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Former Ngongotaha Soccer Club player Paige Satchell is pictured with her Football Ferns teammate Mackenzie Barry. We wish Paige and the Ferns well in their game against Switzerland on July 30th.

The new patron of EquiSucceed, the former Rotorua Riding for Disabled (RDA), is Jo-Anne La Grouw.

Jo-Anne has a long history of supporting the organisation and was the driving force behind raising the funds needed to build their facility at Parawai Rd on Waikuta No2 leased land. Also on 16 May 2023, Linda Hunt, formerly

manager at the facility, was elected as the new President. The traditional therapy sessions are continuing, plus there will be added wellbeing programmes and community outreach sessions.

Pictured beside their new logo and sign are Jo-Anne La Grouw (left) and Linda Hunt (right).

More information on Equisucceed is on page 19 of this issue.



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For every like on the Four Square Ngongotaha post, they will donate \$1 to the Trinity Centre.

31 Ngongotaha Road

For those interested in events relating to the proposed housing development at 31 Ngongotaha Road, there's not a lot of news. Fast track approval has not been posted on the Ministry for the Environment's website at this stage. Readers can follow this at environment.govt.nz/whatgovernment-is-doing/areas-of-work/fast-track-consenting/



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The Russian government renamed Tolstoy's most famous book. It's now called *Special Military Operation and Peace

Did you hear about the famous musician who was buried in a guitarshaped coffin? He had to have 8 Les Paulbearers.

Richard Marx was a famous singer in the 80s.

But did you know his sister, Onya, invented the starter pistol?

King Charles has a realistic chance of breaking one of Queen Elizabeth's most famous records: the record number of 15 prime

ministers during her reign.

Hon Todd McClay Member of Parliament for Rotorua



As your local MP, it is an honour to serve you, and I am again seeking your support so I can continue getting things done across our electorate.

I enjoy being out and about in our community attending local events, visiting local groups and businesses, and hosting public meetings to discuss issues that affect you - including the cost of living, health, education, and law-and-order. I have been active in raising concerns about the effects of the Government using motels for emergency housing in Rotorua as well as the harm caused by a growing gang presence and increased crime across the Bay of Plenty. I am a strong advocate for our rural community, our tourism industry and for the city of Rotorua.

I have also worked closely with local Ngongotaha people to stand up against the harm that could be done to the village through the Labour government deciding to put houses on flood plains near the Waititi stream.

Taking action on the rising cost of living is National's number one priority. Inflation is at a 30 year high and interest rates have risen to levels not seen since 2008. National's plan to tackle the costof-living means tackling the underlying driver of inflation – such as bringing discipline back to government spending, stopping the waste, and reducing costs on businesses and families.

National has already rolled out policies to get New Zealand back on track. Our FamilyBoost policy will make a real difference for many local families. FamilyBoost is a childcare tax rebate of up to \$75 per week on the costs of childcare. Families earning up to \$180,000 will receive a 25 percent rebate up to \$75 per week paid directly into their bank account every fortnight. FamilyBoost will be fully funded by reprioritising labour's wasteful spending which is not delivering value for taxpayers.

And, then there is our Teaching the Basics Brilliantly policy. Our education system is at crisis point. Our Teaching the Basics policy will ensure all kids have the knowledge and skills they need in reading, writing, maths, and science to set them up for success. National will require all primary and intermediate schools to spend an average of one hour a day on each of these topics. We'll require regular reporting, so all parents receive a clear and detailed understanding of how their child's education is progressing.

At this year's election I will be asking for both your votes: your party vote so National can change the Government, and your local vote so I can continue to represent you in Parliament.

It is a privilege to be your elected MP, a responsibility I take extremely seriously.

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Elvis Presley, Paul McCartney, Ludwig Beethoven or Abraham Lincoln "That which does not kill us makes us stronger."

Albert Einstein, Pope Francis, Friedrich Nietzsche or Charles Darwin "Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans."

Oprah Winfrey, John Lennon, Queen Victoria or Christopher Columbus "May you live all the days of your life."

Richard Branson, Malcom X, Jonathan Swift or George Orwell

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

Coco Chanel, Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dali or Dolly Parton

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

Nelson Mandela, Ingrid Bergman, Plato or Amelia Earhart

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." Michael Jackson, John M Keynes, Louis Pasteur or Benjamin Franklin "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."

Lionel Messy, Roger Federer, Audrey Hepburn or Wayne Gretzky "Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck."

Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, Barack Obama or the Dalai Lama "The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step."

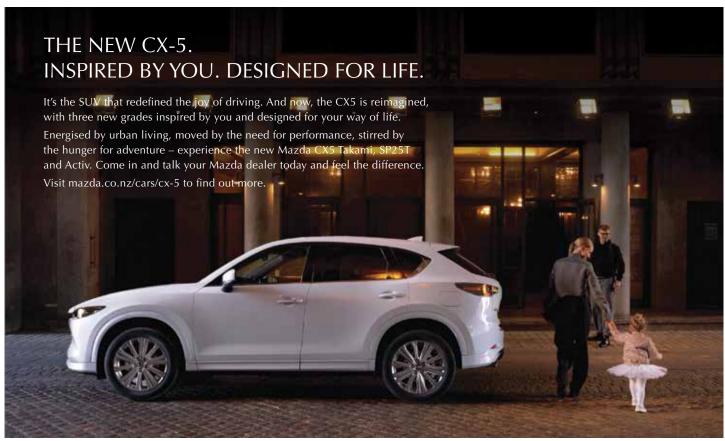
Lao Tzu, Emmeline Pankhurst, J.R.R. Tolkien or Howard Hughes "I don't care that they stole my idea . . I care that they don't have any of

"How can you govern a country which has 246 varieties of cheese?"

"My policy on cake is pro having it and pro eating it."

"Except for the occasional heart attack, I never felt better."

Answers on page 18





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GOOD GRIEF

Wherever we are in our communities of Awahou, Ngongotaha, Kaharoa, Mamaku and Hamurana, we all suffer from grief at some stage.

I thought I would share this part of my journey to help you get through your grieving journey. With the recent passing of my Papa, I find myself in a situation where I am experiencing grief and loss big time.

Don't get me wrong, I have been in this space before, however I have found this new period of grief a lot more bearable than previous occasions. Perhaps it is experience in these situations that helps. However, I have also been more informed and supported this time around and would like to share some of that information with you.

As an International Keynote Speaker I have been blessed to meet a lot of interesting people and very fortunate to call a few friends. Pio Terei is one of those people for me and I was with him last week. He was the emcee for an education conference where I presented a leadership keynote. Pio lost his 17 year-old son Teina to cancer and his advice to me around grief was superb. Here are three things he mentioned.

Make sure you surround yourself with the right people.

Many of us do not know how to help people who are grieving but I am pleased to report that I am surrounded by people who do.

For example, my wife and I have a quota of dates that we go on each year and she is now well and truly ahead of me on that count. She has dragged me out to movies, dinners, swims, hui at the marae and walks.

She has kept me busy. Other friends have dragged me out for games of golf, breakfasts and chilling together. Having said that I have valued my time on my own going for walks as well but I am surrounded by the right people.

Grief comes at you in unexpected waves so look for the triggers

A friend told me how they had invited someone to speak at a birthday party. That person's Papa had died over a year earlier and they thought he was okay, except, he wasn't. When he stood up to give his speech he started crying and kept crying. Everyone there knew why he was crying and just waited until he was ready to speak. No rush, no hurry, they just waited until he was ready.

Funnily enough I was having breakfast with Pio and a couple of others at the hotel restaurant last week and someone said something which triggered me. I was sitting by the window and looked out the window, shielding my face from everyone as tears started rolling. Pio saw what was happening and asked if I was okay which stopped everyone else from talking. He knew I wasn't okay. They then knew I wasn't okay and they all just waited. Until that wave of grief passed by me and I was okay.

In the past two months since my Papa passed, I have presented 5 leadership keynotes to hundreds of people and have been able to see the triggers coming and control that wave in four of those five presentations. On that fifth one I had a bit of a tangi on stage and when I looked up nearly everyone in the audience had tears in their eyes too. They knew why I was crying, they cried too and they just waited until I was ready to speak. At the end of that keynote the organisation's kaumatua acknowledged my honesty, courage and integrity and he was followed by various members of the audience of 300 people doing several haka.





Treat yourself well physically, spiritually and mentally

Prior to Covid I did a lot of international keynote speaking. I therefore had a physical regime I carried out which consisted of 100 press ups, 50 sit ups, 50 star jumps and walking 20 minutes per day. This was relatively easy to achieve in various places throughout the day wherever I was in the world and did not require a gym.

So, since my Papa's passing, I have started that exercise regime again. Not near doing everything yet but I am taking on Pio's advice about looking after myself physically. That, and the fact that no one likes a fat motivational speaker anyway! I also cover off the physical and the spiritual by walking for at least twenty minutes doing karakia at the same time. The thinking side of keeping well is taken care of by the board meetings that I attend. I am on six boards and chair three of them.

In the last two months, I also shared the stage with other Keynote speakers including Lucy Hone who presents on wellbeing and resilience, including coping with grief after losing her 12 year-old daughter. Here is what she said that helped me.: Resilient people understand that suffering is a part of human existence. Suffering happens to everyone. I remember one of my close friends asking me why so much bad stuff was happening to me leading into the passing of my Papa. My answer to them was simple: "It's just my turn."

Life for me had been successful and happy for many years. Unknown to me the negative things that were happening to me prior to my Papas passing was just preparation for the main event. The loss of my papa. It was just my turn – big time!

Resilient people are really good at where they focus their attention They accept the things they can't change and focus on what they can change. I can change my attitude but I can't change the fact that there is a huge loss in my life.

Resilient people ask themselves, is this helping or harming me? I decided not to take any services for our iwi or speak at informal occasions until I was ready. It was not going to help me. However, I realised last Saturday that I was ready. So, I took the unveiling of a headstone, hura kohatu, at our Awahou cemetery for a close whanau from our Iwi. I was outlining to a whanau member beforehand that this would be the first service I had taken since the passing of my Papa. They found that interesting because the deceased person I was doing the unveiling for was buried in the first coffin my Papa ever made. To top it off the korowai or cloak that covered her headstone was also the first cloak ever made for the Ngati Rangiwewehi kapa haka group. Three firsts, which confirmed that this was an occasion that I was blessed to be a part of. It helped me.

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Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui. (Be strong. Be courageous. Be steadfast.)

Ngahi is pictured with Faye Hauwai and Pio Terei.

Ngahihi o te ra Bidois is a Motivational Speaker, Professional Director, businessman, author, husband, father. Koro and MBA. A Maori Boy from Awahou. See https://thefaceofnewzealand.com/

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Shocked, the old man says "Well lad, I've had my time, you take the other parachute."

"We'll be okay," says the boy scout, "Mr Genius just jumped out with my rucksack."

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Age Concern

The membership of Age Concern Rotorua continues to climb steadily, and more people are beginning to recognize the importance of belonging to an organisation that is forward-thinking and has several accessible activities for Social Connection.

Out and Abouters continues to be popular, and our staff are being run off their feet with all the extra activity, both in person and phone calls. Our membership is growing by the day, and we are seeing much more foot traffic coming through our doors.

Katreece Lewis, our Social Connection Coordinator and Shopping Services Coordinator, is away for this month looking after her dad, but our remaining staff are taking turns to keep the ship upright by taking turns to do what is required. Karyn, who has had a knee operation, is even back on deck, so we are not short staffed.

Our major event coming up is our annual Expo. The Positive Ageing Expo will run from 9:30 until 2:30 on Saturday 16th September at Parksyde. Stalls are free for all Not-for-Profit organizations and entry is free for all those who attend on the day.

The Expo will be a one stop shop for the elderly, and we already have several organizations that will be able to answer all your questions about a wide variety of age-related issues. A great time to bring the whole family with your elderly parents to find out just what is available for them as they age.

Another free seminar, which we held recently and was of vital importance, was the Public Trust's Seminar on Wills and Enduring Powers of Attorney. As we age things can happen to us that are unexpected, and it is important that we have organized someone to look after your affairs and that you have an up to date will. If this is something that you think is important, then please phone the Public Trust and seek some free advice before committing to anything.

I cannot emphasis enough how vigilant you need to be, in this present climate, around the myriad of scams out there at present. Those of you who watched Nigel Latta's programme on scams will know what I mean. Even people who are tech savvy and, on the lookout for scams are being caught, showing the sophistication the scammers are going to fool you.

I know I go on a bit about scams, but my worst nightmare would be that one of our Age Concern members, or anyone for that matter, gets caught up in a scam and loses their retirement money, or any of their hard-earned savings.

Just stick to the adage "If it looks or sounds too good to be true then it probably is" and no bank will ask you to give out personal information even if you are told that the person on the other end of the phone is from bank security investigating unusual transactions in your account.

More Kiwis are falling victim to fake Bank of New Zealand

text scams with customers out of pocket wanting the bank to investigate.

A senior police boss says investigators have all but shelved attempts to solve international scam crimes due to complexities in identifying offshore offenders and their use of "money mules" to mask the trail of stolen cash.

Offshore scammers are estimated to be draining hundreds of millions of dollars from Kiwi victims every year, with cases surging in recent months. Detective Inspector Chris Barry oversees Auckland City CIB investigations and the police district's 19-man financial crime unit.

In a blunt admission, Barry said while scams were becoming more innovative and victims were suffering significant financial harm, it was nearly impossible for police to trace funds sent offshore or identify the criminal masterminds due to their remote locations and ability to hide identities online.

BNZ has warned customers to be hyper vigilant and not to respond to texts or give out personal details when receiving these text message scams.

Advocates for older people in Rotorua say the district's average 8.8 per cent rates rise is "ridiculous" and will hit superannuitants already struggling with high living costs hard. The first payment instalment for 2023-24 is due on August 20 after Rotorua Lakes Council signed off the rates increase last month. It would add about \$190 to the rates bill of a home valued at \$755,000 and about \$330 for a \$1.32 million home.

The mayor says the council explored "every opportunity" to cut costs, and the rates rise is needed to fund safe and reliable infrastructure.

I told the Rotorua Daily Post I viewed such significant rates rise amid the cost-of-living crisis as "ridiculous", and I was "not happy" about the added strain it could put on many retirees who had already been seeking help. "It's just become a bit ridiculous, really."

"They're living off the superannuation, and with the cost-of-living crisis throughout the whole country – the council can't throw in the rates rise as well as all the other things that are happening. We are seeing a lot of our members really struggling and coming in to see how we can help them as it is. There [are] some real sad cases out there at the moment."

Not just the elderly, but people of all ages, are having to make difficult choices around choosing to eat properly, to have Wi-Fi, to stay warm, to drive their car or travel or simply to live a life to the fullest.

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Kaharoa School



August 2023



Tēnā koutou whānau

We hope this finds you all well and enjoying the slightly longer daylight hours. We have managed to have some fine days and somewhat mild temperatures, considering it is still winter. Our term has started with a hiss and a roar and it's lovely to have everyone back after the July term break



Parent/Teacher Interviews: We started off the term meeting with parents. This communication is such an important aspect in our students' learning journeys. The interviews were held over two days and evenings, following the mid year reports sent home at the end of term 2. We appreciate parents and caregivers making the time to come and discuss the learning and social achievements of their children.

Disco: The PTA started the term with a glow disco for students. There was a lot of fun to be had, with some wonderful costumes and accessories, face paint and hairspray, a sausage sizzle, and of course some great dance moves! All money raised was put towards the year 8's art legacy project.



Welcome to Whaea Caroline, who will be working with all classes, supporting us in our use of te reo.

Welcome also to 老 π L $_{1}$ osh $_{1}$ Yang Xin (Cecelia), who will be teaching Team T $_{0}$ tara Chinese over the next two terms.

Photos: School photos were held at the end of July. Everyone looked really smart in their class and individual pictures.

Speeches: Each of the senior classes selected the top two speakers to present their speeches to the team (and invited guests). Congratulations to Madison & Blake from Rangiura, Max & Zara from Rakau, and Bella & Rosalie from Whakairo. The competition finals will be held on Friday 4th August.

Kaharoa School Enrolments Open

Kaharoa School is 13min from Ngongotaha and open for enrolments now and for 2024 for both primary and intermediate students (Year 1-8).

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Visits Welcome

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- New Entrant visits Thursday afternoons*
- Informal Principal get-to-know-you chat

Enrolment Zone Abandoned

The Ministry has concluded that there is no longer a continuing need for an enrolment scheme at Kaharoa School. Families can enroll their children at the school regardless of their home address with immediate confirmation of enrolment.

* Note: New Entrant visits are for students who have completed the enrolment process, and must be booked with the office.

OPEN DAY - Kaharoa School, Tuesday 8th August

Arrive from 9:15am. Welcome 9:25am. School Tours. Information session and activities for students. Free sausage sizzle. Finishing 11:15am. All interested Y1-8 students and parents welcome to attend. Transport from Ngongotaha available 8:45am returning by 11:45am. Email office@kaharoa.school.nz to register for open day and/or transport.

INFORMATION EVENING - Ngongotaha Hall, Thursday 10th August First session starts 3:30pm and a repeat session at 6pm. All invited.

Marae visit: As part of our Local Histories unit this term, Kaharoa School will be visiting our local marae, Tarimano (Awahou). Years 1-5 will be welcomed on and will spend the day participating in a range of activities. Years 6-8 will have two days of activities, including waka on Lake Rotorua (run by Aotearoa Waka Experiences), a hike to a local pa site, and activities run by the teachers. Year 7 & 8 students will also have the chance to stay the night in the wharenui.

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

LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

As we head into the last month of winter the evenings are noticeably getting lighter. What a relief to finally have some finer days! The course had a chance to dry out a bit and people hit the fairways with a smile on their face enjoying the sun and fresh air!

Club competition for July saw The Managh Trophy and Cup finalists being found. Grant Borthwick v Dan Ralph and Sean Epapara v Yasuki Tanaka. CONGRATULATIONS to Grant and Sean, the eventual winners and commiserations to Dan and Yasuki. The remainder of July sees the Captains Trophy being contested and then for the whole of August we get into one of the main competitions on the calendar: Top Dog/Cat. This is always a hotly contested competition involving pairs battling it out for the honours of being Top Dogs/Cats.

We are officially now the home of the ROTORUA ARCHERY CLUB!! They held their first club shoot on Sunday 16th July. We are super excited to welcome them to Lakeview and look forward to being able to share our facilities with them, sharing costs and ultimately growing each others' sports through this mutually beneficial collaboration. They plan to set up a field archery course on the golf course through our bush gullies, which will be very cool. The archery club welcome new members and encourage the Ngongotaha Community to come and have a go. Their club days are every Sunday (weather permitting) from 9.30-11.00am. \$10 per

session includes the use of club bows. So come and have a go, you might want to try golf as well! It is great to have this sport on offer in the Ngongotaha community.

The clubhouse progress continues with the joinery now in and the cladding going on next. It is absolutely spectacular looking out over the course through the large picture windows: the excitement is building as we look forward to being able to enjoy and share this awesome facility. It will be a great venue for those wanting to hold a function or meeting so keep this in mind for 2024! If you are interested in using the facility for your group activity, please get in touch - we would love to hear from you.

The quiz nights continue on the first Friday of the month. August 4th and September 1st are the dates for the next two. The Maintainers team won back their title in July so they are the ones to beat! It is a great night out with loads of laughs and plenty of brain strain, so get your team together and come and join in the fun.

We are looking for a part time grounds person. 20-30 hours per week. If you have experience with machinery, are a bit of a handy man and love the outdoors this might be the position for you! Give Sue a call for more info 027 2010 940. Until next month (spring) stay safe and enjoy the last of what seems like a long winter!

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Kia ora Koutou, Katoa,

Firstly we pass on our deepest heartfelt condolences to the Bidois Whanau at the recent passing of Tommy Bidois. He will be greatly missed by Bob Martin and the Ngongotaha Life Memories Museum team. Te tau o taku ate.

Big Planting Day Out

It has been great to see this sunshine and to feel a little of its warmth for a few days here and there over the past few weeks.

Thank you to everyone who came along and helped at the 'Big Planting Day Out' recently. We were absolutely thrilled with the turnout and with many hands, the Planting was complete within 90 minutes. This was followed by a sausage sizzle, with extra sweet treats and a cuppa or juice. It was a really happy, positive atmosphere, despite the threat of bad weather. I just kept telling people that "I can see Blue Sky up there, don't despair, and this was greeted with, "Where?" It wasn't long before the sun shone through, followed by a little rain to water our plants. Big thank you to BOP Regional Council for your help and supply of the plants, gazebo, sweet treats and cuppas...and tools. We have set up a register for anyone who may have not been able to help this time around, but would like to be involved in the next Planting Day, please email progressngongotaha@gmail.com or phone Gavin 021 2263978 to register for these 'one off' Planting Days.

Ngongotaha Community Emergency Response Plan Draft

Thank you again to the couple who offered support with a loan of a Generator, this will make things much easier to serve our community, should the need arise. If anyone else has a generator or other items to loan, that you think could be useful in an Emergency, please email progressngongotaha@gmail.com. We will hold this information in strictest confidentiality. Someone has also offered to put an Emergency First Aid Kit together for our community. If you would like to add to this, please let us know.

Be the 'Eyes and Ears' in our Community

Thank you Catherine for sharing your recent concern about the condition of our Whare Paku/toilet block on Hall Road and reporting its poor condition to the Rotorua Lakes Council. Our community is going to be consulted sometime in the not so distant future about what is needed in this regard. We will keep you posted through the Ngongotaha News and Neighbourly.

Stay Safe Everyone!!

Lynn, Bob, Lee and the 'Ngongotaha Community Collective' ph 3574565 or 022 1404391 Lynn





NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

26th June Championship Pairs All players seemed to be playing their best bowls for the night or trying to. Three teams will have a play off to decide who the winners will be. Those teams are John Rayner, Chris Roguski with two lives, Wayne Hitchins and Chris McGoon with one life and Helen White and Delwyn Hughes with one life.

3rd July Men Versus Women A wet night to be coming out to bowls but most members were present. There were six women and nine men so the women played as a pair team and the men as a triple team. Was good competition but in the end the men came out on top winning with 45 points and the women with 31 points,

10th July Championship Pairs Play Off We had a new member come along - Jeanette Welch and I was meant to mention another new

member, June, who has come along with her partner to see how it all goes. It was a great night but some very tense games. In the first round Wayne Hitchens and Chris Roguski beat John Rayner and Chris McGoon. Next round John and Chris played Helen White and Delwyn Hughes, with a win for Helen and Delwyn. Last round Wayne and Chris played Helen and Delwyn with a win for Wayne and Chris. Well done. The other players just had a roll up and I think they were trying out different shots and having a few laughs.

15th July Ellis Trophy Some members from this club took part. John Rayner played singles, Helen White and Greg Chase Pairs and Bruce Wiggins, Murray Harris, Cheryl Wiggins and Robin Campbell fours. We all had good games and played well but did not bring home the trophy. The Ohope club won yet again for the third time.

17th July It was just a normal night of practice for some players. There were few players absent including myself. The few players that were there had fun and improved their bowling skills.

22nd July Charlie Jones Memorial Interclub Two teams from Ngongotaha took part and the A team of Murray Harris (skip), Helen White, Bruce Mapson and Niccole Ruthe won at the Westbrook School Hall. The competition was extremely close throughout the day and came down to the final games of pairs. Ngongotaha A finished with 12 points and 39 ends and Owhata with 12 points 34 ends. It was good to have Murray Harris back playing for us.

Anyone looking at playing bowls can contact:

John Rayner 07 5625012 Kevin Whyte 07 3574766

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Ngongotaha School - August Update



Term 2 has started with a bang. We have welcomed several new enrolments so far, and farewelled a few, leaving us with exactly 400 tamariki. We have quite a few more new entrant children

on the way soon which I always look forward too. As our school grows, we have a position beginning in term 4, working in the junior school. If you know a NZ registered teacher who would like to join our team, get them to give me a call sometime or check out the advert on the education Gazette.



School was busy again over the holiday break with our holiday program catering for the needs of over 20 children. We had a new awning installed over the deck of room 9

providing more space for the students of Te Whanau Maunga to work, regardless of weather. We have also added in a few pieces of musical playground equipment into our junior school for our little ones to use.



Term 3 looks very exciting. We have children heading off on several different trips to- Hamilton Zoo, rugby tournaments, Rotorua Library, Tough Guy and Girl event, Rotorua Museum. Lots of fun, authentic learning for our tamariki. We have a

science focus again this term and children will be learning all about the Living World. It is also that time of year that our Year 6 children visit the local INtermediate schools in preparation for the move. It is an exciting (and slightly nervous) time for them and their whanau.



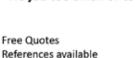
We will also hold our biennial Speech Competition this term. Children work hard to create a speech then develop the courage and skills to present them to their class. Winners of the classroom competition have the opportunity to present to a wider

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For the past

two years we have included tackle rugby as a part of our lunchtime clubs. Children bring their mouthguards and a change of clothes on Fridays and battle against each other during their lunch break. Recently, I was approached by a

group of girls who asked if we could start up a Girls Only game to encourage more girls to join in. Our first game saw 28 girls play, some who had never tried rugby before. They had a great time and showed some real skill. The future of Women's Rugby looks bright in Ngongotaha!



And finally, keep an eye out for us on the 8th of September as all Ngongotaha School students take on the Walkathon. This is something we do each year to raise money and the awareness of the importance of physical

activity. Children will be fundraising leading up to the event then we will all hit the streets on the 8th.

That's it for another month. Keep an eye on our school app (schoolappsnz) for up to date information.

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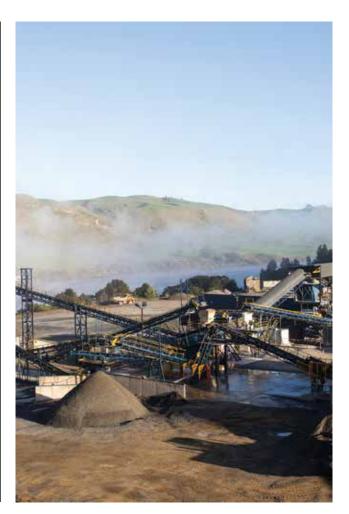
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Happenings

4 August Lakeview Quiz night

5 August PL8 Safe with Neighbourhood Support at Trinity Centre 12.00-2.00

6 August Mamaku Crop Swap at Mamaku Hall

8 August Kaharoa School Open Day: email office@kaharoa.school.nz

10 August Kaharoa School Information Evening at Ngongotaha Community Hall, 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm

27 August 11.00 am to 4.00 pm Hardening Down Mental Health Awareness at Mamaku Memorial Hall. Free hair cuts, free sausage sizzle and free cakes

1 Sep Lakeview Quiz night

8 Sep Ngongotaha School Walkathon, fundraising prior

Regular Events

Monday Indoor Bowls 7.00 pm Community Hall

Tuesday Vets Golf 9.30am, Junior golf after school during school term at Lakeview

Tech on Tuesday at Parksyde

Tuesday Twilight Golf at Lakeview 4.00 to 6.00 pm

2nd Tuesday of the month: Lions Club of Ngongotaha Business meeting at 5.30pm in the Ngongotaha Hall.

4th Tuesday of the month: Lions Club of Ngongotaha Social meeting at 5.30pm at venues to be advised.

Contact person: Jamie Ph: 07 3322818

2nd Wednesday Friendship Club 9.45 am St Barnabas Church Hall

4th Wednesday Ngongotaha Garden Circle at Ngongotaha Hall Every Thursday Junior Golf after school during school term at Lakeview Golf and Country Club

Last Thursday of the month 2.00 pm Poetry Appreciation Society. Contact Kay myfairykay@gmail.com or 0274 982 787

Answers to "Who Said It?"

Abraham Lincoln
John Lennon
Jonathan Swift
Dolly Parton
Benjamin Franklin
The Dalai Lama
Friedrich Nietzsche
Jonathan Swift
Nelson Mandela
Wayne Gretzky
Lao Tzu

Nikola Tesla Charles De Gaulle Boris Johnson Dick Cheney

Rotorua Lakes and Rural Community Boards By-elections

A vacancy exists on each of these Boards due to 2 resignations. For more details on the nomination and election process, go to www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/our-council/consultation-and-public-notices/publicnotices/notice-of-by-elections or go to Rotorua Lakes Council Civic Centre.

Fame Again

(True story) After reaching the height of his fame, Alec Guinness went into a restaurant and dropped his jacket off at the reception.

When it was time to give his name, the Receptionist told him it wasn't necessary. Feeling flattered, Alec went to his table.

At the end of the night, he went to pick up his jacket. In the pocket of his jacket, there was the ticket stub. On the ticket stub, where his name was supposed to be, it said "old man with glasses".

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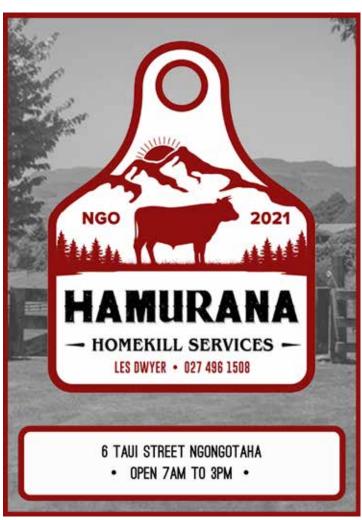
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EquiSucceed has a mix of paid staff and volunteers. Volunteers are important to the smooth running of the organisation being involved in working with the horses, sidewalking, cleaning the tack and more. Is this you?

For information on the services offered, volunteering, hireage of the venue, meeting room, donations, bequests, sponsorship contact Vanessa on 07 357 2085.

More Fame

Today I learned the fame of Albert Einstein pales in comparison to his brother whose work in cellular regeneration has been the subject of many books and several movies. His name was Frank.

Captain James T Kirk of Star Trek fame has launched his own range of women's underwear, the bras are selling well, but it appears that nobody wants to buy a brand of underwear named "Shatner Panties".

Good thing Kennedy was in Berlin when he made his famous speech, instead of Hamburg.

James Caan shared this one in his famous Twitter fashion Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you do criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

A horse walks into a bar......The bartender asks "hey, why the long face? Are you depressed? The horse ponders for a second, scratches his chin, and says "I don't think I am" and promptly disappears.

You see, this is a joke about Rene Descartes' famous statement "I think, therefore I am" and I could have mentioned this at the start of the joke, but *that would be putting Descartes before the horse*.







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