



NGONGOTAHA NEWS

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FAREWELL MOFFAT *I said a few months ago, enough is enough.*

Now God please close the gate up in heaven and lock it. Editor

They say a picture says a thousand words and the picture I think best portrays uncle Moffat is his smile. Uncle Moffat had an awesome smile. It was the sort of smile that spoke many words on behalf of a man that his son in law Robbie Moore describes as a very kind and giving man who was a real gentleman who he never saw him lose his temper. Uncle Manu, Stevie and uncle Stubbie had similar smiles.

Robbie presented the eulogy at uncle Moffat's funeral service which was held in uncle Moffat's 'man cave' at his Waikaraka Street home. Despite the wet weather the driveway was packed with people with many sprawling out onto the street. Robbie outlined how Moffat Haehae was born and grew up in Taumarunui until the age of 8 when his father, then aged 28 passed away from TB. It was in those younger years that his foundation for fishing and gathering food was formed. He was a keen kereru (obviously legal back in those times) and eel gatherer which would develop into a lifestyle of gathering kai. He developed the Rotorua scuba diving club, was a member of the surfcasting club and spent many hours between the lakes and the sea.

Uncle Moffat then moved to Reporoa before becoming a qualified carpenter, completing many hours of work at Fletchers alongside well known Maori such as John Taiapa who became one of Te Arawa's master carvers. One of Moffat's friends, Toby Rameka invited him to a social gathering (otherwise known as a party), at Mohamad Khans house and it was there that he met aunty Hinetai. No doubt he smiled his smile and they were wed when she was 17 years of age. Robbie put the challenge to the grandchildren that their grandfather and aunty Hine were married for 59 years. Their 60th wedding anniversary would have been this November.

Speaking of grandchildren, they were all present at the funeral service – all 17 of them, alongside all 13 great grandchildren. That alone says a lot about the loving nature of uncle Moffat and aunty Hine. The whanau had travelled from throughout New Zealand and Australia to be there and had said their farewells the evening beforehand when they told loving and entertaining stories of their escapades with their koro. Many revolving around fishing or food gathering of one sort or another with some even getting to hold a fishing rod! Fewer actually catching fish, but the key catch was time with koro.

Time they will no longer have.

Uncle Moffat passed away after a month of illness involving several hospital visits before being diagnosed with Luekemia. He returned home where he passed away peacefully a week later surrounded by whanau. His children are Muffy, Muri, Phil, Heke and Roto.

Muri described her father as a dad who did everything for her. He loved getting kai from whitebaiting to diving at Motiti Island, surfcasting through to fishing all along the East coast. One of his last road trips was with Muri and Robbie in March this year to Gisborne via Waikaremoana and then up the East coast via Ruatoria and Te Kaha. Muri told me they had spent a lot of whanau holidays on the East Coast so her dad loved going back there on his last road trip.

It seems like yesterday that I wrote an article remembering uncle Manu. Too soon since the tangi of Stevie and uncle Stubbie. There have been others too who are all related to the Khan whanau. Councillor Charles Sturt summarised it nicely at uncle Moffats funeral service when he said we are losing our friends. Our Ngongotaha friends.

Let's do our best to remember their smiles.

Ngahi Bidois.



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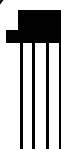


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Friday: 9.30am during term time. Music and Movement for preschoolers.

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10.00am. Walking Group – meet outside St. Barnabas for a 1 – 1½ hr gentle walk.

4th Friday: 7.00pm Games Evening (Scrabble, Rumikub etc)

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The Pantry – Thursdays 09:30 am – 1:30 pm. Basic food items available for a Koha.

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I think the transportation system is worse than that enjoyed by people 2,000 years ago. Yours truly, Patrick Finnegan

Dear Mr. Finnegan,

We received your letter with reference to the shortcomings of our service and believe you are somewhat confused in your history.

The only mode of transportation 2,000 years ago was by foot.

Sincerely, Irish Railway Company

Gentlemen,

I am in receipt of your letter; and I think you are the ones who are confused in your history. If you will refer to the Bible and the Book of David, 9th Chapter; you will find that Balaam rode to town on his ass. That.... Gentlemen, is something I have not been able to do on your train in the last two years!

Yours truly, Patrick Finnegan.

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license. She replied in a huff,

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A big HELLO from Ngongotaha Early Learning. We hope you adjusted to the frosty mornings as we did. It was always exciting to head outside to see where Jack Frost had been and discover all the ice!

We have welcomed many new families into the Ngongotaha community and daycare. We hope you discover the magic that makes Ngongotaha a great place to raise a family. We also have some new pet additions to the daycare family, two finch, yet to be named, and needless to say we have very excited children! We have had to farewell some of our friends off to 'big school'. We wish them all the best. Such an exciting time! This also means we have a few spaces at the moment if you are needing care for your child.

We celebrated International Mud Day with great gusto! Always a favourite event for children and teachers alike. It is always a good time to reflect how lucky and fortunate we are to live here in New Zealand. This year to warm up afterwards we enjoyed a warm footbath and sausage sizzle!

Our new veggie gardens are providing us with lots of yummy healthy produce! Children are proud of their work, and are benefiting from their labour with delicious kai. We are using them in our veggie soups and in our main meals. We are very proud as our centre has received awards from the Heart Foundation of New Zealand for promoting healthy eating and physical activity, and the garden supports us to do this. Have you spotted our under two children travelling out and about in the community? We value our infants and want to provide them with many wonderful experiences and activities, just like our older children. Wave out if you spot them, they love to wave back

Happy days to you all, from Ngongotaha Early Learning

50th

Selwyn School Old Quarry Rd

What: Is celebrating 50 years
When: 16 / 17 October, 2015
Details to follow

Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May.

.....What was the third child's name?

There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers

.....What does he weigh?

Before Mt. Everest was discovered,...what was the highest mountain in the world?

How much dirt is there in a holethat measures two feet by three feet by four feet?

Hamurana Springs Incorporated Society (HSIS)

At a special meeting held in June and later confirmed at our AGM in July, the Society has elected to re-trench and cut back our working days to four a year, namely Oct, Nov, Feb and March. We have tried to get new/younger members on board, but it hasn't happened so with an ageing work group this was the solution we reluctantly came to. We are still actively involved in the trapping programme, with help from the IWI Trust who administer the Springs.

We can be contacted at anytime – see below your new executive committee details

President - Jerry Douglas (new elect) 0274 824850, first point of contact or through our website
Vice President – Lorraine Parker,
Secretary – Sally French, Treasurer – Cherry Douglas

We have had great success with selling of our book – Hamurana Springs – The Ancient Waters - with over 130 books sold to date. These are available locally through both PaperPlus stores, McLeods Booksellers and direct from Cherry Douglas. Many have been sold to Libraries out of town, some as far away as Dunedin and Christchurch. As we have only done a run of 200 books, this may well be a limited edition, so if you are interested give us a call.

As always, follow our progress on www.hamurana-springs.co.nz or on facebook hamuranasprings.

At Melbourne University, there were four students taking chemistry and all of them had an 'A' so far. These four friends were so confident that the weekend before finals, they decided to go to Sydney and visit some other friends and have a big party. They had a great time but, after all the partying, they slept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to the Uni until late Monday morning.

Rather than taking the final then, they decided that after the final they would explain to their Professor why they missed it. They said that they visited friends, but on the way back they had a

*flat tyre and found there was no spare in the car. As a result, they missed the final. The Professor agreed they could make up the final the next day. The guys were excited and relieved. They studied that night for the exam. The next day the Professor placed them in separate rooms and gave them a test booklet. They quickly answered the first problem worth 5 points. Cool, they thought! Each one in separate rooms, thought this was going to be easy..... then they turned the page. On the second page was written: For 95 points: **Which tyre went flat?***

A couple had a disagreement after which the wife started packing her belongings. Her husband asked her, 'where are you packing to?' She answered, 'I'm going to my mother.' After a while, the man started packing too. She asked, 'what are you doing, where are you going?' He answered, 'I'm going to my mother'. She asked, 'what happens to the 6 children then?' Her husband answered, 'you're going to your mother, I'm going to my mother, and the children will also have to go to their mother!!'

Todd McClay

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Kaharoa School

The character value for the Term 3 is Duty.

Our definition is: Willingness to do what is right or what a person ought to do; obligation. This means doing the right thing.

Key Competency: A Can Do Kid (Give it Go) - A Kaharoa Learner 'Can Do'. They take risks, participate and contribute. They are ready, willing and able to give new things a go.

To achieve this, a Kaharoa Learner is an important contributor to Kaharoa School life. They have a sense of belonging and actively involve themselves in school, local and wider communities. They contribute to the quality and sustainability of social, physical and economic environments.

Term 3 has started positively with the children rested and ready to learn. We are all looking forward to a productive and exciting term with lots of great things planned.

Keeping Ourselves Safe: The KOS programme has been run across the school during the first three weeks of the term. Out thanks go to Senior Constable Robert Tier for his support and input. The children have learned new strategies for Keeping Themselves Safe in different situations.

Maori Cultural Day

With the support of Guy Ngatai and the students from WHHS, we are preparing for our Maori Cultural day to be held on Friday August 14th.

Proposed programme:

4 workshops (45 minutes) over the day culminating in a performance

Workshop 1 – Toia Mai Action (teaching) and Ka Mate/Toia Mai Haka (teaching) Te Arawa E/Toia Mai for powhiri

Workshop 2 – Rakau – E papa

Workshop 3 – Flax Flowers

Workshop 4 – Poi & Waiata – E rere taku poi/E Te Ariki

Performance/sharing Haka: Kamete

Hangi for children, parents and helpers as a late lunch

Parents and whanau are invited to join us for the performance and to share in the hangi at 2.00pm

Our thanks to: Guy Ngatai and the WHHS students for their help on the day.

Electives

Great excitement always ensues during our Electives programme. This commenced on the first Friday of the term and will continue every second Friday. Once again we extend our thanks to all the parents who offer to share their passions and interests with the children.

Jumping Jack Show

On 12th August the troupe will be performing the Jumping Jack Show. We are looking forward to this performance.

Gymnastics

The main focus of our physical education programme for the first half of the term is gymnastics. As the programme progresses it is always amazing to see how much the students improve and develop their skills. From 5 year olds to 13 year olds, everyone participates.

Kaharoa Team

*Something for YOU to do to keep those grey cells active!
What word in the English languageis always spelled incorrectly?*

Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer.....How is this possible?

In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg.Why not?

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Our tamariki have been enjoying lots of messy play. We love messy play at Hamurana Playcentre as it saves messy carpets and walls at home! Messy play activities such as slime (soap flakes mixed with warm water) and gloop (cornflour mixed with water) provide fantastic sensory experiences, teaches them about different textures and is a very soothing activity – they become mesmerised as they scoop, mix, pour, and beat the mixtures. This is also fantastic for their hand-eye coordination and they learn about mixing colours, patterns and of course texture. Their communication skills are also enhanced as they express how the mixtures feel – slimy, gooey, wet, runny. Come and join us for some fun!

Our session times are Monday and Thursday from 9.15am to 11.45am at 38 Tauranga Direct Road. All enquiries welcome – phone 332 2110 during session times or contact our president, Sharon on 021 208 0101. Or just come and join us at a session... see you soon! Like us on Facebook facebook.com/HamuranaPlaycentre.



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SALE OF Tribal Art from the Middle East

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Friday 24th July 2015
Te Ngae SPCA OpShop
(roundabout) 4.30pm to 7pm
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Carpet Facts

NEW hand-woven rugs and kilims are from the nomadic peoples of Iran, Afghanistan, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

The material used in the making of tribal rugs, kilims and bags are basically what these nomads have at their disposal, namely wool from their flocks of sheep. Goat and camel hair is also used when available. The beautiful colours are of natural vegetable dyes. The process is lengthy, requires great skill and is usually carried out by a man. Barks, roots, leaves and insects are the main ingredients for dyeing. The distinctive patterns and colours of these rugs help to identify the regions and the tribal people who have painstakingly created these beautiful works of art. Each region and its people have their own traditional patterns and colours, some depicting animals and flowers while others are more geometrical in design. Genuine Middle Eastern rugs are not rapidly manufactured in factories. They are carefully created on homemade, horizontal or vertical looms that can be easily packed and transported. Most of the weaving is done by women but this is now becoming a dying art with fewer rugs and carpets being produced. Carpet and rug making is time consuming and intricate work. A rug of 2m x 1.22m may take at least 6 months to weave.

Proceeds donated from each sale to help the animals

NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

Our regular game against the RSA was held at the Otonga School Hall as the RSA have left their premises in town, however we came 1st, 2nd and 3rd, which was very pleasing. We held our Henry Beehre graded Pairs, and after a great battle James Schuster and Geoff Sircombe beat, Wayne Hutching and Betty Witton. There was a good muster for our Trophy night, which was won by Marguerite Gerand and Robin Campbell. Six of our players played in the BOP against Poverty Bay and won, so hearty congrats to them.

Our season is starting to draw to a close, but we still have some great games ahead. Social Bowls is still going well on Tuesday morning so for more information Ring Cheryl on 3575 332 or Kevin 3574 766.

EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level). After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

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KAITAO INTERMEDIATE

Another very busy term at Kaitao has begun. We welcomed back to school Mrs Deborah Mitchell who has been on a Science Leadership Scholarship for two terms. Deb has come back as our Science Tutor for two terms and Science is now part of our Tech/Arts rotation replacing carving. The feedback we are getting from our students has been very positive and they look the part with their white junior scientist coats donated by SCION. This term we also have all our Orientations, both ways, with our year 8's moving to Secondary School and our Year 6's visiting to see what we have to offer.

Two major sporting events this term are the Sports Camp at Totara Springs which is a week when our students play over 20 sports and compete against other Intermediates from Auckland and around the Bay of Plenty.

The Association of Intermediate and Middle School Sports Tournament is an annual event attracting thousands of kids from New Zealand and Australia in a multitude of different sports. This tournament is held in Tauranga.

Our annual School Production "Cinderella" will be held on the 22nd and 23rd September with two matinees and two evening shows.

In a departure from previous years we have a cast involving students and staff. We are excited to have the whole of Ngongotaha School attending.

Towards the end of the term also we have a group of students and teachers heading for a two week trip to China. This is an exciting time as the students going have been involved in fundraising for a year and a half in order to raise the \$4,500 required by each student.

Chinese language is very strong in our school and we have 12 classes taking Chinese this year facilitated by a Chinese language Assistant from China.

We have purchased some new Blazers and shirts/blouses for our school leaders to wear on special occasions. They look very smart.

Our Head Boy, Lukas Scowen, was the recipient of a Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award for the work he does around our school keeping our students safe and the leadership he showed at the Leadership camp earlier this year.



Lukas pictured with his Leadership award

Kaitao contd overpage.....

Kaitao intermediate contd.....

In the middle of August we have our school band competing in BANDQUEST. Last year our band won a couple of categories including best original song.

We have begun our Reading Together Programme which teaches parents how to effectively read to their children at home. This has been a very effective programme in schools where it has been used.

This year we have three classes doing the Roots of Empathy programme.

This is a 27 lesson programme which involves a baby visiting the classes at least 7 times from 4 months through to their first birthday.

The students learn about the development stages of the baby's growth and build up an empathy with the baby which then spins off to other people and it reduces bullying and anti-social behaviour.

I was fortunate enough to be a presenter at an International No 2 BULLYING Conference held in Surfers Paradise.

I was speaking about the large number of programmes in place to prevent bullying and the processes we have should bullying occur.

We are embarking on a campaign to encourage our students to be UPSTANDERS instead of bystanders and this is the message that will be given at Values Assembly held every Monday morning.

Rory O'Rourke
Principal

Neighbourhood Support Update

Recently Ron Taylor who has been serving the community of Ngongotaha since 2007 in the role of Co-ordinator has had to step down. Ron helped establish Neighbourhood Support Groups in Ngongotaha and the rural north area from Mamaku to Tikitere. He also was the face of the Ngongotaha Policing Centre. I'm sure you will join me in thanking Ron for his service to the community making it a safer more caring place.

The future of a Neighbourhood Support Office presence in Ngongotaha is now up for review as there won't be an immediate replacement until suitable funding can be found. The committee will also review where best to locate a replacement. So if you wish to touch base with Neighbourhood Support please phone Bruce Quedley on 349-9470 and if you wish to drop anything off please drop it into the Rotorua Police Station.

The Ngongotaha Policing centre is also used as a base for the Maori Wardens patrolling in the area, so there will still occasionally be someone there.

"Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose girl". The priest asks, "Is that you, Dicky?" "Yes, Father, it is." "And who was the girl you were with?" "I can't tell you, Father, I don't want to ruin her reputation." "Well, Dicky, I'm sure to find out her name sooner or later, so you may as well tell me now. Was it Mary Walsh?" "I cannot say." "Was it Teresa Brown?" "I'll never tell." "Was it Margaret Doyle?" "I'm sorry, but I cannot name her." "Was it Anne O'Neil?" "My lips are sealed."

"Was it Catherine O' Tool, then?" "Please, Father, I cannot tell you." The priest sighs in frustration. "You're very tight lipped Dicky, and I admire that. But you've sinned and have to atone. You cannot be an altar boy now for 4 months. Now you go and behave yourself." Dicky walks back to his pew, and his friend Tommy slides over and whispers, "What'd you get?" "4 Months holiday and five good leads."

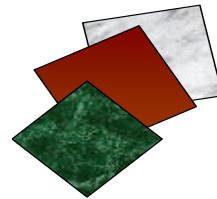
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Sportstalk

To the gutless anonymous person who sent me a letter re this article and signed themselves bored thank you.

Racing

Well the seasons almost over and I suspect the writer of the letter above is peeved I do not mention them enough or decries the fact I laud Shaun Phelan, Matt Cropp and Emily Farr for their deeds, in the dangerous realm of steeplechase and hurdle riding but their collective achievements are huge. Well I have news for the writer I'll continue to as I like applauding success not the negatives. Karma has a funny way of repaying those who cant see the good in anything.

The Season is almost at an end

and what was your highlight. There are many I know and without being boring Matt Cameron's feat of winning the Jockey's Premiership is one and the top apprentice being Rory Hutchings who Grahame Rogerson has always thought Rory is a top performer. Like the top class jockeys Hutchings has joined McDoanld, Dee and co in Australia. Rory's winning Group one rides on Soriano were a highlight and for me 'horse of the year' will go to three year old Mongolian Khan who conquered the Derby and top class races in Australia. Not far behind him will be Volkstock n Barrell. I hear the Melbourne Cup is on Mongolian Khans Agenda and the way he finishes off his races will be a huge asset down the long straight at Flemington. Trainer of the year for me is "Donna Logan" who is a master of the Ruakaka track and always has a top class horse in her stable. Lisa Latta is also a top trainer and for me an emerging trainer is Grahame Richardson who has a positive message everytime you see him on TV and is always marketing his stables, horses and potential of his horses. Another highlight was the retirement of Noel Harris who is now mentoring young jockeys. Top stallion for me is Savabeel whos stock win on all tracks all surfaces. The influence of Zabeel through his sons will endure for many years. Horses to watch entering into spring are Kawi, Big Brownie, Stradavarius, Master Platinum, Miss Fi, Choice and one for the provincial cups on is Smedly.

Rugby League

While followers of the NZ Warriors generally agree that Shaun Johnson is the team rock and playmaker. I believe the biggest loss to the 2015 team has been James Maloney to the Sydney City Roosters. Maloney and Jennings in the backs are dynamos and I think they will lead the team to the grand final. Rotorua born Jared Waerea Hergreaves in the forwards gives the Roosters the edge which the other forwards feed off with his bullocking runs and hard man tactics. In terms of the Warriors, Vatuvei has been sorely missed while injured and with the new signings for 2016 I'm expecting, as are the fans a big turn

around in the Warriors fortunes. My pick NRL winners 2015 Roosters.

Netball

Well the World champs are in session and I have to ask what's up with Maria Tutaia our wonder goal shoot for the NZ silver ferns. Her body language and attitude toward her team players is odd and I think she needs to get over losing her mates Henry and Latu asap and focus on the team. The young players look up to, players of her calibre and while I do not think they'll beat Australia they will reach the final. I have to say NZ "Mrs Reliable" is Jodi Brown who just works away solidly with no glamour and has slotted in when needed and perform with gusto. World Champs Australia.

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Sportstalk contd.....

Rugby

Have to say Captain Fantastic McCaw was inspirational against South Africa and Argentina recently. Didn't the Aussie crowd over the famous lineout try. In those games standouts for me were Retallick, Cole, Aaron Smith and Reid. The backline I think would be superb in Sapoaga, SBW and Nonu with Ben Smith at fullback and anyone of four on the wing. My teams for the quarter finals are Australia, Argentina, England, Wales, NZ Samoa - Wales and Ireland with a NZ v England Final. If Hartley is playing for England I hope he keeps the dirt out as he is a good player but has a bad name for it even with his coach. NZ to defend the title and Richie to be knighted.

Dr Seuss on Pregnancy

What is a womb?

Well a womb is a room

A womb is a room

Where a kid'll be soon

A womb is all squishy

All moist and magenta

And if there's a kid

Then it's full of placenta

But the kid must be small

If there's one there at all

Just the size of a bean

Or the size of a ball

When the kid gets too big

Then it's time to get out

When it happens to you

You will probably shout



You will shout, you will yell
You will roll on the floor
Cos the kid must come out
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An Irishman, a Mexican and a blonde guy were doing construction work on scaffolding on the 20th floor of a building. They were eating lunch when the Irishman said, "Corned beef and cabbage! If I get corned beef and cabbage one more time for lunch, I'm going to jump off this building."

The Mexican opened his lunch box and exclaimed, "Burritos again! If I get burritos one more time I'm going to jump off, too."

The blonde guy opened his lunch and said, "Bologna again! If I get a bologna sandwich one more time, I'm jumping, too."

The next day, the Irishman opened his lunch box, saw corned beef and cabbage, and jumped to his death.

The Mexican opened his lunch, saw a burrito, and jumped, too.

The blonde guy opened his lunch, saw the bologna and jumped to his death as well.

At the funeral, the Irishman's wife was weeping. She said, "If I'd known how really tired he was of corned beef and cabbage, I never would have given it to him again!"

The Mexican's wife also wept and said, "I could have given him tacos or enchiladas! I didn't realise he hated burritos so much."

Everyone turned and stared at the blonde guy's wife. The blonde guy's wife said, "Don't look at me. He made his own lunch."

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More church messages.....

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.

Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall to be followed by music with our wind ensemble.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Where Do Cashews Come From?

Ever wonder where cashews come from?

You might think they grow inside a shell like any other nut, but their true origins are far more bizarre.

First of all, cashews are not actually nuts, but rather fruits from the cashew tree, a large evergreen tree that thrives in tropical climates. The tree produces red flowers, which in turn produces yellow and red oval structures resembling apples.

These so-called cashew apples are very juicy and pulpy, and their juice is often added to tropical fruit drinks.

However, cashew apples are not actually fruits in a scientific sense; the real fruit of the cashew tree is the kidney-shaped formation growing at the end.

These fruits, also called drupes, are harvested and become what we know as a cashew nut.

In their raw form the outer layer of the fruit contains multiple toxins, including anacardic acid, a powerful skin irritant similar to the toxin found in poison ivy, that must be removed prior to eating.

Roasting the cashews destroys the toxins, but roasting must be performed carefully outdoors because the smoke can irritate the lungs, sometimes to a life-threatening degree.

When they are roasted cashews change from their natural greenish-gray color to the light brown nut sold in stores.

Next time you crack open a tin of cashews, take a moment to appreciate the long journey those little c-shaped nuts took from the tree to your table! It also explains why they are so expensive!

Now that I think about it, I never wondered why you can't buy cashews in the shell, like other "nuts"

A Royal Navy Admiral was attending a naval conference that included Admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a large group of Officers that included personnel from most of those countries. Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks but a French admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, the English learn only English. He then asked, 'Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?'

Without hesitating, the British Admiral replied, 'Maybe it's because the Brit's, Canadians, Aussie's, South Africans, and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German.'

You could have heard a pin drop.

Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on.

"You have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked sarcastically.

Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously.

"Then you should know enough to have your passport ready."

The Englishman said, 'The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it..'

"Impossible. You English always have to show your passports on arrival in France !"

The English senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Gold Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find a single Frenchman to show a passport to."

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Its quality and content so impressed the staff that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital. One nurse took her copy to Alberta.

The old woman's sole bequest to posterity has since appeared in the Christmas edition of the News Magazine of the St. Louis Association for Mental Health. A slide presentation has also been made based on this simple, but eloquent, poem.

This little old woman, with nothing left to give to the world, is now the author of this 'anonymous' poem winging across the Internet.

Crabby Old Lady

What do you see nurses? What do you see?
What are you thinking when you're looking at me?
A crabby old lady not very wise,
Uncertain of habit with faraway eyes?
Who dribbles her food and makes no reply.
When you say in a loud voice 'I do wish you'd try!'
Who seems not to notice the things that you do.
And forever is losing A sock or shoe?
Who, resisting or not lets you do as you will,
With bathing and feeding a long day to fill?
Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse you're not looking at me.
I'll tell you who I am As I sit here so still,
As I do at your bidding, as I eat at your will.
I'm a small girl of Ten with a father and mother,
Brothers and sisters who love one another.

A young girl of Sixteen with wings on her feet.
Dreaming that soon now a lover she'll meet.
A bride soon at Twenty my heart gives a leap.
Remembering, the vows that I promised to keep.
Who need me to guide a secure happy home.
A woman of Thirty My young now grown fast,
Bound to each other With ties that should last.
At Forty, my young sons have grown and are gone,
But my man is beside me to see I don't mourn.
At Fifty, once more, babies play 'round my knee,
Again, we know children My husband and me.
Dark days are upon me my husband's now dead.
I look at the future and shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing young of their own.
And I think of the years and the love that I've known.
I'm now an old woman and nature is cruel.
'Tis jest to make old age look like a fool.
The body, it crumbles grace and vigor depart.
There is now a stone where I once had a heart.
But inside this old carcass a young girl still dwells,
And now and again my battered heart swells.
I remember the joys I remember the pain.
And I'm loving and living life over again.
I think of the years, all too few gone too fast.
And accept the stark fact that nothing can last.
So open your eyes, people open and see.
Not a crabby old woman look closer see ME!!

Remember this poem when you next meet an older person who you might brush aside without looking at the young soul within. We will all, one day, be there, too!

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August has some great competitions happening in men's and women's divisions, and with the bad weather that's been hitting on weekends it's made it very hard to get all the regulation competitions in on time! Strongly competed for this month in the Mens Division is the finals of "Top Dog" a fabulous competition for the G.A Harker Trophy that is a four ball best ball matchplay, choose your own partners event. Also the Mamaku Cup is up for grabs, three rounds of the best stableford competition event! The Ladies division is entering into Championship Stroke play Competition, and after the hotly contested Fairley Cup Competition in July, August is going to bring out the very best in all our Golfers ... at the time of writing the finals for the Fairley Cup have not been played out ... the last competitions of the month include the Manu Mathews Memorial Trophy (Stableford Competition) and on the 29th August a Meat Tournament ... Mixed Men & Women's event. All visitors welcome with a relaxed atmosphere on the 19th afterwards in the club house with the guitars out.

Also at Lakeview the "Lakeview Veterans Social Club" Competition days happen every Tuesday 9:30am and all Visitors are welcome.

Veteran Members do have an age requirement, men must be 55 & over to play and ladies must be 50 or over to play. Younger players are always welcome on the day,

however they cannot claim prizes. Entry fee is \$8.00, every player gets a prize whether it be meat or baked beans !! The oldest player at Vets is in his 90's, and the youngest is around 55 ... it's a great day out with some great company. So all visitors please come along and play some golf with the Lakeview Veterans every Tuesday!

There are other competitions to consider ... Friday morning sees the "Muffin Club" taking to the course for their 9 hole competition ... this is a great social game for players who do not have the time for the 18 hole match. Muffins & Coffee are available afterwards and a half dozen eggs for the winner 9.30am Tee off and what better way to spend a pleasant Friday morning with other golfers. Midday see the more serious competition called "The Men's 18 Hole Friday Haggie" this tees off at 12pm and all players are welcome to come along and give it a go ... meeting at the Clubhouse 11.30am.

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1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

Answers To Quiz:

1 The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends: Boxing.

2 North American landmark constantly moving backward: Niagara Falls .. The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.

3 Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: Asparagus and rhubarb.

4 The fruit with its seeds on the outside: Strawberry.

5 How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle? It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.

6 Three English words beginning with dw: Dwarf, dwell and dwindle...

7 Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar: Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parentheses, braces, and ellipses.

8 The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh: Lettuce.

9 Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with 'S': Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.



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The public are invited to send in their ideas relating to the long term management, use, protection and development of the Reserves.

In addition, members of the public are also invited to attend an Open Day on 16 September 2015 at Hamurana Springs, 773-775 Hamurana Road, Nongotaha, Rotorua. Officers will be available between 10am to 1pm to discuss ideas and suggestions.

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Ngongotaha School

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Welcome to term three after a chilly holiday break. It was with sadness that we farewelled Patrick Simpkins, father of Whaea Tamara, who passed away at the start of the holiday break. Our school was well supported by Patrick over many years; he spent time with staff teaching us about local tikanga and protocols, he welcomed us to Awahou Marae and compiled items for our kapa haka groups. We have appreciated this partnership, developed over the years, and extend our deepest sympathies to the family. The building projects at school are well under way. The decks and ramps are almost complete with hand rails for a few locations to go in as well. During the next break the new surfacing will go down round the Room 5, 6, 7 & 8 areas. The new shade structure over the outdoor stage is almost complete and will provide shelter all year round.

We have added to our vegetable garden area with a new garden box built to grow more herbs and vegetables. The garden group, who work with Whaea Lesley and Whaea Shiona, are doing a great job and are learning a lot as they develop this aspect of our environment.

At the end of term two our Jump Jam team entered the regional Jump Jam competition. We have had great news, on our return to school; the team have been selected to compete at the nationals with very good scores and comments from the judges. Jump Jam is an aerobic fitness programme to music and in the competition the team can make changes to the set routine. Whaea Ana and Whaea Jeanette have worked with the team each morning, during term two, from 8.00am in preparation for the regional competition and their creativity and flair is evident in the performance. The nationals will be held in Christchurch on the 7th November so the team is in fundraising mode to get them there.

We are very proud of our Jump Jam history with Mrs Ngatai the first to take teams to competition level followed by Mrs Piesse. Both these staff members had success at competition level with their teams and we are proud to see our 2015 team carrying on the tradition. If you are interested in sponsoring our team to help us get to Christchurch we would welcome your support. Just call in to the school office or give us a call on 3574531.

Last week we held our mid-year parent, pupil teacher interviews. Thank you so much to everyone who came along, the staff really enjoy and appreciate the opportunity to discuss progress and achievement with you and the students enjoy sharing their learning environment with you. Education is a partnership between the family, the student and the school and we value your time and enthusiasm for this partnership. This does not have to be confined to these planned interviews, please come in at any time if you wish to discuss what is happening for your child or to spend some time in the learning environment with them.

This term a number of sporting events will be taking place. We have been invited to take part in the local rugby sevens tournament which will be held on Tuesday 11th August. We have also selected a girl's rugby team for a competition later this term. At the end of the term the annual field day will be held which features hockey, netball, football, rugby and miniball. We also have a team of children taking part in the tough guy, tough girl event which is held on Friday 7th August. We entered this for the first time last year and the children really enjoyed the experience, it is great to see so many of them return this year and to see new children taking part.

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Ngongotaha School contd.....

Thank you to all who are supporting the many opportunities that are made available for the children. A special thank you to Mrs Ngatai who organises our teams, encourages coaches to come forward and provides endless encouragement to the children. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated sports co-ordinator on staff.

Last year we held our first speech competition which saw children of all ages speaking on a range of topics. This year we will hold our speech competition on Friday 14th August. The children all prepare a speech which they present to their class, from here children are selected and present to their whanau team. Children are then selected to represent their whanau team at the competition level and are mentored prior to the event. This is an excellent opportunity for children to put their oral language skills into practice and we look forward to their presentations. Our school wide focus this year has been music and this term the classes are working on items for our production "The Migration of Music". A creative production team are working on the script, music, props, staging and costumes. We will have two performances, one on the evening of Thursday 10th September and another matinee on Friday 11th September. The children are looking forward to this experience and we look forward to seeing their creativity, drama and music on show.

As we move into term three our year six students will be preparing for their intermediate schooling. Kaitao Intermediate will visit us on Tuesday 18th August at 11.00am to speak to our year six pupils. On Tuesday 25th August the year six students will visit Kaitao Intermediate from 11.00am. On Tuesday 1st September there is an open evening from 6.00pm, at Kaitao Intermediate, for students and families.

Finally on Tuesday 8th September accelerate testing will be held, here at school, for any interested year six students. This is a great opportunity for families to learn about the next stage of schooling and to prepare for the transition.

We look forward to a productive term of learning and achievement, and are also looking forward to spring and all it brings.

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The 9 committee members following the July AGM are:-

Sally French, Rex Charlton, Peter Bjarnesen, Johan Hofmann, John Reid, Melanie Reid, Cherry Douglas, Jerry Douglas and Diane Calder.

Our AGM was attended by one of our "buddy" councillors Rob Kent who travelled down from Auckland to attend and was accompanied by Councillor Glenys Searancke.

New membership is welcome at any time and we look forward to continued support from current members who are reminded that the renewal of membership is now due and is once again \$25.00 per household.

We held our second workday in July when we burnt two of the piles of branches that were placed after our first workday, also one of the two piles of dirt was spread filling in some of the dips etc.

We will be applying for a second grant from the Rotorua Lakes Council Neighbourhood Matching Fund in the near future and the following are some of the suggestions for future projects :-

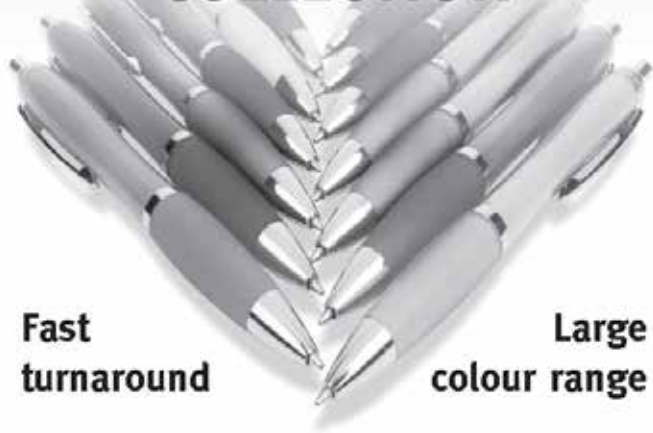
1. For a contractor to rearrange the remaining branches into one or two piles for burning.
2. To construct footbridges to span the creeks on the reserve.
3. Work on a proper carpark area near the boatramp.
4. Seating and shadesails opposite the shop.
5. Planting near the Hauraki Stream area.
6. Spraying of honeysuckle and its removal prior to planting with suitable plants.

The draft plan for the Hamurana lakefront was displayed in the shop window for some time and a copy can be obtained from Rotorua Lakes Council.

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In my view.....

Firstly my deepest sympathy to Hine and all the Hae Hae family who along with our whole community mourn the sad loss of Moffat Haehae. It was sad but a real opportunity to see all his children and grandchildren who travelled from afar to farewell a man who was honoured so ably by his son in law Robbie Moore Snr in his Eulogy. Moffat was loved and loved those who mattered and his exploits of fishing, whitebaiting and ensuring his children and grandkids were provided for is legend. He often went without for his kds and family. That was the essence of the man. Meeting up with the myriad of relations Denise and I had coached or employed and kept in touch with via Social media is great. Aroha mai Hine and whanau. The strong association with the Khan family is a Taonga for me.

Family

Gosh our grandson Charlie is nearly 18 months old and can't wait to take him to the santa parade in November. Saw all the Photos on facebook and love seeing these young people dressing up and attending their school balls. Parents so proud and shows that the investment in the childrens education and home life being solid and supportive gives Our Young people the great start in life that they need. The support of teachers taking an interest allows these kids to gain the confidence to reach any challenges.

Sport and recreation

As portfolio lead on the Rotorua District Council for Sport and Recreation I need to report we have been bringing together stakeholders in the form of an Advisory Board which includes sports and recreation leaders to produce a clear strategy on a way forward for organised and recreational activities in our district. Big task I know but reps from Badminton, Golf, Hockey, Netball, Rugby, Rugby League BMX, Waka Ama, cycling, Walkers, Pakai, Athletics, Mountain Biking, Rowing, basketball etc.etc have been involved in discussions with Councils contractor APR consultants to bring all the info together for a comprehensive look forward and stock take of whats provided and could be provided.

We in the Rotorua District in days gone by allowed sport to be the domain of most Schools and Clubs, but with the diverse number of activities and budget constraints they simply can't provide all the opportunities or develop the skills needed for recreation and some sport pursuits. This has seen the emergence of Gyms, Private trainers, Elite sports academies etc etc and in some cases the need to upgrade facilities has fallen short of expectations. We need to guard our open spaces and Iwi are great contributors to this goal.

Rotorua has the facilities, bedroom nights, Fields, indoor venues and we are excellent at hosting major events but while we need to enhance those, also we need to enhance the local users opportunities as well. Access to venues, costs, ongoing development, funding, public/private partnerships, celebrating our champions and being able to get outside and do your own thing are issues that have been raised.

APR consultants have engaged way more than the sports and other outdoor recreation organisations listed above. The costs of venues and using facilities are the major barrier to increase participation so that will be a major challenge for the working party who hope to report to Council soon. Under the Council staff leadership of Rob Pitkethly council is determined to address the issues raised but we had to identify the issues first.

Be assured we have engaged personally Sport NZ, Papa Takoro, Sports BOP, Te Waiariki Pura Trust and other providers like the sports academy, major sports providers etc to ascertain their vision in terms of Rotorua. I met Peter McSkimmings (former Olympic gold medal winner for Hockey and Coach) who is the CEO of Sport NZ who up until recently were the caregivers or custodians of Elite Sport in NZ and they have recognised, as have the health Authorities, that Sport and recreation whether organised or casual is an emphasis for the health and well being of the community as a whole. So Sport NZ are looking to be involved at the community level and that's a priority. That is encouraging.

The strategy will be out for public comment after council have signed it off then the real work ie submissions and determining priorities from a council point of view will be crucial. Also it will give a clear direction to sport and sporting/recreation groups and organisation as where they need to develop etc etc.

General

That's it for this month as havent got time to tell you of all the goings on at council but those of us who go to functions, Liaising with MPS/ EBOP, presentations, ratepayer meetings (when invited), Forums etc. etc are very very busy trying to create a positive environment for growth, jobs and moving Rotorua forward.

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We still need a venue for the young people to meet weekly in Ngongotaha and I know Lynn Benfell and Mark Kahu are happy to talk on this issue. Progress Ngongotaha fly under the radar but do a mountain of work behind the scene with little publicity and I applaud you all.

Must say congrats to Ngongotaha senior B coached by Paul Tamai on a stellar season which resulted in being runner up in the bay wide championship. Have to say great to see Matt Paget who worked for Denise and I play against our B at the domain in the semi final. Man it's a huge 'hang your head' that our Senior team have had to default. I understand rejuvenation is in the wind and the challenge is to get behind the Club in whatever way you can. Sponsorship, managing, coaching, committee are all skills needed. I'm getting involved are you or can you. Just one thing we need 15 companies to put signs up on the Domain fence and to pay for the privilege now that's a way to fund the club???

Soccer at Ngongotaha has also seen a huge successful season for all involved. Great bunch of volunteers keep the Ngongotaha Name to the forefront.

I need to say I'm not going to lie down on keeping the issue of the Ngongotaha Roundabout in the news as the issue of south bound traffic into Rotorua from SH36 has to be addressed and it can be - simply with a clear through lane for the traffic mentioned above and I must say they need to get Te Ngae road sorted especially at the Tarawera roundabout. NZTA I believe through their inaction are holding back Rotorua's economic development as traders, manufacturers and job creator want to be assured these issues are being addressed now. The challenge to MPs is to get these matters sorted and get the Ngapuna problem, re the road designation solved also.

One of my other interesting roles is as a community rep of the Youth Facility out by the landfill station and what I see from my own observations in the community is young men need "Male Role Models", opportunities to succeed and praise when goals are achieved and love from Family. Those kids who end up in the facility in general or through the courts are exposed to gangs, violence, drugs, abuse and 'put downs', that have huge impacts on their self esteem and to get noticed do crime, drugs etc.etc. I know I'm generalising as these kids lose focus on what's right or wrong to get noticed. I'm not an 'apologist' for their actions but more role models and taking an interest in their well being, future and aspirations does produce positive result at the facility and in the community. Schools and sporting organisation play a huge role here. The 'throw away the key' mentality in some cases is justified because of the hurt the crimes create but not all kids are like that and intervention before they get to the facility is the key. I have seen success when these kids are nurtured and directed in a positive manner in the community. That's Enough Enjoy spring.

Kind regards, Councillor Charles Sturt

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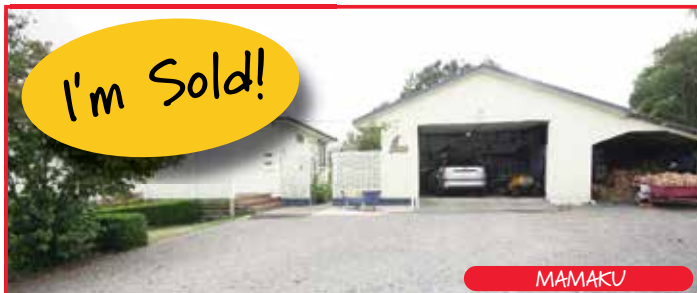
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