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NGONGOTAHA NEWS

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NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

The season has now ended, so this will be the last report until February next year. The following Officers were elected at the recent Annual General Meeting.

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The end of year dinner was very enjoyable. So until February a well deserved break for all. Have a great Christmas and New Year and see you all next year. I can't help but finish off with making a comment about the beautiful hanging baskets in our little town. They are a picture, thank you to all those responsible.

Mick and Sean were working for the city public works department. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one man digging a hole, the other filling it in again. An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he asked the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting into your work, but I don't get it: why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?" The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the lad who plants the trees called in sick."

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*An elderly lady was standing at the railing of the cruise ship
Holding her hat tight so that it would not blow away in the wind. A gentleman approached her and said,
"Pardon me, madam.. I do not intend to be forward but did you know That your dress is blowing up in this high wind?"
"Yes, I know," said the lady. "I need both my hands to hold onto this hat."
"But madam, you must know that you are not wearing any panties and your privates are exposed!" said the gentleman in earnest.
The woman looked down, then back up at the man and replied, "Sir, anything you see down there is 75 years old.
I just bought this hat yesterday!" ☺*



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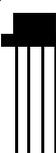
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Registrations for the info session are essential - places limited!!!

Email Agnes at rotorua@revolvecycling.co.nz to secure your spot NOW! :-)

Ngongotaha Garden Circle would welcome new members. we meet at the Community Hall at 1.30pm the 4th wed of the month unless going on an outing. Phone 3323795 Jessie or 3574576 Jeune

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The French President is sitting in his office when his telephone rings. 'Hallo, Mr. Hollande!' a heavily accented voice said. 'This is Paddy down at the Harp Pub in County Clare, Ireland. I am ringing to inform you that we are officially declaring war on you! We voted to reject the Lisbon treaty!' 'Well Paddy, Hollande replied. How big is your army?' 'Right now,' says Paddy, after a moment's calculation, 'there is myself, me Cousin Sean, me next door neighbour Seamus, and the entire darts team from the pub. That makes eleven!' Hollande paused. 'I must tell you, Paddy, that I have 100,000 men in my army waiting to move on my command.' 'Begorra!' says Paddy. 'I'll have to ring you back.' Sure enough, the next day, Paddy calls again. 'Mr. Hollande, the war is still on. We have managed to get us some infantry equipment!' 'And what equipment would that be Paddy?' Hollande asks. 'Well, we have two combines, a bulldozer, and Murphy's farm tractor.' Hollande sighs amused. 'I must tell you, Paddy, that I have 6,000 tanks and 5,000 armoured personnel carriers. Also, I have increased my army to 150,000 since we last spoke.' 'Saints preserve us!' says Paddy. 'I'll have to get back to you.' Sure enough, Paddy rings again the next day. 'Mr. Hollande, the war is still on! We have managed to get ourselves airborne! We have modified Jackie McLaughlin's ultra-light with a couple of shotguns in the cockpit, and four boys from the Shamrock Bar have joined us as well!' Hollande was silent for a minute and then cleared his throat. 'I must tell you, Paddy, that I have 100 bombers and 200 fighter planes. My military bases are surrounded by laser-guided, surface-to-air missile sites. And since we last spoke, I have increased my army to 200,000!' 'Jesus, Mary, and Joseph!' says Paddy, 'I will have to ring you back.' Sure enough, Paddy calls again the next day. 'Top o' the mornin', Mr. Hollande! I am sorry to inform you that we have had to call off the war.' Really? I am sorry to hear that,' says Hollande. 'Why the sudden change of heart?' 'Well,' says Paddy, 'we had a long chat over a few pints of Guinness and packets of crisps, and we decided there is no way we can feed 200,000 prisoners.'



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Athletics

Athletics training is under way, in preparation for our school athletics day on Friday 13th November (postponement Monday 16th November.) Events include long distance running, sprints, hurdles, long and high jump, discus, shot put and javelin. Parents and whanau are welcome to join us for the day, which will commence at 9.00am.

Kahawrite

Currently all the children are busy writing for the Kahawrite magazine which all children will receive a copy of late this term. A competition is held each year to design the front cover for the magazine and the best design from each year group is used to create a collage on the back cover. The overall winner this year is Leon S. from Room 8.

Property

Over the next few weeks we will be involved in moving out of the temporary administration block and library area into the new administration and library area. We are looking forward to the enjoying the upgraded facilities. Our next major property project will be the upgrade of the senior classroom block. We expect work to commence over the Christmas break and it will continue into the new school year. The plans for the upgrade look fantastic and we are very excited about the prospect of working in this area next year.

Kaharoa School

The Cornerstone Value:

Compassion

Our definition is willingness to help, empathise with, or show mercy to those who suffer. This means helping those in trouble.

Key Competency: A Communicator
(Give and receive)

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

Flower Afternoon

The Kokako Centre was engulfed in the smell of flowers and plants as the children displayed the works of art they created out of flowers and plants, ready to be shared with the community on Lamb, Calf and Chicken day. Displays included sand saucers, arrangements in unusual containers and miniature gardens.

Lamb, Calf and Chicken Day

The children, parents, teachers and judges enjoyed a great Lamb, Calf and Chicken day on 16th October. It was encouraging to see so many children involved with animal 'rearing and caring.'

Group Day

Congratulations to the children who represented Kaharoa School with their animals at the Waikite Valley School Group Day. A most successful day with Kaharoa winning the Senior Shield for most overall points across Calves and Lambs. Thank you to Mrs Marshall who created wonderful Kaharoa School covers for the calves and scarves for the lambs to wear during the Grand Parade.

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School Production

Over the next weeks all the children and teachers will be involved in preparing for the school production which will culminate in three performances in December. The theme this year is Maori Legends, songs and dance. Productions are always a highlight of the year for the children and we appreciate all the time and energy staff and parents put into making it happen.

Water Tabloids

On Friday 6th November the House Captains are running a Water Tabloid afternoon. For this afternoon of exciting activities the children will need to bring a change of clothes as they are guaranteed to get wet.

Other upcoming events include:

November 4th: Miro trip to Otanewainuku

November 9th: Roots of Empathy Baby Celebration Day

November 25th: Hiwi the Kiwi Goes Fishing

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS RECIPE CHRISTMAS SNOWBALLS

Ingredients:

150g bar dark chocolate, broken into chunks

10 fat white marshmallows

white hundreds and thousands

lots of milk, to serve

10 lollipops or cake popsticks, to serve

Method

Bring a pot of water to a simmer over a low heat. Put the chocolate in a heat proof bowl and sit it on top of the pot, making sure that the water doesn't touch the bottom of the bowl, and gently melt the chocolate.

Push a lollipop or cake pop stick into each marshmallow.

Check the chocolate is melted completely by giving it a stir, then scrape it into a smaller bowl. Tip the white sprinkles into another small bowl. Put a wire rack next to the bowl of chocolate and a sheet of baking parchment next to the bowl of sprinkles.

Holding the end of a stick, dip a marshmallow into the chocolate so that it is completely coated. Lift it out, but hold it over the bowl to allow the extra chocolate to drip back in, then put it on the wire rack. Dunk the marshmallows, one by one, then line them up on the wire rack in the order that you dunked them.

Pick up the first marshmallow you dunked and dip into the sprinkles to completely coat. Sit the snowball marshmallow on the baking parchment. Continue to dip and coat the marshmallows, working along the line so that you cover them in sprinkles in the same order that you dunked them in chocolate. When all the marshmallows are covered, leave them on the baking parchment until they are set.

You can now wrap the marshmallows in cellophane and tie with ribbons if you're giving them as a present. Alternatively, if you want to enjoy them right away, warm 1 mug of milk – in a microwave or saucepan – per snowball. Use your snowball as a stirrer in each mug of milk and keep stirring until all the sprinkles, chocolate and most of the marshmallow has melted. Make sure the milk is not too hot. These will keep for about two weeks in a cellophane bag.

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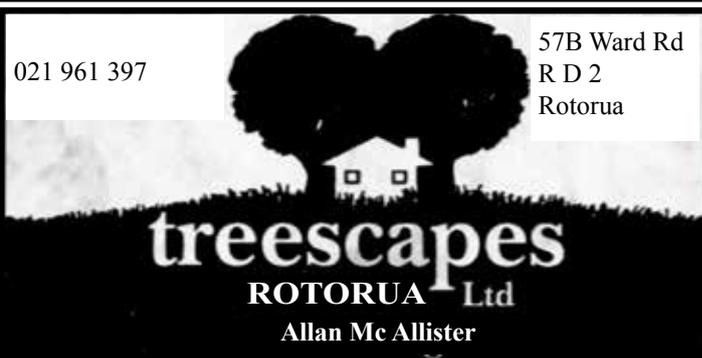
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New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards – Central Plateau Media Q&A

Entries in the 2016 New Zealand Share Farmer of the Year, New Zealand Dairy Manager of the Year and New Zealand Dairy Trainee of the Year competitions are now being accepted online at this website. All entries close on November 30.

1. What are the NZ Dairy Industry Awards?

The Awards are aimed at showcasing and supporting New Zealand's future dairy leaders. The Awards were created to bring under one umbrella the Federated Farmers Sharemilker of the Year competition, the Fonterra Westpac Dairy Excellence Awards and the Dairy Farmers of New Zealand, Dairy Trainee of the Year.

The competition is designed for farmers to demonstrate their farming expertise and business management skills. The Awards are a great way for farmers to increase their profile and kick start their careers.

2. What does the competition involve?

Contestants are judged on their performance in a number of areas such as financial, pasture, livestock management, business sustainability, communication, employment relations and farm safety. Contestants have a practical on-farm assessment as well as an interview. The regional winners go on to represent Central Plateau at the New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards.

There have been significant changes to the entry criteria in the 2016 awards programme to enable more people to enter the awards and to ensure the competitions are more even. Those considering entering one of the competitions can learn more about the changes and which competition they are eligible to enter on the website.

3. Who can enter?

We are encouraging everyone from farm workers to sharemilkers to enter.

There are three categories that contestants can enter –

Sharemilker/Equity Farmer of the Year, Dairy Manager of the Year and Dairy Trainee of the Year.

- (a) Sharemilker/Equity Farmer of the Year is open to self-employed farmers with responsibility for all aspects of the farming business including herd owning and variable order sharemilkers, contract milkers, equity partners or managers, and lessees.
- (b) The Dairy Manager of the Year and is open to all salaried farm workers with some management responsibilities such as farm managers, assistant farm managers, heard or production managers or second in charge.
- (c) The Dairy Trainee of the Year is open to contestants between 18 and 25 years with less than 3 years' on-farm experience.

4. What are the benefits of entering the Awards?

There will be a huge prize pool of cash and product donated by our sponsors. Last year at the regional Awards dinner we gave away thousands of dollars' worth of prizes to our overall winners and merit award winners. With the overall winners receiving up to \$15,000 in prizes.

We are also giving away prizes simply for entering early. There is a total prize pool of \$8,000 in travel vouchers and \$4,000 with three prize draws. Contestants must enter before 20 November 2015 for a chance to win early bird prizes.

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NZ Dairy Industry Awards contd.....

Apart from prizes, contestants come away with new found self-confidence in their farming abilities and motivation for personal and business growth. The judges and team leaders provide invaluable feedback to contestants on improving their businesses.

Contestants essentially gain a free business appraisal and by having independent parties go through your business with a fine tooth comb and find out where savings can be made. Previous contestants have said that feedback from the judges is hugely beneficial and can be a game changer for the future direction of their business.

The competition also provides contestants with a unique opportunity to network, make friends and meet other farmers and business contacts. There are plenty of opportunities to network with other entrants, industry professionals, leading farmers and organisers. It is a great way to and increase their farming profile and boost their career.

For many contestants, entering the competition is a huge career boost. The Awards provide farmers with credibility and opens up job opportunities. The regional Awards dinners are also attended by the wider farming community and many farm owners will attend the Awards dinner hoping to find potential employees and business partners.

Farmer picks up an American Indian hitch hiking. The Indian is a man of few words but eventually looks at the brown paper bag in between them and asks, "Mmm, What in bag?" The farmer says, "It's a bottle of wine that I got for my wife". Indian thinks for a second and say, "Mmm, good trade".

Well yesterday, she said, "Honey, get off your butt and fix that gutter downspout! As you all know, most men my age are retired and we do have the time to address such "Honey do's"...

So, I invited some of my retired buddies over to help with the project. One is a sheet metal fabricator. One brought his welder. One brought beer and Nachos. One brought a grill and burgers.

Took us about 6 hours and 40 beers, but we got it done just as we finished off the last of the burgers.

As usual, She Who Must Be Obeyed is still not happy! I can't understand, cause all us guys love it!

Personally, I cannot wait for it to rain



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November. This is an annual event and has been held for many years. We have seen a number of excellent athletes at this event and I am sure we will see some more up and coming athletes again this year. The programme for Year 4, 5, 6 and some year 3 children will start at 9.15am on the top field. The remainder of the children will take part in modified athletic activities on the turf and grass area in front of Room 14 and 15. You are more than welcome to come along and support the children on the day, be sure to bring some shade with you if it is a hot sunny day. The children will need to bring a hat, sunblock and drink bottle. A team will be selected, from this event, to represent the school at the Central Athletics on Tuesday 24th November.

Our beautiful cherry trees were again a picture this year. When they pop out in blossom they create a very impressive entrance to the school. They are now in full leaf and are providing much shade and shelter on sunny days. These trees were planted over ten years ago and certainly enhance the environment for the children. We have planted two new trees beside the outdoor stage which have just come out in blossom. These will provide much needed shade to the play area in the junior school beside the turf.

Our property work is still in progress with the last of the hand rails to be installed. The new deck areas, with ramps, have been completed and are making the rooms much more accessible. The new asphalt has been laid which has removed the uneven surface which was a safety issue for children and staff. Once the last of the hand rails are complete we will be looking to the future needs of the school. The Board of Trustees have met to start planning our property developments. If you are in the school regularly and see things we should consider please let us know.

Our garden group is busy with planting and expanding our garden area. We have two worm farms working and if you require worm juice for your garden come in and see us. The children have now set up a number of tyre gardens to complement the boxed gardens that are in full planting now. A number of children work at this during their lunch hours and are learning some valuable life skills. Thank you to Whaea Shiona and Whaea Lesley who provide the on-going motivation for this area of the school.

All the best for the remainder of November and big congratulations to our All Blacks who recently won the rugby world cup. Great to see these players demonstrate such pride in being a New Zealander.

Term Four: Monday 12th October to 12.30pm Friday 18th December – 10 weeks

2016 term dates

Term One: Tuesday 2nd February to Friday 15th April

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

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

Term Four: Monday 10th October to Friday 16th December

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Cathryn Naera and staff of Ngongotaha School

Ngongotaha School

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Term four is racing by with the end of the year in sight. Our term started with our usual WOW day. This term we hosted “Rhythm Interactive” who provided a drumming group experience. All the children had the opportunity to take part and to learn a number of beats and rhythms on the hand drums, they each had their own drum to work with. The children really enjoyed the experience and had great rhythm. The term focus is on the children creating musical instruments and looking at how music is used to create income. We have seen a creative musical year across the school with the production a real highlight.

On Friday 6th November the school Jump Jam team will fly to Christchurch to take part in the National competition. We look forward to seeing the creativity of the schools that are competing and seeing our students shine on stage. We have a proud history with Jump Jam, our team attended the Nationals in Auckland in 2013 and again in Tauranga in 2014. I commend our staff who have taken Jump Jam to these levels over the years, your continued commitment to the children of Ngongotaha School is appreciated.

The annual Ahurei week will be held from Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November, this being the 40th year (previously known as the Rotorua Primary Schools Maori Festival). Our children will perform on Thursday 19th November. Te Kura o Ruamata will be first, with Ngongotaha second followed by Rotorua Primary School. We look forward to an entertaining first half programme. Good luck to all the children who are going on stage and a big thank you to staff who have been tutoring the group in preparation for this. There are many local community members who will remember being on stage and who are now in local competitive groups.

We will be holding our school athletics day on Wednesday 11th



A piece of Paradise

I really enjoy living in Ngongotaha/Awahou. As an international leadership speaker I have visited some very cool places but I can honestly say there is no place like home. The other day I was thinking about why this is such an awesome place to live, work and play and there are lots of reasons, however here are some of mine.

I feel like I know people and the people in Ngongotaha businesses and organisations are really nice people. From the friendly team at the petrol station to the other friendly team at the Fish and Chip shop, let alone Charles and the people at the bookshop, Saliesh and his staff at the Four Square, Janina Khan and her team at the Kalah bar, Mr Brake (that's what I call him) and the guys at the Landscape supplies, the friendly vets at the Ngongotaha Vet club, the Principal at the Ngongotaha Primary. Then there is the team at the Preschool opposite the school and more recently Brett and Jess at Kulture Shock, the shop and awesome hair salon behind the skateboard park. All very nice people and there are other very nice people in Ngongotaha too such as the editor of this newsletter. Yep that's you Ann. Not to mention people such as my neighbours, my golfing buddies at Hamurana and all the cousins and uncles and aunties at Awahou. People make a place and Ngongotaha/Awahou is a cool place because there are lots of cool people here. He aha te mea nui? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.

Then there are the resources. Rivers that I can swim and fish in, the lake that I can paddle or row on, the most delicious water straight from the springs and even the tap water is the best, safe enough roads that I can bike or run (in my case walk) on, lots of birds to listen to, even the dogs I meet that walk down the road with their owners seem to be extra friendly – well compared to some of the dogs I encountered when I used to walk in town anyway. Yep, even the dogs seem more chilled out! Speaking of chilled out our neighbors Alpacas take the cake. They are often so relaxed that it looks like they are having a game of statue. Fundamentally I believe that if a dome dropped out of the sky and fell over the top of Ngongotaha and Awahou (and Hamurana cause we need a golf course and another fresh water spring/stream as well as all the friendly people in Hamurana) then we would be okay. We would survive and I reckon we would actually flourish. That's why I enjoy living here and am happy to call Ngongotaha/Awahou/Hamurana and yep Kaharoa as well – home.

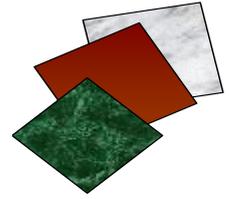
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KAHAROA SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their sons and daughters at Kaharoa School for Term 1 2016.

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

Next year there will be 4 enrolment periods. The first enrolment period runs from 2 February 2016 to 15 April 2016.

The Board has determined places are likely to be available for out of zone students next year in the first 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 first enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 4 December 2015.

Written applications to The Board of Trustees for out of zone places should be made on the schools out of zone enrolment form.

These forms can be obtained from office@kaharoa.school.nz or in the handbook section of our website www.kaharoa.school.nz and returned to the school office

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

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 7 December 2015.

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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Kia ora from Hamurana Playcentre!

Hamurana Playcentre is all go as we prepare for our 9th annual Spring Fair & Grand Auction to be held on Sunday 22 November 2015 at the Hamurana Reserve (on Hamurana Road, opposite the Hamurana Golf Course) from 10am until 2pm. Our world famous (in Hamurana!) Grand Auction will commence at 12pm.

This year is going to be a great one! As fundraising for our Centre we will have our ever popular children's games, golf challenge, mystery bags, yummy cake stall along with our scrumptious sausage AND meat pattie sizzle. We will also be having our first ever jumble sale of good quality children's clothing and toys. EFTPOS will be available!

Market stalls include art, craft, food, adult and children's clothing and accessories, toys, stationery, jewellery, quilting, handbags, bric-a-brac, plants, bunnies, "Sparky" the ride-on fire engine and more! The Ngongotaha Volunteer Fire Brigade also will be there and for the first time there will be pony rides for the children. Don't miss it!

Please see our full page ad in this issue – we have some great auction and quick fire raffle items and prizes on offer. You can also check out our Facebook pages; see "Hamurana Playcentre" and "2015 Hamurana Playcentre Spring Fair and Grand Auction".

You will find Hamurana Playcentre at 38 Tauranga Direct Road. All enquiries welcome - phone 332 2110 during session times (Monday & Thursday 9.15am - 11.45am during the school term) or contact our President, Joanne on 027 550 3225. Everyone welcome! We look forward to showing you around our amazing Centre.

Apparently it's no longer politically-correct to direct a joke at any racial or ethnic minority, so: An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Ghurkha, a Latvian, a Turk, an Aussie, two Kiwis, a German, an American, a South African, a Cypriot, an Egyptian, a Japanese, a Mexican, a Spaniard, a Russian, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Swede, a Finn, an Israeli, a Dane, a Romanian, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Swiss, a Greek, a Singaporean, an Italian, a Norwegian, a Libyan, a Muslim, a Hindu, a Buddhist and an Ethiopian went to a night club. The bouncer said, "Sorry, I can't let you in without a Thai.

This is too true to be funny.

The next time you hear a politician use the word 'billion' in a casual manner, think about whether you want the 'politicians' spending YOUR tax money. A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective in one of its releases.

A billion seconds ago it was 1959.

A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive. (if that is your want)

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ago and our nation was one of the most prosperous in the world. We had absolutely

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class in the world. Mum stayed home to

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FROM MAMAKU

The Mamaku Cemetery - what a great place! Grass, graves, greenery (trees). Twenty years ago the locals planted a backdrop of eucalyptus trees, to lift the temperature from below zero when the south-westerly's were blowing to somewhere above zero. And succeed they did. Today the strongest south-westerly buster is reduced to the merest zephyr. Thus family and friends attending funerals may focus on the service instead of pondering how to stay alive in the wind and cold.

The dearth of native podocarp and broadleaf on the greater part of the Plateau has resulted in exotic trees filling the gap. Thus the backdrop of eucalyptus is welcomed - it has survived storm and cold and heat. It is like a giant fence that allows the wind to trickle through while preventing any disruption to human activity.

While the RLC maintain a basic service to the cemetery, the caring hands of Lynne and Dave Fleet provide, very much, the finishing touches.

Lynne and Dave along with a number of committed locals, one or two of whom (Wendy Roe) provide a plate of scones or some other repast for the workers'.

Thus making the occasion of a working-bee worthwhile. There's darn good people up in Mamaku, even when struggling with their own issues they don't forget others.

Now Guy Fawkes is a serious Mamaku cause for celebration! The fireworks start the first day they're for sale in the shops and continues unabated for the next month.

It's always good to know your neighbours are happy and none are happier than when filling the sky with explosive material. If we were in the city someone would probably complain but no-one complains in Mamaku, rather we'd all like to join in the celebration. Gradually as November merges into December the fireworks fade out. Occasionally someone keeps a few bangers for New Year's Eve but then its wait until November. The kill joys who want fireworks banned should be ashamed of themselves, killing people's fun is the work of Islamic extremists.

It would be churlish not to mention the All Blacks success in the Rugby World Cup. What a group of men! What a group of rugby players! And yet next to Nonu's, Barrat's and Milner-Skudder's tries Sonny Bill's gesture in rescuing a youth from some brain-dead security officer's grasp and presenting him with his own World Championship medal speaks volumes for the sort of people we have representing us abroad and at home. Let us not forget the Australian rugby players who strove so mightily for their country - real men, generous men. What a pity their politicians fail to show an iota of humanity towards our own people who choose to live on Australian shores and on the slightest pretext are herded back to NZ, often after enduring months of pitiless incarceration in the inhumane facilities of Christmas Island. Make no mistake some of these people have erred but the so-called errant card Australian authorities are playing is a mere front for their fascist sympathies.

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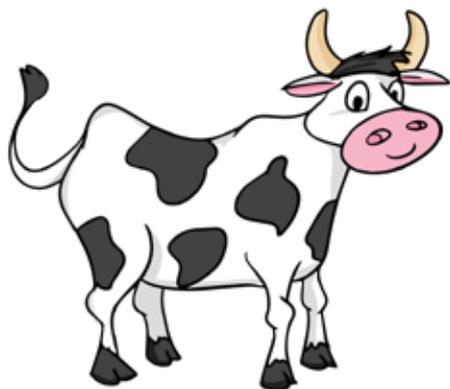
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KAITAO INTERMEDIATE

We are looking forward to Friday 13th November with excitement and anticipation. On that day a group of 20+ students will be travelling to Tauranga to the Awards Ceremony for the Media and Digital Excellence Awards.

We are excited because we have 16 finalists in 5 categories;

Music Video - three of five finalists

Digital Image - three of five finalists

Commercial - two of five finalists

Graphic Design – four of four finalists

Photo Essay – four of five finalists

We have at least one winner.

As we head into the last few weeks of 2015 we come to the time when we have our Award Ceremonies and our Prize giving.

The Kaitao Kid Awards will be held on Tuesday 1st December and will be a chance to recognise the year 8 students who have gained points for being involved in as many activities as they can ranging from sports, to culture, to academic to citizenship.

The top 30 students who have gained the most points receive a Kaitao Kid Medal.

The Mrs Hali Osborne Scholarship of \$250 is given to the students who will be going on to WHHS and best demonstrate our motto and vision:- Kua Puawai i roto i te Whanaungatanga

Last week we had the official opening of the Gordon Apperley Memorial Community Garden. This garden was dedicated to an ex teacher at Kaitao Mr Gordon Apperley who started the garden before he passed in 2013.

Mr Jim Schuster blessed the garden before an apple tree was planted by the Apperley family and Harakeke from the Renee Orchiston Collection gifted to the school from Scion was planted.

Positive Behaviour for Learning continues to grow from strength to strength with the concepts and reward system now well engrained into the school culture.

Students are given Puawai vouchers for demonstrating any of our four values; Respect - Compassion - Responsibility - Honesty. These are exchanged for colour coded smiley faces which are placed on each students individual Kowhai Blossom on the class tree. When you have 20 Puawai's we send a bronze certificate and letter home to the parent and the students name is put on the wall in the foyer. The same procedure is done at 40 (silver), 60 (gold) and 80 (platinum). When a student has 20 of the same type e.g. honesty they receive a honesty badge.

At present we have 72 students with 20, 14 with 40 and 3 with 60 which shows that our focus on teaching values is working.

Leadership and students voice plays a big part in our school. At present I am interviewing the year 7 students who their teachers have nominated as possible leaders in year 8. We have over 50 nominations which we need to reduce to 10 boys and 10 girls. The 20 lucky ones who will be selected on merit will spend a week long Leadership Camp at the Sir Edmund Hilary Outdoor Pursuits Centre at Tongariro.

Two fun events that we have had recently are our Rugby World Cup and our Super Hero Day. All classes had two teams to support and dressed up in National Costume as well as created flags and bunting for their chosen

countries. Super Hero Day was to raise fund for Wish Upon a Star Foundation and we managed to raise \$600 which will go towards helping one of our students get to Disneyland.

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That's right; these are awards for the most outlandish lawsuits and verdicts in the U.S. You know, the kinds of cases that make you scratch your head. So keep your head scratcher handy.

Here are the Stella's for 2015 !!!!

Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas was awarded \$80,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The store owners were understandably surprised by the verdict, considering the running toddler was her own.

Carl Truman, 19, of Los Angeles, California won \$74,000 plus medical expenses when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbor's hubcaps.

Terrence Dickson, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, who was leaving a house he had just burglarized by way of the garage. Unfortunately for Dickson, the automatic garage door opener malfunctioned and he could not get the garage door to open. Worse, he couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the garage to the house locked when Dickson pulled it shut. Forced to sit for eight, count 'em, EIGHT days and survive on a case of Pepsi and a large bag of dry dog food, he sued the homeowner's insurance company claiming undue mental Anguish. Amazingly, the jury said the insurance company must pay Dickson \$500,000 for his anguish. We should all have this kind of anguish.

Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania because a jury ordered a Philadelphia restaurant to pay her \$113,500 after she slipped on a spilled soft drink and broke her tailbone. The reason the soft drink was on the floor: Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.

Kara Walton, of Claymont, Delaware sued the owner of a night club in a nearby city because she fell from the bathroom window to the floor, knocking out her two front teeth. Even though Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the ladies room window to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge, the jury said the night club had to pay her \$12,000...oh, yeah, plus dental expenses. Go figure.

This year's runaway First Place Stella Award winner was: Mrs. Merv Grazinski, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who purchased a new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, from an OU football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed and over turned. Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set.

The Oklahoma jury awarded her, \$1,750,000 PLUS a new motor home. ** Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any relatives who might also buy a motor home.

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Ngongotaha Early Learning

A big hello to you. What a fabulous, and busy, month we have had and what a very busy month ahead that is quickly approaching! The sun has been shining and the cherry blossoms have bloomed to the delight of children and teachers!

Our vegie gardens are bountiful so we are able to share seedlings with our whanau. A big thank you to whanau for supporting our Loud Shirt Day to support deaf children. We raised a whopping \$79.10! Many children who are hearing impaired are able to have operations/equipment that will allow them hear – so the money we raised will help them. We also enjoyed a very successful grandparents day. Our children invited their grandparents to spend some time at the centre with us, to see how we spend our time here, and to play with us! The children loved showing grandparents around – especially our wilderness area and our vegetable gardens! We were even treated to some books read to us by our grandparents! We enjoyed cooking a sausage sizzle for our shared lunch. A big happy thank you to our grandparents who shared their time with us. We participated in the New Zealand Shake Out day – we practiced what to do in the event of an earthquake.

To support the All Blacks we had a 'backing black' day, it was wonderful to see so many young supporters who love to do the haka and can name some of the All Blacks. Well done to the All Blacks! Upcoming events: Duffy Book Day, children will be presented with two books to take home and share with their family. Our teachers are participating in Rotorua running events. Olivia is

participating in the Ultra Tarawera Marathon on 14 November – Good luck Liv! The following weekend Olivia, Jenna, Karol and Jess are participating in the Podium Event. Best of luck, girls and on the 28 November 14 parents and teachers are walking a night half marathon in Auckland –Walking Stars - to raise money for cancer research and family support. If you would like to make a donation please go to www.walkingstars.org.nz or you are welcome to drop your donation into our centre office. It will be very much appreciated! Good luck to everyone participating! We hope you all enjoyed a safe but fun filled Guy Fawkes night! We look forward to sharing more news with you next month. Wishing you a fabulous November from all of us at Ngongotaha Early Learning.

CANDY CANE LOLLIPOPS

12 peppermint candy canes
200g white chocolate, chopped edible sprinkles

You will need

6 ovenproof lolly sticks
cellophane bags and ribbons (if giving as a gift)

Method

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4 and line 2 baking sheets with baking parchment. Arrange the candy canes in pairs on the trays, to make heart shapes. Put a lollystick between each one, where they meet at the bottom. Put the trays in the oven and cook for 5 mins.

The candy canes should now be soft enough for you to carefully pinch together where they join at the top and the bottom, around the stick. Be careful as the canes will be extremely hot, but work quickly or they will set and you won't be able to pinch them together.

Melt the chocolate in a pan over a bowl of barely simmering water, or in the microwave. Spoon the melted chocolate into the middle of the heart lollies, pushing it out to fill the spaces. Scatter over your choice of sprinkles, then leave to cool completely.

When set, peel off the baking parchment, wrap in cellophane bags and tie with a ribbon to give as a gift.



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Clothes off of the line before dinner time, neatly folded in the clothes basket, and ready to be ironed.
IRONED??!! Well, that's a whole OTHER subject!
And now a POEM...
A clothesline was a news forecast,
To neighbors passing by,
There were no secrets you could keep,
When clothes were hung to dry.
It also was a friendly link,
For neighbors always knew
If company had stopped on by,
To spend a night or two.
For then you'd see the "fancy sheets",
And towels upon the line;
You'd see the "company table cloths",
With intricate designs.
The line announced a baby's birth,
From folks who lived inside,
As brand new infant clothes were hung,
So carefully with pride!
The ages of the children could,
So readily be known
By watching how the sizes changed,
You'd know how much they'd grown!
It also told when illness struck,
As extra sheets were hung;
Then nightclothes, and a bathrobe too,
Haphazardly were strung.
It also said, "On vacation now",
When lines hung limp and bare.
It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged,
With not an inch to spare!

New folks in town were scorned
upon, If wash was dingy and grey,
As neighbors carefully raised their brows,
And looked the other way.
But clotheslines now are of the past,
For dryers make work much less.
Now what goes on inside a home,
Is anybody's guess!
I really miss that way of life,
It was a friendly sign
When neighbors knew each other best...
By what hung on the line.

Remembering Mum's Clothesline

We had a long wooden pole (clothes pole (we called them props) that was used to push the clotheslines up so that longer items (sheets/pants/etc.) didn't brush the ground and get dirty.

THE BASIC RULES FOR CLOTHESLINES:

You had to hang the socks by the toes... NOT the top.
You hung pants by the BOTTOM/cuffs... NOT the waistbands.
You had to WASH the clothesline(s) before hanging any clothes
walk the entire length of each line with a damp cloth around the lines.

You had to hang the clothes in a certain order, and always hang "whites" with "whites," and hang them first.

You NEVER hung a shirt by the shoulders - always by the tail!
What would the neighbours think?

Wash day on a Monday! NEVER hang clothes on the weekend,
or on Sunday, for Heaven's sake!

Hang the sheets and towels on the OUTSIDE lines so you could
hide your "unmentionables" in the middle

It didn't matter if it was sub-zero weather.. clothes would
"freeze-dry."

ALWAYS gather the clothes pegs when taking down dry clothes!
Pegs left on the lines were "tacky"!

If you were efficient, you would line the clothes up so that each
item did not need two clothes pegs, but shared one of the clothes
pegs with the next washed item.

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In MY VIEW!!!

RWC what a wonderful experience watching the drama, the yellow cards, the brutality, the tackles, the skill, the sidesteps and the acts of kindness. Remember before the tournament how people were saying on social media that Ritchie was past it and too old, that Dan Carter was out of form and he was, and that he was too old over the hill etc, that SBW was a show pony, Kieran Reid couldn't win an argument let alone the tussles required etc etc etc. Well these claims came to pass in or were a load of BS. We as a nation, all witnessed a wonderful display of a team working as a team, with real leadership, with vision and a group of master planners led by Hansen, who had all bases covered, who had learned from the last world cup and the Tana Umaga injury consequences of a previous world cup. Didn't they perform, I mean, all of them, not one passenger and acknowledging even the bench players like Barrett, De Vito and SBW all added the pace and flair required to count out the Australian Team in the last 30 minutes. But while Ritchie, Dan, Nonu and all the others were applauding the NZ supporters and enjoying the rapturous applause of the crowd, a Young man overcome with the moment, jumped the fence wanted to embrace his idol SBW. He was tackled by a Security Guard, doing his job and SBW out of the kindness of his heart gives the lad his World Cup winning gold medal. Now why can't people see it for the gesture it was, oh no some idiot in England is saying that SBW was seeking publicity on the world stage. Well he doesn't need it he is a supreme athlete, boxing and NRL champion and now with two rugby world cup gold medals in his cabinet. He will achieve as he is a goal setter knows what he wants and yes a bit immature in his early NRL days but he is now a man of huge humility empathy and a passion to do the right thing. Let's hope he continues his gold haul with a RIO 2016 Olympic sevens medal to add to his haul and he is fit enough and determined enough to front the 2017 British and Irish Lions tour of NZ.

Yellow Signs- free Speech

Congrats to Alex Wilson taking down the yellow signs which the pro-dems had no permission to put up on land he is a trustee for on Ngongotaha Road..... that's his right. Council has not wasted \$5000 to shut down the yellow sign some more BS. What it did was a review of our Signs policy and to seek the legal ramifications of Signs on private land which are not site related and do not have a permit according to the District plan. Imagine the open slather if signs went up willy nilly. You will note a sign has gone up on the left hand side of Ngongotaha road (heading to Rotorua). It's for a jet boats adventure sign. These people had to apply for a resource consent and it was pinned to the fence for three weeks and it was advertised in Daily Post. The right to object was offered but not taken up.

People have a democratic right to express their views and I will reserve their right to do so. But when the people mis-inform people and the facts are twisted to suit themselves and their agenda it's the same right to say NO you are wrong and if they persist then it resorts to propaganda.

Council has supported the Tulip festival as it cost Rotorua Ratepayers nothing not a cent, as we plant tulip bulbs and have for years.

We have joined a trial for online voting the same security for online banking. People need to embrace the way of the future as your grandchildren and children are and some of us not too young are as well. But having to repeat things, having to get auditors back in to convince people councils debt is under control spending is under control and we aren't borrowing beyond our means are the facts. contd overpage.....

FACT yes facts and you get blue in your face repeating things. The costs are huge by this ongoing enquiry about what is FACT. The conspiracy theorists will never listen to reason and only want to hear what they want to hear. Never mind build a bridge move on to the positive aspects of Rotorua. Oh well Life goes on.
 Cr Charles Sturt



Sorry I couldn't help it - Editor

Mick and Paddy were fishing on the Irish shoreline when Mick pulled out a cigar. Finding he had no matches, he asked Paddy for a light. 'Ya, sure, I tink I haff a lighter,' Paddy replied and then reaching into his tackle box, he pulled out a Bic lighter 10 inches long. 'My God, man!' exclaimed Mick, taking the huge Bic lighter in his hands. 'Where'd yew git dat monster?' 'Well,' replied Paddy, 'I got it from my Genie.' 'You haff a Genie?' Mick asked. 'Ya, sure. It's right here in my tackle box,' says Paddy. 'Could I see him?' Paddy opens his tackle box and sure enough, out pops the Genie. Addressing the Genie, Mick says, 'Hey dere! I'm a good pal of your master. Will you grant me one wish?' 'Yes, I will,' says the Genie. So Mick asks the Genie for a million bucks. The Genie disappears back into the tackle box leaving Mick sitting there waiting for his million bucks. Shortly, the Irish sky darkens and is filled with the sound of a million ducks flying directly overhead. Over the roar of the one million ducks Mick yells at Paddy, 'What the hell? I asked for a million bucks, not a million ducks!' Paddy answers, 'Ya, I forgot to tell yew dat da Genie is hard of hearing.'



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Sportstalk

All Blacks

What an amazing feat to deck the Australian Wallabies in that fashion. I knew South Africa our traditional foes would prove the toughest and so it was. Very Disappointed that Ireland couldn't beat Argentina who did finish fourth overall. The big surprise for me was that none of the six nations northern hemisphere teams playing on their home patch featured at all. Imagine being an England supporter.

I'm sick of the Herald's bias in giving their All Blacks high marks so here is my assesment out of 10 and two words to describe their world cup efforts.

- Ben Smith - 9 - Mr Dependable
- Milner-Skudder - 9 - The Future (Wally Milner's nephew)
- Conrad Smith - 8 - Back linkman
- Nonu -10 - Extraordinary
- Carter - 10 - All Rounder
- Aaron Smith - 9 - The Glue
- Reid - 8 - Team man

- McCaw - 10 - the Legend
- Kaino - 9 - Superb Defence
- Retallick - 10 - Top class
- Faumuina - 8 - Rugged
- Coles - 9 - Workhorse
- Woodcock -10 -Tough
- SBW - 9 - Athletic Flair
- Barrett - 9 - Pure Pace
- Kerr-Barlow - 7 - Improving
- Vito - 7 - Very Effective
- Messam - 6 - not needed
- Mealamu - 8 - Very Experienced
- Cane - 6 - under used
- Fekitoa - 8 - Potential Plus
- Owen Franks - 8 - Rough Ready
- Whitelock - 9 - Physical-Rugged
- Savea - 9 - Lomu Like
- Naholo - 7 - much promise
- Slade - 5 - When Required
- Perenara - 6 - No 3 now
- Ben Franks - 6 - workman
- Joe Moody - 8 - Rising star
- Crockett - 5 - injured
- Codie Taylor - 5 - Heir apparent.

For me winning back to back is a highlight and all the crap the Australia media dished out prior to the game made me sick. It's a team game played by 30 guys and the referee. Lets never overlook that. Congrats to all concerned. Chiefs look like they are sticking to the local talent that comes from the feeder unions, great. Dave Rennie the Chiefs Coach seems to be the next All Black coach in waiting. Don't forget Rotorua has the NZ Maoris v the British Lions here in 2017 and the lions also play the Chiefs in Hamilton.

Netball

Changing of the guard and about time at the coaching level. Wai was not up to the demands

required and great to see Kopua leading our NZ silver ferns to level the Constellation Cup 2 all with Australia. That was with their top players on the court. Langman and Rasmussen commanded the mid court and Mees has come of age in the circle. Really encouraged with their future prospects.

Rugby League

Well the NZ Kiwis will have to bring their A game if they are going to match or defeat England in their Northern tour. Glimpses of the class required in the first 20 minutes was visible then they flagged it as the fitness was not evident for me. Can't wait for the re vitalised Warriors season to start.

Racing

Locally trained Endean Road and Dontbreakmyheart look like really good types who with a bit of maturity are now returning the faith shown in them. Sure to both win soon. Locally born Vincent Colgan is within one win of 1000 winners ridden in NZ and he seems to be on fire with two wins coming at the latest meetings he has ridden at. contd overpage.....

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We are very pleased to welcome back our Lead Nurse, Denise Gray who has been away on extended leave travelling throughout the United States of America. We are sure Denise returns fully refreshed and we are grateful for the extra effort put in by Kris Penman and the rest of the Nursing Team in covering Denise's absence. We are also pleased to welcome back Olivia Angus to the nursing staff, initially on a part time basis to provide additional support to the team.

Over the summer months Rebecca Firth will be working at the Practice in an administrative support role that will enable us to put further focus on several improvement projects including the new "Manage My Health" Patient Portal and the renewal of our Cornerstone Quality Management Accreditation. Kate Wauchop, our Trainee Intern and our Registrar, Doctor Rosemary Bond complete their respective assignments in late November and early December and we thank them both for their contributions and wish them well for their future careers in General Practice.

Of Interest

The month of November is "MOVEMBER" which is a lot of fun designed to highlight wider awareness of Men's Health Issues. Also on 25 November we have "WHITE RIBBON DAY" in support of the elimination of violence against women.

Christmas/New Year Surgery Hours

The surgery will be closed on 25 & 28 December 2015 and on 1 & 4 January 2016. During the week between Christmas and New Year we will be running all day "Drop in Clinics" and we would also ask that you please plan for the festive season by organising your prescription requirements in advance.

Sportstalk contd.....

Most improved jockey must be "Dylan Mo" and Rotorua based Jockey Cameron Lammas is winning races in the central and northern district. He is now getting opportunities and his career seems to be peaking. Camerons brother Buddy has retired recently from riding and is now a trainer. I see Camerons been riding for him as well. Cameron suffered a potential career ending injury last year and is back on the path to winning heaps. Good luck Cameron. I see Lyndsey Satherley born in Reporoa is also getting race fit and it wont be long before the winners keep rolling in also. Lyndsays mounts usually pop up at good prices.

BOP Sportsperson of the Year 2015 must go to Rotoruas olympic Rower Julia Edward for her golkd medal winning effort at the world and World Cup champs in the pairs.

A bookseller conducting a market survey asked a woman - "Which book has helped you most in your life?" The woman replied - "My husband's cheque book!!"

A prospective husband 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 !

Husband to wife - Today is a fine day. Next day he says : Today is a fine day. Again next day, he says same thing - Today is a fine day. Finally after week, the wife said she can't take it anymore and asks her husband - since last week, you have been saying "Today is a fine day'. I am fed up. What's the matter? Husband : Last week when we had an argument, you said, "I will leave you one fine day." I was just trying to remind you.."

The brand new blonde waitress, not wanting to appear stupid, went to the kitchen and said to the cook, 'That bloke out there just ordered three flat tyres, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards.....What does he think this place is an auto parts store?' 'No," the cook said. 'Three flat tyres mean three pancakes; a pair of headlights is two eggs sunny side up; and a pair of running boards... are 2 slices of crisp bacon!' 'Oh... OK!' said the blonde. She thought about it for a moment and then spooned up a bowl of baked beans and gave it to the customer. The truckie asked, 'What are the beans for, Blondie?' I LOVE THIS ONE..... She replied, 'I thought while you were waiting for the flat tyres, headlights and running boards, you might as well fill up on gas!

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