

NGONGOTAHA NEWS

The Sunny side of the Mountain - FLUORIDE FREE NGONGOTAHA

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WORDS OF WISDOM
Never look for a **GOOD FACE**,
it will turn **OLD** one day
Never look for a **GOOD SKIN**
It will wrinkle one day
Never look for a **HOT BODY**
It will **CHANGE** one day
Never look for **NICE HAIR**
It will turn **WHITE** one day
Instead, look for a **LOYAL HEART**
that will **LOVE YOU EVERYDAY**

C.A.C.T.U.S

(Combined Adolescent Challenge Training Unit Support)

My Grand-daughter who is in her last year of High School at Western Heights announced excitedly at the end of last year that she had made CACTUS. To be followed by "Nan, do you think you could help with breakfasts?" "To get me there on time, You would need to be at the High School by 5.30am on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday." I will love you forever was somewhere in that plea.

I can hear you saying, "what on earth is CACTUS"?

It is a programme run by Sergeant Steve Sutton and his band of Police Colleagues, numbering at least 6. It is very similar to an Army 'boot camp' The aim of the programme is to extend the students both physically and mentally, focusing on teamwork, goal setting, leadership and discipline. The programme does not only target "At Risk" young people but a wide range of students with the aim of fostering and developing teamwork and leadership across the school.

CACTUS involves (this term) a 7 week intensive physical training programme for 30 students selected by the school. It includes three 1 hour sessions per week of progressively harder physical activities. It finishes with the "Longest Day" which includes 8 hours of challenging and demanding physical activities followed by a graduation evening. We have 6 more sessions, with the "longest day" being 21st March. Last year they pulled a truck down Fenton Street.

So only 6 more early starts, up at 4.30am, leave home by 5.15am, pick up Grand-daughter to have her at the school by 5.30am. The students love it, as we are never the first at the High School. There are always other students waiting by the time we get there. In fact some of the students from past CACTUS groups join us as well. One way of getting them out of bed, run CACTUS all year round. There are at least 6 Police present each day, plus Staff Members from Western Heights High School. We are therefore preparing breakfast for about 40 people each morning - I think the easier task of the two.

I personally would like to thank Sergeant Steve Sutton and his band of Policemen and Women, and of course Mr Wiremu Shuker, for their dedication shown our students. Some very long days for these people, but I feel a programme well worth the effort they all put in. From my observations, the rapport that is building between the students and the Police is amazing.

I do hope that Sponsorship and support that is needed to keep this programme going is available always. If there is anyone out there keen to show support in some form or another please contact Mr Wiremu Shuker at WHHS.

DOGS!

Last month whilst delivering the newsletter in Landscape Drive, I had a brindle coloured Staffy cross dog charge at me. He came out of a Landscape Drive address, and fortunately I had a trolley with the newsletters in to defend myself if need be. My Grand-daughter also encountered a dog in the Camelia drive end of Ranginui Street. We had 3 jump the fence in that end of Ranginui Street before Christmas. This is not the first time this has happened and we the deliverers of the newsletter have had enough. Another of my Delivery people constantly encounters dogs running loose in Dawsons Drive and consequently, some people down that street have not been receiving the newsletter and **DOGS ARE THE REASON.**

We will **NOT DELIVER ALSO** to letterboxes that big dogs come charging to the gate. I totally support all my delivery people as I do not think they should be put in danger.

I have reported this incident to the Dog Control People, and have since had a note from the owner of the Staffy dog that it has been shot. **BUT THAT IS NOT THE ONLY ONE.**

So Landscape Drive and the top end of Ranginui Street, unfortunately you will have to pick up your newsletters in the Chemist or Four Square.

I own a Dog myself, and he is always securely fenced in.

I really feel sorry for the Postie as they have to put up with this everyday. **WELL ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!**

Whilst on the subject of deliveries of the news, if you letter box is full of "junk mail" we do not deliver there either.

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Ralphs Comments

I don't buy the local rag but occasionally I look at it on line and check up on the latest news and I found all sorts of interesting things happening around the place that I didn't know about the other day I have been wondering for some time about the slow progress of the building of the funeral parlour building adjacent to Kauae Cemetery. I had no knowledge of the fact that Gray's was placed in receivership so it was a surprise to read the article in the Daily Post. My thoughts are that this was going to be a really sensible location for a funeral parlour and perhaps could still be if allowed. I haven't been into the building or onto the site but the cost of the finishing sounds very expensive to me. Perhaps a different plan could cut down the cost of finishing the project

Now wouldn't this be a good opportunity for Ngati Whakaeue to supply a need in Ngongotaha for a community sports and club centre. I don't think that the cemetery being close by is going to impinge on any activity undertaken at the centre so why not utilise it for a good cause. Maybe Progress Ngongotaha could be an interested party as I understand they are planning a substantial building programme in the centre of the village

Another article in the Daily Post was about the braking of windows at the Tauhara College in Taupo 134 broken by 8 eight year olds and I thought we had problems with vandals in Ngongotaha. What is wrong with our parents these days and why aren't they supervising their children? The lack of supervision seems to apply in lots of places and I wonder how the problem could be resolved. In my area we are having Neighbourhood Support meetings and trying to develop a cunning plan to deter or catch offenders so wish us luck.

We were invited out to dinner a couple of weeks back and were asked to pick a restaurant for the occasion. I haven't been into the city to dine for a couple of years now and was quiet amazed by the Eat Street scene and the business of the place. The roof overhead wasn't there the last time I ventured out so it's a big improvement for outdoor diners. I saw one or two familiar faces and had a chat here and there and finished the night with an ice cream from Lady Janie's

With that don't forget to plant your sweet peas on St Patrick's Day – 17th March - and best wishes from Ralph

After being married for 50 years, I took a careful look at my wife one day and said, "Fifty years ago we had a cheap house, a junk car, slept on a Cheap sofa bed and watched a 10-inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 23-year-old girl." "Now ... We have an \$800,000 home, a \$65,000 car, a nice big bed and a large-screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 73-year-old woman. It seems to me that you're not holding up your side of the bargain." My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 23-year-old girl and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap house, driving a junk car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10-inch black and white TV.

Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve an old guy's problems!

Meanwhile somewhere in space Aliens were watching this unusual dance. KAMATE KAMATE KA-ORA KA-ORA.....

The Aliens were very interested in what must be going through his mind right at this moment and they wanted to see what would happen if they would take a part of his brain away without him even knowing!! So with the Aliens high-technology they sent a laser beam down that hit the Kiwi blokes head and took a part of his brain away. The Aliens then sat back to see what would happen....

KA-MATE KA-MATE, KA-ORA KA-ORA..... ???WHAT THE??? The Aliens were amazed with what they were seeing so they decided to send the beam down and take another part of his brain?????.The Aliens watched on. KA-MATE KA-MATE KA-ORA KA-ORA..... ???WHAT THE??? The Aliens then figured these kiwis must be very clever people even with half a brain. So they wanted to see what would happen if they took the remainder of his brain away and left him with no knowledge what so ever! So with a push of a button the Aliens sent the beam down which took the final part of the Kiwis brain. Now surely he won't know anything at all, he should be too dumb to do anything now? So the Aliens watched on as the bloke with no brains left then started singing,

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EASTER:

Palm Sunday 29th March Eucharist with the Procession of Palms

Maundy Thursday 2nd April 6.00pm Meal and Service in commemoration of the Last Supper. Adults \$7.00 Children under 13 free.

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Easter Day 5th April 9.45am Family Eucharist.

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Marinus Koppe Lay preacher, RDPC.

Things that will disappear in our lifetime

The Post Office

Get ready to imagine a world without the post office. They are so deeply in financial trouble that there is probably no way to sustain it long term. Email, Fed Ex, and UPS have just about wiped out the minimum revenue needed to keep the post office alive. Most of your mail every day is junk mail and bills.

The Cheque

Britain is already laying the groundwork to do away with cheque by 2018. It costs the financial system billions of dollars a year to process cheques. Plastic cards and online transactions will lead to the eventual demise of the check. This plays right into the death of the post office. If you never paid your bills by mail and never received them by mail, the post office would absolutely go out of business.

The Newspaper

The younger generation simply doesn't read the newspaper. They certainly don't subscribe to a daily delivered print edition. That may go the way of the milkman and the laundry man. As for reading the paper online, get ready to pay for it. The rise in mobile Internet devices and e-readers has caused all the newspaper and magazine publishers to form an alliance. They have met with Apple, Amazon, and the major cell phone companies to develop a model for paid subscription services.



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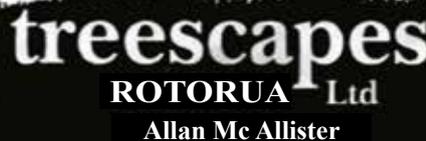
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The Washington Post's Style Invitational also asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.

The winners are:

Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

Castration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.

Giraffiti (n): Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

Sarchasm (n): The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Inoculatte (v): To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

Karmageddon (n): It's like, when everybody is sending off all these Really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.

Decafalon (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

Glibido (v): All talk and no action.

Dopeler effect (n): The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

Arachnoleptic fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.

Caterpallor (n.): The color you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.

Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.

Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.

Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.

Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Damage - Author: Felix Francis

Undercover investigator Jeff Hinkley is assigned by the British Horseracing Authority to look into the activities of a suspicious racehorse trainer, but as he's tailing his quarry through the Cheltenham Racing Festival, the last thing he expects to witness is a gruesome murder. Could it have something to do with the reason the trainer was banned in the first place - the administration of illegal drugs to his horses?

Then many more horses test positive for prohibited stimulants, and someone starts making demands, threatening to completely destroy the integrity of the racing industry. In order to limit the damage to the sport, it's critical that Jeff find the perpetrator... but he'll soon learn he's up against someone who will stop at nothing to prevail.

Gray Mountain - Author: John Grisham

The year is 2008 and Samantha Kofer's career at a huge Wall Street law firm is on the fast track - until the recession hits and she gets downsized, furloughed, escorted out of the building. Samantha, though, is one of the "lucky" associates. She's offered an opportunity to work at a legal aid clinic for one year without pay, after which there would be a slim chance that she'd get her old job back.

In a matter of days Samantha moves from Manhattan to Brady, Virginia, population 2,200, in the heart of Appalachia, a part of the world she has only read about. Mattie Wyatt, lifelong Brady resident and head of the town's legal aid clinic, is there to teach her how to "help real people with real problems." For the first time in her career, Samantha prepares a lawsuit, sees the inside of an actual courtroom, gets scolded by a judge, and receives threats from locals who aren't so thrilled to have a big-city lawyer in town. And she learns that Brady, like most small towns, harbors some big secrets.

Her new job takes Samantha into the murky and dangerous world of coal mining, where laws are often broken, rules are ignored, regulations are flouted, communities are divided, and the land itself is under attack from Big Coal. Violence is always just around the corner, and within weeks Samantha finds herself engulfed in litigation that turns deadly.

We are celebrating the library's 125th anniversary with the launch of a film on DVD showcasing the rich history of the Rotorua Library. 'A Passion For Books' created by film maker Kerry Fowler gives a fascinating insight not only in to the 125 year history of the library but also of the Rotorua region itself. With stories told by the people who were there and filled with interviews with some of the more memorable characters of Rotorua the film makes for entertaining viewing. The film will be unveiled to an invited audience on March 27 with the DVD available to purchase from that time. The event will also see the winner of the Rotorua Kete 'Then and Now' Photo Hunt competition announced. The contest which aims to uncover photographic memories for the Rotorua Kete digital archive will remain open for entries until March 9. The winner will receive an iPad Mini courtesy of the Friends of the Library so get in quick to enter by picking up a form from the issues desk or online.

The Library is holding weekly workshops to help Year 7 & 8 students with World War 1 research as part of the 'My WWI Hero' competition being run by Rotorua Museum. The workshops which began in early February are held every Thursday between 3.30 and 4.30pm on the 2nd floor of the library and will continue until March 26. Learn more about the competition from our website or from www.rotoruamuseum.co.nz/my-ww1-hero/

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT

Baby Bop - Every week during term time, Wednesday 10.30am

Rhyme and Rumpus - Every week during term time, Tuesdays 10.30am and Thursdays 1.30pm

Friends of the Library book sale at Kuirau Park - March 7 and 21, 9am - 1pm at the old tea kiosk

Tech Tuesday E Reader Workshop - Tuesday, March 10, 10.30 - 11.30am (contact Anne on 351 7030 to book)

Siobhan Foster's Release of her joke book 'A Leprechaun made me do it' - Thursday, March 12

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Three blondes were all applying for the last available detective position. The detective conducting the interview looked at the three of them and said, "So y'all want to be cops, huh?" The blondes all nodded. The detective got up, opened a file drawer, and pulled out a folder. Sitting back down, he opened it, pulled out a picture, and said, "To be a detective, you have to be able to detect." You must be able to notice things such as distinguishing features and oddities like scars and so forth." So saying, he stuck the photo in the face of the first blonde and withdrew it after about two seconds. "Now," he said, "did you notice any distinguishing features about this man?" The blonde immediately said, "Yes, I did. He has only one eye!" The detective shook his head and said, "Of course he has only one eye in this picture! It's a profile of his face! You're dismissed!" The first blonde hung her head and walked out of the office. The detective then turned to the second blonde, stuck the photo in her face for two seconds, pulled it back, and said, "What about you? Notice anything unusual or Outstanding about this man?" "Yes! He only has one ear!" The detective put his head in his hands and exclaimed, "Didn't you hear what I just told the other lady? This is a profile of the man's face! Of course you can only see one ear! You're excused too!" The second blonde sheepishly walked out of the office. The detective turned his attention to the third and last blonde and said, "This is probably a waste of time, but..." He flashed the photo in her face for a couple of seconds and withdrew it, saying, "All right, did you notice anything distinguishing or Unusual about this man?" The blonde said, "I sure did. This man wears contact lenses. The detective frowned, took another look at the picture, and began looking at some of the papers in the folder. He looked up at the blonde with a puzzled expression and said, "You're absolutely right!" His bio says he wears contacts! How in the world could you tell that by looking at his picture?" **The blonde rolled her eyes and said, "Well, Helloooooooooooooo! With only One eye and one ear, he certainly can't wear glasses."**

Todd McClay

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Ngongotaha Volunteer Fire Brigade

It was a very busy summer for the brigade, attending a number of incidents along with several community events. With the hot dry weather we have been called to many grass and scrub fires, thankfully with early notification of these fires they were able to be quickly dealt to before they could get out of control.

Towards the end of last year the brigade celebrated the service achievements of two of its mem-bers. Lesina Walden received her gold star for 25 years within the fire service. Paul Newcombe was recognised for his 40 years of commitment to the Ngongotaha Volunteer Fire Brigade. Con-gratulations also goes to Francis Boag, for his recent appointment as Chief Fire Officer of the Ngongotaha Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Among all this, we have also had several new members come through and successfully pass their recruit course to become firefighters, however we still require more members. We are searching for people who live or work within the Ngongotaha area and are available to respond during week-days to join our crew. If you would like to add a bit of excitement to your days, email us at join@ngongotahafire.org.nz for further information, or visit the station on Monday nights from 1830hrs. **Fire Safety Tip: Smoke alarms save lives. Make sure you have working smoke alarms installed in your home.**

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Rewena paraoa

1 hour Rewena paraoa is a traditional Māori bread. It has a lovely light texture with a slightly sour tang (similar to sourdough bread).

Cooking directions

Rewena paraoa is made in two parts; firstly you make the 'potato bug' and then, after leaving the bug to ferment for a few days, you are ready to make your bread.

Rewena (leaven) - the 'potato bug' Peel and dice one medium sized potato. Boil with 1 cup of water until soft. Do not drain - keep the water. NB: Don't be tempted to salt the water when you are cooking the potatoes, this will hinder the fermentation process. Cool to lukewarm and mash the potato with the cooking water. Gradually mix in 2 cups flour and 1 teaspoon sugar until the ingredients resemble a batter like paste (add more warm water if you feel it is too stiff). If your mixture has small lumps, don't worry, these will break down as the mixture ferments. Cover and stand in a warm place until the mixture has fermented (around 24 to 48 hours). The mixture will increase in size so ensure that your bowl is large enough. When ready it should smell yeasty and should resemble batter with bubbles on the surface.

Bread

Sift 5 cups of flour and 1 teaspoon of salt into a large bowl and make a well in the centre. Fill with rewena and sprinkle over 1 teaspoon of baking soda. Combine, then drop onto a clean surface and knead mixture for about 10 minutes. Shape into loaves or place mixture in greased loaf tins. Bake at 230°C degrees for 45 to 50 minutes.

MAORI FRIED BREAD

Ingredients

3 1/2 c self raising flour
1/2 tsp salt
cold water to mix
good quality oil for frying

How to make it

In a large bowl measure the flour, then add salt...gradually add enough cold water to make a soft dough, mix thru with a wooden spoon, but try not to over mix, as this can make them stiff and flat, turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and push or roll dough out to 1 1/2 cm thickness cut into the desired size, then place each peice into the preheated hot oil and fry til golden on both sides and twice the size.

PLUM JAM (Makes 4 small jars)

- 1.5kg plums
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 kg sugar
- Juice of 2 or 3 lemons

1. In a large pot, place the plums and water. Bring to a simmer to soften the plums.
2. Remove from the heat and with a slotted spoon remove the stones.
3. Return to the heat and add the sugar and lemon juice. Stir occasionally until the sugar is dissolved. Bring to a rolling boil for 20 minutes.
4. Test a bit on a saucer, to ensure it is starting to set.
5. Remove from the heat, and bottle in sterilised jars, cover and label.



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Swimmers using the Rotorua Lakes are being advised to stay out of the lake's ski lanes.

The lakes' Harbour Master and maritime officers have received complaints from water skiers that swimmers are using the designated ski lanes when the lakes are busy, creating problems for skiers.

One complainant who received an infringement notice (fine) for exceeding five knots outside the ski lane said they had brought a learner wakeboard rider in slowly at a safe place where there were no swimmers, because they had counted 23 swimmers in the ski lane. Later in the day there were more than 40, including small children.

Lakes Harbour Master Pererika Makiha said the ski lanes were designated to keep both swimmers and skiers safe, and swimmers should stay clear of the designated lanes. However signage designating the ski lane was often obscured by vehicles and gazebos.

"Skiing from shore is only permitted within the designated ski access lane or reserved ski area," he said.

"People also need to remember that water skiing is a three-person sport. You must carry an observer who is over 10 years of age. The skier must wear a lifejacket and ski in an anticlockwise direction."

Leaving Work Early - Three girls all worked in the same office with the same female Boss. Each day, they watched the boss leave work early. One day, the girls decided that, when the boss left, they would leave right behind her. After all, she never called or came back to work, so how would she know they went home early? The brunette was thrilled to be home early...she did a little gardening, spent playtime with her son, and went to bed early. The redhead was elated to be able to get in a quick workout at the spa before meeting a dinner date. The blonde was happy to get home early and surprise her husband, but when she got to her bedroom, she heard a muffled noise from inside. Slowly and quietly, she cracked open the door and was mortified to see her husband in bed with her boss! Gently she closed the door and crept out of the house. The next day, at their coffee break, the brunette and redhead planned to leave early again, and they asked the blonde if she was going to go with them. No way! the blonde exclaimed. "I almost got caught yesterday!"

One day a duck walked into a bar. He asked the bar man, "got some bread". The bar man said, "na". The duck said again, "Got some bread". The bar man said, "No you stupid duck". The duck said again, "got some bread". The bar man was furious and he said, "If you say that 1 more time I'll get get a hammer and some nails and nail your beak to the floor". The duck was quiet and was thinking. 2 minutes later it said, "have you got a hammer". The bar man said, "na". The duck said, "got some nails". The bar man said, "na". So the duck said, "got some bread".

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Our tamariki have been making the most of the beautiful weather this term. We spend lots of time outside in our huge sandpit with our favorite sandpit toys, and we love using the hose in there to make rivers, lakes, streams, dams, you name it! We have lots of fun with the awesome new waterplay equipment purchased thanks to funding from the Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust. The playground with its fire-engine, slide, tunnel, 'shop', and climbing equipment is also a winner with our tamariki. We have seesaws, swings, a trapeze, a swinging barrel, the list goes on! Our tamariki love creating their own obstacle courses with the soft play gym equipment and we also have an awesome safety matted area with timber play cubes for practicing our climbing and balancing. We have balance bikes and three wheel trikes and ride-on toys and a hill to whiz down! And our secret garden (shhhhhh!) where much imaginative play is enjoyed. So why not visit and check us out!

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~ John Glenn...

As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.

~ Desmond Tutu...

When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land.

They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes.

When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land.

~ David Letterman...

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Awahou river and lots of life
2,000 plus was the number mentioned to me.

That is, at one stage during the awesome summer we are still experiencing there were an estimated 2,000 plus Trout in the Awahou River between the River mouth and ‘the drop’. The drop is a local nick name given to the deep pool opposite the Flavell’s property which is approximately 500 metres from the river mouth if that. In anyone’s language that is a lot of trout to have in such a small area of water.

Consequently, there was also a large number of fishermen in that small stretch of the river too. Awahou river mouth was alive and full of activity both in and out of the river.

It wasn’t just the trout and the fishermen who were contributing to the life of the Awahou river either. During that same time the Ngati Rangiwewehi Maori Cultural Group were preparing for the National Kapa Haka competitions known as Te Matatini. Their preparation occurred at our marae which is opposite ‘Green Acres’ another nick name for one of the many swimming spots on the Awahou river. Their downtime included swimming in the

river – along with over 2000 + trout.

There were also many visitors from throughout the motu who came to the Awahou river which has a reputation for being one of the coldest, most refreshing and healing rivers on the planet. Well, that’s what the trout must think anyway.

In fact I reckon that if an entrepreneur had heard about all those trout they might have been tempted to try a ‘swim with the trout’ experience. However their clients would have had to watch out for fish hooks landing all around them and fishermen thinking they had finally hooked on to that huge trout. They also would have had to watch out for kids and adults jumping off banks and trees, swings and any other vantage point to make their swim more enjoyable.

2,000+ trout also means lots of hours for the Fish and Game rangers to ensure that the trout population remains healthy and that people are doing the right thing. Lots of work for those guys with probably very little thanks – so thanks guys, the fishermen, trout and no doubt the river appreciate your good work.

So lots of trout and lots of people and to my known knowledge not one drowning. In fact it may interest you to know that there has never been a drowning in the Awahou river. Many of us put that down to the common sense and respect that people give the Awahou River as well as the respect given to the guardian of our river known as Pekehaua. Not one drowning because of one guardian. No doubt Pekehaua would have received even less thanks and acknowledgement than the rangers. So thanks Pekehaua. Another summer with your perfect record of protection intact while there was an increase in drowning across the nation. That’s pretty cool. Almost as cool as the the temperature of the Awahou river.

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

~ Jean Kerr... *The only reason they say ‘Women and children first’ is to test the strength of the lifeboats.*

~ Zsa Zsa Gabor...*I’ve been married to a communist and a fascist, and neither would take out the garbage*

~ Prince Philip...*When a man opens a car door for his wife, it’s either a new car or a new wife.*

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Ngongotaha School

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Term One is well underway with only four weeks remaining until the next holiday break.

Last Saturday we held our school GALA and were really grateful for the beautiful weather for the event. The support from the community was amazing and we thank you for this. There was a great atmosphere and family feeling to the whole event. At this stage we do not have a final profit total as we await the accounts to pay but we are sure it has been a profitable activity.

We are very grateful to all the sponsors who donated the many prizes and food items, without you our GALA would not be the success it was.

Thank you to all the staff, board and community members who assisted running various stalls, you all did a great job. Thank you to Steve Smith for coming back to us to be our MC for the quick fire raffles and auction and to Leo Penn who carried out security work at the office during the day. This certainly made Whaea Julie and Rebecca Moore feel a lot safer with all the money being counted. This support is appreciated. Lastly a big thanks to Jeanette Edwards for getting the GALA underway and to Alison Astwood who did an amazing job of co-ordinating everything from the start of this year.

This is a GREAT place to work when we have so much community support.

Thanks to the following for your support of the school:

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On a personal note a big thank you to the motorcycle club who took excellent care of my 80 year old father when he had his first motor bike ride at the GALA. He thoroughly enjoyed this experience and can now tick it off his "Bucket List".

We have a swimming team entering the annual country schools swimming sports at Kaharoa School on Friday 6th March. The children have been swimming all season and training before school. We look forward to a great day of swimming and water fun. Good luck to all those competing.

The four classes from Te Whanau Wai have all had a day visit to Parawai Marae as part of our local curriculum. The children enjoyed their welcome, the history they were given and the chance to take part in a number of activity rotations. It is excellent that we are able to use local facilities to complement our local curriculum. The three classes from Te Whanau Manu will have their visit on Wednesday 18th March and the five classes from Te Whanau Ngahere will have their visit on Thursday 19th March.

We are currently gathering expressions of interest from children interested in playing netball, miniball and hockey for the school. These sports are all played outside of school hours with hockey and netball played on Saturday morning. It is great to see so many children taking an active role in sports and developing the skills related to being part of a team.

CONTD OVERPAGE.....

Recently we had a week of Financial Literacy provided by ASB bank. A programme is delivered to all ages and looks at the benefits of saving. The children had a lot of fun and worked through a range of money related activities. We will look to include this in our curriculum on a regular basis.

We were lucky to host representatives of the Warriors team at school recently. The team was in Rotorua to play a game and managed a few school visits. The talk they delivered, in a fun way, was based around the importance of healthy food, hydration, breakfast and sleep. This has had positive spin offs for the children who were able to listen and take on board the messages being delivered. Thank you to these representatives for visiting Ngongotaha School.

Next week, on Friday 13th March, we will host our school triathlon. This is an annual event on our school calendar now with many children taking part. Each age range has a certain number of laps to do in the pool on their bike and running. We are thankful for the parent support we receive and the excellent encouragement children are given when competing. We look forward to this event which will start at 11.00am.

Later this term we will have our first Duffy Assembly. This is planned for Friday 27th March. Children will get their first set of books to add to or to start their own personal reading library. We are extremely grateful to Mainfreight for their sponsorship of our school and the Books in Homes Programme. The children certainly appreciate receiving the books and we enjoy seeing their faces when they receive these free books.

Our 2015 Ngati Whakaue Education Endowment Trust programme is well underway. Our focus is on oral language and the children's ability to express themselves. Whaea Tina runs this programme three days a week both in English and Te Reo Māori. We saw excellent results from all children who took part in this last year and look forward to similar results in 2015.

Easter falls during the holiday break this year so we would like to extend a Happy Easter to you all. Stay safe, and if travelling on the roads during the holiday take extra care. We look forward to seeing all the children back in term two.

Term One: Monday 2nd February to Wednesday 1st April – 9 weeks

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 taetae” – “Aim High, Stand Proud” - **Cathryn Naera and staff of Ngongotaha School**

~ Spike Milligan...*The best cure for Sea Sickness, is to sit under a tree.*

~ Robin Hall...*Lawyers believe a person is innocent until proven broke.*

~ Jean Rostand...*Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror*

~ Arnold Schwarzenegger...*Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million.*

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TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Te Arawa Partnership Model Proposal

Before making final decisions on the proposed Te Arawa Partnership Model currently before Rotorua Lakes Council, the council is seeking public feedback.

As part of a Special Consultative Procedure, Rotorua residents are being invited to share their views with the mayor and councillors up until Friday 17 April 2015.

Public submissions close 4pm, Friday 17 April 2015

BACKGROUND

The need for a more effective partnership between Māori and the council follows a 2012 decision of the Environment Court which included strong criticism of the way the council consulted with iwi.

Following the October 2013 local government elections the incoming council and Te Arawa committed to developing a new and more effective partnership model - acknowledging that the then Te Arawa Standing Committee no longer met the needs of both parties.

A commitment to develop a new partnership model with Te Arawa was also a key driver of the Rotorua 2030 vision developed by the council in partnership with the Rotorua community in 2014.

On 18 December, after 12 months of research and consultation with iwi, Te Arawa representatives presented their preferred partnership model to the council and invited community consultation on their proposal. The mayor and councillors voted 10-3 to approve Te Arawa's Partnership Model proposal "*in principle*" and for it to go out for public consultation before making final decisions.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Under current legislation councils are required to facilitate Māori participation in council decision-making processes, to identify strategic opportunities for working closely with Māori for the betterment of their districts, and to help build iwi capacity and capability for partnering with local government.

Rotorua's former Te Arawa Standing Committee was an innovative and ground-breaking development for its time. Since then most councils around New Zealand have introduced formal mechanisms and processes to comply with legislative obligations – including, in many cases, the appointment of iwi representatives to sit on council committees.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

To help explain the proposal and to assist residents with making informed submissions, a series of public information sessions has been arranged. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

- **Tue 10 March 5:30pm – 7:00pm**
Ngakuru Hall
- **Wed 11 March 5:30pm – 7:00pm**
Waikite Clubrooms, Bellevue Rd
- **Thu 12 March 6:15pm – 7:45pm**
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- **Mon 16 March 9-10:30am,**
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PROPOSED TE ARAWA PARTNERSHIP MODEL – IN SUMMARY

The Office of the Auditor-General advises councils to state their preferred proposal when engaging with communities in a special consultative process. Key provisions of the council's preferred option, in summary, are:

- the establishment on an independent Te Arawa Board sitting outside of the council, to represent iwi interests, with board members elected by the Te Arawa community;
- the Te Arawa Board to forward nominations for appointment to certain council committees, RMA consent hearing panels and strategic working groups. Nominations to be considered and appointments made, solely by publicly elected members on the full council; and
- voting rights for appointed representatives on two of the committees – i.e. Strategy, Policy & Finance Committee, and Operations & Monitoring Committee. [Committee decisions can be overturned by publicly elected members on the full council.]

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Before approving this model "in principle" the council also considered three other options at length. In summary, these were:

1. Status quo – i.e. re-establishing the former Te Arawa Standing Committee;
2. Modified model – i.e. the model proposed by Te Arawa but without voting rights; and
3. No formal partnership – i.e. no Te Arawa Standing Committee but existing statutory and non-statutory relationships with Te Arawa marae, iwi and other entities acknowledged and extended.

Public submissions close 4pm, Friday 17 April 2015

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

A statement of proposal (Proposed Te Arawa Partnership Model) has been prepared and is now publicly available in accordance with the special consultative procedure requirements of the local government act 2002, and with guidance from the office of the auditor-general. It includes:

- the proposed model and the reasons for the proposal;
- reasonably practicable options considered by the council; and
- a description of the consultation and submission process, including the timeframe within which views on the proposal may be provided.

Copies of the statement of proposal, submission form and other relevant information are available from Rotorua lakes Council's Customer Centre, District Library and City Focus, or can be downloaded from the council website www.rotorualakescouncil.nz. Additional information is also available on the website.

TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Rotorua Lakes Council urges residents to have their say on the proposed Te Arawa Partnership Model, to comment on any of the alternative options considered by the council, or to identify other arrangements they would like the council to consider.

Anyone interested can use the feedback form (hard copy or online), or write to the council saying what parts of the proposal are agreed with or not agreed with, or identify other preferences.

Submitters are invited to say whether they also want to speak to the mayor and councillors, in support of their submissions, at a council hearing.

Submissions can be made to the council in the following ways:

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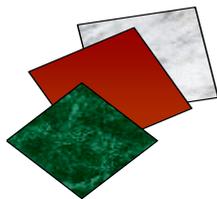
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In my view

COUNCIL

Te Arawa

Well the document which sets in place the consultation on the Te Arawa Proposal is out for public consultation and includes, at my insistence, the 4 options put to council to improve an Iwi relationship with the Te Arawa people. (Have a look at it on pages 16 & 17 of this news). I believe in freedom of speech and that's why I supported the amended version going out for people to have their say. If the four options do not cut the mustard as far as you are concerned then put in an alternative proposal as we are charged under many acts to actively involve Iwi in the decision making process of Local Government. I think the right result will occur and the fear tactics, scaremongering by a few, racist taunts and personal attacks will be ignored as when printed are next weeks fish and chips wrapping. Please be involved.

While I'm speaking of Te Arawa can I wish all the teams competing in the Te Matatini Kapa Haka Chaps in Christchurch all the best.

Representation Review

I was recently selected by my colleagues along with Cr Merepeka Raukawa Tait and Cr Tania Tapsell to be on the representation review which also has 3 members from the Rotorua District coming together to review how we vote i.e.

- * Electronic, postal, booths or a combination of any.
- * What type of system i.e. first past the post, Single Transferable voting (STV) or any other system.
- * What type of electorate you want i.e. One Ward of 12 Councillors and one Mayor or separate wards i.e. north west east and or south wards or part wards part at large etc.

The options are endless, the number of Councillors i.e. at large per ward, per suburb or collectively.

Community Boards do we need them how many and will they be effective??? Like wise you will get to have your say also.

Waste Management of the district

Council is currently looking at all options for the disposal of rubbish, trade waste, in organic, green waste, food and recyclables. Under Mayor Chadwick this council is not short of innovative ideas and she ensures these are on the table and not someone else's agenda. We have had many options put in front of us with many options to consider. We will consult you the people the users of these services.

Council Workers

Great to see Wally Jacobs (or Sona, as he is known out here) honoured recently after 50 unbroken years of service to the people of the old County and City and District council. It only seemed like a few years ago he was playing for the Eagles rugby team.

Long term Plan

We recently spent 3 solid days chewing over where we as a council want to take Rotorua over the next three years. We are putting in user pays more to give relief from cross subsidization of water sewerage and other fixed charges which the wrong ratepayers have been paying in the past. While there are many services we all use some use some of them more than others. Rotorua is on a roll and it appears from a real estate point of view the Aucklanders have finally realised Rotorua is the place to retire too as house prices of our homes, lifestyle blocks etc is reasonable compared to what Aucklanders pay. Many rates fluctuations in Rotorua have occurred because of shifts in the Values will "skew" some of your rates. We are working through the options. The Regional Councils rates are going up 8-10 per cent for Rotorua Residents.

Bouquets

Congrats to bright shining star in Matariki Henderson following in her fathers footsteps and making Prefect this year at WHHS. Daughter of Kath and Grant, and sister of Arapeta but more importantly the Grand Daughter of Ann and Matt Henderson. Pop would have been very proud of you as we are in the Ngongotaha community.

Too those who organised the Warriors v Panthers pre season game at the International stadium and attracted 9517 fans. Had the chance to meet Mr Dean Whare our boy from Waiteti and what an intelligent pleasantly spoken young man he is. Your whanau have a lot to be proud of also Dean. I mixed and mingled with the players from both sides and what a hard physical game league is. Can the sport sustain that level of injuries.

Walt Disney Films- Hollywood comes to Ngongotaha as the Disney film "The Witch and the Dragon" being filmed in Western Road and in Tokoroa.

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The Trustees of Whare Aroha- who have bought the Tauī st site for their new facility which should house 100 users and create over 100 jobs in Ngongotaha.

Brickbats

To the hardy scaremonger from Mamaku who said the lakes would have a fence around them, Iwi will charge us to use them, etc before the lakes were handed back to Iwi, he stated that NZ would be like Bosnia with ethnic cleansing etc etc. well he has raised his head again. Has it happened NO.

Top the low life scum who stole the socks Martyn Evans and volunteers had made to decorate the village, I hope your armpits are infested with cockroaches. Some have been found damaged and if anyone can help identify the culprits give me a call.

Kia Kaha Martyn

To the Police who are out scrounging fine money out of mostly law abiding traffic users who fall foul of going a few kms over the limit in Lake Road- BOO HOO. How hiding down Whitworth Rd with a sneaky little camera solves traffic safety I do not know. Good revenue for Govt. Yes I got caught and when I did over 20 others were waiting to be ticketed. How about getting out on the highways and main roads and see the dangerous driving on the open road. How, there are not more truck accidents astounds me. What they endure from car drivers and they do not go off the Road also astounds me. Are you surprised people are taking the keys off these tourists I'm not.

No sympathy

To the drug runners of Indonesia, who clearly know the Law and now have to take the consequences. I'm sorry they chose the path they went down and did the crime and do the time. Execution while drastic is the punishment in that country. The victims of the drugs should never be forgotten as our health system and those throughout the world have to pick up the pieces financially, socially and families are torn apart. I have no sympathy for anyone who peddles misery.

Waitangi day

To Lyn benfell and the Progress Ngongotaha team and the Rail trust what a fabulous day you put on for the community with free train rides, face painting, art experiences and the local fire brigade display was amazing. The sausage sizzle wasn't too bad either. Great day for families and thank you to all concerned.

Sole Mio/Lakeside/Mama Mia

Had the privilege of going to Solo Mio in concert at the Claudelands event centre Hamilton which is not unlike our Energy events centre hear in Rotorua and they were superb. I asked the question why can't they come to Rotorua it would be a sell out.

Lakeside needs a revamp and maybe a sole headline act and a few support groups would be great.

Can we not have a youth concert on at the stadium as well as we all saw the unsupervised youth causing trouble and police presence was strong. Bouquet to the police who didn't hesitate to intervene.

Mama Mia - What a top class show for A Rotorua Amateur group hope it was a sell out as the acting singing and staging was world class. Happy Autumn. Haven't we had a wonderful Summer!!!

Cr Charles Sturt

The Washington Post - The Arctic Ocean is warming up, icebergs are growing scarcer and in some places the seals are finding the water too hot, according to a report to the Commerce Department yesterday from Consulaffi, at Bergen, Norway

Reports from fishermen, seal hunters, and explorers all point to a radical change in climate conditions and hitherto unheard-of temperatures in the Arctic zone. Exploration expeditions report that scarcely any ice has been met as far north as 81 degrees 29 minutes. Soundings to a depth of 3,100 meters showed the gulf stream still very warm. Great masses of ice have been replaced by moraines of earth and stones, the report continued, while at many points well known glaciers have entirely disappeared.

Very few seals and no white fish are found in the eastern Arctic, while vast shoals of herring and smelts which have never before ventured so far north, are being encountered in the old seal fishing grounds. Within a few years it is predicted that due to the ice melt the sea will rise and make most coastal cities uninhabitable.

I apologize, I neglected to mention that this report was from November 2, 1922, as reported by the AP and published in The Washington Post - 93 years ago.

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Kaharoa School

The character value for the term is Respect. Our definition is the willingness to treat with courtesy; to hold in high regard; to honour, to care about yourself and others. This means being caring.

Our Key Competency is Self-Manager. A Self Manager (Manage me) - A Kaharoa Kid has the ability to set goals, make plans and evaluate their progress.

Swimming Sports: Junior school swimming sports was held on Thursday afternoon with all our 5, 6 and 7 year olds participating in a range of events. As always we had fabulous parents encouraging the children on.

Friday 6th March saw us share an interschool swimming sports day with many other schools. The competition was fierce and the children swam their very best in either improver or championship events. The day included children from ages 8-13. Again, the parent support was amazing and a wonderful day was had by all. Congratulations to all the children who trained over many weeks and competed, showing great sportsmanship.

Room Rimu will be enjoying a camp at Tui Ridge from 11-13 March. Room Rata will also be on camp during this time on 12 & 13 March based at Whakamaru.

Kaharoa's second Trolley Derby will be held on **Sunday 22 March with a postponement date 29 March**. Please see our web site or facebook for registration details www.kaharoa.school.nz. Please note that Kaharoa Road will be closed (between Kapukapu and Penny Road) from 8.30am until 3.00pm on the day of this event.

Central BoP swimming sports will be held on 24/03/15 for those who qualify at the interschool competition. Parent teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday and Thursday 25th & 26th March from 3.00pm. Classes will finish at 2.30pm but buses will run at the usual times.

Tawa Camp at Lakes Ranch will take place from 30 March to 1st April. We are hoping for dry weather so that we can enjoy all the wonderful activities planned for the three days.

The final day for Term 1 is Thursday 2nd April. Term 2 will commence on Monday 20th April.

Team Kaharoa

This poem is based upon my view on life. To me the moments in life that we remember the most are when we laugh or dance to music with our family and friends. It's these moments that seem to come together like a musical melody:

What if?

By Paige McLeary

What if we were the sounds that dance inside our ears, would we be bird songs? Laughter or creative lyrical music? As we pour out of the loud speakers, every sounds that we are may be out of rhythm. Or maybe we will come together in harmony, beats like a steady heartbeat. Power and passion is what fuels us. What if we were the melody that raised the roof. What if we were?

Where my heart is Story by Paige McLeary

I can honestly say with all of my heart that New Zealand is and always will be my home. I was born and raised in Brisbane in Australia, but with its beautiful, luscious, green landscapes with soft orange sunsets illuminating the mountains, New Zealand has much more of an appeal for me. The cooler climate in New Zealand is also more enjoyable, as Brisbane's summer temperatures often peak in the mid-thirty to forty degrees Celsius range. I love being able to sit down on the grass once in a while, and not have to worry about biting bull-ants, spiders and snakes, all of which there are plenty of in Australia. New Zealand is where my heart and home will always be.

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NGONGOTAHA SPORTS & COMMUNITY ASSN

In 2014 our Senior A's finished in 5th position in our local Competition and 6th place in the Bay Wide Competition. Once again our Senior Reserves (B'S) made the club proud and placed 3rd overall in the Bay Wide losing to Poroporo in the Semi Finals.

With the AGM done and dusted in November 2014 and the election of Officers, Committee members, Coaches and Managers completed the club was looking forward to the 2015 season. 2015 rolled on in and WHAM our Senior A coach advised us of his decision to leave. Our newly elected president Lilliette Mohi, I'm sure did not expect this to happen on her watch. By now word had spread and we had a group of talented people offering their services for Coach. In an instant and being the team that we are, a meeting was called. Executive, Committee and players met and after much thought out korero for and against the final decision was made to select two home grown men who have been loyal and supportive members, players and coaches of Ngongotaha. Their coaching reputations speak for themselves and I'm sure those reading this will agree. Therefore we were very pleased to announce that Dennis Beckett and Bobbi Brown now hold the Co coaching positions for the Senior A's for 2015. Congratulations guys.

Not to forget our Senior Reserves we welcome on board for 2015 another local man Paul Tamai. Paul has a good number of boys turning up to training and our rugby season is shaping up to be a good one.

This year see's the Ngongotaha Sports and Community Association fielding a women's rugby team and the Association would like to also welcome the Women's coach Joby Reid to the team. Joby has good numbers and talented players at their trainings which is great to hear. So look out Baywide here come our wahine too!! Anyone wishing to play for either team is most welcomed.

Training days:

- Senior A's Tuesday's & Thursday's 6.00pm
- Senior Reserves Monday's & Wednesday's 6.00pm
- Senior Women's Monday's & Wednesday's 6.00pm.

However the Ngongotaha Sports and Community Association are not just about Senior Rugby we cannot forget our foundation base the JAB. The JAB season will be commencing soon and a muster will be called. There are a lot of young ones wanting to play this season and we don't have enough coaches to run all grades. Anyone interested in becoming a coach should contact either the Senior body or the JAB contact Louise Moore. Look out for the advertisement when the muster is called.

The netball season is upon us and the competition held at Mount Maunganui will be commencing shortly. We wish our formidable premier team good luck as they represent us in this competition. The Rotorua competition begins 21 March 2015 and we have three teams registered for this completion.

Lastly, on behalf of (NSCA) Ngongotaha Sports and Community Association, the Executive, Committee, Players and members extend our heartfelt thanks to the Ngongotaha Community for the support shown during this time. Your passion and loyalty for Ngongotaha Rugby and the Ngongotaha Community is

outstanding and needs to be commended. Again THANK YOU ALL. Na mihi nuinui kia koutou katoa.

Traveling in a train were a Wallaby, an All Black, a spectacular looking blonde and an older lady. After several minutes of the trip, the train happens to pass through a dark tunnel, and the unmistakable sound of a slap is heard. When they leave the tunnel, the Wallaby had a big red slap mark on his cheek. The blonde thought - "That horrible Wallaby wanted to touch me and by mistake, he must have put his hand on the lady, who in turn must have slapped his face." The older lady thought - "This dirty Wallaby laid his hands on the blonde and she smacked him." The Wallaby thought - "That bloody All Black put his hand on that blonde and by mistake she slapped me." The All Black thought - "I hope there's another tunnel soon so I can smack that stupid Wallaby again."

How to wash a cat

Put both lids of the toilet up and add 1/8 cup of pet shampoo to the water in the bowl...

Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.

In one smooth movement put the cat in the toilet and close the lid. You may need to stand on the lid.

At this point the cat will self agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet, the cat is actually enjoying this!

Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a 'Power-Wash' and 'Rinse'.

Have someone open the front door of your home. Be sure that there are no people between the bathroom and the front door. Stand well back, behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift the lid.

The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streak through the bathroom, and run outside where he will dry himself off.

Both the toilet and the cat will be sparkling clean.

Signed: THE DOG



Alternative meanings for common words

Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.

Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.

Gargoyle (n), olive-flavored mouthwash.

Flatulence (n.), emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.

Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.

Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.

Rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.

Pokemon (n), a Rastafarian proctologist.

Oyster (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.

Frisbeetarianism (n.), (back by popular demand): The belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

Circumvent (n.), an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

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A letter from Dr Clem

As you are probably aware, over the past 12 months I have been working part time as your GP and part time on the family dairy farm. Despite the early mornings I have enjoyed the new challenges and after much consideration have decided, for the foreseeable future, to become a full time farmer.

Dr Jorgelina Ferreira, who many of you will have met when she worked as a GP Registrar at NMC in 2013, is to take over my sessions at Ngongotaha Medical Centre.

I have no hesitation in recommending Jorgelina to you. We feel very fortunate to have her joining us as a part of the Ngongotaha team. Jorgelina has firm intentions to stay at NMC long term. She knows how our practice works and the standard of care we strive to provide to all of our patients.

I am leaving at the end of April and Jorgelina starts the week of **May 4th**. Jorgelina and Jonathan McPherson will work together just as Jonathan and I have over the past year. When you come in next, or earlier if you wish, discuss which of the NMC doctors you would like to see.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working at Ngongotaha Medical Centre and have felt it a privilege to be involved in the lives of so many of you. Thanking you all for your support over the years and wishing you well. **Clem**

The arrival of Flu vaccinations has been delayed until mid April this year

As soon as we know the date we will let you know in the Ngongotaha news and on our web site www.nmc.org.nz

BLAST FROM THE PAST

NGONGOTAHA SQUASH AND TENNIS CLUB - From the Mountain News 16 February 1980.

The Ngongotaha Squash and Tennis Club held a committee meeting recently to discuss further plans and progress re building of Squash Courts. The plans are under way through the District Council, who are at present preparing a Specified Departure which will be duly advertised in the local papers. Unfortunately, since our inception, we have been through several different by-laws and minor Acts of Parliament re building on Council Reserves, but we have been assured that this is it. The plan, as many are aware, is to build the Squash Courts on to the existing Soccer Clubrooms in Stembridge Road, which will make a terrific sports complex for this area. To accommodate the running of such a complex, an overall governing body called the Ngongotaha Community & Social Club has been formed and, in fact, was granted \$3,000 from the Sports and Recreation Fund for this. With luck, we should start building soon. Foundation Members are still being accepted and a number of new members were admitted at our last meeting. If you want to join the club in its formative stages, now is the time to apply. \$25 single, \$40 married couples, \$7.50 juniors (up to 18). Many privileges will be extended to Foundation Members so let's see a few more. Further fund raising plans for the year were proposed.

Saturday 1st March - a Bottle Drive commencing 9am at the Soccer Club, End of April - Social at Kaharoa Hall in conjunction with YFC May/June/July - Monthly raffles in conjunction with the Soccer Club. We plan to cater for the Social ourselves so if anyone can offer their help either with manpower or food donations, please phone Wendy 74 634 or Pam 74 156.

NGONGOTAHA FIRE BRIGADE REPORT - From Mountain News 17 November 1984

So far fire calls during October totalled 8.

Members of this Brigade would like to thank the person who returned that piece of nylon rope off the tower and tried so hard to join it up again, the knot was beautiful. We have on some wet nights a session on tying knots, so if we can help, do come along. Recently we had on a Monday night a fire brigade practice exercise. This entailed a car being put in a drain upside down, in about 2 feet or so of water, mud and tadpoles, the purpose being for brigade members to get the people out as quickly as possible before they drowned. The members of the Ngongotaha and Rotorua Brigade of course were not aware of this surprise exercise, but carried out their duty in a most efficient and professional way, and for the benefit of all the people who came along when they saw the flashers on the ambulance go by, I am sure most thought and indeed some did think it was for real. I would like to thank the Rotorua St Johns Ambulance staff, J.W.J. Lepper, Brian Rollo for the car, and all others who helped to make the exercise such a success.

By the way people who live around the Fire Station, if you hear a siren going in the Fire Station during a power failure, could you please ring a member of this Brigade if they are not already there, as the inside siren goes for fire calls too.

That's the issue for this month.

Les Hirst Senior Officer.

KAHAROA SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their sons and daughters at Kaharoa School for Term 2 2015.

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

The enrolment period runs from 03 April 2015 to 3 July 2015.

The Board has determined places are likely to be available for out of zone students in this enrolment period.

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

For students seeking enrolment within the enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 27 March 2015.

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

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

First priority will be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in an approved special programme
(This category is not applicable at our school).

Second priority will be given to applicants who are siblings of current students.

Third priority will be given to applicants who are siblings of former students

Fourth priority will be given to applicants who are a child of a former student.

Fifth priority will be given to applicants who are either a child of an employee of the board or a child of a member of the board.

Sixth priority will be given to all other applicants.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required it will be held on Monday 30 March 2015.

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

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

KAHAROA SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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REASON 1: You have already started. There is no need in stopping half way. I am sure stopping half way would not bring back all the time you have invested in ensuring that you achieve this project/plan.

REASON 2: You are almost there. Most times, problems don't come until you are almost there. Remember, one painful thing about life is not achieving something you knew you could achieve, something that was almost within your reach.

REASON 3: You are stronger than your current problems. Even your problems are not there to intimidate you but to challenge you to get better and move higher. Your current problem that looks like your number one enemy is actually your friend in disguise, always trying to ensure that you bring out the very best in yourself.

REASON 4: You believed you could do it in the first place, that was why you started. You believed you could achieve it, which was why you put all your effort together to start it. Why have you decided to betray this strong belief you had in yourself?

REASON 5: You have realized the benefits you will get when you complete this project/plan/mission of yours. Don't you want them?

REASON 6: Every problem of yesterday is the success story of today. I am sure you want to be nicely dressed up in your suit, be on the center stage with a microphone probably in your hands, telling people how you made it to the top.

REASON 7: The problem you are facing now is what will give you the experience you need when you get to the next level. People that learned from their problems are able to cope better when they get to the next phase of their life.

REASON 8: The problem and your promotion are directly proportional. The bigger your problem, the bigger your promotion. The more you run from your problem, the more you lower your promotion. So it's up to you to decide now. Be wise.

REASON 9: You were probably tired of your previous position, title or state, which was why you tried something new. Are you willing to go back to your previous position?



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COST PER CLASS \$2.00. All classes coincide with the school term holidays so please check dates with the instructor.

DAY	TIME	VENUE
Monday	1:30pm — 2:15pm	Ngongotaha Community Hall 5 School Road, Ngongotaha
Tuesday	10:30am—11:15pm	Rotorua East Bowling club, 26 Warwick Drive, Lynmore
Tuesday	1:00pm—1:45pm	Parksyde Older Persons Community Centre, 7-9 TarewaPlace, Rotorua Central
Tuesday	2:00pm—2:45pm	Parksyde Older Persons Community Centre, 7-9 Tarewa Place, Rotorua Central
Wednesday	9:45am—10:30am	Mokoia Association Community Hall, 297 Vaughan Road, Owkata



For more information

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HELLO FROM MAMAKU!

Mamaku has a caste of interesting characters that daily play out their lives completely indifferent to the expectations of the more conventional. One person who has left his mark on the village is a locally famous 'sheep-herder,' David Tuart, who for years has driven his mobs of bush-rescued, rare-breed sheep up, and down and around the township in search of fresh grass.

Folk of all ages and dispositions have availed themselves of Dave's woolly lawnmowers and kept their lawns neat and tidy without their expending a drop of perspiration or spending a cent of petrol.

While one might assume that making a lawn available to a mob of hungry sheep is a straight forward exercise one could be horribly wrong. For one thing many properties are either not fenced or are poorly fenced, some lack gates, others lack water. Penning sheep too is or can be a problem. But none of the foregoing is or ever was a problem to resourceful Dave Tuart 'Mamaku's Relentless Shepherder.'

With twine saved from the many bales of hay he purchased throughout his long lifetime, rolls of deer fencing and sharpened sticks, Dave could manufacture a seven foot high fence in less time than it took to cook a tray of scones. Invariably a Taranaki type gate was always included. People were amazed at Dave's ability with twine. Never, to anyone's knowledge, did his tightly tied concoctions ever come undone and yet each of the hundreds of tie-ups ended in a bow allowing immediate release.

Horses, cows, sheep, pigs - all, at different times were successfully herded behind his fences. Dogs potentially such a problem in the urban area couldn't find a way in, anymore than the animals within could find a way out. Dave worked his sheep, fed them, shored, inoculated and drenched them, trimmed their feet and tagged their ears. Absolutely meticulous in his animal husbandry he had learnt a great deal from vets and other practical down-on-the farm therapists.

His methodology drove shearers and random assistants mad from frustration at his pedantry. But his sheep thrived, reproduced at the rate of up to 300% a year and only in the most recent of days when extended periods of drought followed by early frosts critically depleted food supplies did his enthusiasm wane. No longer able to afford the increasing costs of feeding his beloved animals, he was forced to off-load them to other enthusiasts scattered about the country.

If these rare, semi-feral breeds are eventually recognised for their true worth then NZ will need to acknowledge the contribution to their survival by the David Tuart's of this world. People like David Tuart whose dedication, enthusiasm and belief in the potential of the breed (s) ensured survival in the face of on-going, indiscriminate shooting by the Department of Conservation cullers.

Paraprosdokians(Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit . . . Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, Notify:' I put 'DOCTOR'.
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a mechanic.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but its getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

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Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.

Golf! You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins, on top of that, the winner buys the drinks.

Golf is harder than baseball. In Golf, you have to play your foul balls.

If you find you do not mind playing Golf in the rain, the snow, even during a hurricane, here's a valuable tip ...your life is in trouble.

Golfers who try to make everything perfect before taking the shot rarely make a perfect shot.

A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ...neither of whom can putt very well.

An interesting thing about Golf is that no matter how badly you play, it is always possible to get worse.

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all you really stink.

If your best shots are the practice swing and the 'gimme putt', you might wish to reconsider this game.

Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you.

Golf is like marriage, If you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.

The best wood in most amateurs' bags is the pencil.



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