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3 Wise Men - NOT!

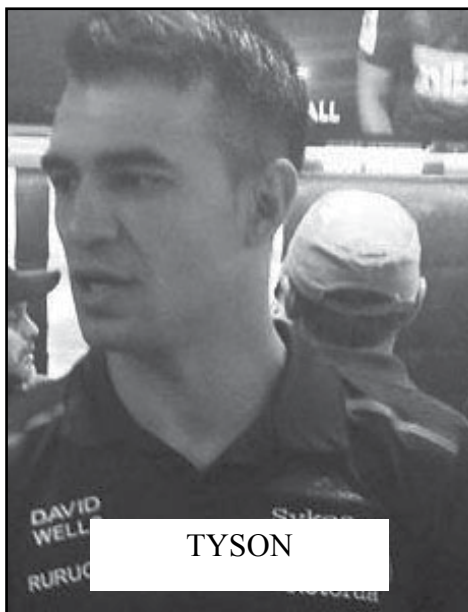
Bob Martin, Tamahou Palmer and
Walter Rika



Big Rob Moore and Little Rob or
Old Rob and Young Rob?????



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Charles



Well done Tyson you did us proud.
These photos were taken at a fund-
raising evening to get Tyson Sykes,
Grandson of the late Maha Morrison,
and Zenib Morrison to the The 2016
Asia & Oceania Boxing Olympic
Qualification Tournament in
Qian'an, China.

Unfortunately Tyson was eliminated
in his second bout.

Great to see so many of the local
families in support. Sorry about the
quality of the photos but the lighting
was not the best, and nor was the
Photographer (me).



Hika, Gianne and Mum Judy Sykes



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I had a politician ask for an aisle seat so that her hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window. I ask you on an airplane.

I got a call from a Queensland politician, who wanted to go to Cape Town. I started to explain the length Of the flight and the passport information, and then he interrupted me with, "I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but Cape Town is in Queensland". Without trying to make him look stupid, I calmly explained, "Cooktown is in Qld, Capetown is in Africa." His response, nothing.

A former Prime Minister, furious about a Florida package we did. I asked what was wrong with the vacation in Orlando. He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried to explain that's not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state. He replied, 'don't lie to me, I looked on the map and Florida is a very thin state"

I got a call from a politician's wife who asked, "Is it possible to see England from Canada?" I said, "No." She said, "But they look so close on the map".

Aide for a cabinet member once called and asked if she could rent a car in Sydney. I pulled up the reservation and noticed she had only a 1-hour layover in Sydney. When I asked her why she wanted to rent a car, she said, "I heard Sydney was a big airport, and we will need a car to drive between gates to save time."

Independent called last week. He needed to know how it was possible that his flight from Sydney left at 8:30 a.m., and got to Perth at 8:33 a.m. I explained that Sydney was three hours ahead of Perth, but he couldn't understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told him the plane went really fast, and he bought that.

Former Federal Treasurer called and asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag So they know whose luggage belongs to whom?" I said, 'No, why do you ask?' He replied, "Well, when I checked in with the airline, they put a tag on my luggage that said (FAT), and I think that's very rude" After putting him on hold for a minute, while I looked into it. I was dying laughing. I came back and explained the city code for Fraser Island is (FAT - Fraser Air Terminal), and the airline was just putting a destination tag on his luggage.

A Senator a former Speaker of the House and a serial travel extravagant (at taxpayers' expense) called to enquire about a trip package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost info, she asked, "Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii?"

I just got off the phone with a Labour politician, who asked, "How do I know which plane to get on?" I asked him what exactly he meant, to which he replied, "I was told my flight number is 823, But none of these planes have that number on them.."



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10.00am. Walking Group – meet outside St. Barnabas for a 1 – 1½ hr gentle walk.

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

NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

Our season is getting off to a good start. We have a few new members and they seem to be enjoying everything.

We would like to wish Cheryl and Bruce Wiggins the best as they have moved into town, but they are still going to play for our club.

Our opening night was enjoyed by all, which was followed by a fun night - the President's Pairs. This was won by Mike Bryand who was first in the Skips with 40 points and Amy Nichols was first with the Leads with 28 points.

On a more serious note, the Graded Triples was won by Marguerite Gerand, Bruce Wiggins and Jean Drabble, 2nd Kevin Whyte, Robin Campbell and Amy Nichols.

This was followed by the Buttons, which was won by Robin Campbell and Delwyn Hughes, with Marguerite and Helen White 2nd.

There was no bowls on Easter Monday, so we would like to wish you all a happy Easter and see you all back the following

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When Mahatma Gandhi was studying law at the University College of London, a professor, whose last name was Peters, disliked him intensely and always displayed animosity towards him. Also, because Gandhi never lowered his head when addressing him as he expected, there were always "arguments" and confrontations.

One day, Mr. Peters was having lunch at the dining room of the University, and Gandhi came along with his tray and sat next to the professor.

The professor said, "Mr Gandhi, you do not understand. A pig and a bird do not sit together to eat."

Gandhi looked at him as a parent would a rude child and calmly replied, "You do not worry

professor. I'll fly away," and he went and sat at another table.

Mr. Peters, reddened with rage, decided to take revenge on the next test paper, but Gandhi responded brilliantly to all questions.

Mr. Peters, unhappy and frustrated, asked him the following question:

"Mr Gandhi, if you were walking down the street and found a package, and within was a bag of wisdom and another bag with a lot of money, which one would you take?"

Without hesitating, Gandhi responded,

"The one with the money, of course."

Mr. Peters, smiling sarcastically said,

"I, in your place, would have taken the wisdom."

Gandhi shrugged indifferently and

responded, "Each one takes what he doesn't have."

Mr. Peters, by this time was fit to be tied.

So great was his anger that he wrote on Gandhi's exam sheet the word "idiot" and gave it to Gandhi.

Gandhi took the exam sheet and sat down at his desk, trying very hard to remain calm while he contemplated his next move.

A few minutes later, Gandhi got up, went to the professor and said to him in a dignified but sarcastically polite tone,

"Mr. Peters, you autographed the sheet, but you did not give me the grade."

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it...

Venison for dinner. Oh Deer

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

England has no Kidney Bank, but it does have a Liverpool

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They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O. Jokes about German sausages are the wurst. I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me. This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

Chantel here, a little update on my Journey so far.....

On the 17th of February, I became one of fourteen contestants in the 2016 Miss World New Zealand beauty pageant (MWNZ). The Final night for this event will be held on Saturday the 4th of June 2016 at Aucklands SkyCity Convention Centre. Until then I will be raising funds for our "Beauty with a purpose Project" Ronald McDonald House Charity. So far I have had 1 garage sale fundraiser, that did surprisingly well, and I have 1 bake stall commencing tomorrow at the Rotorua Night Market. I am currently booking kids discos at Selwyn Primary School, scheduling them for the 8th of April, 6th of May and 18th of May. I am also in the midst of organizing a fashion show, raffles and a family fun day that I am hoping to host in Ngongotaha.

Every Friday I travel to Auckland for my Saturday rehearsal and after that rehearsal I travel back to Rotorua, or I will stay on till Sunday and travel back then. Each Saturday for 12 weeks we have rehearsals, where we practice our catwalking, learn our production number, poses and much more. Some weekends we also have boot camps where one of our sponsors (2b1 fitness) take us for 1 hour bootcamps. We also have make up demos, public speaking workshops, sports days, health & nutrition workshops and dance workshops.

I am also looking for sponsors to help with my entry fee and other things such as, makeup product, jewelry, shoes etc.

ABOUT MISS WORLD NEW ZEALAND:

Miss World New Zealand is an annual Beauty Pageant that seeks an ambassador to represent New Zealand on the global Miss World stage. For this, we will have at least 12 weeks of workshops and training prior to pageant. Although Beauty and Form are important considerations for a Miss World Winner, never-the-less "Beauty With a Purpose" is the core value of the Pageant. Our Beauty with a Purpose Project for 2016 is to help and support the Ronald McDonald House Charities. We will be fundraising all throughout the 12 weeks and all proceeds will be go towards a new playground and basketball court for the patients as well as families of the Ronald McDonald House.

This pageant is designed to celebrate culture, beauty, fashion and talent and cherishes it's theme "Beauty with a Purpose", which embodies the true spirit of the crown by helping and supporting disadvantaged children in New Zealand.

A girl was visiting her blonde friend, who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were.

The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex. Her friend said, 'Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?' 'Helllooooo. ...', answered the blonde. 'They're watch dogs'

A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuit one night. It was her turn. She rolled the dice and she landed on Science & Nature. Her question was, 'If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?' She thought for a time and then asked, 'Is it on or off?'

In the swim-meet, after the blond came in last competing in the breast-stroke, she complained to the judges that "all the other girls were using their arms."



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NGONGOTAHA EARLY LEARNING

We have had a busy start to the year 2016. Starting with a trip to the Hamurana Blueberry Farm. The children enjoyed picking the berries and learning all about the process of blueberries from the growing of the plant to the time the berries reach our tummies. Since our trip we have enjoyed eating berry muffins, pikelets, smoothies and as fresh fruit.

We have been using this hot weather to our advantage by having lots of water play, there is something magical about playing with water in summer. We celebrated the Rotorua Bike Festival in February by holding our own Bike Day. The centre became filled with bikes and scooters of all sizes. We cordoned off our driveway and the children set off riding back and forth. Many children raced as fast as they could while others stopped to chat with their friends and show off their 'wheels'. This year we gained another Healthy Heart Award, we celebrated this by having a Fruit and Vegetable Day here at Ngongotaha Early Learning. This is always a great day where the children try all the fruits and vegetables they wouldn't normally try (and quite often they find they like them). With the fruit and vegetable day and bike month we raised \$58.20 for the Heart Foundation. Thank you to Ngongotaha Primary school who welcomed six of our children with open arms as they all started school this term. Allowing us to pop in and visit outside of transition hours helped our children and the process of going to school a magical experience. They all have big smiles when we pop in to visit.

In March we supported Orange Friday for Shine (stop violence in the home) and parents donated \$38.45. We hope everyone had a great Easter break and found time to relax and enjoy time with family. Ngongotaha Early Learning wishes our families and the community of Ngongotaha a fantastic April.

NGONGOTAHA PONY CLUB

Exciting news that the local Ngongotaha Pony club represented by Jeremy Walshe, Kate Cameron, Leigh Phelan, Jessica Blackburn, Victoria Williams, Lucy McGovern and Wiremu Priest have won through an arduous battle to gain the opportunity to win at The National Pony Club Championship in Papakura at the end of April. The team ably coached by Karina Moore had to compete at the Zone games in Reporoa and the riders took the responsibility of representing Ngongotaha seriously up against all the other Pony clubs in the Zone. Ngongotaha had two teams in the zone competition, which is a credit to the club, management and its supporters. The win on the day was Ngongotaha's and one observer commented to me that the riders behaviour, how they approached the event with great inter-team support and sportsmanship stood the team out from the rest. Reporoa were runners up at the Zone Mete and both teams then Representing Rotorua Zone competed in the area games at Taumaranui. Although it was a huge hike down to the King Country in the middle of nowhere the, 7 Ngongotaha riders now Rotorua reps managed to pull off the winning team and because of that now represent the area at the Nationals. The Riders of Ngongotaha have never reached this level of national competition as a team and it couldn't have happened without the Mums and Dads Brothers and sisters' etc being there for support and the grooming washing and having the ponies look sharp. An unsung heroes are Club President Raewyn Cameron and Vice President Jo Baldwin and along with the families associated with the riders I'm Sure invest huge amount of dollars and time to ensure these riders get the opportunities to succeed. We are proud of you all and while it's new territory at National level and if you believe in yourselves it will happen. Good Luck to all involved and to your greatest supporter Jazz Priest your support is amazing.

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Point of difference

I travel a lot. I travel to many destinations throughout New Zealand as well as overseas and have visited many places and communities. When I travel I speak to leaders of various organisations and one of the things I talk about is having a point of difference. I ask them to think about what makes them different to their competitors and why would people do business with them and not others. What makes them unique and what is their point of difference.

That got me thinking about Awahou, Ngongotaha, Hamurana and Kaharoa. What are our points of difference? Why would people come and live here and what makes this area attractive?

The other day I was driving to the airport via Hamurana for a morning flight and saw a group of parents gathered at a bus stop in Hamurana. It was raining, but parents were talking to each other with some huddled under umbrellas and others in their cars. I remember thinking to myself you don't see that in Auckland, especially in the rain. When one of our neighbours moved into our road we went and visited them to welcome them to the area. We learnt that they were actually from Auckland and one of the comments they made to us was that this would never happen in Auckland either. A month ago a new neighbour a lot further down the road came and visited us after dropping a Christmas card in our letterbox shortly after their arrival. That wouldn't happen in many other communities in New Zealand. People visiting us have commented on how they saw people walking up our road and the people waved to them. They thought that was pretty cool because that just does not happen where they came from.

As I said earlier, I travel a lot, and while there is usually someone at home or in our cottage and we have an excellent alarm system, our neighbours under our neighbourhood watch scheme are the real security system. Our neighbours are also in our home feeding our cats and other animals when we are not home.

We have a Maori proverb that says the most important thing in this world is people. I would like to think that one of our main points of difference in Awahou, Ngongotaha, Hamurana and Kaharoa is that we look after each other. We wave to each other, we welcome people to our community, we watch their places and feed their animals when they are not home and we gather and greet under umbrellas in the rain...that's just what we do here.

Our community safety of each person and family is a great point of difference to have and I would say don't tell anyone though because all the other people out there will want to come and live here...but I suspect that our actions have already spoken louder than our words and they are coming anyway. Have a great month in Paradise.

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





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From the Library.....

Good on paper by Cantor, Rachel

Is a new life possible? Because Shira Greene's life hasn't quite turned out as planned. She's a single mom living with her daughter and her gay friend, Ahmad. Her PhD on Dante's Vita Nuova hasn't gotten her a job, and her career as a translator hasn't exactly taken off either. But then she gets a call from a Nobel Prize-winning Italian poet who insists she's the only one who can translate his newest book. Stunned, Shira realizes that - just like that - her life can change. She sees a new beginning beckoning: academic glory, demand for her translations, and even love (her good luck has made her feel more open to the entreaties of a neighborhood indie bookstore owner).

The love of her life by McCabe, Kate

Ellie McCoy has a wonderful life. She is married to star journalist Joe, a man she adores. She has a great job in the financial industry, three marvellous children, and a nice house in Clontarf, close to Dublin bay. But tragedy is about to strike... Ellie has always believed that important things happen to her in threes: her three siblings, her three boyfriends, her three children, and her three best friends, Caroline, Fiona and Mags. So when she arrives home one evening to be told that her husband Joe has died suddenly at a hotel in London, she is devastated. When she then finds out that he had been having an affair, she feels as though she may never pick up the pieces of her broken life.

The woman who walked into the sea by Mark Douglas-Home,

Cal McGill watches the young woman through the dirty windscreen of his Toyota. There's something compelling about her stillness, about the length of time she has been standing square-shouldered, erect, staring out to sea, like an Antony Gormley statue waiting for another of its cast-iron tribe to emerge from the deep. What has brought her to this remote beach, he asks himself. Is she a kindred spirit who finds refuge by the shore? Idle curiosity soon turns into another investigation for oceanographer and loner McGill as he embarks on a quest to discover why, 26 years earlier, another young woman walked across this sweep of sand and into the waves, apparently drowning herself and her unborn child. Hamburgers in paradise : the stories behind the food we eat

Fresco by Louise O

"For the first time in human history, there is food in abundance throughout the world. More people than ever before are now freed of the struggle for daily survival, yet few of us are aware of how food lands on our plates. Behind every meal you eat, there is a story. Hamburgers in Paradise explains how. In this wise and passionate book, Louise Fresco takes readers on an

enticing cultural journey to show how science has enabled us to overcome past scarcities--and why we have every reason to be optimistic about the future. Using hamburgers in the Garden of Eden as a metaphor for the confusion surrounding food today, she looks at everything from the dominance of supermarkets and the decrease of biodiversity to organic foods and BMOs. She casts doubt on many popular claims about sustainability, and takes issue with naive rejections of globalization and the idealization of 'true and honest' food. Fresco explores topics such as agriculture in human history, poverty and development, and surplus and obesity. She provides insightful discussions of basic foods such as bread, fish, and meat, and intertwines them with social topics like slow food and other gastronomy movements, the fear of technology and risk, food and climate change, the agricultural landscape, urban food systems, and food in art. The culmination of decades of research, Hamburgers in Paradise provides valuable insights into how our food is produced, how it is consumed, and how we can use the lessons of the past to design food systems to feed all humankind in the future."--Inside jacket flaps.

Anything for you by Higgins, Kristan

When Connor O'Rourke proposes to his long-time on-again, off-again secret girlfriend, Jessica Dunn, and she says no, he gives her an ultimatum--marry him or their relationship is over.

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How to plant a garden : design tips, ideas and planting schemes for year-round interest by James, Matthew

Confused by the bewildering range of plants on offer at your local garden centre? How do you choose, use and create beautiful planting schemes like the professionals? The book takes you on a structured journey through the design process, from the initial assessment of your existing space, through choosing a theme or style, to putting it all together. Learn what various plant groups can provide and how to problem-solve by selecting the right species. Understand the role that form, color, scent and texture play in the garden, and how to use focal points and accent plants for added interest. Tiny courtyard gardeners and suburban gardeners alike will learn how to mix plants in pleasing combinations that will provide interest through the seasons and last for years. How to Plant a Garden proves that a good planting scheme can transform your garden from the ordinary to the truly inspirational.

Inside haute couture : behind the scenes at the Paris ateliers by Aziz, Désirée

"From Maison Chanel on rue Cambon to Jean Paul Gaultier on rue Saint-Martin, the history of French fashion is often closely tied to those of Parisian addresses. With exclusive photographs by Guillaume de Laubier and text by Désirée Sadek, Inside haute couture offers a private tour of 10 meccas of French fashion. From the splendor of VIP reception rooms to the privacy of sewing ateliers, the daily lives of the most renowned figures in haute couture are showcased alongside the skilled artisans and their stunning creations. This book is an unprecedented journey into a world often closed to the public, against a backdrop of an exceptional architectural heritage."--

A good looking blonde gets a job as a physical education teacher of 16 year olds. One day whilst supervising the children she notices a boy at the end of the field standing alone, while all the other kids are running around having fun kicking a ball. She takes pity on him and decides to speak to him. 'You ok?' she says. 'Yes.' he says.

'You can go and play with the other kids you know' she says. 'It's best I stay here.' he says. 'Why's that sweetie?' says the blonde. The boy looks at her incredulously and says, "Because I'm the Goalie !"

This blonde wanted to sell her pet Python so, she listed it on eBay. A bloke just rang up and asked if it was big. She said, "It's massive." He said, "How many feet?" She said "none - it's a bloody Snake"!..

Two paddies 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 in to 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."

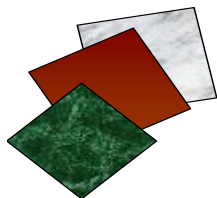
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Kaharoa School

The Cornerstone Value for the term is Obedience. Our definition is 'Willingness to obey rightful authority. This means doing what you are asked for by those who care.'

The 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.

PTA AGM & Disco: Our thanks to all parents who attended the AGM and to the children who supported the Disco. The House Captains held a disco and the funds raised will go towards their project.

Camps: Our senior classes have enjoyed their camps at Waihi, Whakamaru, Waimarino and the 'Child versus Wild' bush camp at a local farm. Children have undertaken challenging, fun and rewarding experiences. Whether the weather was beautiful or wet the activities went on and the students had a great time of learning.

Swimming: Our School Swimming Sports, and the Interschool Swimming Sports days went well. All the participants put in their best efforts contributing to two very successful swim days. Congratulations to all the children who participated and tried so hard.

Children at the Interschool who gained either 1st, 2nd or 3rd place then went on to compete in the CBoP swimming sports held at the Aquatic Centre on 22 March.

We were very lucky to have a trained swim instructor, Debi, working alongside and supporting teachers' swimming programmes as part of the 'Making the Difference Water Safety Project.' Our thanks to the following partners who made this possible: Rotorua Lakes Swim School, Swim Rotorua, SNZ and Te Arawa Lakes Trust and our funders - Bay Trust, RECT and RLC.

Interviews: Parent teacher interviews for the junior school were held last week. This was a time of celebration of the children and their achievements, and also an opportunity to reflect and set goals moving forward. The senior school parent teacher interviews will take place in Term 2.

Shifting the Focus Course: On Saturday 12th March, teaching and management staff attended a course at Taupo, focussing on Student Agency and Innovative Learning spaces. The course was presented by staff from Hobsonville School (Auckland) and was rich with ideas to challenge practice.

Scion A group of year 7 & 8 students will visit Scion for a day and experience a programme including:

- A tour around the science facilities
- DNA – what is it (including hands on extraction)
- Biotechnology in the forest
- Genetic modification in trees

Looking ahead to the beginning of Term 2:

4 May: People of the Pacific show

13 May: Class photos

18 & 19 May: Parent-Teacher interviews for Room 5-8

Parent Election Notice

Kaharoa School

Board of trustees' election

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the board of trustees.

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Kaharoa School contd.....

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself (make sure you sign both parts of the form).

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Friday 20 May 2016 and may be accompanied by signed candidates' statements.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 3rd June 2016.

Heidi Vosse

Returning Officer

As the end of the term draws near, we would like to thank the community for your on-going support and wish all the children a relaxing break and the opportunity to recharge their batteries.

The Kaharoa Team

Q: What do you call a fake noodle?

A: An Impasta

Q: What do you call an alligator in a vest?

A: An Investigator

Kamo Kamo Chutney

Ingredients

750g kamo kamo

Salt

250g tomatoes

125g onions

3/4 cup sultanas

1 tbsp grated orange rind

2 cups brown sugar

1 1/2 cups spiced vinegar

1 tsp cinnamon

1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Method

Chop kamo kamo and place in a colander and sprinkle with salt.

Leave for 2 hours and then drain and pat dry.

Place all ingredients except walnuts in a saucepan and simmer until thick, stirring to dissolve sugar.

Once thick add walnuts and pour into sterilised jars.

Kamo kamo, sometimes known as kumi kumi, looks very like a large, round courgette, and is a type of Maori squash. ... Kamo kamo is a traditional Maori squash, and is considered an ethnic heirloom pumpkin. ... As a squash, kamo kamo can be used in similar ways to pumpkin.

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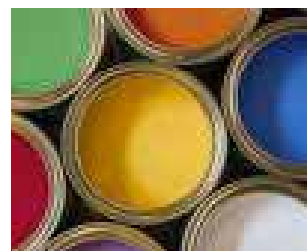
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Ngongotaha 123 Ngongotaha Rd

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SOLD

Ngongotaha 23b Sunline Pl

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SOLD

Ngongotaha 29 Kauae Place

BRICK & TILE GEM This low maintenance lock-up and leave home is a must to view. Open plan kitchen dining and lounge with easy access to a sunny private outdoor living area, this home will appeal to many. Consisting of 3 bedrooms plus a well-appointed bathroom with bath and shower. Walking distance of all the amenities from the local supermarket to the state of the art Ngongotaha Medical centre and still only 6km to the city centre.

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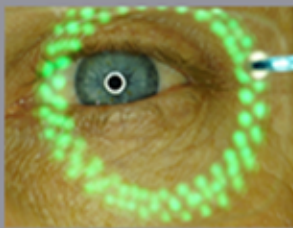
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Kaitao Middle School

Term one has already been very busy with a number of exciting activities happening.

At present all classes are attending a day long experience at Adrenalin Forest which is a series of high rope challenges and caters for all levels of confidence and ability. We thank NZCT for the funding to allow all our kids to go free.

A number of Academies have been on camp already and there will be more to come with Wero at camp at present.

In Term One Te Puna Reo stayed for two nights at Bledisloe Holiday Park in little Waihi.

Purpose: Make real life connections, support our writing in class and develop an awareness of how people pass on and sustain culture and heritage and why?

The students were able to make connections to the surroundings and how they relate to them personally.

This term we have also been preparing for a visit from the Education Review Office. This will happen in May. We have always had excellent reviews and see no reason why this should change this time.

LEADER'S CAMP AT HILLARY OUTDOORS

At 4pm on Sunday 13 March, 19 Leaders arrived at school ready to head down to Tongariro National Park. We departed with 18 (Darcy was too sick to come with us) and made our way to Dominos in Taupo for dinner. After dinner it was off to camp. We settled into camp, met some staff and had our first evening activity. Every night staff from the camp give a presentation or run an activity that helps with what we are learning. Some were about leadership and teamwork, others were practical tasks. A favourite was a staff member who was an amazing kayaker and had travelled to remote rivers around the world to kayak white

water.

Monday saw the start of our activities. We were in two groups, one with Matua Richard and one with Whaea Nat. Both groups did some adventure based learning and team building. Then we set about some 'bush bashing' navigating off the beaten track and ensuring we could find our way back. Students learnt how to read maps, communicate with each other effectively and work as a team to find their way. There was also a lot of map reading using our surroundings to get our bearings. Whaea Nat's groups followed a stream, in some parts we had to use a rope to help climb up steep banks and cliff faces.

Day Two was water day. Both groups got to use kayaks, but went to different locations. Matua Richard's group not only got to kayak but also had a huge mud fight!!! Rafting up, regrouping and emergency rescues were key to the day. Students practiced rolling upside down and helping each other to get out safely. Whaea Nat's group also got to jump from a bridge down into the lake.

Day Three was Rock Climbing and abseiling. All students did remarkably well with this and encouraged each other to keep trying. New heights were reached and goals ticked off. Some students found themselves in very interesting positions while on the rock face.

Day Four involved caving and our overnight experience. Students in Whaea Nat's group were in charge of navigating themselves off track, 4km to the caves. They had to carry their packs that had everything they needed for their overnight camping as well as caving. We got to explore the cave and the different creepy crawlies inside it; there were glow worms, wetas and spiders. The places we had to squeeze through in the cave had different names, such as: the panini press, the toaster

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Kaitao contd.....

and the corkscrew, we all had to 'think small' to fit through.

Our location for camping was beautiful... well, not the longdrop! Students were in charge of putting up their tents and cooking their own dinner. We all had tortillas...

YUM! They did an excellent job of cooking, but in the morning the girls had slept through their tent pole falling down. During the night we were able to hear Ruru and Kiwi, truly and once in a lifetime experience to hear Kiwi in the wild.

On Friday (day 5) Matua Richard's group walked part of the way back to camp and Whaea Nat's group got the van. We got back and unpacked then headed inside for our final lunch of soup, rolls and cake! The food was absolutely brilliant the whole time and some of us may have even managed to put on some weight!

Skills learned at Hillary Outdoors:

Navigating, map reading, bush bashing, rock climbing, abseiling, kayaking, team work, caving, flying fox (facing fears), hiking, how to pack for the outdoors, camp cooking, clean up duties and leadership. It was an excellent camp that every Kaitao Kid should aspire to be part of.

A huge thank you to Mr O'Rourke for organising the funding and our brilliant instructors, Sierra and Prajot who led the two groups on Tongariro.

We would also like to thank Pub Charity for making this all possible.

Next week our Head Boy and Head Girl and their Deputies will be announced so watch this space.

Board of Trustees Triennial Elections 2016

It is that time again where we will be calling for nominations for five vacancies on the Board of Trustees for parent representatives.

Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning. Nomination forms will be sent to all parents/caregivers by Friday 4th May for return by Friday 20th May.

Voting papers will be sent to all parents/caregivers by Wednesday 25th May.

Votes will be counted on Thursday 9th June and new Trustees will take office on Friday 10th June.

For more information please go to www.trustee-election.co.nz

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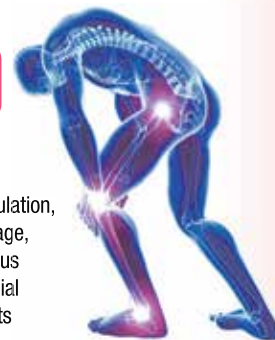
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Man Asks an Old Lady why she's alone on a Cruise Ship. Her response shocks him:

About 2 years ago my wife and I were on a cruise through the western Mediterranean aboard a Princess Liner. At dinner we noticed an elderly lady sitting alone along the rail of the grand stairway in the main dining room. I also noticed that all the staff, ships officers, waiters, busboys etc seemed very familiar with this lady. I asked the waiter who the lady was, expecting to be told she owned the line, but he said he only knew that she had been on board for the last four cruises back to back.

As we left the dining room one evening I caught her eye and stopped to say hello. We chatted and I said, "I understand you have been on this ship for the last four cruises" she replied, "Yes that's true" I stated, "I don't understand" and she replied without a pause, "it's cheaper than a nursing home."

So, there will be no nursing home in my future. When I get old and feeble, I am going to get on a Princess Cruise Ship. The average cost of a nursing home is \$200 per day. I have checked on reservations at Princess and I can get a long term discount and senior discount price of \$135 per day.

That leaves \$65 a day for:

- Gratuities which will only be \$10 per day
- I will have as many as 10 meals a day (of fantastic food, not institutional food) if I can waddle to the restaurant, or I can have room service (which means I can have breakfast in bed every day of the week).
- Princess has as many as three swimming pools, a workout room, free washers and dryers, and shows every night.
- They have free toothpaste and razors, and free soap and shampoo
- They will even treat you like a customer, not a patient. An extra \$5 worth of tips will have the entire staff scrambling to help you
- I will get to meet new people every 7 or 14 days!
- TV broken? Light bulb need changing? Need to have the mattress replaced? No problem! They will fix everything and apologise for your inconvenience.
- Clean sheets and towels every day, and you don't even have to ask for them
- If you fall in the nursing home and break a hip you are on Medicare, if you fall and break a hip on the Princess ship they will upgrade you to a suite for the rest of your life.
- There is always a doctor on board
- Now hold on for the best. Do you want to see South America, the Panama Canal, Tahiti, Australia, New Zealand, Asia or name where you want to go? Princess will have a ship ready to go. So don't look for me in a nursing home, just call shore to ship

p.s. and don't forget, when you die, they just dump you over the side at no charge.

A defendant isn't happy with how things are going in court, so he gives the judge a hard time.

Judge: "Where do you work?"

Defendant: "Here and there."

Judge: "What do you do for a living?"

Defendant: "This and that."

Judge: "Take him away."

Defendant: "Wait; when will I get out?"

Judge: "Sooner or later."

Murphy, a furniture dealer from Dublin, wanted to expand the line of furniture in his store, so he decided to go to Paris to see what he could find.

After arriving in Paris, he visited with some manufacturers and selected a line that he thought would sell well back home. To celebrate the new acquisition, he decided to visit a small bistro and have a glass of wine.

As he sat enjoying his wine, he noticed that the small place was quite crowded, and that the other chair at his table was the only vacant seat in the house. Before long, a very beautiful young Parisian girl came to his table, asked him something in French (which Murphy could not understand), so he motioned to the vacant chair and invited her to sit down.

He tried to speak to her in English, but she did not speak his language. After a couple of minutes of trying to communicate with her, he took a napkin and drew a picture of a wine glass and showed it to her. She nodded, so he ordered a glass of wine for her. After sitting together at the table for a while, he took another napkin, and drew a picture of a plate with food on it, and she nodded. They left the bistro and found a quiet cafe that featured a small group playing romantic music.

They ordered dinner; after which he took another napkin and drew a picture of a couple dancing. She nodded, and they got up to dance. They danced until the cafe closed and the band was packing up.

Back at their table, the young lady took a napkin and drew a picture of a four-poster bed.

To this day, Murphy has no idea how she figured out he was in the furniture business.

Six Dumb Questions Real Lawyers Asked In Court

"How many times have you committed suicide?"

"Were you alone or by yourself?"

"Was it you or your brother who was killed?"

"Without saying anything, tell the jury what you did next."

"Was that the same nose you broke as a child?"

"Now, doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?"



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THE BACK NINE

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You know ... time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the back nine of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back nine was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting gray...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change.... Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant... but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though I'm on the back nine, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's over. A new adventure will begin! Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the back nine yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the back nine or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life....so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

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Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

LIVE HAPPY IN 2016!

LASTLY, CONSIDER THIS:

- Your kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are perfect!
- Going out is good.. Coming home is better!
- You forget names.... But it's OK because some people forgot they even knew you!!!
- You realize you're never going to be really good at anything like golf.
- The things you used to care to do, you aren't as interested in anymore, but you really don't care that you aren't as interested.

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- You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV 'ON' than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".
- You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..
- You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"... ???
- You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!
- What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
- Everybody whispers.
- You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.
- But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Send this on to other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!! It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN; YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS! Do Not Regret Growing Older. It is a Privilege Denied to Many.

Aged Care Village Better Than Dutch Model

Whare Aroha CARE was fortunate to host the Dutch founders of the acclaimed De Hogeweyk dementia village earlier this year. It was the first time Janette Spiering and Yvonne van Amerongen-Heijer had visited New Zealand and they were in awe of the lake views offered by the Ngongotaha site Whare Aroha CARE is developing.

After the pair visited the site, they spoke at the Dementia Care By Design Conference at the Novotel Rotorua where they shared their close connection to Thérèse Jeffs and Deanna Smit, the project leaders of Whare Aroha CARE village development. Janette commented "They will achieve more than we have achieved because they bring it to another level. They are so enthusiastic and driven to bring this model to New Zealand, to adopt it to a New Zealand culture and a New Zealand way of life".

The Whare Aroha CARE village look like a small New Zealand town. 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 single-level 6 and 7 bedroom households that look like the range of New Zealand houses. The houses will be occupied by like-minded people who are accustomed to the ways of life those different households represent.

When finances allow it, additional facilities will be added to the village including a community centre and children's playground that Ngongotaha residents, organisations and businesses will be encouraged to use.

Like the Dutch dementia village it is modelled on, the Whare Aroha CARE village has piqued the attention of the media including North & South and TVNZ's Sunday programme. The media's interest in this local story is testament to the innovation of this simple concept – a community where people can live as if ageing had not impacted their lives.

Janette and Yvonne noted that the sincerity behind this project "It's not as if they [Thérèse and Deanna] want it for their own. They really want to make a life for those living with dementia better than it is now. It's not about a fancy new concept, it's about having a feeling you are going to do this for people with dementia".

The foundations are due to be poured and construction of the village is expected to be completed in December 2016.

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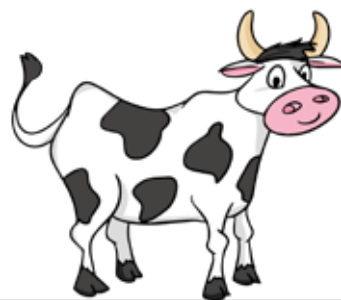
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Racing

Delighted to note that recent success of Rotorua trained horses is adding to the time I go down and watch track work at Arawa Park. The Ian Kennedy trained Endean Rose stepped up to 2000m and won the South Waikato Cup with Brendan Hutton in the saddle for a well deserved win. The Savabeel mare out of the Carnegie mare Pretoria deserved the win and the day before worked the course down. She had been knocking on the door for a while and this latest win is her 2nd in her last four starts. Congrats to team Kennedy and Burton. This lightly raced mare has won 4 races from 21 starts and with \$47585.00 in the bank from stakes so far I'm expecting more. Patience has been the word with Endean Rose.

The Team Pomare trained Rich Billie Marsh is winning again and there is more in store I'm sure. The dogged way she puts her ears back and drives to the line was evident on 26 march when ridden by in-form jockey Craig Grylls she showed why she has won 7 races from 47 starts. The steely grey is a crowd favourite and is a front runner hard to catch over 1100-1200m. This mare is the now famous Pomare family emanating from Flying Free. Rich Billie Marsh is by Viking Ruler a stallion which co owner trainer Bill has huge confidence in and while not of champion class has clicked with speedy types.

Great to see Vinnie Colgan and Cameron Lammas in the top 10 of Jockeys on the premiership at the moment. Both are having a stellar season and while Cameron is well travelled he is getting great results. Vinnie seems to ride mainly up north and with the odd sojourn to Wellington and Manawatu. Both deserve their success and being in the Top 10 is testimony to their dedication. Looking forward to the Jumping season with Jockeys Emily Farr and Shaun Phelan already up and running with rides in the Highweights. I know trainer Craig Phelan now based in Cambridge has a stable full of horses ready to fire this Winter. Best of wishes to all involved.

Boxing-Tyson Sykes

It is with a heavy heart that young Tyson Sykes won't be boxing in Rio after a wonderful attempt to qualify at the Oceania champs in China. While Tyson won his first bout he was comprehensively beaten in his second bout. Congrats to the Ngongotaha community who met at the sports bar in Ngo to fundraise for this athletes trip. Father and Coach Michael Sykes, Mum Judy and his cousins etc can be ably proud of this young man and we all are. **"How one handles defeat and bounces back from it is the making of the Man"** Anon

David Beckham decides to go horse riding. Although he has had no previous experience he skilfully mounts the horse and appears in complete command of the situation as the horse gallops along at a steady pace, Victoria admiringly watching her husband. After a short time David becomes a little casual and he begins to lose his grip in the saddle, he panics and grabs the horse round the neck shouting for it to stop. Victoria starts to scream and shout for someone to help her husband as David has by this time slipped completely out of the saddle and is only saved from hitting the ground by the fact that he still has a grip on the horse's neck. David decides that his best chance is to leap away from the horse, but his foot has become entangled in one of the stirrups. As the horse gallops along David's head is banging on the ground and he is slipping into unconsciousness. Victoria is now frantic and screams and screams for help!! Hearing her screams, the security guard comes out of the store and unplugs the horse.

George said to Fred, 'I put \$20 on a horse last week and he came in at twenty five to one.', 'Wow! you must be loaded', said Fred. 'Not really' said George, 'the rest of the field came in at twelve thirty.

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FROM COUNCILLOR STURT

All territorial authorities are required under sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (the Act) to review their representation arrangements at least every six years.

Representation reviews are to determine the number of councillors to be elected, the basis of election for councillors and, if this includes wards, the boundaries and names of those wards. Reviews also include whether there are to be community boards and, if so, arrangements for those boards. Representation arrangements are to be determined so as to provide fair and effective representation for individuals and communities.

The Rotorua District Council (the Council) last reviewed its representation arrangements prior to the 2010 local authority elections. Therefore it was required to undertake a review prior to the next elections in October 2016.

The Council currently comprises a mayor and 12 councillors elected at large i.e. over the district as a whole.

There is also one community board, Rotorua Lakes, in the district. The board comprises four elected members and two appointed members.

The Council's proposal and review process

The Council commenced its representation review process by appointing a working party, comprising three independent persons and three councillors, to carry out "a thorough review of representation arrangements". The working party began by undertaking community engagement to seek feedback on existing representation arrangements and suggestions on what a fair and effective model might look like.

The Commission notes the community engagement process was a very effective exercise with over 350 individual response forms received in addition to responses from key sector and interest groups. The Commission commends the Council for the initiative it took in establishing the working party and for the broad terms of reference given to the working party to develop a new representation model.

Following the feedback received, the working party recommended a set of representation arrangements to the Council. The Council adopted these arrangements as its initial representation proposal.

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The proposal was for:

- a council comprising 10 elected members (excluding the mayor), down from the current 12
- the council continuing to be elected at large across the district as a whole
- retention of Rotorua Lakes Community Board, subject to minor boundary changes, comprising four elected members and one appointed member
- establishment of a new rural community board for all the rural area of the district, comprising four elected members and one appointed member.

Commission's Determination

Under section 19R of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Commission determines that for the general election of the Rotorua District Council to be held on 8 October 2016, the following representation arrangements will apply:

1. Rotorua District, as delineated on SO Plan 58044 deposited with Land Information New Zealand, will not be divided into wards.
2. The Council will comprise the mayor and 10 councillors who will be elected by the electors of the district as a whole.
3. There will be two communities as follows:
 - the Rotorua Lakes Community, comprising the area delineated on LG-024-2016-Com-1 deposited with the Local Government Commission
 - the Rotorua Rural Community, comprising the area delineated on LG-024-2016-Com-2 deposited with the Local Government Commission.
4. For the Rotorua Lakes Community, there will be a Rotorua Lakes Community Board comprising:
 - four members elected by the electors of the community as a whole
 - one member of the Council who will be appointed to the community board by the Council.
5. For the Rotorua Rural Community, there will be a Rotorua Rural Community Board comprising:
 - four members elected by the electors of the community as a whole
 - one member of the Council who will be appointed to the community board by the Council.
6. As required by section 19W(c) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the boundaries of the above communities coincide with the boundaries of current statistical meshblock areas determined by Statistics New Zealand and used for Parliamentary electoral purposes.

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Three kids in a playground talking about their dads and how great they are. The first one says, "My dad is the fastest man in the world, he can outrun a tiger." The second says, "Mine can outrun a cheetah, he's so quick." The third is unimpressed and laughs, "Mine works for the council, so he's the fastest." "How?" the others ask. "He finishes work at 5.30 but he's home by 2."



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Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

I would like to thank my school community for the support and kind thoughts I received when my mother passed away this month. It has been a very heart-breaking time for my family and I appreciate the support I have received. I am from a large family and we have all been supporting each other in this time of grief. I thank my staff, especially Mr Henderson and Whaea Tamara for ensuring the school was in good hands while I was away.

Term one is almost over and, as usual, it has been a busy term. This year Mrs Bowater started with a small class of year one students which quickly grew until we moved some children through to Whaea Pam's year one class. We had planned for this by keeping Whaea Pam's class as low as possible at the start of the year. Mrs Bowater will have the next intake of year one and year zero children through to the end of term two. It has been good to see the new children settle into their school life so quickly and to see their progress after such a short time. We look forward to watching them grow and develop in their time at Ngongotaha School. This year we have a focus on maths progress and achievement. Mr Bruce Moody, a local maths facilitator, has been providing staff with professional learning to enhance the class programmes and to ensure we are doing all we can to see progress and achievement in our students. This will continue next term and throughout the year. The staff have been open to the observations that have been carried out and to the feedback they have received. We look forward to our maths journey over the year.

As part of our maths learning, in term one, all classes have had lessons in Financial Literacy with the ASB facilitated programme. This programme teaches children about money, saving and planning for the future and is always well received.

During week six our year 5 and 6 students, including our year 4, 5 & 6 rumaki students, attended a 4 day school camp at Mi Camp situated by the shores of Lake Taupo, between Taupo and Turangi. Camp is always a great learning experience for children.

They learn to socialise together, take part in challenging activities and get to know our parent helpers and staff in a more informal setting. The camp was extremely successful with all having a great time. The staff ensured a full programme was provided with children rotating through activities each day, swimming at the AC baths and spending time at Action World. We carry out a school camp every two years and really enjoy the learning that takes place. Thank you to the staff for the hours you put into preparation, especially Whaea Jamie who was responsible for the camp. We also thank all our parent helpers who attended, without you we would not be able to provide a camp experience. Well done to all.

Our school camp was also made possible by the successful funding applications to The Southern Trust, for camp accommodation costs, and to New Zealand Community Trust, for transport assistance. We thank both of these agencies for your support as it enables our children to attend camp and to experience all that camp involves. Your support for the school is appreciated.

On Tuesday 22nd March a team of swimmers attended the Central Bay of Plenty swimming sports held at the Aquatic Centre. Mrs Ngatai and Mrs Bowater attended with the team and expressed their pleasure at being out with such a well behaved group who competed with pride and enthusiasm. Well done to all who took part. Our swimming programme has come to an end for the season and we will move onto other aspects of physed now that the weather is cooling off. contd overpage.....

Unfortunately we were not able to hold our annual triathlon this year due to bad weather. We were disappointed about this but it was far too cold for children to compete. Hopefully we will have better luck with the weather next year.

We have recently held our last Te Rangihakahaka professional learning day with Ngati Whakaue. The staff have been taking part in this professional journey since 2014 and it was great to be able to bring aspects together on this day. Thank you to Henry Colbert who spent the day with the staff and shared his expertise and to the team from Ngati Whakaue who are collaborating with schools in such a positive manner. We thank you for your passion, your enthusiasm and your professionalism which supports our staff and will enable them to share with the students in the school.

I will be travelling to China on the 9th April, with a group of educators who are guests of the Confucius Institute. We will be learning about the Chinese culture and the opportunities for the provision of learning the language in our schools in New Zealand. We are travelling as a group and will visit primary schools, high school, universities, the New Zealand embassy and will meet with officials from the Chinese education ministry. Currently Kaitao Intermediate and Western Heights High School provide Chinese language learning, this is an opportunity for Ngongotaha to investigate this as a learning experience for our students. We return on the 24th April, during the holiday break. We have our first Duffy Assembly, for 2016, on Friday 15th April, the last day of term. This is when we have a role model guest speaker who talks to the children and the children receive their selections of free books. This is always a highlight on our calendar and a great way to end the term.

Mrs Ngatai has been busy organising our winter sports teams for term two and we wish them all the best for the 2016 season which will start next term. Thank you to all who have offered to coach or manage teams, your support is appreciated and we could not have the teams competing without you.

Our playground developments are still underway and we hope to have these all complete by the end of the next holidays. The area at the front of the school has new seating and a space for creative play. The space beside the caretaker shed has new seating under our beautiful shady trees and a quiet space for creative play. The last stage will be an obstacle type course along the length of the turf. We look forward to seeing the children and the community enjoying these spaces with their children.

This year we have Board of Trustee elections. This is an opportunity to work with the staff, community and iwi to continue our goal of providing rich learning opportunities for all students. We are looking for people who are passionate about the well-being of all students, are supportive of the holistic development of all students, are committed to the continued provision of a school culture that sees children achieving and developing in a safe and secure environment, who can ensure the provision of a work environment where staff are valued for their contribution to the community and where students are provided with the opportunity to have their learning in a Maori medium setting. If this sounds like you please talk to one of our current board members or come in and see me for further information. We will be calling for nominations early next term.

We wish you all a restful holiday break with your children and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 2nd May for term two.

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