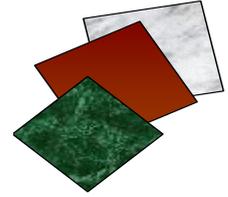
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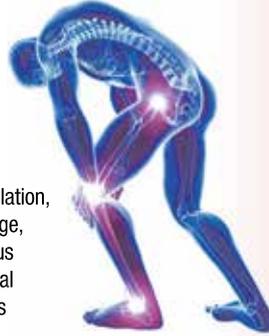
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Ngongotaha School

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Term two is coming to an end and the staff and children will be enjoying a well-earned break. We have held our school cross country and had a team attend the central cross country at Kaharoa. From here we took seven children to the BOP cross country in Opotiki. I congratulate all the children for their commitment to training and for competing with pride and perseverance. Thank you to all the family members who came to the events to cheer their children on, your support is appreciated and encourages the children to aim high and stand proud.

We have held two successful market days as part of our financial literacy focus this term. The children in the junior classes completed various crafts and did an excellent job marketing and selling their items. The middle school classes made sweets. They tried out a number of recipes in the build up to the day and selected the one that suited their class the best. The day was held in pouring rain but this did not hold up sales following excellent marketing and some pre-selling. The senior team took on lunch food items. Much discussion was held, recipes trialed and marketing carried out. Each class was very busy cooking, selling and of course eating. Each class was set up with a loan for materials or product to get their market day underway. After the selling the children learnt about the process of repaying a loan, paying off debt, and working out what was left as profit. Each class or team will use some of their profit for class purchases with the remainder being donated to a charity. This proved to be a great learning experience and we thank all the family members who came to



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school on both days when the weather was so bad, your constant support of the school is appreciated.

The end of the term has been very busy with a number of assemblies for the children. We were treated to a great band performance; this high school group was in town for the annual Rhapsody competition and were a real treat for the children. We have held a Duffy assembly where the children were given their next free books to build up their personal libraries. We thank Mainfreight who continue to sponsor the school to be part of this valuable programme. The children have also been treated to a live performance by the Duffy Theatre group. This is always a highlight for the children who enjoy following the drama, dance and song of the story lines that are created to promote reading.

The term will end with a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) assembly. This will be an opportunity to have the children model the values and key competencies we focus on at school.

We have completed the BOT election process and welcome the new board to the role for the next three years. The new board members are: Rebecca Moore (Chairperson), Rachel Shaw, Andrea Pollard, Aroha Taipeti, Robert Ryan and Lee Anne Bidois who is the staff representative. We look forward to working together for the continued benefit of the students and families of the school.

Next term our maths focus for our concept curriculum will be related to the maths aspects of the Olympic games in Rio.

Measurement will become a part of the topic for the children to work with in a range of problems and activities.

The next term will also see all children taking part in the River Safety programme facilitated by the Aquatic Centre. We see it as vitally important that the children have river safety skills especially with the number of streams in the community and the lake that is on our doorstep.

Next term we will be holding our parent, pupil, teacher conferences. These will run over three evenings with two evenings ending later and one ending before 5.00pm. We encourage you to book your appointment and come along to share the learning that is happening with your child or children. Notices will come out at the start of the new term.

Ngongotaha School contd.....

Mrs Astwood will be starting a new class next term as our new entrant classes grow. She will be in Room 12 and will have a teacher providing her release one day a week so she can complete the roles she carries as well as her teaching role. Alison will continue to run the GREAT start programme from Wednesday of week three. This programme runs for future 5 year olds who may be considering coming to Ngongotaha School. Give us a call or pop in if you wish to know more about this.

Next term I will be away from school on sabbatical. Mr Dean Henderson will be acting principal in my absence and Whaea Tamara will support him in her role as Associate Principal. I am confident the school is in good hands and all will be well.

Have a great break with your children.

Cathryn Naera and staff of Ngongotaha School

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Rugby

Well the Chiefs are doing the job and played superb in the second half against the Crusaders in Fiji. The value of the All Blacks was evident with James Lowe probably playing his best game of the season. Sam Cane seems to have taken little harm from his 3 test battle with the Welsh. Cane has proved he is a rabbit with his ability to smuggle the ball at rucks. Yes he gets penalised but didn't McCaw. The Player who has stood out for me and again playing top rugby is Brodie Retallick. Got to say Aaron Smith was the player of the three tests against the Welsh. Can't wait for the championship against South Africa, Australia and Argentina. The Argentinians are playing good rugby and recently beat France. Mind you everyone has been beating France lately. Everyones crowing about the English team who defeated Australia in their recent test series. I do not think the Australian team is much this year and England couldn't even get past the pool section at the RWC. Wasn't it cool to see Israel Dagg lift his game for the ABS but a week later was totally average for the crusaders. I like the look of the Hurricanes and the Chiefs for the final of the Super 15.

Olympics.

We have quite a local contingent going to RIO covering Shot, Light Weight sculls, Long distance swimming and Hockey. Looking forward to Val Adams stepping up in the first or second round of the shot and putting the result beyond doubt. Good luck to all concerned and to our Local Julia Edwards you're a shots eye for a medal. I think we'll win 22 medals. Its compelling TV and I heard over 12 channels are showing events.

An old man went to the doctor complaining of a terrible pain in his leg. "I am afraid it's just old age", replied the doctor, "there is nothing we can do about it." "That can't be" fumed the old man, "you don't know what you are doing." "How can you possibly know I am wrong?" countered the doctor. "Well it's quite obvious," the old man replied, "my other leg is fine, and it's the exact same age!"

One day after the service a little boy approached the parish priest with a question: Little Boy: "Father I heard you once say that we all came from dust" Parish priest, "That's right I did say that". Little boy: "And Father I heard you say that when we die we go back to dust." Parish Priest: "That's right I did say that, I am glad you were listening so very well". Little Boy: "Well Father I think you should come to my place and look under my bed because someone is either coming or going!"



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FROM MAMAKU.....

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The people I have met who have completed the canopy walk have all expressed a strong desire to complete the trip again. We in Mamaku have observed the spectacular growth of the company and hear reports of its international status and this fills us with pride in the efforts of James Cameron and his assistants to make Canopy Tours a world-class facility at our front door. There is so much to see and do there with fauna and flora unique to Aotearoa and a viewing platform appealing to the adventurous yet guided tours conducted in perfect safety.

Then on Monday 4th July Mamaku School enjoyed a visit from her Worship the Mayor Steve Chadwick who commented on the excellent conduct and presentation of the pupils who welcomed her in exceptional fashion. The school has clearly got top organization and leadership and the pupils are responding accordingly. They are so lucky to have the personal touch of a country school while being challenged in all aspects of the curriculum. Again local people feel a sense of pride in the young people's achievements, behaviour and progress.

But the progressive Principal and School Board are in no way marking time. Money has been raised to roof the tennis court at the school. This along with several other developments make the school the envy of the district.

Then the recently endowed public playground has been a tremendous success. After years of submissions the RLC provided the town with a skateboard rink and renewed playground facilities. Mayor Chadwick on her recent visit spoke with pleasure at the total absence of graffiti and obvious pride that the young people of Mamaku had shown in their refurbished area of play. We know there are a few wretches here in the uplands but overwhelmingly the mood is positive and the community is responding to every gesture to make Mamaku the fine community it is capable of being.

While crossing the US-Mexican border on his bicycle, the man was stopped by a guard who pointed to two sacks the man had on his shoulders. "What's in the bags?", asked the guard. "Sand," said the cyclist.

"Get them off – we'll take a look," said the guard. The Cyclist did as he was told, emptied the bags, and proving they contained nothing but sand, reloaded the bags, put them on his shoulders and continued across the border. Two weeks later, the same thing happened. Again the guard demanded to see the two bags, which again contained nothing but sand. This went on every week for six months, until one day the cyclist with the sand bags failed to appear. A few days later, the guard happened to meet the cyclist downtown. "Say friend, you sure had us crazy", said the guard. "We knew you were smuggling something across the border. I won't say a word – but what is it you were smuggling?"

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- Don't leave spare keys hidden outside, burglars will often search for these
- Ask someone to water your garden while you are away (although not needed this time of year)
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A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down the main street. "But officer," the man began, "I can explain." "Just be quiet," snapped the officer. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back." "But, officer, I just wanted to say,..." "And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!" A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief's at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back." "Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom."

-Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?" Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?" Johnny: "Seven." Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?" Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?" Johnny: "Seven!" Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!" Johnny: "Because I've already got a freaking cat!"

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Kaitao Middle School

Modern Learning Environment

Great excitement as they finally began to demolish rooms 1 and 2 in preparation for the building of the first of our Modern Learning Environments.

So what is a Modern learning Environment?

It would seem that Modern learning Environment is a generic term which describes a space which may include many things, open/flexible learning spaces, breakout spaces, small spaces often referred to as caves, multi-purpose spaces, technology rich spaces and that house modern learning furniture such as bean bags, camp fire seats and a variety of various height groovy shape tables.

Modern simply means that they are different from the old classrooms.

The important element that will make the Modern learning Environment work effectively is not the space, not the furniture, not the technology but the teacher or in our case the teachers.

The first of our Modern learning Environment will house our Accelerate Academy and the teachers in the unit will have been provided with Professional Learning in order that they can operate effectively in this new space.

Learning technologies in this space will include computers (laptops, desktops, tablets) interactive whiteboard, smartboards and "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD).

Award

Jimmie Setu-Galo our students Head Boy for 2016, was awarded a Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award during Leadership Week. (Pictured)

Jimmie came to Kaitao last year from Samoa and needed extra lessons in English. During the year he won Kaitao's Got Talent and was placed in Lip Sync as well as starring in the School Production.

He was nominated as a leader and excelled at Leadership Camp gaining the respect of his peers.

In 2016 Jimmie won the Lip Sync and was a star of the Mid-Winter Extravaganza with his singing.

Mid-Winter Extravaganza

In the last week of term we held a Mid-Winter Extravaganza. This show highlighted the prodigious talents of our students. The show was well supported by Whanau with our hall full for the one night show and some of our contributing schools year 6 students came to a day show

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The show included our Stage Challenge Performance, Sports Camp Chant, Lip Sync winners, Singers, Dancers, Pacific Island Group, Ukelele group, Marimba Group and a surprize performance. Honggutuan Middle School After the holidays in week three of term three we will be hosting students from of sister school, Honggutuan Middle School, Nanchang, China. This will be the first of hopefully many exchanges and in April 2017 we will be taking 20 students over to China.

While here the students will be bulleted with NZ families for the two weeks and will experience NZ culture and customs first hand. They want to also take in the many attractions Rotorua has to offer and of course visit Hobbiton.

Taiwan Students

At present we have groups of students from Taiwan spending time in our classrooms.

School App/Facebook

We now have our own school App which can be downloaded from the Google Play Store or iTunes. Simply search for "Parent Teacher Calendar App" and follow the instructions to find our school. You can also follow us on Facebook at Kaitao Middle School Education and keep up with the latest happenings.

Rory O'Rourke
Principal

Ngongotaha Early Learning

Thanks to all our families who called in for a visit and helped us celebrate our birthday. Every one enjoyed hot soup and a sausage sizzle with the children.

Thanks to Little Smiles Photography who came and took all our childrens photos and a big class photo, Katrina always does a lovely job and is available to do family sittings in your own surroundings.

We celebrated International Mud Day where the teachers and children got dirty and had lots of fun with foot soaks at the end.

We have participated in a few fundraising events, where the children and teachers dressed up in Red for the Heart Foundation raising \$47.40, The St John Team Green week raising \$35.50 and Selling our biscuits and collecting donations for Red Puppy Bikkie Day for the Blind Foundation \$106.10. The children enjoyed baking the puppy shaped biscuits.

We have had trips to the recycling centre to see where our cardboard and paper goes so that we can continue earning trees though our recycling through the Trees in Schools programme which the Rotorua Lakes Council contribute towards earning us 16 trees this year. They also came back with lots of treasures for the kitchen, sand areas.

Duffy Books were handed out to all our children with a dress up day in their favourite character.

With the lovely weather we have been out and about to the local parks enjoying what our beautiful Ngongotaha has to offer our community.

Our children have enjoyed playing Rippa Rugby, Soccer and on the wet days practicing some Gymnastics exercises. We have an indoor outdoor flow and the children love going outside no matter what the weather is like, playing in the mud, water, sand, garden, jumping or just playing. There is no such thing as bad weather, just bad choice of clothing.

A big thank you to Winsome Hirst who knitted us 32 pairs of socks for our children to wear on the cold days to keep their feet warm. Enjoy the sunny days that follow the cold frosts



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Kaharoa School

Our Cornerstone Value for the term is Honesty and Truthfulness. Our definition is: Willingness not to steal, cheat, lie or be unfair. This means telling the truth. Our Key Competency is, Being a Communicator: Give and Receive. A Kaharoa Kid can confidently and clearly communicate, interpret and respond to messages.

Cross Country

Despite a weather challenging day, children from throughout Rotorua arrived prepared for a day of competition and fun on our true cross country track. The assistance of Sport BoP was gratefully received and their skills invaluable.

The races ran smoothly and the children performed admirably. We are proud of the sportsmanship shown by the children, and impressed when a child in distress was assisted by others, who in doing so, forfeited the race.

The top ten children in each age group (from 8-12+ years) then competed in the Bay of Plenty cross country, representing their schools with pride.

Newsteam

A group of Year 5 to 8 students trained and took part in the Newsteam competition held on Tuesday 28th June with our Year 5/6 team coming second in the small schools division. Our thanks to Mrs Shoebridge and Miss Way for preparing the children for this competition. This event tests children's abilities to work as a team, finding information from newspapers.

Rhapsody

Our thanks to Rhapsody Rotorua who organised a fantastic music show for the students at Kaharoa. Performing were guests from a visiting Australian school, Corpus Christi, who entertained and impressed us with their musical talent.

Art Week

All classes across the school have had a wonderful week of Art, Art and more Art. Magnificent works have been produced by children of all ages and were enjoyed by the community at the Art Exhibition which ran from 5-7 July. In the lead up to our Art Exhibition, we were fortunate to have a local artist, Nicola Bennett, working with groups of children, sharing her skill and expertise and enabling the children to have a variety of different art experiences.

Maori Hui Invitation

On June 15th we were delighted by the attendance and support of our Maori families who met to share ideas on future directions for their tamariki. We look forward to implementing these as we move forward.

Science

The Royal Society of NZ in conjunction with M.o.B.I have introduced an intensive upskilling science programme for teachers throughout NZ. This year Mrs Hale won the scholarship and the opportunity to work closely with D.o.C over the last six months. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Hale back to Kaharoa in Term 3 and look forward to all the new learning she will be sharing.

Looking ahead to Term 3

Tuesday 26 July: Individual and class photos will be taken

Wednesday 10 August: Intermediate Chess Tournament in Tauranga

Firewise Programme for the junior school

Thursday 11 August: Primary Chess Tournament in Tauranga

Intermediate BoP Table Tennis Competition

Thursday 1 September Chess Power Interschool Chess

Tournament at Kaharoa School

As the term draws to a close we wish you a relaxing holiday break and look forward to seeing all the children back in the new term, which commences on Monday July 25th

The Kaharoa Team



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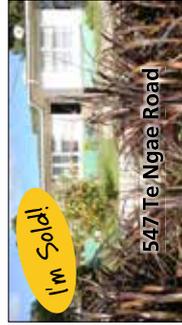
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