

Ngongotaha Young Guns Now Olympians



Two locals started playing football at the tender age of 5 before playing in the same team for many years at the Ngongotaha Football Club. Nando Pijnaker represented the All Whites and Paige Satchell represented the Football Ferns at the Olympics in Tokyo.

In 2014, Nando was selected for the Waikato/Bay of Plenty U15 team, and in 2016 for the All Whites National U20. He was born in the Netherlands and eligible to play for both countries but chose NZ. He credits his father and schoolmates for encouraging his sport. His team got through to the quarter-finals against Japan on 31 July.

Paige has played 11 Internationals for NZ. In mid-2017, she tore her ACL which set her back 9 months, but in 2019 she signed a professional contract for a football club in Germany.

Her team played on 27 July against Sweden in Group G. Paige credits her family as her main influence: "my parents put in hours and hours to take me to and from training and Rotorua set me up for this opportunity."

In the group photo, Nando is second on the bottom left and Paige is on the bottom far right. Congratulations to Ngongotaha Football Club for supporting these young players!



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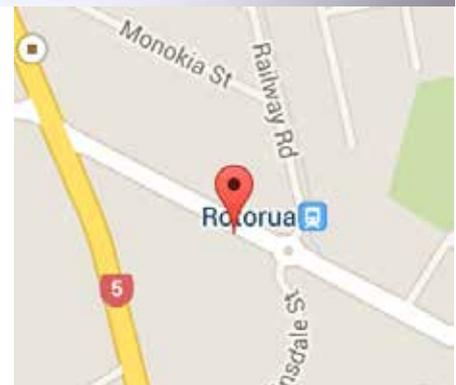


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Ngongotaha School

Kia ora koutou,

I hope everyone has enjoyed the Olympics as much as I have. The passion, talent and dedication these athletes have sets them as awesome role models for our students. As I visit classes, it is great to see our tamariki cheering on the athletes as they compete on the world stage. For a nation with a team of only 5 million, we definitely 'punch well above our weight'.

School has started straight back into a very busy term. Interscholar Sports, whanau-teacher interviews, Tough Guy and Gal, Dance Group performances, Intermediate Orientations, Athletics, and of course our whole school production. The Production "The GREAT Journey" will take place in the week of 20th September. The school has been split in half and each group will perform a matinee and an evening performance. Tickets will go on sale the week of 6th September and we would love for our wider community to come and join us. The script is amazing and connects our GREAT values in with Ihenga's journey from Hawaiki to Aotearoa. The costumes are brilliant and the dances are sensational. I might be a bit biased, but I think this show is worthy of Broadway! Get in quick to get your tickets.

If you haven't downloaded our school app, I recommend that you do. It will give you an idea of when all our events are on and enable you to come and be a part of them. Athletics Day will take place soon. Our children are busy training for these events and will be able to show off their skills on 8th and 9th of September. Whaea Amy's dance team have been practicing every Friday afternoon and will perform at their competition on the 1st of September. Our Kapahaka roopu have begun training for Ahurei Festivals later in the year. Our aim is to provide as many opportunities for our children as possible.

Whaea Tayla will be leaving us at the end of next week. Rotorua Primary were very lucky to be employing such a wonderful teacher. Matua Wiremu will teach the children of room 9B for the remainder of the year to ensure consistency for the children. It has been very difficult to find teachers who are fluent in te reo Maori so for this reason, our Rumaki Unit is now full. We have got several siblings who have pre enrolled and will still have a place in the unit but unfortunately, all others will have to go on a waiting list until space becomes available or we find another kaiako.

Craig McFadyen and the Team at Ngongotaha School.

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I do miss many aspects of the rural life though including the awesome neighbours we had, being near my father and the quietness of everything.

Despite moving back into town, I felt that one of the ways I could keep supporting our awesome rural community was to continue writing these articles. I remember asking Ann Henderson if I could continue writing even though I was no longer living in the community and her reply was something like "I would be disappointed if you didn't!"

So even though I have not seen it I would like to thank Gina for the acknowledgement in the newsletter regarding my last article which I wrote in support of the Hamurana Store after their terrible event. Nga mihi. Thank you for your kind words which are much appreciated. However, I further acknowledge those of our community who turned up and helped to clean up and support our Hamurana store whanau. You guys and gals all rock!

Which leads to the second part of the definition regarding community of having a particular characteristic in common. Our rural community has a particular characteristic which is demonstrated throughout our rural region. That characteristic can be defined as Manaakitanga. Manaakitanga can be defined as the manaaki we show to the tangata. The care, support, love and care we show to each person in our community. When we were living in Keith Road it was demonstrated by one of our neighbours mowing the lawn out on the road verge, otherwise my lawns would have taken 2 hours to mow!

So I was very disappointed to see that a separate ram raid robbery occurred at the Ngongotaha store. These are not the actions of a caring community and indeed not what defines our community. These are the actions of outliers, losers who do not carry our values of Manaakitanga and have no place in our midst. Their actions are not what defines our community and their bad behaviour is definitely not a particular characteristic we have in common. Shame on you.

As an elected member of the Lakes District Health Board I am often asked for my views on the Covid immunisation, another characteristic which is quickly defining communities all over the world. My answer is

What is Community?

Online I looked up the following:
- what is community?



The answers were similar, however there was one which stood out to me because it had two aspects of community which I found interesting:

A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

When we consider the first aspect of this definition it is easy to see that the community of Ngongotaha, Awahou, Kaharoa and Hamurana that this magazine serves is easy to define. Simply put, we are living in the same place. Having said that someone recently asked me if I live out at Awahou and I had to reply that I no longer did, but my commitments are still strong to the community through my Ngati Rangiwewehi marae and our whanau Papa kainga at the Awahou river and my father, aunts and uncles and cousins who do still live in Awahou.

My wife and I moved a few years ago now from the beautiful property we had in Keith Road. We went back into town when both of our children left to attend Auckland university. We fundamentally returned to our home where our kids had grown up which included benefits like the lawns only taking 30 minutes to mow instead of 1 hour 30 minutes!

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simple...when you have a son who is a qualified doctor and a daughter who is a qualified nurse (who is currently completing medical school in Auckland) and they strongly advise me to get immunised, then I take heed of their many years of training and the many hours of support we have given each other as a whanau to listen and act accordingly. So, have I been immunised against Covid? Yes. Did I just do it because my highly qualified kids said I should? No. I did it for you reading this article. I did it for my 4-month-old grandchild. I did it for my 84-year-old father. I did it for every vulnerable member of our community to further protect our community. As my uncle Mita from Awahou used to always say, Ko au ko koe, ko koe ko au. I am you and you are me.

You see, I can't stop the bad behaviour of people from doing ram raids on our stores and its highly likely that you can't either, but we will do our best to protect each other and prevent another one from occurring. Despite my terrible fear of needles, I knew that I could do something about another thief coming into our community. Word is that the store thieves targeted cigarettes and lotto tickets in their bad behaviour. Covid targets much, much more than that. It targets you and it targets me. It targets our most vulnerable in our community and the latest strands do not care what age you are, who you are or what you do. If you have not done so, can I encourage you to get immunised asap. If not for your life but for those you meet in our stores, for those at the bus stops on the side of Hamurana road while we wait for our kids, do it for their kids if you can't do it for your own, for those who mow your lawns or provide you with hay, for those you fish with, golf with or walk with or share meals with.

Community is a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic. Let's make our characteristic of Manaakitanga stronger by getting immunised for one another. No excuses.

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Todd McClay Member of Parliament for Rotorua

Demand the Debate – Rotorua is changing.

The Government choosing the Mongrel Mob to rehabilitate meth users over organisations with no gang affiliations has made many New Zealanders angry.

When Mike King's 'I am Hope' and other worthy organisations go wanting while the Mob gets \$2.75 million, it's clear the Government has appalling priorities.

The central part of a functioning democracy is open debate. Parties make commitments before elections and people vote based on them.

Labour is making decisions that the public deserves a say on. It's making changes that have wide-ranging consequences for the type of country we live in and the type of place our children will inherit. Changes it didn't tell voters about.

Take the oil and gas ban, announced on the steps of Parliament without campaigning or consulting. The consequence is that we will import two million tonnes of coal from Indonesia this year to generate electricity - most other countries use natural gas to transition towards a greener economy.

Another example is the ute tax to subsidise electric cars – something they ruled out before the election and then announced after people had voted penalising the farmers who helped the New Zealand economy get through the lockdown and the tradies we desperately need to build houses.

At a time when nurses are undervalued and are certainly underpaid, and our health system struggles as they look to Australia for better opportunities, Labour announced a \$785 million cycle bridge over Waitematā Harbour to be used by a few thousand people.

Do you recall the debate during the election campaign about Labour putting 4000 children in motels or spending \$1 million a day on homeless motels or that they would buy a motel in Rotorua for \$8.1 million when it was valued at about half? That's because it didn't happen.

We deserve to know why our towns and cities are changing because the Labour Government is failing to deliver on its housing promise. Reports of increased crime rates, unruly behaviour and increasing gang presence mean local residents and homeless families housed in motels no longer feel safe.

Labour has changed Rotorua from a tourist town to a homeless town – without any debate. People no longer want to visit and moteliars say that bookings are way down.

New Zealanders deserve a say on their country's future. You deserve a say on Rotorua's future. You too, must demand the debate.

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Now that we are close to 2 months since the shortest day there is a noticeable lengthening of the evening and morning light. So, hope is on the horizon that we are not too far away from those hazy lazy days of summer! August competitions are the finals of the Managh Cup and Trophy and the start of the Stroke Play Championships. We wish all players involved the best of luck.

Talking of Stroke Play, we are happy to be supporting the Stroke Foundation of NZ again this year with their Beanie Up campaign. We have awesome beanies for sale at a great price with all proceeds going to help stroke survivors. This really is a great cause and one that has probably affected many people in some way given that one New Zealander every 45 minutes suffers a stroke. If you are feeling the cold, pop up to Lakeview and purchase a beanie.

We are delighted to welcome Will Skipper to our eco-warriors team! Will is volunteering to check our traps as part of his Duke of Edinburgh requirements. It is so cool to have a young person that cares about his environment and we thank Will for his contribution!

We are holding the first of our whanau days for this year on Sunday 5th September. Put this date in your diaries and rally some of your whanau to come and play some fun golf over 3,6,9 or 18 holes with a BBQ to follow. This is a fantastic opportunity to get some exercise, have fun and enjoy some quality time with the whanau. Everyone is welcome, you do not have to be a golfer, so contact Josh in the shop if you want to put in a team.

The quiz nights continue to be a great fun night of entertainment. Team Four Play took out the winning honours last month. We are taking a break for the month of August because Kaharoa School are holding a quiz night at the end of August. If you want your fix of brain strain, we are sure Kaharoa would love to have your team support. The next Lakeview quiz is Friday 24th September. See you there! As always, 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!

Until next month (the first month of spring) stay safe.

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Age Concern

Exciting times as we make progress towards the development of our Pocket Neighbourhood and create six tiny homes for our elderly members who are finding it hard to make ends meet without a home of their own, and paying high rents. Housing seems to be everyone's priority at the moment which is understandable.

Due to the generosity of a local Ngongotaha resident we are negotiating some land with a peppercorn lease which is fantastic and lets us have more money freed up for the actual houses. The land is in Ngongotaha close to all amenities, including the village, and is on the bus route, so whoever ends up living there will be very lucky. Recently we met with the Lakes Council Engineers and Planners to iron out some of the logistics around the sewerage and storm-water and came away from the meeting feeling positive that the council are working with us to provide this housing option for our elderly.

Recently I alluded to the fact that Age Concern may develop a drop-in place to socially connect for our members in Ngongotaha. Once again, through the generosity of others we have been offered a space to meet. I am not sure how many members we have in Ngongotaha but there will be an opportunity to join up if you wish. Watch this space.

In New Zealand, people are obsessed with home ownership because, simply, it brings security for people – for their future, their time of retirement, and many other aspects of life. It is linked to more security and from the economic point of view less cost for the people. Across the country, it costs the average first home buyer just \$18 extra per week to pay off a mortgage than renting a home, according to Core Logic data from June. When you're paying a mortgage, you're paying off an asset that's likely to be increasing in value. The point is that it's an investment, you own something for yourself that you can sell anytime.

By paying rent, people do not own anything, they just spend their money for nothing, for shelter that is not permanent. Because inflation of house prices was higher than the general economy and mortgage interest rates, it also meant housing was more or less a no-lose investment.

The unscientific measure of FOMO (the fear of missing out) is also often alluded to by economists. Another contributor to Kiwis' obsession with owning is the limited rights of renters. If we compare New Zealand to other parts of the world, Kiwi renters do not have as many rights. The pension is not enough for renters. Superannuation was based on the retiree owning their home, but for an increasing number that was not the reality. Home-ownership data from the 2018 Census found leading up

to retirement age (60 to 64 years), about 1 in 4 people did not own the home they lived in.

As part of the Ministry of Social Development's Ageing Well National Science Challenge, researcher Kay Saville-Smith predicted home-ownership among retirees would plummet in the years to come. In 20-30 years' time it is likely that less than half of those turning 65 will be owner occupiers.

Reliance on the private rental market was causing a lot of hardship. Renting isn't bad, but the way we're doing it here isn't conducive to people living well at whatever age.

Unfortunately bank scams are on the rise and the embarrassment and shame of being caught out in a scam stops many elderly from reporting it, but, such attacks are becoming far more common and affecting many more people. Unless you are absolutely sure that you are talking to the bank hang up and certainly never allow anyone, bank or not, to share your screen.

That's the message from an elderly man who lost thousands of dollars from his bank accounts after fraudsters convinced him to tell them his details.

John - not his real name - tells his story as a warning to others about the clever tactics being used to steal money from bank accounts. He thinks he was targeted because he is elderly and the stranger who called claiming to be with ANZ bank sounded genuine and kept him on the phone for two hours. He's upset that his family will miss out on the money, disgusted with himself for getting duped, and embarrassed.

Financial abuse and fraud targeting elderly people is rising and most of the fraudsters get away with the crime - and the money. The scale of the problem is not known because there is no data and most of the cases go unreported. It is estimated that New Zealanders lose \$500 million a year to overseas fraudsters and elderly victims are overrepresented in the statistics.

Elderly are the most financially secure group to be targeting, there is isolation caused by Covid, and they may be less computer-savvy and more trusting. Very few cases go to the police because agencies are not working together to share information and tackle the problem.

Financial elderly abuse is a very low risk crime for the offenders to be involved in. Most cases start small. Usually there's a build-up of trust asking for a bit of money or secretly without the older person knowing

that money gets removed from their accounts. Once there's been trust built up to enable passwords or pin numbers or signatures, gradually larger amounts or property is taken.

John's story is not uncommon and recently also Age Concern were dealing with an elderly man caught up in a romance scam that left him at least \$200,000 out of pocket.

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Manager



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What's the difference between basketball players and soccer players? Basketball players get actual injuries.

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After a while, a passing matron leans in and says "Really, sir, there's a young lady having a baby just down the corridor and she's not making as much fuss as this."

"Well, try pushing it back in again and see what she says!" yells the rugby player.

Day 1 after the Olympics.
Found a nice lady on the couch today, apparently she's my wife, she seems nice.

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More Sport

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My husband bought an exercise machine to help him shed a few pounds. He set it up in the basement but didn't use it much, so he moved it to the bedroom. It gathered dust there, too, so he put it in the living room. Weeks later I asked how it was going. "I was right," he said. "I do get more exercise now. Every time I close the drapes, I have to walk around the machine."

A blind guy on a bar stool shouts to the bartender, "Wanna hear a blonde joke?"

In a hushed voice, the guy next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, you should know something, our bartender IS blonde, the bouncer is blonde, I'm a 6' tall, 120 kg black belt, the guy sitting next to me is 6'2", weighs 127 and he's a rugby player, the fella on your right is 6'5" pushing 140 and he's a wrestler. Each one of us is blonde. Think about it, Mister. Do you still wanna tell that joke?" The blind guy says, "Nah, not if I'm gonna have to explain it 5 times."

Three fans were bemoaning the sorry state of their rugby team. "I blame the general manager," said the first fan. "If he signed better players, we'd be a great team." "I blame the players," said the second fan. "If they made more of an effort, we'd score some points." "I blame my parents," said the third. "If I'd been born in Rotorua, I'd be supporting a decent team."

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A friend of mine had resisted efforts to get him to run with our jogging group until his doctor told him he had to exercise. Soon thereafter, he reluctantly joined us for our 5:30 a.m. jogs on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

After a month of running, we decided that my friend might be hooked, especially when he said he had discovered what "runner's euphoria" was. "Runner's euphoria," he explained, "is what I feel at 5:30 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays."

*All pro athletes are
bilingual. They speak their mother tongue and profanity.*

Te Arawa COVID-19 Response Hub have given this advice to those participating in the COVID contact tracing card trial held in Ngongotaha last year.

Tuia ki runga, tuia ki raro,
Tuia ki roto, tuia ki waho,
Tuia te pou here tangata ka rongu te pō, ka rongu te ao,
Haumi e, hui e, tāiki e!

Kei ngā mate o te wā, kei tēnā marae, kei tēnā marae, tōia atu ki a Pōhutukawa,
Tātou te hunga ora, ko Hiwa i te rangi ki a tātou,
Tīhei mauri ora!

Tēnā koe,
We're pleased to let you know the Government is now ready to share the final outcomes of the trial (see below for the key points) and we would also like to invite you to a hui at Waiteti Marae on Thursday, 12 August at 5pm to discuss those findings.

New Zealand's Director General of Health, Dr Ashley Bloomfield, will speak via Zoom about the outcomes and the value of this trial to Aotearoa New Zealand's COVID response.

Shayne Hunter, the Ministry of Health's Deputy Director General Data & Digital will attend in person and be available to answer questions. Other speakers who have helped facilitate and support this important kaupapa will also be present.

The community-based approach to the trial and the involvement and engagement of local hapū and the wider community from the get-go had a significant impact on the positive uptake. In total, 1191 local residents took part, something we should all be proud of.

While the trial engagement was excellent, the trial also identified limitations to this technology. Based on these results, the Ministry of Health and the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) are not recommending a nationwide roll-out of the card.

One of the main reasons is that the card doesn't work with other contact tracing technologies, such as the NZ COVID Tracer app, which now has over 2.9 million users.

Wearing the card would also need to be mandated – all New Zealanders would have to use one for it to be effective. Views canvassed as part of the trial indicated people were generally not positive on this factor. Amongst these other limitations, the cost of rolling out the card also outweighs the contact tracing benefits we would gain.

However, the trial was a success in many other ways and its value cannot be underestimated. Two important outcomes have been the value of establishing genuine partnerships with a community and the effectiveness of a community and iwi-led approach on the ground.

These outcomes have led to the development of a community engagement framework to support equity in similar iwi and community projects in the future.

In short, this means the efforts of the people of Ngongotaha could influence the way government agencies engage with Māori and local communities in the future.

So that we can estimate the numbers for catering purposes at the hui, please register your interest at www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/covid-card-trial-final-outcomes-hui-tickets-164071934573

Ka nui te mihi - we look forward to seeing you. Noho ora mai.

Noho ora mai,
Te Arawa COVID-19 Response Hub.



The UN organised a 30 minutes meeting where they asked one question to all attendees: "Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?" It was a huge failure.

The Africans didn't know what "food" meant.

In Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant.

In Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant.

In China they didn't know what "opinion" meant.

In the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant.

None of the Latin American representatives showed up in time.

The Canadians and Australians were watching a rugby match between their countries and didn't hear the question. AND,

In the US they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.

RE. SH5 Tarukenga to Ngongotahā safety and roundabout improvements – project update

At the roundabout

From Monday 26 July, work started on the roundabout bypass lane from Ngongotahā to Rotorua. This work is expected to be completed by mid to late-August, weather dependent. Works will include excavating the bypass lane and constructing new kerbs and islands.

Work has been progressing well at the roundabout. All stormwater and water main services have been relocated. The base layers of the road around the roundabout have been formed and the membrane seal is complete. We have started to lay the first asphalt structural layers which will be followed by kerb installation and the second layer of asphalt. Once the second layer is finished, we will divert the Ngongotahā to Rotorua traffic through the roundabout and start work on the marked bypass lane.



Speeding at the Ngongotahā roundabout

With speeding continuing to be an issue and listening to feedback from the community, we've implementing traffic calming measures. These include speed humps on the lane from Ngongotahā to Rotorua.

Western Road detour

The Western Road detour will continue to be in place until end of August due to delays caused by bad weather, including heavy rain and low temperatures. While this is not uncommon for this time of year, there has been a lot more rain in a short period of time. We'd like to acknowledge the inconvenience this may cause and thank everyone for their patience.

While the detour is in place the extended 30km/h speed limit on Western Road will remain. We also made minor adjustments to the SH5 temporary roundabout following feedback from the public. The changes aim to improve visibility, slow down approaching traffic and improve safe navigation through the roundabout.

We will continue to monitor traffic and may do further adjustments. As always, please feel free to contact Allen or I if you have any questions or concerns.

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Leanne Leef pictured with our lucky winner.

All warmed up for Winter!

Congratulations to this local Ngongotaha family who have won \$500 towards their power bill for simply visiting us at the Ngongotaha office & booking an appraisal on their home.

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Ngongotaha 62a Keith Road

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View ROT30038 | Julie Brake 021 110 0320



Ngongotaha 3 Pioneer Road

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News From Kaharoa School 37.9959° S, 176.2347° E

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Kia ora whānau and welcome to Term 3.

Junior build-Complete!

By the time the Ngongotaha News is distributed tamariki and teachers from Rooms Kauri, Kōwhai, Mātai & Miro will all be absolutely LOVING the spacious, warm, light-filled classrooms complete with decks. Our whānau and community will attend a blessing of our remodelled junior classrooms on Thursday 12th August led by Te Arawa leader Toby Curtis and our kaumatua Te Rangikaheke Kiripatea.



Thank you to Gerhard van der Merwe-MOE, Rudolf Vanden Eng - architect, Rodney Mills, Jared Smith-Marra Construction, Kevin Marks-consultant, Luhann Du Plessis & Taryn Gair-Frequency Associates and the many, many labourers and service providers who all contributed to this amazing project.

This brings Kaharoa School to the end of 6 years of remodelling our entire school buildings from the administration block, to the middle and senior classrooms, with our junior classrooms being the finale.

What wonderful environments our tamariki have to learn in. A very special mention to our past principal, Mr Warwick Moyle who initiated and led these building projects (as well as many, many others our school and wider community enjoy).



A very warm welcome to Whaea Lucelle (Mrs Lucelle Cook) who is teaching in Room Mātai (Yr 2 & 3) for Terms 3 & 4 this year. Lucelle is Lynden Cook's (our new school principal's) Mum and he says 'she taught me everything I know!'

On Thursday 1 July Room Rata spent the day at the Classic Flyers Aviation Museum in Mount Maunganui. It was an awesome experience and allowed the children to see real life and replica planes that we have learnt about whilst studying Jean Batten. We had rides on a vintage fire engine, walked through a World War 2 Catalina and sat in the pilot seat of a Victa Airtourer T-3A! If you're ever in Mount Maunganui with some spare time, check it out!



Congratulations to all our qualifying rural cross country competitors who went on to represent Kaharoa at the Bay wide competition! An absolutely fantastic effort by Rome Beazley who came 1st in the 9 year old boys! Congratulations Rome!

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Room Miro has taken up the wonderful opportunity (with the aid of parents) to take part in volunteer work to monitor and reduce numbers of Catfish in our lakes. We are working alongside Te Arawa Catfish Killas to do fortnightly checks of 7 nets at Te Weta Bay at Okere Falls. We have had lots of fun learning about pest species and helping our local community.

Parent/teacher meetings were held on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th August. This is always such a great time to meet together to discuss together the progress up to mid year and have shared goals for children's learning moving into the second part of the year.

Have a great month, take care and keep safe.

Nā Kaharoa team

Olympic Tweets

They should combine some events at the Olympics. It would be great if the pole vaulters landed on a trampoline, bounced onto a horse and galloped straight into some jousting. (Paul Bassett Davies)

Dressage in the Olympics should have a "chaos round" where the riders get to pick what animal they are using in the last event. Riding a cow? +2. Zebra ? +3. Giraffe? +5. A furious pig? +7. (Dave)



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Ngongotaha Lions

We will be seen out in the Ngongotaha village community on Friday 27th August when we will be on a stall to collect for the Cancer Society's annual Daffodil Day. The stall will be in front of the Four Square supermarket in Hall Road. Please drop by and say hello and support them, as they support the Cancer Society. They will have fresh daffodils for sale as well as smaller items which can be worn, or taken home to enjoy, or given away as a gift.

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The Lions Club of Ngongotaha have recently been awarded the honour of being the Top Lions Club in the Bay of Plenty/Waikato for 2 community projects they hosted, working with Youth and the Environment.

Twelve students from Toi Ohomai Tauranga spent four days working and studying the area known as the Lions Tree Grove at TECT Park. Part of their studies was to GPS the area and tracks, learn to use brush cutters, and recognise native trees as well as those that become invasive. Six pest traps were positioned with GPS co-ordinates and monitored over the four days. 6 rats and 4 mice were caught. The students were required, as part of their curriculum, to write about the area, terrain, flora and fauna, animal and bird life, and ways to enhance and protect the environment. Members of the Lions Tree Grove were on site to give assistance and advice as to where help was needed most – clearing the tracks, clearing overgrown areas ready for future planting, and weed spraying.

The second group of twelve girls from Cambridge Girl Guides came to the Lions Tree Grove for one day to work towards their Environment Badge. The girls were split into five groups each with an adult and a Lions Tree Grove member. The groups planted over 80 Cordylines and monitored pest traps. The girls were rewarded with cream buns before leaving for a well-deserved swim in Rotorua's Hot Pools.

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Jack walked into a sports bar around 9:58 pm. He sat down next to this blonde at the bar and stared up at the TV as the 10:00 news came on. The news crew was covering a story of a man on a ledge of a large building preparing to jump. The blonde looked at Jack and said, "Do you think he'll jump?"

Jack says, "You know what, I bet he will." The blonde replied, "Well, I bet he won't." Jack placed \$30 on the bar and said, "You're on!"

Just as the blonde placed her money on the bar, the guy did a swan dive off of the building, falling to his death. The blonde was very upset and handed her \$30 to Jack, saying, "Fair's fair... Here's your money."

Jack replied, "I can't take your money, I saw this earlier on the 5 o'clock news and knew he would jump."

The blonde replies, "I did too; but I didn't think he'd do it again."
Jack took the money.

A Texan cattle rancher was in New Zealand and visited a local pub in a sheep farming area of the South Island. He struck up a conversation with a sheep farmer in the pub. After a bit of chit chat, the Texan asked the Kiwi a question. The conversation went thus:

Texan - "So, how long does it take you to go from one end of your farm to the other"

Kiwi - "About 3 hours to walk from one end to the other"

Texan - "If I get in my car to drive from one end of my ranch to the other, it'll take me a day"

Kiwi, after some pause for thought - "Yeah Bro, I used to have a car like that."

I bumped into an old school friend who started showing off, talking about his well paid job and expensive sports car. Then he pulled out a photo of his wife and said, "She's beautiful, isn't she?"

I said "If you think she's gorgeous, you should see my girlfriend."

He said, "Why? Is she a stunner?", I said "No, she's an optician."

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5th July Leads/Twos Single It was an interesting night for the Leads and Twos with Jan Drabble and Grahame Turner with four wins but there was only one winner for the night and that was Grahame Turner. Well done to him. The Skips and Threes had a fun night. Listening to all the laughter I think they sure did.

12th July Championship Singles We had four qualified players Jan Drabble, Cheryle Wiggins, Grahame Turner, and Wayne Hitchens. Cheryle and Wayne battled it out but the winner for the night was Wayne Hitchens. Wayne seems to be in the winnings at present. Maybe he should take a lotto ticket.

19th July Men V Women Tonight we had Men versus Women but we were short of a woman so Murray Harris stepped in again and played as Mary. We had three good games and of course, the women came out on top with 20 points and the Men had 14 points. Yahoo to the women for winning again this year. Thanks, Murray for helping us out again.

26th July Trophy I am not sure what sort of night they had as I was away bowling elsewhere. It was a good night for me as we won. But I hear the winners for the night at this club were Murray Harris and Martin Bertling.

Anyone looking at playing bowls can contact:

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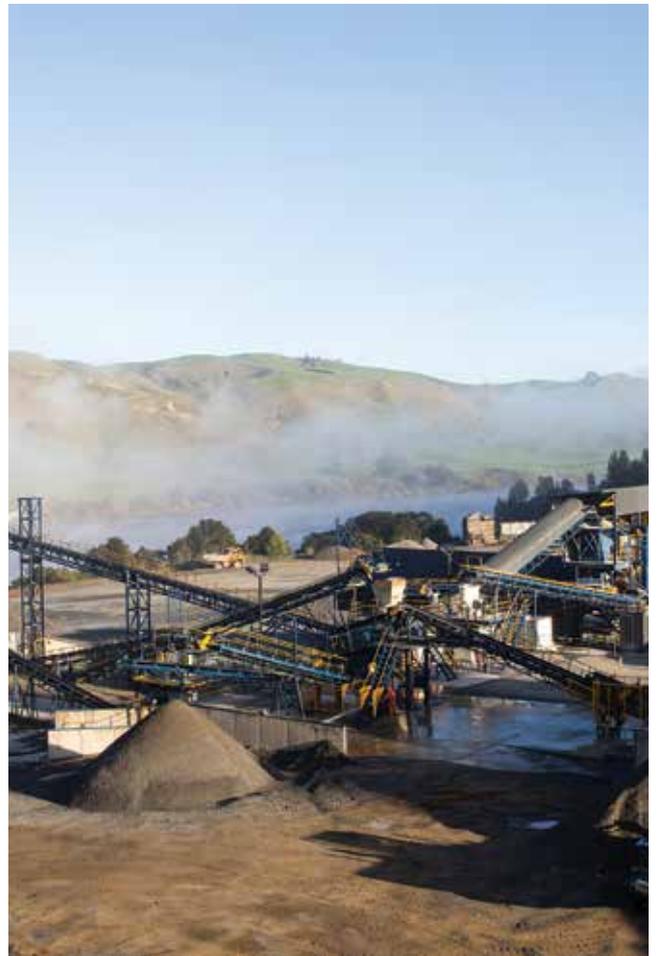


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A guy bought a brand new sports car and took it for a spin.

Suddenly he heard sirens behind him. He looked in his rearvision mirror to see the flashing lights of a police car. The man thought to himself "I can outrun this guy." And stepped on the accelerator. He kept accelerating: 110 km an hour, 120, 130.

After a few minutes he realized how stupid he was being. "I could kill myself, or go to prison!" he thought. He decided the best thing to do would be to pull over and hope he just got a ticket.

He slowed down and pulled over on the side of the road, waiting for the police officer to come up to his window. After a few tense minutes of waiting, he saw the officer get out of his car and walk up to his window.

He unrolled the window to speak with the officer. "Look son," said the officer "I've had a long day and my shift is nearly over. If I have to arrest you, I'll be doing paperwork for hours. I'll tell you what; if you give me a reason why you were running that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The man thought for a moment and replied "A few months ago my wife ran off with a cop. I thought you were trying to give her back."

The cop smiled and said "You have a nice night, sir."

American Football Makes Sense

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience.

"Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents."

Dumbfounded, her date asked, "What do you mean?" "Well, they flipped a coin. One team got it, and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was, 'Get the quarter back! Get the quarter back!' I'm like, Hello-o-o? It's only 25 cents!"

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John asks his wife, Mary, what she wants to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

"Would you like a new mink coat?" he asks.

"Not really," says Mary.

"Well how about a new Mercedes sports car?" says John.

"No," she responds.

"What about a new vacation home in the country?" he suggests.

She again rejects his offer with a, "No thanks."

Frustrated he finally asks, "Well, what would you like for your anniversary?"

"John, I'd like a divorce," answers Mary.

John thinks for a moment and replies "Sorry dear, I wasn't planning to spend that much."

Happenings

- 10 Aug Lions Club of Ngongotaha meet in the Ngongotaha Community Hall at 6.15 pm for some social time before the 7 pm business meeting
- 12 Aug Blessing of Kaharoa School Junior Classrooms
- 16 Aug Rotorua Rural Community Board meeting to discuss rural representation, 1.00 pm Committee Room 1, Rotorua Lakes Council.
- 24 Aug Lions Club of Ngongotaha meet in the Ngongotaha Community Hall for their social meeting from 6.15 pm with a catered meal at 7 pm. Interested people are welcome.
- 27 Aug Kaharoa School 80's Quiz
- 27 Aug Lions Daffodil Day stall outside Four Square
- 4 Sep Ray White Charity Auction for Kaharoa School
- 5 Sep Whanau Day at Lakeview Golf and Country Club

Regular Events

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Ngongotaha Friendship Club

2nd Wednesday 9.45 am St Barnabas Church Hall

Ngongotaha Garden Circle

4th Wednesday of the month 1 p.m. at Ngongotaha Hall

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3 farmers were sitting at the local cafe drinking coffee. The subject of Lotto and what they would do if they won came up. "I think I would take some time off and go on a cruise. I've always wanted to go on a cruise", said the first farmer. "First thing I would do is buy a fancy sports car. I've always wanted a fast car." said the second farmer. The third farmer was sitting quietly, fidgeting a little. "Come on, what would you do with your millions?" asked the other two farmers. Reluctantly the third farmer answered "I reckon I would just go on farming like I have been until the money runs out."

Rugby players at the high school where I worked were stealing the practice jerseys, so the coach ordered a set with "Property of Rotorua Boys High School" emblazoned on them. When the thefts continued, he ordered a new batch that had the imprint "Stolen from Rotorua Boys High School." But the jerseys still kept disappearing. The larceny finally stopped after he changed the wording to "Rotorua Boys High School Reserve Grade."

It's game 7 of the NBA finals and a man makes his way to his seat at centre court. He sits down and notices that the seat next to him is empty. He leans over and asks his neighbour if someone is sitting there. He responds, "No, the seat's empty." "The first man exclaims, "What!?! Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the NBA finals and not use it?" The neighbour responds, "Well the seat is mine, but my wife passed away and this is the first NBA finals we haven't gone together." The first man responds, "I'm sorry to hear that. Wasn't there anyone else, a friend or relative, that could've taken that seat?" The neighbour responds, "No, they're all at the funeral."

Further Apologies to Blondes

A brunette goes into a doctor's office and says that her body hurts wherever she touches it. "Impossible," says the doctor. "Show me." She takes her finger, presses on her elbow, and screams in agony. She pushes her knee and screams, pushes her ankle and screams, and so it goes on; everywhere she touches makes her scream with pain. The doctor says, "You're not really a brunette are you?" She says, "No, I dyed my hair. I'm naturally blonde." "I thought so," he says. "Your finger is broken."

A blonde, wanting to earn some money, decided to hire herself out as a handyman-type and started canvassing a wealthy neighbourhood. She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any jobs for her to do. "Well, you can paint my porch. How much will you charge?" The blonde said, "How about 50 dollars?" The man agreed and told her that the paint and ladders that she might need were in the garage. The man's wife, inside the house, heard the conversation and said to her husband, "Does she realize that the porch goes all the way around the house?" The man replied, "She should. She was standing on the porch." A short time later, the blonde came to the door to collect her money. "You're finished already?" he asked. "Yes," the blonde answered, "and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats. "Impressed, the man reached in his pocket for the \$50. "And by the way," the blonde added, "that's not a Porch, it's a Ferrari."

A blonde, a redhead, and a brunette were all lost in the desert. They found a lamp and rubbed it. A genie popped out and granted them each one wish. The redhead wished to be back home. Poof! She was back home. The brunette wished to be at home with her family. Poof! She was back home with her family. The blonde said, "Awwww, I wish my friends were here."

A red and white logo for 'HAMURANA HOMEKILL SERVICES'. The logo is shaped like a dog tag with a hole at the top. Inside the tag, there is a silhouette of a dog jumping over a bull. Below the dog and bull, the text 'NGO' is on the left and '2021' is on the right. At the bottom of the tag, the word 'HAMURANA' is written in large, bold, black letters, followed by 'HOMEKILL SERVICES' in smaller black letters. Below that, in red, is 'LES DWYER • 027 496 1508'. The logo is set against a background of a rural landscape with trees and a fence.

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From drab to fab: Rotorua artist teams up with school to create new mural

A dull, grey wall at Ngongotaha Primary School will be transformed into a bright mural depicting local stories, with the help of a \$10,000 grant from Rotorua Trust.

Ngongotaha School is one of Rotorua Trust's latest grant recipients, with the funds going towards the creation of a mural at the corner of School Road and Hood Street. Local artist Ants Haines has been working alongside the school's student council to create the design.

Ngongotaha School Principal Craig McFadyen says not only will the mural be a visually appealing asset to the street, but the many designs will be used as teaching points for the tamariki to recognise and understand their tūrangawaewae.

"Ngongotaha School offers an exceptional academic programme complemented by numerous opportunities in sport and the arts supporting students to explore their passions and to excel in a wide range of pursuits," Mr McFadyen says.

"The mural project is being driven by the student council. Ants has designed it based on what the kids have asked for and when it comes to the painting, the children will be able to help with that too.

"We are proud of our school environment, school culture and the quality of children's learning achieved throughout the school and we aim to provide stimulating, enjoyable learning which will educate the whole child and create an independent learner for the future." Mr McFadyen says Ngongotaha School has a proud history in the community and enjoys the community sense of whanaungatanga (belonging) that it fosters.

"We have a localised curriculum for our children, based on who they are and where they come from. This mural will be a part of that and we're really excited to see it come to life."

Mr McFadyen says the support from Rotorua Trust has been "outstanding", with their contribution covering a significant part of the cost of the mural.

Rotorua Trust Chairman Stewart Edward says the Trust's investment in this project is an opportunity to fund a visual enhancement for Ngongotaha School that the community can enjoy too. "The outcome will be the enjoyment of the mural as a visual arts piece and the contribution students make for its design and completion, as well as a teaching tool where children can learn about the Ngongotaha area."



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