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The Blessing of the new additions to Waiteti Marae was held on the 14th November 2015 and here are a few photos of this special day. What an impressive Marae we have and an asset to our Community.

The Paepae



Coming out of the new Kaumatua Room



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The Khan Girls



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The Spirit of Christmas was most certainly in Ngongotaha. Ngongotaha WI for the week before Christmas manned the Hospice Remembrance tree placed outside the Village Shop in the heart of the village. I would like to say a big Thankyou to the lovely lady in the Village Shop who supplied us with coffee

and biscuits, the milk truck that gave us flavoured milk, the Coin Saver shop that donated some raffle tickets when we ran out. The Op shop management who allowed us to store the tree, chairs table etc. overnight at the end of each day, and Room 5 of Ngongotaha School who gave us a lovely Christmas card and sang to us a Christmas song so beautifully. Finally a big thankyou to all those people who supported Hospice.

Ann Dawber, President

Ngongotaha WI

I would like to take this opportunity of mentioning more great losses to the community.

Nancye Fletcher passed away after a long illness just prior to Christmas. Now a lot of her past pupils will certainly remember Mrs Fletcher reciting poetry, reading amazing stories to her classes and of course the "rote" learning of your times tables. I will remember Nancye as a work colleague. Unfortunately I was unable to go to Nancyes funeral, but I do remember one thing she wore that "Old Bag" badge well, having earned it through being the oldest Staff Member. Lots of memories Nancye.

Neville Black another legend passed away last week. I was once again unable to attend his funeral.

Lots of locals will remember Nevvie at his garage in Western Road, (near where the Vet is and the back of the Four Square).

Allan Tauwi another old identity of Ngongotaha passed away in early January. He now joins his beloved son Joe.

Condolences to all families who have suffered losses in 2015, may 2016 be a better one.

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the true spirit of a true leader, a true team player never putting himself first and his no thanks to being called Sir speaks volumes for The Man, he is. Congrats Ritchie!!!

Other highlights for 2015 was Val Adams on the way back in the shot put, Julia Edwards Rowing feats at World Champ level, Lydia Ko winning LPGA tournaments and being Woman's No 1 Golfer, James McDonald a NZ jockey plying his trade on the World Stage, NZs Breakers winning the ABL Basketball champs, and Rotorua's own Danny Lee winning PGA tournaments also, internationally. The emergence of Joseph Parker into the top echelon of World Boxing is anticipated also.

Disappointments

NZ Capitulating in the Worlds Cup Netball champs and by not selecting Noeline Taurua as the Silver Ferns Coach, the Warriors who always promise much but deliver little and NZ under achiever Marina Erakovic in Women's singles Tennis!!!

The Rio Olympics will see medals expected by Val Adams, Equestrian, cycling, Rowing, Yachting, 7s Rugby, Lydia Ko and Sarah Walker I'm sure they perform well.

Top World Male Performances 2015-USain Bolt- Athletics,

Top Female Performances 2015 Serena Williams-Tennis

Top NZ male performance 2015 Ritchie McCaw-Rugby

Top NZs Female performance 2015 Lydia Ko-Golf

Top Rotorua male Performance 2015-Opie Bosson -Racing

Sport in general 2015

The achievement of the NZ All Blacks of a 2nd consecutive Rugby World Cup win to add to the 1987 and 2011 wins was surely the NZ Sporting highlight by a team.

The emergence during the World Cup tournament of NZ players like Cane, Moody, Faumuina, Kerr-Barlow, Barrett, Williams, Milner-Skudder etc added to the teams prospects for 2016 and beyond. The top Class players who have retired do so in the knowledge there is class player waiting in the wings to take over and they will continue the culture this team has produced. Have to mention Nonu, Conrad Smith, Tony Woodcock, Dan Carter (world Player of the Year) and of course our Champion Leader Ritchie McCaw. So these are the players who have to step up into the senior ranks they are Kaino, Reid, Cane, Barrett, Vito, Aaron Smith etc.

With the prospect of Hansen and Co being retained to give continuity they will garner our support to continue the efforts they have made for a winning formula to win again in Japan in 2019. I like many All Black supporters were so proud of Ritchie McCaw turning down a knighthood instead accepting the highest NZ honour restricted to 20 living New Zealanders being the NZ Order of Merit. The knighthood for me had been politicised and with McCaw being politically neutral he was, I felt backed into a corner by the promises of a knighthood. He in

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Sport contd.....

Top Rotorua Female performance 2015 Julia Edwards-Rowing
Rotorua's Emerging male 2015 Sam Osborne-triathlon
Rotorua's Emerging female 2015-Sam Sinclair-Netball

RIP

The tragic loss of Jerry Collins, Norm Berryman and a giant of a man Jonah Lomu, has added a tinge of sadness to our sporting year. May their families live on in the knowledge each and every one of those men played an important part in Rugby History.

Local

National Sevens great to see local lad Isaac Te Aute from RBHS mixing it with the elite sevens players at the Rotorua International stadium. While he may lack experience he has the skills level required to feature at Rio and great to also see players like Karl Tenana's son following in his Dad's shoes. Awesome that Ngongotaha 7s Champion Joe Tauwi is remembered with the Memorial Trophy in his name to the "player of the tournament"

Two Mexicans are stuck in the desert after crossing into the United States, wandering aimlessly and starving. They are about to just lie down and wait for death, when all of a sudden Luis says: "Hey Pepe, do you smell what I smell. Ees bacon, I theenk." "Si, Luis, eet sure smell like bacon." With renewed hope, they struggle up the next sand dune, & there, in the distance, is a tree loaded with bacon. There's raw bacon, there's fried bacon, back bacon, double smoked bacon, every imaginable kind of cured pork. "Pepe, Pepe, we ees saved! ees a bacon tree!" "Luis, maybe ees a meerage? We ees in the desert don't forget." "Pepe, since when deed you ever hear of a meerage that smell like bacon? Ees no meerage, ees a bacon tree!"

With that, Luis staggers towards the tree. He gets to within 5 yards, Pepe crawling close behind, when suddenly a machine gun opens up, And Luis drops like a wet sock. Mortally wounded, he warns Pepe with his dying breath: "Pepe, go back man, you was right, ees not a bacon tree!"

"Luis, Luis mi amigo, what ees it?" "Pepe ees not a bacon tree. Ees... Ees...Ees Ees... A ham bush!"

My wife and I had come to town to pick up a few things. As we came out of the last store, we saw a cop writing a ticket for illegal parking right in front of us on the curb.

We kindly asked him to give a couple of retirees a break. But, he paid us no attention and kept writing. Just loud enough for him to hear, my wife said, "What a Bozo." The cop looked up, stared at my wife, and started writing out another ticket.

I said, "Honey, this guy probably just learned to read and write, and he's so proud of himself, he's showing off." The cop smugly tore off the 2nd ticket and started on a third. We continued to make comments and he kept writing tickets. Soon, he was up to half a dozen. Finally, glaring at us, the cop left.

We didn't care about the tickets. Being retired, we always try to find ways to keep ourselves amused. Anyways, it was one of those obnoxious Lamborghinis.

Chuckling, we hopped on the bus and went home.



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*If you try any of these would be interested to know if they work?
Ed.*



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The farmer said, "Your Majesty, I do not know anything about forecasting. I obtain my information from my donkey. If I see my donkey's ears drooping, it means with certainty that it will rain." So the king hired the donkey. And thus began the practice of hiring dumb asses to work in the government and occupy its highest and most influential positions. And the practice is unbroken to this date...

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Please find the following which gives you and me the confidence in the leadership of this Mayor and Council and with the direct support of our Local MP's Mcclay, Flavell and Tabuteau the facts show how and through the ratepayers funds being directed at economic development through Grow Rotorua and its economic portfolio chaired by Cr Donaldson, results are positive. The CBD revitalisation portfolio headed by Cr Karen Hunt who set about changing the Rotorua image and perceptions with the CBD changes. Activity while not rampant is strong and indications are more is on its way.

Let the detractors detract, the naysayer NAY and the negative people be negative the majority of your council are getting on with the job and getting Rotorua moving forward. You and I are not going to agree with everything and that's democracy at work but Rotorua needed growth and we are getting it. I've always stated the Rate base needs to grow so more ratepayers can share the costs of being the district we are and that's now happening more than ever. While I wasn't happy with the on average 7% rate increase in 2015 it was a one off and corrects the unsustainable low rate increases (a former Mayor boasted about) we had in Rotorua between 2007-2013 when the population was decreasing and going to OZ and we were all hurting after and during the world economic crisis.

In 2015 1000 new residents have been absorbed back here in Rotorua that equates to 250 families which is good for our schools, education services, Contractors, legal services, hospitality, accommodation, banking, Retailing, Real Estate, Employment, manufacturing- in fact right across the spectrum of our community etc. Great places like Reporoa, Kaharoa, Atiamuri, Ngakuru, Waikite Valley, Rerewhakaite, Ngongotaha, Mamaku, Rotoma, Rotoiti, Otaramarae, Hamurana, Okareka, Tarawera, Kennedy and Otautau Bays (to name a few Bays), Okere Falls, Mourea, Blue lake, Hannah's Bay and Holden's Bay all iconic locations in their own right are seeing new faces and the diversity is incredible.

We are so fortunate to have a vibrant rural sector, a volunteer sector, the free services ratepayers pay for like parks gardens redwoods, lakes, Playgrounds, bike trails, walking tracks, a wonderful Health service i.e. GPs, Pharmacy, specialists and emergency dept, helicopter, ambulance, fire service and hospitals. We are so blessed to have, in the majority a very caring community, that when the chips are down bounce up and help as much as they can afford to.

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Cr Charles Sturt

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The song, Auld Lang Syne,

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Drinking water after eating

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Peanut oil

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The roar

that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

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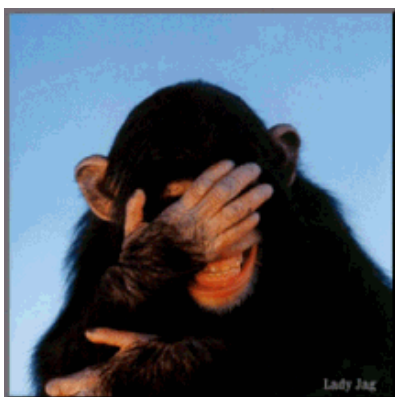
Paddy was a youthful and hard working Irishman at a Coastal village in Ireland . Daily he would pole a heavy old punt out to sea then work a heavy iron grapple to bring up the sand oysters which he sold to the local ice works. He was a man of regular habits he always arrived home each day at a certain time. Sadly, Paddy did not realise the heavy grappling was taking a toll on a faulty heart.

One day he failed to come home so his wife contacted the Police to investigate him being missing.

They rowed out and found Paddy dead in the punt beside him a huge grapple full of oysters he'd tried to hoist aboard.

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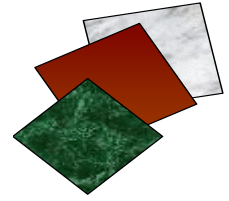
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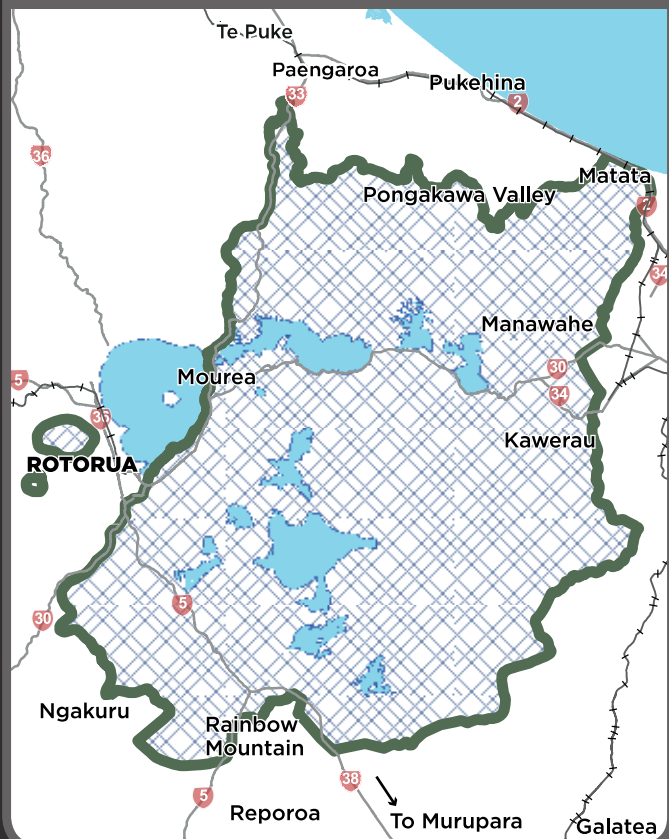
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I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with "Guess" on it. So I said "Implants?" She hit me.

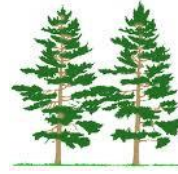
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Who speaks up for the trout?

Wow things can change so quickly for trout fishing here in our area. For example I was out fishing off a boat at Awahou in the Tangaroa fishing competition a couple of weeks ago and there were only two waders but seventeen boats howling or trawling for trout outside the 200 metre bouys.

This week the fish moved in and the other day there were only two boats out trawling and over seventeen waders fishing in the lake, with other anglers up the river.

The lake is far too warm and the only reprise fish seem to be able to get is in the cool streams such as the Awahou, Hamurana and others. The lack of oxygen in the lake forces them into better places and into the death traps for a recreational sport called trout fishing. In my humble opinion the Awahou river should be off limits for fishing from the river mouth upstream. At least one of our rivers should be a trout sanctuary. Going by the number of people swimming in the Awahou river lately imagine having a river where they were free to swim without being hooked up by a fisherman.

So there you have it – my personal opinion that it does not seem fair that trout are forced into small spaces in rivers through lack of oxygen in a lake which should have plenty. They are then picked off easily by highly skilled, and some not so highly skilled anglers given their first casting lessons by fishing guides. Last year there were over 700 trout at the mouth of the Awahou getting slaughtered through people doing things like catching and releasing. Many dead fish were seen out in the lake by trawlers who reckoned that fish can only take so many hooks in the mouth from catching and releasing before their mouths fail to function. Some people caught and released over fifty trout in one day because the law says they can. I wonder how many of those were the same trout?

Please don't get me wrong. I am not against people catching a few fish (up to 8 per day) to take home for a feed for the whanau – as long as they have a licence and are fishing legally. However I am confident that there are always those who turn up for the annual trout slaughter and do so illegally.

Who speaks up for the trout?

Fish and Game people and internal affairs are run off their feet (or boats) this time of year checking licences and trying to stop poaching, however they cannot be everywhere at once – and people who fish illegally know that.

I know people always say but there are hundreds of fish there for the taking because they can see them there.

Well, I will finish my korero for the fish and unusual rant by quoting an old saying. When the Last Tree Is Cut Down, the Last Fish Eaten, and the Last Stream Poisoned, You Will Realize That You Cannot Eat Money.

Ngahi Bidois is an international Leadership speaker, author, husband and father. You can read more about him on his website at www.thefaceofnewzealand.com

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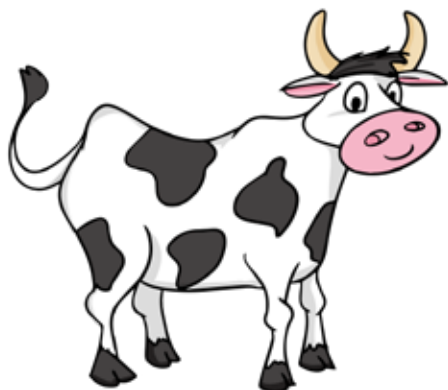
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Ngongotaha School

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Welcome back for the 2016 school year. We do hope you have all had a good break enjoying this stunning summer and we look forward to another busy school year.

We welcome all the families, and children, who have joined the school this year.

This year we welcome Christina Welch and Tawi Roberts who are new to our team and we welcome back Kathryn Piesse after her year teaching in the United Kingdom. Tawi Roberts will join our rumaki team, Te Whanau Maunga, in Room 16. Christina Welch joins Te Whanau Wai, in Room 7 and Kathryn Piesse will also join Te Whanau Wai in Room 6. We look forward to your contribution to Ngongotaha School.

Our annual prize giving was held at the end of 2015 where we said farewell to our year six children as they move onto their intermediate schooling. Congratulations to all who were recognised with class or school awards.

Congratulations to Rhiannon Hunter and Noah Wineti who were awarded the Kelso Achievement Award for 2015.

Congratulations to Pania Paul who was awarded the Mainfreight Award for Excellence in Attitude for 2015.

Congratulations to Baedyn Kiore and Amo Kiel who were awarded the Maori Culture Awards for 2015.

Our other awards went to:

x3 GREAT Awards – Ashlyn du Plessis; Mangaia Simon and Khamyn Collier-Smith.

x2 Contribution to School Awards – Cassidy Fletcher and Amy Patchell.

x3 Excellence in Te Reo Awards – Toko Beckham, Kiara Paul and Diana Cash.

Most Promising Sport Boy and Girl Year 1 or 2 – Tory-Jay Taipeti and Lauryn Martin. Most Promising Sport Boy and Girl Year 3 or 4 – Angus Huff and Seke Rika. Outstanding Contribution to Sport Year 5 or 6 – Rhiannon Hunter and Broc Maki. Each class also awarded 2 book prizes for Citizenship and Application to Studies.

We ran two prize-giving assemblies due to the number of children in the school and the excellent attendance by families. This worked very well and we will do this again each year.

This year the staff started the year with an overnight marae visit at Whakaue Kaipapa marae in Maketu. This continues our learning about our cultural heritage and how it can be integrated into the school programme. It is also an excellent opportunity for staff to get to know each other and to have time to prepare for the new school year.

This year our concept curriculum has a Maths focus with the themes seeing maths integrated in the other curriculum areas. – “Everything Counts” will be the overarching theme. During term one we will work through “Artful Angles – Geometry in Art” term two “Counting Your Cash – Financial Literacy”, term three “Statistical Sports – The Olympics” and term four “Making Maths Matter – Maths in Science”. Each term will start with a WOW day to motivate the children ready for the term.

Our swimming pool has been painted during the holiday break and it is up and running ready for the swimming programme. Swimming is an important skill for all children to acquire as we have access to so much water in New Zealand. Please support this programme by ensuring your child has their togs and towel when they have swimming.

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Te Whanau Manu, our year 5 and 6 students, will have a school camp during term one. This will run from Tuesday 8th March to Friday 11th March. The camp will be at MiCamp between Taupo and Turangi. This is the same camp we attended in 2014 and the children really enjoyed the experience and the many activities that were available. Payment for camp can be made to the school office, directly banked into our school account or paid in instalments. Please call in and see Julie in the office to arrange payment.

At this time of year many children are returning to school after a break. Please be extra careful when you are driving near the school and in the community, also be extra careful around school bus routes as children sometimes act impulsively when they get on or off the bus. Please take extra care at this time.

We look forward to another GREAT year at Ngongotaha School.

Term One: Monday 2nd February to Friday 15th April – 11 weeks

Term Two: Monday 2nd May to Friday 8th July – 10 weeks

Term Three: Monday 25th July to Friday 23rd September – 9 weeks

Term Four: Monday 10th October to Thursday 15th December – 10 weeks

We wish you all the very best for 2016.

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KAITAO INTERMEDIATE

The end of 2015 was special in a number of ways for many of our students.

Firstly we had the Kaitao Kid Awards which recognise those year eights who have gained sufficient points through participation in sports, academic, citizenship and cultural events. We recognised 50 students and the top 30 received a special medal to recognise their achievements.

The Hali Osborne Scholarship was also presented to the student or students who best displayed our school motto "Kia Puawai i roto i to Whanaungatanga". This year it was shared between Shani Walker and Lucas Scowen.

At our school Prizegiving, The Kaitao Excellence Awards (KEA) we recognised our top achievers in a variety of areas.

Principals Club (students who had received more than 30 flashes) - Te Raipine McLeod, Maree Large, Pikikotuku Thomson, Shani Walker

Most flashes award – Shani Walker

PB4L (student who received the most Puawai stickers) – Te Raipine McLeod

Gordon Apperley Memorial Gnome (student who displayed a passion for agriculture) – Tracy Rika

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Alan Ashley

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Shani Walker

Xavier Mitchell-Winsor

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Bree Sanders

Lukas Scowen

Top Year 7 Female Ashlee McTainsh

McDonalds Trophy (top overall students)

Girls

Bree Sanders

Shani Walker

Boy

Lukas Scowen

Our 20 new leaders for 2016 were announced and will go on a Leadership Camp to the Hilary outdoor Pursuits Centre at Tongariro in March where the new Head Boy and Head Girl as well as deputies will be found.

In April I will be travelling to China to sign up a Sister School Memorandum of Understanding with the Middle School attached to Nanchang University in Nanchang City Jiangxi Province. This will facilitate regular exchanges of pupils between our school and their school which will be an exciting prospect moving forward.

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Construction of aged care village underway

Construction of Whare Aroha CARE's Ngongotaha lakeside village is underway with framing to go up in the next few weeks. The village will be the first-of-its-kind in Asia Pacific and will be more like a small New Zealand town than a typical rest home. Like-minded people will live together in 6 and 7 bedroom households that look like their homes might have done before they moved into care. The residents will run their own households with the assistance of the Whare Aroha CARE team. The village will have a main street including supermarket, cafe, hairdresser and clubrooms, which flows down to the lakeside promenade.

Whare Aroha CARE is fundraising for \$4m to build additional facilities including a community centre and children's playground that Ngongotaha residents, organisations and businesses will be encouraged to use.

Thérèse Jeffs, CEO and Project Lead, says "We are really excited to be bringing this development to Ngongotaha and turning a vacant derelict site into something that everyone in Ngongotaha can use and be proud of."

Construction of the village is expected to be completed in December 2016. To follow progress 'LIKE' the Whare Aroha CARE Facebook page.



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Children and Teen

We are about to launch an exciting year-long reading programme for children and teens in Rotorua. 'Read On' starts in February and aims to get Rotorua's young people stretching their reading muscles in 2016 with plenty of incentives and spot prizes along the way to keep us motivated.

All you need to do is to keep a track of what you are reading throughout the year using our reading logs and then return them to the library as you finish them. Those reading logs will be used to help the library keep track of how many pages everybody is reading together and we are hoping to reach one million pages read by 10 December 2016! It's a big goal but we are think Rotorua's young people can do it!

The programme sets reading goals for different age groups to complete over the year. Teens have their own version of the programme 'Elevate' so there is something for everyone. We'll keep you updated here and on our Facebook page about how close we are to achieving our goal. Even if you don't complete your goal no effort will be wasted because you will still be helping us to reach our goal of one million pages.

To get involved just pick up an information booklet (with full terms and conditions), reading log and progress chart from the library and get reading! You can also print out fresh reading logs and progress charts from the links below. Along the way, there will be some surprises and spot prize updates so don't forget to keep an eye on this page to find out what we are achieving together!

ANZAC Boys By Tony Bradman

A powerful and moving World War One story about ANZAC soldiers and the disaster of the Gallipoli landing. A great quick read that will have you gripped from page one.

Save Me By Justin Somper

In the epic second book in the ALLIES & ASSASSINS sequence, Prince Jared is under attack from enemies on all sides...In seven days, the principdom of Archenfield will be invaded by its deadly rival - Paddenburg. Prince Jared determines to cross the borders and, in a race against time, recruit what strategic alliances he can. As the Prince and his team rides out, his cousin Axel Blaxland launches his own bid for the throne. Each member of the Council of Twelve falls prey to persuasion and manipulation as dangerous secrets and rivalries begin to emerge. Asta Peck, newest member of the Twelve, finds herself plunged into the dark heart of court politics and conspiracy. Identifying her own allies, she resolves to fight on Prince Jared's behalf until he is able to return home to defend himself. In a game of power, only the strongest will survive. Welcome back to Archenfield. Trust no-one.

Freedom Ride By Sue Lawson

Robbie knows bad things happen in Walgaree. But it's nothing to do with him. That's just the way the Aborigines have always been treated. In the summer of 1965 racial tensions in the town are at boiling point, and something headed Walgaree's way will blow things apart. It's time for Robbie to take a stand. Nothing will ever be the same.

KAHAROA SCHOOL

Kaharoa School welcomes all students, parents and our wider community back to an exciting school year! We hope you have had a wonderful holiday break with family and friends enjoying the fantastic weather.

Mission Statement: Learning. Values. Community.

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

CONTD OVERPAGE.....

Character Value: for the term is Obedience. This means 'Willingness to obey rightful authority.'

Key Competency is Self Manager. (Manage me) - A Kaharoa Kid has the ability to set goals, make plans and evaluate their progress. This runs throughout the whole year. Our other Key Competency this term is Thinker: (Stop Think.....Do). A Kaharoa Kid is curious. They are creative, critical, caring and reflective thinkers.

Staff: We welcome Mr Saveth Pon and Mrs Gaynor Lincoln to our staff this year. Mr Pon will be teaching in our Year 6/7 class, Tawa. Mr Pon has a Bachelor degree in Sports and Leisure. He is a keen sportsman and is looking forward to bringing his knowledge and expertise in this area to our school. Mrs Lincoln is an experienced classroom teacher who will be teaching in our Year 3 & 4 class, Miro, for Terms 1 & 2 whilst Mrs Hale is on a Science Scholarship with the Department of Conservation.

Congratulations: to our 2016 House Captains who have been elected this year as a result of a combined teacher and student vote. Representing Kokako we have Emma Johnston and Blake Evans. For Kereru are Zoe Hanna and Jackson McGarvie. In Tui are Delta Russell and Ashton McGarvie and for Kahu we have Ellie Sharplin and Sam Lund. Our House Captains take on a number of leadership roles in the school, supporting the younger children and organising fundraising and fun activities.

Camps:

Thursday 18 and Friday 19 February - Room Rata (Year 4 & 5) and Miss Way, will be having a two day camp at Whakamaru, enjoying a range of exciting activities.

Wednesday 24, Thursday 25 and Friday 26 February - Room Rimu (Year 5/6) and Mrs Shoebridge will head off to Waihi for 3 days, experiencing the mines, beach and other adventures.

Wednesday 9, Thursday 10 and Friday 11 March - Room Tawa (Year 6/7) and Mr Pon, will have a three day camp at Waimarino.

Wednesday 16, Thursday 17 and Friday 18 March - Room Totara (Year 8) and Mrs Napier, are going 'bush' and will be camping at Winston Flemming's farm. The children and teachers look forward to these camps which provide fantastic learning and social experiences.

Coming Up:

Meet the Teacher: Thursday 4 February

4:30pm-5:00pm: Rms Kauri/Kowhai/Matai/Miro

5:00pm-5:30pm: Rms Rata and Rimu

5:30pm-6:00pm: Rms Tawa and Totara

Swimming Sports

Senior: Monday 29 February (children aged 8 years and above)

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

Rural Swimming Sports: Friday 4 March

Easter break: Friday 25 to Tuesday 29 March

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

Mini Marathon: Thursday 14 April

Term ends: Friday 15 April

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

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The HSIS committee and members wish readers a Happy New Year for 2016 we also hope you all had a good Xmas holiday break.

The first workday at the Springs is on Saturday 27th February and as usual meeting in the carpark at 9.00am for the Health and Safety review.

As this will be a general tidy up of the Ynys Fraser walkway bring along weedeaters, rakes, wheelbarrows, loppers etc., along with weedspray backpacks (for those ticketed members) as there is a continual battle with blackberry etc.,

Bring along a picnic lunch for the after work get together which if the weather is fine we will have at the springs, if the weather is inclement a decision to cancel or

postpone will be made that morning so if you are not sure please call Cherry or Jerry on 07 3322474.

Also we still have a few copies of the book we published last year "Hamurana Springs The Ancient Waters", so please order now as fast running out by contacting Jerry on Mob 0274 824850.

Got a text saying:

"Congratulations you have won either £1000 cash or tickets to see Elvis Presley.

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My wife just asked me if her appendix scar made her look unattractive. Apparently the response of "don't worry babe, your boobs cover it" wasn't the answer she was looking for.

I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People move out of the way much faster now!

Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone? That's common sense leaving your body.

Some fascinating things on old tombstones!

Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York:

Born 1903--Died 1942.

Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was.

In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery:

*Here lies an Atheist, all dressed up
and no place to go.*

On the grave of Ezekial Aikle in

East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia: Here lies Ezekial Aikle, Age 102. Only the good die young.

*In a Ribbesford, England, cemetery: Anna Wallace The children of Israel wanted bread, And the Lord sent them mana
Clark Wallace wanted a wife, And the Devil sent him Anna.*

In a Uniontown, Pennsylvania, cemetery: Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake, Stepped on the gas instead of the brake.

*In a Silver City, Nevada, cemetery: Here lays The Kid, We planted him raw. He was quick on the trigger,
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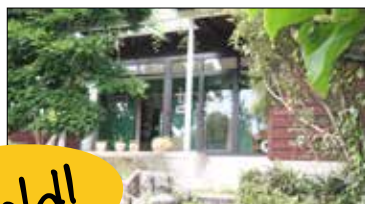
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