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JOE TAUWI MEMORIAL NGONGOTAHA DOMAIN

I along with many other "older" members attended the Memorial day held in Joe's honour about a fortnight ago at the Ngongotaha Rugby Club. This is an annual event held when Ngongotaha play Katikati. Fortunately Ngongotaha came out the victors and retained the **"Joe Tauwi Memorial Trophy"**, it was also great to see Jared, Joe's son receive the trophy on behalf of the team.

Joey was a stalwart of the Ngongotaha Club, gaining higher honours in BOP then making Gordon Tietjen coached 7's team.

Joey died in 2001 aged 34 of Cancer.

Joe lay at the Parawai Marae for a couple of nights, then it was Joe's wish to be buried at his Mother's family Urupa at Tutaetaka Island so he returned to the Terereatukahia Marae.

I remember trudging through mudflats at about 8am to the island while the tide was out, climbing to the top of the Island for Joe's burial, what a beautiful view he has.

Joe is survived by his two sons Douglas and Jared.

Jared is currently playing for Ngongotaha and would you believe he is also a half back.





**Some Old photos supplied by
Katherine Anderson, daughter of
Hans Anderson - recognise any of the
buildings or people??????**



An elderly, white-haired man walked into a jewellery store one Friday evening with a beautiful young blonde at his side. He told the jeweller he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend. The jeweller looked through his stock and brought out a £5,000 ring. The old man said, "No, I'd like to see something more special." At that statement, the jeweller went to his special stock and brought another ring over: "Here's a stunning ring at only £40,000," he said.

The young lady's eyes sparkled and her whole body trembled with excitement. The old man seeing this said, "We'll take it." The jeweller asked how payment would be made and the old man stated, "By cheque. I know you need to make sure my cheque clears so I'll write it now, and you can call the bank on Monday morning to verify the funds and I'll pick the ring up on Monday afternoon," he said.. On Monday morning, the jeweller 'phoned the old man and said "Sir, there's no money in that account."

"I know," said the old man, "but let me tell you about my weekend!"

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Robin Campbell, Eddie Dibley, Cheryl Wiggins, Colin Hanson, Murray Harris, Jan Drabble, Helen White, John Rayner

NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

The big event for this issue was our teams winning the Charlie Jones Memorial Trophy at Westbrook. Congratulations to all the players. Clubs in Rotorua entered two teams, our teams were John Rayner, Colin Hanson, Cheryl Wiggins, Jan Drabble, Eddie Dibley, Robin Campbell, Murray Harris and Helen White. Every player played their part whether it was fours, pairs or singles.

We won with 37pts, Owata was second with 34.

Our Trophy night was won by Murray Harris and Delwyn Hughes, Championship Triples won by Richard Mills, Delwyn ?, and John Rayner, 2nd Robin Campbell, Cheryl Wiggins and Pam Rayner.

We play every monday night at 7.30, and Social Bowls every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 10.30am. For more information ring Cheryl 3488118 or Kevin 3574766

Locals will play an important role in the new CARE Village

Volunteers will be at the heart of The CARE Village supporting people with dementia to go about their lives as they did before they had dementia.

Whare Aroha CARE's village has been designed to function like a small-scale town where even people who require secure care live in a regular household and can move around the village as they please.

"If someone wants to make themselves lunch or a cup of tea, they can, there is a fully equipped kitchen in every home. Equally, if they would like to go and watch a rugby game with a friend who lives down the street, they can do that too," explains Whare Aroha CARE Chief Executive, Thérèse Jeffs.

To make this level of independence possible, Whare Aroha CARE will call on as many as 80 volunteers when the village is fully operational.

Initially, volunteers are required to help move residents from their current home on Hinemaru Street to The CARE Village on Tau Street Ngongotaha, between 30 August and 15 September.

If you can provide man-power, a truck or just time to sit with residents in their new home while they settle in please contact Lee Meijer at Whare Aroha CARE on 07 343 1572 or email lee.meijer@wharearoha.org.nz.

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A budget for Rotorua workers and families

Rotorua families are set to benefit from this year's budget with more money in their pockets, more police on the streets and more funding for schools and health.

The Government recently announced a raft of funding changes and new family friendly initiatives, the benefits of which will be wide-reaching in Rotorua. I know our region is full of hard working families, and these changes will see them keep more of the money they have earned.

The Budget centrepiece is a \$2 billion a year Family Incomes Package which will ensure Kiwi families directly share in the benefits of our strong and growing economy. This means you will get to keep more of your hard earned money. It builds on measures already delivered for families such as free GP visits for under 13s, the first real benefit increases in 40 years, and record investment in health and education.

Our Family Incomes Package will raise the incomes of 1.3 million families by an average of \$26 a week. It is also expected to lift 20,000 families above the threshold for severe housing stress, and reduce the number of children living in families receiving less than half the median income by around 50,000.

The package has three key elements to help hard working New Zealanders get ahead – adjusting income tax thresholds, while also increasing Working for Families, and providing additional support for people on low incomes with high accommodation costs. The strong wage growth we've seen over the last nine years is a

fantastic achievement, but it also means people are facing a higher marginal tax rates.

Under Budget 2017, a Rotorua family earning \$45,000 with 3 children will be \$62.99 better off each week.

Budget 2017 lifts the bottom two tax thresholds. The \$14,000 income tax threshold goes up to \$22,000, and the \$48,000 tax threshold to \$52,000. This means someone working full-time on the minimum wage will receive \$11 a week more as a result of these changes. Anyone earning over \$52,000 will receive an extra \$20 a week in their pocket.

We're also increasing Working for Families by raising the Family Tax Credit payment for each child under 16 by between \$9 and \$27 a week. This change will benefit a huge number of Rotorua families.

And we're increasing support for New Zealanders on low incomes who have high accommodation costs. The maximum accommodation supplement for a two-person household increases by between \$25 and \$75 a week, while the maximum for larger households increases by up to \$80 a week.

Around 750,000 superannuitants and 41,000 students will also benefit from the package. The couple rate for superannuitants will increase by \$13 a week on 1 April next year in addition to the normal adjustments.

Budget 2017 is about delivering for New Zealanders – this is the whole point of having a strong and growing economy. This Family Incomes Package is the first step in allowing Kiwi families to spend more of their own money, so they can make the decisions that are best for them. You can find out more about how Budget 2017 benefits you via this handy online calculator <https://budget.govt.nz/budget/2017/family-incomes-calculator/>.

Low hanging fruit

As we move into another winter season I was reflecting on the past summer season which saw an abundance of fruit on our fruit trees. Our apple trees, pear trees and grapefruit tree were bending under the strain of the weight of the fruit. In fact I had to place poles strategically under the pear tree to stop branches from breaking. We gave a lot of fruit away this past summer.



I was walking through the fruit trees one beautiful summer day when I noticed lots of low hanging fruit and remembered a business principle from when I first started my businesses over 11 years ago. That principle being to focus on the low hanging fruit.

Low hanging fruit on a fruit tree is easy to pick. You don't have to get on tip toes to reach it and you definitely do not require a ladder. The fruit is right in front of you and waiting to be picked with very little effort required. Low hanging fruit is easy pickings.

In business the principle means to focus on areas that are easier to receive fruit or business from in a profitable manner. For example a petrol station may experience low hanging fruit and lots of customers because of their location where the traffic flow is very high and their entrance is safer and easier to access than the petrol station down the road, with a poor unsafe entrance and low traffic flows. You could even say the first petrol station had made themselves low hanging fruit by making their entrance safer and easier for their customers to use.

Ngongotaha, Awahou, Hamurana and Kaharoa have many 'low hanging fruits' for people to enjoy. They range from the excellent entry to Hamurana Springs which offers golf and walking at excellent prices through to awesome swimming holes. The parking at Ngongotaha is always plentiful and easy to use, as is the entrance to the Ngongotaha petrol station. The friendly nature of the people in places such as the Essence Café, the bakeries, shops and pubs make returning to those places an enjoyable experience.

Finding those special fishing spots may not be low hanging fruit but they are certainly worth the effort of metaphorically getting on your tip toes or getting out the ladder by getting to know the local anglers to get some tips.

I would like to think that we made the most of our low hanging fruit from our trees over the last summer. However there was a bit of fruit that we did not get to eat or give away before the birds got it and the opportunity was lost. There were also days that I could have gone fishing or for a swim, a game of golf or a walk out at Awahou, Hamurana, Kaharoa or Ngongotaha but I did not.

However the thing about places like Hamurana, Awahou, Ngongotaha and Kaharoa is that we can always look forward to enjoying whatever low hanging fruit next summer offers here in the centre of the universe. Roll on the next summer!

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Noah's ark in 2017

In the year 2017, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in the United States, and said, 'Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save 2 of every living thing along with a few good humans.'

He gave Noah the blueprints, saying, 'You have 6 months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights.'

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard – but no Ark.

'Noah!' He roared, 'I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?'

'Forgive me, Lord,' begged Noah, 'but things have changed. I needed a building permit. I've been arguing with the inspector about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbors claim that I've violated the neighborhood zoning laws by building the Ark in my yard and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the Development Appeal Board for a decision.

Then the Department of Transportation demanded a bond be posted for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it.

Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls – but no go!

When I started gathering the animals, an animal rights group sued me. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodation was too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space.

Then the EPA ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood.

I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building crew.

Immigration and Naturalization is checking the green-card status of most of the people who want to work.

The trades unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union workers with Ark-building experience.

To make matters worse, the IRS seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species.

So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark.'

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder and asked, 'You mean you're not going to destroy the world?'

'No,' said the Lord. 'The government beat me to it

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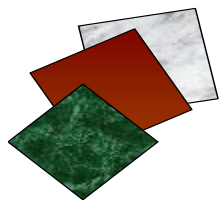
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Ten years later, at 50 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed that they should meet at the Beaujolais Bistro because the food there is very good and the wine selection is excellent.

Ten years later at 60 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed that they should meet at the Beaujolais Bistro because they can eat there in peace and quiet and the restaurant is smoke-free.

Ten years later, at 70 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed that they should meet at the Beaujolais Bistro because the restaurant is wheelchair accessible and they even have an elevator.

Ten years later, at 80 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed that they should meet at the Beaujolais Bistro because everyone's heard it's good and they've never been there before.

A fellow's wife went missing. He and his wife had had a big and very public fight, so he was duly accused of murdering her and disposing of the body.

When witness after witness came to the stand testifying to all sorts of the horrible threats he had made against his wife, things were looking quite grim for the accused.

Then the man's lawyer got up. "Ladies and gentleman of the jury I have something quite exciting to tell you, if you would all please direct your attention towards the door behind me on my left you will see the supposedly dead women walk in on her own two feet."

There was a loud murmuring in the courtroom as all eyes turned towards the door.

"Ladies and gentlemen," said the lawyer after a few seconds of anxious waiting, "to be honest with you, nobody is going to be walking through the door; however from the fact that your eyes all turned towards the door; it is quite obvious that you are not sure beyond the shadow of a doubt about my client's guilt."

At the end of the trial, to the lawyer's great surprise, the jury decided that the man was guilty.

"But how could you say that he is guilty? Didn't I prove it to you?" questioned the lawyer.

"It is true that we all turned towards the door," one lady on the jury explained, "but there was person who didn't."

"Who was that?" questioned the indignant lawyer.

"Your client," came the reply.

A doctor saw the advertisement and decided to try and earn a little extra money. He went in and said, "hello, I've lost my sense of taste." The man said, "Nurse, bring packet 22 with the syrup and give it to the patient." The doctor took a sip and said, "eeuw, this is petrol." "Congratulations," came the reply. "You have regained your sense of taste. That'll be \$500 please."

The doctor was angry, but he soon returned. "hello, I've lost my memory." The man said, "Nurse, bring packet 22 with the syrup and give it to the patient." "But that's petrol," objected the doctor. "Congratulations. You have regained your memory. That'll be \$500 please."

After a couple of days, the doctor decided to go and try to get his own back. "Hello, I've gone blind."

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Out and about with Cr Sturt Law and order

Why on earth do these "do gooders" in government change a winning formula when it comes to law and order? Why have all the community policing stations been virtually closed in Rotorua for the past 3 years? When Ngongotaha had a community police station volunteers manned it everyday and the policeman domiciled in our village knew all retailers worked with the schools at Mamaku Ngongotaha Kaharoa etc and while he covered a huge area he was ours and members of the public could pop in and inform the local volunteers of the happenings in and around the village. He or she would be seen and kids interacted with the police in a real positive way. Recent incidents of shops being robbed in broad daylight with workers scared to go to work is indicative of what our community is having to put up with.

Rubbish

Same as the scum who repeatedly dump rubbish at Waiteti, Jackson, South, Dansey, Oturoa and Pukehangi roads, MtNgongotaha, Paradise valley, Whakarewarewa forest etc. we will find you eventually I love a challenge and now with the CCTV high powered camera at the Ngongotaha roundabout police have a new tool to track the dumpers as if your heading with a trailer north to dump you will be noticed. Thank you Rotorua police. I understand cameras are in position at two hot spots and you will be caught. All the items dumped recently at the Waiteti bridge were recyclable so just

shows you how lazy this scum is. It's not about tip fees as that's now user pay. Use the bin and if you have heaps ask your neighbours if there is room in their bin. We tracked down the originator of the scum who dumped their rubbish in Oturoa rd as a tenant from Clouston Crescent in the Fenton park area who left for Oz so we couldn't prosecute. Australia won't put up with your filthy habits either.

Fundraising

Recently I returned from the Auctioneer Academy course in Auckland and now I can auction real estate which enables "auctionable" properties to reach a premium providing there is more than one buyer. Any sales agent worth their salt ensures buyers are prepared and when the property sells at auction is unconditional and it's sold there and then with settlement usually two weeks after the auction. A deposit is payable at the fall of the hammer. I have been doing the rounds at charity auctions which gives me heaps of practice and have recently done them for Child cancer, St Michaels rfc JAB, St Faiths church restoration committee, the Chaplaincy at Rotorua hospital, NZ Labour Party and I love creating a fun theatre type atmosphere where people are happy to part with their money for a worthy cause. So while I don't take all the credit I've been involved in auctions that have raised nearly \$100,000 so far. I volunteer if you want an auctioneer or quiz master and I'm available give me a call.

Rugby memories

Joe Tauwi was remembered by many of his former playing mates managers coaches presidents, committee members, club members at the recent Memorial game versus Katikati. Katikati where Joe's whanau is from and he is buried on an island in the harbour with his tupuna. It was great to see Melissa, Joe's wife present and her son Jared who plays for Ngongotaha senior team and their other son Douglas couldn't attend and he lives in Chch.

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Great to see All Blacks hooker Hika Reid, 1st 5/8 John Brake and 7s All Black Ross Martin turn out and every family associated with Ngongotaha was present in the club rooms afterwards. While the game was a whitewash for Ngongotaha it was great to see both sides of the Ngongotaha domain lined with spectators. Known by his nickname Kutu, Joe was a special player with the X factor which was recognised very early on. His partner in crime on and off the field was none other than Kopae Irihei, who from under 7s right through WHHS to BOP in touch or rugby were a lethal force together. Joe died at such a young age but to see his son Jared on the field was great as many of the mannerisms JOE had can been seen in Jared. A great day seeing all the players supporters united in supporting this event. Can I say to Seniors coach Jodi Wharekura and president Ron Staunton the culture your creating with these young men will bear fruit and to all you the players of 2017 stick together you have the makings of taking Ngongotaha back to the top.

Politically thinking


Have you tipped I sure as have to an individual not the food outlet or restaurant owner but to the individual or concierge. It's not part of NZs culture to do so but extra ordinary service I have rewarded. To suggest that this become the norm and use it as an excuse to pay the bare minimum and low paid workers being encouraged to seek tips, for me, tips things in the wrong direction, sorry for the pun. Paula Bennett should be encouraging tourist operators and the industry to pay people what they are worth.

Auckland

No wonder people want to leave and head to the provinces. Driving is a nightmare and the use of indicators is rare. I went for a walk down Queens st on a Tuesday evening and couldn't believe that we have a new class of people in New Zealand that seems to be prevalent up there. They can have it, the number of people begging on the streets, drug alcohol and mental health issues is all too evident and there are hundreds of them sleeping rough. As you would expect I spoke to a European couple who were recently evicted out of the house they had lived in for 10 years as they couldn't afford \$550pw for a 2 bedroom cottage that they were paying \$400 pw. I was disgusted that it's obvious greed has taken over people social interests. They said a university student from offshore was prepared to pay it. So they had a massive garage sale sold off all thier goods and now sleep on the streets. Ok you may say oh well that's their choice and in some cases I'm sure it is but is this what you want your country to become. The latest trick is store owners turn on sprinklers so they don't sleep and urinate in the shop alcoves. So one park was full and the cemetery in Simonds street had heaps of people in there also. So what does one do. In Rotorua we have a great organisation called love soup who have helped over 50 families into housing. Surely that isn't their job. People sleeping in cars, vans, garages in the middle of winter is disgusting. I heard the other day this government is paying motels over 100k a day as there is no state housing available. So why have they sold them off to foreign investors. Logic out the window.

John Chadwick


The final farewell for John Chadwick husband of our Mayor Steve Chadwick at Ohinemutu was memorable for many aspects. Denise and I were guests along with Steve and John, Trevor maxwell, Dave Donaldson, Karen and Greg hunt at Te Ohomai school of catering to assess year 2-3 students and enjoyed a three course dinner of the highest quality the evening before "Chad," as he was also known as, passed away. He was in fine form with his Hawaiian shirt, sandals, big coat and hat which made him unique. We at council called him affectionately as the "night mayor" as we couldn't call him the mayoress, Her worship etc. he loved it but didn't stand in line for recognition tradition or protocols. The eulogy from Judge Louis Bidios a former legal partner was poignant and took us on a journey which Louis had us in fits of laughter and the other extreme of recognising a unique leader of his people, establishing a Maori legal dynasty that will live on in the staff he had who made being appointed as judges. At the Jakarta I sat with a judge who does the Cook island curcuit and being non Maori had sought guidance from Chad and he was forthcoming many a time with advice you couldn't ignore she said. The 1500 people who sat, stood and listened to Stewart Edward, Louis bidios and son Rama Chadwick talk of his exploits was memorable. To our mayor leader and visionary Steve Chadwick and family the love respect and support from all walks of life in our community was evident and the Te Arawa farewell to their adopted son was wonderful. RIP our nightmare our dry witted much loved legal practioner, confidante, adviser and supporter of your Rotorua and its people.






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Kaharoa School

The character value for the term is Responsibility Whakapono – Willingness to be answerable, to be ‘trustworthy and accountable, for your own conduct and behaviour.’ This means being trustworthy.

Our Key Competency is Friendly. Friendly - A Kaharoa Learner is friendly. They can relate to a diverse range of people in a variety of contexts. To achieve this a Kaharoa Learner is inclusive; a team player who listens, is open to different points of view and is willing to negotiate and share ideas. They show empathy and are polite. They are aware of how their words and actions affect others and interact appropriately. They know when to compete and when to co-operate; how to respond when winning or losing.

Parent Teacher Interviews

We had a fantastic turnout to our parent teacher interviews this year with 96% of our parents meeting with their children’s teachers. These interviews are a great opportunity to celebrate children’s learning and discuss next steps. Thank you to all parents who supported their children’s learning in this way.

Maori

Under the guidance of Jeanne Gilbert, teachers and students are learning their Pepeha and extending their vocabulary in Te Reo Maori. It is exciting to see many of the children sharing their Pepeha with their classmates and also in assemblies.

School Gardens

Some classes and also the Life Skills group have planted and are nurturing their winter gardens. With the added challenge of our resident rabbit population, children have learned to use recycled plastic bottles to protect their plants. We look forward to harvesting crops next term, including kohlrabi, beetroot, winter lettuce, parsley, celery, spinach, cauliflower and silver beet.

Electives

Our Electives programme will recommence in this week. Unfortunately, the building project isn’t complete, so those rooms will not be able to be used. However, with some changes of rooms, we will start on Friday 2 June. What an amazing selection of Electives we have this term. They are: Stop motion movies; Technology Challenges; MaKey Makey; Knuckle bones; Airplane model making; Ukulele; Folded book art; Cooking; Knitting and crochet; Pottery; Wild walks; Cake decorating; and Animal care. Electives will be held each Friday afternoon in June. We are very grateful to the parents and teachers who are taking a group of children and sharing their passion.

Cross Country

Training for the upcoming Cross Country has commenced. The children are encouraged to wear clothing suitable for this activity, as they prepare for the School and Rural Schools’ Cross Country to be held at Kaharoa on Tuesday 20 June. At this event, children who qualify will be selected to go forward to the Central Bay of Plenty Cross Country. The CBoP event will be held at Kaharoa School on Tuesday 27 June.

Life Education

Harold and Bernie from the Life Education Trust will be at Kaharoa later in the term, presenting a variety of Health Education programmes to the children. They will be here from 26th June to 3rd July.

Science Evening

On 31 May, we held our Inaugural Science Expo to share and celebrate science learning. Stations were set up in each room and the children were the teachers, as parents moved to different stations in different classrooms. Thank you to all the parents who supported their children in this initiative and to all the children who were the teachers. Well done! **The Kaharoa Team**

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KAHAROA SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their sons and daughters at Kaharoa School for Term 3 2017.

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

The enrolment period runs from 8 July 2017 - 29 September 2017.

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 23 June 2017.

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 email 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 26 June 2017.

Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.

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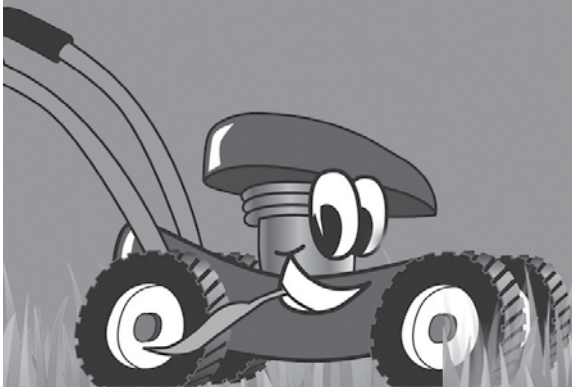
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"Kua hinga te totara I te wao nui a tane" John Te Manihera Chadwick

I wish to pay my respects to Steve and the Chadwick whanau at the loss of a dearly loved husband, father, uncle, brother and grandfather, John.

Kei konā te aroha me te whakaaro ki a koe Steve me tō whanau. My weeks have been busy as our team prepared for the reading of the Budget in the House last week. A "can't even catch up budget" that was very disappointing due to the fact that we have had nearly 9 years of cut and frozen services to our country and its communities. Many people are struggling across NZ and especially in the regions and the budget, although providing some light relief next year, will not fix the problem that the National party themselves created; the deprivation that many families are having to deal with at the moment. The deficiency in health budgets, mental health services, corrections, policing, housing the list goes on. The needs of people have been ignored for far too long. NZ First has a plan, I am proud to be a part of that plan.

Also on my radar recently has been an exciting commitment I made about two years ago to support Rotorua Artists and showcasing Rotorua in our country's capital. Along with my team we have invited Rotorua Artists to provide an art piece that depicts "Te Wairua o Rotorua" and I am very proud to say that on Wednesday I am hosting an Exhibition opening at the Parliamentary Gallery of 30 Art pieces that will go on display over the month of June celebrating the spirit of Rotorua and Matariki. Rotorua Artists have forwarded their magnificent individual expressions in many different mediums to be on show and also for sale. Following the exhibition there will be an Auction in Wellington of these art pieces, supporting the Rotorua Artists. The evening promises to be a fun night on the eve of the All Blacks Vs the British Lions match.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Museum Curator Stewart Brown and staff who have assisted the Artists who now have this wonderful opportunity in Wellington to further expose their works to the rest of the world.

Fletcher Tabuteau

Yesterday my daughter e-mailed me again, asking why I didn't do something useful with my time. "Like me sitting around the pool and drinking wine is not a good thing," I asked.

My "doing-something-useful" seems to be her favourite topic of conversation. She was "only thinking of me," she said and suggested that I go down to the Senior Center and join something. I did this and when I got home last night, I decided to play a prank on her.

I e-mailed her and told her that I had joined a Parachute Club. She replied, "Mother, are you nuts? You are 78 years old and now you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?"

I told her that I even got a Membership Card and e-mailed a copy to her.

She immediately telephoned me and yelled, "Good grief, Mom, where are your glasses? This is a Membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club."

I calmly replied, "Oh my, I think I'm in real trouble then, because I signed up for five jumps a week!!"

The line went quiet and her friend picked up the phone and said that my daughter had fainted.

Life as a Senior Citizen is not getting any easier, but sometimes it can be real fun.

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trimmers cycling to trim the sails on a boat so detached from the water takes some getting use to. Team NZ are in with a chance with young Olympic gold medalist Burling taking on the world and seeing off so many other New Zealanders on other boats, it's not funny.

Racing

The volume of horses Te Akau buys at all the yearling sales annually sees many potential owners clamoring to be part of the action of a share in their horses. With recent success with GINGERNUTS, MELODY BELLE, SPLURGE AND MANY OTHERS, along with the services of NZ's no 1 jockey in Opie Bosson and trainers Jamie Richards and Steven Autridge and former champion trainer Mark Walker in Singapore David Ellis has created a winning formula. Other trainers I think are going up and up are Tony Pike, Forsman/Baker and Donna Logan. Each have the horses to choose from and owners who are loyal. In Australia the NZ flag flies high with the like of Chris Waller - jockeys like Dee, Collett, Walker, etc etc also winning weekly. Great to see the jumping season on our doorstep and I love going to Te Rapa as the track is always useable, viewing is uninterrupted especially for the steeplechases and hurdles races and the facilities for members are excellent.

Local sport

The Ngongotaha senior rugby team is loaded with talent and recently I went to Opotiki to watch them play and the trip was well worth it. I must say this young team with a 17 year old and many only 19 or 20 have a huge future and providing they keep together and rally around a top coach and management the future looks bright. Two players who impressed me were a lock Buckley and no 8 Kas Hohneck. Also the front five toiled away and nearly ran out of steam in the last 10 minutes. Ngongotaha won and all credit to Opotiki who fought back to go down 27-21 on a fantastic field protected from the win. Great bop hospitality here.

Ngongotaha netball

They are holding a reunion soon so contact Lane Wade for details asap as 30 years ago it was established and over the years success through many coaches comes to mind including Ruth Rika, Rose Morrison and Aroha Taipeti to name a few. Kurungaituku success has also been a feature in those 30 years.

SPORTS TALK

Rugby

With the 2017 Lions due to take on the All Blacks in a three test match series it's interesting to hear England coach Eddie Jones commenting that the Lions will struggle in NZ due to the pressure the Lions players will have to endure from the All Blacks.

Well after watching several of the replays of the three match series from 2005 he is correct as that team also crumbled under the pressure of playing NZ here at home. I have to say while Dan Carter was the player of the series looking at his play one can easily "underplay" the impact of half back Byron Kelleher on the time Carter had to make decisions because of an effective long pass and Kelleher's ability to assess the play ahead of it happening, having the pace to get to the breakdown and having players like McCaw, Jack and Collins in that series in front rabbiting for loose play and delivering quality ball. Come to think of it Kelleher was followed by an equally excellent halfback in Justin Marshall who while criticised at times for slowing the play down had the same attributes that Kelleher had and Carter fed off those skills to control play with his deft kicks, excellent speed and his ability to accelerate with 5-10 meters of space in front of him to use to either run, kick or pass to his outside backs. These two quality half backs gave Carter the time to be effective. Umanga was also a great asset as he took no prisoners with his tackling, ability to create a gap for the wingers and his leadership contributed to an excellent series win.

Yachting

If the new format for the American Cup doesn't excite you when NZ is sailing check your pulse as a jeweller use to advertise, you might be dead. The speed of those amazing machines reaching 40 odd knots is exciting and seeing four

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Ngongotaha School

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Winter is certainly upon us now with a number of very chilly days recently Trees are shedding their leaves and frost is about. This is also the season when we have more sickness in school. If your child is unwell please keep them home where they can recover ready for their learning. Attendance is important but not at the expense of your child's health. We encourage children to dress for the weather. Dress warm in the morning ready for the day, invest in a rain coat and/or umbrella for those wet days and keep safe when walking on slippery surfaces.

This term we have a continued focus on the nature of science and how this impacts our curriculum. All classes are carrying out a range of science experiences to develop inquiry along with the language and vocabulary of science. We are extremely fortunate to have access to science kits through a Ngati Whakaue initiative with The House of Science. There are many kits to choose from and they come to school complete with everything you may need to work through a particular concept. The staff and children are enjoying these resources and the science interaction that they are developing in our programmes.

The Life Education Classroom was with us for the first two weeks of the term and the programmes were really well received. This is a most valuable resource for schools and the enthusiasm of the teacher, Bernie, certainly enhances what the children get from the lessons. We look forward to welcoming Harold and the classroom back in 2019.

We have held our school cross country which was well attended by families as their children/ grandchildren took part. The children have been training as part of their Physed programme and it was great to see all giving it a go. The children who do not particularly enjoy this activity can be very proud of their achievement along with those who thrive on this activity. I was most impressed with the comments of children as they cheered and encouraged runners from across the school. This is a reflection of the work the staff and community are doing in relation to our positive behaviour for learning. Thank you to all who participated and to those who came along to support the children. The children who are 8 years and older and who were in the first six will be attending the Central Cross Country which will be held on Tuesday 20th June.

Jump Jam season is upon us again. Whaea Ana has held auditions and has a squad who are in training. The squad meet at 8.00am, a number of mornings each week, to work on their routines. We have a proud history in this event having attended the National Jump Jam competition a number of times. The discipline, co-ordination, creativity and dedication to this event is a pleasure to see in the children. We look forward to the item they produce this year and wish them all the best with the regional selection process.

An aspect of our local curriculum is the integration of purakau, stories and history, related to our local area. A number of staff met with local identities, carried out research and have produced simple resources for the staff to use and develop in the classroom. These purakua cover "Ihenga me te Maunga Ngongotaha", "Parawai Marae", "Ngararanui", "Pekehaua" and "Waikuta". The children have been given the opportunity to develop their understanding of the local area and how it was developed. They have visited local marae, are learning waiata related to the area and are taking part in te reo development. contd.....

I applaud my staff for taking up this challenge, supporting each other, growing as learners themselves and for providing a rich curriculum for our students.

The Community of Learning, Te Maru o Ngongotaha, which we are part of continues to move forward and develop its collective approach to education for our children. This has been a process we have all engaged in as we get to know each of our communities, their strengths and areas for development. We look to develop and support each other as children move from early childhood through to high school and employment. Achievement in literacy and numeracy is a contributing aspect of this but we also have local areas for inclusion which we are working on. Cultural responsiveness, student well-being and a Maori medium pathway for students are part of our proposal under development. Our community of learning has approximately 3850 students, 64% of whom are Maori. The schools currently in the community of learning are Aorangi, Kaharoa, Kaitao, Kawaha Point, Kea Street, Mamaku, Ngongotaha, Rotorua Primary, Selwyn, Sunset, Western Heights Primary and Western Heights High School. We look forward to our continued work together and the further development and achievement of the students who make up Te Maru o Ngongotaha.

This year we continue to receive support from Duffy Books in Homes with Mainfreight as our school sponsor. We had our first Duffy assembly last term and the first distribution of books for students. Later this term we will also have a visit from the Duffy Theatre group who provide a live performance for the students. Books are such a valuable resource for children. Being immersed in an environment where reading is supported enables children to grow their imagination, their knowledge base, their research ability and their oral vocabulary. Reading to a child each day costs nothing and develops so much. If you want any support with this feel free to pop in and see any of our staff or our school librarian. We are extremely fortunate to have Mrs Le Lievre as our librarian and she is a wealth of knowledge in this area. She is more than happy to assist and support you and your child.

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Teacher: Ramu, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

Ramu: Me!

Teacher: What a pair of strange socks you are

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wearing, one is green and one is blue with red spots! Ramu: Yes it's really strange. I've got another pair of the same at home.

Teacher: Ramu, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did u copy his?

Ramu: No, teacher, it's the same dog!

Teacher: "George Washington not only chopped down his father's Cherry tree, but also admitted doing it. Now do you know why his father didn't punish him?"

Ramu: "Because George still had the axe in his hand."

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