

## CHRISTMAS AT DYNASTI CAFE

Locals were invited to a special burger night pre-Christmas at Dynasti. Also a visitor from colder climes in the form of Santa attended to thrill the children present.



## Memorial Mural in Ngongotaha

Readers may have noticed a mural recently painted upstairs at the junction of Tauhi Street and Ngongotaha Road. This was revealed on 15/01/2025 to mark what would have been the 16th birthday of Trustis Eraia Te Mete Gear, who died tragically in a car accident on the 31st October 2024.

Trustis was a go-getter, a young man who embraced the outdoors with passion—hunting, fishing, and riding motorbikes were his joys. His infectious smile and love for people, especially his elders, made him a beacon of positivity and a natural leader among his peers.

Despite his short time on Earth, he left an indelible mark on people from all walks of life. He was well known for these characteristics, which is why the owner of the building was happy to have the mural installed by Taumata Sullivan. Previously, his friends had tagged signs in his memory, but his family apologized for this, and encouraged them to instead support this mural and future endeavours to lift rangatahi in our village.



It is hoped this inspires youth to channel their energy into positive things, to find healthy ways to face challenges, and to embrace one another with kindness and love. The proverb in the mural is “E kore au e ngaro he kākano ahau i ruia mai i Rangiatea”: I can never be lost as I am a seed born of greatness.

This mural serves as a reminder that we all carry a legacy of resilience, compassion and greatness within us. Though the seed may seem lost, with the right love and care, it blossoms again to share its beauty with the world. Trustis embodied this truth, and his memory encourages us to live fully, cherish every moment, and uplift one another.

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### NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

Happy New Year to all those readers. Let's hope for a better year for some of us because 2024 was not the year for me, but I am back again reporting. I know there were a few people who missed my news. This year bowls start on Monday 3rd February. Yes, the same place at the same time. Ngongotaha hall 7pm. We welcome new members. We are a friendly club and if you are new to bowling there will always be someone there to give advice and show you all about it. This year it will be \$5 each club night and subs will be \$53. Anyone wishing to join for the first time will get three free nights. We look forward to seeing new members as well as old ones.

**Anyone looking at playing bowls can contact:**

**Richard Mills** 07 3323623

**Kevin Whyte** 07 3574766

*What do you call a person who walks back and forth screaming one minute then sits down and starts crying the next?*

*Every sports coach ever.*

*The trouble with jogging is that by the time you realize you're not in shape for it, it's too far to walk back.*



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A business card for Brigitte Hohepa Counselling. The card has a background image of a body of water with reeds. On the right side, there is a small portrait of Brigitte Hohepa. The text on the card provides contact information and accreditation details.

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# LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

A very Happy New Year to everyone: we hope you all had a chance to catch up with friends and whanau over the Xmas break and enjoy some quality time together.

Lakeview has been really busy with a lot of visitors and members making the most of the fine weather and getting out on the course for a game. Or just popping up to the club to have a drink and some kai out on the decking, soaking up the view and enjoying the relaxed atmosphere.

The course is starting to brown off with the drier conditions, giving people the great "summer run" on the ball and making for some very nice scores! Club competition starts up again in February with opening day on Saturday February 8th. This is always a fun day to kick the season off.

Pennants also starts in February and we look forward to seeing our Championship team compete for the first time in the pennant competition!

Twilight started on Wednesday 15th January and will continue every Wednesday (weather permitting) through to the end of daylight saving. Tee off from 4pm – 6pm - 9 holes of golf with a very tasty dinner menu after the game. The Greasy Cheesy Burger is a real hit! This is open to everyone, you do not have to be a member of a club, so get some mates together and come and have some fun!

Junior after school sessions start up again once the school term starts. This is every Thursday from 3.30pm.

Josh is running those much-anticipated popular ladies clinics again!

Dates are as follows-

Sunday February 16th and 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd 1pm-1.45pm. These will be covering the basic fundamentals of the full swing,

chipping and putting in an encouraging and relaxed atmosphere. So come on ladies: if your New Year resolution was to try something new, give Josh a call.

Josh is also running girls only golf coaching. Open to girls 6-19 years to learn the basics of golf covering the full swing, chipping and putting but most importantly social connection while having fun and building confidence.

Dates are as follows-

Sunday February 16th and 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd from 12pm – 12.45pm. To register email [info@fourstripesgolf.com](mailto:info@fourstripesgolf.com) or call Josh 021 072 0379

Rachel has been very busy booking in functions from weddings to birthdays to community group lunches. The clubhouse looks amazing, so contact Rachel if you are looking for a venue with a difference for your function! Email [events@lakeviewgolf.co.nz](mailto:events@lakeviewgolf.co.nz)

Rotorua Archery Club have started up their club days again for 2025. These are held on Sundays from 9.30am – 11.00am. Set up is from 9.15am so come up and give it a go: everyone is welcome!

Welcome to the start of 2025 we look forward to a great year!

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

*I shot one under at golf today. One under a tree, one under a bush and one under the water.*

*What is the hardest thing about skateboarding? Concrete.*

*What should NASA do if it wants to find water on Mars?*

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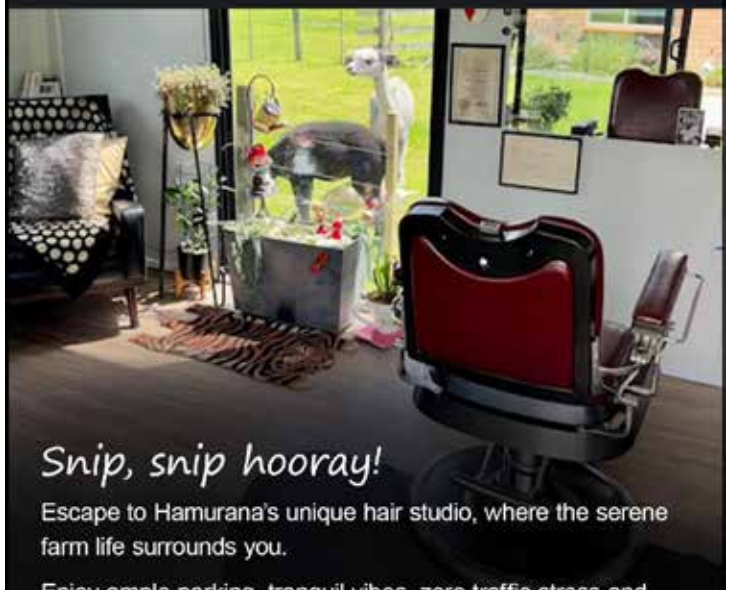
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# Whooping Cough

Health New Zealand has confirmed that an infant died over the Christmas period after contracting pertussis (commonly known as whooping cough), which is highly contagious and can cause serious harm to babies.

"Because babies cannot be vaccinated until they are six weeks old, the best protection for them is for anyone who is pregnant to get the vaccine, which means that their immunity is then passed onto pēpi. The vaccine is safe, free and most effective when given from 16 weeks of pregnancy and should be given during each pregnancy to provide the best protection for each baby."

There have been 1232 cases of whooping cough notified since the onset of the epidemic (19 October) and 101 cases needed to be hospitalised. Of those hospitalised, 48 were under one-year-old. The whooping cough vaccination was highly effective at preventing death and serious illness, however the rate of people getting it was dropping nationally, and was at the lowest it had ever been for Māori. Part of the issue was awareness.

## What to do if you suspect your child has whooping cough

Health NZ said whooping cough in pēpi was unpredictable and could get worse very quickly. Parents should also seek urgent medical advice if their pēpi:

- Stops breathing
- Goes blue with coughing
- Appears to have a cold, then cough and have difficulty breathing
- Gets exhausted from coughing
- Is not able to feed properly because of coughing and difficulty breathing
- Loses weight because of difficulty feeding and because the cough causes them to vomit.

For more information, or help to book a vaccination, parents can call the Vaccination Healthline free, on 0800 28 29 26 (8:30am-5pm Monday to Friday) or visit [info.health.nz/bookavaccine](http://info.health.nz/bookavaccine). Anyone with a cough for two weeks or more, or a cough that ends with a 'whoop' sound or vomiting, should seek medical advice by contacting a doctor or calling Healthline for free, on 0800 611 116.

**Anyone who is having difficulty breathing should call 111 and get help immediately.**

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## Sports

*If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you!*

*My friend and I visited Canada together for the first time. We went to a fight, and a hockey game broke out.*



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# Hon Todd McClay

## Member of Parliament for Rotorua



### Seeking Rotorua's next Youth MP

This year the 11th New Zealand Youth Parliament will occur.

The event runs over four months, and includes training, canvassing their community on issues, and a two-day event in July at Parliament where Youth MPs will come together and run a mock Parliament.

I have had the good fortune to work with some wonderful young people from across our electorate over the years. In fact, my very first Youth MP was Tania Tapsell, who has since gone on to be the Mayor of Rotorua.

It is a wonderful opportunity to understand and be part of Parliamentary process, to bring the issues and voice of our young people to Parliament and to gain valuable leadership, communication, and public speaking skills.

Applicants must be aged 16-18 years old, and applications are now open and close on Friday the 28th of February.

If you have a young person in your family who is interested in youth issues, government decision-making processes or know of someone that would like to apply please contact my office on 348-5871, and we will send out an application pack.

Key dates are:

Friday 28th February  
Monday 28th April

Tuesday 1st to  
Wednesday 2nd July

Applications close  
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## The Waiteti Stream Mouth Wetland Project

Before Christmas 2 volunteers turned up, Tracey and Chris, and spent a good couple of hours over a few days cutting and poisoning willow and grubbing out bits of wattle, broom, gorse and bramble. Hard work in the hot sun. Later, I contacted Environment BOP and they have been very helpful, my contact George came round with more plant poison and is keen to attend our working bees coming up later in February 15th and 22nd, Saturday mornings, 9 o'clock start.

### What is the purpose of the working bees?

Willow, alder, wattle, gorse, broom, bramble and other seeds are scattered by the wind and birds, they all seem to thrive in the landscape of the wetlands. With time, they are only going to get bigger and bigger and block the view. The view is our biggest asset, people enjoy an uninterrupted view of the lake from the walkway.

What to bring: sunhat, gloves, strong footwear, water bottle and garden fork, cutters, and saws... we have six bottles of poison to support six cutters

### Wetland Wildlife

My neighbour Gary tells me, we have a resident rabbit down by the river mouth, a big fella too. Every evening the seagulls, dotterels, blackbirds, thrushes and more, do a dance out on the grass. The seagulls need a wide personal space from each other, the dotterels dart in and out between the gulls causing quite a commotion when they enter the gulls personal space, it is the same routine every night. Pukeko and Kotuku, come visiting in pairs to strut their stuff. I'm not hearing frogs this year yet. There is an abundance of fantails, Piwakawaka dancing around as the swallows chase and catch the moths for food.

### Harakeke Flax

To my untrained eye it seems that we have a variety of harakeke growing on the boundary of the wetlands, they are part of 600 wetland plants gifted by EnvBOP that we planted in 2016. If anyone out there can help identify what we have got and whether they are useful for weaving that would be good. The tui don't seem to have a preference, they sail in, land and feed off them all. Finally, a big thanks to Hone Newton, Ngati Tura and Guy Ngatai, Ngati Ngararanui for inviting me to a meeting with the EnvBOP water engineers a year or so ago to discuss the Waiteti stream mouth water flow, which logs can be removed and best practice for the care of the river banks and wetland.

Where to meet: At the edge of the wetland is a bbq table, out in the open, close to the lake.

**When: February 15 & 22, Saturday mornings 9am**

**Martyn Evans 0273540079**

## Summer food safety (MPI and NZ Food Safety)

Bacteria on food can multiply much faster in warmer weather especially *Campylobacter* from raw or undercooked chicken.

### Handling chicken safely

To keep your whānau and friends healthy, follow these simple tips:

- Don't wash your chicken before preparing it. Water doesn't kill bacteria, so rinsing the chicken will just spread the bacteria to other surfaces. If you want to remove raw chicken juices, just pat the chicken dry with a paper towel instead.
- Wash your hands in warm soapy water for at least 20 seconds after handling raw chicken – and dry them on a clean towel. This is so any bacteria from the chicken won't spread from your hands to other food.
- Keep your raw chicken separate from cooked chicken and ready-to-eat and fresh foods, using separate chopping boards, plates, and utensils. Alternatively, wash them properly with hot soapy water before using them for other foods.
- Make sure the chicken is fully and evenly cooked before serving – the juices should run clear. If you have one, use a meat thermometer to ensure the chicken is steaming hot (more than 75°C) all the way through.

### BBQ food safety tips

- Keep your food and any leftovers covered and chilled.
- Make sure your barbecue and cooking tools have been cleaned with soap and water before using.
- Have separate utensils, plates, and other equipment for raw and cooked foods. If you only use one set, germs can spread from raw meats to cooked foods.
- Make sure raw meat doesn't touch cooked food or ready-to-eat foods (like salads).
- Barbecue meat until it is steaming hot (over 75°C) all the way through.
- Marinate meat in a covered container in the fridge. Cook the marinade before pouring it over cooked foods.
- Keep a chilly bag or bin in your car or use ice packs to transport chilled or frozen foods, and transfer them to the fridge or freezer as soon as you get home.
- Use ice packs if you have long travel times after shopping or won't be going home straight away.

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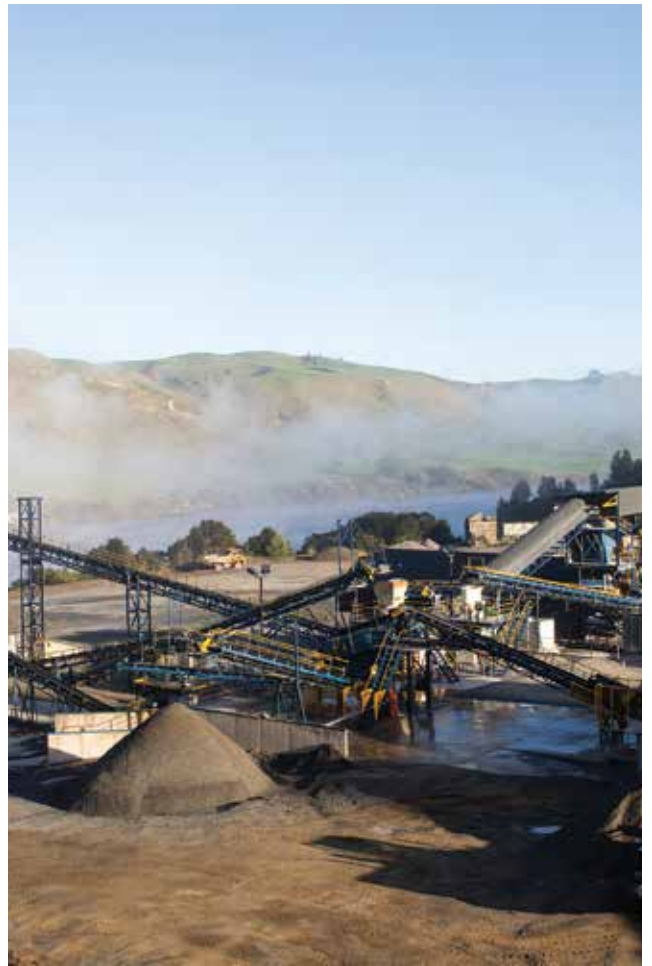
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# Mamaku Crop Swap

The Mamaku Rotorua Crop Swap are a friendly group of community minded people. It is not a strict trade or swap, simply 'bring a little take a little' or 'bring a lot take a lot'. You don't need to bring much, just so long as it is home made.

We love sharing some excess garden produce, or preserves, plants, herbs, seeds, flowers, baking, recipes or gardening tips. We usually meet on the 1st Sunday of the month. The venue is the steps of 63 Mamaku St (the Mamaku Hall). Set up is at 12.45 for a 1pm start. More information can be found at our Facebook group 'Mamaku Rotorua Crop Swap', including posts on the next meeting.



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## Sport jokes continued

Where does a majority of a hockey player's salary come from?  
The tooth fairy.  
I asked my trainer at the gym if I could start shadow boxing.  
He said, "Knock yourself out!"  
Which sport is always in trouble?  
BADminton.  
Swimming is a confusing sport, because sometimes you do it for fun, and other times you do it to not die.  
If procrastination was an Olympic sport, I'd compete in it later.  
Why do the Germans always get beaten by the Canadians in hockey?  
Canadians bring the "eh" game, while Germans bring their wurst.

## NGONGOTAHĀ BOWLS


# Twilight Bowls

**\$5 entry fee**

**Happy New Year to everyone!** All welcome to visit the club.  
Club night is Thursday night from 4.30 to 8pm.

**Twilight bowls have now started.**  
All welcome to come and have a go: we will supply the bowls and show you how. Have a drink and meet new people.  
Every Thursday at 5pm.

**Club Opening Hours**  
4pm to 7 pm- everyday  
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Contact: [nbcbowls@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nbcbowls@xtra.co.nz) 11 Domain Ave, Ngongotaha



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# Age Concern

Welcome back to another year in the life of Age Concern Rotorua and although we have finally got tenants in our Tiny Homes, this year is going to be a much harder year to attract sufficient funding to maintain our present staff and programmes. Most funders are also struggling, and applications are almost 50% of what is applied for, so Charities, like us, will have to continually seek funding from a variety of sources.

Are you over 65 years, or know someone who is, why not join Age Concern and take advantage of the many programmes we have on offer which are mainly designed to reduce loneliness and increase social connection.

Membership is \$20 a year, for a single, and \$25 a year for a couple. Joining can be done online or pop in and see us next to Parksyde. We have EFTPOS and would love to hear from you.

Programmes on offer this year include:

**Visiting Service** which sees volunteers make weekly visits to people who are identified as lonely or Socially Isolated.

**Staying Safe** is an adult driving refresher course for elderly drivers and involves going through the Road Code, which for many is the first time they have looked at it since they got their licence.

**Steady as You Go** which is an Age Concern balance programme the is well researched and has considerable success for the participants.

**Just Cook4 Healthy Ageing** is a cooking programme designed to assist elderly who are not used to cooking, to be able to cook cost effective, nutritious meals, for one or two.

**The Seminar Series** is a series of 10 seminars, on topics relevant to the elderly, and they are held in partnership with Parksyde and those delivering the seminars. An example of the type of seminars includes Enduring Power of Attorney and Wills, Arranging a Funeral, Keeping Safe at Home, Moving to a Rest Home or Retirement Village, Reverse Mortgages to name a few.

**Out and Abouters** which is a weekly excursion in our van and is designed to reduce Social Isolation and loneliness.

**Talking Tech on Tuesday** is a series of technology seminars in partnership with SeniorNet and Parksyde. Age Concern also have a drop-in programme with SeniorNet, in our office on a Thursday which gives people one on one tuition on tech devices.

**Walkers with Walkers** is a weekly programme designed to get less mobile people out and about to increase their Social Connection.

**Coffee Club** is a weekly visit to a different Café for Coffee and a chat which once again increases Social Connection.

Funding permitting, we hope to reinstate our Handyman Maintenance Service, which has our Handyman doing odd maintenance jobs for members in their own home, and the customer pays \$20 an hour, no matter what the job, and we top it up to a reasonable hourly rate.

The staff at Age Concern will remain the same for 2025 unless there are some unforeseen financial issues.

**Karyn Rogers** who oversees the Visiting Service, Volunteers, Staying Safe, Steady as you go. **Katreece Lewis** who oversees Out and Abouters, Walkers with Walkers, Coffee Club, Just Cook4 Healthy Ageing. **Diana Walker** who oversees Wellness and visits our members to assess their physical and mental wellbeing. **Kirsten Harman** who oversees admin, newsletter, Maintenance Handyman.

**GARAGE SALE.** On the 15th of February, Age Concern will be holding a GARAGE SALE at the Hindu Heritage Centre in Malfroy Road, from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon. Plenty of parking and a huge variety of merchandise to sift through as well as some bigger ticket items. Due to the popularity of the Ray White Charity Garage Sales, we have decided to have our own rather than wait until the end of the year.

Stay Safe

**Rory O'Rourke - Manager**



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## Kaharoa School



### Tēnā koutou whānau

...to our many new students joining us throughout the school, we are looking forward to getting to know you and your whānau.

...to our new staff members: Julie Andersen, Isiah Hamlin, Sophia Holland, and Di Brown.

## 2025 School Classroom Structure

**Principal:** Mr Lynden Cook; **Deputy Principals:** Matua Ryan Porteous and Mrs Tania Yorke

### Primary Team - Ngā Ākonga

Leader of Learning - Tania Yorke

### Senior Team - Team Tōtara

Leader of Learning - Matua Ryan Porteous

#### Kōwhai

New Entrant  
Mrs Leanne Hale  
Room 2

#### Kauri

Year 1 & 2  
Mrs Nicky King  
Room 1

#### Tōtara Mahuri

Year 5 & 6  
Mrs Maria Shoebridge  
Room 5

#### Tōtara Rangiuira

Year 6 & 7  
Matua Isiah Hamlin  
Room 6

#### Matai

Year 2 & 3  
Whaea Lisa Fell  
Room 3

#### Miro

Year 3 & 4  
Ms Sophia Holland  
and Mrs Tania Yorke  
Room 4

#### Tōtara Rākau

Year 7 & 8  
Whaea Julie Andersen  
and Matua Ryan  
Porteous Room 7

#### Tōtara Whakairo

Year 7 & 8  
Ms Diana Brown  
Room 8

**Values:** Our school has been working on refining our values and aspirations for students. We aim to 'empower students to take ownership, make impactful decisions, and create lasting legacies'. This is the new structure for our values:

**First days:** We began the year with the year 8s and all staff working together to make connections, clear and prep the sandpit for new sand, and plan potential activities and opportunities for the rest of the school over the term/year.

This was followed by a chance for whānau to meet teachers, set goals, and enjoy a whānau picnic and swim.

The senior school spent the next few days experiencing lots of team-building activities, aimed at welcoming our many new children and setting up a great school culture. This included a trip to the Blue Lake.

### Upcoming events:

**Triathlon:** Wednesday 5th February

Students will need a bike and their togs/towel.

**Swimming Sports:** Friday 21st February

Students will need togs and 1-2 towels. (Postponement dates 27/28th February, weather dependent)

**Team Tōtara Maketu Beach camps:** Y7/8: Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th March, Y5/6: Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th March

## Our Best Always - Tā Matou Pai Ake

### Whānau, Whakapapa, Whenua

Connections with whānau, whakapapa, and whenua are foundational for taurua as they learn, grow, and navigate their place in the world. Kura and whānau work in partnership to support our learners to learn and grow.

### Character Wheel

The rim represents character. It needs to be strong to enable the wheel to rotate and hold the pressure of travel along the road and the load on the vehicle. The spokes are our four values - learning, care, leadership, and being a guardian which give the wheel its shape and strength. The hub at the centre is respect. **Respect for self, others, environment.** The rubber tire represents resilience.

### E waka eke noa

The team of wheels carries a heavy load. We are in this together. Our decisions impact each other. We support each other.



#### Learning Ako

#### Care Manaakitanga

#### Leadership Rangatira

#### Guardian Kaitiaki

#### "Can do"

This means contributing and getting involved in activities and learning. It means having a growth mindset and taking action towards goals. It is showing leadership of self and being resilient.

#### "Stepping up"

All students are encouraged to step up to the opportunities and challenges before them and become the best version of themselves as they strive for their best and learn from their mistakes.

#### "Everyone belongs"

Being encouraging and inclusive of others. Supporting others and including newcomers, neurodiverse students - everyone belongs. We all have something to contribute. Tuakana teina.

### Term 1 (11 weeks)

#### START:

Y8 Tuesday 26th January  
(11am - 2pm)  
Y1-7 Wednesday 29th January

#### LAST DAY:

Friday 11th April

#### TERM HOLIDAYS:

Saturday 12th April until  
Sunday 27th April

Note: Easter & ANZAC Day are in the school holidays

- Monday 27th January - Auckland Anniversary
- Tuesday 28th January - Office open, school open - Goal Setting + Whānau Picnic Y0-8
- Year 8's your first day is Wednesday 28th 11-2pm
- Wed 29th Jan - School open - Y1-8 students attend school
- Wednesday 5th February - Triathlon
- Thursday 6th February - Waitangi Day
- Friday 7th February - Teacher Only Day
- Friday 21st February - Swimming Sports
- Initial report home Wednesday 2nd April
- Parent Interviews Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th April
- Friday 11th April - Last day of Term 1
- Possible Teacher Only Day on the 4th or 11 April (TBC)

Please refer to the Kaharoa website for further information and school newsletters. [www.kaharoa.school.nz](http://www.kaharoa.school.nz)

Ngā mihi - The Kaharoa Team



## Happenings

2 Feb Crop Swap steps of Mamaku Hall 12.45 for 1pm start

3 Feb Indoor Bowls start

5 Feb Triathlon at Kaharoa School

8 Feb Golf Club competition starts at Lakeview

15 Feb Age Concern GARAGE SALE at the Hindu Heritage Centre in Malfroy Road, 8:00 am until 12:00 noon

15 Feb Waiteti Stream Mouth Wetland Project working bee start 9.00 am

21 Feb Kaharoa School Swimming Sports

22 Feb Waiteti Stream Mouth Wetland Project working bee start 9.00 am

10th - 12th Mar Team Tōtara Maketu Beach camp Y7/8 Kaharoa School

12th - 14th Mar Team Tōtara Maketu Beach camp Y5/6:Kaharoa School

## Regular Events

Monday Indoor Bowls 7.00 pm Ngongotaha Community Hall

2nd Monday Mamaku Garden Circle 1 pm at Fire Station. New members welcome.

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

Talking Tech on Tuesdays at Parksyde

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

4th Tuesday of the month: Lions Club of Ngongotaha Social meeting at 5.30 pm at venues to be advised. Contact Jamie Ph: 07 3322818

2nd Wednesday Rotorua Collectibles Club: Do you collect anything? Come and share your passion at St Barnabas ph 0272923579

2nd Wednesday Friendship Club 9.45 am St Barnabas Church Hall

4th Wednesday Ngongotaha Garden Circle, Ngongotaha Hall 1 p.m.

Every Thurs Junior Golf after school Lakeview Golf & Country Club

Drop-in technology 10 am with SeniorNet: Age Concern Tarewa Pl.

Thursdays 5pm Twilight Lawn Bowls, Clubhouse Domain Rd

Last Thursday of the month 2.00 pm Poetry Appreciation Society.

Contact Kay myfairykay@gmail.com or 0274 982 787

3rd Saturday of each month The Care Village Market Day Tauī St

Sunday 9.30 to 11.00 Rotorua Archery Club at Lakeview.

Last Sunday Farmers Market at the Agrodome.

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# Changes to Tenancy laws

This month's column briefly looks at some of the staged changes to the Residential Tenancies Act affecting both tenants and landlords coming into effect in January and March 2025. Some changes are a partial roll-back to familiar previous notice periods for ending tenancies, but there are also some new changes and clarifications.

**Ending Periodic Tenancies** - A tenant can end a periodic tenancy with 21 days' notice. A landlord has 2 options for ending a periodic tenancy:

**No-cause terminations** allowed so long as landlord gives 90 days' notice, and provided the notice isn't retaliation for a tenant exercising their rights under the Act (eg: a tenant complaining about something).

**42 days' notice of termination where**

- \* the property is required for the landlord or their family within 90 days of the tenancy ending (they must remain in the property for 90 days, too);

- \* On an unconditional agreement for the sale of the property with vacant possession (i.e.: the buyer is not taking the tenancy over on settlement)

- \* The property is required for employees or contractors of the landlord, but this must already be stated in the existing tenancy agreement. The property must be usually used for this purpose (eg: farm or orchard worker accommodation).

Some notice periods still apply under the old rules in certain situations and at different points in a tenancy. To clarify your particular situation visit: <https://www.tenancy.govt.nz/law-changes/>

**Notices** – Landlords and tenants can give notices and documents to an 'electronic address' if it has been provided as an address for service in the tenancy agreement. A physical address for service will still need to be provided, though. An 'electronic address' is an email address, fax number, mobile telephone number, or instant messaging account which is easily accessible. Whatever

the medium, it must first be in the tenancy agreement as an address for service.

The changes also mean that if an email address was included as an address for service in a tenancy agreement or was used by a tenant to communicate with the landlord, that email address can be used for up to 2 years after the tenancy ends in a tenancy tribunal application, including where a tenancy ended more than 2 years ago.

**Smoking** - The changes clarify that clauses in a tenancy agreement banning tobacco product smoking indoors are enforceable in the Tenancy Tribunal, but any ban must balance tenant's rights. An example I can think of might be a ban on smoking in a dwelling vs a total smoking ban.

**Other Changes** - The Tenancy Tribunal may elect whether to decide any dispute without holding a hearing so long as the dispute is not about termination of a tenancy or landlord's right of entry to the premises or a boarding room. This means that an adjudicator can decide the dispute based on the application and supporting documents filed, without the parties having to be at the hearing.

**Family Violence** - A tenant can already withdraw from a tenancy due to family violence. The changes clarify that a tenant's children or dependants are also covered by this provision. A tenant can withdraw from a tenancy by giving at least 2 days' notice without financial penalty or the need for the landlord to agree with the notice. However, the tenant must provide qualifying evidence of family violence.

This column is only intended as a brief overview of some of the changes - but not all of them or in full detail - and is not to be taken as legal advice. For further information on the full extent of the changes and how they may affect you, visit: <https://www.tenancy.govt.nz/law-changes/>.

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