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but on a positive
note...



I didn't need
any bail
money and
didn't have to
hide any bodies.

NGONGOTAHA NEWS

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**Happy 80th Birthday Colin Brake and a little birdie told me that
Daphne Pethybridge celebrates her 21st birthday too**

Pictured below are: Brother Ern Brake, Sister Muriel, Colin, Sister Annabelle and Brother Allan. Len arrived late and missed the photo. ☺



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Ngongotaha U8 rugby has achieved great success this season, winning all 12 games of the local Central BOP Rugby competition to be crowned Champions in the Under 8 age grade at the finals held on 15 August 2015 in Rotorua.

Throughout the local competition season the team scored a whopping 1035 points,

averaging over 17 tries a game. Unfortunately they were unable to continue that winning streak through to the Champion of Champions game against Eastern BOP Champions Whakatane Marist where they were defeated 35-15, however the team are already looking forward to the 2016 season and building on their current success. Many of the team members have been with the Ngongotaha club since beginning rugby at U6 age grade and junior rugby in Ngongotaha has a very promising future, with fantastic support from players, parents, Ngongotaha Sports & Community Association and the wider community.

(Drew Williams is Rob Moore's grandson. Proud moment for Rob to have his Grandson now playing for Ngongotaha - third generation, are there anymore?)

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Rest in Peace Eileen Sircombe - Sadly Eileen passed away just recently, due to ill health. Eileen was very much involved in the Community, being a member of the CWI, Garden Circle, even being my recipe provider. She will be sadly missed. To Geoff and family my sincere condolences.

I must also offer my condolences to the **Bidois/Hiini Whanau** on the loss of a beloved Sister, Mother, Aunt and Nanny. RIP Annie or Jidi.

To the Mohi/Henare Whanau also with the loss of Millie.

HAMURANA PLAYCENTRE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Hamurana Playcentre will be held at Abracadabra Café & Bar, 1263 Amohia Street, Rotorua on Thursday 24th September 2015 at 7.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries to Sharon 021 208 0101.

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Where the heck is Woy Woy? The only cow in a small town in Latrobe Valley in Victoria, stopped giving milk. The people did some research & found they could buy a cow up in Woy Woy in N.S.W, for \$500. They bought the cow from Woy Woy in N.S.W & the cow was wonderful. It produced lots of milk all of the time, & the people were pleased & very happy. They decided to acquire a bull to mate with the cow & produce more cows like it. They would never have to worry about their milk supply again. They bought a bull & put it in the pasture with their beloved cow. However, whenever the bull came close to the cow, the cow would move away. No matter what approach the bull tried, the cow would move away from the bull & he could not succeed in his quest. The people were very upset & decided to ask the local Veterinarian, who was very wise, what to do. They told the vet what was happening. 'Whenever the bull approaches our cow, she moves away they said. If he approaches from the back, she moves forward. When he approaches her from the front, she backs off. An approach from the side & she walks away to the other side.' The veterinarian thinks about this for a minute & asks, 'Did you buy this cow in Woy Woy in N.S.W?' The people were dumbfounded, since they had never mentioned where they bought the cow. 'You are truly a wise Vet,' they said. 'How did you know we got the cow in Woy Woy?' The veterinarian replied, with a distant look in his eye. **"My Wife is from Woy Woy!"**

NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

The club was very sorry to hear of the death of Eileen Sircombe, who has been one of our best members for many, many years. Thank you Eileen for all you have done for the club and RIP.

All the Championship games are now over, so we have been playing the not so serious games. The Ladies and Mens singles both resulted in a play off. Ladies was won by Cheryl Wiggins with Marguerite runner-up. The mens was won by Mike Bryant beating Wayne Hutchings. In the Jack and Jill, there was quite a battle with James Schuster and Cheryl Wiggins beating off a challenge from Marguerite Gerrand and Murray Harris.

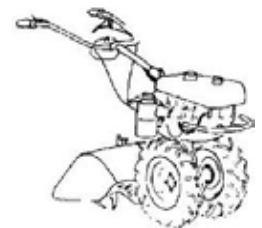
The next tournament was the Under 60s vs over 60s singles, with a playoff here in both games resulting in U60 Mike beat James and Over 60s Eddie Dibley beat Marguerite Gerrand.

Last but by no means least came the Buttons and Patrons Pairs with Kevin Whyte and Richard Mills holding the Buttons all night, and in the Patrons where all rules were thrown out and new ones made just for the night resulting in 80pts for Mike & Delwyn, Robin and Syd 72pts, and the 'booby' 49pts Eddie and Christine. Finally Congrats to Cheryl and Syd who came 2nd in Bay Champs.

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Kaharoa School

The character value for the Term 3 is Duty. Our definition is: Willingness to do what is right or what a person ought to do; obligation. This means doing the right thing. Key Competency: A Can Do Kid (Give it a Go) - A Kaharoa Learner 'Can Do'. They take risks, participate and contribute. They are ready, willing and able to give new things a go. To achieve this, a Kaharoa Learner is an important contributor to Kaharoa School life. They have a sense of belonging and actively involve themselves in school, local and wider communities. They contribute to the quality and sustainability of social, physical and economic environments.

Maori Cultural Day

Despite the very wet weather, we had a wonderful Maori Cultural day with activities including waiata, poi, rakau, haka, flax weaving and a delicious hangi. Before we all enjoyed the hangi, the children shared what they had learned over the prior weeks and on the day, with a wonderfully supportive group of parents.

Our thanks to:

Tania Conwell, Rose Hudson and George Hae Hae for sharing their expertise and putting down the Hangi. Guy Ngatai and his team from WHHS for their help on the day.

Skipping

Our physical activity main focus for the second half term is skipping. The children are

practising skipping and improving their skills over the last weeks of term. This will culminate in everyone participating in the Jump Rope for Heart Skip Off. We appreciate all those who sponsor the children for this venture.

The Year 7 and 8 students are busy preparing for the West Cup Speech Competition. We are looking forward to listening to these speeches and thank in advance our invited judges from Toast Masters. The final will be held in the Kokako Centre on Tuesday 15th September starting at 1.15pm.

Chess

Kaharoa School enjoyed hosting the CBoP Chess Tournament on 25th August. This was well supported with around 100 competitors plus their support crew. Congratulations to all the students who pitted their skills against each other. Two Kaharoa teams were placed, 3rd in the Primary division and 2nd in the Intermediate division.

Lamb, Calf and Chicken Day

We are enjoying the enthusiasm shown by the children as they prepare their animals for Lamb, Calf and Chicken Day. Animals need to be born between 20th July & 25th September 2015 to be eligible to compete. The event will be held at Kaharoa School on Friday October 16th.

This year each class is rearing a calf as a fundraiser. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the farmers who have donated these animals, and also for the donations of milk powder, hay and meal.

On September 9th Glen from RD1 AGDay will be talking to the children about Calf Club Day from 9.00-10.00 am. Also on this day Vet Plus will be a school from 3.30pm to dock lambs. We are very lucky to have this service provided free of charge.

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Todd McClay

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Health Promoting Schools

For the past three years a group of enthusiastic children have been working closely with the National Health Promoting Schools team to address staying healthy issues. The group is currently focussing on the following initiatives:

1. Healthy Eating Group - currently developing a healthy eating survey and arranging fruit tree purchase.
2. Physical Activity Group – have made stilts and are about to write up rules for stilt usage.
3. Communicable Diseases Group – are developing a blog
4. Sun Safety Group - has written letters asking for shade tree suggestions for the domain.

World Vision

Due to the fundraising efforts of the Kaharoa children for many years we have received an invitation for four of our students to attend the World Vision scholarship awards day in Auckland on the 16th of September.

The top performing schools in the 40 Hour famine have been invited to this incredible event.

We wish our 2015 top fundraisers Amy, Oliver, Kate and Mizuki all the best for this day.

Kaharoa Team

Check for Alzheimer's - Pretty Amazing.

The following was developed as a mental age assessment by the School of Psychiatry at Harvard University Take your time and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake.

The average person over 40 years of age cannot do it!

1. This is this cat.
2. This is is cat.
3. This is how cat.
4. This is to cat.
5. This is keep cat.
6. This is an cat.
7. This is old cat.
8. This is fart cat.
9. This is busy cat.
10. This is for cat.
11. This is forty cat.
12. This is seconds cat.

Now go back and read the third word in each line from the top down

My wife hosted a dinner party for all our friends, some we hadn't seen for quite a while, and everyone was encouraged to bring their children as well.

All during dinner my wife's best friend's four-year-old stared at me sitting across the table from her. The girl could hardly eat her food for staring at me. I checked my shirt for spots, felt my face for food, patted my hair in place but nothing stopped her from staring. I tried my best to just ignore her but it was too much.

I finally asked her, "Why are you staring at me?" Everyone at the table had also noticed her behaviour and the table went quiet for her response

The little girl said "I'm just waiting to see how you drink like a fish."

Lexophiles

Lexophile is a word used to describe those that have a love for words, such as

"you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish," or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless."

. When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.



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“Just know, when you truly want success, you’ll never give up on it. No matter how bad the situation may get.” – Unknown

“Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else.” – Les Brown

“I don’t regret the things I’ve done, I regret the things I didn’t do when I had the chance.” – Unknown

“Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.” – Joshua J. Marine

“It’s hard to wait around for something you know might never happen; but it’s harder to give up when you know it’s everything you want.” – Unknown

“One of the most important keys to Success is having the discipline to do what you know you should do, even when you don’t feel like doing it.” – Unknown

“Good things come to those who wait... greater things come to those who get off their ass and do anything to make it happen.” – Unknown

“Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, or worn. It is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace & gratitude.” – Denis Waitley

“Go where you are celebrated – not tolerated. If they can’t see the real value of you, it’s time for a new start.” – Unknown

Don’t be afraid to stand for what you believe in, even if that means standing alone.. – Andy Biersack

“The best revenge is massive success.” – Frank Sinatra

“Forget all the reasons it won’t work and believe the one reason that it will.” – Unknown

“I am thankful for all of those who said NO to me. It’s because of them I’m doing it myself.” – Albert Einstein

“The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven’t found it yet, keep looking. Don’t settle.” – Steve Jobs

“Life is short, live it. Love is rare, grab it. Anger is bad, dump it. Fear is awful, face it. Memories are sweet, cherish it.” – Unknown

“When you say “It’s hard”, it actually means “I’m not strong enough to fight for it”. Stop saying it’s hard. Think positive!” – Unknown

“Life is like photography. You need the negatives to develop.” – Unknown

“Don’t worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don’t even try.” – Jack Canfield

“The pain you feel today is the strength you feel tomorrow. For every challenge encountered there is opportunity for growth.” – Unknown

“Build your own dreams, or someone else will hire you to build theirs.” – Farrah Gray

“The only thing that stands between you and your dream is the will to try and the belief that it is actually possible.” – Joel Brown

“Self confidence is the most attractive quality a person can have. How can anyone see how awesome you are if you can’t see it yourself?” – Unknown



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Staff at Ngongotaha Medical Centre

Our lovely Lead Nurse Denise is on a well earned long service holiday for the next two months. Barbara and Irene are covering her work days.

Our General Manager Yvonne Chadwick is leaving NMC to live in Otago, we are very sad to see her go.

Mike Ferris, our new General Manager, will start at NMC on September 15th. Mike has a background in senior management and business development. Mike lives locally in Ngongotaha and outside of work he enjoys family, his lifestyle farm, and his motorbikes.

Patient-wise, we are currently doing a push on Cervical Screening and Heart Health Checks at the surgery and we have funding available for Patients who fit within the criteria. Please call the surgery and see if you are eligible for either a free Smear or a free Heart Check (or both) and book with one of our nurses now!

A winter garden may look a little tired, a little drab, certainly not the showpiece it blossoms into in spring and summer. In particular, your vegetable patch is likely to be a shadow of its former summer self – perhaps you still have some spinach, silver beet, broccoli or some other members of the brassica family producing winter greens for your table, but the abundance of the warmer months is just a fond memory in July and August. This quiet period in your garden's yearly cycle, though, does not mean you can rest on your laurels and absolve yourself of all garden duties. On the contrary, as we approach spring there is plenty to do to get your garden in tip top shape for the approaching growing season.

Compost and Preparing Your Soil

With spring a month or two off it's a good idea to start preparing the soil in your open planting beds. Dig in generous amounts of compost and leave the beds exposed to the winter weather.

If you have clay soil, cow pats and manure will improve it by adding humus to the soil structure.

You can make use of all those autumn leaves that litter your garden by digging them into your compost heap at the end of autumn. With the accelerated decomposition that occurs in a compost heap the leaves will decay twice as fast and be ready for use as compost at the beginning of spring.

Winter is also the time to add fertiliser and lime to your soil (depending, of course, on the plants you plan to grow).

Planting

The end of winter is the time for planning your new vegetable garden. Decide what foods you want to grow in the coming season. Which plants can you fully consume yourself? And if you have a surplus, are there neighbours or friends who will accept the occasional bale of spinach or shopping bag full of spuds?

You may find it more efficient and economical to coordinate your vegetable growing with that of a neighbour. By swapping produce you'll both spend less time and money on the crops you grow.

Crops

As spring approaches you'll want to start laying down the crops you hope to feast on in the next few months. Here are a few common food crops you could consider:

If you plan to grow cabbage, celery, silver beet, spinach, lettuce, onions etc. from seed, plant the seeds now in seed trays so that young plants will be ready for planting in spring. Seed potatoes can also be planted in winter for spring crops. For dessert dishes it's the right time to plant strawberries and rhubarb.

In warmer areas carrots, beetroot and peas can be sown directly into soil in the last part of winter. It's also a good time to plant citrus trees.

Plant Protection

The relative scarcity of food during the winter months makes pests even more ravenous and consequently puts your plants in greater danger from attack. Protect all seedlings and young plants from slugs and snails with an appropriate slug-killer. Winter dampness can promote fungal diseases so spray winter vegetable plants and deciduous trees with an anti-fungal treatment.

Glass Houses - need to be cleaned now too.

More lexophiles.....

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.. A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

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IN MY VIEW

Condolences to Geoff and the Sircombe family on behalf of the Community, over the sad loss of your lovely caring wife and Mum. Eileen served with me and others on the Ngongotaha Hall Committee and was a faithful servant of many. She was a champion knitter, Garden Circle Member and Indoor Bowler if I recall. I understand over 15 people attended this "unsung heroine's" farewell.

HAUORA

The past is the past, and along with many we have been elected to a steering committee to engage with all the Marae committees to ask for two representatives from each of the five marae to reinstate the Hauora Trust and re-form it which July (now Beech) and Innes Fraser created in the Old Centennial Hall many years ago. The Tura/Te Ngakau trust own the building and Joe Edwards as an Iwi trustee has with the support of Iwi guaranteed a 3 year lease to the Hauora, which is a fantastic gesture. Two community representatives and the Marae representatives will make up the Trusts Governance wing to ensure transparency, accountability and the delivery of health services to our community is continued. The health statistics for Maori in Ngongotaha are not good and blood pressure tests, Mirimiri, diabetic tests etc will be provided by Julie and her team of Volunteers. The service is open to anybody of any age but with a focus on those 60 plus. The need to deliver Hauora health in Ngongotaha needs Lakes DHB support also so hence my role to set it up on a sound footing first and then hopefully with credibility those contracts withdrawn a while ago will return. Good luck to all concerned and we need committed people to be on the Trust which is a legal entity which local born lawyer Max Simpkins is involved in setting up legally.

Blue September

Ok the ladies you have done your thing and got friends and family motivated to have mamograms, so now it's the month we focus on the MEN of our community doing the right thing and MAN UP for Prostrate cancer checks at your GP. Mum, daughter and sons make sure Dad or any male over 40 gets a regular blood test for a PSA test. Consult your GP it may be a life saver. Young men the prevalence of Testicular Cancer can not be ignored either. Any issues ask your Doctor asap.

Representation review

After weeks of consultation surveys door to door questionnaires etc the team have proposed to Council that we cut the number of Councillors from 12 to 10, create a new Community board named Rural which will have 4 elected members on it and the Lakes Community board which is the same. The boundary for the Lakes Community board has been extended to include Hamurana. Make sure your on the roll as you'll be able to vote on line or by post, and council have endorsed our recommendations which will now go out for you to comment on. So do so online or by post. Have your choice today.

Jet Star

Recently Jet Star made the call not to fly into or out of Rotorua as we believe the best routes are into Auckland Internationally then to-Rotorua-Wellington- Queenstown and out on the international links. Like any business case the numbers must stack up and they are in business to make the dollars. Obviously there is not enough activity to fly solely Rotorua-Wellington. The sooner Jet Star and another airline realise the traffic that would flow from Rotorua to Brisbane or Coolangatta the better.

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Air NZ wouldn't as they want to protect their Auckland market hence them putting on a bigger plane to cater for the Rotorua-Auckland - Rotorua route recently which is a good thing in terms of landing fees for the Rotorua Airport. Council and our Tourism Board, Grow Rotorua and others have not closed the doors to their proposals and we are keen to keep up the dialogue.

Rates

I notice some yellow signs up around Rotorua asking "Are you happy with your Rates Bill?" Well I'm not but when The Regional council put up their rates 14% on average and RDC 7 % based on new Valuation the ups and downs occur in a capital rating system. I bet we will not see any signs up saying "ARE YOU HAPPY WITH YOUR RATES DECREASE!!!" As there are as many decreases as increases. Unless there is a better way of collecting and calculating rates we are stuck with this system. More user pay as that's what happened with Sewerage, Refuse and Water the actual costs are now being charged to the user rather than it being hidden in general rates. The people putting up the signs do have a political agenda which I'm sure will become more evident prior to the next Local body Election in October next year. Oh well happy spring

Kind regards, Cr Charles Sturt

Sometimes when I reflect back on all the wine I drink I feel shame. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the vineyards and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this wine, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. Then I say to myself, "It is better that I drink this wine and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver."

~ Jack Handy

When we drink, we get drunk. When we get drunk, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to heaven. So, let's all get drunk and go to heaven!"

~ Brian O'Rourke

"Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza."

~ Dave Barry

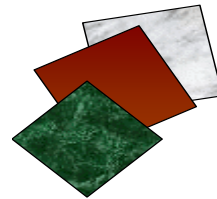
AS I AGE, I REALIZE THAT:

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop annoying me.
4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
6. When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini vacation.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound!
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
10. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.
11. When the kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".
12. At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

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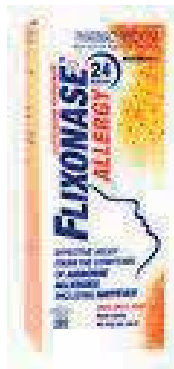


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FROM THE LIBRARY.....

Discover Your Hobbies Month

Often we ask people what they do for work but don't know about all the interesting things they get up to in their spare time. We asked the Library Staff what their hobbies were, how they got started and what they love about their hobby. It turns out we have motorbike riders, knitters, rugby watchers, collectors, photographers, bakers, gardeners and DIY'ers in our midst just to name a few. And you thought we all just read books!

You can see more about what our staff get up to in their spare time in the displays on the first and second floors during September.

Spring is a great time for new beginnings, so why not start a new hobby yourself. We have the information you need to get started on whatever hobby you may like to try. Here are some of the books and magazines recommended by staff about their hobbies:

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| Magazines | New Zealand |
| Handyman | Mollie Makes |
| Digital Photo | D-Photo |
| Practical Photography | |
| Cuisine | |
| International Artist | |
| Interweave Crochet | |
| Fine Woodworking | |
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| Crown Lynn Collector's Handbook | |
| Books by Debbie Bliss | |
| The Elephant Whisperer | |
| Gardening Vertically | |
| Geek Chic Crochet | |

Library a favourite destination for Community Groups

Clients of St Chads Communication Trust have been visiting the library every Tuesday to enjoy the environment, practice social skills and spread the word about their organisation. The group have brought a wide range of activities to the library setting including music, art and craft sessions and have also manufactured and sold a variety of products as fundraising for their organisation such as organic herb salts and perfumed linen sachets. Visit St Chads at <http://www.stchads.co.nz/> to learn more about what they do.

Paper Tulip Workshop

Local artist Jill Walker has had an enthusiastic response to her paper tulip making workshops being held in a number of locations across Rotorua including the library. The workshops have drawn a wide range of participants keen to be a part of the Tulip Pathway Project which is part of Tulip Fest Rotorua 2015. Tulips made in the workshops will become part of a community art installation linking Rotorua's iconic heritage buildings in Government Gardens. The final library workshop will be held on Friday, September 11 from 10am-noon. Visit [VistiVisithttps://www.facebook.com/tulipfestrotorua](https://www.facebook.com/tulipfestrotorua)

Suzan Kostanich was so inspired by designs she saw at the Matariki Fashion Show held in the library in July that she has joined forces with one of the designers to produce her own designs. Leilani Rickard has been pushing the boundaries of Māori fashion and design for some time and caught Suzan's eye with prints she developed from microscopic images of harakeke/flax plants taken by Scion Crown Research staff. Since Suzan and Leilani began merging their talents they have been invited to exhibit their designs at the J Autumn Fashion Show in Paris. The show will take place on a glass barge on the Seine and is a highly regarded event. To learn more about Suzan and Leilani's work contact info@iwicreations.com.

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In celebration of Adult Learners' Week which runs from September 7 – 13, the library will be offering FOUR free Stepping UP computer training classes. Sessions will run Tuesday through to Friday at 10am and will include topics such as joining Facebook, using Trade Me and You Tube. The Tuesday session is already full and numbers for the other sessions are strictly limited so booking is essential. Contact your friendly library staff to register or to learn more. Stepping UP is an ongoing programme that is open to anyone who would like to boost their basic computer confidence. Ask the library or keep an eye on the website for scheduled class dates and topics.

The library has also teamed up with Career Network to offer the Rotorua community free Pre-employment Training Skills Workshops which are being held in the Fenton Room of the library every Monday between 9.30am and 2pm. The workshops are open to anyone who may need help with writing and presenting CVs, obtaining driver's licences and more. The only criteria is that participants be NZ citizens and be over 16 years of age. Drop in to meet Gillian Bowen, Job Skills Literacy/Numeracy Tutor on Mondays or contact 07 348 4897 or 0223415500 to register interest.

Meet the author of "Notes to Self"

Local business woman Leanne Mulcahy has recently released her first book Notes to Self, a must-read for women who want to rediscover what it means to embrace who they really are and become fearless about showing up each day while learning to love their bodies regardless of the imperfections they see.

In Notes to Self, Leanne shares her personal story with refreshingly honest, bite-sized, notes to self that act as simple reminders that your imperfections are what make you perfect. Prepare for laugh out loud moments as she invites readers hitch up their bra straps, gather their girlfriends and get out of their own way as they discover what lays beneath their clothes.

Leanne will visit the library for an appearance and book signing on Thursday, October 8 at 6pm. You can purchase a copy of Notes to Self from Amazon. Look out for more details on Leanne's library appearance in next month's newsletter or contact Library Programmes Coordinator Karisma Vala on 351 7042 or at karisma.vala@rotorualc.nz.

I LOVE OLD PEOPLE.....

*This actually happened in an Underground station in London. There were protesters on the station concourse handing out pamphlets on the evils of the UK. I politely declined to take one. An elderly woman behind me was getting off the escalator and a young (20-ish) female protester offered her a pamphlet, which she politely declined. The young protester put her hand on the woman's shoulder as a gesture of Friendship and in a very soft voice said, 'Madam, don't you care about the children of Iraq?' The elderly woman looked up at her and said, 'My dear, my father died in France during World War 2, I lost my husband in Korea and my grandson in Afghanistan. All three died so you could have the right to stand here and bad mouth our Country. If you touch me again, I'll stick this umbrella up your a&*e and trust me, I'll open it?.'*

If you missed
Dr Jim Mason, nuclear physicist,
 when he spoke in Rotorua recently,
 come and hear him on DVD.

Sunday 27 September
12.00 noon to about 1.30 pm

St Barnabas' Hall, School Rd, Ngongotaha

We will serve soup and rolls and watch the 60-minute DVD "The Distant Starlight Dilemma?" about differing views of the history of the universe. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to discuss points raised. The talk is quite scientific but well-illustrated, so anyone interested can grasp the essentials of what he says.

The session is FREE. All welcome.

Ngongotaha School

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Term three is almost over and it has been really busy at school. We have held our annual speech competition and were really pleased with the students. All students presented their speech to their class, the finalists then went into team elimination. The finalists next presented to the school and to our panel of judges. We thank Mrs Rosalie Palmer, Whaea Mavis and Nanny Hiro for their astute judging on the day. The 2015 winners were Isabella Robbins from the senior area of the school, David Robbins from the middle area of the school and Ashlyn du Plessis from the junior area of the school. Congratulations to all the finalists and the winners who did an amazing job speaking to a hall full of students and adults. We look forward to the 2016 competition and all it brings.

Recently all of the classes from our junior area of the school visited the Rotorua Museum as part of their class programmes. The children really enjoyed the opportunity to visit this taonga in our community and we received excellent feedback. The staff and tourists commented on how well behaved and polite the children were during their time in and around the museum. We are so proud when the children demonstrate our values outside of the school. Our community can be very proud of these up and coming ambassadors.

As a school we continue to support Daffodil Day each year by holding a yellow mufti day and bringing along a gold coin donation. The Cancer Society provided us with the daffodils and daffodil stickers for the students. We managed to raise \$402.00 which is a great response; we thank you all very much.

Another initiative we have supported was sparked by an article in the newspaper and a staff member's involvement in the Rotorua Food Bank. We have held a "Food Bank Week" where children can bring along an item or items to donate. The response has been great and we thank you very much for your donations. The boxes of items will be delivered to the Food Bank by a staff member and selected senior pupils. It is great to see the children showing a caring attitude to those who fall on hard times for any number of reasons.

Currently the school is in production mode. "The Migration of Music" is well underway for the two performances that will be held next week. We have a performance on Thursday 10th September at 6.00pm and then on Friday 11th September at 11.00am. The whole school is involved in this production either during the evening performance or the matinee performance with the main cast in both performances. Seeing the whole show come together has been great this week and we look forward to a full house for each show. The entry is by gold coin donation which will cover any of the associated costs. There will also be a sausage sizzle for those who come straight from work or who are hungry. The drama, dance and music aspects of the curriculum are well and truly on show in this presentation and we are very proud to see the children embrace this.

Our Jump Jam team is into fundraising mode as they work towards the national competition which is being held in Christchurch in November. We will be holding a Monster Garage Sale in the community hall on Saturday 17th October from 9.00am to 1.00pm. Tables are being sold for \$25.00 and then you bring along whatever you want to sell at your table with any sales going to you. Food is not included in this. So if it is time for a spring clean and you want to make some money from your past treasures ring the school and book a table.

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Sports are still a feature of the school environment. Our girl's rugby team competed with pride in Papamoa, for the first time, on Friday 21st August and won the bowl final. This was the first time we entered this event and we look forward to going again next year now that we have seen what the competition is like.

Thank you to all the families who came across and supported the team and to Mrs Ngatai who coached the team.

On Tuesday 22nd September our teams will compete in the annual winter field day of sports. We have hockey, netball, soccer and rugby teams who will take part on the day. The children always enjoy this day as they get to play a number of games over the day.

Another event the children are looking forward to is the Kaitao Intermediate Production of "Cinderella". The whole school will be attending this production on Wednesday 23rd September. We look forward to seeing our past pupils on stage as well.

We wish you all a good holiday break with your children and look forward to term four and all it brings.

Term Three: Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September – 10 weeks

Term Four: Monday 12th October to 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

Iti rearea teitei kahikatea ka taea" – "Aim High, Stand Proud"

Cathryn Naera and staff of Ngongotaha School

STUDENT WHO OBTAINED 0% ON AN EXAM

I would have given him 100%! Each answer is absolutely grammatically correct, and funny too. The teacher had no sense of humor. :)

Q1.. In which battle did Napoleon die? * his last battle

Q2.. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

** at the bottom of the page*

Q3.. River Ravi flows in which state? * liquid

Q4.. What is the main reason for divorce? * marriage

Q5.. What is the main reason for failure? * exams

Q6.. What can you never eat for breakfast? * Lunch & dinner

Q7.. What looks like half an apple? * The other half

Q8.. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what will it become? * Wet

Q9.. How can a man go eight days without sleeping ?

** No problem, he sleeps at night.*

Q10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand?

** You will never find an elephant that has one hand.*

Q11. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have? * Very large hands

Q12. If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?

**No time at all, the wall is already built.*

Q13. How can u drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

**Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.*

Spread some laughter, share the cheer. Let's be happy, while we're here!



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Sports in general.

What an amazing start to September with Rotorua athletes and sports people featuring with success over the world. Rotorua's Julia Edwards along with Sophie Mckenzie 'guzzumpt' the opposition in the lightweight double sculls at the World Champs in France.

Rotorua's Danny Lee is in contention in the Deutsche Bank Champs in the USA. He's climbed to 10th after the second round and looks destined to represent the world in the Presidents cup team verse United States soon.

BOP steamers confounded all the pundits with an exciting win over the Tana Umaga Coached Counties- Manukau in the ITM cup game winning 37-26 in the championship division.

Ngarimu Simpkins coach of Rotorua Boys High First Fifteen was elated at the end of a gruelling match which saw the host team RBHS defeat previously undefeated defending Champs Scots College by 36-27 in the Top Four Secondary schools Rugby final on Sunday 6 September at Boys High no 1 field. In front of a crowd of approx 3500 the home team through its forwards, dominated the bigger but slower pack from Scots. The big forwards from Scots were kept busy defending their line and were only allowed to attack on RBHS mistakes. Some amazing skilled fast players from RBHS but their discipline let them down at crucial time and had to play their hearts out for the last 11 minutes with only 13 players. The Boys did it for the school and for themselves said Simpkins. Many of the players in this RBHS 2015 team will be snapped up by the Super 15 Development Academies I'm sure.

Great to see the Burliegh horse trials live on TV in the wee small hours the other morning. Great to see the likes of Mark Todd, Tim Price and his wife dominate the top 10. Onwards to Badminton.

Serena Williams is now surely the greatest womens tennis player in the history of the game and she is streets ahead of any of the opposition. Her gritty determination even when a set down and facing match point is a delight to watch. The USA titles should go to Williams and Djokovic in the Mens.

Spanish singer Julio Iglesias was on UK television with British TV host Anne Diamond. He used the word "manana" (pronounced "man - yana"). Diamond asked him to explain what it meant in Spanish He said that the term means: "Maybe the job will be done tomorrow; Maybe the next day; Maybe the day after that; Or perhaps next week; Next month; Next year. Who really cares?" The host turned to Albert Yatapingu from the Gumbaingeri Tribe (aboriginal) who was also a guest on the show. She asked him if there was an equivalent term in his native language. "Nah", he replied, "in Australia we don't have a word to describe that degree of urgency."

A couple were lying in bed together on the morning of their tenth wedding anniversary when the wife says, 'Darling, as this is such a special occasion, I think that it is time I made a confession: Before we were married I was a hooker for eight years.'

The husband ponders for a moment and then looks into his wife's eyes and says, 'My love, you have been a perfect wife for ten years! I cannot hold your past against you, maybe you could show me a few tricks of the trade and spice up our s@# life a bit?' She said, 'I don't think you understand, my name was Brian and I played rugby for Wales . . .' ☺

BEST POEM IN THE WORLD

I was shocked, confused,
bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp--
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh
grade
Who swiped my lunch money
twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

Bob, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up
here?
God must've made a mistake.

'And why is everyone so quiet,
So somber - give me a clue.'
'Hush, child,' He said,
'they're all in shock.'
No one thought they'd be seeing
you.'

JUDGE NOT!!

Remember..Just going to church
doesn't make you a Christian any
more than standing in your garage
makes you a car. Every saint has a PAST... Every sinner has a FUTURE!

A Harley biker is riding by the zoo in Taronga Park, Sydney, when he sees a little girl leaning into the lions' cage. Suddenly, the lion grabs her by the cuff of her jacket and tries to pull her inside, under the eyes of her screaming parents. The biker jumps off his Harley, runs to the cage and hits the lion square on the nose with a powerful punch. Whimpering from the pain, the lion jumps back, letting go of the girl and the biker brings her to her terrified parents who thank him endlessly. A reporter has watched the whole event. The reporter, addressing the Harley rider, says: 'Sir, this was the most gallant and brave thing I've seen a man do in my whole life.' The Harley rider replies: 'Why, it was nothing, really; the lion was behind bars. I just saw this little kid in danger and acted as I felt right.' The reporter says, 'Well, I'll make sure this won't go unnoticed. I'm a journalist and tomorrow's paper will have this story on the front page.. So, what do you do for a living and what political affiliation do you have?' The biker replies: 'I'm an SAS soldier just returned from Afghanistan and a Liberal party supporter.' The journalist leaves. The following morning the biker buys the paper to see news of his actions and reads on the front page: **SAS SOLDIER ASSAULTS AFRICAN IMMIGRANT AND STEALS HIS LUNCH** That pretty much sums up the media's approach to the news these days.

'An extraordinarily handsome man decided he had the responsibility to marry the perfect woman so they could produce beautiful children beyond compare. With that as his mission he began searching for the perfect woman. Shortly there after he met a farmer who had three stunning, gorgeous daughters that positively took his breath away. So he explained his mission to the farmer, asking for permission to marry one of them. The farmer simply replied, 'Ay! They're lookin' to get married,so you came to the right place. Look 'em over and pick the one you want laddie.' The man dated the first daughter.. The next day the farmer asked for the man's opinion. 'Well,' said the man, 'she's just a weeeeeee bit, not that you can hardly notice...pigeon-toed.' The farmer nodded and suggested the man date one of the other girls; so the man went out with the second daughter. The next day, the farmer again asked how things went. 'Well,'the man replied, 'she's just a weeeeeee bit, not that you can hardly tell....cross-eyed..' The farmer nodded and suggested he date the third girl to see if things might be better. So he did.The next morning the man rushed in exclaiming,'She's perfect, just perfect. She's the one I want to marry' So they were wed right away.Months later the baby was born. When the man visited the nursery he was horrified: the baby was the ugliest, most pathetic human you can imagine.. He rushed to his father-in-law asking how such a thing could happen considering the beauty of the parents. 'Well laddie,' explained the farmer, 'She was just a weeeeeee bit, not that you could hardly tell... Pregnant when you met her.'



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A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner. The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?" "No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied. Will you spend this on green fees at a golf course instead of food?" the man asked. "Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years!" "Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife." The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that? The man replied, "Most probably, but it's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up drinking and golf!"



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MALE PROCEDURE:

Drive up to the ATM.
LOWER your car window...
Insert card into machine and enter PIN.
Enter amount of cash required.
Retrieve card, cash and receipt.
Raise window..
Drive off..

FEMALE PROCEDURE:

(Unfortunately, most of this is true!!)

Drive up to ATM machine.
Reverse and back up the required amount to align car window with the machine.
Put hand brake on, put the window down.
Find handbag, remove all contents on to passenger seat to locate card.
Tell person on mobile phone you will call them back and hang up.
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Enter amount of cash required.
Check makeup in rear view mirror.
Retrieve cash and receipt.
Empty handbag again to locate purse and place cash inside.
Write debit amount in cheque book and place receipt in back of it.
Re-check makeup.
Drive forward 2 feet.
Reverse back to ATM machine.
Retrieve card..
Re-empty hand bag, locate card holder, and place card into the slot provided.
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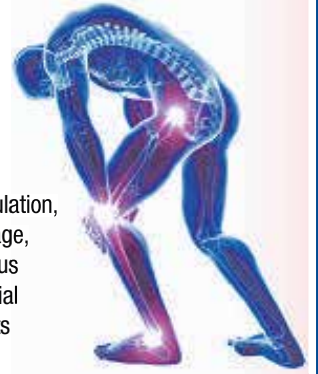


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