

WESTERN WANDERER

Colac Bay | Orepuki | Tuatapere | Clifden | Orawia | Blackmount | Monowai

As we are unable to print this month's issue of the Western Wanderer due to the COVID-19 Alert Level 4 - we have created this special "print-friendly" version. It has all of our articles and most of the colour images have been removed.

If you have access to a printer in your home, you might like to print it off for neighbours that do not have access to our full online version which can be found, along with past issues on: <https://onnaturesedge.co.nz/>

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY

POLICE /FIRE/AMBULANCE: 111

MEDICAL CENTRE: (03) 2266 123

COMMUNITY WORKER:

027 757 5983

HAUROKO VALLEY SCHOOL:

(03) 2266 753

WAI AU AREA SCHOOL:

(03) 2266 285

TUATAPERE CEMETERY TRUST:

(03) 2266 065

CHAMBERS SERVICE STATION:

(03) 2266 654

TUATAPERE SERVICE STATION:

(03) 2266 475

TUATAPERE FOUR SQUARE:

(03) 2266 898

TUATAPERE OUTDOORS &

HARDWARE: (03) 2266 363

TUATAPERE COMMUNITY WORKER

The Tuatapere Community Support Worker's Office will be closed from Tuesday 24th March 2020 until further notice.

However I will be available at any time by phone and email. If any one needs my help at any time please call.

Always here to help!

Keri Potter **027 757 5983**

Email: tcworker@xtra.co.nz



WESTERN SOUTHLAND HEALTH SHUTTLE

This Service has been **temporarily suspended** due to the COVID-19 virus. You will be notified when service resumes. Thank you.

Regards

Shirley McCully

Team Leader

Western Southland Health Shuttle

Phone (03) 225 8605

Cell 021 1522 046

TUATAPERE HEALTH & GIFT SHOP - RIVERTON PHARMACY

During COVID-19 Level 4 we are operating as normal with two courier drops for prescriptions for our Tuatapere customers: **1:00pm** and **4:45pm**.

We are open from 12:30pm - 5:30pm.

If we can help in any other way, please contact Riverton Pharmacy (03) 234 8515

Tuatapere & District Promotions Inc

Paula McKenzie, President

Hi All,

Last month I mentioned that I would be able to give you some idea of the projects that our Promotions Group will be working on this year. How priorities can change in a day! In light of the Corona Virus pandemic our priorities will be shifting to supporting our local community during this crisis.

Our monthly meeting was cancelled last Thursday but we will be working behind the scenes getting an events sign for the town, refurbishing our iconic sausage sign opposite PGG and also revisiting the community flags. We are investigating the option of putting FlagTrax up. This system would enable the "average" person to put up a flag rather than have to rely on a contractor to put flags up and take them down again. It would eliminate the Health and Safety aspect and also community groups could have flags for their own occasions. As flags would only be up for a short time they would last a lot longer.

Recently I attended a meeting of the tracks committee - a very passionate group who maintains our lovely tracks around the town. The idea of putting Tui feeding stations along the walks was raised. If anyone is interested in helping with this project please contact me. We are thinking of building wooden self feeders. Any assistance and knowledge would be greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to Robert Orchard who has supplied us with a mailbox to go at the Toy Library, 18 Orawia Road. If you have any suggestions or adverts for the Western Wanderer pop them in there and we will clear it regularly.

Just one other thing, we are always looking for ways to brighten up the town. While you are in self isolation what about painting your mailbox bright and beautiful. Perhaps we could run a "Best Dressed MailBox" competition later in the year, when the sun is shining again on all fronts.

Local Self-isolation Support

Louise and Myles Greber are offering the local community of Tuatapere a free service for anyone who finds themselves in Self-isolation due to the COVID-19 Virus.

Priority will be given to the elderly, those with compromised immunity and those who have limited family or other available local support.

Initially the service will focus on delivery and collection of Library Books and Jigsaw Puzzles, but consideration will be given for other small items for local pickup and delivery e.g. consumables, medications etc. and possibly pet care support.

This service will mostly be a mailbox service, where items will be delivered and collected at mailboxes.

Louise and Myles both have backgrounds as Chemists so will ensure appropriate protocols are carried out to limit transmission of the COVID-19 Virus.

If you find yourself in need of a little help or support, you can contact us as follows:

Louise 0204 035 5320

Myles 0204 002 1498

Email help@onnaturesedge.co.nz

This service will discontinue if any changes or directives are indicated from the Ministry of Health or if either Louise or Myles show any symptoms of a COVID-19 Virus infection (until both are fully cleared).



Our Community Notice Board

TUATAPERE RSA

ANZAC DAY SERVICES and Poppy Day

As you will have all seen on the news all ANZAC day services around the country have been cancelled this year, including the poppy day collection. As sad as this is, it is just one of those things we have to go through to fight the COVID 19 virus that is currently affecting the world right now. The winner of the Tuatapere RSA Memorial Bursary trust will be announced in the May Wanderer and we will be getting in touch with the winning recipient personally sometime in early April.

All enquiries to

John Munro Tuatapere (03) 226 6341

TUATAPERE RSA 2020/21 SUBS

The Tuatapere RSA would like to remind present and past members the 2020/2021 sub of \$25.00 is now due.

Methods of payment:

Internet Banking

RSA bank account-06 0958 0007999 00

Or post to Treasurer.

Margaret Thomas

3 McVicar St

Tuatapere. 9620

Email: arpad@xtra.co.nz.

Phone: (03) 226 6104

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who assisted at the PikoPiko accident site on November 28th last year. James and the team at the Medical Centre, Brendon & team, Paul & team also Will McKerchar and John Munro.

Also, if anyone knows the woman who was first on the scene would you please contact me. Many thanks.

Bede 027 434 6775

TUATAPERE COMMUNITY POOL

Following the Level 4 Lockdown announcement for COVID-19 the pool will be closed effective immediately and will remain so for the rest of the season.

We thank you so much for your custom of the pool this season, the usage has been amazing.

Thanks also must go to Trevor and Sally who's daily commitment to water testing, cleaning and general maintenance is second to none and is truly appreciated.

Be safe and take care all of you.

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION

about the Tuatapere area in the 1920's

Does anyone know about a Youth Scheme in the 1920's that brought English youths to work on farms in the area?

My father, (Mitford Morton Deane) came out from England in 1926 and worked on a farm in the area for about a year. I remember him saying that he worked for an older couple and that the postman used to bring him cigarettes when he called (every couple of weeks I think).

My husband and I recently came to Tuatapere and visited the museum during a driving trip around the South Island. I bought a copy of The Hole in the Bush which I thought was a wonderful book and loved the photos. (I'm also the proud owner of a Tuatapere tee shirt).

I can't find out anything else about his time there and wondered if anyone knew where I could find more information. I would love to find out where he actually stayed but unless records were kept, I doubt this will be possible. (It is 94 years ago!)

If you can be of any help, I am contactable on email at suequanborough@bigpond.com or perhaps you could contact Myles or Louise Greber, who have my postal address. Thank you.

Sue Quanborough

Our Community Notice Board

TUATAPERE AMENITIES TRUST

The Tuatapere Amenities Trust meets each year to consider applications for funding submitted by local organisations for projects they are undertaking.

Successful applicants for the 2019 year:

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| Hauroko Valley Primary School | - \$10,000 |
| Tuatapere Hump Track Charitable Trust | - \$13,020 |
| Tuatapere Bowling Club | - \$ 7,532 |
| Tuatapere Community Baths Society | - \$13,200 |

Since 2000/2001, organisations in the Tuatapere district have benefitted from successful grant applications totally \$667,284

The Tuatapere Amenities Trust has funded many projects that require repairs and maintenance but are very passionate about supporting new initiatives for our community.

Application forms are available and may be collected from Tuatapere Service Station, Chambers Garage and Tuatapere Outdoors and Hardware. Completed application forms need to be submitted by **30th April 2020**.

The Trust wish to remind applicants that funding for wages, administration and operational costs or retrospective funding will not be granted.

125TH JUBILEE

The Hauroko Valley School and surrounding districts schools are celebrating 125 years this year.

The committee will be meeting soon to put things in place for this celebration. We'll keep you all updated via the School's various communication options and via local news bulletins.

A few more on the committee would be awesome too so please get in touch if you can help in any way, even just supplying some info on the history of the schools would be great.

You can contact us at
haurokojubilee@gmail.com
or message Nikki 027 506 2673.

T.P.C MARKET DAY

Market Day will be closed until the end of Winter. There will be an assessment made in the Spring as to when or whether we can start up again this year.

We thank all those that have been involved with the market each month and pray that NZ's cases of the COVID-19 viruses outbreaks will disappear.

All stall holders can contact me on cell 021 061 5624 or (03) 225 5161 for future bookings.

Thanks again and stay safe.
Jackie Howden

REUNION FOR COMBINED OTAUTAU - WAIAU STAR RUGBY TEAM

Do you remember back in the 90's when Waiau Star combined with the Otautau seniors to field a team?

If you do and had something to do with the club back then or you played we would like to hear from you.

We are organising an event over Queen's Birthday Weekend all going well.

Please contact:

Graeme Millar 027 4340 795 or
Dave MacGillivray 027 4777 523 or
Crackles 027 4346 871 or
Peter Baker (03) 225 5094

We look forward to hearing from you!

TUATAPERE SERVICE STATION

As we are classed as an essential service we will still be open following strict health and safety policies.

From Thursday 26 March we will open from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

These hours will assessed on a daily basis.

Outside these hours we can be contacted for emergencies by phone

Graeme 027 434 6831 or
Christine 027 549 8720

Councillor Report

George Harpur, Councillor

Hi and welcome to the March/April Edition of this report.

Weather-wise it's a little warmer but that Autumn feeling is starting to creep in so it's time to sort out your winter fuel to keep you cosy over the coming months.

On the council scene we have many issues, all requiring work, mainly through concern from councillors trying to be prudent and pleasing our ratepayers over the last few years. Unfortunately many of our assets (bridges in particular) are failing to the extent that weight restrictions and closures are becoming an all too frequent event. In this area we are currently upgrading the bridge over the Lake Monowai canal and future work needs to be done on the Monowai swing bridge when a suitable time can be arranged. This is an area-wide issue and is not without serious costs. Much of this work is subsidised by LTNZ but the remainder will need to be from rates so the impact of being kind over the last few years will be felt. The same impact is being felt with our playgrounds which have, through the H & S regime, made many of the children's toys deemed by the experts to be unsafe. It would be a huge cost saving if we were to eliminate the hypothetical word from our vocabulary.

On the home front I believe we are heading for an interesting future with respect to the next five years. Tuatapere, like most of our small towns, is experiencing a serious shortage of housing for the younger generation. Much of our housing stock is utilised by one or two senior citizens, whilst many have been instrumental in building our infrastructure they like me are just not as mobile as they would like to be and honestly the go factor has waned considerably. The mind is working but the physical factor restricts our activities, with the result your sections are just too big and your garden and property becomes a burden and not a pleasure and pride that it once was, reality unfortunately.

What can we do about it? I believe we need another set of larger pensioner flats that will enable some of our long term residents to move out of their large dwelling and free them up for younger folks to enjoy. How to finance these will be a challenge but the other option may well be a dead town in the not too distant future. Do we want this? With the prospect of a bright future in the tourism sector, our current industries and agriculture along with our strategic location we need to resolve some of our current hiccups and grasp our opportunities.

As a tourist entering a strange town, your first impression is lasting. With an approach that is clean and tidy indicating a vibrant and energetic population one would tend to look for some accommodation to check the area out and spend some time and money, on the other hand with an unfavourable approach it is just drive on. Do you, the current members of our community, wish for our ancestors to still see Tuatapere on the map in 2200? This program needs the input of our total town and this includes you. If we enhance the experience of the visitor we also enhance the benefit to all.

With the birth of the Hump Ridge Track becoming a great walk our town will have the chance to blossom and bloom. Your Community Board, in conjunction with the Promotions Group, Great South, and many other organisations are involved in preparing for the future and make this bloom a permanent fixture. It is our intention to hold an initial meeting of all the region's stakeholders and collectively create a way forward for the future of us all and you the people of the region will have the opportunity to attend a further meeting at a later date if required. Great South has offered to facilitate these meetings.

Congratulations to the Devery Clan for participating in the pipe band competitions and to Mr Val McKay for his contributions to the Tuatapere Pipe Band over the years.

Cheers to all.

Tuatapere-Te Waewae Community Board

Margaret Thomas, Board Chair

arpad@xtra.co.nz. (03) 226 6104

The Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board must work in a totally different manner. Before, we usually worked through an engineer and generally this was how issues/projects were progressed.

The first issue I would like to talk about is “volunteers” and how as a district we rely on them. Since the beginning of 2020 most of the events in our area have been run and organised by our volunteers. The very successful New Year’s Day Athletics, the Waiiau A & P Show are organised by volunteers. Both events are held in the Tuatapere Domain which is maintained by another group of volunteers. The Wood Chopping event held at the club - more volunteers. The Waitangi Day Golf tournament held at the Clifden Golf Club - more volunteers, and all this time our Fire and Ambulance Service were called upon many times. I have only touched on what I would say was the ‘tip on the iceberg’. Just about every sports club is run by volunteers. Thank you for all the many hours of “volunteering”.

Have you thought of joining a group that relies on our wonderful volunteers?

The Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board has several projects that are ongoing or yet to be completed. The Clifden Historic Bridge area, the Monkey Island project, the RSA Hall in Tuatapere, Community Housing, Short Walks information, Playgrounds in Tuatapere, Orepuki and Monowai (Owen has repaired some of the equipment at Monowai) to name a few.

Soon you should receive a survey about the future use of the Tuatapere Railway Station. Perhaps this is a chance for volunteers?

Over the summer period there were people everywhere - camping and visiting the attractions in the area. From Monowai/Blackmount (I met a large group of 4 Wheel Drive enthusiasts exploring in this area) to Lakes Monowai and Hauroko, on our rivers, on the sea using the various boat ramps in the area to launch their boats and accessing the various DOC attractions we have in the area. I hope you were able to get out and about and enjoy the summer.

I have just had another report of rubbish dumped at the recycling centre. This is not the place to dump your rubbish. This is the place to recycle glass, cardboard, paper, plastic and cans, not your old rubbish because you cleaned out a shed or the likes. How do you think Jay will dispose of this kind of rubbish? I can’t guarantee that we will be able to continue to have a Recycling Centre if this kind of stuff keeps happening. This is the third time in as many weeks and it is so disappointing.

DO YOU LOVE TO READ?

We would love to include a book review or two every month in the Western Wanderer!

We are looking for short reviews, no more than half a page. Please include Book Title, Author, and your review with the name that you'd like to be included with the review.

Please drop your review in the new mailbox at the toy library by the 20th of the month or email it to: yourwesternwander@gmail.com

Please have your articles, notices or updated adverts for the Western Wanderer in by the 20TH OF EACH MONTH.

PLEASE SEND TO:

yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com

We are aiming to have the Western Wanderer printed and available to you to read in the first week of every month.

Tuatapere Community Garden

Margaret Thomas, Convenor

Here's a little bit of background information about the community garden.

It was started in 2014 by a group of people who were interested in gardening and growing their own food and may not have the ground or the space at their own place.

We received donations from many people and businesses because we had no money. You may have noticed many of the plot surrounds are all recycled from Lindsay and Dixons Sawmill and the half tanks were donated by farmers who were replacing troughs. They all received a coat of paint once again donated.

We are very pleased about our recycling.

The garden is on Southland District land and we were only allowed to plant three fruit trees, but we had no restrictions on berries.

Trudy covers the beds with seaweed, and it rots down over the autumn and winter, a great fertiliser and at no cost once again.

The garden provides a safe place for people to come, make friends, support each other and learn something about gardening and growing your own food.

Many people contribute to the garden. Barry grazes the back paddock, Quinton mows the grass, Robert built the glasshouse and installed the water scheme, Trudy and Isobel are the chief gardeners and Averil is the secretary/treasurer.

Dogs and children are welcome to visit but must be under control.

Vegetable boxes are available through the Community Worker or Isobel and Trudy.

We do ask that people do not help themselves because the only people who know when a crop is ready are the chief gardeners.

We donate vegetables and preserves to the school lunch programme.

Come and do some weeding. You may have noticed that we have a small table that has produce on it, all we ask in return is a small donation.

Contact: Isobel (03) 226 6065 or Trudy 020 4016 6125

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Please avoid lighting any rubbish and garden waste fires during lockdown.

Whilst this isolation period might be a good time to get odd jobs done, we ask that you please don't light fires.

It is likely to generate a 111 call from the public whether they are out of control or not.

Please hold off applying for a permit for an outdoor fire until the lockdown is over.

For more info, read our media release here: <https://fireandemergency.nz/news-and-media/hold-off-lighting-outdoor-fires-during-the-covid-19-lockdown/>

TUATAPERE AMBULANCE

Did YOU Know?

The Tuatapere Ambulance is a funded service by the Tuatapere Lions Club, for the residents of Tuatapere & District. Should you receive an account for this service from St John, please forward it immediately to:

**The Treasurer
Tuatapere Lions Club
PO Box 47 Tuatapere**

At the moment St John have a new system in their Ambulances and we are experiencing some difficulty in receiving the invoices for YOUR trip. So PLEASE do forward them on to us. Thank you!

**Tuatapere Lions Club Charitable Trust
Ambulance Committee**

On the Community Beat

Graham Parsons, Tuatapere Police

Family harm issues have featured this month with reports of various incidents and concerns around the area from child protection safety concerns, custody disputes to domestic disputes. At one address Police were called to a family harm matter where a local man was removed from the situation and detained for a medical assessment in Invercargill due to his mental health status. A Police Place of Safety Order was also issued which requires a person to stay away for a defined period, this was breached a few days later and the man was arrested and held in custody along with a cannabis offence until he appeared in court and obtained bail.

An assault complaint was investigated by Police relating to an alleged altercation between and employer and an employee on a farm.

Police have received a complaint of unlawful hunting involving spot lighters on Rarakau farms at the end of the Papatotara Coast Road. The new managers of Rarakau are working with Police around these concerns due to an increasing number of incidents. Offenders risk being prosecuted, losing their firearms licence and also being trespassed from the area which will prevent access to the private road going through the farm around to the coast past the end of Papatotara Coast Road. The roan hunting season is upon us and there will be lots of hunters out and about, it is timely to remind people of the need for safety and also to ensure that when hunting you have permission to hunt the area that you are on. It is an offence to hunt wild animals such as deer and pigs on someone else's land without authority, even Conservation land requires a free hunting permit to be obtained. Poaching as it is commonly called raises a number of safety risks, it would be fair to say that no one wants to find themselves involved in a hunting accident.

Police received a complaint of diesel theft from a farm fuel tank near Tuatapere. Large supplies of fuel make a tempting target for thieves. While the remote locations on farms often helps in terms of out of sight out of mind, it also means that if they are targeted it is often difficult to identify who has been involved in the theft. Police would strongly encourage farm owners and managers to take a prevention approach in this area. Ensure you have good security systems in place that protect your fuel supplies or make it harder to target them in terms of where they are situated.

Police are investigating the crash of a vehicle on the Tuatapere Orepuki highway. The crash involved a single vehicle and no injuries however alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash. In other driving matters Police received a complaint of two motocross bikes racing around near the Orepuki cemetery and the Takitimu estate on Frenz road upsetting residents. While patrolling the area the following day a local youth was stopped while riding his motocross bike along a nearby road. They had previously been forbidden from riding a motorbike due to having no licence. The motorbike was impounded for 28 days and the offending will be referred through to Police Youth Aid for action.

Lost and Found

A local man reported losing a jacket with a black wallet containing a large amount of cash in Tuatapere. We have had some successes from last month's lost and found information in the wanderer being able to get some property back to its owners.

Miscellaneous

This is my very last Police report for the Wanderer, as detailed in last month's edition at the start of April I will be leaving Tuatapere to take up a Detectives role in the CIB at Greymouth on the West Coast. Either Constable Templeton or the new Police Officer replacing me (not appointed yet) will take up the Police report for the Wanderer going forward. After 6 years I will be sad to leave the area and my family and I will always have great memories of our time here. Thank you to the many people who have wished us well as we look to leave and positive comments around our various involvements with the community. We leave Tuatapere just as things are seemingly unravelling nationally

On the Community Beat continued ...

with the risks of the Covid-19 virus. In these uncertain times with people having to isolate themselves away from the community, along with activities and gatherings cancelled please ensure you keep a look out for each other particularly the vulnerable. These type of events bring out the best in people and unfortunately sometimes the worst. Make sure you are one of the good ones maintaining that community spirit which makes our rural communities special.

If you wish to contact us to discuss any matters outlined or other general inquires we can be contacted at the Tuatapere Police Station on 03 226 9003.

We often hear that people find it very much hit and miss trying to drop in and see us. Due to the fact that we have no office person when we are out and about the station is locked. However rather than going away empty handed there is a phone at the back door that will take you straight through to a Police call taker. They can get in touch with us and let us know you want to see Police. Alternatively the Station phone 03 2269003 has a message service if it's a non urgent matter. If you leave a message we can contact you back.

Signing off for the last time!

Regards

Graham Parsons

Tuatapere Police

Chaplain's Corner

David Duthie, Waiau Valley Community Chaplain

Most of you will have seen the introductory article about us in the Advocate recently. We have appreciated the warm welcome we have received here in Tuatapere. But like you, we could not have imagined the circumstances we now find ourselves in. While words like unprecedented are being widely used, terms like that are not always helpful and can lead to fear and panic. While perhaps understandable responses, they are not the only ones available to us. We can instead look to those who have gone before us in recent and ancient history and learn from their choice to love, serve and care beyond their own personal comfort and interests. We should be wise following good practices as encouraged by health professionals, but let us not stop being the great community I have heard about and experienced since our recent arrival.

We also remain available for care and support. If you or someone you know requires support, would like further details, or just needs someone to talk to and connect with, please contact me by email at waiauvalleychaplain@gmail.com or phone 027 416 0659.

CHAMBERS REPAIR SERVICE STATION

With COVID-19 Level 4 now in effect we are only open for essential repairs. Petrol/Diesel pumps remain open 24/7 as they are self-pre-pay. Please phone (03) 226 6655

TUATAPERE BOWLING CLUB - END OF SEASON

The Tuatapere Bowling Club held a successful tournament in March and won the CENTRAL WESTERN MEN'S INTERCLUB for 2019/2020
Chris Potter, Secretary

Lockdown Boredom Busters!

Inside Scavenger Hunt

Collect all of the following items in a bag or basket.

If you have a printer and can print this off, check the boxes as you find each one (optional!)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A toy with wheels | <input type="checkbox"/> A book with numbers in it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A book with the first letter of your name in the title | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 legos that are all different |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A pair of matching socks | <input type="checkbox"/> A photo of someone you love |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 things that are green | <input type="checkbox"/> An item you can see yourself in |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something very soft | <input type="checkbox"/> An item that makes you feel cozy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A toy smaller than your hand | <input type="checkbox"/> A toy that has 3 different colours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something round | <input type="checkbox"/> A movie that has "S" in the title |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Your snuggliest stuffed animal |

Ready for a snack? Don't forget to put everything back where it belongs!

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

Collect all of the following items in a bag or basket.

If you have a printer and can print this off, check the boxes as you find each one (optional!)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 leaves that look different | <input type="checkbox"/> A piece of rubbish you can recycle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A stick that is longer than your hand | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that is brown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A rock with spots on it | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that is heavy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A flower | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that is very light |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A flat rock | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that needs sun to live |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 blades of grass | <input type="checkbox"/> An item smaller than your thumb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something you love to play with | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that starts with "M" |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that smells good! |

Ready for a snack? Don't forget to put everything back where it belongs!

Creativity Challenge



Make an instrument from a recycled item



Use books in the house to make a book spine poem



Invent an air guitar move to teach your family

Kia Ora Western Wanderer Readers!

We are midway through Term One and there has certainly been a lot going on. Here are some of the highlights to date and some of the exciting experiences coming up.

WONKY DONKEY: The minute we knew Craig was coming to join us at WAS we sent the invite out to our friends from Hauko and preschool. We are sure it was an experience that everyone enjoyed, as there was a lot of singing and dancing along to the catchy Wonky Donkey tunes.

WAS also purchased a full set of Craig's books that are currently doing the rounds in the Junior school classes but will soon be taking pride of place in our school library.

CATERPILLAR CHAOS: The Junior school have had swan plants in their classes and have been busy watching tiny eggs evolve into beautiful monarch butterflies. There has been lots of new learning happening around discovering what other foods the caterpillars will eat and whether a chrysalis can survive not bound to the plant but to a book.

HUMP RIDGE TRACK: A group of Senior students will be off walking the Hump Ridge track at the end of term as part of the Physical Education learning package. A special thanks to Cedric and the Board for allowing WAS students to experience one of the greatest walks on our back door step! We are also looking forward to walking a few other local tracks as a warm up to the big event! Students have had to identify risks, prepare not only equipment, but also their own fitness plans and be able to look after each other in a wilderness setting. Good luck to Mr PB, Mr Hendy and Miss Landreth who will be walking with them.

SWIMMING: Our students have been enjoying the swimming lessons and coaching of late in our local pool. As we all know, we're very fortunate having such a well-maintained and well-managed resource in our community. A massive thanks must go to our pool committee for all their efforts. With some recent purchases of shark fins, boards, caps and goggles, there has been no barriers for our swimmers. I encourage all families to invest in a pool key and take your children swimming regularly – there are so many merits in the ability to swim and having water confidence.

AREA SCHOOLS PREPARATION: It is that exciting time of year again where our Year 8 - 13's prepare to head off to one of the other Area Schools at the start of Term 2 (will more than likely be postponed to later on in the year due to COVID-19) to compete in a variety of sports. This year we are off to Roxburgh! Area Schools is always a highlight because it is time to catch up with friends from the other Area Schools and try our best to make the National Area Schools team. The 2020 National Tournament is scheduled to be in Dunedin.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES: WAS students have been busy in their respective classes learning about local and global happenings. Extension classes continue where students have been involved with extra tuition in Maths, Writing, Music, Singing, Kapa-haka, Te Reo Maori and Outdoor Education just to name a few. Again, we're very fortunate with the expertise on hand - our students are certainly reaping the benefits!

BORLAND LODGE CAMP: Our Year 4 – 10 students had a ball camping at Borland Lodge – we had two camps going on at the same time! Students enjoyed fishing, boating (thank you Chris!), biking, hiking, kayaking, paint-ball (thank you Colin!), low and high ropes, singing, sport and spot-light, all for \$20 each. In this day and age, absolutely unbelievable! Thank you to our BOT for making this financially viable for our families.

PARSONS FAMILY FAREWELL: The BOT and staff would like to wish Graham, Tanya, Ethan, Alisha, Lachlan and Liam all the very best for their next chapter in Greymouth. Graham has been invaluable on the Board and as a respected member of the community. All his diligent contributions towards WAS (especially in the property developments) will not be forgotten. We know all four Parson children will do incredibly well. All the very best!

Welcome to the April Edition of "What's Happening?" at ...

Hauroko
VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kia ora, Bula, Namaskaram and welcome to "What's Happening?" at Hauroko Valley Primary School.

The Blackmount Trail Ride was a fun-filled family day out. Thanks to our Home and School for making our HVP fundraiser an epic time for riders and also those attending to watch! We are eternally grateful to our sponsors who in supporting our school made the day successful and this in turn makes a HUGE difference to our school. You can check out photographs from the BTR event on the Blackmount Trail Ride facebook page. The photography taken by Kate Gray provides coverage of riders, tracks, views, community and the David Gray Memorial Hill Climb. We are looking forward to 2021 Blackmount's Trail Ride.

Please follow us to keep up to date via our facebook page or school newsletter. Until next time.

Ngā mihi nui.

Julia Waikato - Principal/Tumuaki

Hauroko Valley School students are...

Learners - our classrooms are busy with students immersed in sharing learning as part of goal setting. Our Early Words Programme is supporting our New Entrants. 1:1. Our Year 6-8 learners have embraced Bring Your Own Devices and utilising online learning platforms. Kowhai and Matai have incredible opportunities to engage in hands on learning at Discovery Time. Totara and Rata classes have enjoyed HVP Clubs with a variety of activities provided by our teachers and parents. Thanks so much to Kaylene & Jason Bennett, Lou Clarke, Phil Erskine, Kate Gray, Kylie Greer, Kirsten Miller and Nikki Willis for giving up your time to enhance our real life learning contexts!

Swimmers - Johnston Waters is facilitating our Swimming Sessions throughout Term 1, Week 7. These are being held at the Tuatapere Swimming Pool with lessons daily. Our students are looking forward to learning to swim and further developing swimming strokes and fitness as part of our Health and Education programme.

Young Farmers - We are holding our Annual Young Farmers competition on Wednesday 1st April to provide an opportunity for our children to work together in teams of 3 to solve challenges in and around Agriculture. The gumboots are up for grabs again!! Good Luck!

Term 1 Events

March

Swimming Lessons, HVP Clubs, Discovery Time

April

HVP Young Farmers, Southland Rippa Rugby Championships, Discovery Time, Easter Holidays

Always our Best / Tonu to tatou pai

No Pity for Our Immigrants

That old American song and dance man Bob Dylan sang a rather sombre refrain on his 1968 album, John Wesley Harding: 'I pity the poor immigrant who wishes he would've stayed at home ...'

While Dylan's following lines and verses don't quite fit our theme, one wonders whether eight young immigrants from England, when they arrived in Southland almost 110 years ago, might have entertained similar thoughts.

According to a report in the Southland Times of 19 April 1910, the eight young men came to New Zealand through an arrangement between London's 'Central (Unemployed) Body' and the Southland Farmers Union. The London institution worked under 'Government supervision' to find young people of suitable character and abilities to travel out to the Colonies to work in pre-arranged positions.

The young immigrants ranged in age from seventeen to twenty-one and were destined to spend time on some of the best farms in Southland. For instance, a twenty-year old carman and stableman, a 'steady, honest, hardworking and thoroughly reliable young man' was headed for Nightcaps.

The Southland Farmers Union was reported as the 'first in the dominion' to take advantage of the opportunity. A similar influx of married men had arrived at the Bluff some months earlier and subsequently proved their worth on the land. The single men had travelled on SS Omrah [later sunk by a German submarine in World War I] from London to Melbourne, and then via the SS Warrimoo from Melbourne to Bluff.

A seventeen-year-old former porter at the British Museum, being 'truthful, industrious and well-behaved' was being sent to a farm at Heddon Bush. And the 17-year-old destined for Tuatapere was a 'steady and thorough type, a labourer who can groom, drive and garden.'

So, who was the lucky Tuatapere farmer to receive such skills; how long did the young Englishman stay and did he ever despair, perhaps in the midst of the Southland winter, that he 'wished he would've stayed at home?' At this late hour, we may never know for sure, but the *Southland Times* reported later in the year that all were appreciating their improved conditions of life and 'the abundance and quality of food at the farmer's hospitable table literally astonishes them.'

The remaining five intrepid youngsters not fortunate enough to receive a Tuatapere posting instead spent their time at Spar Bush, Underwood, Wallacetown, Morton Mains and Waimatuku, respectively. And other provincial areas soon followed Southland's lead and sought their own immigrant workers.

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4 May 2020

8:30am to 5pm

Waiau Town & Country Club

Please bring your own lunch.

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~ Tuatapere Community Support Worker Trust ~***

TO REGISTER

Please call: Keri Potter 027 757 5983

or Email: tcworker@xtra.co.nz

The Otautau Bowling Club

is selling **Pea Straw**

again this year.

\$10 per Bale

Pick up point will be

in Otautau

Contact:

Shirley McCully

Home: (03) 225 8605

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Jan Lowrey

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Aunty's Cookbook

Autumn is that great season of the year when we have an abundance of fresh autumn vegetables. This is one of those seemingly impossibly easy quiche thingies where you throw it all in together. A great recipe when you're in a hurry.

Throw-it together Self-crusting Pie

List of ingredients

- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 ½ cups grated cheese
- 1 small onion, peeled and chopped
- 4 rashers rind less bacon, chopped
- ½ cup self-raising flour
- 1 ½ cups milk
- ¼ cup chopped parsley
- 2 cups of your choice of chopped mushrooms, peppers, courgettes, corn, cherry tomatoes, grated pumpkin etc
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C.

Spray a medium- to large sized lasagne dish with non-stick spray.

Mix all the ingredients in a bowl. Pour into the prepared dish and bake for 40-45mins until set and golden brown.



Prep time: 15 mins
Cook time: 45 mins



Serves 6



easy

Off the Shelf

BOOK REVIEW Written by Anne Horrell

Tom Scott is veteran New Zealand cartoonist and journalist. He has entertained New Zealand readers for five decades - his humour and wit often directed, if not at himself, at political leaders and other outspoken Kiwis. Despite Scott's very funny take on many issues, his life has had its share of heartbreak and personal challenges.

Scott's memoir *Drawn Out* takes the reader on a journey from Tom's earliest childhood memories often associated with a volatile household. "Tension mounted most nights in our house as pub closing time approached." Born to Irish parents and raised in the Manawatu, young Tom considerable skill in creating humorous sketches at a young age, and from there, a career in cartoon journalism developed.

Drawn Out is a captivating account of Tom's life. He writes with respect and admiration for significant people in his life, including Ed Hillary, John Clarke, AK Grant and Murray Ball. Tom's quirky use of language in the telling of his story is in turn hilarious, sad, heart-warming and fascinating.

Drawn Out by Tom Scott is in our own Tuatapere library!

I highly recommend this book about one of our best loved Kiwi cartoonists - Tom Scott.



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COVID-19 (coronavirus) PANDEMIC

IF YOU HAVE FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS - (HEADACHE, RUNNY NOSE, NASAL CONGESTION, SORE THROAT, COUGH, OR FEVER).

DO NOT COME INTO THE CLINIC!! PLEASE CALL US (03) 226 6123.

These measures are to protect us all. To allow this to happen we need our full staff. Should any of our staff (administrative, nursing, doctors) be forced to self quarantine this will severely limit our ability to care for our people!

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Thank you for your understanding with this process! Please be assured, we will do our best you all during this time of Pandemic. Adhering to these strict guidelines makes it a safer environment for everyone!

DAY ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

Our pandemic plan states ... in the event of a pandemic this programme will cease until such time as the event is over. Therefore this programme is currently closed, and we are contacting these people regularly to check on their health and well-being.

Please remember when booking an appointment with your Practitioner, if you have several things to discuss please book your appointment time accordingly. This will mean you don't have to come back another time or to avoid other patients needing to wait unnecessarily.

You are all very important to us so please –

Look after yourself, your elderly, family members around you. Working together we will get through this difficult time.

Jo Sanford

Manager **Work: (03) 226 6123 Cell: 027 295 0429**

Tui Base Camp

Hello from the Tui Base Camp Crew.

www.tuibasecamp.co.nz

Thanks to all those that attended and supported our Ladies Night. We raised almost \$1500 for the senior girls at Waiiau Area School to attend confidence building activities. It was a great night and we look forward to holding more events like this in the future.

There is a lot of uncertainty around the world at the moment with COVID-19. We are following government directives and have closed the cafe, restaurant, bar and bottle store. We have some isolation accommodation available, please enquire via facebook, email or James on 027 837 3521.

We will continue to watch any updates and are also looking at other ways we can support the local township - we will communicate any changes we are making via Facebook. This includes looking at ways to continue to supply the World Famous Tuatapere Sausages.

Fingers crossed on Friday 1st May, we will be holding a pre-duck shooting "meeting". Come along and show us your skills on the caller or just join in on some yarns about how good everyone is on a shotgun. Breakfast will be available from 5:30am on Saturday.

Take care everyone and please follow the government guidelines to this isolation the best chance of success.

COMMITTEE OF INTEREST

By Anne Horrell

What is the Tuatapere Tracks Committee?

It is a committee formed due to the interest and need to address the issue of looking after our beautiful native tracks in Tuatapere. The present committee formed in 2016 and consists of members from Tuatapere Community Board (Southland District Council), Tuatapere and Districts' Promotions Group, Waiiau Area School, Tuatapere Domain Board, Tuatapere Police and the Corrections Department; as well as other interested personnel.



How is the Correction Department involved?

Prior to the Tracks Committee forming in 2016 the Corrections Department started to bring Periodic Detention teams to Tuatapere weekly as part of the voluntary service hours needing to be completed. It seemed an opportune time to direct the teams' activities to working on tidying our native walking tracks. The person locally who co-ordinates the teams' work tasks is retired mill manager, Gary Templeton.

What work has taken place on the local tracks by the PD team?

Clearing of unnecessary foliage, roots and vines; Establishment of a new walkway which extends from Lion's Park playground to the cattle stop near the recycling centre (The Heritage Orchard Walk); Weed-eating around fruit trees at the heritage orchard; Laying and spreading of gravel on some parts of tracks; Digging in posts in readiness for the signposting of tracks; And other miscellaneous tasks.

What and where are the native bush tracks?

Most of the native bush tracks that wind their way in and around Tuatapere have been in existence for many years. Elderly locals recall playing and wandering along the tracks when they were children. In the early days Tuatapere was known as 'the hole in the bush' and fortunately for us a lot of that bush remains. The tracks on the Bridge Street side of Tuatapere are all owned by the Southland District Council and the tracks on the Half Mile Road side of Tuatapere are mainly Department of Conservation tracks, except for the Elder Drive Track which runs along Elder Drive by the river. The SDC tracks all have names and are now beautifully signposted—an initiative by the Tracks' Committee which happened in 2018. The 'Tui Trails' signs, as they are called, feature the Tui bird, a lovely native bird commonly seen and heard in our bush and the familiar Tui expression is, of course, a shortened version of Tuatapere.

What are the names of the 'Tui Trails'?

Take a stroll around Tuatapere and see if you can locate the following tracks:

- The Heritage Orchard Walk
- Greenheart Reserve
- Alton Terrace Walk McLeod's Track (named after the family of our own Ngarita Dixon)
- Elder Drive Track (named after our much loved Dr Elder who passed away in 1997)
- Keith Thomson's Walk (named after Birch Street resident Keith Thomson who spent many hours nurturing young regenerating fern and other native varieties)

These tracks are all owned by Southland District Council, under the care of the Tuatapere Community Board. The Department of Conservation tracks which have entrances at the Domain, Morton and Erskine Streets are a natural continuation of your stroll around Tuatapere. Take a drive out to our historic cemetery and enjoy the beauty of Lillian's Loop—a nearby walkway created by Tuatapere and Districts' Promotions Group. (Lillian was the wife of Dr Elder and active in her own way in community activities.)

Where to now?

The Tuatapere Tracks' Committee met recently to discuss the production of a pamphlet featuring information on our native walks and a map indicating locations and a possible route one may take to enjoy all our walkways. This is our present project. Before long you, along with our visitors, will be able to be guided by a written and pictorial presentation. However, there is no reason why you can't already enjoy this very special part of our community. With the current scourge of COVID-19 we, in our little neck of the woods, have so much to be grateful for. We have fresh air, wide open spaces and a beautiful natural environment. Go for a stroll with your family – explore and enjoy our 'Tui Trails'!