

# NGONGOTAHA NEWS

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**I had the pleasure of attending the 80th birthday of Ron Khan at the Matamata Bowling Club recently. Congratulations Ron on reaching this milestone.**



**Ron with his Brother Sadiq and sisters from left standing Hine Haehae, Veronica Khan, Zenib Morrison, - seated Zorah Bidois, Ron and his partner Maxine, and Ethel McNeil. Absent: Mohammed and Begum.**

**No longer with us are: Brothers Joe, Amir, Manu, and sister Betty Marcroft.**



**Ron and the Late Millies family - Standing Vickie, Monica, Sharon, Teresa Ron Snr and Ron Jnr. Absent: Ganne and Marina**

# Let's talk Rotorua



**Kia ora tatau,**

We've made a lot of progress as a district in recent years. To help us progress further we need to now refresh our Rotorua 2030 Vision. Rotorua 2030 sets an enduring pathway forward for our district and in the past three years we focussed on areas needing urgent attention. It's now time to write the Rotorua 2030 refresh. That will set the direction for the next few years so we focus on what will make a difference for our district and our people. Identifying what's special about Rotorua and what our strengths are - will be key. We also need to identify opportunities that will help us build on our strengths. That will help Council identify projects and initiatives to help us achieve our shared goals. Elected members and some key stakeholders have done some preliminary work for you to consider. We're now inviting you to get involved and have your say. You'll have opportunities to speak to elected members and to share your ideas and give your feedback in a variety of ways including Council's new online platform – Let's Talk/Korero Mai. Rotorua needs to be a place for everyone so it's important – you have your say. You can find out more by visiting:

***[rotorualakescouncil.nz/letstalk](http://rotorualakescouncil.nz/letstalk) or [rotorualakescouncil.nz/koreromai](http://rotorualakescouncil.nz/koreromai)***

## **Rotorua Mayor Steve Chadwick**

### **Now THIS is poetry!**

*I ain't much for shopping,  
Or for goin' into town  
Except at cattle-shipping time,  
I ain't too easily found.*

*But the day came when I had to go -  
I left the kids with Ma.  
But 'fore I left, she asked me,  
'Would you pick me up a bra?'*

*So without thinkin' I said, 'Sure,'  
How tough could that job be?  
An' I bent down and kissed her  
An' said, 'I'll be back by three.'*

*Well, I done the things I needed,  
But I started to regret  
Ever offering to buy that thing -  
I worked me up a sweat*

*I walked into the ladies shop  
My hat pulled over my eyes,  
I didn't want to take a chance  
On bein' recognized.  
I walked up to the sales clerk -  
I didn't hem or haw -  
I told that lady right straight out,  
'I'm here to buy a bra.'*

*From behind I heard some snickers,  
So I turned around to see  
Every woman in that store  
Was a'gawkin' right at me!*

*'What kind would you be looking for?'  
Well, I just scratched my head.*

*I'd only seen one kind before,  
'Thought bras was bras,' I said.*

*She gave me a disgusted look,  
'Well sir, that's where you're wrong.  
Follow me,' I heard her say,  
Like a dog, I tagged along.*

*She took me down this alley  
Where bras was on display.  
I thought my jaw would hit the floor  
When I saw that lingerie.*

*They had all these different styles  
That I'd never seen before  
I thought I'd go plumb crazy  
'fore I left that women's store.*

*They had bras you wear for 18 hours  
And bras that cross your heart.  
There was bras that lift and separate,  
And that was just the start.*

*Well, I finally made my mind up -  
Picked a black and lacy one -  
I told the lady, 'Bag it up,'  
And figured I was done.*

*But then she asked me for the size  
I didn't hesitate  
I knew that measurement by heart,  
'A six-and-seven-eighths.'*

*'Six and seven eighths you say?  
That really isn't right.'  
'Oh, yes ma'am! I'm real positive -  
I measured them last night!'*

*I thought that she'd go into shock,  
Musta took her by surprise  
When I told her that my wife's bust  
Was the same as my hat size.*

*'That's what I used to measure with,  
I figured it was fair; But if I'm wrong, I'm  
sorry ma'am.' This drew another stare.*

*By now a crowd had gathered  
And they all was crackin' up  
When the lady asked to see my hat,  
To measure for the cup.*

*When she finally had it figured,  
I gave the gal her pay.  
Then I turned to leave the store,  
Tipped my hat and said, 'Good day.'*

*My wife had heard the story  
'fore I ever made it home.  
She'd talked to fifteen women  
Who called her on the phone.*

*She was still a-laughin'  
But by then I didn't care.  
Now she don't ask and I don't shop  
For women's underwear.*

*~ Author Unknown ~*





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### Ngongotaha Indoor Bowls

The Club has got away to a good start with a few new members, all of whom seem to be enjoying themselves. Opening night went very well, with the great raffles, supper and banter, an enjoyable night was had by all. We played Pairs, which was won by Eddie Dibley and Martin Burtling. The next event was Trophy night which was won by Cheryl and Bruce Wiggins. The next game will be graded triples. If you are thinking of coming along, you will be very welcome. For further information ring Cheryl 3488118 or Kevin 3574766.

Wednesday March 8th at 6pm

#### Rotorua Parks Week 2017 Community Event

##### Waiteti Stream Mouth Wetland Planting Working Bee

**Come and connect with your neighbours and check out the health of the 600 carex, sedges and flax planted last October. Some weeding is inevitable, so bring a fork, a rake, a spade, a hoe, gloves. Meet at the picnic table and flag@6pm Followed by a celebratory Sausage Sizzle and Petanque Games**

**Sausage sizzle sponsored by the Neighbourhood Matching Fund as part of the Rotorua Parks Week Celebration.**

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Okay Ralph .....let me 'splain it you again  
You're big, I'm little: BUT !!!!! you're dog, I'm  
cat.....that makes me the boss. Got it?????

A bookseller conducting a market survey asked a woman:  
"Which book helped you most in your life?" "My husband's  
cheque book."

A prospective husband is in a book store "Do you have a book  
called, 'Husband – the Master of the House'?"  
Sales Girl: "Sir, Fiction and Comics are on the 1st floor."

Someone asked an old man: "Even after 70 years, you still call  
your wife – Darling, Honey, Luv. What's the secret?"  
Old man: "I forgot her name and I'm scared to ask her."

Wife: "I wish I was a newspaper, so I'd be in your hands all day."  
Husband: "I too wish that you were a newspaper so I could have  
a new one every day."

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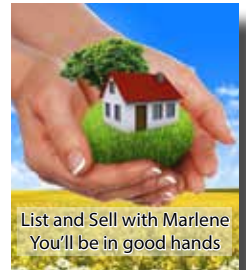
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### NGONGOTAHA SPORTS & COMMUNITY ASSN RUGBY

The JAB muster was held on Saturday 4th March - if you missed it contact the Rugby club. There was Harley rides for the kids, provided by the Ngongotaha Motor Cycle Club. It started at 1.15 - 2.15pm after the MC Motor bike display. J.A.B sold hot food during the afternoon.

The first home game for the season and we played for the Tai Mitchel Sheild. Ngongotaha A's vs Whakarewarewa. All past, present and future supporters are encouraged to come down and support our teams. This will be a great opportunity to become a club member for \$20 for the 2017 season. There was be halftime entertainment, with a prize to be won. Raffles will be selling throughout the day.

Make sure to come along and have refreshments in the club after the game! There will also be entertainment during the night!!! The NSCA are actively looking for willing people or companies who would like to give sponsorship to the club for the coming season. Please see Ronald **Staunton** for more information.

*The telephone company needed to hire four more telephone pole installers and the choice came down to two from Poland and two Irishmen. So the boss met both teams and said "Here's what we'll do. Each team will be installing poles out on the new road for a*

*day. The team that installs the most poles gets the job." Both teams headed right out. At end of the shift, when the two Polish guys reported back, the boss asked them how many they had installed. They said it was tough going but they'd put in twelve. Forty-five minutes later, Paddy and Mick came back in, totally exhausted. "Well, how many poles did you guys install?" said the boss Mick wiped his brow and sighed, "Paddy and me, we got three in. The boss gasped, "Three? Those two Polish blokes put in twelve!" "Yeah," said Mick, "but did ya see how much they left sticking out of the ground."*

*Smokefree zones extended*

### All Rotorua sportsgrounds, skate parks, bus stops and shelters are becoming smokefree zones under Rotorua Lakes Council's extended Smokefree Outdoor Spaces Policy.

Counting down to the Government's goal of New Zealand becoming a smokefree nation by 2025, these outdoor spaces are being added to the current list of smokefree zones in Rotorua as phase one of the policy.

The policy is to be implemented in two phases over two years.

Rotorua Lakes Council will launch phase one on Wednesday [22 February] at the Arawa Street bus stop in the inner city. Staff will be there from 3pm - 5pm.

"We want to create a positive and safe environment for young people," says Rotorua Lakes Council Strategic Development Manager, Rosemary Viskovic.

That is one of the messages council staff will be sharing at the launch on Wednesday, along with a free sausage sizzle, banners and giveaway goodies like pens, bottles, cups and balloons.

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Phase one also includes no smoking at the i-Site and library surrounds, Rotorua International Stadium, all youth spaces and all council-controlled reserves and parks. Phase two, which will start in January 2018 will include outdoor paved eating places, Eat Street, inner city markets and entrances and exits of public buildings and facilities.

The Smokefree Outdoor Spaces Policy has been developed in partnership with local health and community organisations with a vested interest in the policy.

“Rotorua Lakes Council was one of the first to make local parks smokefree and it’s great to see the council is now extending its policy to include a wider range of public places,” Toi Te Ora, Public Health Service Medical Officer of Health, Dr Phil Shoemack says.

“This will help children to grow up in a smokefree community.” Healthy Families Rotorua manager Mapihi Raharuhi says one of the desired outcomes is to ultimately prevent the uptake of smoking now and in future generations by minimising the exposure to our tamariki (children).

“This policy is one of many strategies that can help achieve that and we’re looking forward to sharing that message at the launch on Wednesday.”

Council has had a Smokefree Outdoor Spaces Policy since 2008 and in recent years there have been approaches to Council requesting an extension of the coverage areas. A 2015 survey reinforced public support and in December 2016 Council approved extending the policy to include additional smokefree zones.

**New (phase one) smokefree zones launching 22 February 2017 include:**

- \* All bus stops and shelters
- \* i-Site and library surrounds, including Jean Batten Park
- \* All sports grounds
- \* Rotorua International Stadium
- \* All youth spaces and skate parks
- \* All council-controlled reserves and parks including lakefront reserves

**January 2018 (phase two) smokefree zones to include:**

- \* Outdoor paved eating places
- \* Eat Street
- \* Markets held in the inner city
- \* Entrances and exits to public buildings and facilities used by the public

**Currently smokefree:**

- \* Council-managed Tokorangi Forest
- \* Council-owned playgrounds
- \* Rotorua Community Youth Centre Trust premises
- \* Tennis facilities at Lynmore, Okareka and Manuka Crescent
- \* Child Care Centres, including kindergartens, playcentres, creches and kohanga reo on council

**Reserve land and immediate surrounds**

- \* Public toilets
- \* Smallbone Park hockey turfs and Westbrook netball courts
- \* Rotary Market at Kuirau Park
- \* Council workplaces

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### Kaharoa School

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

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

**Meet the Teacher:** Our term started with a 'Meet the Teacher,' evening where teachers and parents met to talk about the year ahead. This was well supported by parents and the teachers enjoyed meeting with whanau and sharing their vision for the year.

**Manual:** Manual at WHHS commenced for the Year 7 & 8 student on Thursday 9th February. For safety reasons the students are expected to wear closed footwear. Parental reminders to the children is appreciated.

**Triathlon:** Our community enjoyed a successful triathlon, which was held on 10 February. All children from the age of 5 to 13 competed with enthusiasm and energy. Thank you to whanau who supported the children on this day.

**Student Leaders:** Our new senior leadership structure has commenced with many children stepping up to areas of responsibility. One of the more visible areas is running the whole school assembly. This can be nerve wracking for the leaders but they have started the year well, setting a high standard.

**Assembly:** This year we are trialling a change to our school assemblies. Whole school assemblies will be held every second Friday morning (even weeks). A class will be rostered on the run the assembly, which will involve them sharing a song and some art or written work they have completed. Congratulations to our New Entrant class who started the year (supported by the Year 8 leaders) by sharing the Library song and some of their art work depicting themselves doing a favourite activity.

**Bush and Stream Trip:** Our four senior classes went on a Bush and Stream trip over two days in February. The local Kokako Reserve is such a wonderful resource to have on our doorstep and there is so much to learn there. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the days.

**Camps:** Room Rata (Year 5 & 6) started the camps for the year on 23-24 February. They went to Whakamaru for an exciting two days of challenge & adventure, and enjoyed perfect weather! Room Rimu will be going to Tui Ridge 1-3 March. Room Totara will be going to Waitomo 22-24 March. Room Tawa will be going to Waimarino 29-31 March. We wish these classes well and hope for good weather.

**Art Club:** A group of keen young artists are currently beavering away at lunchtimes, working on 'Scenes from Rotorua'. These artworks will be given up for auction at a charity breakfast hosted at Third Place on March 31st. The charity being supported is Hospital Chaplaincy Services.

**Sport BoP Rippa Rugby:** Following up from last year's Rippa Rugby sessions, we again had Kelly Haimona working with all children on their Rippa Rugby skills. This proved to be a very successful programme as the children worked and played alongside Kelly, developing skills and strategies.

**Swimming:** The children have been enjoying our lovely pool facilities as they improve their swimming skills. We were fortunate to have the team from Swim Rotorua taking the children and staff for the 'Making a Difference,' programme. Together with this, children were able to opt into extra lunchtime lessons.  
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# Ngongotaha Medical Centre Limited

Doctors: Simon Firth, Jane Carman, Genevieve Matthews, Kingsley Aneke, Jorgelina Ferreira, Brooke Vosper

## FLU VACCINES

We still have **No Arrival Date** for the **FLU Vaccines** this year. However call the Medical Centre in the middle of March to check on the likely delivery date. If you are over 65 years of age you maybe eligible for a **Free Tetanus Vaccine** as well your **Free Flu Vaccine**- your nurse will check when you come in.

## HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS VACCINE (HPV)

From January 1 2017 this vaccine is funded for boys as well as girls aged 9 to 26 years of age. You may be starting to get information from schools as the public health nurses will be visiting to undertake vaccinations. This virus can cause genital warts, various cancers and other diseases. Here is a link for more information.

<http://www.immune.org.nz/sites/default/files/resources/DiseaseHpvImac20170116V01Final.pdf>

## VACCINATE ON TIME

All childhood vaccines on the National Immunisation Schedule are **FREE** to **ALL CHILDREN** in New Zealand before they turn 18 years. All immigrant and visiting children are eligible for free immunisations and free Well Child Tamariki Ora services.

The first vaccine is at 6 weeks and at this age the Dr will also check babies general health. This is a very important appointment for baby and mum. The remaining vaccinations are due at 3 months, 5 months, 15 months, 4-5 years and 11 years. Below is a link for more information. <https://www.health.govt.nz/resource/childhood-immunisation>

Please call the nurses if you have any questions.

**Flu Vaccines should be available from the middle of March.**

**Our Flu Clinics will run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.**

**The starting date is dependent on the arrival of Vaccines – Phone the Practice for details.**

Kaharoa School contd.....

Together with this programme, children are practising for the up-coming swimming sports to be held at the Kaharoa School pool.

- 28 February Senior School Swimming Sports (8+ years) 10.30am onwards
- 1 March Junior Swimming Sports 1.30pm – 2.50pm
- 3 March Rural School Swimming Sports 9.30am onward

Go 4 It: Pass It & Kick It: This skill development programme involves all the senior classes and takes place once a week for the term. The programme is facilitated by Sport BoP.

**Kaharoa Keas:** This year Kaharoa School is pleased to be implementing a transition to school programme called the Kaharoa Keas. We aim to provide a smooth change for you and your child from preschool, to the new, big and sometimes overwhelming environment of school. The weekly contact with their new teacher, classmates and the wider school environment will help provide security and confidence for your child. It will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions, and find out about our wonderful school and what we can provide that other schools can't. If you're interested in enrolling your child into our school transition programme, or just wish to find out more feel free to email me on [kathys@kaharoa.school.nz](mailto:kathys@kaharoa.school.nz).

**Rhythm Interactive Performance:** The Rhythm Interactive Performance will be held at the Kaharoa Hall on the March 16. We are looking forward to this group sharing their show with us.

## Interviews

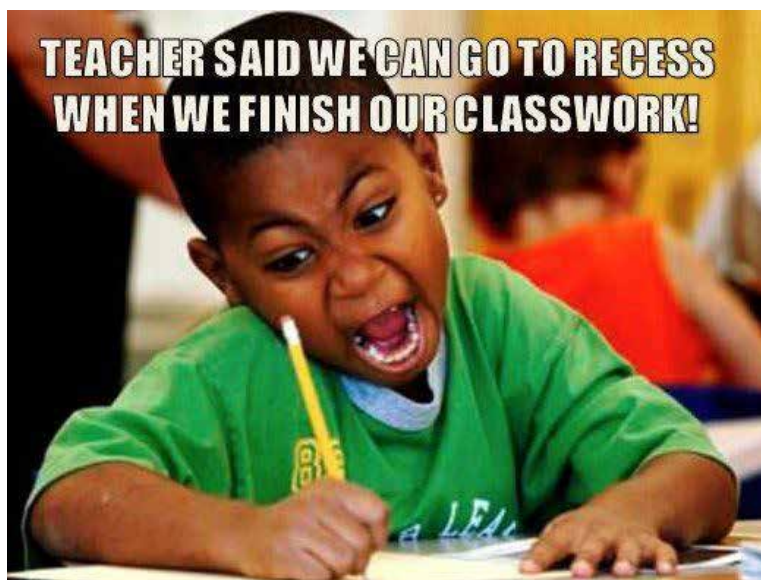
**Room 1-3 interviews:** Parent-teacher interviews for Room 1-3 will be held on 5 & 6 April. Appointment times will be available later in the term.

**Room 4-8 interviews:** Parent-teacher interviews for Room 4-8 will be held in Term 2, 16 May & 18 May. Appointment times will be available in Term 2.

## Staff Development:

A major focus for staff professional learning this year is Te Reo. Jeanne Gilbert has been guiding the learning, both with staff and with the children.

The other area of learning is the use of google, as a platform for learning, throughout the school.



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### Malcolm Lumsden: Who is the greater polluter, cows or people

Recently while I was in a shop doing business, a very self-righteous lady loudly pronounced that I was one of those irresponsible farmers who allowed their cows to "pee and poo" everywhere resulting in our rivers all being polluted, writes Malcolm Lumsden. I quietly replied to her that over her lifetime, she would pass as much pee and poo as a cow because she would probably live 11 times longer.

She would also use all manner of chemical substances for her health, washing herself, her clothes, and dishes, all of which would ultimately enter the water via sewage pond discharges.

As well she will send tons of toxic rubbish to landfills, and own vehicles that will pollute the roadside waterways with toxic residues. She was not impressed with my response. Our rivers were the most polluted in the world she retorted.

I reminded her that by international standards, the Waikato is the fourth cleanest river in the world. In fact I said, my dear old cow Daisy will on a really hot day only consume about 70 litres of water, compared with the urban average usage of 200 to 230 litres per human.

Our 6.4 million dairy cows only drink about 500 million litres per day compared with 4.5 million people using 900 million litres per day. Daisy I said, will spread her waste naturally on the soil where it will be filtered and used by plants.

On the other hand human waste gets piped away and will basically have the solids removed before being discharged into waterways, chemicals and all. Storm water is full of nasties from the concrete urban jungles and roads, and goes straight into waterways.

So why, I asked, are you picking on Daisy who lives a toxin-free lifestyle, consumes few resources, and discharges a pittance of what humans do into our environment?

Daisy I suggest is also more productive than most anti-farmer advocates.

Gasping for rebuttal, my lady then said we should become organic farmers. Look at Cuba, they are still growing food and have had no fertiliser for years. Well I responded, science says organic farming cannot feed the world and needs twice the land of modern farming to produce the same amount while being less environmentally friendly.

But I conceded I would be happy if she wanted to reduce her standard of living to that of the average Cuban with a rate of pay similar to those workers in Cuba. It would certainly reduce my rates bill.

As I walked away, I heard the man behind the desk say to the council lady, "You picked the wrong fella to have an argument with today."

I felt quite uplifted in the knowledge that the argument can be had. The fact is, most good urban folk only get one side of the story.

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Green extremists and others such as Dr Mike Joy, who wants all dairy cows removed from New Zealand by 2050, are never challenged as to what this will mean for New Zealand. Basically they want all meat, milk, and other animal products removed from our diets.

By masquerading as environmental carers, the socialist greens anti-farmer campaign is conditioning people to believe farmers are the enemy of New Zealand.

This is economic sabotage based on populist ill-informed rhetoric that is short on facts and science.

There is no acknowledgement that over the past five years dairy farmers have spent more than \$1 billion improving the environment. Despite the anti-farmer misinformation campaign, the environment affects us all.

This rhetoric has infiltrated the Waikato Regional Council's new Plan 1 change which will allow the council to control every farm activity by means of a farm plan resource consent.

The council will dictate land use, stock numbers, fertiliser use, what type of crops may be grown and where, plus much more.

Farmers in Taupo, who are ahead of the rest of the region, are now being told they must provide the council with their annual financial accounts. This amounts to nationalism of agriculture. Urban businesses that have an impact on the environment will be next.

Wake up New Zealand, if agriculture is hobbled by this socialist madness, and New Zealand continues to bite the hand that feeds it, maybe life in Cuba may start to look attractive after all.

**• Malcolm Lumsden has been an Ohinewai dairy farmer for 54 years and regional council chairman of the Lower Waikato Catchment Advisory Committee for the past 15 years.**

**- NZ Herald**

***I would like to thank Rob Moore for passing this on to me, and acknowledge Malcolm Lumsden and NZ Herald.***

*Sometimes it DOES take a Rocket Scientist!! (true story).. Scientists at Rolls Royce built a gun specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners and military jets all travelling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields. American engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the Windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the American engineers. When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken shot out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's back-rest in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin like an arrow shot from a bow. The horrified Yanks sent Rolls Royce the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the British scientists for suggestions. Rolls Royce responded with a one-line memo:*

***"Defrost the Bl&^%y chicken."***

*Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break, when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength, and understanding, and compassion. A heart never broken, is pristine, and sterile, and will never know the joy of being imperfect.*

*I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And, eventually, I remember the important things.*

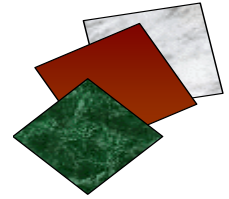
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## Team Mates

When we talk about teams the old saying there is no "I" in TEAM usually surfaces which is literally true. However I was playing around with the word

TEAM one day and found the following words there – MET ME MATE. These three words are at the core of any TEAM and the success of that team. In this article for the Ngongotaha newsletter I would like to suggest that what is true for team is also true for community.

When we join a team or a community we do so because there is something in the team or community that will benefit us. We answer the question, What is in this team or community for ME?

And when it comes to joining community in Ngongotaha, Awahou, Hamurana, Kaharoa and surrounding areas there is a lot in there for us. For example we have just finished summer and there are golf courses, safe communities, friendly neighbors, swimmable rivers and lots of walking areas to enjoy in these communities. People continue to join the team in these communities because they saw that there was something in that community for them.

We tend to stay in a Team or community because we find a MATE. This person is usually someone we will confide in when things are not going well and celebrate with when things are going well. An extensive survey was completed on American soldiers to research what motivated them in challenging times. Why did they endure battle situations? The first reason was the commitment to their country which was understandable as the country is their cause; however the second reason was not the hatred of the enemy, but their commitment to their comrades. They were totally committed to their MATE. Many soldiers giving their own lives for their mate. I have read Willie Apiata's book about his time as a soldier and receiving his VC. One of the strong themes of his success was that he did it for his mates.

So here are a few questions for you to reflect on:

What is in this community for ME?

What do I enjoy in this community?

Who are ME MATES?

Who are the ones you confide in? Who do you celebrate your successes with?

Who knows you well enough to ring you at the right times because they just happened to be thinking of you?

We may not be in the middle of a battle zone where lives are at stake, but what about your reputation, your integrity, your dreams, your livelihood or your future.

The third word I discovered in TEAM is MET and hopefully you have met at least one mate in these wonderful communities.

One of our community leaders, Uncle Mita, who passed away last year, put it nicely with his Maori proverb from his excellent Mau Rakau Wananga, "Ko au, ko koe, ko koe, ko au – I am you and you are me."



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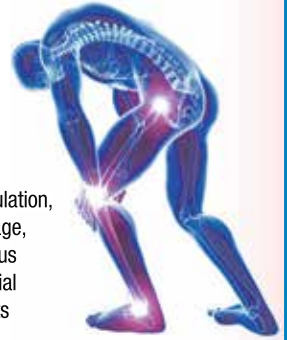
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## SPORTS TALK

### Rugby

With the return of the British and Irish lions to NZ in under 3 months the England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, France and Italy tournament takes on a huge role as selection amongst the first four mentioned takes on a whole new perspective. Having watched the opening weekend of the Super 16 there is a huge gulf between the Northern hemisphere and our Southern style of rugby. We use finesse, skill and guile they use brute force and forward domination with taking people out of the play by the second person to the tackle ruck or maul, deliberately diving in to slow down the play. You watch when Scotland plays England at "Twickers" in early march. The Chiefs, Crusaders, Hurricanes have had great starts to the super 16 with Australians teams not looking good again. Congrats to local Ngongotaha seniors who had a blinder thrashing old foe WAIKITE in the opening game. Whaka and Rotoiti will be a lot tougher and Waikite are traditionally slow starters to the season as fitness will come with week after week play. The Jodi Wharekura coached team is developing with a good culture created by a good coaching and management ethic. This talk of amalgamation with Waikite won't work the tribal and club ethos is too strong. No one knocked on Ngongotaha's door when the future looked bleak for the Villagers. Good old fashion hard work, commitment to the club and the coaches has obviously been the difference. There are some top players in a team which can be champion with belief and hard work under Wharekura and Steve Simpkin's direction.

### Soccer

This morning my team Tottenham thrashed stoke 4-0 with Harry Kane scoring another hat trick of goals. While spurs are 10 points behind the EPL leaders, Chelsea being second is no disgrace in the toughest football league in the world. Spurs are still in the FA Cup also there is more than one trophy to work for. The cut throats professional soccer scene in England like most European leagues is run by the multi pound and foreign owners of clubs. Let's hope rugby never gets to that stage in NZ or anywhere else for that matter. I see the manager of EPL winners of 2016 Leicester city was sacked last week by the owners. The team has dropped to the relegation zone in the premier division and illustrates the cut throat culture in this sport. I hope they get out of relegation real soon.

### Netball

Sincerely hope Silver Fern of 11 years Tania Daulton escapes and recovers from the serious medical event she endured while running in a touch game in Auckland last week. Tania was amazing on the netball court and tough. She often played with her club mates of late in the local Kurungaituku tournament in the social grades just to keep her fitness up and was often available to present the prizes at the Kurungaituku prize giving. She is also a top commentator for sky tv for netball and was often in Rotorua at the home games for the Magic. To her family Kia Kaha as you always were on the court and a lady off the court.

### Junior Sport

Get down to the local soccer, rugby, rugby league and netball clubs to get involved. If your into squash, indoor basketball, waka ama, yachting, rowing, box, mountain biking, cycling, badminton or martial arts then Rotorua or close by have world class facilities. Not hard to google what's available. Look at the efforts of the unusual sport participants at the Olympics ie shot put and pole volt.

### Racing

Don't give up on or dismiss ENDEAN Rose, I think she's a chance at the Te Aroha fillies and mares feature toward the end of march. Her sixth in the Kaimai stakes was encouraging. Also great winners coming out of Te Akau racing week after week. Follow the stock of shocking, Savabeel and Tavistock they are winning every week because they are good strong tough horses. Jockeys in form are Lammas, Boston and Weatherley.

### Sportsnut

*Little Larry attended a horse auction with his father. He watched as his father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down the horse's legs and rump, and chest. After a few minutes, Larry asked, "Dad, why are you doing that?" His father replied, "Because when I'm buying horses, I have to make sure that they are healthy and in good shape before I buy." Larry, looking worried, said, "Dad, I think the Milkman wants to buy Mom ....."*



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WOW!!! What an amazing day we had at our 10th Annual Spring Fair & Grand Auction held on the 27th of November last year, all our hard work came together beautifully on the day & the only complaint we have heard was that of the weather and there wasn't much we could do about that!

We had so many wonderful stallholders attend which certainly helped to make the day the family friendly success that it was, thank you to you all.

There were games for children & adults alike, one of the most popular being our golf challenge into a dinghy on the lake! Cake stall, jumble sale, sausage & meat patty sizzle, raffles & guess how many lollies, face paint-ing, "Sparky" the fire engine, a balloon artist & so much more to entertain the whole family, rounded off of course with our Grand Auction. So many packages of awesome donations from generous local businesses made this Auction one of the most successful yet!

We hope everyone that attended had a great day & we look forward to bringing you this wonderful community event again at the end of this year!

2017 has started off well with lots of new faces! We have already been on a trip to Paradise Valley Springs & have been busy at centre with all the awesome activities we have going on each session.

If you think playcentre could be for you, come in and visit, see what you think and if there are any spaces available for either day.

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## International Interest in Ngongotaha care Village

Whare Aroha CARE's CEO, Thérèse Jeffs, spoke about the care village the organisation is building on Taui Street, Ngongotaha, at Alzheimer's Australia's Great Expectations research conference in Canberra last week.

Mrs Jeffs, CEO Whare Aroha CARE, was surprised to receive the invitation saying "when we started designing our village to give people with dementia a better life, we knew it would be transformational but it didn't occur to us that it would attract world-wide attention. It's very humbling that something we felt we had no other choice but to do is being held up as exemplary."

The Whare Aroha CARE Village under construction at Ngongotaha is modelled on the acclaimed De Hogeweyk dementia village and will be the first in the world to be built based on the vision of De Hogeweyk.

"Lots of people are interested in designing their aged care services around the De Hogeweyk vision but because it is yet to be replicated there is no blue-print for how to put it into practice. To transform the way people are cared for means evolving the whole system – from Ministry of Health contracts, to the design of the environment itself, to the daily tasks of our staff".

Mrs Jeffs has also been invited to speak on 'Designing for Quality' at the Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine Annual Scientific Meeting to be held in Rotorua in May. In February a delegation from Noosa Care in Australia visited Whare Aroha CARE to see the concept for themselves. When all stages are complete, the Whare Aroha CARE Village will look like a normal New Zealand town on a smaller scale.

It will have a supermarket, cafe, hairdresser and clubrooms on a street which flows down to the lakeside promenade. Spilling off the village centre will be 13 single-level 6 and 7 bedroom households that look like the range of New Zealand houses. Whare Aroha CARE is a community-owned not-for-profit charitable trust governed by Rotorua Continuing Care Trust.

*Only a farm kid would see it this way!*

*When you're from the farm, your perception is a little bit different.*

*A farmer drove to a neighbor's farmhouse and knocked at the door. A boy, about 9, opened the door. "Is your dad or mom home?" said the farmer. "No, they went to town."*

*"How about your brother, Howard? Is he here?"*

*"No, he went with Mom and Dad."*

*The farmer stood there for a few minutes, shifting from one foot to the other, mumbling to himself, when the young boy says, "I know where all the tools are if you want to borrow one, or I can give Dad a message."*

*"Well," said the farmer uncomfortably. "No, I really want to talk to your Dad, about your brother Howard getting my daughter Suzy pregnant".*

*The boy thought for a moment, then says, "You'll have to talk to my Dad about that. I know he charges \$500 for the bulls and \$150 for the pigs, but I have no idea how much he charges for Howard."*



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To the Kauae cemetery board (of which I'm a member) thank you for listening to the communities concerns about the unsavoury activity going on in the old car park at the cemetery. ***The removal of the trees bordering State highway 5 have made a huge difference and the dealing and late night escapades have ended.***

If you see any car parked up at the cemetery at night just call the police as they not visiting their dearly beloved who have passed on. Be the last place I would be at night that's for sure. However, Since the trees were removed and new kerbing and channelling and roadways installed the idiots who in the past have done wheelies close to head stones and graves have decreased but vigilance by you is the word.

### Facebook

I use this social network extensively to release items to friends and family and the community regarding matters relating to council and I find it excellent to explain what council's role is, in certain matters. The recent publicity by news hub on the house rentals a certain family in Rotorua who is charging in many people's view, is exhortation for homes people have labelled hovels isn't common place. However, the vast majority of landlords and there are thousands, are responsible landlords who do play by the rules. If you rent or lease a property you usually pay rent in advance and a bond of which must be lodged with the department of housing to hold in case of dispute or non payment of rent or damage detected at cessation of the rental period. Methamphetamine is a huge issue and I note many of the rental management companies are doing meth tests when a tenant leaves and before a new renter takes residents. The cost of someone cooking this crap in a house is devastating

to any homeowner or landlord. The cost of repair and insurance to cover the repair costs is extensive. This is but one factor why rents are increasing others are general insurance, rates etc. Denise and I sell many Tenanted Properties and in most cases the tenants treat the house as theirs and improve gardens and never miss a beat with the rent or reporting any issues. Landlords also have a role to ensure privacy and just can't turn up unannounced to view the property. Both parties have rights so check through department of building and housing if in doubt. Know your rights and responsibilities.

**Health and safety** - Just to clear things up, people can and have a right to live in filth not care for their gardens grounds have car bodies on their sections etc. however if people report seeing rats, mice or strong odours from rotting matter etc. then council environmental health officers can act on a complaint only. Also a government department Toi te Ora have a public health role to maintain through the medical officer of health and if you have any doubts or want to know what your rights are call them they are the old public health dept. the role of inspecting and licensing motels, hotels and accommodation providers was councils role but the government took that away from council a few years ago. Council has no right to enter private property without due cause or as set out in law like dog control, health and safety of food premises etc. everything council does is prescribed in law.

### Fly dumping.

If you have rubbish to dispose of it is now user pay at the landfill and with the new recycling bins most household rubbish is dealt with. There have been teething problems yes and we have an assisted bin program for the elderly who don't have neighbours to help them get the full bins to the kerbside. Each case is determined on its merits. Also council will assist with bins for clubs and Marae to make sure they are assisted to recycle. However there is no excuse for flydumping and with the green waste people at Ngongotaha that is covered. contd overpage.....

Whitewater can be left free of charge at the Car body place in Riri st. Most other computer stuff, tvs etc can be left at the Recycling centre in Te Ngae Rd for a small charge. So there is no excuse. If you see a car with a loaded trailer heading north of Rotorua take the number plate (most phones have cameras) and if you want to follow at a safe distance. Do so. If you suspect they are pulling over to dump, call the police give them the number plate and trailer plate numbers and leave it to them. It is costing you hundreds of thousands a year to clean up these pig's mess. There are now locals at Ngongotaha doing night shifts to catch the culprits. One must be a truck capable of dumping huge amounts they will be caught. Sad aye. We are onto them and I will name and shame them. I'd love to catch them put it on a trailer and dump it on their front lawn.

#### **Council rates**

Every three years council tenders out the provision of rateable valuations (commonly known as RVs) for every rateable property in the Rotorua district and it is a legal requirement. The company Land Mass from Tauranga have started the task as the new rateable valuations are sent out to every property owner usually in November of the year prior to the new RVs taking effect in this case on 1 July 2018. You have the right to appeal what valuation your property is given. At the 2014 valuation most properties in the residential areas went down by on average 15%, farming went up up to 80% and lifestyle stayed relatively stagnant however lakeside or riverside properties did go up by 10-15%. How much general rates (not fixed charges like rubbish, sewerage water and the UAGC) are effected by the rateable valuation. In the Rotorua district we are selling properties \$80-120,000 above the existing RVs on average. That doesn't mean to say you will get a rate increase, because if the average increase in RV is say \$85,000 and yours goes up \$200,000 then you will pay more general rates but if your RV only goes up \$60,000, below the average in the residential band of rateable properties then you will get a decrease. Interesting we never hear from people who's rates go down. It's a complicated system but no one has come up with a better way to fund local government via a land tax which is basically what rates are. Every property is rated, there are some that are statue barred from paying general rates by government legislation like schools, churches, Marae, government departments etc but they do pay fixed charges for sewerage, refuse, water (most on meters) on a user pay bases. None of DOC land or reading pays rates. Forestry pays very very little.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask on the council webpage which you can use to come direct to me on.

#### **Community consultation.**

You will get your say and have it on the ROTORUA Way on the website and you would have been consulted on access to footpaths etc for the disabled, and I thank progress Ngongotaha for being pro active in this. Also when the three year plan is developed you will be consulted on it and submissions will be heard by full council including the elected members of the Maori advisory committee and rural/urban community board members of the council committees. This I enjoy and gee I get peeved when I hear people say council doesn't listen. Oh we do listen but like all the needs in our community sometimes we have to say No and we can't give everyone everything. We have some major issues like sewerage we have to address asap as we have to be out of Whakarewarewa forest by 2019. Its going to cost tens of millions to upgrade the existing sewerage plant so the product coming out of it for discharge is more pure than the water coming down the Uthuna, Awahou and Hamurana rivers etc. The science tells us this can be achieved because like some local authorities, we cant treat sewerage to a good level it must be the very best level and we can't dump it at sea. I understand it will be drinkable.

#### **Flooding in Parawai Road**

Council is looking into the effectiveness of the Cesspit and the water levels in the drain across the road. I will keep monitoring to see what solution can be found.

#### **BIG CONGRATS**

In my role as a Councillor you get invited to some events that by being there and hearing the exploits of our young people you know the future is in capable hands. The impact of the people who share their knowledge about life and teach them the topics they choose to learn about is more profound than ever. Teachers are really the biggest influence on our kids and there are some top ones in the Rotorua area. I speak of WHHS. As I went to the annual celebration assembly representing the mayor (but I go anyway in my own right) to hear of the academic achievement, bursaries and scholarships the year 13s of 2016 achieved. It amazes me that these students have the time and are dedicated not only to their studies but sport and numerous opportunities they get to represent in overseas in sport. Mrs WRIGHT A TEACHER AND MENTOR of the senior pupils and who is very well liked by all students spoke of attitude and how that determines your own success. She is so right as there are huge opportunities to succeed and be whatever you want in a safe caring environment at school and those kids with parent and grand parent support regardless of socio economic grouping succeed. To Jim Gemmell principal of WHHS I can see the culture you and before you Mrs Pelham have created at WHHS is working. You obviously have a supportive board and senior management who allow you to as a team produce such outstanding results across years 11, 12 and 13 in NCEA. It was great to see Ngongotaha Mamaku Kaharoa and Hamurana kids featuring as top achievers. Long may this continue as the primary schools in our area give our young ones a great start. **Cr Charles Sturt**

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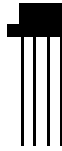
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Photo above supplied by Colin Brake, I believe it is the Old Bath House/Museum and in the foreground the Govt Gardens. Doesn't Tarawera look beautiful in the background

## Conversational Mandarin Classes offered at Rotorua Library

### ***Mandarin Classes Banner***

Native Mandarin speaker and Multicultural Rotorua President Waitsu Wu will begin a 12 week block of conversational Mandarin classes at Rotorua Library on Thursday [2 March 2017].

Both beginner and intermediate level courses are being offered so that classes will suit those with no knowledge of Mandarin or with basic skills they would like to develop further.

The classes cost a total of \$20, payable on the first night with the beginner class running from 5.30-6.30pm and the intermediate class following from 6.30-7.30pm in the Programmes Space at Rotorua Library.

Waitsu Wu is a native Mandarin speaker with extensive teaching experience.

More than one billion people speak Mandarin worldwide and according to 2013 Census results there are fewer than 200 Mandarin speakers in the Rotorua District.

There are many benefits to learning another language including enriching social knowledge, improving cognitive function and providing a glimpse into another culture.


Booking is required for these informative classes. Book online at [rotorualibrary.govt.nz](http://rotorualibrary.govt.nz) or contact Rotorua Library.

For more information contact Programmes and Events Lead Karisma Vala on 351 7042, or [karismavala@rotorualc.nz](mailto:karismavala@rotorualc.nz)

**The hostage's daughter** : a story of family, madness, and the Middle East

by Sulome Anderson

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the forces that spawn terrorism and especially Lebanon, the beautiful, devastated, and vitally important country she came to love. Powerful and eye-opening The Hostage's Daughter is essential reading for anyone interested in international relations, this violent, haunted region, and America's role in its fate."

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## **KAHAROA SCHOOL ENROLMENTS**

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their sons and daughters at Kaharoa School for Term 2 2017.

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

The enrolment period runs from 14 April 2017 to 7 July 2017.

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 31 March 2017.

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](mailto: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<br>(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 3 April 2017.

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

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

## **KAHAROA SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **Good me, bad me Author: Ali Land**

Annie's mother is a serial killer. The only way she can make it stop is to hand her in to the police. But out of sight is not out of mind. As her mother's trial looms, the secrets of her past won't let Annie sleep, even with a new foster family and name - Milly. A fresh start. Now, surely, she can be whoever she wants to be. But Milly's mother is a serial killer. And blood is thicker than water. Good me, bad me. She is, after all, her mother's daughter.

### **The vanishing by Sophia Tobin**

On top of the Yorkshire Moors, in an isolated spot carved out of the barren landscape, lies 'White Windows', a house of shadows and secrets. Here lives Marcus Twentyman, a hard-drinking but sensitive man, and his sister, the brisk widow, Hester. When Annaleigh, a foundling who has fled her home in London, finds herself at the remote house, in service to the Twentymans, she discovers all is not as it seems behind closed doors. Isolated and lonely, Annaleigh is increasingly drawn to her master. And as their relationship intensifies, she soon realises that her movements are being controlled and her life is no longer her own. Slowly she is drawn into a web of intrigue and darkness, and soon she must face her fears if she is to save herself.

### **Rosie's War by Kay Brellend**

Rosie Gardiner is having a tough war. She's had to leave her job at the Windmill in Soho after a horrific assault which left her pregnant, and is now living back at home with her recently remarried dad. Despite her best efforts, Rosie and her dad just can't get along and the strain of coping as a young unmarried mother is getting to her. As the Nazis strafe the city with V2 bombs, Rosie is determined to keep her head up through the Blitz but when a direct hit to her street cripples her father, it feels like the days have never been darker. With a final burst of resolution, John Gardiner decides to leave London to escape the bombardment and to Rosie's mixed horror and relief, he takes her baby with him. Left alone in the East End, with the spectre of the man who assaulted her rearing his ugly head, Rosie decides to join the London Auxiliary Ambulance Service to keep her busy – and to give her hope in these tough times.

### **The tidal zone by Sarah Moss**

"Adam is a stay-at-home dad who is writing a history of the bombing and rebuilding of Coventry Cathedral. He is a good man and he is happy. But one day, he receives a call from his daughter's school to inform him that, for no apparent reason, fifteen-year-old Miriam has collapsed and stopped breathing. In that moment, his world fractures. Parental love, overwhelming fear, illness and recovery; clever teenagers and the challenges of marriage; sex and gender in the twenty-first century, the balancing of work and family life, the politics of packing lunches and unloading dishwashers... The story of his life and the lives of his family are rewritten and retold around this shocking central event: a body that has inexplicably failed."

Check these out at the Library.

## Ngongotaha School

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Welcome back for the 2017 school year. We do hope you have all had a good break, enjoying the summer, and we look forward to another busy school year.

We welcome all the families, and children, who have joined the school this year. We have had a large number of enrolments and look forward to working with you all.

Thank you to Fred Haumaha and Kuikui Douglas who supported us with our powhiri welcome for our new families on the first day of school. We appreciate the continued support you give the school.

This year we welcome Jessica Peeperkoorn, Amy Wadsworth and Kahurangi Hodge who are new to our team. Jessica Peeperkoorn has come to us from Auckland and will join Te Whanau Manu in Room 4. Amy Wadsworth has been working at the Little Villa Child Care centre and joins Te Whanau Ngahere in Room 13. Kahurangi Hodge has come to us from Rotorua Intermediate and will join our rumaki team, Te Whanau Maunga, in Room 17. We look forward to your contribution to Ngongotaha School.

Our annual prize giving was held at the end of 2016 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 Nicola Bigwood, Kaea Nepia and Blake Hunter who were awarded the Kelso Achievement Award for 2016.

Congratulations to Sophie Healey who was awarded the Mainfreight Award for Excellence in Attitude for 2016.

Congratulations to Noah Beckham and Amo Kiel who were awarded the Maori Culture Award for 2016.

Our other awards went to:

x3 GREAT Awards – Leah Begley McLean, Laval Wilson and Leiviane Wilson.

x2 Contribution to School Awards – Zoe Adams and Erica Dodson.

x3 Excellence in Te Reo Awards – Nahveigha King, Jayda-Leigh Gibbons and Kiara Paul.

Most Promising Sport Boy and Girl Year 1 or 2 – Meihana Ririnui and Aroha Mativa-Horn.

Most Promising Sport Boy and Girl Year 3 or 4 – Brodee Hunter and Grace Te Are.

Outstanding Contribution to Sport Year 5 or 6 – Ayden Davies and Kaea Nepia.

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 our concept curriculum has a Science focus with the themes seeing science integrated across the curriculum through a survival concept. – “What connects me to my world” will be the overarching theme during term one. Term two “What do I need to survive in the world?” Term three “Exploring my World” and term four “Experiencing My World”. Each term will start with a WOW day to motivate the children ready for the term. We will be working with Waikato University on professional development related to the nature of science and how we can ensure our children have exposure to science concepts from an early age.

This year we have the Life Education team with us at the start of term two, this will be part of our class programme and will tie into our science theme of survival – what do I need to survive?

Once again we have been successful with our application to the Ngati Whakaue Education Endowment Trust Board who partly fund our oral language development programme. This programme runs for our young children in both mainstream and rumaki settings. We have had excellent results in achievement and progress from this programme. We look forward to this continued development in 2017 and thank Ngati Whakaue for their continued support of education.

We have held our first Board meeting and Rebecca Moore has been re-elected as Chairperson for the year. During the break we had builders on site putting in fences that border a number of neighbouring properties. It is good to see this work complete. We have also had our trees assessed, pruned or removed as part of our grounds maintenance programme.

We have a teacher development day planned for Wednesday 15th March which is related to oral language development. The school will not be open for instruction on this day as all staff will be involved.

The mobile dental clinic is still with us this term. If you have pre-school children in the community, feel free to come in and sign up for the service.



The advertisement for Goodsons Spraying features a green and white color scheme. At the top is a stylized logo of a 'G' and 'S' intertwined. Below the logo, the text 'Goodsons Spraying' is written in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by the tagline 'We cover the field' in a smaller, italicized font. The main body of the ad is divided into sections by horizontal lines. The first section is titled 'ROTORUA BASED WEED SPRAYING SERVICE' in bold, green capital letters. Below this, it says 'For all your Agricultural Weed Spraying requirements, no job too big or small' in a smaller, italicized font. The next section is titled 'Use mounted spray unit for direct and cost effective spraying time' in a smaller, italicized font. The following section is titled 'Bay of Plenty and Waikato Wide' in a smaller, italicized font. The final section is titled 'Grow Safe Certified.' in a smaller, italicized font. Below this is a photograph of a white pickup truck with a yellow spray tank mounted on the back, parked on a grassy field. At the bottom of the ad, it says 'Call us today on 027 270 7076' in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by 'email: goodsonsprayingltd@gmail.com' in a smaller, italicized font.

Our swimming pool 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. On Friday 3rd March we have a team competing in the annual swimming competition at Kaharoa School. We wish all the children taking part a great day.

Our school triathlon is planned for Friday 10th March from 11.00am. This is an event that all children can enter. Be sure to bring their bike and helmet along to school, have their togs and towel packed and away they go. Good luck to all who enter this fun event.

**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: Tuesday 31st January to Thursday 13th April – 11 weeks

Term Two: Monday 1st May to Friday 7th July – 10 weeks

Term Three: Monday 24th July to Friday 29th September – 10 weeks

Term Four: Monday 16th October to Friday 15th December – 9 weeks

We wish you all the very best for 2017.

Iti rearea teitei kahikatea ka taetae – “Aim High, Stand Proud”

**Cathryn Naera and staff of Ngongotaha School**

*Phyllis Dillerisms*

*Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age. As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.*

*Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?*

*Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the sidewalk before it stops snowing.*

*The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.*

*Best way to get rid of kitchen odours: Eat out.*

*A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once.*

*I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.*

*Most children threaten at times to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.*

*Any time three New Yorkers get into a cab without an argument, a bank has just been robbed.*

*We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve years telling them to sit down and shut up.*



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## KIWI DICTIONARY

*Bach:* (pronounced batch) is a holiday home, normally near a lake, beach or river.

*Beached as:* Been to the beach for a long time and suffering from sunburn.

*Chilly bin:* Pronounced “Chilly bun” or to the rest of the world this is an esky or cooler.

*Chur:* Thanks bro!

*Cuzzie:* Another way of saying cousin, but can be used for your friends - No one really knows what this means any more.

*Dairy:* Your local corner store, much like a newsagent or milk bar.

*Grouse:* Awesome, wonderful, the best or amazing.

*Gruts or undies:* Underwear.

*Hungus:* When you're hungry as for a feed.

*Jafa:* Just Another \*\*\*\*\*g Aucklander. You will find that the rest of the country is jealous of our biggest city... No one really knows why.

*Jandals:* Flip flops or thongs, definitely not roman sandals.

*Knackered:* Totally exhausted, usually from some form of physical activity till you can't move and have to resort to Maccas and TV for the afternoon.

*Maori Job:* Considered racial, same as Half Pai.

*Munted:* Bugged or something that's broken.

*Smoko:* A break, morning or afternoon tea.

*Solid:* That's really awesome!

*Sook:* A grown man who needs to harden up, as in “don't be such a sook” – like a whimp or a baby.

*Scodey:* Something that's rotten or gross.

*Shame:* Used when someone is witnessed doing or saying something embarrassing, or when a story about something embarrassing happening to someone is heard.

*Squizz or looksee:* Checking something out visibly as in “give us a squizz”.

*Stoked:* Happy, pleased that something went well.

*Shot:* Thanks bro.

*Skux:* Ladies Man, or someone who is well dressed.

*Sucked the kumara:* Something that's extremely broken.

*Swannie:* Often worn by South Islanders, AKA the basis for fashion of NZ. It's just a checkered jersey with no style.

*Sweet as:* That's awesome, or cool.

*Takka:* Food.

*Tiki tour:* Getting to your destination, the hard way or via the long route.

*Up the boohai, or boowai:* Something lost or gone awry.

*Westie:* A person who lives in West Auckland... Often seen to be wearing singlets and sporting a mullet.

*What ow:* Means what did you say?

*Wop wops:* Somewhere that is literally in the middle of nowhere, just like Palmerston North or Gore.

*Yeah, nah:* Could be yes, could be no. If spoken, be very wary of this one, nobody really knows the answer to this one.



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## Fletcher Tabuteau

Driving through Ngongotaha and seeing the beautiful hanging baskets in the village is a sight to behold. They are a wonderful asset to the village so a big thankyou to the Lakes Council staff who maintain and prepare these every season. It's interesting to note that over 4000 people applied for 26 Worksafe positions around the country as they attempt to find work to feed themselves and their families. Most of those applicants received reject emails so how depressing that must be for a job seeker. I support Winston's call to make it fairer for New Zealanders to find work as they are having to compete against 71,300 net a year immigration figures recently released.

The competition for a job in New Zealand is extreme, as it is for a house and now rental accommodation.

New Zealand First has a Members Bill, the Youth Employment, Training and Education Bill which is awaiting introduction to Parliament. This Bill would go a long way to providing employment, education and training for youth who drop out of school and need alternative trade-based education.

Regional Development is one of the key areas I have huge interest and I look forward to be promoting our region in the future.

*At one point during a game, the coach called one of his 9-year-old baseball players aside and asked,*

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"Do you understand what co-operation is? What a team is?" "Yes, coach", replied the little boy. "Do you understand that what matters is whether we win or lose together as a team?" The little boy nodded in the affirmative. "So," the coach continued, "I'm sure you know, when an out is called, you shouldn't argue, curse, attack the umpire, or call him an a#@\$%^e. Do you understand all that?" Again, the little boy nodded in the affirmative. The coach continued, "And when I take you out of the game so that another boy gets a chance to play, it's not a dumb ass decision or that the coach is a s\*\*\*\*\*d, is it?" "No, coach."

"Good", said the coach. "Now go over there and explain all that to your grandmother."

### CHOW CHOW

800 g Onions, peeled and chopped  
800 g Cucumbers, roughly chopped  
800 g Green beans, topped and roughly chopped  
800 g Cauliflower, leaves removed, roughly chopped  
800 g Green tomatoes, roughly chopped  
200 g Salt  
1 kg Sugar  
2 Tbsp Mustard seeds  
2 tsp Black pepper, ground  
900 ml White vinegar  
2 Tbsp Turmeric powder  
2 Tbsp English mustard, dry

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup Cornflour

Place vegetables into a large pot and cover with water. Sprinkle with table salt and leave overnight. Strain liquid from vegetables the following day then add sugar, mustard seeds, black pepper and 600ml of the vinegar and bring to the boil over a high heat. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook until vegetables are tender. In a small bowl, mix remaining vinegar, turmeric, dry English mustard and cornflour together. Slowly pour the cornflour mixture into the pot, continuing to simmer and stirring until pickle starts to thicken. Add a little more cornflour, mixed with water, to the pickle if more thickening is required. Adjust seasoning to taste and bottle immediately in hot, sterilised jars.

## Call for community interest for Parks Week 2017

Rotorua Lakes Council is offering support to encourage local neighbourhood groups to organise Parks Week events in their communities this March.

Parks Week (March 4 to 12 this year) celebrates local parks and recreational areas through organised events and activities. The council is inviting local groups to organise and register community events during Parks Week and take advantage of the free promotion space and funding grants on offer.

Council will support the community events by:

- Developing a free calendar to promote Parks Week events to the wider community
  - Providing financial support through Council's Neighbourhood Matching Fund
  - Free use of resources from Council's event equipment shed such as tables/chairs/cones
- Ko Te Tuara Totara O Fordlands (Fordlands Residents Group) committee member Gina Royal says her community organisation has used the Neighbourhood Matching Fund twice now and is in the process of applying for another grant for Parks Week projects.

"The funding has helped pay for everything other than man power. One thing about Fordlands, we are never short of volunteers, so the grants were used on activities,

resources, machinery, games and food. "We have held a few neighbourhood fun days focusing on different themes like togetherness and 'no to violence'. We also held a community clean-up day in the reserve and waterways," she says. "This funding has been invaluable for us to get all whānau (family), youth and tamariki (children) together. "You cannot put a price on the moral values and changes this funding has achieved for Fordlands community. The dignity, pride and respect has grown from being part of these events." As well as many other neighbourhood projects the Neighbourhood Matching Fund has helped support 12 community gardens around the district. Groups who want to get involved in Parks Week must register their interest by Friday 27 January 2017 by sending an email to [community.events@rotorualc.nz](mailto:community.events@rotorualc.nz). To meet the funding criteria, Parks Week events must; - be located in a park or reserve in Rotorua; - focus on celebrating or promoting the park; - be open to the community; - be free to attend.

Ideas for Parks Week events - Park working bees - Art in the park - Kite flying - Community sports activities - Community fun days - Movies in the park - Dance, Yoga, Tai Chi

**For more information contact Rotorua Lakes Council's Community Events team on 07 348 4199 or via email to [community.events@rotorualc.nz](mailto:community.events@rotorualc.nz)**

**For more information about Council's Neighbourhood Matching Fund and other grants visit [rotorualakescouncil.nz/grants](http://rotorualakescouncil.nz/grants)**



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