

Look for the Win/Win!

The 7th of May marked a fantastic show of cooperation. Ngongotaha Rail Park and Ray White have worked together for some time, running charity auctions at the Rail Park site. This day added the contribution of Ngongotaha Four Square to the BBQ and of Ngongotaha Pharmacy to a Mother's Day draw to fundraise for Kaharoa School in a Garage Sale at the Ngongotaha Rail Park. The sum raised was \$2959.37. Kaharoa School pupils will receive extra support to the tune of nearly

\$3000!

They are not on their own: Ngongotaha School and Lakeview Golf and Country Club have been working together to run a Golf Academy which offers interested pupils an introduction to golf and expert coaching, while involving more locals in the use of Lakeside's facilities. A great way to achieve more for non-profits or businesses is to work with locals. Look for customers or clients in common, or complementary resources that you could offer others in partnership, **without necessarily costing money!**



HARRA

Hamurana and Awahou Rate Payers and Residents Association recently changed our name to HCA Hamurana Community Association.

"The Hamurana Community Association's objectives are to promote the interests, welfare and harmonious relationships of the community and to advance the environmental natural features and physical amenities of Hamurana, for the public benefit. We will work alongside the Hamurana Community, Other Local Community Groups, Rotorua Lakes Council and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council to ensure these outcomes are achieved."

We are currently working on a new logo, Facebook page, website and advertising material and welcome the Community's ideas and initiatives to enhance and improve our beautiful Community.

In the meantime until these are in place, you can email our secretary Kylie Johnston at helloatharra@gmail.com with anything you'd like to bring to our attention. Thanks for your support as we transition into our new team members.

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Update on the Waiteti Stream mouth wetland project: between the volunteers and the EBOP, the willow and alder have been cut and poisoned. Thanks to Martyn and all involved.

Update on St Barnabas Op Shop
The renovated shop should be open in approximately 2 weeks.

Can't come soon enough!

Rural Lookout is part of a rural crime prevention programme being trialled in the Waimakariri and Hurunui districts over the next two years. It is hoped the Rural Lookout app can help lift public reporting of incidents and suspicious activity. Users can capture a photo and enter further details which generates a report.

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LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

What a fantastic run of weather we have had this autumn! The trees have been stunning with their beautiful changing colours. The crisp mornings and falling leaves are a reminder that winter is just around the corner.

Competitions have been on hold with the running of the Helix Lakeview Classic Tournament over Easter weekend and then ANZAC weekend.

The next big club comp is the Matchplay Championships. This starts on May 21st and runs for 5 weeks with the finals on 25th June. This is the chance for members to put their name up in lights and claim bragging rights in the various divisions. We wish all players good luck!

The Helix Lakeview Classic Tournament was again a great success with a full field which was filled within 24 hours of entries opening! Some great golf was played along with some awesome fun and camaraderie, which is what the tournament is all about.

The junior Classic was just fantastic with the players and sponsors enjoying the day. We thank the Classic committee for organising and running the tournament and all the amazing volunteers who came and helped make the event such a success.

We have had some really exciting news about our new clubhouse.... the consent to build has been granted!!!! So we can finally get underway and start the process of building this new community facility which we hope the wider community will come and utilise. Watch this space.

The vets golf group have started a new initiative to run a 9 hole option alongside the normal 18 hole golf day. This is to cater for those who may not have the time for 18 holes or do not have the stamina for 18 holes. Tee off is at 11.00am rather than the 9.30am 18 hole start which enables everyone to finish together and still the enjoy the social interaction over lunch and prizegiving. So if you are looking for some exercise and social interaction come and join us!

AED/CPR TRAINING.

Tuesday 5th July at 2.30pm is the confirmed date for the AED/CPR training day. This will be held at Lakeview. We welcome anyone from the wider community to attend this training. Lakeview are covering the cost. So please if you are interested or know someone who might be call Sue 027 2010 940 to register.

Quiz nights are back!! Friday 27th May is the date to put in your diaries. If you would like to enter a team give Josh a call in the shop. Kai is a curry so get those mates together and come and have some fun while testing your brain.

Until next month enjoy the last of autumn, stack the wood box and stay safe.

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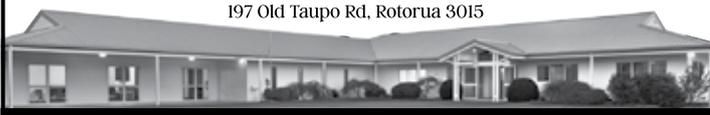
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I was scanning back through previous Ngongotaha newsletter articles and found the following one which I wrote back in April 2014, nearly eight years ago. I think it makes for interesting reading today in May 2022. I will comment at the end. It was entitled Use it or Lose it.

April 2014 Use it or Lose it

My brother-in-law suffers from very bad arthritis and of all the businesses he could be running, he has chosen to be a courier driver. His business sees him slowly rise to prepare for the day at around 4.30am and a short day sees him home by 6pm that evening.

Most of the day he is moving and his role is very physically demanding. He has been a courier for many years and I will never forget his answer when I asked him several years ago why he would choose to have such a physically demanding job. His answer was clear and precise, “If I don’t use it (the “it” being his arthritic body) - I will lose it.

Yesterday I was in a waiting room and read a 5-year-old article from the April 2009 issue of M2 Magazine entitled ‘GROW A BIGGER BRAIN’. Amongst the usual brain power recommendations of mental stimulation, physical activity, social interaction, a nutritious diet, stress control and healthy sleeping patterns was an outstanding sentence – “When it comes to cognitive fitness, it is a case of use it or lose it.”

I believe that the Ngongotaha community shopping centre is at a crossroads. In the middle of that crossroads is a huge billboard sign that refers to the shopping centre itself, the message on the sign is clear and precise.

USE IT OR LOSE IT.

Put simply, we did not use the Westpac bank, and lost it. We did not use the Hardware store, and lost it. We did not use the tapestry shop, and lost it. The Gantry offered a premium function venue in one of Ngongotaha’s finest buildings which was built in 1935 and is a true monument of its time. We did not use it, and lost it. What will we lose next because we did not use it? The butchery? The grocery store? The Four Square? The NZPost shop / Kiwi bank?

I don’t believe shops like the Four Square expect us to buy our trolley loads of groceries there, although that would help – but perhaps we could make it a point to buy the basics of bread, butter, lollies, weetbix and milk for starters. Or perhaps buy fruit from the Four Square rather than from the outsiders from out of town that park their trucks next to the fire station and contribute little back to our community.

The name Ngongotaha means to drink from a calabash. What community shopping centre will we drink from if we lose it? There is no doubt that some products and services are cheaper to purchase in Rotorua. Places such as Pak’nSave, other service stations and garages, stationary shops, landscape suppliers, variety stores or mower services, but how are they contributing to the Ngongotaha Community?

To make it clear, those businesses have no blood in the game of keeping Ngongotaha vibrant and healthy. Most of their profits are more likely to end up in the pockets of investors living



overseas than being given back to the Ngongotaha Community anonymously as some of our Ngongotaha businesses do.

Sure, it may cost us a few extra dollars to live and shop here in Ngongotaha, but if we consider those dollars as an investment into the future of Ngongotaha then at least we will be able to say to future Ngongotaha generations, we chose to use it so you would not lose it.

May 2022

Today we still have many of the stores we had back in 2014 albeit some have new owners like the Four Square. At this time, I acknowledge Sailesh Patel. Many people will not know this as Sailesh asked me to keep it a secret back then, but he used to sponsor some of the Hamurana Golf club competitions when I was the President there. I know he also sponsored other events in Ngongotaha before he eventually sold the Four Square to the new owners who are enjoying the new patronage of people such as those who are at the Holiday Park for motorhomes by the railway. RIP Sailesh.

We also still have the NZ Post shop where many people buy their lotto tickets and still post their mail or buy things such as magazines, books, cards, gifts and mileage for diesel vehicles. Then of course, we have The Hub dairy with the biggest and best ice creams and thick shakes this side of the Ngongotaha bridge. Mechanics, TAB and Pubs, Iwi offices, petrol station, vet, fish and chip shop, two-dollar shop, Cafes, the pharmacy and Mr Brakes Garden landscape businesses as well as other places show we really have continued using their services and have not lost them. Let’s also not forget the Hamurana Store and the community support that helped our whanau there to overcome difficulties. It has not been an easy time for many of our community businesses to keep on keeping on through Covid over the last 2 years, let alone the last eight.

I see the Gantry has also diversified to become a hub that makes lunches for our local school kids through Ka pai kai. So, congratulations everyone. Ngongotaha really has weathered a storm and looks good for the near future. A proverb that comes to mind is He waka Pakihi eke noa tatou. We are all in this business canoe together. Let’s keep paddling stronger for each other and buy up large in Ngongotaha!

Ngahihi o te ra Bidois is a Motivational Speaker, Professionals Director, businessman, author, husband, father. Koro and MBA: A Maori Boy from Awahou. See www.ngahibidois.com

Have your say on a proposed kerbside organic waste collection

Consultation is open from 16 May to 16 June 2022.

Attend the Ngongotahā Community Public Talk at 5:30pm on 7 June, at the Ngongotahā Bowling Club (Domain Avenue), to learn about the options for an organic waste service and have your say.

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Todd McClay Member of Parliament for Rotorua

Law and Order under threat as gang numbers grow.

I have huge respect for our police men and women who do an incredibly important job under extremely difficult circumstances - often putting themselves at risk to keep us safe. However, the Government is not giving them the support or tools they need to do their job properly - and as a result we are all worse off.

It will come as no surprise that gang presence and activity is increasing, personal safety is under threat and our seniors feel less safe in their homes and on the street. We see this in our city more and more.

Increased gang presence and aggression has been a growing issue for some time. Yet Government inaction and pressures on our police has caused the situation to worsen, until some areas of Rotorua are finding things intolerable.

One of the issues exacerbating the problem is that police response times have become markedly slower in the last four years. This delay in responding causes the public to further lose confidence in the safety of their neighbourhoods, and raises both the level of anxiety and the possibility of serious injury and death.

Recent issues include the threatening and intimidation of residents, street racing and burnouts, and disorder and violence. Tania Crescent residents have been in the media recently describing the ongoing chaos that local gangs are causing. One resident described a rock thrown through a window, a fence 'smashed by cars', residents threatened and intimidated, and daily street racing in her neighbourhood. There has been a 'massive riot', and attacks on other gang members. This resident believes that it is only a matter of time before innocent bystanders are hurt.

Police Association President Chris Cahill said the data around police response times made him concerned, and he believed the public would also be concerned. But Police Minister Poto Williams told media that she wasn't sure what was going on and was not intending to find out. Williams said she was 'not over the detail' despite media having sent the details to her office.

It is clear that the Police Minister is totally out of touch with her portfolio. The Minister told the country recently that she rejects an increase in gang tensions, but this is in stark contrast with what is happening on the ground, as is evident in Rotorua.

Gang membership is growing faster than the Government is recruiting Police ... If the gangs are better resourced and growing faster, the country becomes less safe.'

Gang related firearms offences are frightening - Since Labour came into Government, gang numbers are up 44 per cent, violent crime is up 21 per cent and Police response times have blown out.

Our police men and women work hard, they care about their jobs - they need a government that backs them not makes it harder for them to keep us safe.

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Motherhood

I asked a police recruit during an exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?"

He said, "Call for backup."

My kids asked me what it was like to be a mum.

So, I woke them up at 3 a.m. demanding to know where my lucky sock was.

"It's spicy" is the universal Mothers' code for "I don't want to share".

My mum once text me "can you come over, I want you to take a selfie of me."

When you're a mother of teenagers, it's important to have a dog so that someone in the house is happy to see you.

I discussed peer pressure and cigarettes with my 12-year-old daughter. Having struggled for years to quit, I described how I had started smoking to "be cool."

As I outlined the arguments kids might make to tempt her to try it, she stopped me mid-lecture, saying, "Hey, I'll just tell them my mum smokes. How cool can it be?"

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Is Your Income Rising with Inflation?

Wage increases are widespread across industries, says Doug Steel, Senior Economist at Bank of New Zealand. And with a strong demand for workers, and workers in short supply, it's an employee's market right now. "The labour market across the board is very, very strong. The demand for goods and services has been very elevated, so the demand for labour has been strong at a time when labour has been restricted with the borders closed.

"SEEK job ads are up 31% compared to pre-COVID and are at record highs. That talks to the extreme labour demand." Border restrictions during the pandemic have dramatically cut growth in New Zealand's available workforce, Steel says. "Before COVID, there were about 90,000 people coming into the country including families. In the last year, there's been a net outflow of more than 7,000. In the New Zealand context, that's an enormous change in the number of people and has tightened the labour supply significantly.

"That's why we're looking at application levels well below historic trends. There just aren't as many people out there looking for jobs." Businesses are struggling to find both skilled and unskilled labour, Steel says. The rising cost of living also means people are looking around for better pay. "People are really feeling cost-of-living pressures. It's no wonder that the labour market turnover is as high as it is."

These increases mean that workers in traditionally lower-paying roles – such as manufacturing and retail – have more ability for leverage than ever before, says Janet Pottinger, Adecco New Zealand Country Manager.

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Top pay for manufacturing, transport and logistics

Manufacturing, Transport & Logistics had the biggest increase in salary over two years. The average advertised salary of a Production Worker has risen 33% to an average of \$47,000. COVID isolation rules in New Zealand have had a huge impact on the manufacturing sector, says Samantha Steven, Associate Director of Robert Walters Auckland.

“One positive COVID-19 case anywhere in a supply chain can bring the entire process to a grinding halt, whether the case was in the manufacturing, packaging, transport or sales stage of the product lifecycle.” The major shortage of offshore materials and products being imported into the country means manufacturers are relying on local suppliers to satisfy consumer demand, Steven says. “As a result, the entire industry needs more staff at all stages of the supply chain process.”

Spike in salary in retail and consumer products

In Retail & Consumer Products, the average salary for Grocery Assistant roles rose 30% to \$47,323, making it the second-biggest increase after that for Production Worker roles. The average salary for a Checkout Operator increased by 26% to \$46,670, while the average salary of a Produce Assistant rose 23% to \$48,844.

How you can take advantage of these market changes

When an industry is in desperate need of specific skillsets, the people who hold those skillsets are set to benefit, says Steven. “For job seekers, this means they can demand a higher salary for doing the same job, which is good news! It also means that people are in a position to ask existing employers for more substantial pay reviews as well as considering external moves to allow the salary hike.” The difference between employers could be \$10,000 to \$20,000 for the same role, so explore multiple opportunities to understand the salaries being offered, she suggests.

“In the current market, organisations who are ‘up with the play’ and hungry to secure top talent will do so by paying top dollar.”

If you are aiming for a pay rise in your current role, Pottinger suggests approaching your employer confidently and referencing what’s happening in the market, but not demanding that they meet a certain base salary. “There may be other considerations for the future, and you certainly don’t want to be burning any bridges,” she says. Pottinger says if you’re weighing up multiple job offers at the same salary level, it’s important to also look at the benefits a prospective employer can offer you – such as flexible working arrangements or learning and development options.

Source: Independent research conducted by Nature of behalf of SEEK, interviewing 4000 Kiwis annually. Published April 2022.



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Age Concern

Age Concern is beginning to get back to some semblance of order and we are starting up some of the activities that have been missing over the last few months.

Our Movie Club is beginning to attract more participants and is becoming a regular occurrence. We are also starting up our regular excursions in the minibus to various venues in and around Rotorua. The trips this round are to The Secret Spot, fish and chips at Maketu, Tauranga Crossing, Tyburn Monastery and Mamaku Blue.

These always prove popular, so bookings are essential, and it is great to see that three of our trips are already fully booked. These trips are always a great gauge as to whether people are interested in coming out to do activities or if there is still a bit reluctance to come out.

I feel that we have all been touched in some way by the Omicron outbreak and one of my staff has had it as well as three of my grandchildren. It seems to have a different effect on each person it touches and thankfully the vaccine seems to be doing its thing and keeping us from serious complications.

The Government is promising more support for older people who want to work for longer amidst the cost-of-living crisis and maintaining cash flow is more important now than ever. I am sure that you all know of someone who is still working beyond the retirement age of 65.

Everyone is different at retirement age, and it is largely dependent on what sort of occupation you were in. People who have been in jobs that require physical activity everyday are most likely burnt out by 65 while those who have been in more sedentary jobs usually have the energy to continue to work, albeit, quite often in a different occupation but using the same skill set built up over many years.

I would be a prime example of this with 47 years in teaching, 30 as a Principal, retired at 67, and still working as Manager of Age Concern for

the last 4 years, in a job I absolutely love and can see me being here for a while (if they'll still have me).

There is an increasing number of older workers in Aotearoa, which is why the Government has developed a plan to better support New Zealand's senior staff members. There is a perception that older workers can't do it or won't want to work the hours, but people need to be given the chance to see what they can do.

The Government's plan promises to make sure Kiwis over 50 can continue to work for as long as they want to. Over a third of New Zealand's current workforce are over 50, and half of those aged 65 to 69 are still on the tools.

Today's strategy means there will be up-to-date and accessible training for New Zealand's older workforce, including better education for employers on the benefits of having mature staff and how to support them. Older workers have incredible skills and knowledge that actually is a huge loss if they are not valued and included in the workforce.

For many seniors, it's the social aspect that encourages them to work longer, but for some, the cost of living means they have no choice. For some people, it is a financial reason and there is an increasing number of over-65s that still have mortgages to pay or do not own their own home and are paying exorbitant market rents. And the new constraints being put on landlords means many of them are cashing up and this is also exacerbating the present housing shortage with fewer rentals available and affordable housing becoming scarcer.

We are also seeing many retirees who can afford to, selling their homes and moving into the myriad of Retirement Homes that are popping up around the country. These facilities are considered safe, where elderly can be socially connected, live independently, have access to a range of recreational activities and see out their remaining years in relative comfort with likeminded people.

Stay safe, Rory O'Rourke - Age Concern

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Anne Mia Moore

Last month we reported that Ngongotaha Lions had repaired a seat outside the Trinity Community Centre. The seat was originally installed by a group of walkers in memory of Anne Moore, who was still walking at the age of 80. For this milestone, she set on a challenge for herself to climb three mountains, Ruapehu, Rainbow, and Ngongotaha, which she achieved along with her companions.

She is remembered for establishing and fostering Rotorua's YWCA Walking Club, with the aim of encouraging retired people to walk and to enjoy the outdoors. Anne believed walking delivered enormous benefits besides exercise, like companionship and relief from stress. Membership exceeded 200 by 1986, when Anne created sub-groups to best cater for individual needs. By 1990 club membership had grown to 400 and at the end of 1992 the group renamed themselves the YWCA Cross Country Trampers.

She'd been an avid cyclist too. Family history records that when at training college in Auckland, she'd cycle home to Matamata. Later, with her brother, she cycled on her grandmother's old bike from Matamata to Gisborne and home to Matamata, via Rotorua, Taupo, Napier, Gisborne and Opotiki. They even tied logs to their bikes on Traffords Hill, north of Matawai, to slow them down on that precipitous slope.

There was more than a bit of pioneering spirit in her heritage. With this intrepid spirit and passion for the outdoors, Anne was a foundation member of the Rotorua Tramping and Skiing Club and a member of Alpine Search and Rescue. Her enthusiasm took Anne on tramping trips to the Himalayas, trekking the Inca trails of South America and a rafting trip in Alaska. Genuinely interested, she was fascinated by and knowledgeable about the diversity of the plant life she encountered on these treks all over the world.

More Motherhood

Mums' recipe for iced coffee: Have kids. Make coffee. Forget you made coffee. Put it in the microwave. Forget you put it in the microwave. Drink it cold.

I don't want to sleep like a baby. I want to sleep like my husband.

Is it yelling? Or just very enthusiastic motivational speaking?

Silence isn't golden; it's suspicious.

Anne was also admired by her many friends, one commenting: "She was a leader with considerable inner strength who knew what she was doing and did it quietly. She wasn't a chatterer. Whatever she said was natural and to the point - and worth listening to."

When her admirers suggested in the late 1980s that Anne's name be put forward to receive a Queen's award for her services to the community, there was no shortage of organisations and individuals keen to support the application. Anne actively participated in a dozen or more organisations.

When her service to the community was recognised and Anne was awarded the Queen's Service Medal in the Birthday Honours in June 1990 she received many congratulatory notes, many pointing to qualities in Anne that they particularly admired.

One such letter sums up the community's regard for this remarkable woman: ". . . I see it (the QSM) is an affirmation of all you do for so many people . . . my walking is the best part of my week. The complete usage of our time, the planning and detail that go into our outings, even our morning tea spots are beautiful. I like the prompt departure, the sensible use of transport, safe parking, great company and the concern you always show for everyone. Add to that, the history and background we acquire make for great experiences each Thursday." Another walker remembers: "She liked to get attention by blowing a whistle when she wanted to address us. We used to tease her that QSM stood for Queen's Sergeant Major."

So, it's very appropriate that there's a seat in Anne Moore's honour, overlooking a beautiful morning tea spot!

Transcription from Remembering Anne Moore: A woman before her time by Alison Brown

Ngongotaha School



Kia ora everyone and welcome to Term 2. This term, we are getting back to some normality, safely of course. Visits to our local Marae, guest speakers, choir, class trips will all take place this term which is very exciting after being so restricted for so long. Assemblies are back on. We'll open the windows for ventilation but it will be awesome to get families connected with school again. There will be dozens of kids who have never actually been into an assembly so it will be an exciting time for them to celebrate our collective success. It feels good to have some normality again.

Due to disruptions to sports over the past two years, we have decided to establish our own School Sports Academies. Children who have registered to be a part of a school Basketball, Hockey or Netball team as well as those children playing tackle Rugby for Ngongotaha Sports, will have a coaching session once a week by one of our local Ngongotaha Coaching experts. This, along with practices from the regular coaches, will enable Ngongotaha to continue to be the sporting powerhouse that it has become known for. These academies will operate alongside our current Golf Academy who work with the Pro at Lakeview Golf Club each week.



School Cross country took place on the 18th of May. It was so nice to have members of our school community coming to cheer the students along. The winners from each age group will continue their training and take part

in the interschool event in a month's time. We are due to hold one of our famous Discos on the 19th of May over the road at the community hall and to celebrate Pink Shirt day on the 20th of May. The PE team have organised the annual Walkathon to take place on the last day of this term too. Money raised from the Walkathon will go towards the creation of a musical playground.



Our very own Mrs Nunn celebrated her 25th Anniversary here at Ngongotaha School earlier this month. A massive achievement and a wonderful person to have around. In 25 years she would have taught nearly 1000 children so

I am sure each and every one of you would have been impacted by this wonderful teacher at some point. Thank

you, Jane for your commitment to our school. If you hadn't noticed, Whaea Tegan is pregnant and will be heading off on leave soon. Whaea Putiputi will be taking over Tegan's responsibilities in Room 9 and Whaea Tegan's mum, Whaea Carol, will be working in Room 3 for her on Thursdays and Fridays. Jo Oswald started with us this term working with the children in Room 8 she has brought with her a strong connection to Ngongotaha and a wealth of experience. I am also in discussions with Whaea Lesley about her opening up another Year 1 classroom early next term.



Finally, as you may have heard by now, I am competing in the Harcourts Dancing for Hospice event on the 20th of August. Dancing is definitely not a talent of mine but I felt honoured to be asked and feel that Hospice is an amazing organisation that I am happy to support. I

think it is important for us all to step out of our comfort zone and by taking part in an event like this, I hope to inspire some of our tamariki here at school to try something new. We will hold a mufti day at school soon to help fundraise for Hospice. If you would like to donate toward Hospice, you can do so via the school office.

As always, keep an eye on our school app for up to date information on all the exciting things happening at Te Kura o Ngongotaha.

Ngā mihi, Craig McFadyen and the team from Ngongotaha School.

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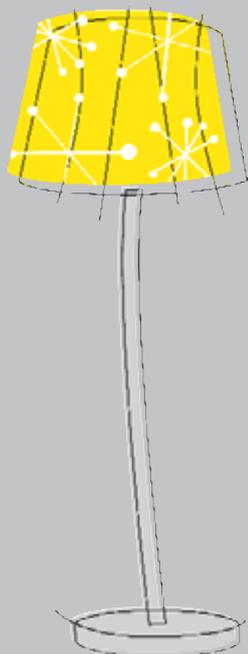
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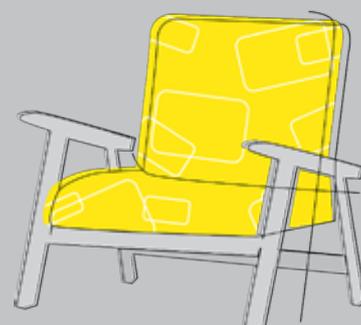
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Kaitao Intermediate - remembering the ANZACs.

On the 25th of April, six of Kaitao Intermediate's school leaders and five of our staff all woke up before the sun, bundled up nice and warm, and travelled down to Ohinemutu to pay our respects to the soldiers of Aotearoa. A Dawn Service is a sombre and humbling experience for anyone. For our young adolescents, it is even more so - it is not easy to drag yourself out of a warm bed, get prepared, and get where you are going on time. It is not easy to wait patiently for the wheels of organisations to turn, but our students handled themselves wonderfully. Some of them remarked on how much harder it must have been for our soldiers as they were woken every day, in much worse conditions, waiting for something much more powerful and much more unknown.



The ANZAC commitment in World War 1 and World War 2 is famous. The sacrifice made by a country so small and so young was felt far and wide, and it was certainly felt here in the Rotorua district. As a school, we are committed to ensuring our students are informed about our local and national history; not just so that we understand the experiences and the struggles that shaped our people, but so that we can avoid the mistakes of the past in our future.

Following the dawn service, along with primary schools and high schools from Rotorua, we attended a breakfast at the Novotel. Again, our students represented themselves impeccably and had a marvellous hot meal to thaw them out. We then walked to the Government Gardens to participate in the civic service. Two of our leaders had the honour of laying a wreath at the service, again exemplifying the values that we celebrate at Kaitao Intermediate.

We would like to extend our thanks to these leaders who gave up their school holidays to represent their school. We would also like to thank the parents and whanau of these amazing students for doing the same. I am optimistic for our future with leaders like these in our schools.

Kia kore rātou e warewaretia. I te hekenga atu o te ra, tainoa ki te aranga mai o te ata, kia maumahara tonu tatou kia ratou. Puritia kia u, puritia kia mau, puritia kia ita.

Adrian Firmin
Deputy Principal, Kaitao Intermediate

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Relationship separations and true colours: why you should always mind your behaviour

I can always tell who's ended a relationship when someone comes in to see me to get things in motion to separate property out and draft a relationship property agreement. It's them. By the time that happens, I can tell you they've already moved on emotionally quite some time back, and they're done with the relationship and their ex.

However simple that sounds, a breakup is still a stressful process, taking a huge amount of insight, courage, and energy for one partner to call it a day - not to mention the enormous worry about children, the family home, and finances. In my experience, when a person finally makes their decision to leave, the worries about finances melt away - because the importance of leaving the relationship becomes substantially more important than anything else. And generally, the finances and any childcare matters will eventually be resolved one way or another and in the meantime it'll all be hard, but okay.

Often, one of the biggest challenges for lawyers acting in relationship breakups is managing expectations, emotions, and responses. But we also need to factor in the same for the ex-partner who is likely aggrieved, shocked, and embarrassed at being left by the other. Sadly, we regularly see the true colours of a seemingly very normal person who starts engaging in inflammatory and sometimes vindictive behaviour to 'get back at the other for leaving' any which way they can. What they're really trying to achieve of course is perceived recovery of 'what they're owed financially' and/or restitution of a loss of personal power due to the other's decision to end the relationship. Yet for the partner who ended the relationship, the behaviour just re-affirms their decision to leave the relationship was absolutely the right one.

The purpose of this article is to highlight that it's normal for stress and emotions to run high when a relationship ends and it's time to divide property. But in that storm, normal people sometimes do irrational things they perhaps wouldn't normally do to get back at the other.

My advice to clients, when power plays start, is to always remain calm and respectful, don't bite back with heat of the moment retaliatory messages or other actions, or engage in tit-for-tat behaviour, because it won't help resolve things.

And rest assured, if behaviour causes the parties to reach a point where they've lost the ability to agree on division of their property, it'll all end up in the public arena in documents before the Court for it to decide how things should be split. And make no mistake, the behaviour will be glaringly obvious to the Court and will not reflect well on that person either, so please think before acting.

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Tawhirimatea stood still in honour of this moment.

The crisp air reminded us all of their tumultuous sacrifices.

We stood.

We stood.

We sat, hushed.

The journal of one who was there

paid homage to the 19 and 23 year olds

he and his surviving comrades had to enshroud within Papatuanuku ki Turkey.

We cried.

The sonnets of the bugel designated the oncoming finality of the service.

Hand in hand we strode to our cenotaph,

to pay homage to our tipuna who had fallen.

Ten of us paraded but

the thousands who had fallen

heard.

Kia maumahara tatou ki a ratou.

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Winter Gardening

To do

- * To protect your plants from cold weather, now is a great time to add a layer of mulch - about 5cm thick around your plants.
- * Check and maintain tools.
- * Feed birds.
- * For root crops, dig over garden beds as all the action happens underground and they require well worked soil. If you have lumps in your soil chances are your carrots won't grow nice and straight.
- * Have a frost cloth or tunnels handy for those cold days and nights
- * Most deciduous fruit trees can be pruned except peaches, plums, and nectarines.
- * If you are planning to leave your vege garden over winter, plant a beneficial 'green crop' of lupin, mustard or peas. These can be dug into the soil which adds nitrogen, and conditions the soil in early spring before flowering for your next summer crops
- * Fertilise garden beds ready for new season's planting

Vege

- * Sprout new season potatoes
- * Plant broad beans, beetroot, broccoli, cabbage, celery, garlic, kale, mizuna, onions, peas, shallots, silverbeet, spinach, coriander.
- * Sow broccoli, broad beans, cabbage, cauliflower, and peas from seed in sheltered areas. Lettuce seeds can be sown too, if you choose hardy winter varieties.
- * The shortest day of the year is traditionally garlic planting day, but you can plant through into early spring in some areas. Dig the soil

over well and add lots of lovely compost. Plant cloves 5cm deep with the pointy end to the sky. Garlic can be harvested mid-late summer.

Fruit

- * Harvest grapefruit, lemons, kiwifruit, mandarins, tamarillos, oranges and feijoas.
- * Winter is the best time for planting new season deciduous fruit trees. Select the healthiest specimens from your garden centre with straight stems. Stake newly planted fruit trees. Strawberry seedlings are best planted from June/July onwards, even though these won't fruit until summer.
- * Prune grapes and kiwifruit vines, and prune autumn cropping raspberries back to ground level.

Flowers

- * Plant calendula, nemesia, pansies, polyanthus, poppy, snapdragon, stock, viola.
- * Pick azaleas, camellias, Daphne, gerberas, orchids, polyanthus, protea, stock.
- * Winter is the best time to plant new season roses.
- * It's also time to prune your roses, shrubs and any perennials that are looking untidy, or have finished flowering for the season.
- * Deadhead any plants that have finished flowering for the season to encourage new foliage and flowers.
- * Bring frost tender patio plants into a sheltered position.

Source: Garden and Happy; Tui Winter Gardening Guide; Palmers

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NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

4th April Championship Fours The winners for the night were Kevin Whyte, Helen White and Delwyn Hughes. This team was unbeatable. Runner up Cheryl Wiggins, Robyn Campbell and Nicole Ruthe.

11th April International Pairs We had two new players come along, Mike Staite and Greg Chase. Was good to see some new faces. The winners were Delwyn Hughes and David Fleet with 3 wins and a draw. Runners up were Murray Harris and Greg Chase with 2 wins and a draw. Murray Harris, Greg Chase had a play-off with Richard Mills and Jan Drabble.

12th April St Andrews Triples Tournament Some of our members played in the tournament and one team won for the night, that was Kevin Whyte, Helen White and Delwyn Hughes from Ngongotaha club. Was a good night of bowls. Plenty of raffles and supper was well in abundance.

2nd May Open Tournament It was a noisy night of bowls as we had visiting teams from RSA, St Andrews, Westbrook and Owkata. A great night was had by sixteen teams that had entered. A great supper and good selection of raffle prizes.

The winning team the night were Karen Te Tamaki, Mark Geddes and Ray Moyes from Westbrook club. Runners up were Gena Owens, Pai Te Tamaki and Gloria Moyes from Westbrook.

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Players in the photo are:

Helen White, Kevin Whyte, Delwyn Hughes



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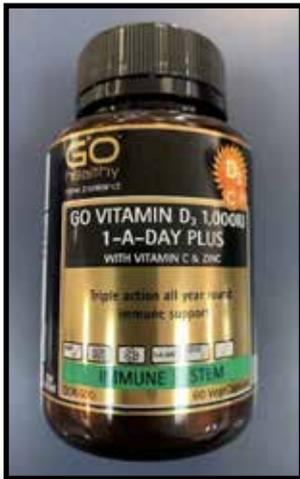
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May news from Kaharoa School



Kaharoa School Tēnā koutou whānau

Hope this finds you and your families all well and hope you enjoyed a lovely Easter break and holidays. We have had a lovely start to our term, the students are rested and engaged ready to learn.

Winter Sports-This term we start our winter sports and it is wonderful to see so many team practices happening around the school at lunchtimes and after school. Thank you to our wonderful parents who help in so many ways and we would like to mention the parents currently assisting with coaching sports teams. Thanks to Kylie Day coaching our Netball teams, Julian Dean and Julea Green coaching basketball teams and Andrea Batchelor coaching hockey teams.



Our PTA-The AGM of our PTA was held in the first week of term. Our PTA is a group of very dedicated parents who are the core committee and then they have the help and support of other families for events and fundraising. Our school is very appreciative of the hard work raising money to support the school and class programmes. You can email pta.friends@kaharoa.school.nz to put your name down on the mailing list when it comes to BBQ's, baking, or helping at events.

National Road Safety Week was acknowledged and classes had activities to assist with teaching our young people the importance of making decisions to keep them safe on these roads.



EPro 8-The EPro8 Challenge is an inter-school science and engineering competition. Every year over 22,000 students from throughout New Zealand take part. Students participate in a series of events: firstly within our school and then inter-school. These events are designed to promote science and engineering.

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Scrap Metal Collection-Our annual metal collection has been organised by the PTA with Macaulay Metal kindly picking up all scrap metal donated by our community and swapping it for cash to help support our educational programmes at school.



Professional Development-our staff meeting PLD has begun with a wonderful launch of 'He Pātaka Kōrero o Ngāti Whakaue' This is a storehouse of stories. He Pātaka Kōrero o Ngāti Whakaue has been developed in consultation with Te Taumata o Ngāti Whakaue Iho Ake Trust to support kaiako in the delivery of a cultural curriculum that embodies Ngāti Whakaue and Te Arawa iwi identity (Whakapapa), language (Te Reo Māori) and culture (Tikanga and Kawa) across education sectors. In addition to this, we were very fortunate to have Kahira Morris, an educational consultant for Ngāti Whakaue visit and observe the learning in Structured Literacy that our students could showcase.

Welcome to the team Ritchell

Warm welcome to Miss Ritchell Gantalao who will be joining Kaharoa School to teach in Year 7 and 8 from early June in Tōtara Rākau. Miss Rachel Seamer started us off this year on a short term contract, knowing she was due in America in June 2022. Rachel has served the school well and we will miss her, but wish her all the best for her adventure overseas!



Ritchell has been working at Rotorua Intermediate and Mokoia Intermediate the past two years. We look forward to having her positive and encouraging personality in the school and working alongside her to continue the great progress for students in Tōtara Rākau.

Keeping Safe -

We continue to remind the children and adults each day to practice good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene. This includes reminders to:

- wash your hands often with soap and water or hand sanitiser before leaving the classroom for breaks and again when entering the classroom after breaks as well as after attending the toilet.
- cover coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or elbow.
- put used tissues in the bin.
- to stay home if unwell.
- to keep hands/fingers out of mouths, noses and eyes.

Some links for your information. Ministry of Health website.

World health organisation (WHO) website <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Take care everyone.

Please refer to the Kaharoa website for further information. www.kaharoa.school.nz

Ngā mihi mahana - The Kaharoa Team

Kaharoa School's annual scrap metal collection is COMING!!!

The bin is getting dropped to school grounds (in the carpark) on Monday 16th May (unsure of time), so we are asking for any donations to be brought between Tuesday 17th May to Sunday 22nd May (bin is getting picked up Monday 23rd May but unsure of time). We love how supportive our community is, so thank you in advance for anyone who supports Kaharoa School by donating scrap metal this May!!!

Thank you to Macaulay Metals.

Things accepted: aluminum, brass, cans, car batteries, cast iron, copper, electrical cable, electric motors, lead, steel, stainless steel, cars, washing machines, ovens, fridges, freezers - METAL!!!

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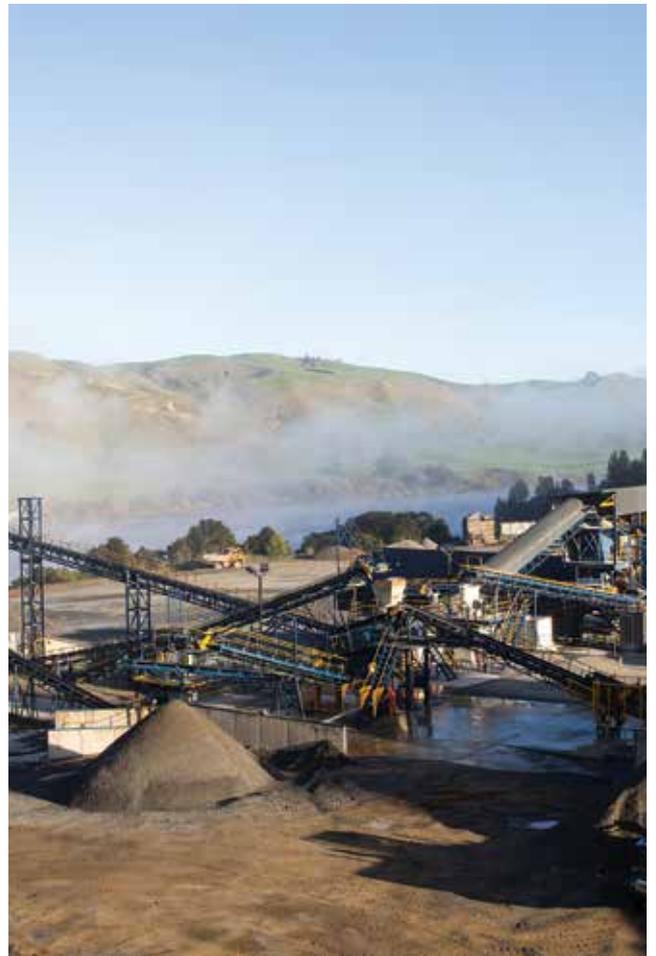
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SOME MOTHERS DO HAVE 'EM!

The 8 year-old disrupted my sleep again, so I text my mother at 2 am to ask when it stops.

"I feel like I'd be a much better parent if I didn't have to do it every day."

The night we took our three young sons to an upscale restaurant for the first time, my husband ordered a bottle of wine. The server brought it over, began the ritual uncorking, and poured a small amount for me to taste.

My six-year-old piped up, "Mum usually drinks a lot more than that."

My mother, a master of guilt trips, showed me a photo of herself waiting by a phone that never rings.

"Mum, I call all the time," I said. "If you had voicemail, you'd know." Soon after, my brother installed it for her.

When I called the next time, I got her message: "If you are a salesperson, press one. If you're a friend, press two. If you're my daughter who never calls, press 911 because the shock will probably give me a heart attack."

While doing renovations in our house, one of the workmen paused to look at a flattering photo of me wearing makeup and a flash gown. I heard him let out a low whistle and ask my son, Joshua, "Who's that?"

"That's my mum," Joshua answered.

"Wow," the man said, "my mother doesn't look like that."

"Yeah," my son said, "well, neither does mine."

Nothing is truly lost until your Mother can't find it.



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- 16-23 May** Kaharoa Scrap Metal Collection at the school parking lot
- 21 May** Matchplay Championships start at Lakeview
- 21 May** Ray White Charity Garage Sale at Ngongotaha Rail Park
- 26-29 May** Mamaku's Marsupial Madness Challenge 2022 for possums, hares, rabbits, stoats and ferrets.
Entry forms at Mamaku School 073325726 or office@mamaku.school.nz. Registrations close 24th May.
- 27 May** Kai and Quiz night at Lakeview. Text/Ph Josh on 0210720379
- 29 May** Weigh-in and prize giving at Mamaku School for annual possum challenge, spot prizes, hot food and drinks
- 4 June** Ray White Charity Garage Sale at Ngongotaha Rail Park, proceeds to the Rail Park
- 7 June** RLC Public Talk on Organic Recycling Ngongotaha Bowls Club 5.30 pm
- 8 June** Agewise Free Road Safety Update for Over 65's 9.30am to 2.30 pm at Parksyde
- 5 July** Heart Saver AED/CPR training course at Lakeview. Contact Sue on 027 2010 940
- 20 Aug** Dancing for Hospice, starring Craig McFadyen, principal at Ngongotaha School

Regular Events

- Monday** Indoor Bowls 7.00 pm Community Hall
- Tuesday** Vets Golf 9.30am , Junior golf after school during school term at Lakeview
- 2nd Wednesday** Friendship Club 9.45 am St Barnabas Church Hall
- 4th Wednesday** Ngongotaha Garden Circle meet at Ngongotaha Hall
- Every Thursday** Junior Golf after school during school term at Lakeview

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Book Reviews

It's the time of the year to organize a warm, comfy spot and a good book to read!

Real Life by Brandon Taylor (Finalist, 2020 Booker Prize)

Wallace has spent his summer in the lab breeding a strain of microscopic worms, a slow and painstaking process. He is four years into a biochemistry degree at a lakeside Midwestern university, a life that's a world away from his childhood growing up in Alabama. His father died a few weeks ago, but Wallace has not been home, and he hasn't told his friends - Miller, Yngve, Cole and Emma. For reasons of self-preservation, he has become used to keeping a wary distance even from those closest to him. Over the course of one blustery end-of-summer weekend, a catastrophic mishap and a series of intense confrontations force Wallace to grapple with intimacy, desire, the trauma of the past and the question of the future.

Shuggie Bain by Douglas Stuart (Winner, 2020 Booker Prize)

Hugh "Shuggie" Bain, is a sweet and lonely boy who spends his 1980s childhood in run-down public housing in Glasgow, Scotland. Thatcher's policies have put husbands and sons out of work, and the city's notorious drugs epidemic is waiting in the wings. Shuggie's mother Agnes walks a wayward path: she is Shuggie's guiding light but a burden for him and his siblings. Married to a philandering taxi-driver husband, Agnes keeps her pride by looking good - but under the surface, Agnes finds increasing solace in drink, and she drains away all the family has to live on--on cans of extra-strong lager hidden in handbags and poured into tea mugs.

Agnes's older children find their own ways to get a safe distance from their mother, abandoning Shuggie to care for her as she swings between alcoholic binges and sobriety. Shuggie is meanwhile struggling to somehow become the normal boy he desperately longs to be, but everyone has realized that he is "no right," a boy with a secret that all but him can see. Agnes is supportive of her son, but her addiction has the power to eclipse everyone close to her--even her beloved Shuggie.

The Shadow King by Maaza Mengiste (Finalist, 2020 Booker Prize)

With the threat of Mussolini's army looming, recently orphaned Hirut struggles to adapt to her new life as a maid to Kidane and his wife Aster. Kidane, an officer in Emperor Haile Selassie's army, rushes to mobilize his strongest men before the Italians invade. His initial kindness to Hirut shifts into cruelty when she resists his advances, and Hirut finds herself tumbling into a new world of thefts and violations, of betrayals and rage. As the war begins in earnest, the Emperor goes into exile and Ethiopia quickly loses hope. Hirut helps disguise a gentle peasant as the emperor and soon becomes his guard, inspiring other women to take up arms against the Italians.

Texting acronyms can stump even the best parents:

Mum: Your great-aunt just passed away. LOL. Son: Why is that funny? Mum: It's not funny, David! What do you mean? Son: Mum, LOL means Laughing Out Loud. Mum: I thought it meant Lots of Love. I have to call everyone back.

Daughter: I got an A in Chemistry. Mum: WTF! Daughter: Mum, what do you think WTF means? Mum: Well That's Fantastic.

Mum: What do IDK, LY & TTYL mean? Son: I don't know, love you, talk to you later. Mum: OK, I will ask your sister.

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