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FLUORIDE FREE NGONGOTAHA

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photos**



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As NZ Police BOP District Commander Andy McGregor reminded over 100 Community Patrollers from around the BOP on Saturday 13th February, who converged on the Rydges Rotorua at one of the many CPNZ Road Shows being held around the country - "it's about partnerships". "A large amount of work carried out by our Community Patrols is intangible and helps to contribute to the achievements of the 4 Pillars of "Policing Excellent for the Future" on a local basis."

Our District Commander goes on to say that "CPNZ patrollers are Capable Guardians for NZ Police to utilise, the eyes and ears of our community."

Training forms an integral part of all Community Patrolling volunteers involvement, ensuring all situations like that of PeeJay 5 in Whakatane are handled well, also ensuring that all patrollers are not put at risk.

Your local Ngongotaha Community Patrol volunteers are equally capable of stepping in to assist in most situations that present themselves, as well as patrolling our community helping to make a difference, helping to keep our community safe and crime free. If you are interested in becoming a Community Patroller give Chairperson David a call on 357 4734 or check out our website: [www.cpnz.org.nz](http://www.cpnz.org.nz)

*A fellow was getting ready to tee off on the first hole when a second golfer approached and asked if he could join him. The first said that he usually played alone, but agreed to the two some. They were even after the first few holes. The second chap said, "We're about evenly matched, how about playing for five quid a hole?" The first chap said that he wasn't much for betting, but agreed to the terms. The second chap won the remaining sixteen holes with ease. As they were walking off number eighteen, the second chap was busy counting his £80.00.. He confessed that he was the pro at a neighbouring course and liked to pick on suckers. The first fellow revealed that he was the local vicar. The pro was flustered and apologetic, offering to return the money. The vicar said, "You won fair and square and I was foolish to bet with you. You keep your winnings." The pro said, "Is there anything I can do to make it up to you?" The vicar said, "Well, you could come to Church on Sunday and make a donation.....and if you want to bring your mother and father along, I'll marry them."*

*It was raining hard and a big puddle had formed in front of the little Irish pub. An old man stood beside the puddle holding a stick with a string on the end and jiggled it up and down in the water. A curious gentleman asked what he was doing. 'Fishing,' replied the old man. 'Poor old bugger' thought the gentleman, so he invited the old man to have a drink in the pub. Feeling he should start some conversation while they were sipping their whisky, the gentleman asked, 'And how many have you caught today?'*

*'You're the eighth.'*



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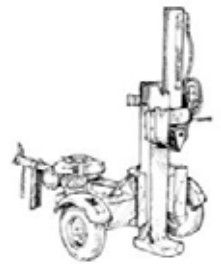
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### Mamaku

Rain through most of the summer period has ensured Mamaku farmers enjoy excellent quantities of grass to feed their stock. One less worry with which the farming community have had to deal. For let's make no mistake farming today is as full of opportunities and difficulties as it ever was. Most farmers' first considerations are two-fold; firstly, sufficient income to meet outgoing obligations and secondly, maintaining excellent animal health. In between there are literally hundreds of decisions to be made but in the end the weather and the bank manager may have the final say, irrespective of anything the farmer has done.

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We all look forward to an Indian Summer, i.e. one that arrives and stays. A cooler Autumn with gentle showers too would be most welcome. When one sees how brown some parts of NZ are, Mamaku's evergreen appearance is a reminder of the area's near drought-free capability (Note: - even Mamaku suffered in the billion plus dollar drought of three or four years ago.) To remain drought-free in an era when climate change is having a huge effect on much of the world, with brutal storms lashing coastal areas and massive droughts hitting inland, is a blessing for which farmers and townspeople alike should give thanks, frequently.

the time this column goes to print – we all have our favourite team Sleeping half-moon but the Chiefs, a team containing Rotorua players is likely to be our team of choice and if not the Chiefs then the wondrous Highlanders and spectacular Hurricanes are pretty good back-up options. Whatever – the mix this year should be interesting with an Argentine team of veritable Pumas; a Japanese side containing all the usual NZ suspects and then some. Sadly a couple of the Australian and South African teams lack players capable of sufficient quality to make the better teams sit-up and take notice. Overall the home and away local derbies stack-up as the more interesting contests, yet no-one who attended the Chiefs v. Bulls(?) game played at Rotorua's International Stadium last year would have left the ground disappointed. We paid only \$20 each to see some of the World's finest rugby players. Farming and Rugby - two aspects of NZ life, either of which might sum up how we define ourselves as a nation. And in both we are among the world's best

*An atheist was seated next to a little girl on an airplane and he turned to her and said, "Do you want to talk? Flights go quicker if you strike up a conversation with your fellow passenger." The little girl, who had just started to read her book, replied to the total stranger, "What would you want to talk about?" "Oh, I don't know," said the atheist. "How about why there is no God, or no Heaven or Hell, or no life after death?" as he smiled smugly. "Okay," she said. "Those could be interesting topics but let me ask you a question first. A horse, a cow, and a deer all eat the same stuff - grass. Yet a deer excretes little pellets, while a cow turns out a flat patty, but a horse produces clumps. Why do you suppose that is?"*

*The atheist, visibly surprised by the little girl's intelligence, thinks about it and says, "Hmmm, I have no idea." To which the little girl replies, "Do you really feel qualified to discuss God, Heaven and Hell, or life after death, when you don't know s\*&t?"*

*And then she went back to reading her book.*

### Australian Love Poem

Of course I love ya darlin  
You're a top-notch bird  
And when I say you're gorgeous  
I mean every single word

So your belly isn't flat no more  
I tell ya, I don't care  
So long as when I cuddle ya  
I can get my arms round there

No Sheila who is your age  
Has nice round perky breasts  
They just gave in to gravity  
But I know ya did ya best

I'm tellin' ya the truth now  
I never tell ya lies  
I think it's very sexy  
That you've got dimples on ya thighs

I swear on me nanna's grave now  
The moment that we met  
I thought you was as good as  
I was ever gonna get

No matter what u look like  
I'll always love ya dear  
Now shut up while the cricket's on  
And fetch another beer..

( Brings a lump to your throat  
doesn't it.. !! ))

Once all villagers decided to pray  
for rain, on the day of prayer all  
the people gathered, but only one  
boy came with an umbrella.  
That's FAITH

When you throw a baby in the air,  
she laughs because she knows you  
will catch her. That's TRUST

Every night we go to bed,  
without any assurance of being  
alive the next morning but still we  
set the alarms to wake up.  
That's HOPE

We plan big things for tomorrow  
in spite of zero knowledge of the  
future. That's CONFIDENCE

We see the world suffering,  
but still we get married and have  
children. That's LOVE

On an old man's shirt was written  
a sentence 'I am not 80 years old  
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I am sweet 16 with 64 years'  
experience.' That's ATTITUDE

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The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

Warner Communications paid 28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

A comet's tail always point away from the sun.

The Swine Flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent.

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.



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### NGONGOTAHA SCHOOL

Wow, what a busy start to the year. The teaching staff started the year a little early with a noho at Whakaue Kaipapa Marae in Maketu. We spent a couple of days brushing up on the history of Ngati Whakaue and setting targets for student achievement. Mrs Naera worked us so hard we didn't even have time to get pipis. The school year began with a powhiri to welcome all our new staff and students. We know they will really enjoy their time here at Ngongotaha School. This was followed up by picnic evening so families could meet each other and the staff.

We have had a couple of very exciting Friday assemblies. Room 8 lead the charge with their special guest act Kilted Colin. Colin is a professional juggler and comedian from America. He had the school roaring with laughter with his amazing tricks and quirky sense of humour. Room 15's assembly saw Sport Bay of Plenty visit to present the bike helmets won by our students. Out of the four prizes that were awarded in the annual bicycle helmet design completion three were won by students from our school. Congratulations Pania Paul, Blake Hunter and Kyra Goodson. The artwork created by these three was amazing. On behalf of the school I would like to extend a huge thank you to Henare Colbert for all the mahi he does on behalf of our school. Henare acts as our kaumatua and historian, we would be lost at times without his wealth of knowledge. We also have some fantastically talented parents and community members who volunteer in our school on regular basis, I'd like to single out Mavis McDonald who gives of her time every week to come in and help students with reading, writing, maths and baking. Lastly a shout out to Niki Nepia, jade carver extraordinaire, who designed the amazing murals our students have painted. Sadly, the beginning of the year has also been tainted with some bad news. Mrs Naera has taken some time off to be with her mother who is very ill. Our thoughts are with Cathryn and her mum and the whole Mahar whanau at this very difficult time, me te whakaaro nui atu.

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I grew up with practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminium foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen before they had a name for it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones.

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand, and dish-towel in the other. It was the time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep.

It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more.

Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away...never to return.. So... While we have it.... it's best we love it.... And care for it.. And fix it when it's broken..... And heal it when it's sick.

This is true. For marriage..... And old cars..... And children with bad report cards... And dogs with bad hips.... And aging parents..... And grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it. Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with.

There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special..... And so, we keep them close!

I received this from someone who thinks I am a 'keeper', so I've sent it to the people I think of in the same way... Now it's your turn to send this to those people that are "keepers" in your life. Good friends are like stars.... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Keep them close!

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*Mission: Learning, Values, Community*

*Motto: 'Te Matou Ake Pai' – Our Best Always.*

The Kaharoa School Community has had a great start to our school year. The classes are humming and the sun is shining! Character Value: for the term is Obedience. This means 'Willingness to obey rightful authority.'

In initial discussions each class talks about what obedience looks like, sounds like and how your behaviour reflects obedience. The children share examples of obedience at home, at school and out in the community. A range of posters, photos, writings and power points are made throughout the school and displayed in classrooms.

Welcome: We warmly welcome Zheng Yuling from China who will be teaching Chinese in Rms Matai, Tawa and Totara every Thursday afternoon. We look forward to learning about the language and culture of China.

Thank you.

- Thank you to all parents who attended the Meet the Teacher meetings held on Thursday 4 February. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend. It is an opportunity to meet and talk with you about learning expectations in each classroom and to answer any questions you may have. We are all united in our desire to have each child succeed in their learning journey. A reminder that if you have not returned your survey about your child please hand these in as soon as possible. These are invaluable in allowing your child's teacher to have an insight into your child from your point of view.
- For all the stationery and school hats that were purchased and labelled at the beginning of the year.
- To all parents who have transported, supervised and supported our school camps already and who are booked to do so for the other camps – without you camps would not be possible.
- Swimming Lessons- run by Debi and Megan from Rotorua Swim School during Week 4 and for sharing their knowledge with the staff.
- To all the teachers who put in so much time, sorting out Risk Management paper work, visiting camp sites and activities, organising groups for activities at camp, information for parents at home and for those parents attending camp. All this preparation BEFORE camp plus for follow up activities after camp provided wonderful learning opportunities for the children.

#### Camps:

**Room Rata:** On Thursday 18 and Friday 19 February - Room Rata (Year 4 & 5) and Miss Way, enjoyed a two day camp at Whakamaru, enjoying a range of exciting activities. Although it poured with rain the first day everyone thoroughly enjoyed the activities offered and many achieved success at events they had not previously encountered.

**Room Rimu:** On Wednesday 24, Thursday 25 and Friday 26 February – Room Rimu visited sunny Waihi for 3 days, experiencing the mines, beach and other adventures.

**Room Tawa:** Wednesday 9, Thursday 10 and Friday 11 March - will have a three day camp at Waimarino.

**Room Totara:** On Wednesday 16, Thursday 17 and Friday 18 March - are going 'bush' and will be camping on a local farm. The children and teachers look forward to these camps which provide fantastic learning and social experiences.

*Kaharoa School contd overpage.....*



### Coming Up:

#### *Swimming Sports:*

**Senior:** Tuesday 1 March (children aged 8 years and above)

**Junior:** Wednesday 2 March afternoon (children aged 5-7 years)

**Rural Swimming Sports:** Friday 4 March

**Crickit Coaching Sessions:** Thursday 3 March- Rms Matai-Totara

**Top School:** Thursday 10 March-Rotorua Intermediate - 4pm-6pm

**Room Matai:** Tuesday 15 March- Trip to Convita - Paengaroa

**Easter break:** Good Friday 25 March to Easter Tuesday 29 March

**Parent/Teacher Interviews:** Wednesday 30 March and Thursday 31 March (Rooms Kauri/Kowhai/Matai/Miro ONLY) (Senior Interviews will be Term 2, Week 3, Wednesday 18 May and Thursday 19 May)

**Mini Marathon:** Thursday 14 April

**Term ends:** Friday 15 April

If you would like to meet any teacher regarding your child please ring the office to arrange an appointment time. We look forward to meeting with you throughout the year.

**Kaharoa Staff**

### Hamurana Springs Incorporated Society

Our first workday for the year was held on Saturday 27th February, when we had a crew of 13 doing various jobs on the Ynys Fraser walkway. We did weed spraying to eradicate the blackberry, weed eating along the track sides, lawn mowing under and around the trees and shrubs at the start of the track, sweeping the track from the main bridge up to the start of the Ynys Fraser walkway and also one of our team cleared the trout weir of the built up rubbish then proceeded to clear the algae that was floating in the stream before the weir. A great job done by a few and after, a combined luncheon, was enjoyed by those who could make it.

**Our next work day was to be held on March 26th but as this is Easter weekend the committee has re-scheduled it for Saturday 02 April.**

**As usual we will meet in the carpark at 9.00am for the Health and Safety discussion after which we will be continuing with various tasks along the Ynys Fraser walkway. Tools etc., on the day that will be required, will be loppers, weed eaters, mowers and spray packs - for those who are ticketed. Please make sure that you wear the correct footwear (not jandals) for safety reasons.**

**Once again we will get together for a luncheon and fellowship after the morning has finished.**

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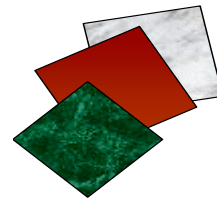
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### Ngongotaha 29 Kauae Place

**BRICK & TILE GEM** This low maintenance lock-up and leave home is a must to view. Open plan kitchen dining and lounge with easy access to a sunny private outdoor living area, this home will appeal to many. Consisting of 3 bedrooms plus a well-appointed bathroom with bath and shower. Walking distance of all the amenities from the local supermarket to the state of the art Ngongotaha Medical centre and still only 6km to the city centre.

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### Hamurana 10 Atkins Lane

**STUNNING LAKE AND COUNTRY VIEWS** Thoughtfully designed throughout with vaulted ceilings, spacious separate dining plus 2 living rooms all enjoying the spectacular outlook. 3 double bedrooms, each with its own bathroom, a study and double internal access garaging plus a separate laundry and separate toilet and hand basin. Beautifully landscaped and fenced into 3 paddocks plus water troughs.

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### Ngongotaha 123 Ngongotaha Rd

**BUSINESS ON YOUR DOORSTEP** In the heart of the Village sits this 'hard to come by' home and income opportunity. 1930's character, 2 bedroom cottage with sunroom. Also on site a modern funky art studio sitting on a 903m<sup>2</sup> section in Commercial C zoning. The spacious studio offers the perfect environment an art studio or showroom. So many options. Great road frontage.

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**SOLD**

### Ngongotaha 36 Tau Street

**LAWN TO LAKE EDGE** 1911m<sup>2</sup> lake edge property with approx 36 meters of lake frontage and your own sandy beach. Walking distance to 2 world class fly fishing streams. Character home, 3 bedrooms, large living and dining area, galley style kitchen and large sunroom with panoramic views. New double garage with internal access. Excellent outdoor entertaining with professionally designed and built outdoor fireplace.

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### Hamurana 24c Tauranga Direct Rd

**BUILD YOUR DREAM LIFESTYLE** Just over 2 acres (9049 sqm more or less) of bare land offering an excellent building site with outstanding rural and possible lake views. Enjoying mature trees with some native bush. 10 minutes from Ngongotaha Village shopping centre, 20 mins to city shopping and quick access to Tauranga. Fishing, boating and golf course all only 5 mins drive.

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### Ngongotaha 56 Western Rd

**A SUNNY SITE** A sunny 970m<sup>2</sup> site situated in popular Ngongotaha is waiting to be built on. Surrounded by quality homes, the section has had a preloading from November 2009 to may 2014 which consolidates the ground allowing for a good, solid foundation.

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### Ngongotaha 43a Wikaraka St

**ICONIC KIWI HOLIDAY BACH**

Beautifully upgraded 2 bedroom bach with large all weather sunny decking including a spa. Walk to the Waiteti Trout Stream, public reserve, public transport and village shopping with restaurants and bars. Gardens are easy care and the property would be highly desirable as a family bach, income earning holiday rental or even as a permanent rental.

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### Ngongotaha 97b Western Rd

**SUNNY PRIVATE SPOT** This sunny tidy home is only 10 minutes walk to the Ngongotaha Village, offering 2 bedrooms plus a separate studio connected to the garage, purpose built as a music studio this also doubles as a sleepout. The section is fully fenced, it is easy to look after and is very private. If you are looking to downsize, first home buying or looking for a holiday home, this could be you.

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### Ngongotaha 42 Sunline Place

**GREAT KIWI QUARTER ACRE** A very tidy abode, the entire exterior was painted in early 2015. Spacious and warm. The cathedral ceiling adds to its size. The open plan kitchen, living and dining spills out to the deck and then flows out to the HUGE flat lawn. The mezzanine floor is an ideal space for a computer area or for the kids to hang out. Currently rented at \$255.00 per week. A tidy investment.

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## KAITAO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Finally our 20 school leaders for 2016 have been selected. The next stage is to go to The Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Pursuit Centre and during the week long leadership camp we will be selecting our Head Boy and Girl and their Deputies.

Our Leaders are;

Rose Heaslip  
Violet Forster  
Ngawai Clendon  
Maia Bidois  
Hazel Whibley  
Jimmie Setu-Galo  
Sam Bigwood  
Ullyses Kelly  
Ricky Hirst  
Darcey McGreevy

Courtney Dodson  
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Acaylia Ransfield  
Haylee Jones  
Pararaki Ngatai  
Daniel Simpkins  
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Robin Te Pairi

## FACEBOOK

We have started a school Facebook page to keep our whanau up to date with school happenings.

If you have a Facebook account please go to our page "Kaitao Middle School – Education" and like it to ensure updates are delivered to your timeline.

Our students from Ngongotaha have settled in well to Kaitao and are well spread across all of our Academies with the most popular being Discovery followed by Wero Matauranga (Sports). We enjoy having students from Ngongotaha as they all come to us so well prepared with excellent work habits.

As an e-learning school with smaller numbers we are able to ensure that all classes have equal access to Information Communication Technology with desktop computers as well as i-pad mini's available. We are also able to assist families into purchasing Mobile Learning Devices by providing a very affordable option and terms to suit over the time they are at Kaitao.

Finally after months of delays, we will see the demolition of Rooms 1 and 2 and a new Modern Learning Environment being built in its place. This will be the home of our Accelerate Academy once it is complete. Our business partner's Grand circle Travel will be providing funds for installation of some solar panels which will make the building self-sufficient as far as power usage is concerned.

We are also excited about the \$20,000 we have been granted from the Transpower Community Fund to create an outdoor classroom down at the Gordon Apperley Community Garden. This will provide a place of learning for the classes involved in the propagation, nurturing, planting and harvesting of fruits and

vegetables.

## WHANAU EVENING

A very successful Whanau Evening was held on Thursday 25th. This was a chance for parents to join with their child in a house competition over a series of fun activities.

The evening kicked off with a free sausage sizzle.

Our school houses are named after famous ex Kaitao people;

Bosson	-	after Opie Bosson – top jockey who won the Caulfield Cup last year
Solomon	-	named after Mirth Solomon, who played for the Silver Ferns and was teacher and Deputy Principal at Kaitao for 26 years
Reid	-	named after Hika Reid, All Black hooker
Morrison	-	named after Ruia Morrison who was the first Maori to play at Wimbledon and also taught at the school

Three of our Academies – Te Puna Reo, Wero Matauranga and Expressive are going on camp this term. We try and ensure that our students get a worthwhile camping experience by sleeping in tents and cooking their own meals rather than catered camps.

We have applied for funding to take the whole school, this term, to Adrenalin Forest on the Tauranga Direct Road. Each class will be put through a series of high rope challenges with each child able to extend themselves as far as they feel comfortable.

A busy term ahead.

Rory O'Rourke  
Principal





Hello community from Hamurana playcentre.

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and this article sees us now into autumn. We have been very busy with the centre since we started back to sessions in early February. We have a new layout of the play areas for the children to enjoy this year which has been very refreshing and enjoyed. So far this term we have been enjoying messy play, with sand, paint, clay and water.

This play gives the children learning opportunities with different textures, colours, smells enhancing their exploration and holistic development and much more. We are all making the most of the outdoor play while we still have the nice weather and even when it's not so nice, some will still pursue the outdoors. We have had a session for where all the children bring a piece of fruit each for "5+ a day" promotion. A big yummy fruit salad was made for sharing and then afterwards some veges were planted in the garden to grow. These were given a great kick start from the lovely juice of the worm farm we have. This has helped our beans to grow nicely too. We have also had some lovely apples to share from our apple tree. Lots of produce for our children to plant and watch grow.

We are becoming a busy centre with some recent new enrolments which is wonderful. Feel free to come and have a play and check out our lovely centre.

Sessions are Monday's and Thursday's 9.15am to 11.45am during school term. 38 Tauranga Direct Rd, Hamurana. Ph: 07 332 2110 or phone Joanne 0275 503225



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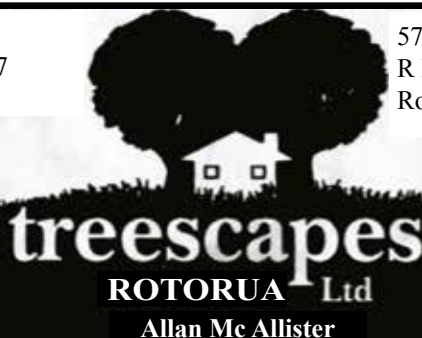
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East Antarctic Plateau ... On the high ridge of the East Antarctic Plateau, the temperature can drop to as low as -135.8 degrees Fahrenheit, which was recorded in August, 2010.

Where is the world's most populated city ?

Shanghai ... At a whopping 24,150,000 permanent inhabitants, Shanghai is the only city that is home to over 24 million people in one city.

Where is the world's least populated city? Vatican City ...

With a paltry population of 842, the city-state of Vatican City is the smallest city and state in the world.

Where is the world's wealthiest city ?

Tokyo , Japan with a GDP of \$1,520 billion, beating New York City by a mere \$310 billion.

Where is the world's poorest city in the poorest country ?

Kinshasa , Congo .... it is the poorest city in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which is also the poorest country in the world, at a GDP of \$55 billion. Many of its residents live on less \$1 a day.

What is the highest point in the world?

Mount Everest ... Towering 29,029 feet in the air, the top of Mount Everest is the closest you can get to touching outer space while still standing on Earth.

Where is the lowest point in the world?

The Challenger Deep Trench - It is the lowest known natural point in the world at 35,797 ft below sea level at the bottom of the Mariana Trench. Only three people have ever made it to the bottom in a submersible, one of which was filmmaker James Cameron.

What is the most photographed place in the U.S.?

Surprise: the Guggenheim building in New York...

Photos have always told stories, but in today's world of cell phone cameras and social media, that story is relayed as data to companies who monitor everything we do. Geotagged data was culled by Sightsmap using a Google-based image sharing software, and can show us the most photographed places in the world, right down to this landmark. The strange winner is this building in New York City. Guess it impresses a lot of visitors.

Where is the wettest spot on Earth? (and it's not the Amazon!)

Mawsynram , India ... In this city in India, it rains an average of 467.35 inches per year, and has a record of 1000 inches in 1985... much more than any rain forest!

Where is the driest spot on Earth? (It's not the Sahara!)

The Atacama Desert ... The 600 miles of South America's Atacama desert is recorded as the driest place on Earth, no contest. This desert has an average of only 4 inches of rain every hundred years.

What city claims to be the sunniest place in the U.S.?

Yuma , Arizona ... In this city in Arizona, the sun shines for an average of 11 hours a day. The usual forecast is sun for 90 percent of the year, averaging a total of 4015 daylight hours each year.

Where is the most expensive city to live in?

Singapore ... This city has recently beat out Tokyo, Japan, for the title of "most expensive city" for 2014. Cars can cost between 4-6 times as much in Singapore from what they cost in the US or UK (for example, a Toyota Prius actually costs about \$150,000.00 there).



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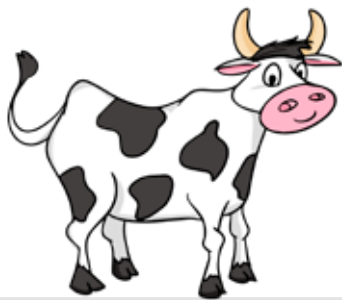
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## Council and community briefs

### *Roading*

I will continue to put before council the need for Transit NZ to fix the issues at the Ngo/SH5 roundabout. I went out to Ngongotaha at 8.15 last week and couldn't believe the congestion going back into the village. A simple thru lane for Ngongotaha vehicles heading to Rotorua would suffice and four laning from Ngongotaha to just before Rainbow and Fairy Springs needs to be a priority.

### *Saving Money*

I'm into that for you the Residents and Ratepayers of the district. So if you see any water leak on a roadway or from a Toby out the front of yours or anyone else's property please call council on 3484199 asap. **Also council has bought in a new By Law to restrict anyone parking ANY vehicle on the road verge as the damage to footpaths, kerbing, water, sewerage, telecom and electricity pipes and drains is costing you and I hundreds and thousands a day. So if a logging truck or contractor or any vehicle is parked for more than one hour they are subject to fines up \$1000 per incident. Just get the number plate regardless of the time or day of the week and call council and inspectors will be out asap.** Also I see that many people are using the green waste facilities over the railway line in Ngongotaha and recycling at the Progress Ngongotaha facility which is fantastic but I'm sick of following people taking rubbish to dump in Mamaku, Jackson & Dansey, Hamurana reserve, even Paradise valley road. The portable camera is been placed at the hot spots to catch the culprits as the public pay and most are sick and tired of lazy polluters. When your caught do not expect any sympathy. I say name and shame and take a video on your mobile as evidence and or a photo as they speak volumes.

### *Growth*

Rotorua/Ngongotaha and district are booming. Have you noticed the increased traffic volumes on all roads over the summer months, most motels have been full, camping grounds and backpackers are full also. Try and get a rental in Rotorua at the moment it's almost impossible and rents are rising. In real estate we can't get enough stock and our team are crying out for listings in Ngongotaha as like with 277 Ngongotaha road we had 19 groups thru in one day and had four offers and it sold 80K above the vendors expectation. With Crankworks on soon and all the triathlon events, equestrian, trekking and shows etc the town is brimming with confidence. The timber industry is flourishing, Waiariki is full of international students and tourist numbers are 10-20,000 visitors up on 2015.

### *NZ flag*

I will be supporting the existing flag as from where I sit it salutes the British isles with whom Maori signed a treaty and from where most of the pioneers/early settlers came from, it depicts the sea with the blue as a nation we are surrounded by it and the southern Cross which Maori used to navigate here legend has it from Hawaikinui (excuse me if spelt wrong). It's the flag that was raised every morning at camps all around the world in WW1 and WW11 on ships in our navy and the flag bearer was an important role. Yes some people do get confused with the Australian and NZs flag but can you tell me what's on Swaziland's, Botswana or Mozambique. I'm proud of the existing flag and encourage all of you to retain it.

Council & Community briefs contd.....

I call the one they want us to endorse as a feather duster flag which will make a nice tea towel but a flag that represents you and I - I do not think so.

#### ***Taui Street/Ngongotaha stream mouth***

I see the new building and development is progressing fast and should be a huge asset to us in Ngongotaha. Jobs will be created with qualified staff needed to service the clients that will be using the facility and what a soothing outlook over lake Rotorua.

I have also had comment that people believe the placement of the children's playground at the mouth of the Waiteti stream is dangerous with fly fishermen and women concerned that they might catch children with hooks and the fact the stream is very deep. I thought the positioning would allow parent to take kiddies down there watch them play and enjoy one of many reserves which are underutilised. One person did say "oh those people don't want kids down there or playgrounds and said is it a case of not in my back yard?" Your thoughts and comments please.

#### ***Ngongotaha Museum***

Congrats to Bob Martin, Lyn Benfell and the committee of Progress Ngongotaha on the rapid growth of the collection of photos, paper clippings, books, china, maps, postcards and memories of those who have played a role in Ngongotaha history. I see Phil Andrews and Colin Brake involved and our real local historian Lawrence Beaufill. Your collection is growing and is fantastic and its great people are naming names of those from years gone by. The advent of the second-hand goods store in the village, where my old Four Square shop, is the venue to take matters you want to share. Also the shops profits go to the museum. In my job as a councillor and in real estate I see far too often that families throw out historical info, old books etc. if you want to get rid of any estate matters like books donate them to the friends of the Library or your local secondary school if they are of a reference nature, Children's books can go to the local primary school or Kohanga. Blankets towels, Sheets, Linen, beds etc to hospice, Progress Ngo, Salvation army, Women's refuge or SPCA. Try not to throw them in the skip.

Until next month.....

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*A great deal of yelling and inner bickering ensued, as to how much the pastor's additional children were costing the church, and how much more it could potentially cost.*

*After listening to them for about an hour, the pastor rose from his chair and spoke, "Children are a gift from God, and we will take as many gifts as He gives us."*

*Silence fell over the congregation..*

*In the back pew, a little old lady struggled to stand, and finally said in her frail voice, "Rain is also a gift from God, but when we get too much of it, we wear rubber boots."*

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The Outlaw Bar & Bistro hosted Fletcher Tabuteau New Zealand First MP and special guest List New Zealand First MP from Tauranga Clayton Mitchell to the regular catch up for the Rotorua public "Tabuteau Talks"

Health & Safety legislation and the new Employment standards were the main focus of conversation for the get together. Fletcher said "These evenings are a wonderful opportunity to start a conversation with people and for the public of Rotorua to come along and raise their issues and also hear what New Zealand First's views are on current issues important to them. I'm really pleased with the interest and the turn out. We filled up the bar with just over thirty people. Everyone had a drink and asked questions, it seems to be a great way to touch base."

Clayton opened his talk by reminding the audience that a scheduled meal break now must be negotiated by an employee with their employer, where as in the past it was a right of workers to have their scheduled meal breaks.

Despite National Minister Woodhouse assuring New Zealanders that zero hour contracts would be made illegal NZ First is hugely concerned that zero hour contracts are still part of the new draft legislation before parliament. Clayton said, "people need to know they have work, being permanently available on standby is not a job." New Zealand First wants to remove Zero Hour contracts and strengthen up the Legislation and are "working very hard to make the changes through the parliamentary process"

Questions were many and varied from an interested audience.

Fletcher finished by once again saying; "a big thank you to Tamahau and his team at The Outlaw for hosting the evening."





## HOW TO STERILISE PRESERVING JARS

Wash thoroughly in hot soapy water, rinse and drain.

Place on oven racks, with space between them and heat at 120C for 10-15 minutes. Or you can put jars in a large pot of boiling water for 10 minutes then drain upside down on a clean tea towel and dry in the oven.

Glass jars can also be put through a hot cycle in your dishwasher. Sterilise metal seals in boiling water for 5 minutes and then leave in water.

## ZUCCHINE PICKLE

1.8kg zucchini

500g onions

½ cup salt

4 cups cider vinegar (I use apple cider vinegar)

2 cups sugar

2 tsp mustard seeds

2 tsp celery seeds

2 tsp turmeric

2 tsp dry mustard

1. Slice zucchini and onion thinly. Cover with water and the salt and leave for 1 hour then drain and let drip for about 15 minutes then place in a saucepan.

2. Boil together the rest of the ingredients, pour over the zucchini and onion and stand for 1 hour.

3. Place over a medium heat, bring to the boil and boil for 4 minutes.

4. Bottle in hot jars.

Finished and Complete: No English dictionary has been able to explain adequately the difference between the two words.

In a recently held linguistic competition held in London, England attended by the best in the world, Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese man from Bachelors Adventure, was the clear winner with a standing ovation lasting over 5 minutes.

Here is his answer which made him receive an invitation to dine with the Queen who decided to call him after the contest. He won a trip to travel the world in style and a case of 25 year old Eldorado rum for his answer.

His final question was this.... How to explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand. Some people say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.

Here is his astute answer .....

When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. And

when you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED.

And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!

*An old man and woman, in Dublin, were married for many years. Whenever there was a confrontation, yellin' could be heard deep into the night. The old man would shout: "When I die, ya old hag, I will dig me way up and out the grave and come back and haunt yer for the rest of yer life!"*

*Neighbours feared him. The old man liked the fact that he was feared. To everyone's relief, he died of a heart attack when he was 88. His wife had a closed casket at the funeral.*

*After the burial, her neighbours, concerned for her safety, asked: "Aren't ya a wee bit afraid that he'll indeed dig his way out of the grave and haunt ya for the rest of yer life?"*

*The wife said, "Let the old sod dig. I had him buried upside down, and I know he won't ask for directions."*



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### CHOW CHOW RECIPE

#### Ingredients

- 800 g Onions, peeled and chopped
- 800 g Cucumbers, roughly chopped
- 800 g Green beans, topped and roughly chopped
- 800 g Cauliflower, leaves removed, roughly chopped
- 800 g Green tomatoes, roughly chopped
- 200 g Salt
- 1 kg Sugar
- 2 Tbsp Mustard seeds
- 2 tsp Black pepper, ground
- 900 ml White vinegar
- 2 Tbsp Turmeric powder
- 2 Tbsp English mustard, dry
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup Cornflour
- + Add to shopping list

#### Directions

Place vegetables into a large pot and cover with water. Sprinkle with table salt and leave overnight.  
Strain liquid from vegetables the following day then add sugar, mustard seeds, black pepper and 600ml of the vinegar and bring to the boil over a high heat.  
Reduce heat to a simmer and cook until vegetables are tender.  
In a small bowl, mix remaining vinegar, turmeric, dry English mustard and cornflour together.  
Slowly pour the cornflour mixture into the pot, continuing to simmer and stirring until pickle starts to thicken.  
Add a little more cornflour, mixed with water, to the pickle if more thickening is required.  
Adjust seasoning to taste and bottle immediately in hot, sterilised jars.  
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