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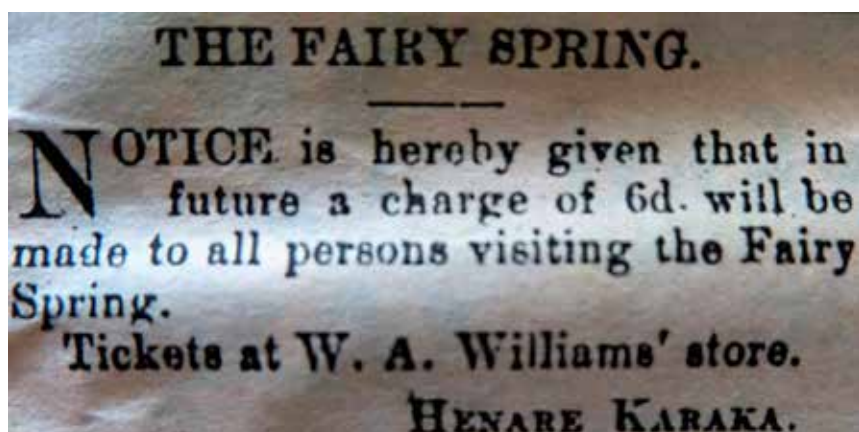
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BLAST FROM THE PAST.....



John Brake kicking Ngongotaha to victory as he did on a number of occasions



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Joe Mulholland singing to the then 75 year old Mrs Nancy Tamai or Keko as we all knew her.





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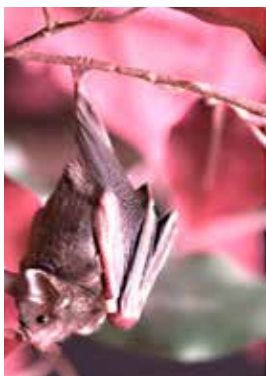
Put up a bat house to encourage the presence of these shy animals.

Bats consume 3,000 or more mosquitoes and other insects nightly, and bats are less likely to be rabid than dogs are. Need another reason? Bats are responsible for up to 95 percent of the seed dispersal essential to the regeneration of forests. Our planet is populated with plenty of bizarre and astonishing creatures.

Here are three specimens from the Bat Family.



Sucker-footed bat



Red-winged Bag

Trump



Right-Winged Ding Bat!

So 2 out of these 3 Bats have a useful purpose!

Maybe if we could just train him to eat mosquitoes.....

A New York attorney representing a wealthy art collector called his client, "So listen, already, Saul, I have some good news, and I have some bad news." The art collector replied, "I've had an awful day, give me the good news first."

The lawyer said, "Well, I met with your wife today, and she informed me that she just invested \$5,000 in two pictures that she thinks will bring a minimum of \$15 to 20 million, and I think she could be right." Saul replied enthusiastically, "Well done! My wife is a brilliant businesswoman! You've just made my day. Now I know I can handle the bad news."

What is it?" The lawyer replied, "The pictures are of you and your secretary."



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To Ngongotaha School Parents

You will have noticed that St Barnabas Church has erected a No Parking Sign. Parents/Caregivers parking at 3.00pm has become a real safety issue, with up to 20 cars in our carpark. Children and cars don't mix and there have been some near misses with cars coming in and out and children running around. We are responsible for any accidents and so have taken this step. Parking on the kerbside is a much safer option. The Parish Council hope that this step will help in the safety of our children.

Elaine Wood Administrator West Rotorua Parish

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Kaharoa School

Board of Trustee Election 2016

Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, we received 5 nominations for the parent representative, which was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled. I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Guyton, Jacqui

Thaugland, Tony

Carr, Malcolm

Coatsworth, Sarah

Walshe, Catherine

Declaration of Staff Election Results

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination for staff representative received, I hereby declare **Shannon Napier** duly elected.

Heidi Vosse Returning Officer.

A few weeks ago a meeting was held at the Barnabas Church Hall on the history of Ngongotaha. A DVD was shown and then made available to buy afterwards. The DVD was very well done and very informative. A Don Stafford was the commentator with many others interviewed throughout. The DVD's are still available at the Barnabas Church office, School Road at \$15 each for anyone interested.

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Ngongotaha Community Patrol

The Rotorua Daily Post recently revealed that Ngongotaha South was one of the safest areas to live. Although we can't directly attribute this result to the vigilance of our Ngongotaha Community Patrol we can certainly put our hand up to say that we have contributed to it. As our volunteer base slowly grows we have been able to put more patrols out and about extending the NZ Police reach.

With the introduction of the new Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 it is a good time to review the health and safety of all our volunteers. Although we are not a business, as a volunteer organisation we are still responsible and have a duty of care for the safety of our volunteers and as part of this focus we have to ask "what does good look like?" This question can relate to both our patrol operation and also to what we observe while out and about in your street or rural area.

If it doesn't look right then, rule of thumb, it probably isn't. This is where our training comes in to play which is support by our Police Liaison Officer, Sergeant Pauline Jones.

With more patrols out and about we are continually seeking funds to maintain our level of community commitment thanks to Waiariki Charity House Project and Rotary Rotorua Sunrise we have been successful in our Funding Application to them.

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Sharon Fleet

The military has a long, proud tradition of pranking recruits. Here are some favorites from rallypoint.com:

- Instructed a private in the mess hall to look for left-handed spatulas
- Sent a recruit to medical-supplies office in search of fallopian tubes
- Ordered a private to bring back a five-gallon can of dehydrated water

When a neighbor's home was burglarized, I decided to be more safety conscious. But my measly front-door lock wasn't going to stop anyone, so I hung this sign outside: "Nancy, don't come in. The snake is loose. Mom."

Red sky at night, shepherd's delight. Blue sky at night, day. The closest a person ever comes to perfection is when he fills out a job application form. You'll never be as lazy as whoever named the fireplace.

If you ever feel a little bit stupid, just dig this up and read it again; you'll begin to think you're a genius..

(On September 17, 1994, Alabama's Heather Whitestone was selected as Miss America 1995.)

Question: If you could live forever, would you and why?

Answer: "I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever."

--Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss USA contest.

"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."

--Mariah Carey

"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life," -- Brooke Shields, during an interview to become spokesperson for federal anti-smoking campaign

"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body," --Winston Bennett, University of Kentucky basketball forward.

"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country," --Mayor Marion Barry, Washington
"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it.."

--Al Gore, Vice President

"The word "genius" isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein.." --Joe Theisman, NFL football quarterback & sports analyst.

"We don't necessarily discriminate. We simply exclude certain types of people."-- Colonel Gerald Wellman, ROTC Instructor.

"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you.. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."

--Department of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina

"Traditionally, most of Australia's imports come from overseas." --Keppel Enderbery

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Matariki – Māori New Year - Matariki (the Pleiades) star cluster

Twinkling in the winter sky just before dawn, Matariki (the Pleiades) signals the Māori New Year. Traditionally, it was a time for remembering the dead, and celebrating new life. In the 21st century, observing Matariki has become popular again. Heaven-bound kites, hot-air balloons and fireworks help mark the occasion.

What is Matariki?

Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter – late May or early June. For many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year. Matariki literally means the ‘eyes of god’ (mata ariki) or ‘little eyes’ (mata riki). According to myth, when Ranginui, the sky father, and Papatūānuku, the earth mother, were separated by their children, the god of the winds, Tāwhirimātea, became so angry that he tore out his eyes and threw them into the heavens.

Cycles of life and death

Traditionally, Matariki was a time to remember those who had died in the last year. But it was also a happy event – crops had been harvested and seafood and birds had been collected. With plenty of food in the storehouses, Matariki was a time for singing, dancing and feasting.

Modern Matariki

Matariki, or Māori New Year celebrations were once popular, but stopped in the 1940s. In 2000, they were revived. Only a few people took part at first, but in just a few years thousands were honouring the ‘New Zealand Thanksgiving’. A special feature of Matariki celebrations is the flying of kites – according to ancient custom they flutter close to the stars.

The obsession by Nora Roberts

Naomi Carson is a survivor. As a child, her family was torn apart by a shocking crime. It could have destroyed her, but Naomi has grown up strong, with a passion for photography that has taken her all around the world. Now, at last, she has decided to put down roots. The beautiful old house on Point Bluff needs work, but Naomi has new friends in town who are willing to help, including Xander Keaton - gorgeous, infuriating and determined to win her heart. But as Naomi plans for the future, her past is catching up with her. Someone in town knows her terrifying secret - and won't let her forget it. As her new home is rocked by violence, Naomi must discover their identity, before it's too late.

The last mile by David Baldacci

Summary Melvin Mars awaits his fate on Death Row. He was one of America's most promising football stars until, aged twenty-years-old, he was arrested and convicted for the murder of his parents just as he was due to begin a very lucrative contract with the NFL. When Amos Decker, newly appointed special agent with the FBI, hears the news that Melvin was saved in the final seconds before his execution because someone has confessed to the killings, he persuades his boss to allow him to carry out an investigation into the Mars murders

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The Invisible mile by David Coventry

"The 1928 Ravat-Wonder team from New Zealand and Australia were the first English-speaking team to ride the Tour de France. From June through July they faced one of the toughest in the race's history: 5,476 kilometres of unsealed roads on heavy, fixed-wheel bikes. They rode in darkness through mountains with no light and brakes like glass. They weren't expected to finish, but stadiums filled with Frenchmen eager to call their names. The Invisible Mile is a powerful re-imagining of the tour from inside the peloton, where the test of endurance, for one young New Zealander, becomes a psychological journey into the chaos of the War a decade earlier. Riding on the alternating highs of cocaine and opium, victory and defeat, the rider's mind is increasingly fixed on his encounter with his family's past. As he nears the battlefields of the north and his last, invisible mile, the trauma of exertion and disputed guilt cast strange shadows on his story, and onlookers congregate about him waiting for revelation."--

The good life by Martina Cole

The best things in life are never free. Cain Moran wanted Jenny Riley more than he had ever wanted anyone or anything before in his life. But loving Jenny Riley was the easy part; it was telling his wife he wanted a divorce that was going to be the killer... enny is not just any girl. She cares nothing for Cain's hard-man reputation - she just wants to be with him. But Cain is not a free man. And he's about to find out that when his wife Caroline said 'til death us do part, she meant it. When Cain is sentenced to life in prison it seems that Caroline might have got her wish. All Cain and Jenny know is that if their love can survive such separation, then one day they will have a chance at the Good Life together again. But there are greater trials ahead than either can foresee. They're about to learn the hardest lesson of all: Live the good life. Pay the price.

The morality of dishonesty (or vice versa...)

Robbers entered a bank in a small town. One of them shouted: "Don't move! The money belongs to the bank. Your lives belong to you." Immediately all the people in the bank laid on the floor quietly and without panic. This is an example of how the correct wording of a sentence can make everyone change their view of the world. One woman laid on the floor in a provocative manner.

The robber approached her saying, "Ma'am, this is a robbery not a rape. Please behave accordingly." This is an example of how to behave professionally, and focus on the goal. While running from the bank the youngest robber (who had a college degree)

said to the oldest robber (who had barely finished elementary school): "Hey, maybe we should count how much we stole?"

The older man replied: "Don't be stupid. It's a lot of money so let's wait for the news on TV to find out how much money was taken from the bank." This is an example of how life experience is more important than a degree. After the robbery, the manager of the bank said to his accountant: "Let's call the cops and tell them how much has been stolen." "Wait", said the Accountant, "before we do that, let's add that money we took for ourselves over the past few months and also add in any other problems and just say that it was stolen as part of today's robbery." This is an example of taking advantage of an opportunity. The following day it was reported in the news that the bank was robbed of \$3 million. The robbers then counted the money, but they found only \$1 million so they started to grumble. "We risked our lives for \$1 million, while the bank's management robbed two million dollars without blinking? Maybe it's better to learn how to work the system, instead of being a simple robber." This is an example of how knowledge can be more useful than power. Moral: Give a person a gun, and he can rob a bank. Give a person a bank, and he can rob everyone.

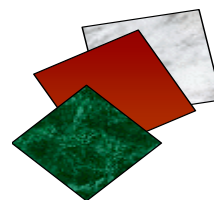
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Our Key Competency is, Being a Communicator: Give and Receive.

A Kaharoa Kid can confidently and clearly communicate, interpret and respond to messages.

Cross Country

Currently the children are training for the annual cross country event. The Central BoP Cross Country will be held at Kaharoa School on Tuesday 21st June. Children from schools throughout Rotorua will compete in this event. The courses range from 1.5km for Year 4s, to 3km for Year 8s. The challenging courses will go through paddocks and bush, and up hills. This is a wonderful event and we welcome whanau to join us and support all the children. Those runners who achieve places on the day will have the opportunity to compete in the BOP Cross Country on 28th June. For Year 4-6 the first ten place getters qualify and for Year 7-8 the first 4 place getters qualify.

Kaharoa junior school (Year 0-3 children) will run in the afternoon against each other.

The PTA will be holding a sausage sizzle and selling drinks.

Senior Building Project

Work has commenced on the refurbishment of Room 7 & 8.

Newsteam

A group of students are training for the Newsteam competition to be held on Tuesday 28th June. Our thanks to Mrs Shoebridge and Miss Way for preparing the children for this upcoming competition. This event tests children's abilities to work as a team, finding information from newspapers.

Rippa Rugby

Two teams of keen Year 4-6 children will participate in the Rotorua Rippa Rugby competition to be held on June 1st. Should they be successful at this tournament they will then play in the Rippa Rugby Champs on June 15th.

Visiting Shows

This term we are fortunate to have had the show 'People of the Pacific' for the children to enjoy. Later in the term we will also have 'Shine a Light' (for Year 1-6) and Rhapsody Rotorua.

Local Artist

In the lead up to our Art week and Art Exhibition, we are fortunate to have a local artist, Nicola Bennett, working with groups of children over several weeks. The Exhibition opening will be held at 9.30am on Tuesday 5th July at the Kaharoa Hall.

Colds and Flus

A reminder that as the cold weather sets in, encourage children to regularly wash their hands in order to avoid catching and passing on nasty winter bugs. We appreciate parents supporting us in this message.

Maori Hui Invitation

We invite you to a Maori Hui for Parents

When: Wednesday 15 June 2016. 6:00-8:00pm

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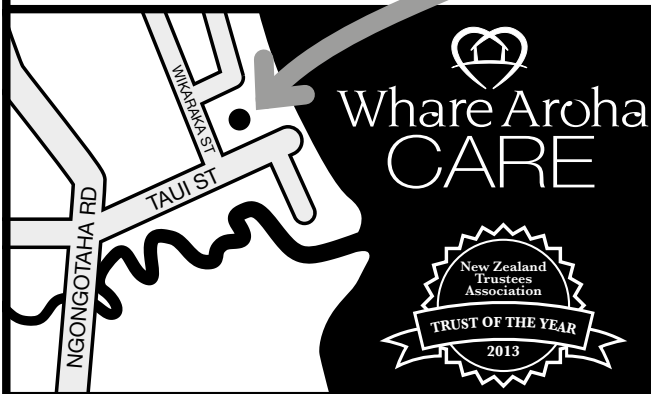
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Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

The enrolment period runs from **9 July 2016 to 23 September 2016**.

The Board has determined a limited number of places are likely, at some year levels, to be available for out of zone students in this enrolment period.

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

For students seeking enrolment within the enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 24 June 2016.

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

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

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|-----------------|--|
| First priority | will be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in an approved special programme (This category is not applicable at our school). |
| Second priority | will be given to applicants who are siblings of current students. |
| Third priority | will be given to applicants who are siblings of former students |
| Fourth priority | will be given to applicants who are a child of a former student. |
| Fifth priority | will be given to applicants who are either a child of an employee of the board or a child of a member of the board. |
| Sixth priority | will be given to all other applicants. |

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required it will be held on Monday 27 June 2016.

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

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

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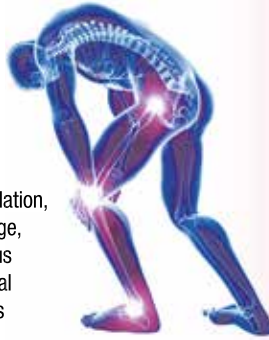
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Council briefs

The Mamaku Locals are determined to locate those who drive up the Dansey road and dump KFC, Mcdonald and other stuff on the roadside. Just let me know the number plates and at least two of you witness it and we will see the scum in Court. Its lazy and filthy and who pays, even those who dump it, through their rates. They think because they rent they don't pay rates.

With recycling going kerbside hopefully the dumping will be 'kerbed' (sorry for the pun) but the big items like washing machines, tvs, electronic gear is still able to be left at the town recycling centre.

Mamaku

The idiot or idiots who burnt the church down and wrenched the Mamaku Youth Space Drinking Fountain out of the ground are a danger to what our community stands for. I want the Mamaku community to prosper and someone knows this individual or team of thugs who did this. Someone please speak out as it has to stop. The Mamaku people will not be intimidated by your action and haven't in the past, so someone call me confidentially if you have any information and I'll pass it on to Police. For one to get their thrills by destroying a church and removing a drinking fountain they or them must have serious mental health issues and or self worth problems and are in need of serious help. So there is a double edged sword here I've heard the unsubstantiated rumours but we need the evidence to get this person or people help before they strike again. Mamaku is a desirable community except for a very few who spoil it for others. So "Stand Up Mamaku" be proud and give me a call.



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Personally Speaking

I will be putting my 'hat in the ring' for one final term on the Rotorua District Council as I have unfinished business and want to complete before I leave in 2019. I will NOT however be standing for the Lakes DHB which is basically a puppet for the Ministry and the Government. Most (est 90%) of the business of the DHB Board is held in confidential precluding individuals from speaking out about issues of underfunding, Mental health, fluoride which they will put in the water and because being a Rotorua district Councillor they try and preclude me from taking part in discussions on related issues like the Children Hub. It is strictly controlled by the government appointed Chair and CEO and frankly it's a waste of time as the influence you have is almost NIL. Even the media do not turn up as its all confidential.

Great news in our family we are going to be grandparents again with my daughter Liz Coppard and son in law breaking the news to us that Elizabeth is with child again. Sandra and Garry Coppard, Denise and I and our respective families are delighted of course. A brother or sister for our Charlie now 2 and a half, is great news. Also James and Liz are going to be Ngongotaha Citizens when their new house is built close to where Elizabeth grew up. Our son William next June in Brisbane has announce he and his wife-to-be Crystal are getting married which again is great news. Williams a Chef and Crystal a Rotorua girl is a baker. They are both doing tremendously well in Oz with great incomes and future ahead of them. We love going to see them.

Recently Denise and I and two of our colleagues went to the Bay of Islands and stayed in Russell for 5 days before going to Auckland for the Professional Annual Conference and prizegiving. I had never been there and a place steeped in NZ history. While many say Te Papa is NZs premier museum the one at Waitangi dedicated to the process, reasoning and eventual signing of the Treaty is superb. If you do not come away uplifted by how the Maori embraced Queen Victoria and trusted her agents to honour a treaty and her support for them here in colonial NZ then you won't be moved by much. I never knew that chiefs travelled to meet her in 1820 way before the treaty and she became a godmother for one of the chiefs children. They went there to plead for Britain to colonise NZ and to clean up the sex and booze culture or Hell Hole of the Pacific that was Russell in those days, where there was

No law and Order. Prior to the treaty Russell, Paihia and Waitangi were NZ ports of free trade with the World with mainly Whalers causing all the issues. Certainly opened my eyes and to walk around the Treaty House and Upper Marae to see all the trees planted by respective Governor Generals of NZ is interesting. The one that stands out for me, has a famous Rugby trophy played for between NZ and Aust called the Bledisloe Cup. Lord Bledisloe owned much land in Waitangi and he gifted the Treaty grounds and Busby's house to the people of NZ. The locals say you must come here on Waitangi day as it's a great celebration of NZ history. They said forget the 'BS' that happens at the Lower Marae, most of the locals ignore it, where all the activists are you will be made welcome and have a huge pride in NZ and its History. They said the Navy, Army, Airforce and a celebration by Ngapuhi is awesome. Amazing our perceptions of what's on tv is a place you would avoid. Not so say the Locals.

Denise and our family pass on our deepest sympathy (and apologies for being away up North) to our friends Rosie, Justin, Zenib and the whole Morrison/Khan Family over their recent loss of someone so young with their life ahead of them. My message to all those who feel, down and lose hope, is if you need help, reach out for help, especially from those close to you. Also to Cr Janet Wepa my colleague who replaced John Lepper on Council some 9 years ago, our love and condolences over the loss of you soul mate and biggest fan in Matthew your husband. To be with you and see you vast family support and farewell Matthew was a joy. When the times are tough, tough ladies like Janet and Rosie get tougher. Aroha Mai Janet and Rosie and Zen and the respective families. Memories are forever.

Volunteers

Some of the things one has to do being a Councillor is that you're asked to do many things like *Hit a golf ball into a boat in the lake, race down skyline in a celebrity race, auction kids art, Judge Lyp sync, Judge Kaitaos got talent, Auction Child Cancer patients artworks, Sponsor rugby league, netball, Indoor bowling tournaments, netball, JAB and or Rugby.* We have also sponsored individuals in Hockey, Kapa haka, European history trips, music etc and recently I was a Judge of the Trustpower Community Spirit awards. You know it drove home to me, what life is about. These champion, these unsung heroes who give not take, just give of themselves, their ideas, their time. They give to their community to make it a better place and to see a smile return when through tragedy or circumstances those smiles disappear. There are a lot of takers, selfish, mean spirited, rip off merchants types but let's forget them, I want to focus on the Givers. The Givers at Plunket, Fire Brigade, Scouts, Girls Brigade, Young Farmers, Prisoner aid, Progress Ngongotaha, the churches, Care groups, parenting groups, conservation groups or those who work without payment other than a thank you and a cuppa at the local schools, Kindy, marae etc.

NZ is a nation of givers ie philanthropics, service clubs, corporate sponsors, ethnic groups, A&P assns and those in business. Where would Rotorua in fact NZ be without people and business that give. That's not only money but their time, effort and guts for the community. A "yes we can attitude" and thanking those who don't want to be thanked but just are there to do it. If you are a giver celebrate that fact but also be wary of the leaches in our society who will take advantage of you or see an opportunity to rip you off. The elderly are very vulnerable and many organisations are out there to help. Rotorua Ngongotaha Mamaku Hamurana and Kaharoa collectively are strong communities in their own right and collectively. Our communities in the face of adversity, are strong and resilient whether in groups or individuals, who will respond when a genuine request for help comes along.

My message Love the ones your with and CELEBRATE THE GIVERS!!!!

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From Fletcher Tabuteau List MP

“Rotorua: We’re Booming” headlines in the Daily Post last Saturday were very pleasing to read after a busy week in Parliament discussing the disappointing “Band Aid Budget.” To read about our District outstripping national growth in almost all areas proves to me that Rotorua is on the right pathway with the Tourism sector exceeding and enjoying positive growth with guest nights in commercial accommodation, for example rising 7.1% over the year to March. In almost all areas Rotorua has pushed the economic monitor ahead of national averages. “Go Rotorua!!”

I wanted to also acknowledge the success of local school Otonga Primary who celebrated being accepted onto the Schoolgen solar power program run by Genesis Energy. Congratulations to Principal Linda Woon and Board Trustees who have made savings of around 50% of the electricity they use by utilizing solar panels. Without doubt solar and battery technology will change the future of power generation in this country and so it is wonderful to see a local school leading the way.

Congratulations also to the four young Rotorua Orators who will represent their school Te Kura Kaupapa O Te Koutu in the National Manu Korero competitions which will be held in Whangarei in September. Tataurangi Hancock, Whatukura Mohi, Maria Davis Tini and Atelea Mapapalangi. I am very proud of your achievements.

On a sad note I would like to acknowledge a beautiful young man Dylan Morrison who passed away unexpectedly recently. To see all his friends and school mates from Western Heights High who came out to Waiteti Marae to honour this young man, already surrounded by a huge loving whanau is a testament to the impact Dylan had on all those who loved him. My deepest condolences to my whanau Rosie, Justin and Zen as they face the future without their loved one.

Teacher: "Kids, what does the chicken give you?"

Student: "Meat!"

Teacher: "Very good! Now what does the pig give you?"

Student: "Bacon!"

Teacher: "Great! And what does the fat cow give you?"

Student: "Homework!"

10 Facts About You:

1. You're reading this now.
2. You're realizing that this is a stupid fact.
4. You didn't notice I skipped number 3.
5. You're checking now.
6. You're smiling.
7. You're still reading this even though it is stupid.
9. You didn't realize I skipped number 8.
10. You're checking again and smiling because you fell for it again.
11. You're enjoying this.
12. You didn't realize I said 10 facts not 12.

There's a blond and a brunette in a car. The brunette is driving while the blonde is in the passenger seat. They're going down a steep hill when the brunette realizes that the brakes don't work. The brunette tells the blonde that the brakes don't work and they will drive off the side of the cliff because they failed to stop. The blonde then replies, "Don't worry! There's a stop sign ahead."

Paddy and Murphy are havin' a pint in the pub, when some scuba divers come on the TV. Paddy says, "Murphy, why is it them deep sea divers always sit on the side of the boat with them air tanks on their backs, and fall backwards out of the boat?" Murphy thinks for a minute then says, "That's easy. It's 'cos if they fell forwards, they'd still be in the boat!"



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Sport and Recreation

Cr Charles Sturt Portfolio lead Rotorua District Council

I thought I'd write outside my usual column this month to advise my fellow ratepayers and citizens what's planned or happening in terms of sport and recreation in the Rotorua district (so here goes).

Kauae Cemetery

I'm a Trustee and need to acknowledge the people of Ngati Whakaue who gifted the land for our cemetery. We are spending over 250k on new roading, fencing removing trees and expanding the life of the lawn cemetery. The old carpark where unsavoury matters were occurring has been opened up and will be lawns for graves etc. There will be two new roads formed and kerbed as in winter the mud comes to the fore.

Waipa

The site of a proposed world class BMX track is coming along with funding almost secure. We are working with great major corporate citizens in Red Stag to change the roading so the horse paddock can be utilised here. also a new bridge will go directly into the horse paddock. Mountain bike Trust has been formed and funded by Govt and council to maintain the mountain bike tracks and the government cycleway heading south.

Lakefront

The jetties and Boatramps are due for new consents with \$6m being spent at lakefront. There is Pier development planned for Gisborne Point, a new boat ramp at Merge Lodge all being worked on at the moment. Design and consultation with locals is paramount.

Kuirau park

Is slowly but surely (as can be afforded) being transformed over the next 5 years or so. We are going to reposition the footpools with the No 1 being closed for 3-4 week. New piping and maintenance is needed but I'm sure you will all agree Kuirau and Government gardens even in winter are looking superb.

Westbrook the Carpark adjacent to the rugby ground is going to be sealed and kerbed.

Netball working on a new surface for netball

Discussion and funding options are in the mix. This sport played by more ladies and girls than any other is due for a court re-surface so we are working to get the most cost effective and durable option. Hockey turf is due for resurfacing in 3-4 years so plans in advance of that are in play.

Eastside youth space

The new toilet is in place and dual use by league and the youth space sees it being appreciated. That youth space is going to be re-vamped with the input of the Mokioa community assn and the schools to ensure its up to date and meets all kids' needs. The one in Koutu is simply the best used in Rotorua.

The proposed four laneing of Te Ngae road will mean new access point probably off Vaughans Road for vehicles.

That's a quick update. If you know of anyone who wants to donate a sculptor or artworks to the district please tell them to get hold of me. When moving house or cleaning out a deceased relatives home don't, please don't throw the books away. Many can be used by your local schools, elderly homecare units or call the Friends of the Library who raise funds every weekend at the Kuirau market to buy new books and support our Library. Cheers until next month Happy Winter!!!!

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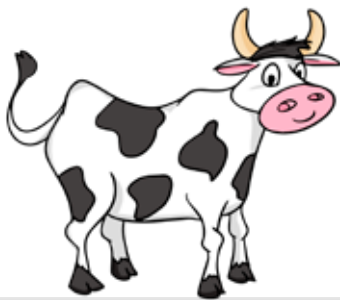
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Things I Wish My Dog Would Remember:

1. The garbage collector is not stealing our stuff.
2. I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
4. I can shake the rainwater out of my fur BEFORE I enter the house.
5. I should not eat the cat's food, either before they eat it or after they throw it up.
6. It is not necessary to find the few remaining pieces of clean carpet in the house when I am about to get sick.
7. The bathroom wastebasket is not a cookie jar.
8. I should not chew my human's toothbrush and not tell them.
9. If I chew crayons or pens, especially the red ones, my people will think I'm hemorrhaging.
10. Since we do not have a doorbell, I don't have to bark each time I hear one on TV.
11. I should not steal my mom's underwear and dance all over the backyard with it.
12. The sofa is not a face towel.
13. My head does not belong in the refrigerator.
14. I should not bite the officer's hand when he reaches in for mom's driver's license and car registration.
15. I should not play tug-of-war with dad's underwear when he's on the toilet.
16. If I eat mint-flavored dental floss out of the bathroom garbage, my people will think I have worms when they see a string hanging out of my butt.
17. I am not obligated to roll around in the dirt immediately after a bath.
18. The toilet bowl is not a never-ending water supply.
19. Sticking my nose into someone's crotch is not an acceptable way of saying hello.

And the most important thing that I wish my dog would remember...

20. The cat is not a squeaky toy, so when I play with him and he makes that noise, it's probably not a good thing

Why did I get divorced? Well, last week was my birthday. My wife didn't wish me a happy birthday. My parents forgot and so did my kids. I went to work and even my colleagues didn't wish me a happy birthday. As I entered my office, my secretary said, "Happy birthday, boss!" I felt so special. She asked me out for lunch. After lunch, she invited me to her apartment. We went there and she said, "Do you mind if I go into the bedroom for a minute?" "Okay," I said. She came out 5 minutes later with a birthday cake, my wife, my parents, my kids, my friends, & my colleagues all yelling, "SURPRISE!!!" while I was waiting on the sofa... naked.

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INGREDIENTS

2lb/1 kg pumpkin (any), chopped into large chunks (remove skin and seeds)

2 medium onions, sliced

2 cloves of garlic

3 cups / 750ml chicken or vegetable stock

1 cup / 250ml milk (see notes for vegan subs)

Salt and pepper

Combine all ingredients (except salt and pepper) in a saucepan and bring to boil, then reduce heat and let simmer until pumpkin is tender. Remove from heat and use a stick blender to blend until smooth. Season to taste with salt and pepper, then serve with crusty bread. Garnishes: Dollop of yoghurt, sour cream or creme fraiche goes wonderfully.

Kia ora to the community from Hamurana Playcentre
 Nearly half way through the year already and winter is upon us as to be expected.

Firstly, a big thank you to Infinity Foundation Ltd for supporting our centre with a grant of \$1,000 to go towards updating our toys for our under two year old children. This kind of support means so much to our centre as it means that we can keep our resources fresh and new for the children. This money will purchase some lovely wooden toys, which is more naturalistic to developing sensory and motor skills. !!Out with the plastic toys!!

Our recent themes have been "Wheels/bikes/roll", the children were welcome to bring their bikes or scooters to session to ride around the section and there was fun had while painting with wheels on a big sheet of paper outside. We have had "Messy nature play". At this time of year the leaves make a special addition to this kind of play. Mud was made and explored, sand, leaves, sticks, grass and rocks. Painting rocks is a hit too. Please feel welcome to bring your little ones to check our centre out. 38 Tauranga Direct Road, Hamurana: sessions are Monday's and Thursday's, 9.15 to 11.45am. Ph 332 2110 or Joanne on 0275 503225. Please also contact Joanne if you would be interested in purchasing an Entertainment Book. 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 towards our lovely centre.



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NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

We had teams enter the Charlie Jones Challenge in Rotorua, but only managed to get 22 and half points where Owata got 30. Our Triple Championship was very hard fought, 4 teams qualified and the playoff saw Margurite Gerrand, Cheryl Wiggins and Jan Drabble, Robin Campbell, Murray Harris and Betty Witton, fighting it out, with Margurite's team coming out victors. Congratulations to them. We then played pairs in our Aggregate and Cheryl Wiggins and Jan Drabble won with 25 points. If you want more information, please ring Murray Harris 7574015 or Kevin Whyte 3574 766. Social bowls is still going strong every second and 4th Tuesday.

Shortly after take-off on an outbound evening Air Lingus flight from Dublin to Boston, the lead flight attendant nervously made the following painful announcement in her lovely Irish brogue: Ladies and gentlemen, I'm so very sorry, but it appears that there has been a terrible mix-up by our catering service. I don't know how this has happened, but we have 103 passengers on board, and unfortunately, we received only 40 dinner meals. I truly apologize for this mistake and inconvenience. When the muttering of the passengers had died down, she continued, "Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal so that someone else can eat Will receive free, unlimited drinks for the duration of our 5 hour flight " Her next announcement came about 2 hours later: "If anyone is hungry, we still have 40 dinners available".

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Ngongotaha School

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

As a school we send our deepest sympathies to the Morrison family following the untimely death of Dylan Morrison. Dylan attended Ngongotaha School for all his primary schooling and then went on to Kaitao and Western Heights High School. Such a sad and tragic loss for the family and the community, we are thinking of you.

We are now half way through the term and the school is still as busy as ever. We have held our school cross country in fine weather with great parental support cheering the children on. Thank you so much for turning out to support the children and being so positive in your support. The children have been preparing for this event for a few weeks and it is good to be able to hold it in good weather. A team will be selected from this event to represent the school at the central cross country on Tuesday 21st June.

We have also had two teams represent the school at the annual Rippa Rugby tournament. The children had a great day and participated with pride and enthusiasm. A feature of the day was the amount of mud on the fields, and the children, our uniforms will certainly take a bit of cleaning to get them ready for the next sports events.

Thank you to all who supported both of these events, the staff appreciates the support and the children always thrive when they have family and friends cheering them on.

Our new playground activities are now complete. We have an area at the end of Room 15 that the children can dig in with incorporates rocks and tunnels, trucks and water play. It is great to see this in use. The other area is between the turf and the caretaker shed. This now has seating around the trees and will be a great spot on our warm sunny summer days. The area also has a large outdoor blackboard for creative drawing. The last area is the obstacle course that has gone in at the end of the turf. This provides a range of activities for the children to work through which require balance and timing. All of these facilities have added to our school environment and have provided a variety of activities for the children.

Our school gardening group are busy preparing the gardens for spring. The pumpkins that were grown earlier will be used to make pumpkin soup for lunch with the proceeds from this going towards purchasing more plants and garden supplies. The council recently donated a large bag of tulips and a container for planting and this has been set up ready for spring flowering. We thank Shiona Wenborn and Lesley McCauley for their dedication to the gardening group.

We are in election process at the moment. We have had nine community members stand for the Board of Trustees with voting closing on Friday 3rd June. Thank you to everyone who put themselves forward for the board, it is a great opportunity to share in your child's education and the education of all the children of Ngongotaha. Our board is made up of five elected parent representatives, one staff rep and the principal. The new board takes office on Friday 10th June. Once we know who our board is we will plan the meeting timetable for the remainder of the year. I would like to thank our current board for the work they have undertaken during their term. Many thanks to Jeanette Edwards, who has served for six years, and is not standing for re-election.

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A huge thank you to Roger Ngatai who has served on the board for 15 years and is not standing for re-election. Roger has been a part of many of the changes that have taken place in the school, he has been incredibly supportive of the school and the staff throughout his time. We wish you both well and thank you for the time you have given to the school over the years. Financial Literacy is the focus of our term with each class working and planning for a market day. The children in Rooms 10, 11, 13, 14 & 15 are creating various crafts which will be for sale on Wednesday 22nd June at their market day. The children from Rooms 5, 6, 7 & 8 will be producing sweets with Rooms 1, 3, & 4 producing meal items. The market day for these classes is on Thursday 23rd June. The children have all been learning about costing, production and marketing and will be keen sellers on the day. The funds they raise will go towards a charity they select and also towards activities for their classes.

We continue to be a Duffy School with free books going into homes to promote reading. The children gather quite a library during their time with us and look forward to the assemblies that are held as books arrive. This term we will have the Duffy Theatre group carry out their annual performance. This will be on Wednesday 6th July in the community hall. This live theatre is free and is always a great interactive event for the children to be part of.

The children will also have the opportunity to see a live band performance on Wednesday 29th June. This is part of the Rhapsody Week that is held in Rotorua. A band will perform in the community hall for the children to enjoy and learn from. The last week of this term will also see the school celebrating Matariki with a number of events. Rooms 2, 16 & 17 will be selling a hangi as a fundraiser for their term four trip. The tickets will be pre-sold through school and will be prepared by the team.

Currently the school is selling chocolates as a fundraiser. If you have children come to your door it is a legitimate fundraiser. The chocolates sell for \$2.50 a bar with all proceeds going to the school.

Cathryn Naera and staff of Ngongotaha School
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A.. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

A.. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed.

Q. In a democratic society, how important are elections?

A.. Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election.

Q. What are steroids?

A.. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs ..

Q. What happens to your body as you age?

A.. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

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Aged Care Village A Community Project

Rotorua's politicians say 'you can tell a lot about a community by the way it cares for its most vulnerable'. Whare Aroha CARE, a local not-for-profit community trust, is shining a light on how the Rotorua community is transforming the lives of locals living with dementia.

Thérèse Jeffs, Chief Executive, says "The Rotorua community are our 'investors' and they simply want a better life for people with dementia. We can provide this by using all the resources we have, we don't have to return a profit to shareholders".

All the resources Whare Aroha CARE has to rebuild their lake-front facility at the end of Tauiri Street includes their own savings, a bank loan and financial support from the Rotorua community.

"We are so grateful to the community for choosing to support us. Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust, Bay Trust, Southern Trust and Rotary have all recognized that we have turned the expiry of our lease into an opportunity to allow the people of Rotorua who suffer dementia, a chance to live a better life."

Individuals within the Rotorua community are also supporting Whare Aroha CARE by volunteering their time and the trust has received calls from people wanting to volunteer the new village opens in December 2016.

"Volunteers will be key to providing skills to support residents to continue to do the things they have always enjoyed and keep their interests engaged. People visiting the village will also help to create a strong sense of community because it's really a community, within the Ngongotaha community, that we are trying to create." All volunteers will receive training on how to care for people with dementia. The Whare Aroha CARE village environment determines that everyone is responsible for care, not just a medical team as determined by the traditional aged-care model.

"We are training everyone – the volunteers, the administration team, the gardener, the people manning the supermarket, cafe, hairdresser and clubrooms – everyone! While this is important to the delivery of our service, we expect volunteers will benefit from this training in their day-to-day lives as well."

Construction of their new facility is on track with four of the thirteen households well underway. The village will open in December 2016.

To follow progress 'LIKE' the Whare Aroha CARE Facebook page.

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