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“CARING IS SHARING IN NGONGOTAHA”

Maori Wardens have been active on the ground in Ngongotaha for the past 10 years conducting mobile services however, since late January of this year and due to community concerns Maori Wardens are now domiciled in Ngongotaha at the Community Policing Centre. If you have not met them already, pop into the centre and say Hi to “Yvonne & Ben”. I would personally like to acknowledge and thank all of the people that I have been involved with in making “Project Suburb” a success. To the people of Ngongotaha, thank you for taking care of Yvonne & Ben and welcoming them into your community followed by your support to them.



Role of a Maori Warden

- Community Support – focused and united services out in the Communities.
- To Promote Cultural Integrity and Understanding in the community.
- To assist and support all People.
- To encourage youth to take advantage of educational and vocational opportunities to enhance their future Relationships
- The Maori Wardens are not Police Personnel. Maori Wardens have a working relationship with the New Zealand Police.
- We have direct contact with Police 24/7 for our own safety when out during the day or late nights patrolling.
- New Zealand Police provide training and resources to assist wardens to work in the fields of Prevention – Response & Protect.
- Maori Wardens work with other volunteer groups, Community Patrollers, Community Support, Night Owls and alongside Event Security

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Penned by Gloria Hughes

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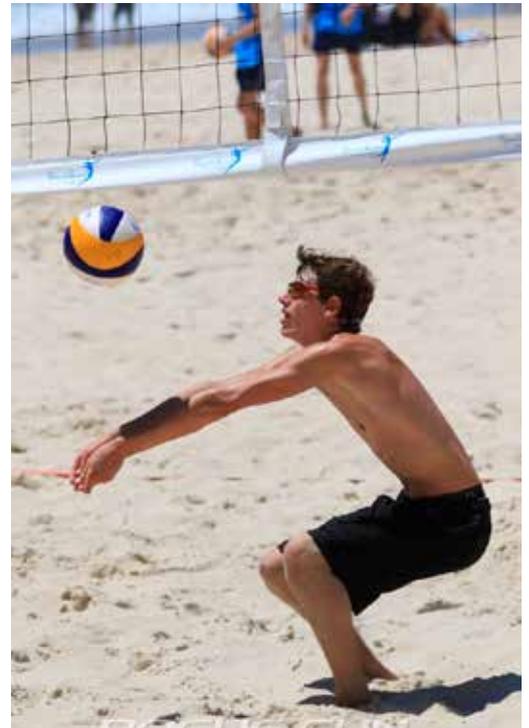
Tyran, (pictured on the right) is 16 years of age from Ngongotaha. He is currently a student at Western Heights High School, and an ex pupil I believe of Kaharoa Primary School.

He has been selected for U19 New Zealand beach volleyball team which is travelling to America in July 2015.

The cost of the tour is \$5600 and he is desperately trying to raise this.

It has been a costly exercise for Tyran and his family, as he has travelled already with the New Zealand U17 Beach volleyball team to Australia in January of this year.

If you would like to help Tyran out, please contact 073572774 or failing that contact the Editor and I will ensure that they get your message.



Two Irishmen were sitting in a pub watching the Tour de France on TV. Seamus shook his head and asked, "Whoi t'e hell do they do that?" "Do what?" asked Mick. "Go on them boikes for moiles and moiles, up and down t'e hills, round t'e bends. Day after day, week after week. No matter if it's oicy, rainin?, snowin?, hailin? Why would they torture themselves like that?" "Tis all for the prestige and the money," replied Mick, "You know the winner gets about a half a million Euros." "Yeah, I understand that." said Seamus, "But why do all the others do it?"

A little old lady answered a knock on the door one day, to be confronted by a well-dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner... 'Good morning,' said the young man. 'If I could take a couple minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners...' 'Go away!' said the old lady. 'I'm broke and haven't got any money!' and she proceeded to close the door. Quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed it wide open... "Don't be too hasty!" he said. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration." And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure onto her hallway carpet. "Now if this vaccum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder." The old lady stepped back and said, "well let me get you a fork, 'cause they cut off my electricity this morning."



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Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach & stretch.

And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

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Many years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for enmeshing the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder. Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was Capone's lawyer for a good reason. To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money big, but Eddie got special dividends, as well. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago City block.

Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him. Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object. And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son; he couldn't pass on a good name or a good example. He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone, clean up his tarnished name, and offer his son some semblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against The Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. So, he testified. Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago Street. But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he could ever pay. Police removed from his pockets a rosary, a crucifix, a religious medallion, and a poem clipped from a magazine. The poem read: *"The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at a late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in time. For the clock may soon be still."*

World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific. One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had

forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet. As he was returning to the mother ship, he saw something that turned his blood cold; a squadron of Japanese aircraft was speeding its way toward the American fleet. The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet. Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 caliber's blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent. Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible, rendering them unfit to fly. Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction. Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had, in fact, destroyed five enemy aircraft took place on February 20, 1942 and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of W.W.II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Medal of Honor. A year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His home town would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man. So, the next time you find yourself at O'Hare International, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial displaying his statue and his Medal of Honor. It's located between Terminals 1 and 2.

SO WHAT DO THESE TWO STORIES HAVE TO DO WITH EACH OTHER?

Butch O'Hare was "Easy Eddie's" son.

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And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
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Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Joe has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
'Tho a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young
But the passing of a Soldier
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Soldier,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out,
With his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a Soldier

His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Soldier,
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Soldier,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his likes again.

For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honour
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."



**Hon Todd McClay Column –
Creating a better performing
economy**

In a few weeks time Bill English will deliver the Government's seventh Budget. It will be a Budget that builds on the strong foundations we've laid through our economic programme over the past six years. Our strong, growing economy, backed by the Government's clear economic plan, is translating into real benefits for Rotorua households and businesses.

In the last Budget, there was a lot of good news for Rotorua families as the Government provided a large amount of new or increased support for local families. We increased paid parental leave by two weeks, we boosted support for first home buyers through changes to KiwiSaver and HomeStart, we reduced ACC levies for families with a standard car by \$135 per year. As well as this added support, wages, on average, are increasing faster than the cost of living.

We know there is much more to be done – a couple of good years are not enough to change our long-term well-being. We'll need many more years where growth is faster than other developed countries so we can continue lifting incomes and creating more jobs.

Thanks to the hard work of New Zealanders up and down the country, we're in a strong position to build a brighter future. Providing we stick to our clear plan, we can deliver the opportunities and security New Zealanders and their families deserve.

Nine Important Facts To Remember As We Grow Older

#9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

#8 Life is sexually transmitted.

#7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

#6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

#5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day.

Todd McClay

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Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

#4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

#3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

#2 In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

#1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today might burn your butt tomorrow.

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Ngongotaha School Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Welcome to Term Two which started on Monday 20th April and runs through to Friday 3rd July. We are all back on deck for another term with day one starting with our WOW day. Our music focus continues this term with the theme being "The Journey of Music". We had a presentation from a John Paul College student who will be appearing in the "Beauty and the Beast" production, a Bollywood dance from another John Paul College student and a Polynesian music presentation from a teacher in Rotorua. Each of our presenters was excellent and got the children motivated for the term ahead.

During term three we will be presenting an Operetta as part of our music focus so classes have practices underway for this.

Each of our Friday Assemblies has had a musical component and it has been great to see the creativity of staff and children and the many ways music is incorporated into the programme. We look forward to seeing this continue throughout the year.

This term we have started a new year 1 class. Mrs Astwood is the teacher of this class; she is released each Monday and Tuesday to carry out her leadership roles. Miss Jhana Brash will be teaching in the room each Monday and Tuesday and works closely with Mrs Astwood to ensure the children are settled and enjoying school. Both teachers are enjoying the class and we look forward to it growing throughout the term. This class is set up in Room 10.

Mrs Astwood will still be running her GREAT start programme for future students. This will start on Wednesday 6th May in Room 10. The programme runs for 5 weeks and introduces future pupils and their families to the school. If you have a child who is turning 5 this term or early next term please come along, the programme runs from 1.15pm to 2.15pm. We look forward to meeting you and introducing you to the school and its staff.

On Saturday 25th April the country commemorated ANZAC in remembrance of all those who lost their lives or fought in previous wars. As part of the commemoration this year all schools were given a set of crosses with names and a Field of Remembrance was set up. We would like to thank The Ngongotaha Train Trust for allowing us to set up our Field of Remembrance in their grounds. Mrs. Nunn and Room 1 carried out the construction of the crosses and set up the display. They also took time to research the various names that appear on the crosses and gained some insight into the cost to human life that war brings. We invite you to take some time during your day, or weekend, to wander through this Field of Remembrance with your child and discuss the significance of the commitment these people made to New Zealand.

This term we will be again running the Reading Together workshops. Reading Together is a research-based workshop programme which helps parents/whānau to provide effective support for their children's reading (and thereby also supports teachers in their classroom programmes).

The programme has been shown to raise children's reading achievement in a significant and sustained manner, and to improve relationships between children and parents, and between parents and teachers. The programme is run over 4 workshops in our school library. If you are interested in taking part in this in the future please let us know in the school office or see Mr. Henderson or Mrs. Astwood.

As we are working through a process of furniture replacement we have a number of desks and chairs for sale. These are very useful for students working at home; they have a tray with them so items can be stored.

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Winter sports are well underway now. We have netball, hockey and miniball teams all entered in the various competitions. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to coach or manage teams for the season. We wish you all the best along with the children who have joined the soccer and rugby clubs for weekend games as well. Last week we took a team of 40 students to the mini marathon which was run in conjunction with the Rotorua marathon. The children carried out the majority of the running in their home time, prior to the day, and attended on the day to complete their commitment. Well done to all who took this on and who represented the school so well. We are very proud of your achievements and the way you represented our school. The children are currently training for the school cross-country which will be held on Friday 22nd May. A team will be selected from this to represent the school at the Rotorua cross-country held at Kaharoa School on Tuesday 9th June. We have entered two eager teams in the Rippa Rugby competition being held on Wednesday 20th May. We have a year 3 & 4 team and a year 5 & 6 team training at present. These teams have boys and girls and compete as a country on the day. We look forward to this day of competition and sport.

Currently we have a past pupil who is carrying out a teaching placement with us as part of his training. Mr. Jared Grace was a pupil here a few years ago; it is always good to see what our past pupils are up to and to see their achievements. We wish him all the best with his training.

Wishing you all a great term two, keep well and keep warm as winter approaches.

Term Two: Monday 20th April to 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

IN MY VIEW.....

Hi ratepayers - been busy with Council, DHB, Real estate and family.

Council

After the 2013 Election of a new Mayor and Council in Rotorua we all met in neutral territory to discuss the 2016 goals and 2030 vision for Rotorua. It took at least 6 months to gather the info after consulting with the Community. The whole Council including all councillors agreed that the current Te Arawa



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Standing Committee has failed to meet councils and Te Arawa needs. There were arguments of lack of Leadership and who should chair it and Sub tribes being road-blocked by the previous Mayor and CEO from getting issues on the table for Council to be advised on. Leading up to this we had a succession of failures and the Environment court told us to 'up our game' and then awarded costs to Iwi over the Rotoma/Rotoehu sewerage scheme. Another Council mess costing 100,000s of dollars was attempts of council to forge its will over the Taniwha Springs drawoff. So the relationship and matters of the past that went unresolved were festering. Iwi wanted to work with council but things in my view were going nowhere. No leadership and mistrust from people prevailed. So we decided all of us to engage Te Arawa and ask them to come up with some options for Council to consider. A better way of doing business so we didn't end up in court costing the Ratepayer millions in costs. On December 18 last year we received the options and while Council on a split vote accepted in principle Option 2 in February, I made sure all options were sent out for consultation to the community and I also got the date for the closure of submissions extended to the 18th of April. The consultation document given to councillors in confidence was leaked to the Media by Cr Mc Vickers before Te Arawa could present its options to us. Te Arawa didn't say anything - but another attack on the trust Te Arawa has. So Council produced literature which stated and I quote - "Rotorua Lakes Council urges Residents to have their say on the proposed Te Arawa Partnership Model, to comment on any of Cr Sturt contd on page 10....."

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the alternative options considered by council, or to identify other arrangements they would like to consider." Well we received over 2000 written submissions and heard over 200 people who wanted to 'eye ball' council which is their right. The pro-Democracy group chaired by Cr Glenys Searancke with Crs Kent, McVicker and Bentley joined and made it public they had joined. Several wrote letters to the media telling of their stance and the details of the Pro-democracy's alternative model

I have sat for 5 days and listened to every submission in person but not in full as I had to go to the toilet several times. However I was encouraged by the standard of submissions we received. Many stood out for different reasons (some for some against) and namely those from Tamati Coffey, Dr Stewart Edward, Douglas Black, Luke Martin, Karen Waaka, Walter Rika, Arapeta Tahana, Martyn Evans, Ralph Mosen, Julie Calnan, Alan Ma caulay etc etc etc. All these can be heard on the Council website so listen to them as they are all diverse in their opinions which again is democracy in action.

There were those who called the proposals racist, those who called it visionary, tribalism at its best, those that argued no other bodies do have unelected people who get paid and have voting rights, those that told us of the history of what was endured over the airport taking under the public works act. Those who have farmed here for over 45 years, we had war medals presented by people saying their families farmed and fought for freedom and democracy, those that said this was an attack on democracy and was undemocratic, those who supported it to save council costs in the environment court, those who wanted Maori wards, those who said Maoris were after 'power grabs' and control, those that wanted the wards system bought back, those that thought having Te Arawa at the table was leading rather than following, those that accused the mayor and made vicious personal attacks on her (he was made by me to withdraw and apologise), those who did not understand this was Te Arawa model not Councils. So it went on but this was democracy in action. I have to say I was very impressed by the young educated and visionary leaders of the future who fronted and advised what they wanted for Rotorua and passionate about Rotorua moving forward. Te Arawa people told us they want economic growth, jobs, wealth for all and want to work in partnership with the Council and that it had worked on the regional council so why not on two sub-committees on the Rotorua district Council.

To answer some of the fears expressed I did some research to counter the points bought up.

Firstly the contention its undemocratic to have unelected people voting and making decisions on matter pertaining to council. The Local DHB of which I'm a member has 1 each from Te Arawa and Tuwharetoa sitting on every committee of the DHB board, they vote, get paid and get mileage allowance and is there any power grab? Is there trouble? NO, they contribute with an Iwi aspect to health matters and the DHBs budget is way bigger than RDC. There are Councils Audit and Risk Committee, Grow Rotorua, Airport Board, Ngati Whakaue Reserves Protocol Committee, Tourism Board, Sports and recreation advisory board, Inner city development board, Sustainability portfolio group etc and other agencies like Wairiki Polytechnic, Youth corrections facility community advisory all with people who are appointed to them and have votes, some do get paid some do not but they contribute to the communities well being. Some solely represent their IWI and other do not but there is harmony and sound decisions are made and recommended to full Council. You see Council is the Holy Grail and nothing Council does happens unless the Full Council has the final say and things

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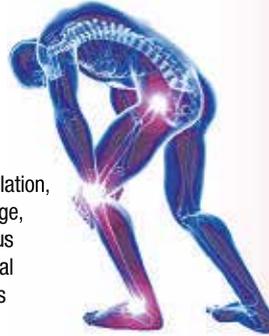
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are rejected even after a committee has considered matters. The best example was that the Fluoride debate was overturned at full council last year and thank God for that. There was an argument that as there were three Te Arawa members on the council that should be enough. Not one of them stood on a TE Arawa ticket and there would be a hue and cry if they did I can hear the cries from Cliff Lee now of separatism. There are two of Te Arawa descent i.e. Cr Maxwell and Cr Tapsell from a long line of servers of this community by relatives etc. the person of Hawke's bay Maori descent is Cr Raukawa Tait. Some people said well lets have Maori wards but this cannot happen until 2019 at the earliest as council made the decision not to have them in November 2014.

I have to say the best example of working together is the Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Advisory Board which is made up of three from Regional, District council and Te Arawa set up by statute to clean up and manage the Lakes for Rotorua and haven't they done a great job managing the \$125million needed to clean up the Lakes. Remember the fear and scaremongering and a truck driving the streets saying Te Arawa were power hungry and if they get the lake beds back will fence the Lakes, deny access and charge boaties to use the lakes. Did it happen NO! There was a couple of really sad moments in the process and that was the personal attack on Steve Chadwick and the racist rants in a letter from a person to Arapeta Tahana's father when he was CEO of Waiariki (who will remain nameless) stating you can have your Marae at Waiariki but 'Whities' always win and we will burn down your Marae. Thank god that never

came to pass but the racist overtones in that letter were disturbing. No ladies and gentlemen I will not give into threats by people who believe what model 2 is undemocratic. It needs amending as I think it goes a bit far with the CEO request. The fear mongering about a people who have a history of backing the King or Queen the Crown and the RDC, who want to contribute and prevent the mistakes of the past that have cost you and I millions is to be recognised. As you know me and have elected me for 25 plus years any hanky panky and Ill expose it to the public. I do not like underhanded things or not telling ratepayers the truth. I want a Rotorua that will move forward is inclusive and involves all those who want to be involved. Te Arawa have proven to be top business people in farming, tourism forestry and they have huge assets so why

if an accommodation can be made that we hear and help their concerns for the betterment of the whole of the Rotorua People regardless of age/race/gender/or standing. Te Arawa values are similar to non Maoris and they have proven themselves to be champions of the environment, waterways, geothermal resources and Rotorua can only but go forward.

We have some real battles ahead like Tauranga wanting to take us over in Rotorua, we have geothermal power stations being proposed we have issue to settle with Taniwha Spring used for years by Ngongotaha people but now belongs to the people of Awahou. So we need Te Arawa as much as they need us and we can facilitate but at the end of the day in the true spirit of Tatau Tatau we must come together in the true spirit, without fear, without prejudice, without racism or discrimination, live in the future not the past and move forward together. That's what I hope for my grandchildren and I think many of you will agree. I will stand on my record any day and will not give into racist taunts from anyone or threats of defeat at the election in 2016. If so that's democracy and someone else can do the job. For me "The fear and perception of losing something must be weighed up against what we as a whole community are going to Gain. Thanks, sorry about the rant

Cr Charles Sturt

On the way back from a Cub Scout meeting, my grandson innocently said to my son, 'Dad, I know babies come from mummies' tummies, but how do they get there in the first place?' After my son hemmed and hawed awhile, my grandson finally spoke up in disgust, 'You don't have to make up something, Dad. It's okay if you don't know the answer.'

His wife's graveside service was just barely finished, when there was a massive clap of thunder; followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance. The little, old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, "Well, she's there."

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Cross Country: Training has commenced for the children preparing for the Cross Country later this term. It will be held at Kaharoa School on June 9th commencing at 10.00am. Students who are in Year 4 and above will be running in the 'Interschool Cross Country' in the morning against other competing schools. A challenging and interesting course has been set up for this event.

The junior (Year 0-3) children will run in the afternoon against each other. We look forward to lots of support and encouragement for the runners from whanau and friends. Those runners who achieve places at the Interschool day will then have the opportunity to compete in the BOP Cross Country on June 23rd.

Electives: Our Electives programme is under way with the children involved in lots of exciting projects and activities every second Friday.

Mini Marathon: On May 1st a group of children took part in the Rotorua Mini Marathon. This was a very successful event with over 1600 children taking part. Congratulations to all those who participated.

School Photos: These will take place on Tuesday 12th May. Individual photos will be at the back of the Kokako Centre.

Australian Competitions: These commence with Science on 3rd June, followed by Writing on 15th June.

ANZAC commemoration: The House Captains organised and ran an ANZAC commemoration service for the school on Friday 24th April. The sensitivity and respect shown by everyone on the day made this a moving and worthwhile experience. I know many families followed this up by attending the Dawn service the next morning.

TOD: On the 28th April the teaching staff enjoyed an interesting day visiting Te Kowhai School and Endeavour School in Hamilton to look at how Modern Learning Environments are supporting student agency.

Dental Caravan: The dental caravan is at school for the next few weeks.

The whole school will be enjoying a Matariki Show on May 25th. We always look forward to our visiting artists and what they have to share with us.

Administration Block: Work is well underway on our 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.

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.

A big hello from Ngongotaha Early Learning.

We would like to share what a busy month of April/May we are having! We have had new garden planter boxes built in our playground making them more accessible for the children, and planting has begun.

We are looking forward to our winter produce. A big thank you to our whanau/families who support us with paper recycling, this year we will be rewarded with sixteen native trees from the Rotorua Lakes Council.

We are taking part in the Jump Rope for Heart in the last week of May. This will be a fundraiser and money collected will be given to the NZ Heart Foundation. And to top it off we will be having annual class photos at the end of the month! So we are very busy. Earlier this year we celebrated Fruit and Vegetables Day. We dressed up as fruit or vegetable, played games and ate lots of delicious vegetarian dishes for kai!

The new mudpit (our old vege garden) and new mud kitchen has been very popular with the children. The benefits and joys of early childhood services! And finally coming up in June is Ngongotaha Early Learning Centre's sixth birthday. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the community for your continued support. Have a fabulous month of May.

From the team at Ngongotaha Early Learning.

NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

The Whyte Trophy which is always a very popular competition was won by Kevin Whyte - (how appropriate), with team members Murray Harris and Richard Mills. Second was Mike Bryant, Cheryl Wiggins and Betty Witton.

In the Championship fours, Mike Bryant, Cheryl Wiggins, Delwyn Hughes and Richard Mills came out the winners beating James Schuster, Eddie Dibley, Betty Witton and Martin Burtling. On Easter Monday the International Pairs were run, and won by Mike and Cheryl, 2nd Robin and Richard.

We are still wanting NEW MEMBERS, so come along and enjoy. Social Bowls are on every second Tuesday and is going well. For more information ring Cheryl 3575332 or Kevin 3574 766.

Two blondes are walking down the street. One notices a compact on the sidewalk and leans down to pick it up. She opens it, looks in the mirror and says, 'Hmm, this person looks familiar.' The second blonde says, 'Here, let me see!' So the first blonde hands her the compact. The second one looks in the mirror and says, 'You dummy, it's me!'

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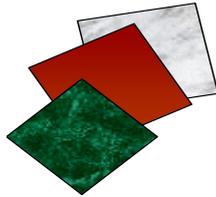
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We are noticing the drop in temperature and the children are enjoying the leaves on the ground and all the beautiful colours that autumn brings. This term will see us exploring such themes as autumn, winter, Matariki, snow and our all time favourite... explosions! We will also be holding a Grandparents Day at the end of term.

Just because you didn't make it to our Open Day doesn't mean you aren't welcome to come and visit us on session. Our session times are Mondays and Thursdays from 9.15am to 11.45am so come and spend some quality time with your little ones (aged from birth to 6 years) at Hamurana Playcentre where you get to stay and join in your children's fun and learning. All enquires welcome - phone 332 2110 during session times or contact our President, Sharon on 021 208 0101. You can also find us on facebook.com/HamuranaPlaycentre. See you soon!



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At last our new CCTV cameras have been installed and are giving us good coverage of the whole school out of school hours.

One of our students, Holly Cash, won the Te Reo film making section of the World War 1 Hero's competition run by the Rotorua Museum and the Ngati Whakaue Endowment Trust.

She won an iPad Air and the school won a camera and a 3D printer.

Out top leaders have been announced and their first task this term was to be part of the Anzac Civic Parade on Anzac Day.

- Head Boy Lukas Scowen
- Deputy Head Boys Pikikotuku Moka-Thomson
- Alan Ashley
- Head Girl Bree Hanson
- Deputy Head Girls Shayla Ratai
- Blossom Dinsdale

Final drawings for the Modern Learning Environment to replace rooms 1 and 2 have been completed and will be sent off to the Ministry Tendering Site this week. We should be underway after demolition early next term. The prospects are exciting and building will be exploring some new building options as well as creating a space where our students will be learning in a new way.

Our main Cultural event this term will be "Kaitao's Got Talent" which will be held on the 23rd of June following the Student Led Conferences.

Our Term II fundraiser will be the selling of chunky chocolate bars which will be \$2 each. The money raised will be used to purchase new computers for the Graphic Design Room and the computers from there will go out into the classrooms.

Unfortunately as part of the demolition and upgrade of Rooms 1 and 2 the Health Room, which was to become our Community Room, will have to go. It will be put up for sale for removal and we will investigate a different option for a community space.

Rory O'Rourke

Head Boy Lucas Scowen and Head Girl Bree Hanson



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The Ngati Rangiwewehi War Veterans committee would like to thank everyone who attended the ANZAC day service at Awahou marae (Gloucester Road) at 10am on ANZAC DAY, the 25th April 2015. The day was very well attended (approximately 300 people) with an increase of numbers from the previous year.



The committee would especially like to thank all of the the war veterans from the various world campaigns and current service people from the various armed forces who attended the marae service. There were also many others who attended including partners and whanau of those service people who have since passed, the Scouts, Mina Mitai, Ngati Rangiwewehi Iwi members, the band , the Scouts and various members of the community.

This year was the fourth ANZAC commemorative day held at Tarimano Marae and the 2015 ANZAC was also the 100 year commemoration day. The generous financial support from Mangorewa Te Taumata Trust for the day contributed significantly to the wonderful success of the occasion.

The commemorations were organised by the Ngati Rangiwewehi War Veterans committee comprising of Michael John Bidois, Martin Wheoro Bidois, Maria Paul, Ruiha (who read Flanders fields), Johnny and Nan Jones, Jim Granger and Carolyn Bidois with assistance from the Te Arawa Maori Returned Services League and the 28th Maori Battalion Veterans, Rotorua RSA.

The Ngati Rangiwewehi War Veterans committee would also like to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors for their financial support; Mangorewa Kaharoa Te Taumata Trust, Te Maru o Ngati Rangiwewehi, Awahou Activities Club, Tarimano Marae Trustees and Copies Etcetera 2013 Limited.

The Parade Marshall for the day was again an ex Returned Serviceman and the Master of Ceremonies was Ngahihi-o-te-ra Bidois. The ANZAC dedication was presented by Mr. Tauri Morgan, with prayers given by Bishop Ngarahu Katene. Others who contributed to the events of the day were the Ringa wera of Ngati Rangiwewehi who prepared the hangi which was very well received, the Ngati Rangiwewehi Rangatahi, Ruiha from Te Kura o Te Koutu, Mr Peter Seymour, Emme, Julie, and other vocalists, and Mina Mitai.

The day was a huge success with many positive comments received from many of the participants and attendees. The event has also become a ‘must attend’ for many people who also attended the various commemorative services held on ANZAC day. The programme was very informative with the reading of the Ngati Rangiwewehi ‘Roll of honour’ being one of the highlights and definitive aspects of the day, especially with a few more names added to the list of those who had passed since the previous ANZAC service. A special effort was made with our 100 year ANZAC Program, booklet and Honour Roll board – we

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acknowledge the wonderful work and support from Mona and her team at Copies Etc (2013).

Added extras to the day included individual named crosses and hand made poppies for everyone on our ‘Roll of Honour’; these were displayed between the memorable pou and the pou haki. Afterwards whānau were able to take home the crosses of their ancestors. This personalised aspect of the day was very well received and much appreciated.

Also on display was a large cross covered in individually hand knitted poppies – grateful thanks to Raywyn Bidois for her time and effort. This will be displayed in the Haahi at the marae and used for future events. As mentioned earlier the hakari at the end the day was a hangi buffet style and was very well enjoyed by those in attendance, completing a very memorable and enjoyable day.

Following the hakari everyone was invited to the Awahou Clubhouse where a local band performed for 5 hours. This also helped to make a memorable day. The day was certainly a memorable day in honour of those who will continue to be remembered.

“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.” We will remember them. Hopefully we will see you there next year. All are welcome.

Ngahihi o te ra Bidois is an international leadership speaker and author living here in Awahou. To find out more about him view his website on www.ngahibidois.com

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BLAST FROM THE PAST.....

Mountain News 23rd May 1981

KAHAROA HALL

Will be embarking on a fund raising project to raise sufficient money to paint the inside of the hall, a job which is badly in need of doing. The sports Club is in action again on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm. Anyone interested in playing badminton or table tennis come along. Details from D.McGowan Phone 566. Reminder that the hall is available for hire at very reasonable rates. Contact J.Branson Phone 596.

Other interesting snippets.....

You could phone a Taxi on 74589 which was running for 6 days a week - not Sundays. I wonder if that was Laurie De Erneste? There is an advert for Andy Burnetts Catering Service, who was in Tauhi Street where Brakes Homekill is. Grant Panelbeaters, along Ngongotaha Road opposite the Saleyards. Dottymo Drapery, where the bar is, JWJ Lepper for Coal and Carbonettes, Ngongotaha Pharmacy for Painless Ear Piercing, Ngongotaha Plumbers and Drainlayers (E.Lines). Jeanette & Peters Discount where you could get No 6 chickens for 4 for 9.95 or 2 for \$5.15.

Here and There with JWJL

Dogs - An increasing number of dogs have been roaming the village recently. So be warned, the Dog Catcher has been asked to pay a visit.

Butchery - after 8 years service to Ngongotaha and District at the Mokoia Butchery, Denis Gibson and his wife have sold the business. We wish him luck in any new venture he may take on. Rumour has it that we'll still see him around the District for some time yet.

February 16th 1978

More work in Mamaku - Now the old Railway Sawmill at Mamaku is under new management it could mean a shot in the arm for the township. Increased production and consequent building of kilns and treatment plants could mean there might be more work for Mamaku residents.

Calling Ngongotaha residents - A Message from the Hamurana Play Centre.

How many Ngongotaha residents are aware that there is a Play Centre out at Hamurana? It is only a small group and has a few vacancies left for this year. At Play Centre Mother has the opportunity to make friends while giving her child a pre-school education by qualified people from babyhood to school age. If you would like information or transport, phone Kay Coffin 74 378 or you are welcome to come out and pay us a visit during a Tuesday or Thursday morning session starting at 9.15am.

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Colonoscopy Journal:

I called a gastroenterologist, to make an appointment for a colonoscopy.

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He then explained the colonoscopy procedure to me in a thorough, reassuring and patient manner.

I nodded thoughtfully, but I didn't really hear anything he said, because my brain was shrieking, 'HE'S GOING TO STICK A TUBE 17,000 FEET UP YOUR A#\$E!'

I left his office with some written instructions, and a prescription for a product called 'MoviPrep,' which comes in a box large enough to hold a microwave oven. I will discuss MoviPrep in detail later; for now, suffice it to say that we must never allow it to fall into the hands of England 's enemies.

I spent the next several days productively sitting around being nervous.

Then, on the day before my colonoscopy, I began my preparation. In accordance with my instructions, I didn't eat any solid food that day; all I had was chicken soup, which is basically water, only with less flavour. Then, in the evening, I took the MoviPrep. You mix two packets of powder together in a one-litre plastic jug, then you fill it with lukewarm water. (For those unfamiliar with the metric system, a litre is about 32 gallons). Then you have to drink the whole jug. This takes about an hour, because MoviPrep tastes - and here I am being kind - like a mixture of goat spit and urinal cleanser, with just a hint of lemon.

The instructions for MoviPrep, clearly written by somebody with a great sense of humour, state that after you drink it, 'a loose, watery bowel movement may result.' This is kind of like saying that after you jump off your roof, you may experience contact with the ground. MoviPrep is a nuclear laxative. I don't want to be too graphic here, but, have you ever seen a space-shuttle launch? This is pretty much the MoviPrep experience, with you as the shuttle. There are times when you wish the commode had a seat belt. You spend several hours pretty much confined to the bathroom, sh#\$ing violently. You eliminate everything. And then, when you figure you must be totally empty, you have to drink another litre of MoviPrep, at which point, as far as I can tell, your bowels travel into the future and start eliminating food that you have not even eaten yet.

After an action-packed evening, I finally got to sleep.

The next morning my wife drove me to the clinic. I was very nervous. Not only was I worried about the procedure, but I had been experiencing occasional return bouts of MoviPrep sh#\$ing. I was thinking, 'What if I sh&t on the Doctor?' How do you apologize to a friend for something like that? Flowers would not be enough.

At the clinic I had to sign many forms acknowledging that I understood and totally agreed with whatever the hell the forms said. Then they led me to a room full of other colonoscopy people, where I went inside a little curtained space and took off my clothes and put on one of those hospital garments designed by sadist perverts, the kind that, when you put it on, makes you feel even more naked than when you are actually naked.

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Welcome Dr Jorgelina Ferreira.



Jorgelina, originally from Argentina, has been working in Rotorua for the last five years. You may have seen Jorgelina when she was a registrar at NMC.

Jorgelina is married with two young children and enjoys time with family and friends in her down time.

Jorgelina and Jonathan McPherson are job sharing to cover Clem's patient appointments. Please if you are a patient of Clem's please let us know which doctor in the practice you would like to see.

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Then a nurse named Eddie put a little needle in a vein in my left hand. Ordinarily I would have fainted, but Eddie was very good, and I was already lying down. Eddie also told me that some people put vodka in their MoviPrep.. At first I was brassed off that I hadn't thought of this, but then I pondered what would happen if you got yourself too hammered to make it to the bathroom, so you were staggering around in full Fire Hose Mode. You would have no choice but to burn your house.

When everything was ready, Eddie wheeled me into the procedure room, where the Doc was waiting with a nurse and an anaesthesiologist. I did not see the 17,000-foot tube, but I knew he had it hidden around there somewhere. I was seriously nervous at this point. He had me roll over on my left side, and the anaesthesiologist began hooking something up to the needle in my hand. There was music playing in the room, and I realized that the song was 'Dancing Queen' by ABBA. I remarked to the Doc that, of all the songs that could be playing during this particular procedure, 'Dancing Queen' had to be the least appropriate. 'You want me to turn it up?' said the Doc, from somewhere behind me. 'Ha ha,' I said. And then it was time, the moment I had been dreading for more than a decade. If you are squeamish, prepare yourself, because I am going to tell you, in explicit detail, exactly what it was like.

I have no idea. Really. I slept through it. One moment, ABBA was yelling 'Dancing Queen, feel the beat of the tambourine,' and the next moment, I was back in the other room, waking up in a very mellow mood.

The Doc was looking down at me and asking me how I felt. I felt excellent. I felt even more excellent when he told me that It was all over, and that my colon had passed with flying colours. I have never been prouder of an internal organ.

On the subject of Colonoscopies...

Colonoscopies are no joke, but these comments during the exam were quite humorous..... A physician claimed that the following are actual comments made by his patients (predominately male) while he was performing their colonoscopies:

1. Take it easy Doc. You're boldly going where no man has gone before.
2. 'Find Lord Lucan yet?'
3. 'Can you hear me NOW?'
4. 'Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Are we there yet?'
5. 'You know, in Glasgow, we're now legally married.'
6. 'Any sign of the trapped miners, Chief?'
7. 'You put your left hand in, you take your left hand out...'
8. 'Hey! Now I know how a Muppet feels!'
9. 'If your hand doesn't fit, you must quit!'
10. 'Hey, Doc, let me know if you find my dignity.'
11. 'You used to be an executive at Lehman's Bank, didn't you?'

And the best one of all:

12. 'Could you write a note for my wife saying that my head is not up there?'

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