

NGONGOTAHA NEWS

*The Sunny side of the Mountain -
FLUORIDE FREE NGONGOTAHA*

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2020

20/20 vision means seeing what an average individual can see when standing 20 feet away.

We will all look back on this year with mixed feelings: worry, relief, surprise, and the clarity of being at once both more and less connected with the rest of the world.

Christmas 2020 is perhaps not the time to think about what we are going to receive, but more about being grateful for what we have.

Ann Henderson and I would like to thank advertisers, contributors and readers for your support over the year, and to share our vision for a Christmas 2020 and New Year 2021 which keeps us focussed on whanau, community and care for one another.

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Kia ora koutou,

By the time you read this edition of the Ngongotaha News, we will have finished the school year. And what a year it has been! I still remember our teacher only day way back in January standing in front of my team explaining that I want this year to be consistent with as little change as possible. How wrong I was. A couple things popped up along the way including;

- Whaea Teneille, Whaea Keiha, Whaea Keryn, Whaea Madeline, Matua Nigel and Whaea Daphne all joining our team
- Whaea Stevee leaving to take up a position at Owhata school
- Mrs Bowater returning from a years leave after only 7 weeks
- Whaea Tayla leaving to have a baby
- Moving rooms 5, 6, 9 and the library into new spaces
- Building a whole new classroom which should be finished in a few weeks
- Resealing the asphalt that washed away outside room room 8
- Redeveloping a building with 4 teaching spaces that is over 100 years old
- Moving our rumaki unit into their new learning space
- A gala which saw hundreds of community members coming back into school
- Designing a whole new playground equipment ready to be installed in March next year
- New LED lighting in every class
- Inclusion of an additional 60 chromebooks
- A walk a thon acknowledging our essential workers
- Installing a new perimeter fence
- The addition of over 80 new enrolments
- Oh and a global pandemic that forced us to teach from home for 7 weeks and made us change the way we do so many of the little things around school.

2020 has been anything but normal. But through it all our community has been supportive, our teachers and support staff have been amazing and our children have been simply brilliant. Thank you for everything you have done to support our school and our community.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing everyone when school reopens on Tuesday 2nd of February 2021.

Craig McFadyen and the team at Ngongotaha School.

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Well another year bites the dust and what a year it has been!

As far as the club is concerned we will be glad to see the back of it and hope for better things in 2021. It is hard to believe that 10 months ago we lost our clubhouse in the devastating fire that destroyed all our taonga and memorabilia. Then we had a global pandemic thrown into the mix and to say it has been quite challenging is an understatement! However we remain positive and are extremely proud of what we have achieved so far. We are looking forward to starting the new clubhouse rebuild early in 2021.

Club competition has finished and we are winding down until February next year when competition starts up again.

We are excited to announce that one of our long standing members who has contributed to the club in many ways over the years was given the honour of Life Membership. CONGRATULATIONS to John Reid (JR) well deserved!

We are holding a WHANAU DAY on Sunday 13th December. This will be a 6 hole ambrose format with the goal of getting groups of whanau together for some fun and exercise. There will be prizes and a BBQ. You do not have to be seasoned golfers so get the whanau together and come and have some fun! Gather at 10.30am for an 11.00am tee off. The cost is \$20 per team of 4. It would be fantastic to see some generational teams with young and old together.

A reminder that we welcome everyone to Lakeview whether it is to play golf on the course, hit balls on the range or maybe just a visit to see our beautiful environment!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season enjoy the time with friends and family. After the year that has been we all deserve some happy times!

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The sunny side of the mountain



I googled Ngongotaha and according to Wikipedia one of the features of our beautiful whenua is that it is often referred to by locals as the “Sunny side of the mountain”. I would certainly agree with that and there are many advantages to living in our rohe where the sun is up longer than other parts of Rotorua.

I have spent long hours in the Awahou river, not as long as most of my female cousins and nieces though, and when you get out of that river or any of the freezing cold rivers in our rohe you need as much sunlight as possible to get warm. That same sun would warm the concrete paths at the marae which were great for lying on to get the blood circulating properly. However long gone are the days of lying on the bridge or even the main road to get warm. The main road is difficult to cross over these days let alone lie on. The “sunny side of the mountain” has also become the “busy traffic side of the mountain”.

I have also spent many hours fly fishing from a boat out from the Awahou river mouth and have watched the shadows moving over the Western Heights areas in town, before moving our way accompanied by beautiful sunsets. In my childhood days being on the sunny side of the mountain gave me many extra hours of trout fishing, especially when I had to get the boat back into shore before dark so that one of the adults could come out night fishing in the same boat.

I would eventually learn to night fish and have spent many hours standing and fly fishing from a boat listening to trout splashing as they rise or are caught. I also enjoyed listening to fishermen solving the problems of the world through their time-consuming conversations. Back in the day it was no problem to use a torch to change my fly lure at night which took me ages to do and still does. However just like the huge increase in the number of cars on the main Hamurana Road there has also been a huge increase in Namunamu or lake flies.

Just like trying to cross the main road while being barraged by busy traffic the pressure is on to change a fly lure at night while being barraged by numerous night flies. So much so that these days I tend to change to a night fly just after sunset and use the dying light to do so. Like the traffic the namunamu are like pests of the modern-day influences. I am sure that there are those who no longer night fish because of the namunamu just as there are those who no longer cycle on our roads because of the traffic.

However, living on the sunny side of the mountain has also meant longer hours of golfing at Hamurana. It is certainly a lot easier to find your golf ball in daylight. Bike riding and walking on the new paths lining the lakefront are also extended by the extended daylight hours. I am sure the farmers and other people who work on the land in our rohe also appreciate the longer hours of sunlight than those in town.

In my opinion Ngongotaha is not just the “Sunny side of the mountain” because of the extra hours of sun we enjoy. It is the sunny side of the mountain in education because of our various schools of high quality. It is also a great place for whanau who are given more quality time together before dark. Ngongotaha shines because of the community we are and the values of Manaakitanga and kaitiakitanga demonstrated at our marae, rest homes, in our shops and cafes and at the local motorhome venue by the railway, which has replaced the hosting of farmers at the sales yards that existed back in the day. So it looks like Wikipedia got it right. Ngongotaha is the “sunny side of the mountain”, for many reasons that only the locals really understand. As the extra sunlight hours increase over summer my wish is that you make the most of those extra hours of sunlight we enjoy on our side of the mountain. The rivers, golf course, paths and lake encourage us all to do so.

Ngahihi o te ra Bidois is an international Keynote speaker, businessman, author, husband, father and MBA. A Maori Boy from Awahou. See www.ngahibidois.com



Todd McClay Member of Parliament for Rotorua

Merry Christmas Ngongotaha – you deserve a few days in the sun.

If 2020 was a new car I think I'd take it back!

This has been one of the most unusual years many of us will have experienced. When I wrote my Christmas column for the Ngongotaha News this time last year who could have predicted a virus that touched every part of the world, a long, long lockdown where we were confined to our homes, an election campaign that was extended and an election date that was moved, and that the border would be closed to foreigners and non-residents. We never would have dreamed that if we visit family or friends in Australia they'd let us straight in but if our family wants to come home for Christmas they have to spend two weeks in isolation.

There have been some bright spots along the way. Ngongotaha remains a fantastic place to live. After significant community pressure and my petition that received more than 7000 signatures the Ngongotaha roundabout will finally be upgraded. And Ngongotaha Primary school continues to punch above its weight delivering a high level of education to local students. A huge thank you to the principal and teachers for all that they have done under difficult circumstances. And a special mention of the Ngongotaha Volunteer fire brigade who have had a busy year and saved many lives.

2021 offers us some hope. I look forward to working closely with the wider Ngongotaha community on important local issues. I'll continue to hold regular meetings in the area and we're already planning a number of public events and get together's in your community. A highlight is always visiting schools and I look forward to visits to Ngongotaha, Kaharoa and Mamaku schools. My staff and I remain available to help with any issue you might have through the holiday period and into next year.

As we head towards the Christmas period I want to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year full of new opportunities. I look forward to seeing you in 2021.

Hon. Todd McClay MP
Member of Parliament for Rotorua

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Hon Todd McClay
MP for Rotorua

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.

Our office will close on Thursday 24th December and reopen on Monday 18th January.

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On Thursday 24 December, Tuesday 29 to Thursday 31 December and Tuesday 5 January, we will be running all day "Phone First Acute Clinics" for acute issues. So if you feel you need to be seen the same day, don't come down to the Surgery, simply call our reception from 8.30 a.m. and ask to be put in our "Phone First Acute Clinic". We will arrange for a doctor or acute-care nurse practitioner to call you back promptly. If we can sort your problem with a telephone consultation we will, however if we do need to see you in person we will arrange for you to come in to the practice. Please note that there will only be a single consultation charge whether your issue is resolved by telephone consultation or face to face.

The Laboratory Service will not be operating from Tuesday 29 to Thursday 31 December inclusive, but normal service will resume after New Year from the 5th of January 2021.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL - The Surgery is once again collecting food and gift items for the Salvation Army to Distribute to families in need over the Christmas period. If you would like to contribute - please bring your gift items into the Surgery, and place them in the box in the reception area.

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A lovely light read by this well-known author, just the tonic for a cold, wet weekend! The main character is a young lady known as Fixie. She came by her unusual name due to her "flaw", a uncontrollable need to fix things that aren't right. Fixie and her siblings are left in charge of the family business and it isn't long before the family business is almost unrecognisable. Toss into this mix a dose of Fixie's love life, extraordinary meetings in cafes, and you have a recipe for a wonderful, humorous tale.

The characters are well defined, the story sets a good pace; altogether a good choice to while away some hours with.

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Reviewed by Rose

The Ruby Stories By Penny Matthews

It is the 1930s, in the great depression. Everything seems to be going well for 11 year old Ruby; she lives in a big house with nice parents and even owns her own camera! But then things change and her family has to sell their house and before long Ruby and her mother are sent to live in the countryside with her cousins and aunt and uncle - who she hardly knows, while her dad looks for work in the city....

A fun book for girls of all ages follows Ruby as she learns through happiness and heartache that no matter who you are, whether you are rich or poor we are all share the same feelings and deserve friends.

How would you rate this book out of 5?: 5

Reviewed by Isadora

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The 3 Stages of Man:

- 1 He believes in Santa Claus
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- 3 He is Santa Claus

What are the three most terrifying words seen on a Christmas present:

'Some assembly required.'

Every family has one weird relative. If you don't know who that is, it's probably you.

"You know you're getting old when Santa starts looking younger."

Christmas is now going to be in early January to allow Santa to quarantine for 14 days when he arrives in the country.

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I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying, 'toys not included.'

What do you call people who are frightened of Santa?
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Wishing You A Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

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This year will definitely be a memorable one for us all. A year of sadness and loss but also of people banding together to show true strength and pride during adversity.

I hope you get a well deserved break with friends, family and loved ones these holidays and I wish you all the best for the coming year.

Mandy Lee
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Ngongotaha 7 Te Manga Place

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Ngongotaha 17 Okona Crescent

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Ngongotaha 37 Waikuta Road

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Ngongotaha 23b Sunline Place

This very tidy 3 bedroom property is on an elevated site tucked down a driveway. Tenant very keen to stay on and tenancy regulations have all been met! Just enough time to buy and put the keys under the Christmas tree. Rental appraisal \$420pw.

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Hamurana 631a Hamurana Road

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Age Concern

Well Xmas is almost upon us and it will be a welcome relief from the tragic year that 2020 has dealt us. It is a time to come together as a family and celebrate the many positive things that have happened despite Covid and its attempt to disrupt all that is good about living in New Zealand. I think that through the lockdowns and the uncertainty of our future and the future of our grandkids we have learned many positive lessons, not the least of which, is we have become kinder as a nation and look out for each other more than we did.

As I have informed you before Age Concern have moved to Parksyde House which is beside the main Parksyde building. The other great news is that The Older Persons Community Centre Trust (Parksyde) have received a grant from the Rotorua Lakes Council Te Rakau Tu Pakari fund which is a new fund for local initiatives. Parksyde have received \$60,000 which will be used as seeding money to develop a vision of what the Whole of Life Hub for the Elderly will look like and will guide the building development that will follow. Stage one will be our move which it is hoped will be the catalyst for other organisations working with the elderly to consider

moving to Parksyde. Parksyde is for the over 55 years and is an activity centre catering for over 800 people a week which is different to our kaupapa which sees us providing programmes which promote social connections. There are at least 30 organisations that deal with the elderly and they all need to have some input into the way the Hub will be developed and how it will look in the future.

Like many of you I was involved in the Covid Tracing trial in Ngongotaha and eagerly await the results. There are several Vaccine trials underway around the world at present and New Zealand, fortunately, is on the front foot, having already purchased some vaccines in the hope that the trials will come through.

A coronavirus vaccine developed by Oxford University in England has been shown to produce a strong immune response in older adults in their 60s and 70s. Results from new trials published in The Lancet medical journal suggest that one of the groups most at risk of death or serious illness from Covid-19 may be able to build immunity.

"We are pleased to see that our vaccine was not only well tolerated in older adults, but also stimulated similar immune responses to those seen in younger volunteers," Dr Maheshi Ramasamy, investigator at the Oxford

Vaccine Group and consultant physician, said. The next step will be to see if this translates into protection from the disease itself."

The encouraging findings are based on 560 healthy adults and comes a day after Pfizer announced its coronavirus vaccine was 95 per cent effective among adults over 65 in its final efficacy results. Final trials of the Oxford vaccine are ongoing, with early efficacy readings possible in the coming weeks.

It is concerning that BNZ Bank are following some of the other banks and closing 38 branches between now and next March. This along with the doing away with cheques has caused issues for the elderly population. I am pleased to note that the Multicultural Council have been the recipient of \$7,000 from the Office of the Seniors to provide seminars and support in partnership with Seniornet to upskill the elderly migrants in technology.

I am also pleased to confirm that Age Concern Rotorua have been granted \$4,000 from National Office to host 10 seminars on Tuned into Tech which will see students from local high schools work alongside our elderly to upskill them on such things as internet banking, effective use of smart phones, zoom connectivity, emailing, social media (Facebook), using the internet, on-line shopping and television casting. I can see Parksyde, and our new home, being a hive of activity over the next few months as the series of worthwhile seminars are presented.

Merry Xmas
Rory O'Rourke
Manager

Tips for an Easier Christmas

Share it out e.g. ask people coming to bring certain parts of the meal (they usually bring their fantastic signature dish). Have a Secret Santa: everyone only has to buy one present.

Try asking people what they want. You might get unusual requests like some money on their power bill, or a donation towards a special purchase or an activity but at least you won't be contributing to the landfill after Christmas.

Handmade vouchers are really good when thinking of your budget and for children: you can make them for lawnmowing, babysitting, an hour of gardening, breakfast in bed, a massage. The sky is the limit.

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For Younger Readers at Rotorua Public Library continued....

Born Scared by Kevin Brooks

When one thinks of a Christmas story they probably think of a cosy, warm hearted story filled with Christmas cheer. This year I choose read something a bit different – a psychological teen thriller that takes place on Christmas Eve.

Thirteen-year-old Elliot suffers from a severe anxiety disorder. He is terrified over almost everything. Elliot claims to remember his birth and his twin sister Ellamay, who died at birth. He has internal conversations with Ellamay.

It is Christmas Eve, there has been a snowstorm, and there has been a mix-up with Elliot's medication. Elliot's mother sets out leaving him home alone after Elliot's aunt, who agreed to collect the medication from the pharmacy is late and unreachable by phone.

We also see two robbers dressed in Santa suits and the office Christmas party, which sees a bank manager on a drug-fuelled bender that involves a police chase.

All these elements connect together for a gripping, tense, intelligent exploration of mental illness with an explosive ending.

Reviewed by Graeme

KIDS CHRISTMAS JOKES

What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?

A rebel without a Claus

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A: Deep pan, crisp and even!

Q: What would you call the twelfth elf that comes to help other 11 elves in the workshop?

A: The twelf



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My mate's credit card got stolen before Christmas. I asked him how he got on when reporting it stolen. "Didn't report it," he said. "The thief is spending less than my wife".

"What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day." – Phyllis Diller

Christmas According to Al Bundy in Married With Children

"I hate Christmas. The mall is full of nothing but women and children. All you hear is, 'I want this,' 'Get me this,' 'I have to have this'... and then there's the children. And they're all by my store 'cause they stuck the mall Santa right outside ringing his stupid bell. As if you need a bell to notice a 300-pound alcoholic in a red suit. 'Ho, ho, ho,' all day long. So, nice as can be, I go outside, ask him to shut the heck up. He takes a swing at me. So I lay a hook into his fat belly and he goes down. Beard comes off, all the kids start crying and I'm the bad guy." –



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A Dream of Italy by Nicky Pellegrino

This new offering by a favourite author is a great read! Beautifully written with a light hand, you as the reader, are transported to Italy. This time in the South, and to a tired, but enchanting village. Do you have a spare Euro? For the cost of less than a cup of coffee- you could own your own Italian villa! Who could resist that? Three people couldn't, and although all with different backgrounds and partners, begin their journey to Montenegro.

While the storyline is a little predictable, the telling is charming and very readable. The characters are clearly drawn, and the description of the the food is.....mouth watering! Reviewer Rose

Reviewed by Rose

The Music Shop by Rachel Joyce

Another gem from this popular author! Prepare to be transported to another time, when vinyl records were making way for the CD. Frank has been raised on music - all genres - by his now departed mother, who had her own unique way of raising her son. She taught him how to LISTEN to music; he figured out how to listen to people, and how to give them the right song for them.

Frank's friends and colleagues are an odd group that each has their strengths and their weakness to battle.

Together, they are a wonderful interesting and feisty family. Into this family wanders a visitor, a woman who takes Frank's breath away - something that has never happened to him!

I loved this book, found it difficult to put down and nearly cheered out loud at the flash mob scene!! Well worth reading at any time of the year!

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The Lions Club of Ngongotaha

We will be out in force on Saturday 30th January when the Rotorua Agricultural and Pastoral Association opens the annual Show to the public again on Auckland Anniversary weekend. The Lions will be seen manning the ticketing booth at the entrance in Western Road, and at vehicle entrances around the park. Give them a smile or a wave as you pass them.

TECT (Tauranga Electricity Charitable Trust) All Terrain Park, on the Tauranga Direct Road, celebrated its 10th birthday on Saturday 28th November. All groups who use the areas gathered at the headquarters building to recognise this milestone in the Park's history. 8 years ago The Lions Club of Ngongotaha were gifted 2.4 hectares of clear-fell pine forest within the Park, to develop into a recreation area planted with native trees and undergrowth, with well-formed walkways (unsealed) throughout.

The public are encouraged to visit the **Lions Tree Grove**, and enjoy the development so far. Regular working bees have been taking place to keep the trees free from weeds to allow them to grow strong and healthy, and Himalayan honeysuckle is sprayed frequently to keep it in check. A small band of Lions from throughout the Bay of Plenty have formed the main core of these workers, but the Lions would welcome anyone to help out at these working bees. The next one is on Wednesday 16th December from 9.30am-12pm. All equipment will be supplied. Bring some refreshments with you.

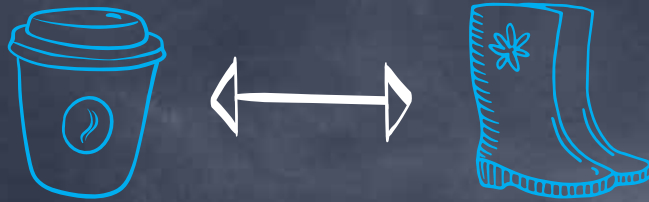
The Lions Tree Grove originated when in 2011 Lions International President Wing-Kun Tam's dream was for Lions to plant over 1 million trees worldwide. Manuka, Kanuka, Flaxes, Cabbage Trees, and Pittisporum were initially planted, and later canopy trees such, as Rimu, Totara, Kahikatea, Rewarewa, silver, black & red Beeches. The first "Memorial Trees" of Kowhai were planted in 2016 and planting continues e.g. of Kauri.

Funding of approximately \$80,000.00 has been received through some Lions Clubs throughout the District, Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust and public environmental grants. Youth from the Okataina International Youth Camp have worked with us over the past three years which is now an ongoing activity.

Ngongotaha Lions are looking for new members and we will have a letterbox drop during the first two weeks of February. There is a contact name and phone number on the flyer for anyone interested in joining our Club and becoming involved in the local and wider community.

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