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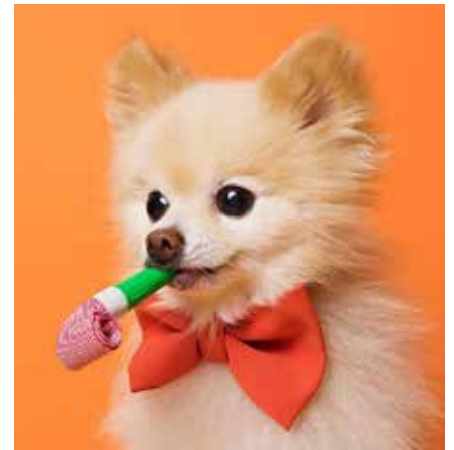
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*A man goes to his doctor and says, "Please help me, doctor. I think my eyesight is really worsening." The doctor asks the man to come and look out of the window. "Tell me what you see there," says the doctor and points. "I see the Sun," answer the man. The doctor turns to him and asks, "Sweet Jesus, how much further do you want to see?!"*

*News reporters visit a hen about a shockingly huge egg she laid recently. "This is amazing," they tell the hen, "a two pound egg, that's unheard of! Do you have any goals for the future?" "Yes, I'm really aiming for a four pounder!" says the hen proudly. "And you, sir, congratulations," the reporters approach the rooster, "what are your goals for the future?" The rooster replies darkly, "To beat up that darn ostrich!"*

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MESSY CHURCH: Intergenerational church

Sunday 25th October 4.00pm – 6.00pm All welcome

### Mission Lunch

Saturday 17th October 11.30 \$15.00 please phone 357 2107 and leave message

## Ngongotaha Indoor Bowls

7th September Fun Night. Tonight we had a beautiful supper supplied by Eddie's wonderful daughters for his 92nd birthday which he will celebrate later in the week. Thanks so much was appreciated by all. Eddie is still playing great bowls. The winners for the night were Cheryl Wiggins, Richard Mills and Bruce Mapson with 32 points.

14th September Fun Night With RSA Bowlers. The hall was buzzing with bowlers. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. We always seem to have a good night when we are playing with the RSA bowlers. A very social night. The winning skip

was Alan Gordon RSA, Runner Up David Fleet Ngongotaha and the booby prize went to Helen White Ngongotaha. The winning Leads were James Schuster, Runner Up Ngaire Harris both from RSA and the booby prize Richard Mills Ngongotaha. 21st September Fun Night Another night of some good bowls being played. The winners for the night were two's Richard Mills with 2 wins and a draw with 24 points, three was Martin Bertling with 3 wins and 26 points and the skip was Cheryl Wiggins 3 wins 26 points.

27th September Last Night of bowls for 2020 It wasn't our usually end of year prize giving as we had no competitions due to covid 19. Has been a strange year for most things. Roll on 2021 and let's hope we get some serious games to play. This year we had to dress in the colour yellow. I think most members did their best to find something yellow. Two mats had obstacles that we had to negotiate around. That was quite tricky. The other mat was normal bowls but the jack was a tennis ball. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. One of our members Martin Bertling had a birthday today and some of his family came to visit him. Our final get together will be our luncheon at Cobb and Co. Looking forward to that. I wish all the bowlers a safe and happy break.

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We are now in the home stretch of one of the most important elections we have faced.

There's a stark contrast with Labour and the Greens who will increase taxes, increase debt massively and pile costs on business that will slow the economy.

Labour's plans to increase the minimum wage, add another public holiday and increase sick leave will hit businesses where it hurts and cost businesses up to \$2.8 billion a year. This matters because ultimately, this will affect Kiwis through fewer jobs, lower pay rises and a smaller economy.

National will work with businesses, not against them, to create more jobs and higher incomes for Kiwis and their families.

We have a plan to stimulate the economy through tax relief, reducing red tape and cost, and supporting businesses to create jobs and grow wages.

As your MP, my plan for Rotorua is to create jobs, ensure a safer community, build the infrastructure we need to grow and be a strong voice for our local small businesses.

Safer communities is a priority. I recently announced National will bring back the Rotorua Rescue Helicopter. We also have a comprehensive plan to address the issues caused by methamphetamine use in our communities and we will make the non-disclosure of child abuse an offense, as well as set reduction targets for children suffering material hardship.

I'm a strong advocate for improving Rotorua's infrastructure. National will complete four-laning to Ngongotaha and fully upgrade the Ngongotaha roundabout. We will also straighten and widen the Tauranga Direct Road and State Highway 33 to Tauranga Port. These are important projects that will create jobs for local people and open up Rotorua for business.

In education, we will prioritise lifting achievement for all New Zealand children, no matter their background or ability through a \$1.9 billion package. We'll also help get people back into work, upskill small business owners and find a pathway for young people to find work through our Reskilling and Retraining Policy.

I will continue to be a strong voice for the rural community, and Rotorua tourism and small businesses to help them recover from the Government's Covid-19 restrictions.

Recently I hosted Judith Collins in Rotorua to announce National's plan to rebuild New Zealand's tourism sector. We will invest in new tourism infrastructure, create a \$100 million Tourism Accelerator Fund and work to open travel bubbles with neighbouring countries when it's safe.

Labour has so far delivered a patchwork response to the tourism crisis. National will work alongside tourism businesses to restore the industry towards the levels of success it had prior to Covid-19.

We have already announced a number of other policies to create jobs and rebuild our economy.

Our comprehensive package of small business policies will reduce the cost and compliance of the tax system, make employment law fairer, improve cash flow, reduce red tape and improve access to capital for new and existing small businesses.

Under a National Government, our tax policies will ensure you get to keep more of what you earn through targeted tax relief for middle New Zealand.

We have announced a better alternative to the Government's border management plan.

The current ad-hoc system is disorderly and confused and is putting the health and livelihoods of five million New Zealanders at risk.

National will establish a specific Border Protection Agency, requiring international travellers to provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test before arriving in New Zealand, better tracing technology and more stringent enforcement of testing for frontline workers.

The threat of COVID-19 will be with us for years to come. Only National as the plan and competent team to protect and grow the economy and create the jobs that Kiwis desperately need.

**Hon Todd McClay**  
**Member of Parliament for Rotorua**  
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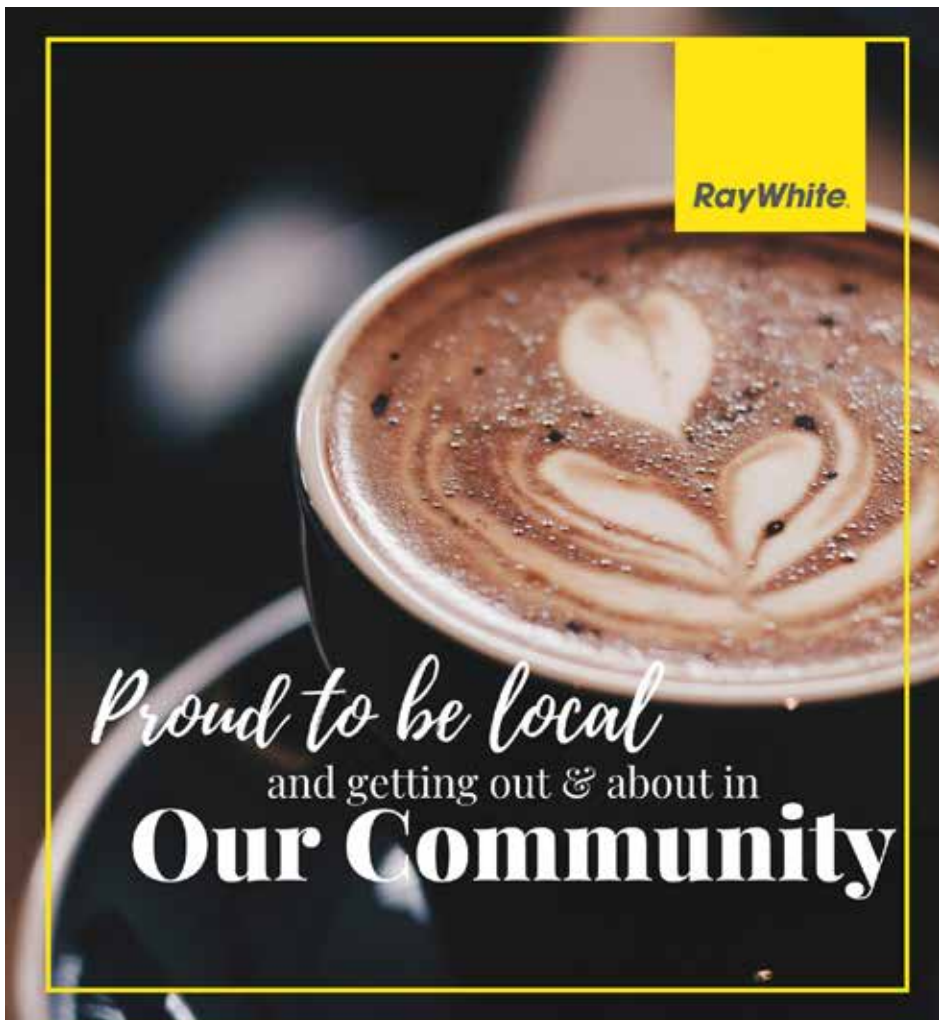
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### **LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB.**

Well spring is well under way at Lakeview the blossom trees are blooming the tui are in full voice and very visible so it is a lovely time of the year to be on the course.

October competition is a pairs comp 4 ball best ball that runs right through the month.

The start of daylight saving means twilight golf starts up again. Put Wednesday 7th October in your diaries or phones. This is a great opportunity to play 9 holes of golf after work tee off from 4.00pm – 6.00pm and have a delicious meal afterwards. So grab a few mates or make up a team with the kids!

The vets group are still getting great numbers on Tuesday. They are always looking for more players to join them and have a great day of golf and camaraderie. Tee off is 9.30 and a vet age is classified as 50+ for ladies and 55+ for men. So if you are looking for something to do on a Tuesday come and join them and get some exercise while having fun!

Josh is getting some great numbers attending his junior sessions on Thursday after school. The group has grown so much he is looking at running a couple of extra days. Call Josh at the shop if you have a junior looking for a different sport or an extra sport to play. Clubs are provided so just bring a smile!

We had another very enjoyable and successful Quiz night last month. If you enjoy a good quiz get a group of 4 together for the next night which is Friday 30th October. The dinner is delicious and the company and fun is brilliant. You do not have to be a member of the club we would love to see you!

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 progress on the clubhouse!

Until next month stay safe.

**Golf shop phone number is 07 357 2341.**

## New “Phone First Acute Clinic” To Replace “Drop In” Clinic

As previously advised, we’ve redesigned our traditional morning “Drop-in Clinic” to a “Phone First Acute Clinic” system. So if you feel you need to be seen the same day instead of coming down to the Surgery, simply call our reception from 8.30 a.m. and ask to be put in our “Phone First Acute Clinic” and a doctor or acute-care nurse practitioner will 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 be seen. (Please note that there will only be a single consultation charge whether your issue is resolved by telephone consultation or face to face). **Benefits for you are:**

- No more long waits in waiting rooms with sick children
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- Stay in the comfort of your own home.

## Operational Update - Level 2 - COVID 19 Pandemic

With the move back to Level 2 some of our operating procedures have had to change, specifically;

- The Practice is working between 8.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. BUT ENTRY TO THE BUILDING IS AGAIN RESTRICTED.
- Face to face appointments are still being booked as normal however there is a strict Triage process.
- Child Immunisations continue and will be booked as normal
- The “DROP IN CLINIC” has been replaced with the “PHONE FIRST ACUTE CLINIC” as detailed above
- The Laboratory Service has resumed and is available from 8.00 a.m. to 12 noon daily.
- Third party clinics are still running. Please phone the surgery for details.

### **EASY CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES RECIPE**

#### Ingredients

125g Butter  
 ½ cup Soft Brown Sugar (lightly packed)  
 ½ cup Caster Sugar  
 ½ tsp vanilla essence  
 1 egg  
 1¾ cups Self Raising Flour  
 ½ tsp salt  
 ½ cup chocolate chunks or chips

#### Method

Preheat oven to 180°C conventional or 160°C fan forced and grease or line two baking trays with baking paper.

Beat Tararua Butter, Chelsea Soft Brown Sugar, Chelsea Caster Sugar and vanilla until pale and creamy, add egg and beat until mixed.

Sift in Edmonds Self Raising Flour and salt, mix until combined before stirring in the chocolate chunks or chips.

Roll heaped teaspoon sized balls of mixture and place on tray, press down lightly with a floured fork. Bake for approx. 12 minutes.

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### **CHOCOLATE BROWNIE RECIPE**

250g Butter  
 ½ cup cocoa  
 1 ½ cups White Sugar  
 4 eggs  
 1 cup Standard Grade Flour  
 1 tsp Baking Powder  
 1 tsp vanilla essence

#### Method

Preheat oven to 180°C bake. Line an 18 x 28cm sponge roll tin with baking paper.

Melt Tararua Butter in a saucepan large enough to mix all ingredients in. Mix in cocoa, remove from heat and stir in Chelsea White Sugar.

Add eggs and mix well, then add vanilla essence. Sift in Edmonds Standard Grade Flour and Edmonds Baking Powder and mix to combine. Pour into prepared tin. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until brownie springs back when touched lightly.



**FROM THE LIBRARY**

Home delivery for Library Books

This free service of delivering library books to homes is available for those who are unable to visit the library. Robyn Skipwith, Outreach Coordinator who runs this service says that the home delivery of books is often described as a "god-send" for these people, providing a selection of reading material that they wouldn't otherwise have access to.

**BOOK REVIEWS**

*I Owe You One*  
By Sophie Kinsella

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. Also available in eBook and eAudiobook format  
Reviewed by Rose

*The Last Act*  
By Brad Parks

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Here's a good one to get your teeth into over the coming chillier seasons! Full of twists and turns the author cleverly waits until you think you know what's around the next page, then "flip!" the story takes another twist and you're off on another path.

The main character is a young man coming to the realisation that his love of live theatre has to conclude, as life throws him a curve ball and it is time to face up to responsibility. A chance meeting with an old school friend changes everything, and here is the opportunity to have one last throw of the dice. Combining acting and earning a solid chunk of money seems too easy. Who said there's no such thing as a free lunch? Solid characterisation, combined with a strong story line and delivered with good pace, results in this novel being one that you will loathe to put down. Another winner from Brad Parks. Also available in Ebook format

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## The Alice Stories By Davina Bell

It is the year of 1918, at the end of the first world war, and twelve year old Alice dreams of being a professional ballet dancer. Can she make her dream come true?

This book is part of a fun, educational series of books called 'Our Australian Girl' and I would highly recommend it for girls of any age.

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

Reviewed by Isadora

## The Butterfly Room by Lucinda Riley

Another great read from this very popular author, the Butterfly Room scans several generations which all link to the main character Posy. Much loved and worshipped by Posy, her father studies butterflies. Following his passion, Posy is drawn into the world of Botany and butterflies. However, as usual, life throws up a large and shattering hiccup into young Posy's idyllic world and life as she knows it, changes dramatically.

The author has painted her characters well, she has chosen strong storylines and blended them beautifully to achieve a spell binding novel. Roll on winter and settle down with this book - you'll need a long weekend to immerse yourself in this dazzler.

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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 Montenello.

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!

Well worth an Autumn afternoon next to a crackling fire, and perhaps a beverage of your choosing?

Reviewed by Rose

## Slice Of Heaven by Des O'Leary

Slice of Heaven is a fantastic book which reflects South Auckland to the extent that you can almost smell the taro cooking. It follows the press-ganged members of the Junior Boys Softball Team from Manawahe East High School as they make life choices, try to find a way through the conflicting messages of their communities and learn about each other.

My favourite part is when two characters discover neither of them like being labelled an ethnicity they are not (I'm Vietnamese NOT Chinese.... I'm Tongan NOT a Samoan)with one going onto find out what an orange-tangi (his words) is.

The scenes jump off the page and ring true for those of us who've ventured into the cultural melting pot of South Auckland. Des O'Leary has managed to create what he set out to... a book that is about people like us. I highly recommend this, not just for teens but for all kiwis. Reviewed by Jessica

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### Ngongotaha 24 Hood Street

This robust 1950s brick home is looking fresh & fabulous with its contemporary refurb. Enjoy the stunning outlook over Lake Rotorua and countryside from the living area and the master bedroom. The open plan lounge and dining space enjoys loads of natural light plus there's a sun room to relax in and a compliant log fire for winter. Set on a fully fenced, easy care section the family will enjoy.

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Mandy Lee 0276 732 331



### Ngongotaha 7 Te Manga Place

A family home with loads of space, a big double garage plus workshop and a sleepout. You'll love the outdoor entertaining patio & the large fully fenced, section of 1062sqm (more or less). Solar powered hot water, heat pump and a cosy warm fire. The stream is just beyond your back doorstep, go for a fish or a swim. See you at the Open Home!

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### Ngongotaha 6 Reeme Street

Location is key! With summer around the corner this is a top spot to own a holiday home only 100m from lake and jetty. Fishing and water sports a plenty! 3 good size bedrooms, 2 living areas and a fully fenced 1011m2 section. VIEWINGS STRICTLY BY OPEN HOME.

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### Hamurana 631a Hamurana Road

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Ngongotaha News September  
Age Concern Rotorua is humming along, following lockdown, with several new projects either started or in the pipeline. Our Out and Abouters are making use of our new minibus to make excursions to places in and around Rotorua with our trip to Maketu for a fish and chip lunch being the most well supported so far. Our members are beginning to be more relaxed about getting out and about although it has been difficult to get them out of the house while there is still the threat of Covid. On the 1st of October, we celebrated the International Day of the Older person with a gathering at a local eatery. We were fortunate to have a large number attend and we also held a mock election and referendum vote which added to the fun. It was interesting that the people who attended were all over 65 and the results of the mock election were Party Vote National 46%, Labour 49%. ACT 2%, NZ First 2%, others 1%. Local elections Todd McClay 50%, Clair Mahon 48%, Peter Kirkwood, 1%, Fletch Tabuteau 1%, Referendum Cannabis, Yes 25%, No 75%, End of Life, Yes 48%, No 52%. It will be interesting how this pans out on the night of the election.

Age Concern are moving to Parksyde probably in early November. The move to Parksyde has been in the pipeline for several years and is finally going to happen as the first stage of a wider picture being the development of a Whole of Life Hub for the Elderly. This Hub will hopefully house most of the organisations that deal with the elderly and will become a one stop shop for people to gather information about life after 65. Age Concern will be moving into the house beside Parksyde at 5 Tarewa Place which is being renovated

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at present ready for the move. This is an exciting development for the elderly of Rotorua and we look forward to creation of the Hub soon.

In a recent paper written by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians it has called for action on four things that can make or break a good health and wellbeing. Somewhere to live---a healthy home is a human right. Someone to love---all whanau enjoy wellbeing. Something to do---everyone has good work. Something to hope for---there needs to be justice and equality. It is part of the #MakeittheNorm starting point which is informed by the evidence for action on the social determinants for health, like poor housing, insecure work and low wages, and inequitable health outcomes. People will come to hospital for treatment of pneumonia, or bronchiectasis---but we are sending them and their whanau right back to the environments that made them sick in the first place. The RACP say that many of the health issues are preventable if the foundations are right---healthy homes to grow, live and play in, and good jobs that pay a living wage.

This leads on to a survey conducted by the Commission for Financial Capability which showed a fifth of people are experiencing problems with their relationships because of financial concerns. Those with low or no income are more likely to stress but having more money did not necessarily mean financial problems went away, as 21% of respondents with salaries over \$150,000 reported tension. Young people were more likely to report concerns over money and there was a gradual decrease down to 7% of those 65 and over.

At last some fine weather and kids even swimming in the lake over the weekend. I think we are in for a long hot summer. Keep smiling and stay safe.

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### Matariki New year

I don't know about you, but I have spent many evenings on December 31st counting down the clock to midnight to welcome in the New Year at one second past the hour. There have been numerous memorable occasions which have taken place throughout New Zealand.

Most of these New Year's evenings took place at our Bidois whanau homestead at the Awahou river mouth.

There you would see many whanaunga huddled and standing around a small fire. Accompanying the sparks and warmth of the fire would be the wonderful sounds of raucous laughter and sizzling mutton flaps, trout and sausages. There would also be singing to guitars, loud voices and quiet voices and the voice of Lake Rotorua lapping on the sandy beach or tapping her melody on our fishing dinghies. In the distance you may hear the younger generations excitedly yelling as they raced to "break the ice" and be the first to dive into the Awahou river for the new year. Even as I write this I am remembering those who were there celebrating with us that have passed over the years but their memories, laughs, voices and singing remain heard through the generations they created.

I have also spent a few times celebrating the Maori New year otherwise known as Matariki. These New Year's events have been a stark contrast. For a start there was no fire even though it was freezing cold. There was hardly any laughter and ALL the voices were quiet. We were not beside lakes or oceans but standing on mountain peaks. These Matariki Maori New Year's events started with waking at 4am in the morning and being a night owl, I was tempted to just stay awake all night, like I had done a few times on the December 31st New Year's celebrations.

The Matariki New Year's events were more serious and more spiritual and it would be a few years before I understood why. The occasions started with walking up roads or paths to Mountain tops with kids who had bravely joined us 4 o'clock in the morning. Most having no choice to be honest. There were smaller tamariki being carried, many on their Papas shoulders some still sleeping. Once we reached our mountain top destination there were karakia recited and the Matariki star constellation was also sighted, if you were fortunate enough to not have clouds running interference. New Year's Eve and New Year's Matariki, December 31st and Matariki. Two New Year's



occasions and each as significant and memorable as the other.

Many years ago, when I was completing my Masters degree in Education I was privileged to learn under the tutelage of Maori leader Professor Mason Durie. He outlined back then that there were three forms of knowledge in the world. The first was Scientific Knowledge or Western Knowledge which is the scientific proving and disproving of theories. The second was faith which you either believe or not and the third form of knowledge, which he exclaimed was the fastest growing form of knowledge in the world, was indigenous knowledge. Knowledge belonging to and cared for by indigenous people around the world. Matariki is a part of our Maori indigenous knowledge.

Matariki is more than seeing in a new year. Much more. Matariki is not just about the gathering of whanau and making memories but it is also very spiritual as we farewell our dead and carefully analyse and plan the new year while reciting karakia and ceremoniously presenting gifts of gratitude. Matariki is Scientific knowledge and Faith all contained in one kete matauranga, basket of knowledge. It has been celebrated by Maori for ever and will be acknowledged forever.

I am pleased that there could be a new holiday for Matariki. It will be a celebration of Maori Indigenous knowledge and a symbol of our growth as a nation and people. Nga mihi.

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*A man is getting into the shower just as his wife is finishing up her shower when the doorbell rings. The wife quickly wraps herself in a towel and runs downstairs. When she opens the door, there stands Bob, the next door neighbor. Before she says a word, Bob says, "I'll give you \$800 to drop that towel." After thinking for a moment, the woman drops her towel and stands naked in front of Bob.*

*After a few seconds, Bob hands her \$800 dollars and leaves. The woman wraps back up in the towel and goes back upstairs. When she gets to the bathroom, her husband asks,...*

*"Who was that?" "It was Bob the next door neighbor," she replies. "Great!" the husband says, "Did he say anything about the \$800 he owes me?"*

#### Moral of the story:

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*A sales rep, an administration clerk, and the manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie comes out. The Genie says, "I'll give each of you just one wish" "Me first! Me first!" says the administration clerk. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world." Poof! She's gone. "Me next! Me next!" says the sales rep. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of Pina Coladas and the love of my life." Poof! He's gone. "OK, you're up," the Genie says to the manager. The manager says, "I want those two back in the office after lunch."*

#### Moral of the story: Always let your boss have the first say.

*A crow was sitting on a tree, doing nothing all day. A rabbit asked him, "Can I also sit like you and do nothing all day long?" The crow answered: "Sure, why not." So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the crow, and rested. A fox jumped on the rabbit and ate it.*

#### Moral of the story: To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very high up.

*A turkey was chatting with a bull "I would love to be able to get to the top of that tree," sighed the turkey, but I haven't got the energy." "Well, why don't you nibble on my droppings?" replied the bull. "They're packed with nutrients." The turkey pecked at a lump of dung and found that it gave him enough strength to reach the lowest branch of the tree. The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch. Finally after a fourth night, there he was proudly perched at the top of the tree. Soon he was spotted by a farmer, who shot the turkey out of the tree. Moral of the story: Bullsh%^ might get you to the top, but it wont keep you there.*



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Dublin's Patrick O'Shea called his lawyer and asked, "Is it true they are suin' dem der cigarette companies for causin' people to git cancer?" "Yes, Patrick, sure is true," responded the lawyer.  
"And now someone is suin' dem fast food restaurants for makin' dem fat an' cloggin' their arteries with all dem der burgers an' fries, is that true,?" "Sure is, Patrick." "And that a lady sued McDonald's for millions when she burned her tongue with that hot coffee that she ordered?" "Yep."  
"And that a football player sued that university when he graduated and still couldn't read?"  
"That's right," said the lawyer. "But why are you asking?" "Well, I was thinkin' . . . What I want to know is, can I sue Guinness for all dem ugly women It made me date.

Paddy went to the Doc's today. and said "do you treat alcoholics", The Dr replied, "of course we do".....Paddy said "great get your coat on, I'm skint

Barman says to Paddy "Your glass is empty, fancy another one?" lookin' puzzled Paddy says "Why know would I be needed two empty glasses?"

Paddy says to Mary if you were stranded on a desert island who would you like most to be with you?" "My uncle Mick" replies Paddy. "What's so special about him?" asks Mary. "He's got a boat," says Paddy

"Young man," said the judge, looking sternly at the defendant. "It's alcohol and alcohol alone that's responsible for your present sorry state!" "I'm glad to hear you say that," replied Murphy, with a sigh of relief. "Everybody else says it's all my fault!"

An Irishman went for an interview with one of the major blue chip computer companies.

When the interview was over the interviewer told him that all applicants had to complete a test. The interviewer took a piece of paper and drew six vertical lines in pairs of two on the paper and placed it in front of the Irishman.

"Could you please show me a clever way to make this into nine?"

After thinking for a while the Irishman took the pencil and drew a canopy of leaves on top of the three pairs of lines, and handed the paper back to the interviewer. The interviewer looked at the drawings and said: "But that is not nine!"

"Oh yes it is", said the Irishman with a broad Irish accent, "Tree + Tree + Tree make nine!"

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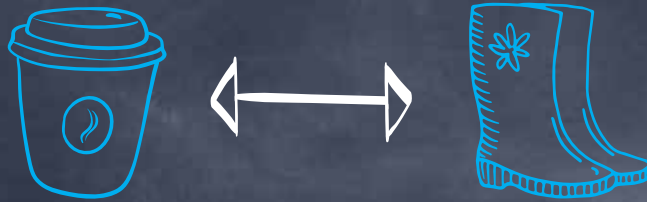
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## RACING TALK

With spring comes foals, and how gorgeous they all are. It is a great time of year, and whether you are hoping for a colt or a filly they are all beautiful. We happily had our first filly ever and we are so happy with this news, as I personally prefer them to the colts.

Spring racing campaigns are now underway and we have trainers and their horses travelling all over the North Island chasing those elusive wins.

Donna Fleming's Koolascuz was placed 3rd at Matamata in the R65 1600 with Sam Weatherley

It was a nice effort and he was running on nicely, so keep an eye out on him for future starts.

Iain Kennedy's Lady Shabeel placed 3rd at Ellerslie in the R104 1600 with Cameron Lammas onboard. Great effort by both jockey and rider.

Bill Pomare's Ocean Billy won the Whangarei Gold Cup over 2200m with Callum Jones on board. They travelled all the way to Ruakaka for this so it was well worth the effort. With this win under their belt, there is a very strong chance that Ocean Billy will now make the field for The Livamol Classic on October 17th in Hastings so fingers crossed for them. The Livamol is a \$250k Weight For Age 2040m race that is a highlight of anyone's racing career. Iain Kennedy's Edean Rose came 3rd in this in 2017. Lady

Shabeel is nominated but not looking likely to make the field at this stage, so all our Rotorua hopes could be pinned on Ocean Billy.

## Easy spring gardening tips and tricks for beginners

- Start with an easy task such as planting up pots, troughs or hanging baskets with pretty flowering annuals. It's a great way to lift the garden out of its winter doldrums. Alyssum is a great bee attractant, as is calendula. Other easy-care annuals are busy lizzie (impatiens), dianthus, geranium, lobelia, nasturtium, nemesia, pansy, petunia, sweet peas and zinnia.
- Rather than buy seedlings you can often replant self-sown seedlings that pop up in the garden, whether it's yours or a friend's.
- Plants that self-seed easily include aquilegia, alyssum, cornflowers, diates, foxgloves, helleborus, lobelia and pansies. Carefully dig them out when they've got a couple of sets of leaves and replant in groups to fill up bare areas.
- School fairs and garden clubs are another good option for low-cost plant seedlings or try online plant-swap sites such as floragora.kiwi or plantrescue.co.nz.
- If your spring bulbs have finished flowering give them one last feed to make sure they have plenty of nourishment for next year's blooms. Move potted spring bulbs out of sight.



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Creativity was the theme for Term 3-2020.  
Speeches-Electives-Choir-Art Exhibition-and....an upcoming farewell

Many of our senior students stepped outside their comfort zones and all presented speeches to be selected as finalists for the West Cup trophy. Congratulations to James who was announced the winner.

Welcoming Year 5 & 6 Ngongotaha students to Kaharoa for an orientation afternoon was a highlight. We were very proud of our senior students who ran this afternoon for our visitors. After a sausage sizzle the children were shown around the school to see learning areas in and out of the school. We look forward to welcoming some of these young tamariki next year as Year 7 & 8 students.

Despite Covid timetabling changes and thanks to our fabulous parent volunteers who changed their schedules to accommodate the school our Electives went ahead with lots of fun and learning.

**Stepping Up Awards**

We were treated to the choir led by Mrs Evelyn Falconer to begin our last assembly of the term.. Fabulous singing! Our Stepping Up awards are usually held at least twice a term but were combined for our last assembly which saw 16 children acknowledged for Stepping Up throughout the term. Congratulations also to Dane and Ana who won the Cornerstone Wheel trophy - ka mau te wehi!

On Wednesday 23 October parents and whanau were invited to our biennial Art Exhibition - 'Our Beautiful World'. From our feathered friends, bees and flowers to habitats, water, steampunk art and a collaborative ship made entirely of recycled materials it was a feast for the eyes. A huge thank you to our teachers who not only spent the week before encouraging and supporting the artists in their endeavours but then exhibited their students' art in the classes. This was a huge feat considering the students were all in the class during the day whilst this happened.

Our wonderful 'artist in residence' Jayne Baume created a glass 3D mural with Year 7&8 students all contributing. The mural was based on their interpretation of 'Our Beautiful World'. This is now displayed in the administration foyer.

On a different note: Mr Warwick Moyle, after 19 years of leading Kaharoa School, will be resigning as principal at the end of the year. Whilst we are happy for Mr Moyle who will be able to explore other employment opportunities and have much deserved time solely with his own family, we are sad that he is leaving us. For Mr Moyle it has always been about the children and the school community. Mr Moyle has been the planner and organiser behind all the innovative learning at Kaharoa - from Cornerstone Values to Learning Through Play, to science, to digital, chess and robotics to school production writer/director to Roots of Empathy in schools-too many to mention. Mr Moyle has also been the driver behind enhancing the physical environment at Kaharoa for children and community alike to enjoy; upgrading the administration and classrooms, overseeing the building of the Kōkako Centre, the grandstand seating and swimming pool and more. Mr Moyle is highly regarded as an innovative principal by his colleagues in other schools. Details of his farewell will be shared next term.

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Work has started on the Tarukenga to Ngongotaha roading project and it's great to finally see progress being made which will eventually upgrade the Ngongotaha roundabout.

For too long this area has been congested during peak travel time and infrastructure funding was not seen as a priority by the previous Government. So it's a welcome relief that \$14 million has been invested for roading that will significantly improve the safety of this important, high-use route and busy intersection. The roundabout has been the site of one serious crash and six minor crashes between 2015-2019.

Construction is to include an additional lane around the roundabout, as well as on all approaches to, and exits from, the roundabout.

Last month, I had the pleasure to accompany New Zealand First leader, the Rt Hon. Winston Peters to turn the first sod over at the \$11 million St John Ambulance Hub on Te Ngae Rd, formerly the site of Placemakers. This hub will contain modern facilities for emergency ambulances to respond from, training areas, as well as staff amenities, facilities and offices. It will also create 120 new jobs.

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