



# NGONGOTAHA NEWS

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**These old photos are proving very popular, so here are some more thanks to Colin Brake.**



Kingsley Matthews brought his new pharmacy building to Taui Street in 1951. The Taui Street corner is to the left, with part of Tommy Priestley's fast-food shop visible. Just to the left of the power pole is the extension that used to be the Post Office part of the Davies Store. The corner was a popular place for two-up.



The flags and bunting, and the cars suggest a formal ceremony, in fact the opening of the dairy factory extension in 1923. Later in the decade the company amalgamated with the NZ Co-op Dairy Company. The railway line crosses Taui Street, connecting the factory with the railway station. (On the site now is the new Pharmacy/Drs Surgery/Gym)



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The Park has been extremely successful and is in the top 4 of similar NZMCA Parks through the country. The NZMCA has about 66000 members nationally and about 150 - 200 vans per week visit us in the Summer and this is increasing. Of course this has had a very beneficial effect on the local economy with most business owners I have spoken to being extremely happy about the Park. even Mike at the Waiteti Trout Holiday Park is getting extra patronage. We also have an Annual National Spring Clean and our contribution to this has been a clean up of the Waiteti & Ngongotaha Stream banks and the approaches into & out of Ngongotaha. This will again take place on Sat. 3rd September meeting at the Park at 9am. Interested Locals are welcome to join us. Just lately we have been unfortunate to suffer the attention of vandals with a security camera being completely smashed and various signs being broken and knocked down. We are hoping that these are isolated instances and will not continue. We do get quite a thoroughfare through the Park to the Street behind and would not like to have to stop locals who have done this for years to stop doing this.

Greg Ellwood, NZMCA Area Secretary -021 02253061

*A true story from the pages of the Manchester Evening Times*

*Last Wednesday a passenger in a taxi heading for Salford station leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab. Then, the shaking driver said "are you OK? I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylight out of me." The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said, "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly." The driver replied, "No, no, I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."*

*When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her. King David*

*The great question, which I have not been able to answer... is, "What does a woman want?" Dumas*

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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 – 1 ½ hr gentle walk.

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

4th Sunday: 4.00pm – 6.00pm Messy Church – fun time of games, crafts, story, singing, and dinner – from toddlers – 100+.

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27th Aug Mary Burnett Memorial Lunch St Barnabas Church  
11.00am

## JUSTICE OF PEACE CLINICS

It is pleasing to see that our weekly Ngongotaha JP Clinics are starting to attract more people.

Need a Justice of the Peace?

A drop in JP Clinic is held every Thursday between 11.30am to 1.30pm at Progress Ngongotaha Shop (next to the Wheatsheaf).

## NGONGOTAHA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Well another month has gone past and we have been getting a steady stream of address's to match with our list of past members, but there are still quite a few that we cannot locate. If you know of any past members could you please get them to contact us, or maybe you can do this for them, this would be much appreciated. We are quite a long way along with our

preparations for the reunion which seems to be approaching faster than we are preparing as these things seem to do but hopefully we will be ready on the day.

We have a member, Justin Nicholls who will be in the up and coming dancing with the Stars Rotorua. He is at present practicing three nights a week which he tells us is grueling. We will have to take his word on that but we wish him and his partner all the best.

The calls keep coming in 24/7 to keep us on our toes. If you have noticed a reduction in the number of times the siren goes during the night it is because the siren has now been silenced from 20:00 to 06:00 and calls are only received by pagers, which are not 100% reliable. If station is not manned in a timely manner or the call is of such a serious nature that any delays could effect the outcome of the situation, the siren will then activate.

At the present time we have a full compliment of members but if you can turn out between the hours of 08:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday we would like to hear from you. You can contact us on the numbers or emails below about anything from this article or any other related matter.

Paul Newcombe on 3574357 or paul.newcombe@fire.org.nz  
CFO Francis Boag on 0277051817 or francis.boag@fire.org.nz  
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### NGONGOTAHA SCHOOL

This term we have 21 new students enrolled. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to them and their families and congratulate those who have moved into the village on their excellent choice.

This term we are basing our studies around the Rio Olympics. Students will be looking at all sorts of statistical data based on athletes at the Olympics and on their own performances during class PE sessions. Later in the term we will hold a whole school Olympics day and students will represent a variety of countries while competing in fun events.

This week is parent interview week. If you have not made an interview time to see your child's teacher please contact the office to arrange a meeting time. Times are filling fast, if we are unable to accommodate a time that suits you please feel free to arrange a "catch up" session with the class teacher. These interviews are a perfect opportunity to discuss your child's academic and social progress and look at the learning that is happening in school.

Next week we begin our annual River Safety lessons at the Aquatic Centre. These lessons teach children valuable water survival skills. A huge thank you to Justin from Lakeside Paint and Panel who sponsored all the students of Room 15 to attend.

Our second assembly this term will have a special guest. Mr Craig Elliot will be attending as a representative of the Ngongotaha

Ronald McDonald House. Classes have used a third of the profits from last term's market days to buy items for local charities. The Ronald McDonald House will be receiving a whole lot of new board games and activities for families to use while they are staying at this amazing facility.

I am looking forward to a very busy and productive term.

**Dean Henderson Acting Principal**

*While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop?' 'Yes,' I answered and continued writing the report. 'My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?' 'Yes, that's right,' I told her. 'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward me, 'would you please tie my shoe?'*

*It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. 'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked. 'It sure is,' I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, 'What'd he do?'*

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## DOC

This is to advise that the Department of Conservation is planning a bait station pest control operation in the Mokaihaha Ecological Area in September/October 2016. This is part of a long term strategy to protect forest health, and in particular the nationally significant kokako population that resides in this forest.

The bait station pest control operation is planned over approximately 850ha of Mokaihaha Ecological Area West block, primarily targeting rats and possums. For maximum protection of young chicks it is timed to reduce pest numbers prior to the start of the kokako breeding season. Following aerial application of 1080 for control in 2015, the Mokaihaha West block will be ground baited for two successive springs to maintain rats at low levels in this core kokako area. This bait station operation is the first year of the ground control operation.

Cereal baits containing sodium fluoroacetate (1080) and a cinnamon scent lure will be placed in bait stations, which are made of white plastic and attached to the base of the trees. We ask that these are not to be interfered with. All remaining bait will be removed by 31st October 2016.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of what is proposed, then please contact me at the Rotorua office.

**Nga mihi Maurice Wilke**

**Ranger Services (Biodiversity)**

**07 349 8212 mwilke@doc.govt.nz**

## PIZZA DOUGH

**Hint: Use non metal bowls**

1 1/2 cups of warm water  
2 tspns yeast  
Pinch Castor Sugar  
4 cups plain flour  
1 tspn salt  
1/4 Olive Oil

Put water, yeast and sugar in a bowl and set aside to froth up. Put flour and salt into a bowl and when yeast is ready pour into well with oil and cut in with a knife. To combine mix with hands to bring together. Knead on a floured surface for about 10 mins until it is smooth and elastic. Oil another bowl and place dough in to prove, set aside in a warm place covered with gladwrap until it doubles in size. Punch down and refrigerate covered.

Break off pieces when required. Kids would love to make their own pizzas.

## NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

The Championship pairs was won by Marguerite Gerrand and Delwyn Hughes, 2nd Kevin Whyte and Jan Drabble.

James Schuster was the victor in the Championship singles beating Cheryl Wiggins.

One game that always causes a lot of fun and banter is the Ladies v Men, closely fought with the men finally coming out the winners - 50 points to 46.

Six teams entered the RSA Tournament but unfortunately we only won the raffles.

We will have to keep a close eye on Robin Campbell and Delwyn Hughes as they have held the Buttons after 2 months, congratulations to them.

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### Awahou Stream Fishery from the Anglers perspective.

I have read with interest the two articles written in the Ngongotaha News regarding the fishery in the Awahou Stream. As with everything there are two sides to an issue and usually more than one solution to a problem. I have fished the stream mouth for over 40 years so I am acutely aware of the issues raised.

Firstly it is my observation that by far the vast majority of visiting anglers respect the fact we are there at the behest of and at the good will shown by the land owners of Awahou.

Over the years I have spoken with people from the marae regarding the number of fish taken each year and we all expressed concern about this. One simple solution, cut the limit to three. It is that in Taupo and everyone lives with it just fine. I have on several occasions mentioned this to Fish & Game but their research indicates a limit of 8 is fine. Personally I think it is time for a change. Catch and release is a factor of today's fishing, on the rivers in the Taupo region with a 3 bag limit many fish are returned and their survival rate seems to be extremely high. With regard to the fish catch if the stream is closed then it is simply going to increase the fish taken from the lake.

There is no doubt with the influx of anglers and swimmers over the summer months there will be some problems but let's be clear these are caused by a very small percentage of people. So when looking at solutions to some of the issues this needs to be taken into consideration.

No question poaching does occur but the number of fish taken illegally would be a very small percentage of the over all catch.

If the bag limit was reduced to 3 this may reduce their impact although generally these people have no respect for such rules. I and many others have observed over the years who carries out the poaching and it is a certain and very small group of people who have no respect for anything or anyone. Another consideration is with such a temptation of hundreds of trout in the stream enforcing a ban of no fishing may prove to be difficult and only encourage late night poaching.

Ninety-nine percent of anglers enjoy and respect the privilege they have there to enjoy.

The Stream there is be enjoyed by everyone but conflict can occur if one group has priority. Swimmers need to have area's where they know they are safe, especially children. The shallow area referred to is the ideal spot for them to use and should be a designated swimming area, along with the other sections of the river that swimmers enjoy. If there were signs set up that clearly state swimming and fishing areas then everyone could enjoy all the stream has to offer. If you have designated area's for swimming and fishing then it would preclude those swimmers who want to drift down the stream but it is a resource that needs to be shared so some sacrifices need to be made.

A concern with closing off the entire stream is it will deny young anglers the opportunity to take up fly fishing and to catch a trout when otherwise they may not be able to. Fishing in the Lake can be difficult for young anglers, most don't have waders so they can be standing in cold water for sometime.

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The majority of fish caught in the lake are by a few anglers standing in the right spot whereas in the stream the fish are more easily accessible. I understand the pool where the stream enters the lake is going to be open but one could imagine if the stream is closed it is going to be very congested.

Unfortunately when ever you get a gathering of people rubbish is left behind. From my observation the blame lies equally with fisherman and swimmers. A simple sigh encouraging people to take their rubbish home should improve things.

Any fish or fish offal left behind is likely to be by anglers who poach or use illegal methods. It would be very rare indeed for any serious angler to disregard a catch. To say numerous fish are left to rot on the bank may be over stating issue somewhat but any instance is one too many.

The thefts referred to could have been done by anyone who sees an opportunity to take what is not theirs. They could have been done by an angler, swimmer or an enterprising local. To imply it is something directly attributable to anglers is doing many good people an injustice.

I don't doubt for one minute all anglers would be keen to see the stream preserved as a spawning ground. If the stream is closed from the first of April each year it will ensure trout will be undisturbed during their spawning migration. The streams closure during the summer months will make little or no difference to spawning. A consideration could be to permanently close the stream from a given point up stream as is done at Hamurana. Water taken from the stream by the Council will undoubtedly have some impact but it is a factor of life, we need water to go about our daily lives. Many believe it is preferable to take it above the ground then from aquifers below ground. That way you can more closely monitor the effects on the water source.

I am not convinced closing the entire Stream is the the best solution but then there is probably no ideal answer either. In the interest of all parties involved working progressively towards a long term solution may be the best approach.

**Yours faithfully Chris Currie**

*While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'*

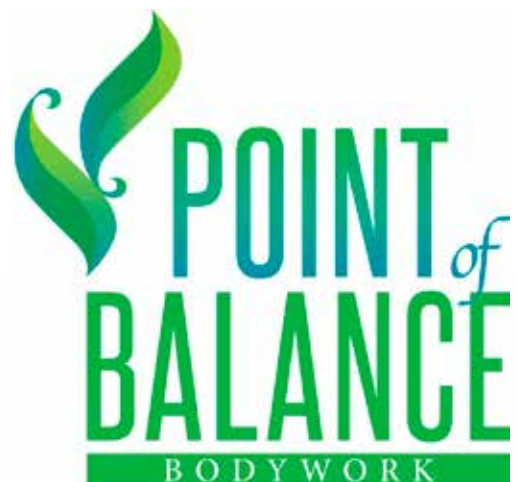
*While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Father, and unto the Son, and into the hole he goes.'*

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Mamaku has enjoyed its share of rain this past month with only one day where the sun shone and some of us moved about outside in only our singlets and shorts. But even that one, brief, day lifted our spirits. Sadly the latest Five Day Weather Forecast with incessant rain being the predominant feature may just have dampened our spirits a trifle. While the rain of itself is no bad thing its effects on pastures can be devastating with cattle chopping the turf and pugging the ground. Farmers particularly will be anxious to see the sun shine for several days and dry their farms out.

The past few weeks have been a sad time for many residents of Mamaku with the death of Magan Bala. A hugely respected family man who loved his adopted land, sport, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. The Bala Family have been stalwarts in making Mamaku the place it is. For four generations they have been the heart and soul of the township. The prayers and thoughts of the community are with the family at this time.

The local community are getting through this cold, wet, spell by all known methods of survival. Roaring fires, books, cross-word puzzles, videos, t.v., etc.. Hunched over the fireplace is the familiar position for most of us with the occasional walk outside to chop more kindling and stack the wood up. The good thing is - it never lasts. The sun will shine again and we'll be outside completing all those necessary chores. By the time the next Mamaku article is written the temperature will be up five degrees and our spirits will respond accordingly.

#### **Jeanne Louise Calment had the longest confirmed human Lifespan on record: 122 years and 164 days.**

Quotes and rules of life from Jeanne Calment:

- Being young is a state of mind, it doesn't depend on one's body. I'm actually still a young girl, it's just that I haven't looked so good for the past 70 years.'
- I've only got one wrinkle, and I'm sitting on it.'
- All babies are beautiful.'
- I've been forgotten by our good lord.'
- I'm in love with wine.'
- Always keep your smile. That's how I explain my long life.'
- If you can't change something, don't worry about it.'
- I have a huge desire to live and a big appetite, especially for sweets.'
- I never wear mascara; I laugh until I cry too often.'
- I see badly, I hear badly, and I feel bad, but everything's fine.'
- I think I will die of laughter.'
- I have legs of iron, but to tell you the truth, they're starting to rust and buckle a bit.'
- I took pleasure when I could. I acted clearly and morally and without regret. I'm very lucky.'
- At the end of one interview, in response to a journalist who said he hoped they would meet again the following year):

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### Term 3.

Despite the stormy weather we have enjoyed a settled start to the term, with the children enthusiastic and ready for learning. Gymnastics is underway and all the children look forward to these sessions and the chance to learn new skills using the equipment. Together with class gym, a lunchtime gym club consisting of primary and intermediate children are training for the Rotorua Gym competition later in the term.

**ERO** will be visiting the school during week 4. We are looking forward to sharing the exciting learning and activities at Kaharoa with them.

There is a **parent meeting on Tuesday 17 August at 2.00pm in the staffroom**. We would like encourage any of our parent community who are available to come and share at this meeting.

**The House Captains** have some exciting activities planned for the school this term, including a disco in week 4 (with a 70's theme), a sports tabloid day in week 5 and an American Soup and Hotdog lunch in week 6.

### **The Fairest of Them All.**

On 15 August the children will be enjoying a performance 'The Fairest of Them All,' being put on by Playhouse. Over the years we have appreciated many entertaining and humorous shows put on by this group.

### **Tough Guy and Gal Challenge.**

Good luck to all those who will be taking part in the 'Tough Guy and Gal Challenge' on 19 August. This is always a great opportunity to test strength and determination, while enjoying the competition and shared experience.

### **Chinese Speeches.**

Congratulations to the group of Year 6, 7 & 8 students who have been selected to represent Kaharoa School at the Chinese Speech Competition on 19 August. We wish you well and look forward to hearing about the experience.

### **West Cup Speech Competition.**

Also this term the senior children will be preparing speeches for the West Cup Speech Competition to be held in September. All children in Year 7 & 8 are involved in this activity and present their speeches to their peers.

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From here around 8 students are selected to present their speeches to our invited judges from Toastmasters.

**Operation Christmas Child** is underway with children filling boxes with goodies to be sent to children in the Pacific Islands. We have supported this initiative for many years and it is wonderful to be able to do something so practical and give less fortunate children a gift.

#### The Kaharoa Team

**"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust our sails"**

*There was a blind girl who hated herself because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She told her boyfriend, 'If I could only see the world, I will marry you.'*

*One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend.*

*He asked her, 'Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?' The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her. She hadn't expected*

*that. The thought of looking at them the rest of her life led her to refuse to marry him.*

*Her boyfriend left in tears and days later wrote a note to her saying: 'Take good care of your eyes, my dear; for before they were yours, they were mine.'*

*This is how the human brain often works when our status changes. Only a very few remember what life was like before, and who was always by their side in the most painful situations. Life Is a Gift*

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*Before you complain about the taste of your food - Think of someone who has nothing to eat.*

*Before you complain about your husband or wife - Think of someone who's crying out for a companion.*

*Today before you complain about life - Think of someone who went too early to heaven.*

*Before whining about the distance you drive Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.*

*And when you are tired and complain about your job - Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.*

*And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down - Put a smile on your face and think: you're alive and still around.*

#### HIDDEN VEGE PIES

Ingredients:

2 sheets frozen puff pastry

4 eggs

¼ cup milk

½ cup mashed potato

½ cup mashed or pureed carrot

1 cup grated tasty cheese

Method:

Place pastry sheets on a work surface to defrost for 10 minutes. Preheat oven to 180°C.

Select a 24 small hole cupcake pan or 2 x 12 hole pans.

Cut 12 holes from each pastry sheet with a scone cutter that is slightly larger than the holes.

Carefully push pastry circles into pan (there's no need to grease). Divide cheese between pastry cases.

Whisk eggs and milk together in a jug, then whisk in the

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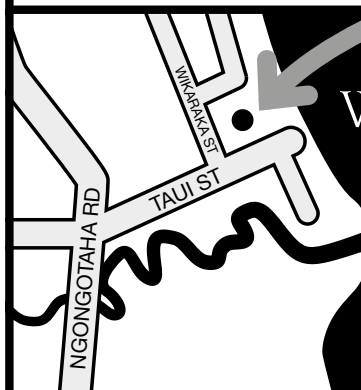
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mashed vegetables.

Pour egg mixture into pastry cases to just below the top. Keep whisking the mixture to make sure the veggies are evenly distributed.

Bake for 10-15 minutes until golden.

NOTES:

These are a version of messy cheese pies with the added bonus of hidden leftover mashed vegetables. I had potato and carrot in the fridge, but you could use other yellow/orange vegetables (pureed pumpkin, sweet potato, corn, yellow zucchini)

Mini quiches freeze well; just reheat in the oven to make sure the pastry is crisp.



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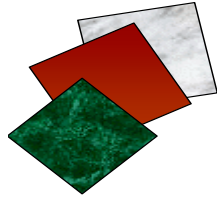
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Tihei Mauri ora

Mate ana he tete kura  
Ara mai he tete kura.

I would like to dedicate this article to the life of Ngati Rangiwewehi kaumatua, Rangatira and all round good guy, Te Tauri Morgan, otherwise known as Jumbo who passed away peacefully surrounded by his beautiful wife Wendy and his whanau after a period of illness.

How do you define success?

If success is defined as leaving a legacy of positivity in many peoples lives and making a huge positive contribution to your whanau, hapu and iwi. Or if success is defined by leaving your places of work and the people in them in better shape then when you arrived or indeed if success is defined as using incredible humour and wisdom to humbly change a situation that has turned nasty into one where people are laughing and communicating, then uncle Tauri was all of these and more. Much, much more...

During his tangi at Awahou marae there were many stories told of his outstanding achievements at a regional and national level in education. He was a legend. Many people from all parts of New Zealand came to pay their respects and say their farewells including the young and the not so young and there were many stories told of his wisdom, wit and wordsmith expertise in the ever changing realm of education. Far too many stories to do justice to them and uncle Tauri in this short article.

However there is a personal story about uncle Tauri that I would like to share with you all. You see, Uncle Tauri was the original Ngati Rangiwewehi MBA. The story Uncle Tauri told me was that he was helping out at a prison with one of our other famous Ngati rangiwewehi uncles with the initials M.M. As a who this person is both M.M names have 4 letters in them. Anyway, they had all been asked to introduce themselves and their qualifications. Uncle MM had just received a degree from Waikato university and others also had degrees. Uncle Tauri was the last to introduce himself and thought he would go one better so he told everyone that he had an MBA. hint on contd.....

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Thinking he was talking about a Masters in Business Administration M.M and the others all looked at him because they were pretty sure he did not have an MBA. However, as quick as he always was Uncle Tauri said, “My MBA stands for Maori Boy from Awahou!” He told me that all the prisoners cracked up, laughed their heads off and they all had a very enjoyable day.

Uncle Tauri encouraged me to use MBA in my introductions before I did my presentations in various countries around the world, so I did. At the end of my introduction the person introducing me will outline my qualifications before saying “however Ngahi tells me that his favourite qualification is his self proclaimed MBA, which stands for Maori Boy from Awahou.” That line in my introduction always gets a laugh and signals to people that I am there to have some fun with them too. But the main thing is that it also reminds me of uncle Tauris other advice to me which was to always enjoy what I do, make a positive difference in peoples lives and remain humble at all times.

One of the last times I saw uncle Tauri he told me that he had upgraded his MBA qualification. I can still see his cheesy grin when he told me MBA now stood for Maori Boy from Arawa! You know what I reckon. Given his remarkable life and accomplishments, the incredible legacy and advice he left to many of us not to mention his amazing whanau, I reckon he deserved to go one step further and become MBA...

Maori Boy from Aotearoa. E te rangatira, Moe mai ra...moe mai ra Uncle Tauri - the original MBA.

Ngahi Bidois is an international Leadership speaker, author, husband and father who lives in Awahou. You can read more about him on his website at [www.thefaceofnewzealand.com](http://www.thefaceofnewzealand.com)

## FRIED BREAD RECIPE

### Ingredients

5 Cups of standard white flour  
5 teaspoons of baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 Cups of luke warm water  
Cooking Oil  
An electric frying pan or a deep pot

### Instructions

Put all the dry ingredients into a bowl and mix together. Make a well in the middle and gradually add the water. Stir together with a knife. When the mixture starts looking like dough tip it onto a floured bench. Knead the dough just a little until the dough develops a smooth texture. Roll the dough out to a thickness of about 6cm. Cut into slices, much like scones, pricking each one with a fork. Heat a pot of oil or fat. Olive oil or grape seed oil is fine, and a lot less fattening. For best results deep fry the bread in very hot oil. Add the cut dough shapes, turning as they brown. N.B. If the oil is not really hot then the floaters will not raise very well. Great with lots of jam and/or Golden Syrup.



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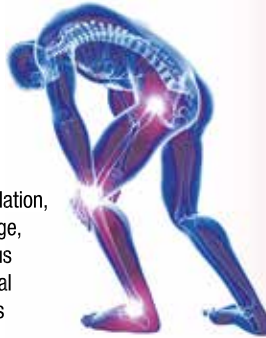
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## Kaitao Middle School

### Orientation

What a pleasure it has been to welcome our year 6 contributing school students to our orientation this week.

They have all been a credit to their respective schools and been wonderful ambassadors.

In a departure from previous years we have had the students all day from 9.00am until 2.30pm and they spent 30 mins at each of our Technology/Arts areas – Textile Art, Graphic Design, Food Tech, Exotech, Science and Music.

### Sailesh Patel

I was sad to hear that Sailesh Patel is looking to sell the Ngongotaha Four Square after 19 years of wonderful service to the community.

Sailesh has supported our school by providing bread for our breakfast club and our \$500 worth of food for our CACTUS programme where a healthy breakfast was an integral part. As well he has provided food for the food parcels we made up for our community.

A man with a huge heart and a wicked sense of humour. The Kaitao Whanau wishes him all the best in his future endeavours.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning Conference

A number of Rotorua Principals will be attending the Positive Behaviour for Learning Conference in Wellington on the 11th/12th August.

I have been asked to present at the conference in the Anti-Bullying segment “The implementing of a range of strategies to support the prevention of bullying and the impact outcome of these strategies”.

Kaitao has also been asked as one of the



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only schools nationwide to partake in a Ministry of Education project entitled “Bullying and Prevention Teaching and Learning Approaches Project”.

### Kapa Haka

Our Kapa Haka is in full rehearsal mode and gave up a lot of their own time during the holidays to polish their performance. We will be performing in the regionals later this term and hope that we place high enough to be considered for the Nationals for next year.

### Modern Learning Environment

Our new Modern Learning Environment is coming along nicely. There was a small but expensive setback when the concrete which was to be left was deemed not up to standard following the Christchurch Earthquake. As a result we had to pay another \$20,000 to get a whole new floor laid. It is now done and the contractors have made a start on erecting the pre-cut framing.

### Honggutan Middle School

Next week we welcome 11 students and 3 teachers from our sister school Honggutan Middle School in China. While they are here they will be home stayed and spend time seeing the sights and attractions of Rotorua.

### Work Ethic

Recently were lucky enough to have a visit from New Zealand Actor Cliff Curtis. One of the themes of Cliff’s talk was around work ethic.

Cliff talked to the students about his life and how from a young age it was instilled into him that it was important to have a good work ethic but it was equally important to know how you actually go about having one. In talking about his life and how he got to be where he is today he was able to show the students how he had worked hard for everything he has.

Knowing how to have a good work ethic is certainly something we can all instill in the students in our school and is something that can and will make a big difference in their lives.

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### Kaitao contd.....

When he thought back to his own schooling it was not always easy and he would certainly not have been classed as one of the intelligent students but what he did have the ability to work hard and keep on trying when things got tough or when he had to do things I didn't want to do and a positive attitude.

Our work ethic defines who we are as a person and includes how we communicate with others, how reliable we are and how we react in different situations. Ensuring we show others that we are doing the best we can and are the best we can be whether it be digging a hole or cleaning will give us

recognition and choices in life.

Teaching our students to have a good work ethic DOES NOT cost us anything, IS something we can ALL do and WILL make a difference.



### Devices and Learning

Smartphones and Devices have been in the media a lot lately and not all for good reasons.

While we know that there are a lot of benefits to using technology in the classroom for student learning and engagement recent media coverage has highlighted the negative aspects.

There has been a lot of research around the effect of the blue light from the screens on the human brain and experts are recommending that you switch off your screens at least one hour before going to bed. The blue light tells our brains that it isn't time to sleep and has a negative impact on both the quantity and quality of sleep.

Many of our students talk of being on devices until late at night and are coming to school tired the next day. Students of all ages require between 8 - 10 hours' sleep a night. The lack of sleep and tiredness has a direct impact on their ability to function and learn in the classroom.

Parents who are not already taking devices off their child early and ensuring they are not taking it to bed with them start to do so, you will see big changes in your child.

The other very concerning aspect that has been in the media is around cyber bullying and the impact on the mental health of young New Zealanders. The use of Social Media is on the increase with teenagers however we need to remember that they still need guidance to be able to use it appropriately. As parents it is important that you are aware of what your child is doing not only on Facebook but on Messenger, Instagram, Snapchat and other Social Media.

Students are often totally unaware of the impact of what they do and will say and do things on Social Media that they would not do to a person's face.

It is important that adults including older siblings provide a positive role model for our students around sensible and appropriate use of Social Media. We do not want our children to become statistics.



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Term 3 already & we have kicked it off with a week of FIRE! !

Volcanoes & a real fire in the sandpit had the children's full attention & gave us the opportunity to talk about fire safety, we even managed to fit in a fire drill in keeping with our theme!! We had planned to toast marshmallows over our sandpit fire, but the rain quickly dampened that plan so the children improvised & took it upon themselves to play outside in the puddles instead.!

Our tamariki are free to roam safely inside & outside all year round & we always have many different stations & activities set up to keep them learning & growing as well as experiencing lots of different things!!

One of these experiences was at our Whanau Evening that we held at the end of Term 2, we went all out & laid a Hangi at our centre & invited our extended Whanau as well as past & life members to join us in celebration of Matariki & our multiculturalism within the centre, we had a fantastic turn out & the children loved seeing the kai coming up out of the ground!!

We continued our evening until after dark & lit lanterns the children had made in the weeks previous & sung Twinkle Twinkle in both English & Te reo Maori, such a wonderful time had by all!!! A massive thank you to all involved in making the evening the huge success that it was!! Please contact Joanne on 027 550 3225 if you would be interested in purchasing an Entertainment Book [www.entertainmentbook.co.nz](http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz). These offer up to 50% off restaurant, cafes, theme parks and attractions and much more around the BOP, Waikato and Coromandel regions. Each book is \$60 and \$12 from each book sold goes to our lovely centre, great value for money!! You are welcome to come and visit us and have a cuppa while your little ones play. You will find Hamurana Playcentre at 38 Tauranga Direct Road. All enquiries welcome - phone 332 2110 during session times (Monday & Thursday 9.15am - 11.45am during the school term). You can also check out our Facebook page – see Hamurana Playcentre or contact Joanne.

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*I know this weather is not very conducive to gardening, but it will get better, I HOPE.*

Preparation is the key this month, weeding and cultivating the soil and adding plenty of fresh compost to help get the ground and garden ready for spring planting. Now is also the time to ask yourself what you want out of your garden this coming spring and summer. Is it a veggie patch, lots of flowers, a haven for bees and butterflies, less watering or maybe to try planting something a bit different?

## To Do

### Prune

If you haven't already done so, prune roses and fruit trees now.

### Direct Sow

Peas, both climbing and dwarf, can be sown directly into the ground now. Remember with climbing peas, add support when planting to avoid root damage doing it once growing.

### Winter Spraying

Prevention is better than a cure. To stop leaf curl or insects from wintering over, now is the time to spray. It's easier than you may think to have healthy plants.

### Strawberries

Quite possibly there will be a shortage this season due to bad weather up north at the strawberry fields. Get in quick because availability has been reduced by 30%.

### Weeds

By weeding now before they have a chance to go to seed, you will save yourself a lot of time in spring and summer. Regularly hoe and remove any weeds. Don't bother spraying weeds at this time of year as weed sprays don't work well in the colder weather.

### Soil Preparation

Preparing soil for spring planting is quite simple. As you dig the soil over to the depth of the spade, incorporate compost, manure and gypsum. What you are planting will determine what, if any, other fertiliser is required.

### Leaf Curl

We all probably know of it and most certainly don't love it!

### Fruit Trees

Now is the time to plant your fruit trees. Not sure what you would like to plant or what to use to pollinate your current trees?

### Potatoes

Now's the time to start chitting. Remember potatoes can be grown in bags, as well as in the garden.

### Asparagus

Weed asparagus beds thoroughly, add fertiliser and a layer of compost onto the soil. To encourage an earlier crop, lay black polythene over the bed for three weeks to trap warmth. I do half my crop that way so I get a longer harvest season.

### Slugs and Snails

They are hungry at this time of year so protect young seedlings by laying slug bait around the garden or containers. Remember to keep poison out of the reach of children or animals, and if you're unsure use the safer version, 'Quash'.

### Green Crops

If you planted green manure crops, now is the ideal time to till them into the ground before they go to seed.

### Seed Sowing

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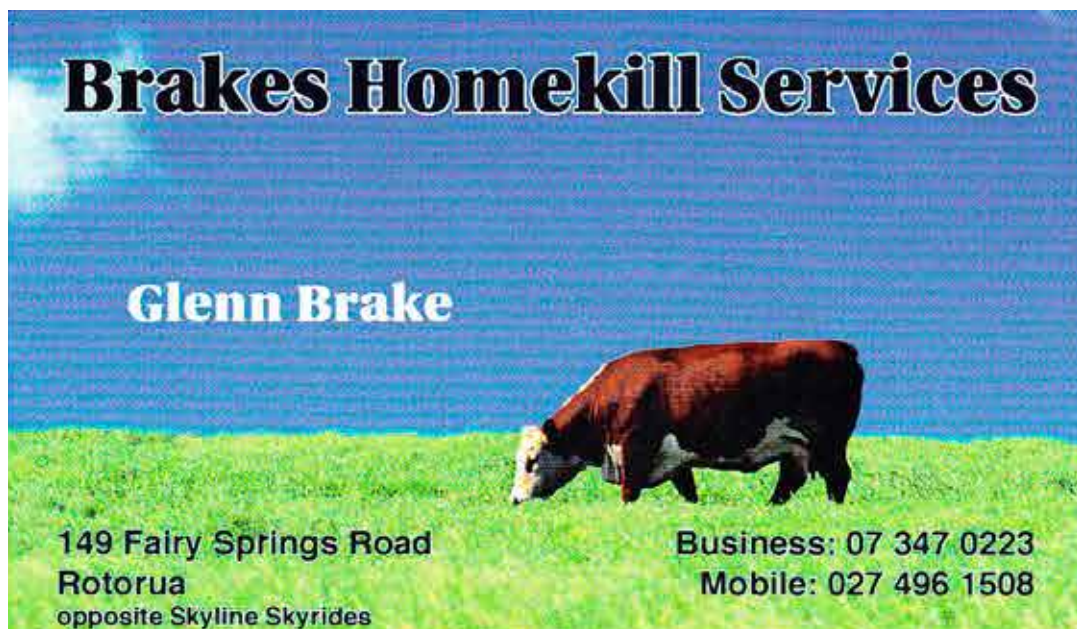
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I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my entire pension, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years.

You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also

for debiting my account \$30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank.

My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways. I noticed that whereas I personally answer your telephone calls and letters, --- when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become.

From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person.

My mortgage and loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank, by check, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate.

Be aware that it is an OFFENSE under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope..

Please find attached an Application Contact which I require

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your chosen employee to complete. I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative.

Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof.

In due course, at MY convenience, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me.

I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modeled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service. as they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further. When you call me, press buttons as follows: IMMEDIATELY AFTER DIALING, PRESS THE STAR (\*) BUTTON FOR ENGLISH

- #1. To make an appointment to see me..
- #2. To query a missing payment.
- #3. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.c
- #4. To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.
- #5. To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.
- #6. To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home.
- #7. To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required. Password will be communicated to you at a later date to that Authorized Contact mentioned earlier.
- #8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 7 again
- #9. To make a general complaint or inquiry. The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service.
- #10. This is a second reminder to press\* for English.

While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement. May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous New Year?

Your Humble Client

And remember: Don't make old people mad. We don't like being old in the first place.

A man had just settled into his seat next to the window on the plane when another man sat down in the aisle seat and put his black Labrador Retriever in the middle seat next to the man. The first man looked very quizzically at the dog and asked why the dog was allowed on the plane. The second man explained that he was an agent with the Drug Enforcement Agency and that the dog was a "sniffing dog." His name is Sniffer and he's the best there is. I'll show you once we get airborne, when I put him to work." The plane took off, and once it had leveled out, the agent said, "watch this." He told Sniffer to "search." Sniffer jumped down, walked along the aisle, and finally sat very purposefully next to a woman for several seconds. Sniffer then returned to his seat and put one paw on the agent's arm. The agent said "good boy," turned to the man and said, "that woman is in possession of marijuana. I'm making a note of her seat number, and the authorities will apprehend her when we land." "Gee, that's pretty good," replied the man. Once again, the agent sent Sniffer to search the aisles. The Lab sniffed about, sat down beside a man for a few seconds, returned to its seat, and this time he placed two paws on the agent's arm. The agent said, "that man is carrying cocaine, so again, I'm making a note of his seat number for the police." "I like it!" said his seat mate. The agent then told Sniffer to "search" again. Sniffer walked up and down the aisles for a little while, sat down for a moment, and then came racing back to the agent, jumped into the middle seat and proceeded to poop on the seat. The first man was really disgusted by this behavior and couldn't figure out how or why a well-trained dog would behave like that. So he asked the agent, "what's going on?" **The agent nervously replied, "he's just found a bomb."**

#### Kiwifruit spray season starts

Bay of Plenty Regional Council staff are encouraging open dialogue between kiwifruit growers and their neighbours as the kiwifruit spray season starts this month. Bay of Plenty Regional Council Senior Pollution Prevention Officer John Morris said that growers are usually compliant with spray rules but in some areas, a little extra care is appropriate. "The Bay of Plenty Regional Air Plan requires orchard owners or contractors to notify the neighbours of any adjoining properties within 50 metres at least 12 hours before spraying and no more than 20 days in advance. This year we've also encouraged growers and industry representatives to develop extra guidelines for spray timing and notification near schools and other sensitive public areas at Te Puna, in response to concerns raised by the local community there," Mr Morris said. Hydrogen cyanamide, often known by the brand name Hi Cane, is sprayed by growers onto their kiwifruit vines at this time of year to increase the number of fruit on the vines, promote bud break and encourage earlier and shorter flowering. "Generally neighbours like to be notified about Hi Cane spraying so they can take extra precautions such as moving stock, keeping pets inside, or going elsewhere while the spray is being applied. Road users, including pedestrians and cyclists, also have a right to be warned; especially when spray is being applied to orchards that adjoin public roads near schools, bus stops or sports fields and at times of high pedestrian flow," Mr Morris said.

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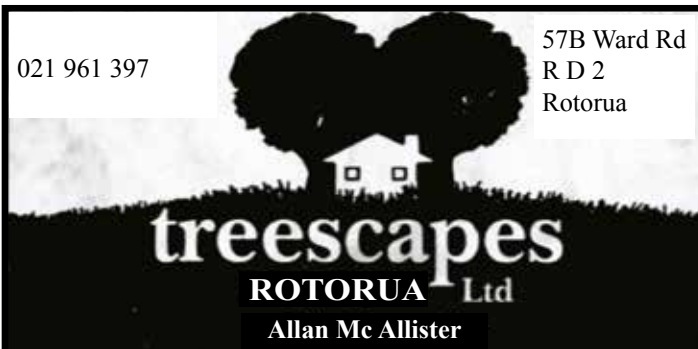
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Kulula is an airline with head office situated in Johannesburg .. Kulula Airline attendants make an effort to make the in-flight "safety lecture" and announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:  
On a Kulula flight, (There is no assigned seating, you just sit where you want.) Passengers were apparently having a hard time choosing, when a flight attendant announced, "People, people, we're not picking out furniture here, find a seat and get in it!"  
On another flight with a very "senior" flight attendant crew, the pilot said, "Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants."



On landing, the stewardess said,  
 "Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have."  
 "There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane."

"Thank you for flying Kulula. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride."

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Durban Airport, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker: "Whoa, big fella. WHOA!"

After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in the Karoo, a flight attendant on a flight announced, "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as hell everything has shifted."

From a Kulula employee:

"Welcome aboard Kulula 271 to Port Elizabeth. To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt; and, if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised."

"In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with more than one small child, pick your favorite."

"Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but we'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you, or your money, more than Kulula Airlines."

"Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments."

"As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

And from the pilot during his welcome message:

"Kulula Airlines is pleased to announce that we have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight!"

Heard on Kulula 255 just after a very hard landing in Cape Town: The flight attendant came on the intercom and said,

"That was quite a bump and I know what y'all are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendants' fault, it was the asphalt."

Overheard on a Kulula flight into Cape Town, on a particularly windy and bumpy day: During the final approach, the captain really had to fight it. After an extremely hard landing, the flight attendant said, "Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to The Mother City. Please remain in your seats with your seat belts fastened while the captain taxis what's left of our airplane to the gate!"

Another flight attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."

Heard on a Kulula flight: "Ladies and gentlemen, if you wish to smoke, the smoking section on this airplane is on the wing. If you can light 'em, you can smoke 'em."



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# REPORTING CRIME

**INFO SHEET: Based on NZ Police website – Ensure you check there for accurate information.**

**NZ Police website - <http://www.police.govt.nz/>**

**How to Report a Crime - <http://www.police.govt.nz/contact-us/how-report-crime>**



## **Report a BAD DRIVER or Traffic Incident:**

- **URGENT** - but not Life threatening?  
Call \*555 about Bad driving, Minor crashes, Road obstructions.  
**ALWAYS Call 111 for Emergencies.**

- **Non-Urgent?** Use Police website Community Roadwatch report or visit / call local Police station.



## **Report Crime ANONYMOUSLY**

Phone: 0800 555 111 (Calls are not recorded or traced)

or Online [www.crimestoppers-nz.org](http://www.crimestoppers-nz.org)

Crimestoppers is an independent charity working to solve and prevent crime.

The new Rotorua Library in Pukuatua Street is now officially open. After an opening ceremony this morning library users were free to explore the premises and try out some of the special new features.

The self-issue machines have been a hit since the library opened its doors on Wednesday 27 July. The machines are touch screen and can be viewed in English, Te Reo Māori and even 'Pirate'. Users just scan their library card and follow the prompts on the screen.

Staff are on hand and keen to help users find their way around the new technology and the new Library layout.

In another new initiative, aimed at encouraging more reading, all adult fiction books are now free to borrow.

Library users can also enjoy a hot drink while browsing or reading with The Coffee Shack a permanent fixture.

If you want to check out the Library's exciting new features, visit the team at our new premises on the corner of Pukuatua and Amohia Streets (the old Van Dyks building).

The library is expected to be in its Pukuatua Street location for about 18 months while the Haupapa Street building is revamped.

Visit the Rotorua Lakes Council Facebook page and Rotorua Library Facebook page to see more photos from the new Rotorua Library.

### ***Rhyme & Rumpus***

A fun story time for under 5's with instruments, music, dancing and crafts.

Date: Every Tuesday and Thursday during school term.

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Rotorua Library, 1238 Pukuatua St.

Cost: Free

### ***Free Computer Classes***

Book your place at a free computer class now. Classes fill fast. Numbers are limited.

Date: Every Tuesday.

Time: 10am

Venue: Rotorua Library, 1238 Pukuatua St.

Cost: Free

For more information or to book your place in a class go to Stepping Up or enquire at the Library.

### ***Baby Bop***

An active movement programme for under 2 year olds.

Date: Every Wednesday during school term.

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