

NGONGOTAHA NEWS

The Sunny side of the Mountain -

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*Grief never ends.....
but it changes
It's a passage....
not a place to stay
Grief is not a sign of weakness
nor a lack of faith.....
It is the price of love.*

RIP STUBBY AND BULLY

Ngongotaha lost two legends in Walter (Stubby) Bidois and Eraia (Bully) Kiel in the last month. Losses that have not only affected their immediate families but the wider community.

Stubby I'm gonna miss your cooking especially your curry, your help whenever I needed it and just your presence. I will never forget the support I have had throughout the time that I have known you and Zorah. Firstly when we lost our beloved daughter, and then your regular visits during Matt's final days. You left us so suddenly and too soon. Goodbye to a Gentleman who was always immaculately presented no matter where he was. As his son Louis pointed out on the day of the funeral, he was the only person who worked on the Wharf at the Mount who ironed his overalls. I think he also ironed his overalls whilst he was Caretaker at Ngongotaha School too.

Bully (by name but not by nature), and his Train also Bully and his ponies. There must be many a child around who has photos with Bully's ponies. One of the funny stories I can recall with Bully was that he used my neighbours paddock at times to house his ponies. I had family visiting from England and they were appreciating the sun on my front deck when Bully arrived with his horse. Now you may think what is so funny about that, but the horse was actually in the back seat of the car with it's head out the window. My family couldn't believe their eyes. Bully stopped the car, opened the back door and out trotted one of his miniature ponies. You would also often see him around Ngongotaha with the pony in the



back seat. In latter years he had the white truck often towing a pink/grey elephant. You will be sadly missed by a lot of children Bully.

My sympathies to both the **Bidois/Khan and Kiel/Barry Whanau**

I must also send my deepest sympathies to the **Mohi** family who also suffered a sad loss last week. Mita it is very hard to take when your children pre-decease you, but be strong, we are always here for you.

Rest in peace Gillian.

My sympathies also to the Noanoa/Findlay families for the sad loss of Betty, a longtime resident of Okona Crescent. **RIP Betty with your beloved sons you lost 35 years ago.**

MISSING HUNTAWAY Bitch farm DOG gone since 17th May from Oturoa Rd. 15mths old, Grey/tan named Blue
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I HAVE: A VERY HEALTHY ALOE BUSH
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The Centre Trust is for all the Family even if you are well and feel the need to come socialise around a cup of tea/coffee/cocoa and
share some of those stories of yesteryear.

Letter to editor.....

Dear Ann,

My husband and myself are from Christchurch. We come up to Rotorua and stay with our Daughter Rachel and her family in
Ngongotaha at least every three months. It is an absolute joy to see my daughter and grand daughters, but, one of the things we also
look forward to is getting our hands on and reading your Ngongotaha news. We love the informative articles and also the comical
ones. Having gone through treatment and colonoscopies for bowel cancer, I had a great laugh at the article "Colonoscopy Journal"
The article about Butch O'Hare and his son Easy Eddie was a fantastic read., But what makes me happier is the fact that on going
onto your web page I find I can now read these news letters at home online. This is just a huge pat on the back for producing such a
fine newsletter. It is a massive credit to you and all that share in the writing of it. Keep up the good work.

Thank you Robyn and Neil Dennis

***I was absolutely thrilled to get this letter - it really made me feel appreciated. It is not easy putting the newsletter together month
after month and this letter made my day. This letter came at such a good time as I had just received an email from a reader
complaining about the jokes (they were sexist etc etc). Simple if you don't like them, you do not have to read the newsletter it is
not compulsory, and I am not going to stop and spoil the enjoyment of hundreds of people. My response, "it is quite sad if we
can't laugh at ourselves." The jokes are not aimed at any religion, race or creed. Editor***

Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarfs are not Happy.

*My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that 2:30am?! Luckily for him I was still up playing
my Bagpipes.*

*I was explaining to my wife last night that when you die you get reincarnated but must come back as a different creature. She said
she would like to come back as a cow. I said "You're obviously not listening."*

*The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst. So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes
back.*



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My interview with Jill Nicholas.

By Paige McLeary

A few weeks ago I sitting inside the Temaru unit, filled with excitement and nerves as I waited for Jill Nicholas, a journalist for the daily post to arrive. Once Jill Nicholas had arrived my excitement's intensity, made I feel as though I was five year old running wild in candy store. Driving my powered wheelchair carefully into one of teacher's offices I thought "I wonder what Jill Nicholas will want to know about me?" sitting down in navy blue armchair opposite me, Jill showed me some examples of her work. "Wow Jill Nicholas must love meeting new people everyday."

I pondered over my words as the interview began. I told Jill about my highlights in life which are studying Creative Writing through Waiariki Institute of Technology, traveling around Australia and swimming in The Great Barrier Reef with my twin sister Chelsea. She asked me "Paige what are your triumphs in life?" I explained with great enthusiasm how I took part in my intermediate school's triathlon. Swimming two widths of the pool, then I wheeled myself in my manual wheelchair around an obstacle course by from traffic cones and I walked rest of the way to the finish line using my walking sticks.

To conclude the interview Jill asked me "Paige what's your motto in life?"

Smiled I replied "Light the candle of peace and keep it burning"

A handy hint from a reader: I have used it for years and it has saved my fingers on cold frosty morning. When the morning is cold and frosty I half fill a bucket or large bowl with hot water. I then put my pegs in the hot water. So each time I reach in to pick out a peg to hang out my washing my fingers stay toasty warm. It has never failed to work. Try it, you won't be worry.

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Currently we have over 70 clients who ride with us every week, however during the winter months sessions often have to be cancelled because of bad weather. We are looking forward to offering our clients the opportunity to ride every week, regardless of the weather, in the new indoor arena. We also plan to build a sensory trail, through the bush and down onto the lake front and enjoying the different sights, sounds and even smells of this natural environment from the back of a horse will be a great experience.

Of course, having such a wonderful facility in our midst will be a great asset for the wider Rotorua equestrian community and we have had many expressions of interest from groups looking forward to making use of the only indoor riding facility centrally located in Rotorua. Don't be put off by the fact that this is an equestrian facility, we will also have a large self-contained meeting room available for hire and of course the arena itself may prove suitable for non-equestrian activities and events.

Riding for the Disabled is a not-for-profit organisation which provides opportunities for anyone with a disability to enjoy the opportunity to interact with horses in a safe and controlled environment. We value safety, teamwork, respect, quality and enjoyment. We are looking forward to being a part of the Ngongotaha community.

We currently operate four days, Monday to Thursday, 8.00am to 3.00pm during school terms.

For more information on Riding for the Disabled in Rotorua, find us on Facebook (Rotorua District RDA) or our website, www.rotoruarda.co.nz

When I was in the pub I heard a couple of plonkers saying that they wouldn't feel safe on an aircraft if they knew the pilot was a woman. What a pair of sexists. I mean, it's not as if she'd have to reverse the thing!

An Asian fellow has moved in next door. He has travelled the world, swum with sharks, wrestled bears and climbed the highest mountain. It came as no surprise to learn his name was Bindair Dundat.

A teenage granddaughter comes downstairs for her date with a see-through blouse on and no bra. Her grandmother has a fit, telling her not to dare go out like that! The teenager tells her 'Loosen up Grams. These are modern times. You gotta let your rose buds show!' And out she goes..The next day the teenager comes down stairs, and her grandmother is sitting there with no top on. The teenager wants to die. She explains to her grandmother that she has friends coming over and that it is just not appropriate... The grandmother says, 'Loosen up, Sweetie. If you can show off your rose buds, then I can display my hanging baskets. Happy Gardening.

I've learned.... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

A big hello from Ngongotaha Early Learning.

What a fabulous start to the beginning of the month of June. Ngongotaha Early Learning turned SIX! We had a great evening celebrating with our whanau and friends. We enjoyed a sausage sizzle, vege soup, and cake! Outside we enjoyed making smores on the firepit and Duffy Book presentation. Inside was busy with mosaics using natural resources. A big thank you to all our families for making it such a success.

We are a Paper4trees daycare, where we recycle our paper in exchange for native trees. We had a great surprise last week from the sponsors of this great cause, Rotorua Lakes Council and Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust, with a delivery of sixteen native trees to plant in our environment. Thank you to our families who support us and recycle.

We had a successful Jump Rope for Heart, to support the NZ Heart Foundation. Children and teachers had a fabulous afternoon in the carpark, skipping and jumping! Thank you to friends and whanau who supported our efforts with a gold coin.

International Mud Day is approaching, an annual anticipated event here at the centre by children and staff. This year we will have a sausage sizzle afterwards to warm us up. International Mud Day began a few years ago to acknowledge and raise funds for children in Nepal who

Todd McClay

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only owned one set of clothes, so messy play was not an option for them, something we take for granted in New Zealand.

Happy days to you all, from Ngongotaha Early Learning.

Out of the mouths of babes.....
'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.'

Billy - age 4

'Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.'

Karl - age 5

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Ngongotaha School

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

We are well into Term Two now with lots of activity going on at school. We recently held our school cross country and a team was selected to represent our school at the interschool cross country. Our team then travelled to Kaharoa on Tuesday 9th June to compete in the inter-school cross country. We are very proud of the good behaviour the children displayed and the way they competed. We have 10 children who have qualified for the BOP cross country which will be held in Opotiki on Tuesday 23rd June. Well done to all who competed and good luck at the next event.

The focus for physed has been Jump Jam since our cross country work finished. The classes are enjoying this aspect of physed as they get to move and exercise to music. Our Jump Jam team is also preparing for competition. Most mornings, before school, they are in the Whare with Whaea Ana and Whaea Jeanette learning their routine. We wish you all the best with your entry. We welcome Harold and the Life Education team to school. This educational resource has not been to our school for a while now so it will be new for many of the children. This resource is used to promote healthy aspects of life. There will be a parent session as part of the programme as well. We look forward to the new learning that will take place. Berni and Harold are certainly at hit when they visit schools, their passion and energy for this aspect of the curriculum is infectious.

We continue our focus on music this term with the children learning to play the recorder and they will also be introduced to the ukulele as well. It has been great to see the many aspects of music shared at assembly each Friday. The children are enjoying the opportunity to explore music across the ages and to take part in learning aspects of music production. Later in the year we will be holding a production in the community hall which will bring together a number of the elements covered in class. We have a production team busy working on scripts to tie all the classes into the storyline. They are a very keen group who are passionate and enthusiastic about this event.

Mrs Astwood started a new class this term to cater for the new 5 year old children coming to school. This class has continued to grow during the term and we will begin planning for the growth that we are experiencing. If you have a child due to start school later this year we encourage you to come in and meet us. Our Great Start programme runs each term. This is a programme whereby the children come to school on a Wednesday afternoon prior to starting school so they are aware of the new surroundings and some of the routines they will be learning. They also get to meet other children who will be starting with them. Feel free to phone us or call in and meet with us to discuss our programmes. Earlier this term we held a DISCO in the community hall. This was to raise funds for our annual year 6 dinner. We take our senior students out together to celebrate and farewell each other as they move onto their next schooling. We thank you for the support our DISCO had, so many children looking stunning and enjoying an evening of dancing and being with friends. Great to see so many parents and family members there also, sharing the evening with their children. We will have another fundraiser later in the year so that we do not have the pressure on us in term 4. We have recently had approval for some building modification work to be carried out in the school. There will be a number of areas affected so do ask that you not come into the school out of hours. This project will take a number of weeks but is one we have been waiting on for a while. We look forward to the improvements it will make to the school environment.

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Goodbye Nicola

It has been great to have Registrar Dr Nicola at the Medical Centre for the past six months. Nicola is now working in Hamilton for the second half of her GP Registrar year. .

Welcome Rosemary Bond

Our new Registrar Dr Rosemary started this week. Rosemary lives in Rotorua and spent the first half of the year at Te Ngae Medical Centre.

Welcome to new nurse **Anna** into our nursing team. Anna and her family have relocated from Putaruru to Hamurana.

Jonathan McPherson is taking six weeks break from June 15th to travel to Scotland.

Rosemary Pedley and Jorgelina Ferreira will cover Jonathan's sessions.

Drop in Clinics are getting very busy. The flu season is here so please be aware that there may be longer wait times.

***Don't delay any longer - Come in and get your flu vaccination now.
Free flu vaccinations until the end of July.***

Ngongotaha School contd.....

Many people see schools as public places but we do ask that you do not wander through the school or use it as a thoroughfare in school time. Dogs should not be walked through the school at all as the children do not want to step in what is left behind. This is all about the safety of the students and we ask that you respect this.

Our school gardens are in hibernation mode at present but we do have a keen group of students who work with Whaea Shiona and Whaea Lesley each week. We aim to grow our garden area so we can produce more vegetables for the children to take home. The worm farm is going well and we were able to sell worm juice at the gala earlier this year. This is excellent for the garden so if you require any just call in and see Whaea Shiona, she is more than happy to organise this.

With only three weeks left of this term we wish you a safe and happy holiday break with your children.

Term Two: Ends Friday 3rd July – 11 weeks

Term Three: Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September – 10 weeks

Term Four: Monday 12th October to Friday 18th December – 10 weeks

Iti rearea teitei kahikatea ka taea” – “Aim High, Stand Proud” *Cathryn Naera and staff of Ngongotaha School*

Winter greetings from Hamurana Playcentre!

Are you new to the community and looking for a great way to get out of the house, meet new people and spend quality time with your pre-schoolers? Then come and see us at Hamurana Playcentre where you get to stay and join in your child's fun and learning. Whether you are mum, dad, nana, koro, aunty, cousin, neighbour... everybody welcome!

We have been celebrating the seasons of autumn and winter this term. With all the fallen leaves around what fun it has been to make a big pile at the end of the slide for our little ones to whiz down into! Leaf painting prints have also been a big hit, and big blocks of ice with hidden natural items, toys, colours and glitter ready for excavation.

In May we had an outing to the Capital E production 'Kiwi Moon' at the Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre. Kiwi Moon was a tale about a little white kiwi who thinks the moon may be his mother. This fantastic theatrical performance touring New Zealand was especially for children aged 2-7 years. Included in the show was Marama moon, some cheeky hu-hu grubs and a scary dog. All met with squeals of delight and moments of thoughtful wonder by our children, and the adults too!

Our session times are Monday and Thursday from 9.15am to 11.45am at 38 Tauranga Direct Road. All enquiries welcome – phone 332 2110 during session times or contact our president, Sharon on 0212080101. Or just come and join us at a session... see you soon!



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In my view.....

Condolences

What a month, not a weeks gone by and we havent had a tangi or funeral to attend.

Firstly to Zorah and family our deepest sympathy over the sudden loss of everyones friend Stubbie or Uncle Stubbie as we all knew him as. He was Ngongotaha School caretaker, taxi driver and many things to many people. This was testimony to the turnout at Tarimano on the days leading up to his burial and to have the funeral service on the lawns he mowed at lake edge was perfect.

At Tarimono Marae at Awahou in tribute to Stubbie I sat beside Mauiora Kingi a much loved orator of Te Arawa, loved colleague at council and authority on Whakapapa and staunch advocate for Ngati Wahiao and Tuhourangi. Mau aged 52 died in his sleep and it was a big shock as he had only been awarded the Queens honour the previous weekend. Mau was awarded the Member of the Order of New Zealand. In his specches he always said that they were the best singers in term of Kapa Haka. I saw Mau on Tuesday after Queens birhtday and we joked and laughed when I said to him "do I call you Sir now. " A huge and fitting farewell to Mau at Whakarewarewa. A sad sad loss is Mau and to his children our deepest respect and aroha.

Then we learned of another person and quiet unassuming man who thousands of children called the pony man- Bully Kiel. Bully was getting the run around by Council staff over OSH issues at the lakefront so Trevor Maxwell, Johnny Lepper and I stepped in to talk with Bully and everything was sweet. Dawn your dedication to Bully and his endeavour I know was not easy and he did take in and nuture guide and help kids who were becoming wayward and our community is thankful to both Dawn and Bully.

Not long after Jill Mohi from Awahou also passed. So to the Mohi family our sympathy also.

This week saw another sad loss to the Noanoa/Findlay families with the loss of Betty. Rest in peace now with your two boys you lost 35 years ago in the lake. Okona Crescent won't be the same without you.

That's enough no more.

Queens Birthday Honours

I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Mr Rumble former Principle of Western Heights High School and Fred Whata Snr from Ohau Channel for their awards. Congrats your efforts for education and for Maori are well recognised.

Your Choice

Please do not ignore the brochure you got in the mail recently as we at Council want you to have your say about YOUR council ie one district wide ward or area wards. We can have from 6-30 councillors but have your say. We can also increase the number of community Boards or dispense with the one we have. It's your call and we want you the people of Ngongotaha, Mamaku, Hamurana, Awahou and Kaharora to have your say.

Do you think the rural sector is under-represented? Do You think Ngongotaha or Mamaku or Awahou or Kaharora or Hamurana should have a separate community Board? Are there special communities that have close associations with each another that need a Community Board or should we go back to the old Ward system??? Have your Say its YOUR CHOICE

Kind regards,

Cr Charles Sturt

Sportstalk

The sad loss of Jerry Collins - All Black No 8 and his partner during the week is being felt worldwide. RIP Jerry and partner Alana, hopefully their daughter recovers fully.

Racing

Rotorua continues to produce top class horsemen and women who ply their trade on tracks in NZ and across the world. Recently Ngongotaha domiciled Jockey Emily Farr rode two winners for the Craig Phelan team and she has travelled far and wide in NZ. Her success mirrors the following jockeys who were either born in Rotorua, lived and schooled here or rode from a Rotorua base. Joanne Pocock, Cameron Lammas, Sharlene Thompson (now Cullen), Paul or Tony Muzikya, Opie Bosson, Keith Colgan, Shaun Phelan, Vincent Colgan, Lyndsay Satherly (was Hoffman) Jacqui Fleming are there anymore???

Opie Bosson has ridden 1457 winners in NZ to date from 9502 starts of those winners 155 have been group or listed winners and his rides have won over 30.4 million since he started riding in the 1995/96 season. Vincent Colgan has ridden 977 winners to date in NZ from 9614 rides and has amassed 95 winners of Group or listed race, including in that have been 5 NZ Derby's and his mounts have won their owners 18.8million since Vincent started in 1991/92. Shaun Phelan a specialist Jumps jockey has won 36 races in NZ from 435 mounts and 5 have been group winners since he started in 2005/06.

Local lad Vinnie Colgan as you can see is getting closer to that elusive club of riding 1000 winners and he I'm sure you will all agree has Roger James to thank for his early education about horses and life. Congrats Vinnie hope it's the 2015/16 season you reach your milestone.

Rugby

Well the Chiefs have had a mixed season with many many injuries holding back the team. However those young players who have stepped up have done us proud. Talking of proud Wow 13500 people turned up to the Bulls game at Rotorua the biggest gate for a Chiefs fixture in Rotorua's history. Congrats to the players from the Chiefs for your professional approach and availability at schools etc around Rotorua during your stay. Our local lads Sam Cane and Liam Messam were at the forefront of going into our community.

Netball

Have the Magic sowed us untapped potential for next year?? I reckon and with first year players coming on strong. So good to see Casey Kopua back and the Conference final against the Mystic was the best team game the Magic have played this season and away from home to boot. Go hard girls we are still proud of you.

THE WILL

Doug Smith is on his deathbed and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, his daughter and two sons are with him. So, he says to them: "Bernie, I want you to take the Mayfair houses." "Sybil, you take the apartments over in the east end." "Jamie, I want you to take the offices over in the City Centre." "Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the banks of the river." The nurse is just blown away by all this and, as Doug slips away, she says, "Mrs Smith, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property." "Property?" Sarah replies, "The bugger only had a paper run."

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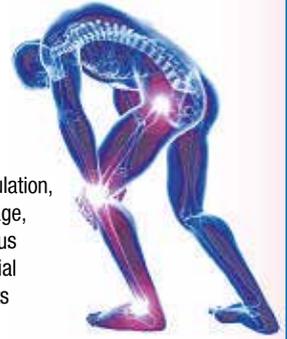


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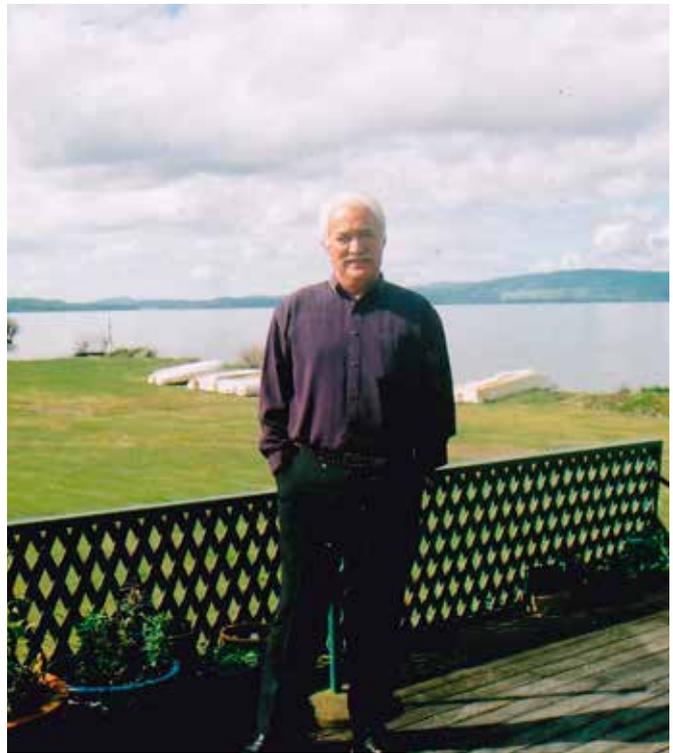
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Uncle Stubby

“Well come and have a look at this boy, I want to show you something.”

I was visiting my uncle Stubby at his home in the Mount, Tauranga and our discussion had turned to rugby. He got up to walk outside to his shed and when we entered it I was astounded by what I saw. On all of the walls were rugby newspaper clippings and other rugby information mostly about the Ngongotaha and the Bay of Plenty rugby teams with a few things on the All Blacks. I remember thinking that this was the coolest man cave I had ever seen. I felt hugely honoured to even be allowed to step into what could only be described as a sacred special place of rugby. We were there for ages as he showed me scrap books of information and told story after story about the many rugby articles. It was a special moment for a young nephew.

Uncle Stubby would say “Well come and have a look at this boy, I want to show you something” a few more times after that and my mind would always go back to his rugby man cave and the fond memory of that day.

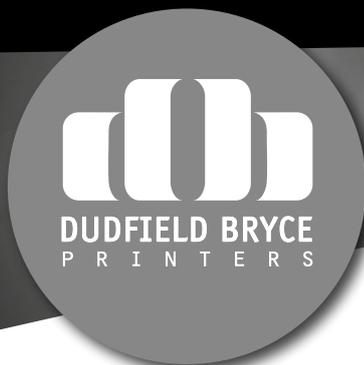
I had just moved into a new house at Awahou and I remember thinking wow this will be cool. No one (besides whanau and friends) will know where I live. I am quite a private person most of the time as I have such high demands from my public profile as an international leadership speaker. So hiding at home was something I was looking forward to.

I was visiting uncle Stubby when he said that sentence again, “Well come and have a look at this Nga, I want to show you something.” We walked out to his shed at the back of his Awahou Bach and he said he had made a gift for me and Carolyn. He then showed me a big sign he had made which read, ‘33 Te Awahou. Ngahihi o te ra and Carolyn Bidois.’ My first thought was wow what a big sign and just when I was thinking that I might not have to put it up for a while, he said “I can come and help you put it up tomorrow if you want”. Who was I to deny the aroha of an uncle.

So ever since that sign went up I have had numerous people tell me they know where I live because they saw the sign. I can sometimes hear them thinking aloud, “Wow that’s a big sign, what a show off.” However those unspoken words change when I tell them that my uncle Stubby made it as a gift for us and I can hear them thinking, “wow, I wish I had an uncle like that.”

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Ngahi Bidois contd.....

The last time uncle Stubby said “Well come and have a look at this Nga” was when he showed me his Bidois coat of Arms shield. He had waited for months for that shield to turn up and aunty Zorah and the whanau were getting quite anxious and starting to think he had been conned. The grin on his face lasted for months afterwards when he showed everyone the shield we thought would never arrive.

And now uncle Stubby has gone. He passed away peacefully in his bach at Awahou surrounded by aunty Zorah (nee Khan) and his whanau after a very short illness. It was and still is a shock that he is gone for many reasons including the fact that he was always so fit and active. In fact the day before he passed away he went out and fetched firewood.

We miss him. He has left a huge hole in the hearts of many people because of his outstanding commitment and love for aunty Zorah and whanau, and the incredible way he served and helped so many of us in his iwi of Ngati Rangiwewehi and Ngararanui and the Ngongotaha community.

I was thinking about which Marvel super hero best described uncle Stubby. To some he may have been Superman because he was always so fit and active and so well turned out. Many describing him as a very dapper gentleman with not a hair out of place – just like superman. To some he may have been the Hulk because he seemed to be so strong when he disagreed with you. However the best character which I think best describes uncle Stubby is Captain America. Captain America is a character of high old school morals, values, strength of character, leadership, physicality and commitment to doing the right thing. Uncle Stubby was all of these and more.

However the key thing which helped me to define uncle Stubby as Captain America was his Bidois whanau Coat of Arms shield. Just like Captain America that shield was the protector of his dignity when many thought he had been ripped off.

In his outstanding eulogy his son Louis described his father as a man of the hand, mouth and heart. A man with ringa raupo (calloused hands) who was a very hard worker. His work life included being a Tauranga Port wharfie for many years, a taxi operator and the caretaker at Ngongotaha Primary School. He was also a man of his word and his korero was either black or white, not grey. You always knew where you stood with him.

Heart, well he was always doing something for someone out of the goodness of his heart. He loved his whanau and was always supporting them in their sports and life journeys. Louis’ words were the echo of many others during the previous days who had spoken of an amazing man who will be dearly missed.

If we reflect on the words and actions of Stubby Walter Bidois I know that there will be words he spoke or ‘signs’ he made for many of us out of the goodness of his heart.

They say that our tupuna go ahead of us to prepare the way in the afterlife where they one day welcome us. I look forward to that time when I meet uncle Stubby again (but hopefully not for many years yet) and he once again says those words to me and many of us. “Well come and have a look at this, I want to show you something - you have got to see this...

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Your Choice

2016 Election Review

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2 appointed council elected members

Communities of interest

Key factors to be looked at:

- A sense of community and belonging
- Similar demographic, socio-economic and or ethnic characteristics
- Similarity in economic activity
- Dependence on shared facilities in an area
- Physical and typographical features
- The history of the area
- The rohe or takiwa of local iwi
- Transport and communication links

What is Your Choice 2016 Election Review?

It is the Council’s undertaking to review its representation arrangements. This needs to be done at least once every six years including community boards.

In simple terms the following needs to be considered:

- How many elected members
- Elected from across the whole district or split into wards
- The ward boundaries (if wards)
- The number of elected members per ward
- Introduction of Community Boards

Numbers of elected members

You can have input into the number of electoral members that may form the next Council.

Between 6-30 members can represent a district – this includes the mayor.

Consider how many elected members are required to lead the Rotorua district and represent the needs of the people of Rotorua.

Wards or At large

The district could be divided into wards if this provides a more effective and fairer way for residents to obtain access to elected members to have their views heard.

Wards could be geographical, i.e. like suburbs, neighbourhoods etc. or established to give “communities of interest” the ability to be represented around the table.

Community Boards

A Community board can be established to provide a ‘community’ with representation that may not be fair and appropriate through the ‘at large’ model. The review will look at whether there is a need for community boards.

If it is decided that one or more community boards need to be established (or retained) what is:

- The nature of the community; and
- The structure of the community board

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Overview of process

Your Choice 2016 Election Review



Map showing the Rotorua district outline

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200g butter 1 cup caster sugar
grated rind and juice of 3 lemons 4 eggs

Melt the butter in a saucepan over a medium-high heat. Whisk the sugar, lemon rind and juice and eggs into the butter until well combined. Whisk continuously while the curd thickens and comes to the boil. Remove from the heat just as it is about to boil vigorously, and cool. When cold, store the curd covered in the fridge. It will thicken considerably in the fridge and will keep for 2-3 weeks.

Presently, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore every day, I go down on the street and tell the passer by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before, and what I will do after, I give them pictures of my wife, my daughter, my dog and me gardening and spending time in my pool.

I also listen to their conversations and I tell them I love them.

And it works : I already have 3 persons following me; 2 police officers and a psychiatrist !!



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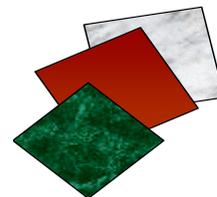
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Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb"

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska.

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28 percent.

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38 percent.

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades - King David Hearts - Charlemagne Clubs - Alexander, the Great Diamonds - Julius Caesar

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If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

The Explanation

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe. Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so, too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full. Researchers say this slowing down process is not the same as cognitive decline. The human brain works slower in old age, said Dr. Michael Ramscar, but only because we have stored more information over time. The brains of older people do not get weak. On the contrary, they simply know more. Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem, it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!!

Giant chocolate cake

2 cups of sugar (use stevia instead of sugar if you like)
4 eggs
1 cup of plain sweetened yoghurt
3/4 cup of cocoa
200gm soft(can be melted) butter
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 1/2 teaspoons of vanilla essence
3 cups of self raising flour (for gluten free option try Edmonds
gluten free self raising flour)
1 cup of strong black coffee (2 tsp in a cup of boiling water)

Put all ingredients into a big bowl in the order given and beat for 1-2 minutes

Pour into a large cake tin (roasting dish) and bake (not fan forced) for 1 hour on 160° C (stick a knife in it to test if it's ready, if it comes out clean it's cooked, if not leave it a little longer)

Ice with chocolate butter icing.

200gm soft butter
4 cups icing sugar
1 tsp vanilla essence
4 tblsp hot water
1/2 cup of cocoa
Beat all ingredients together

An older couple were lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep but the wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk. She said: "You used to hold my hand when we were courting. " Wearily he reached across, held her hand for a second and tried to get back to sleep. A few moments later she said: "Then you used to kiss me." Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled down to sleep. Thirty seconds later she said: "Then you used to bite my Neck." Angrily, he threw back the bed clothes and got out of bed. "Where are you going?" she asked. "To get my teeth!"

80-year old Bessie bursts into the rec room at the retirement home. She holds her clenched fist in the air and announces, "Anyone who can guess what's in my hand can have their wicked way with me tonight!" An elderly gentleman in the rear shouts out, "An elephant?" Bessie thinks a minute and says, "Close enough."

As a senior citizen was driving down the motorway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, " Vernon , I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on M25. Please be careful!" "Hell," said Vernon , "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

It was a practical experiment in a college psychology class. The professor brought out a large cage with a male rat in it. The rat was positioned in the middle of the cage. The professor put a piece of cake on one side and added a female rat on the other side. The male rat ran towards the cake and ate it. Then, the professor changed the cake and put in some cheese. The male rat ran towards the cheese. This experiment went on with the professor changing the food and, every time, the male rat ran towards the food item and never towards the female rat. The professor said: "This experiment shows that food is the most important attraction for males."

Then, one of the students from the back row said, "Sir, why don't you change the female rat? She might be his wife."



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The character value for the term is Responsibility. Our definition is the willingness to be answerable, to be trustworthy and accountable for your own conduct and behaviour. This means being trustworthy.

Key Competency: Friendly

A Kaharoa Kid is friendly. They can relate to a diverse range of people in a variety of contexts.

Cross Country

The Central BoP Cross Country was held at Kaharoa School on Tuesday 9th June. Hundreds of children from all over Rotorua competed in this event. The course ranged from 1.5km for Year 4s, to 3km for Year 8s. The challenging courses went through paddocks, up hills and through bush. This was a wonderful event and well supported by whanau.

Those runners who achieved places on this day will have the opportunity to compete in the BOP Cross Country on June 23rd. For Year 4-6 the first ten place getters qualify and for Year 7-8 the first 4 place getters qualify.

The junior school (Year 0-3 children) ran in the afternoon against each other.

Thank you to all who helped on the day: the PTA on the barbecue; the parents and families supporting the runners; the teachers; the marshals and particularly the team from Sport BoP.

Australian Competitions

Writing will take place on 15 June and Spelling on 16 June.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

A parent meeting will be held at Kaharoa run by the School Community Officer, Senior Constable Robert Tier. He will discuss the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme which will take place in term 3. All parents are encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to familiarise yourself with the programme and ask any questions you may have.

When: Tuesday 23 June Time: 4.30pm-5.30pm

Where: Kokako Centre

Administration Block

Work continues on the repair and upgrade of the administration block. Working in a smaller (cosy) temporary space is always a challenge and we appreciate the patience of all, while the repairs are in progress. At this stage we expect to move in to the upgraded building early in term 3.

Newsteam

A group of students are training for the Newsteam competition with Mrs Shoebridge and Miss Way. This event tests children's abilities to work as a team finding information from newspapers. The competition against other schools will take place on 24th June.

Electives

Term 2 Electives are drawing to a close with the last session on June 19th. The activities offered this term have been outstanding and the students are very lucky to have such fabulous opportunities. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who offered their time and passions, to share with the children, and to the staff for their input. We look forward to the great selection offered in Term 3.

Visiting Shows and Artists

This term we have been fortunate to have had several shows for the children to enjoy.

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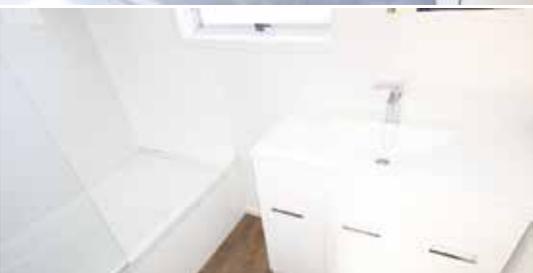
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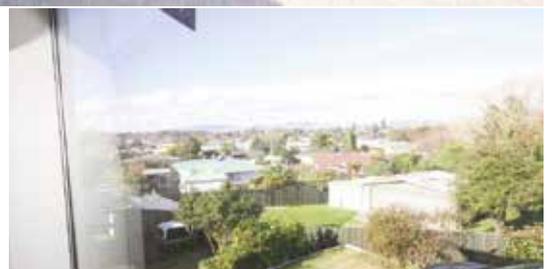
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Kaharoa School contd.....

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Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award

The Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award presentation will take place in the Kokako Centre on Friday June 26th at 9.00am. Whanau are welcome to celebrate with us on this exciting occasion.

Colds and Flus

A reminder that as the cold weather sets in, encourage children to regularly wash their hands in order to avoid catching and passing on nasty winter bugs. We appreciate parents supporting us in this message.

The Kaharoa Team

I've sure gotten old!

I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92.

Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not using it in a fruit salad.

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement. - Mark Twain

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. - George Burns

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. - Victor Borge

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. - Groucho Marx

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe. - Jimmy Durante

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. - Zsa Zsa Gabor

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat. - Alex Levine

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying. - Rodney Dangerfield

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. - Bob Hope

I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it. - W. C. Fields

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