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We are pleased to have been able to make a visible contribution to the Village, and hope that many people will continue to find pleasure in using the seat now that it has a fresh look.

We've been asked about the Volcanic Kitchens Cookbook which the last issue of Ngongotaha News featured a recipe from. As well as recipes, this cookbook comes with over 200 stunningly designed pages, complete with beautiful photographs, a real slice of Rotorua.

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LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Hard to believe we are into April already and the second month of autumn is upon us: where does the time go? Autumn is a beautiful time of the year on the golf course with the trees changing colour and the native birds in full voice, enjoying the various food sources around the course.

The winners of the Handicap Match Play were Gary Dellabarca for the trophy and Henry Tibble in the flights. Congratulations to these players!

The Mamaku Cup and the Manu Matthews Trophy comps start at the end of April with our annual Helix Lakeview Classic being run over Easter weekend. Sponsors Day is Thursday 14th April with the Junior Classic being run on Friday 15th and the main competition Sat-Sun 16 & 17th. The junior Classic is an awesome opportunity for the higher handicap juniors to experience competition. Each junior has a sponsor so all their expenses are paid for. The main competition promises to be a great event as it was last year with a full field again! We thank the committee who are organising this.

We had a junior give golf a go day on Sunday 3rd April and the turnout was amazing! Tamariki and their families came to Lakeview for the morning and had a blast with prizes and giveaways for all. There were around 100 juniors on the course or having fun on the driving range with whanau. Junior golf is looking really strong and that is fantastic for the sport of golf.

Remember the junior golf sessions are Tuesdays and Thursdays after school so if you have a junior wanting to try a new sport come to Lakeview and start the journey of a life time.

Our predator trapping continues at Lakeview with great success and we are working toward planting more native vegetation with the clearance of one of the spaces identified for this in progress. The kaitiakitanga of our awesome environment is very important to the club and we would welcome any members of our community who would like to be involved in enhancing this community space. Give the shop a call if you are keen.

AED/CPR TRAINING. Heart Saver are going to run an AED training course for us in July. The course will teach trainees the basic skills to manage a life- threatening condition including- how to operate an AED in an emergency situation, recognizing the signs of a sudden cardiac arrest, when to activate the AED system and how to do CPR. We would like to extend an open invitation to the wider community to participate in this course, the cost of which Lakeview will cover. So please contact Sue 027 2010 940 if you are interested, it would be great to have as many people as possible in the community trained in this important life saving skill.

Quiz nights are on hold under the red TLF setting given our limited space in the temporary clubhouse. Hopefully we can start these up again in the near future.

Until next month enjoy the long tail of summer and stay safe.

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Change of season

It is getting colder and windier, signalling the change of season is upon us as we move out of summer into autumn. We will soon be swimming, golfing, walking, biking, fishing and barbecuing less in our piece of paradise here in our communities of Ngongotaha, Kaharoa, Mamaku, Awahou and Hamurana. The daylight hours will start decreasing along with the time we spend outdoors doing fun whanau activities.



However, there are also aspects of cooler weather that I enjoy, such as wearing warm jackets, extra blankets on the bed, a blazing fire and jeans and red band gumboots. Although I know a few kiwi blokes who wear red bands all year round, I also know others who go bare feet all year round, so we all obviously have our own trends when it comes to the changes of seasons and what we wear or don't wear.

What doesn't change are our whanau and friends.

In other words, seasons may change and influence what we do, but the people we do those things with stays pretty consistent. There is an old Maori proverb that talks about the importance of people in our lives. It asks the question "He aha te mea nui i tenei ao?" What is the most important thing in this world? Before answering "He Tangata, he tangata, he tangata, it is people, it is people, it is people." The people in our lives and communities are important.

So how will you look after the people in your life and community as the season changes? We may not have as many daylight hours, but we still have the same hours that we are awake during any given day. For example, we may not be able to go for a walk with friends in the early evening due to the lack of light, coldness, wet weather or wind and even safety, but phone calls don't need light for engagement.

For that matter neither do text messages, Facebook posts or zoom calls. There are various methods of engagement we can choose to use to stay connected with each other. That choice is ours to make. Granted, these forms of engagement may not be as much fun as fishing, golfing or walking, but they are

nevertheless as important for our whanau and community fabric and strength.

Covid has forced many people to recently isolate more from whanau and friends, despite the good summer weather and fun-filled opportunities to do so. This includes important meeting places such as marae, and such isolation could be accentuated by the change of season if we are not mindful of the changes we are already undergoing in our community.

Communities are based on relationships and our interactions with each other as well as our environment and influences such as the weather. However, the weather should not influence the importance we place on engaging with each other. If anything in these covid times, we ought to engage with whanau and friends more during the colder darker seasons. We owe that much to each other and to our communities of Ngongotaha, Kaharoa, Hamurana, Mamaku and Awahou.

The weather is what it is, even though it appears to be getting worse, but we determine our relationships and interactions in our communities. Let's do our best to ensure our interactions with each other do not get worse. Please stay warm and safe and connected everyone. Red bands or not. Bare feet or not.

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NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

7th March Buttons *We started off with Robyn Campbell, Richard Mills and David Fleet who had the buttons. Our team of Murray Harris, Helen White and Harry gave them a good run for their money but we took the buttons off them and held on to them for the night. Lots of laughter in the hall tonight.*

14th March Graded pairs (Curry Cup) *A very warm night and serious games of bowls to be played. I had to skip tonight, not sure if it was a good thing or not but we did win two games. The team that we beat ended up winning for the night. The team that won were Richard Mills and Jan Drabble. Runners up were Kevin Whyte and David Fleet. Well done to those players.*

21st March Aggregate *We had some players missing but it didn't stop us from playing good bowls. It was an interesting night with Murray Harris, Richard Mills and Nicole Ruthe winning with two wins and a draw with 23 points. Runners up were Kevin Whyte, Helen White and David Fleet with two wins and 34 points.*

28th March Roll Up *I was not there tonight, trying to stay away from Omicron. By all accounts they had a good night. I see we had a new person come along to see what bowls were all about. The winners for the night were Cheryl Wiggins, Jan Drabble and Greg Chase, the newbie.*

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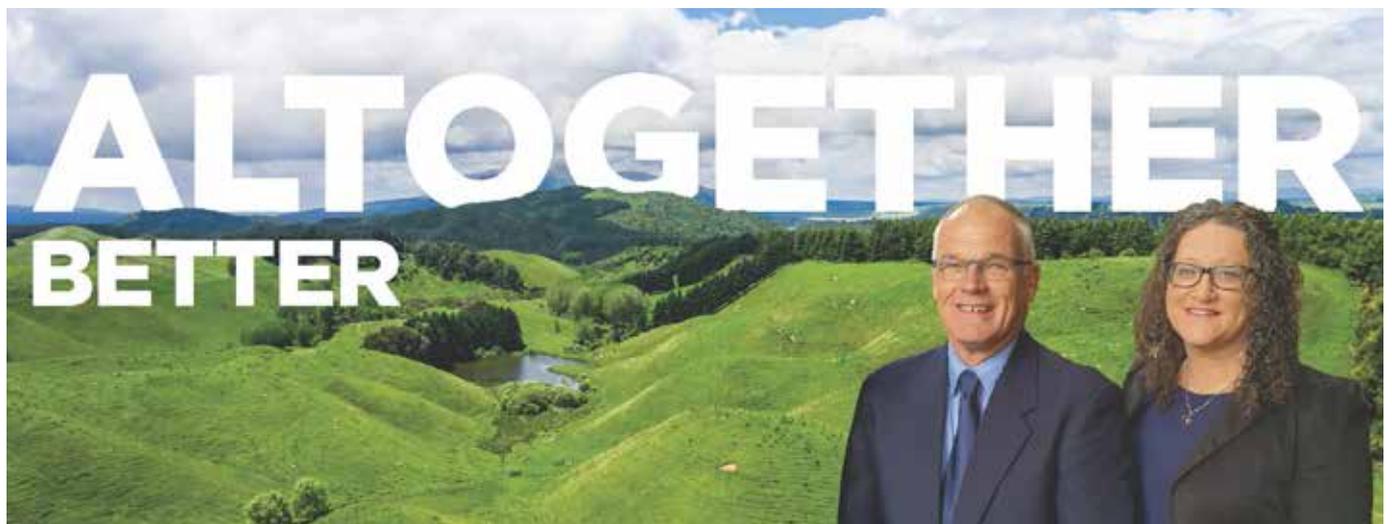
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Jesus said, "Well, these were miracles, not exactly parlour tricks. But you know what, I don't mind."

So, Jesus and the disciples go down to a nearby river. Jesus takes a few steps out but halfway through starts to sink and immediately falls in the water

Jesus re-emerges, laughs it off and decides to try a different part of the water, but unfortunately he falls in again after a few steps.

Jesus emerges and tries once more in a different part of the river but as expected, he falls right in. After coming back on land, the disciples are stunned. They can't believe their prophet has failed at a miracle.

One of the disciples says, "Jesus, why weren't you able to stand on water as you did before."

Jesus replies, "Well, it was a lot easier before I got these holes in my feet."

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Easter jokes for kids

*What do you call a rabbit with fleas?
Bugs Bunny.*

*Where does the Easter bunny get his
eggs?
From eggplants.*

*What is Easter Bunny's favourite kind of
music?
Hip-hop, of course!*

*What do you get if you pour boiling water
down a rabbit hole?
A hot cross bunny.*

*What do you call someone who isn't sure
if the Easter Bunny is real?
An Egnostic.*

Jokes not for kids

*Tell your kids you hid an Easter egg
with \$50 in the backyard but you don't
remember where.
Enjoy a quiet day indoors.*

*Did you hear about the Easter egg hunt
for the Alzheimer's patients?
They hid their own eggs.*

*Little Johnny's father asks him if he knows
about the birds and the bees.*

*"I don't want to know!" Little Johnny
says, bursting into tears.*

*Confused, his father asks what's wrong.
"Oh, Dad," Little Johnny sobs, "first,
there was no Santa Claus, then no Easter
Bunny, and finally, no Tooth Fairy. If
you're about to tell me that grownups
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Out and about....

Refreshing our Street Banners:

When you move through the Village CBD over the next few days/weeks, lift your eyes to see if our refreshed street banners are on show yet. We have been keeping an eye on our banners over the past two years. They were looking really drab, lacking vibrancy and lifeless. A quick phone call to our Arts contact at Rotorua Lakes Council and our call was met with a very positive response. We were asked if it was to be the same design, and as things with COVID are still not so easy to navigate, we decided it would be.

Our current banner design was created over five years ago from many artworks created by our tamariki/children who were attending Ngongotaha Primary School at that time. This was an 'in class' activity, completed by the senior students at that time, with support from their teachers. Tamariki were asked to think about what Ngongotaha meant to them.

The results were amazing, several ideas were selected and prizes were given out by Progress Ngongotaha Inc. for all sorts of features. Then came the difficult decision on which to include in the final design. We considered colours, significant buildings, environment and the lettering contained in each composition. From this process came a wonderful, sunny, colourful banner showing what Ngongotaha meant to our tamariki, at that time. The recent wet weather, has meant a little longer wait, but they should not be too far away now.

And with winter on its way, they will add some extra colour in our Village.

I was given a Mainfreight Calendar for 2022. The Month of April features a beautiful copy of a painting of Poppies, from one of our Ngongotaha Primary School pupils, Sanna Sierra. We have some very talented children in our community. It was awesome to turn the page from March to April and to find that this picture commemorating ANZAC Day was 'home grown' in Ngongotaha.

Stream Care Team-

With the support of funding from the Rotorua Trust our team now have two new tools to use at the Ngongotaha Stream. These are a battery-operated trimmer and chainsaw which will make things much easier for use by our volunteers.

Thank you Rotorua Trust, we really appreciate your support in our community.

Ngongotaha Life Memories (Museum)

We are looking to add more 'friends' to our team.

If you would like to find out more about our community museum and are interested in local History

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Please ask us questions? Share your interests? Skill/s?

If you are thinking "I wouldn't mind giving this project some of my time, but what can I do?" please email or phone Lynn 3574565 or 022 1404391 or phone Bob 3489864

Korero mai / talk soon !!

Age Concern

Age Concern Rotorua is going through a quite patch at present with fewer visitors and staggered staff due to some staff contracting Covid 19. We have also been recruiting new staff as two of our valuable staff members have decided to leave.

We have replaced our Administration person but at this stage we have decided to leave our Social Connection position vacant as we are not doing many activities and van trips at present. Many New Zealanders are facing a perfect storm at retirement, with minimal savings and no house, raising the risk that thousands will enter old age in poverty.

According to the latest retirement expenditure guidelines from Massey University, a two-person retiree household living an urban "choices" lifestyle, which includes some luxuries, would need to have saved \$809,000. In the provinces, a couple would need to have saved \$511,000.

New Zealanders have traditionally relied on owning a home to support themselves during their retirement years. But many of the New Zealanders now aged between 50 and 65 – a cohort of almost half a million people – will go into retirement as renters after skyrocketing house prices over the past three decades put home ownership out of reach. Home ownership in New Zealand has fallen to the lowest rate in 70 years, with 65 per cent of people living in houses they own, down from the peak of 74 per cent in the 1990s.

According to the 2018 Census, about one in four people aged between 50 and 65 do not own the home they live in. This issue of declining home ownership disproportionately affects those who have remained on low incomes throughout their working life. This, in turn, has stark consequences for Māori and Pacific people in New Zealand. Between 1986 and 2013, the proportion of Māori and Pacific peoples living in owner occupied housing fell at a faster rate than the overall population (down 20 per cent and 34.8 per cent, respectively).

Also, in the past five years nationwide rents have risen 28 per cent across all property types and regions. For increasing numbers of people, housing – whether through ownership or renting – has become unaffordable. The rapidly increasing rental costs have also reduced the ability of people to save for their own home.

The Wellington Branch of Age Concern recently conducted a survey to look at the effects of Covid 19 on the elderly population, who by and large, were still living at home. The results of the survey backed up our own assumptions that our elderly are going out less and staying at home, mainly generated from a fear of catching Omicron, and this is understandable given the number of fatalities in the over 60s age group.

Since the reporting of New Zealand's first Covid-19 case on February 28, 2020, Covid-19 has forced New Zealanders to change the way they live. For many seniors, this disruption to normal life has been exhausting and stressful.

When the Omicron wave began to impact New Zealand in early 2022, we heard stories of many seniors staying home and isolating. We also heard of some seniors still keen to get out and about. The survey wanted to discover more about what was happening for seniors as large numbers of the population began to be impacted by Omicron.

The survey represented a snapshot of the wellbeing of seniors in early March 2022. Globally, seniors have been the hardest hit by Covid-19. While New Zealand has been relatively sheltered from the impact of the disease until now, our seniors have nonetheless been doing it tough.

Multiple lockdowns and now the uncertainty of Covid-19 spreading rapidly in the community has meant many seniors have had to frequently hide themselves away from their communities as Covid-19 passes through. The survey has shown that this is still the case, with almost two-thirds trying to stay home as much as possible. If seniors leave the house, it is most likely to get groceries or tend to health needs.

Fear and anxiety have driven the behaviour patterns of many seniors during the past two years. This fear and anxiety is still very present, with four in ten reporting to be more anxious now than at any other time during the pandemic. Despite media and Government communications that Omicron is less severe than Delta, more than half of seniors in the survey are still very worried about catching Covid-19.

Worry about getting sick from Covid-19 also topped the list of things seniors find the most difficult about the pandemic right now. The results confirm anecdotal evidence gathered by staff and volunteers through their day-to-day interactions with them.

However, one surprising trend has emerged from the survey – the slightly less anxious state of mind of older seniors (80+) compared to those aged 65 - 79. There is a noticeable collective trend - less concerned about getting sick, less worried about going out and less likely to stay at home as much as possible. In some cases, the difference is low, but it does raise some questions about why this could be. The 25-year difference between a 90-year-old (born in 1932) and a 65-year-old (born in 1957) is certainly significant in terms of lived experiences, values and generational upbringing.

Members of Age Concern and Parkside met with the Mayor and Head of Planning to find out if the Council had any land available for our Tiny homes. Although we were unable to secure any land we did get several good leads and have been in touch with a promising Maori Trust who are seriously considering our proposal.

Our Seminar Series, in partnership with Parkside and Seniornet, are being well attended despite the Omicron threat, and we attracted 237 people to our Technology Seminar. These are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Other Seminars coming up are Living in Spite of Covid- Kay Ryan and Life After Cheques- on-line banking and shopping. Seminars are free, at Parkside from 9:30 until 11:30, and first 20 registered get free coffee and muffin.

Stay Safe and keep smiling.

Rory O'Rourke Manager Age Concern

An elderly man in Phoenix calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Pop, what are you talking about," the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old man says. "We're sick and tired of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her." And he hangs up.

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone.

"Like Heck they're getting a divorce, she shouts. I'll take care of this."

She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at the old man,

"You are NOT getting divorced! Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" And she hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone, smiles and turns to his wife.

"They're coming for Easter and paying their own way."

Kaharoa School

Tēnā koutou whānau



Well, it's certainly been a funny ol' term! Not quite what we had hoped for in 2022 but we have all partnered together to make school as 'normal' as possible. We are so proud of all our tamariki and staff who have worn their masks during the earlier hot weather months whilst engaging in class learning and on the school bus. Kaharoa staff have taken on responsibilities through extra duties, planning and supervising groups of children or classes when relievers were unavailable. Parents, thank you so much for your support during this term. We have missed seeing you in and around the school and classrooms. Let's hope this will change in the next term.

Resilience

is a hot topic and never more so than in the last 2 ½ years so it is interesting to know that resilience for children is not something they either have or don't have; it's a skill that they



develop as they grow. Being the adults in our children's lives, it is up to us to develop this skill within our learners at school and in our homes. In all we do, we model what resilience looks like in our actions and our talk.

Basketball Court

After 2 1/2 years we now have a fabulous asphalt basketball court! As you can imagine it is in high demand and we have very keen basketballers who are making the most of this. We also have many community members making the most of the court as well. Thank you to Julian Dean (ex Kaharoa parent) who has generously returned to coach our senior basketball team.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Last week parents met with teachers to discuss, share and celebrate their children's learning and achievements. It was great to meet kanohi ki te kanohi even with our masks on and spatial distancing! For those parents who were unable to attend onsite, zoom meetings were held instead.



Agewise



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Onesie Wednesday

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Anzac commemoration

was held on Thursday 14th April with our senior students leading this for our school.

Relievers

We are always looking for more relieving teachers to add to our school kete. If you would like to be on our list please contact office@kaharoa.school.nz with your CV.

We take this opportunity to thank Mrs Sue Kerr who has been a wonderful reliever at our school for many years. All the very best to you and your family Sue.

Easter holidays

The Kaharoa team wishes you all a very safe and happy Easter and holiday break. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd May - term 2.



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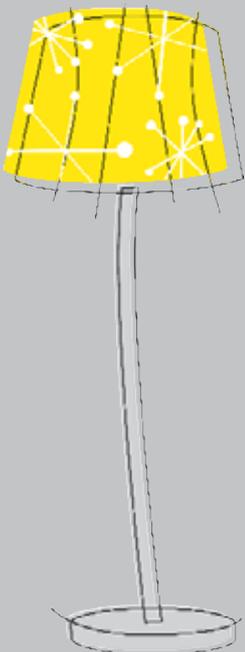
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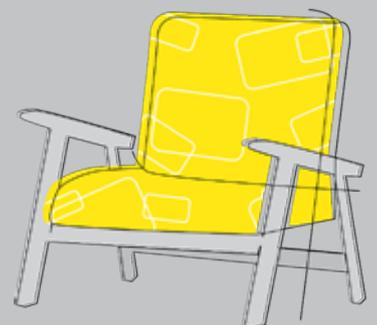
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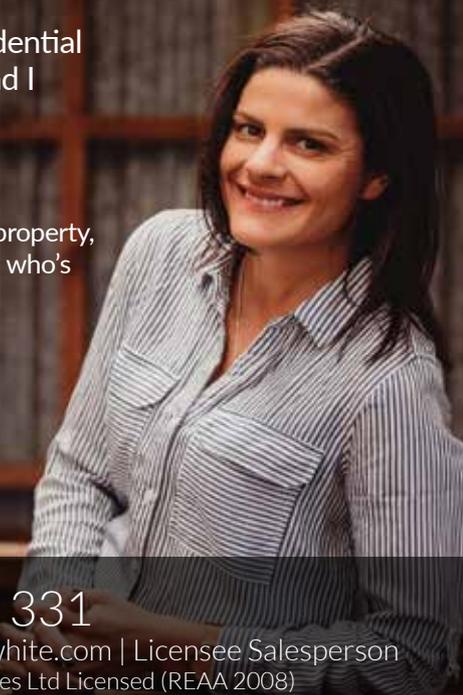
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Blended Families and Wills: What are the Practical Implications and Practicalities of your Will

Blended families with adult children always make for interesting times when it comes to Wills, and can be a literal living nightmare for those left behind if the implications arising from the contents of a Will aren't thought through properly. Here's how badly things can go wrong ...

Bob and Joan (fictitious names) came together in their mid 60's, each with adult children in their 30's and 40's from prior relationships. They'd been together for about 10 years before Joan died. During their relationship they pooled their money and bought a home and a holiday bach in ½ shares each. They approached a law firm to draft their Wills. After legal advice, Joan's Will appointed her adult children executors, left a life interest in her ½ share of their family home to Bob (which would pass to her children when Bob died), and gave her adult children her ½ share in the bach outright. And Bob did the same in reverse for his half share of their assets with his adult children appointed executors too. Nice and straight forward you're thinking? The trouble is no one actually thought through the practicalities of how these arrangements would actually work and what potential disputes or issues may arise.

Joan died about a year later. The same law firm then acted for Joan's adult children in her estate and had applied for probate. But relations had started unravelling between Joan's adult children and Bob and that law firm ended up in a conflict situation too.

So what are the issues arising from how Bob and Joan had structured their wills on advice from their lawyers? Well, one of the issues is that Joan's children were appointed executors instead of Bob, and this conflicted with their wanting to preserve their beneficial interest in their mother's estate.

But the worst part is that the Will drafting meant Bob was largely beholden to Joan's children as executors in relation to his life interest in her half share of their relationship home. This meant he is constrained if he wants to sell, trade up or down, move into an occupation right or move overseas or cash up etc – he needed the adult children's consent to do anything. Further, Joan had given away outright her half share of the bach she and Bob shared so her children got part of their inheritance straight away. At no time did Joan's adult children use their bach, and now Bob had to share it with them for the rest of his life. And yes, they demanded keys to the property.

Bob was shocked when he understood what the implications of both their Wills meant. Neither he or Joan intended that the survivor of them would be beholden to the other's adult children for life. Neither could afford to start again on their own and had wanted to ensure the other would have a secure retirement and be able to look after themselves financially, not constrained in the use of their home and bach property by the other's adult children.

Conversely, the other difficulty is that each of them should have had the other as executors so that at the very least they had some control over decision-making. Now, Bob is stuck for the rest of his life with Joan's conflicted children making decisions as executors underpinned by them being more interested in preserving their own inheritances.

So where to from here?

Relations have broken down and it's unlikely the parties will agree on a settlement. And Bob doesn't want to be beholden to Joan's adult children for the rest of this life either. So, in these situations, consideration needs to be given to applying to the court to remove Joan's adult children as executors and appointing an independent executor such as Public Trust or Perpetual Guardian. Estates are always difficult in blended family situations, but thinking through how Will provisions will actually work in practice is essential.

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Ngongotaha School

By the time this goes to print, we'll all be on school holidays. Well deserved, in my opinion. I have never experienced a term like this one in 25 years of education. During the 11 weeks of term 1, we have not had a single day with a full staff. Not one. Whether testing positive or being a household contact, the majority of my team have had time off this term. I look forward to the move to the Orange Level of the Covid Protection Framework to allow us to get back to what we're all here for- high quality education. At the Orange Level, we will be able to celebrate success at whole school assemblies again, restart our choir, enjoy trips outside of school, invite in guest speakers and welcome all of our amazing community back into school.

Despite the restrictions we have had a GREAT term filled with exciting learning opportunities and Term 2 looks even better. Starting back on May 2nd, we'll begin the term with school photos on the 4th, take part in the Rip, Grip and Whip mountain biking event on the 10th and hold our School Cross Country on the 18th. Our middle and senior school will be visiting the Rotorua Museum and we have the team from Ocean Explorers coming to speak to the students in June. Later in the term we will hold our annual Walk-a-thon. We have done this for the past 3 years now as a way to acknowledge our community while encouraging physical activity. The support from the Ngongotaha Community for this event has been sensational.

For those with school aged children, enjoy the time with your little ones over the next two weeks. With Easter and ANZAC day ahead, many families will be travelling the country to visit loved ones. Please travel safely, enjoy your time and I hope to see you all for a fresh start to term 2.

Craig McFadyen and the team at Ngongotaha School.

After a long absence, Kaitao Intermediate, which enrolls many students living in Ngongotaha is re-introducing itself to Ngongotaha News readers.

Kaitao Intermediate - A school with a vision for excellence.

At Kaitao Intermediate, our motto is “Mā te whānau, tātou e puāwai - achieving success together”. This motto encapsulates our vision for a vibrant, future-focused learning environment where we equip our students with the skills necessary to be the leaders of tomorrow.

As a school, and as a community, we have invested in a range of initiatives that ensure that students gain experience being digital creators and lifelong learners. We have designed a localised curriculum that celebrates the unique culture of Rotorua, while giving students national and global contexts to understand their place in the ever changing world.

Kaitao Intermediate is in the process of becoming an Apple Distinguished School (ADS). An ADS is a school where all teachers have completed professional development on the use and integration of iPads into their teaching and learning to foster creativity and innovation.

We currently have 10 of our 13 classes with 1:1 iPad use. In these classes, students create keynote presentations, design stunning graphic displays, make movies, record music, use block coding to design interactive games, and learn about being discerning when choosing content to inform their research. The range of creative learning opportunities available on these devices is unmatched on any other platform.

We also offer hands-on, back-to-nature learning for students whose interests lie in that domain. Our Tangata Taiao group is responsible for the planting and maintenance of our school gardens and environment. This includes native trees, food gardens, and bee-supporting flower gardens.

What we are perhaps most excited about is how we are moving towards planting large groves of fruit trees over the next two years to create an in-school orchard. In addition to all of this, students learn about worm farming and composting practices so they are able to develop sustainable skills that will serve them for life.

For those creative types, we have technology programmes that allow students to develop their skills in a range of disciplines. There is our cooking class, where students learn a lot more than just curried sausages. So far this year, there have been baked cheesecakes, sushi, spring rolls, and more, pouring out of the door. In our hard materials workshop, students learn to design solutions to everyday problems and use tools safely to bring their designs into reality.

Kaitao Intermediate goes much further than building 300 bird houses per year! In our art room, students use a wide range of media to bring art to life. From digitally manipulated photography, to water based paints, through to collage and sculpture - every taura in our school is given the opportunity to experience success as an artist in the medium that best suits them.

Exotech is getting its own paragraph. In Exotech, students are given the tools and the skills to develop and implement solutions to the problems of the future. They are encouraged to use coding skills, robotics, drones and more to find innovative solutions to challenges that are laid out for them.

Kaitao Intermediate is the only Intermediate in Rotorua with a dedicated robotics lab. This exciting class allows students to experience the ins-and-outs of programming, building, and maintaining robots in real life situations. This class is true preparation for the future our students will be entering.

We are very fortunate at Kaitao Intermediate to have many teachers who are fluent or conversant in Te Reo Māori. We have a dedicated, full immersion Rumaki class, a bilingual class, and we have the skills and personnel to create further Rumaki classes or bilingual classes if demand gets high enough.

These classes explore all the same concepts as our mainstream classes, they utilise iPads like everyone else, and they make use of all the tech classes like everyone else. The difference for these classes is the level of reo used, and the perspectives are more tailored to a te ao Māori world view.

Sport, fitness, and the love of activity is important to a developing adolescent. At Kaitao Intermediate, we have two dedicated sports coordinators who teach the students skills and rules associated with a huge range of sports. We also have organised teams in Basketball, Netball, Rugby, Soccer, Volleyball, Softball, Waterpolo, Hockey... the list goes on.

Later this year or in early 2023, Kaitao will be getting a completely new turf. This will be a huge upgrade for our school and give us a real competitive advantage when it comes to training for games and tournaments.

We have gone this far, and I still haven't mentioned our core subjects. At Kaitao Intermediate, we are dedicated to delivering the best possible outcomes for all students in the core curriculum areas of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. We have dedicated, over the last 4 years, literally thousands of hours into the professional development of leaders in these curriculum areas. The expertise and leadership these key people bring is breathing new life into these subject areas.

In mathematics, care is taken to ensure that students are being taught at an age-appropriate level using contexts and real-life problems that will prepare them for life. Taura gain the critical numeracy skills to ensure that they are prepared for the mathematical challenges life will throw at them. In literacy, students learn to be critical consumers of information, they learn the love of reading, and they learn to craft writing to eloquently express themselves.

Kaitao Intermediate has recently rejoined the Positive Behaviour For Learning network of schools. Additionally, we are a school that is involved in professional development on the Mana Ake method of building positive learning relationships.

With these two approaches, we are a school that sets high expectations for students and staff to learn in a safe environment, where the cultural capital of all students is nurtured, protected,

and utilised for success. We have also recently developed strong and clear processes for dealing with problematic behaviour to ensure that all students know what is expected of them, and that they are safe in their school.

Diversity and inclusive education is important to us. We take our commitment to excellence very seriously and this applies to all students. For our neurodiverse students who are developing social and communication skills, we have the extremely successful “Bricks Club” programme where students practise positive communication skills and cooperation. For students with dyslexia, dyspraxia, and other learning challenges, we have the differentiated learning programme. Using programmes and methods backed by strong and current research, our differentiated learning class bridges the gap for students who often find the regular class programme difficult.

As you can see, Kaitao Intermediate is a school with a lot going on. We are a school that is going places, and we'd love for your family to join ours. So if there's anything here that has caught your eye and you would like to know more, please give us a call on 07 348 3687.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Adrian Firmin
Deputy Principal,
Kaitao Intermediate

From Waka Kotahi/NZTA

New traffic lights at the SH5/SH36 Ngongotahā roundabout

The traffic lights on SH5 for traffic approaching the SH5/SH36 Ngongotahā roundabout from Tirau/Hamilton are being upgraded, to help improve traffic flow. The traffic lights will be phased to ease queues on SH36 when it is busy – predominantly during the weekday morning peak.

The lights will only operate when traffic queues activate the metering. When this happens, the lights will turn amber then red to stop the vehicles, allowing traffic from the busiest road to enter the roundabout. The traffic lights will have amber and red lights – no green. Standard give way rules still apply when entering the roundabout.

Works are also underway to improve cycling signage and line marking at the roundabout to increase visibility of the new cycle lanes.

Works along State Highway 5

Road widening and barrier installation have been completed between the SH5/SH36 Ngongotahā roundabout and Dalbeth Road. Road widening is also complete between Dalbeth Road and just north of the golf course and remaining barrier installation is underway, expected to be complete in April 2022. Traffic management will be in place.

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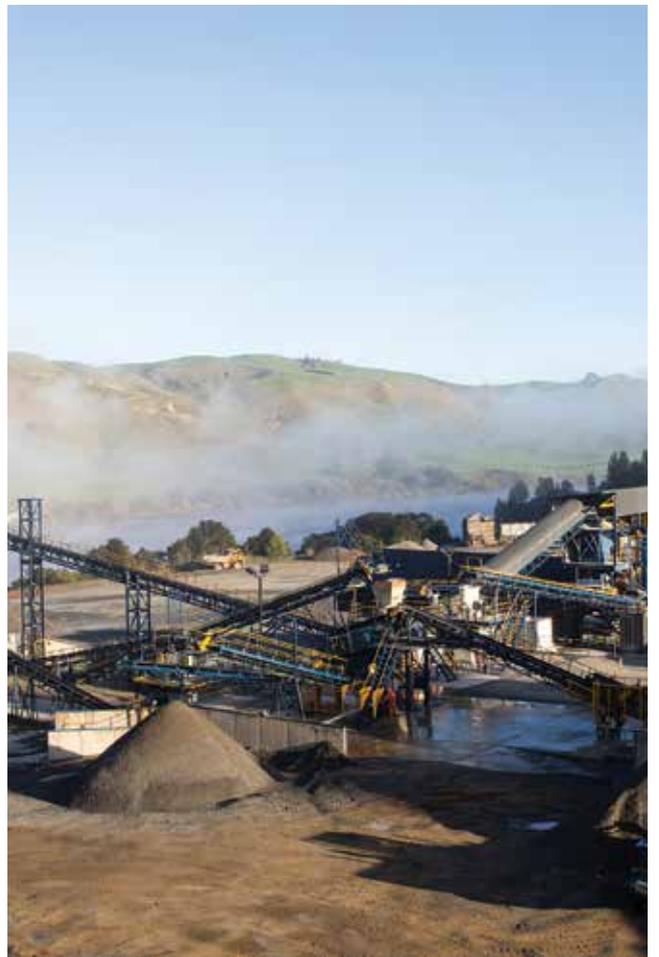
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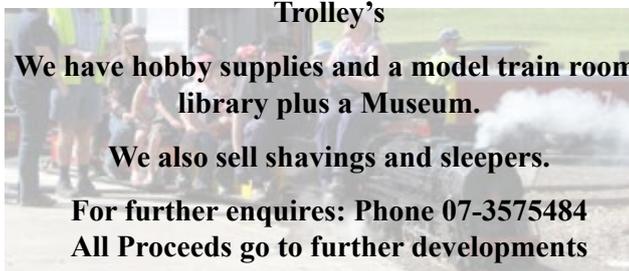
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Then he'd sit at a table, drink each one by himself and leave.

He does this every Friday for a few weeks, until the bartender becomes so curious he has to ask the guy about this routine.

"Well, you see I have two buddies and we always would have a beer with each other when we were together. But now they've both moved to different parts of the country. we still keep up the tradition, where we're at, and have just one beer for each of us on Friday nights.

"His curiosity satisfied, the bartender goes back to serving his other customers.

This goes on for several months until one day the guy comes in and orders only 2 beers. Seeing how sad the fellow is the bartender brings him his 2 beers and offer condolences for his loss.

Confused the guy asks why the bartender was offering condolences?

"It's just that since you normally order 3 beers, but tonight you only ordered 2. I just figured something must have happened to one of your buddies?"

"Oh no, we're all just fine. It's just that it's Lent and I gave up drinking till Easter."

Mrs Lewis, a Sunday school teacher, asked her little children one Easter Sunday, as they were on the way to the church service, 'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?'

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