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Paula McKenzie, President

Hi All,

Just a short note this month - our Promotions Inc meeting was a very quick affair!

The events sign should be up before too long. If you have events coming up be sure to let us know. There would be nothing worse than an empty events sign! We have been granted funding from the Amenities Trust for our sausage sign as well so keep an eye out for a rejuvenated sausage sign in front of PGG.

I have been reminded recently that gypsy day has been and gone. Consequently we have a lot of new faces in our district. A warm welcome to everyone. I hope you love living in our area as much as we do. Please come along to our Promotions Group. New faces are always welcome. It is a great way to become a familiar face ☺

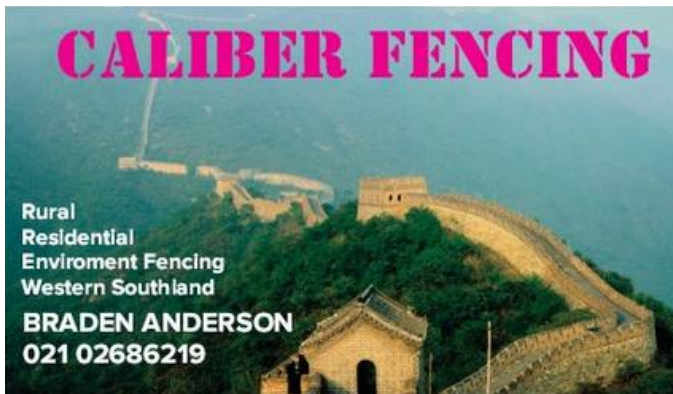
We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month and a notice will go out on the local Facebook pages a few days prior to the meeting. Kerri Potter our local community worker is a great one to call if you have any queries about anything local. Her number is 027 757 5983.

Our Toy library is crying out for help again. This is such a wonderful service whether you are a parent, grand parent or guardian and it would be such a shame to lose it. Any bright ideas to assist with this service will be greatly appreciated.

I want to send a big thank you out to our editor who works voluntarily each month to get these issues out to you. Please try to have your contributions in by the 20th of the month. It really does make her job so much easier if she doesn't have to chase everyone up.

I hope that you all took the opportunity to have your say in the Tuatapere Railway Station Survey. We will now need to await the outcome.

Stay warm everyone!



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TUATAPERE TOY LIBRARY IMPORTANT UPDATE

To Tuatapere Community &
Surrounding Areas

Tuatapere Toy Library held its AGM on Monday 3rd June 2020. This was held later than originally organised due to COVID-19 Alert Levels.

During the AGM, members of our current committee handed in their notice for the position they currently hold. These notices are effective December of this year, as that is the end of the Toy Library's financial year.

In light of these notices the Tuatapere Toy Library is asking any members or members of the community and surrounding areas for help. If these positions are unable to be filled for the next financial year, then the Toy Library will have no choice but to close its doors as it cannot operate without a committee made up of at least 5 volunteers.

So please, if you would like a copy of the Toy Library's AGM minutes, or you would like to help the Toy Library in any way, or you have any questions or enquires, please contact:
Minessa 027 3112 112

Regards

Toy Library Committee Members

TUATAPERE TOY LIBRARY

18 Orawia Road, Tuatapere (next door to Tuatapere Service Station)

We are back up and running however, we currently do not have set opening times.

If you are interested in becoming a member get in touch (via FB messenger or ph) to see how you can access the toy library! We have heaps of toys available.

Please phone Minessa 027 311 2112



TUATAPERE SCOUTS

Are you and your family looking for something that will foster personal development, create a sense of community and at the same time challenge you or a school age member of your family?

Have you thought of joining Scouts?

At Scouts we have

Keas for children aged 5-7 yrs;
Cubs for children aged 7- 9½ yrs;
Scouts for 9½ -15 yrs.

We also have a need for leaders so we can deliver our programmes effectively.

Contact:

Leader Anne-Marie 027 688 5828
Group Leader Quinton 027 223 4842
or (03) 226 6969

TUATAPERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MARKET DAY

The church market is starting again!
Held at 10am every 3rd Saturday of the month in the Tuatapere Presbyterian Church Hall, Main Rd, Tuatapere.

Opening Market Day:

Saturday 15th August 2020.

(Next Market Day: 19th September)

All welcome to come along and enjoy the opportunity for a cuppa and a chat and have a browse at the local crafts available. If you would like a table for hire please contact: **Helen Todd** 022 378 9743

RURAL WOMEN CLIFDEN BRANCH - SEWING CLASSES

The Rural Women Clifden Branch are sponsoring sewing classes. If you are interested in learning basic sewing skills, becoming confident with your sewing machine, or creating new exciting things, we would love to hear from you.

There will be 4 sessions held on:

Mondays 11am - 2pm

Please let us know as soon as possible so that we can get this started over winter.

Please contact Lynley Whyte
(03)2255864 or 021 2115553

Our Community Notice Board

TUATAPERE PLAYCENTRE

23B Orawia Road.

Friday Playgroup 9am-12pm

All parents and children welcome!

We have decided that children's morning tea will be a packed lunchbox from home at Playgroup from now on as opposed to a shared morning tea. We found this was practical during COVID Level 2 so have decided to continue with it. Thanks!

Any queries please contact:

Gemma Bennett 022 040 3368

Alice Harris 027 270 0363

CLIFDEN PLAYGROUP

45 Otahu Eastern Bush Road.

Every Wednesday (during School Term)

9:30am - 12:30pm.

All mothers and children welcome.

Bring packed lunchbox for your child's morning tea. Any queries to

Lynley Patterson 027 429 7436

WAI AU VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Waiau Valley Presbyterian Church is able to meet again! All members of our community are welcome to join us at 10.30am at the Tuatapere Presbyterian Church for an all age family service. For more information please contact David, the Community Chaplain on 027 416 0659.

TUATAPERE HEALTH & GIFT SHOP - Riverton Pharmacy

We now have two courier drops for prescriptions for our Tuatapere customers: **1:00pm** and **4:45pm**.

The Health & Gift Shop is open from 12:30pm - 5:30pm.

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

WAI AU MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Hours: Fridays

10am - 11:30am

2:30pm - 4:00pm

7:00pm - 8:00pm

TUATAPERE MAINLY MUSIC

A pre-school music and movement-based playgroup.

Mondays during the school term at the Tuatapere Presbyterian Church Hall.

Music session starts at 10am

followed by a time of morning tea and play.

\$2 per family.

Morning tea is provided for all.

New families welcome!

Find us on Facebook:

"Tuatapere Mainly Music"

For more information contact

Heidi 022 315 3326



COUNTRY CORNER CRAFTS

Come in and browse and see what we have to offer. Hats, scarves, children's knitwear, cards, jewellery, woodware, sewing, jams, pickles, sauces, etc.

Tuatapere souvenirs "On Natures Edge" logo are always available.

Is anyone interested in joining to sell their crafts? You are more than welcome to contact us.

If anyone wants to volunteer their time and work in the Craft Centre - let us know! It's a great way to meet people!

If you wish to view the shop and it is closed, please ring

Louise Greber (03) 668 6001 or

Lyla Sherriff (03) 226 6187

and they will open it for you.

TUATAPERE ENVELOPES

Envelopes printed with the "Tuatapere on Natures Edge" Logo are now available again.

These can be purchased at

Country Corner Craft Shop 1A Orawia Road

Cost \$3.00 per 10



TUATAPERE BUSHMAN'S MUSEUM

Orawia Road. If the Bushman's Museum is not open when you have visitors who wish to view, you can contact:

Lindsay Faulkner (03) 226 6650 to arrange a suitable time.

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TUATAPERE COMMUNITY WORKER

Room 5 Medical Centre
69A Orawia Road
From Monday - Thursday 10am to 3pm
Keri Potter **027 757 5983**
Email: tcworker@extra.co.nz



WESTERN SOUTHLAND HEALTH SHUTTLE

The Western Southland Health Shuttle Service is up and running again.

We travel from Otautau, Ohai, Nightcaps, Tuatapere, Riverton - covering all of Western Southland.

We also connect with the Invercargill-Dunedin shuttle.

The Western Southland Health Shuttle operates Monday - Friday (excluding Public Holidays).

Bookings are required by 3pm the day prior to transport.

Ph: 0800 103 046 to book.

Please book as soon as you receive your appointment.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens is a group of over 60s that meet every Friday afternoon at 1pm at the rooms behind the RSA Hall.

We are always looking for new members so if you would like a fun afternoon playing bowls, cards or just catching up with friends, come and join the group.

Contact: Olive Bennett Ph (03) 2266 477

TUATAPERE VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

We're on the lookout for members to join this well rewarding organization. We are looking for persons who are, ideally, available throughout the day. If you think that you would like to try this (sometimes lifelong) commitment, then please feel free to come and try it! We train on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm during daylight saving and 7pm through the winter months. We look forward to meeting with you.



WESTERN SOUTHLAND WOOLCRAFT GROUP

Spinning, Felt, Weaving, Knitting, Crochet. Other crafts welcome!

1st Wednesday of the month.

10am - 3pm. BYO Lunch.

For details please contact

Helen Todd 022 378 9743

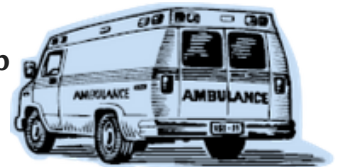
TUATAPERE AMBULANCE

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**

TUATAPERE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB PROJECT

SUPER DIRT

Super dirt bags are now weighed so more in each bag!

\$8 per bag - ready for your garden!

Super dirt can be collected at

Cracks Yard

Grove Burn Road,

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Community Notices & Events



TUATAPERE PLAYGROUP

Have you joined yet?

Tuatapere Playgroup welcomes new members to come join the fun.

Friday Mornings from 9am -12pm
23B Orawia Road





All Sessions Include:

- A planned activity led by a qualified teacher
- Activity Areas: playdough, craft, carpentry etc
- Packed Morning tea - Lots of playing!!

Sessions are \$2 each or \$20 a term - discounted rates apply if you have more than 1 child attending

"Playgroups help support children's social development and ease the transition to school, while also providing social support to parents, knowledge sharing, and learning opportunities."

For more info contact Gemma on 0220403368
(Or just rock up on Friday and join us - we love seeing new faces)



TUATAPERE PLAYGROUP

TERM 3, 2020 LEARNING PLAN

THEME: 'IMAGINATION STATIONS'

LINKS TO TE WHARIKI: PRINCIPAL: EMPOWERMENT
STRAND: CONTRIBUTION

Date	Theme	Activities
24 th July	Book-Tastic Giraffes Can't Dance Book	- Read the book Giraffes Can't Dance and then create a dancing giraffe.
31 st July	Red Nose Day Collection for Cure Kids	- Wear Red Noses and make a Red Nose Day related craft.
07 th Aug	Super Sock Puppets The Very Hungry Caterpillar Book	-Read The Very Hungry Caterpillar and then create a sock puppet caterpillar.
14 th Aug	Pyjama Dance Party	-Wear your pyjamas to Playgroup and have a disco.
21 st Aug	Excellent Experiments	-Children to take part in a number of different simple science experiments.
28 th Aug	Cool Cooking	-Decorate biscuits and make milkshakes.
04 th Sep	Our Fabulous Fathers	-Make something to give our dads (or a special person) on Fathers Day.
11 th Sep	Maori Language Week	-Colours and counting in Te Reo activity.
18 th Sep	REAP Visit	Maree Day from REAP to visit and provide activities for the children.
25 th Sep	End of Term Trip Jump N Fun & Chipmunks	Trip to Jump N Fun and Chipmunks in Invercargill.

Tuatapere Community Swimming Pool Committee

AGM

The AGM for the Tuatapere Community Swimming Pool will be held at **7:30pm** at **Tui Base Camp** on **Wednesday 12th August**

This is a huge and very well utilised community facility. Committee members very much needed. Office Bearer positions are already filled.

All welcome

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE NEW APPOINTMENTS

Keri Potter (Tuatapere) has just been appointed as Justice of the Peace. I am now available to assist my community when JP services are required. Please phone for an appointment on 0275 263 137

Nicky Baker (Blackmount) has just been appointed as Justice of the Peace. I am now available to assist my community when JP services are required.

Please phone for an appointment on 0276 435 880



TUATAPERE COMMUNITY MEDICAL SERVICES TRUST AND WAIIAU HEALTH TRUST LTD

The AGM's for the above organisations which are responsible for providing health care services to Tuatapere and the surrounding district are upcoming in late August.

These organisations are community owned and operated and are run by boards of volunteers. Like so many of the other volunteer run organisations within this community we are struggling to fill positions. The lack of volunteers willing to step forward is extremely disappointing, especially given this is one of the most vital services within our community.

We have reached a critical point where a number of volunteers who have contributed greatly wish to step down. Should people not step forward to fill these positions this community runs the very real risk of losing their health care services, which is simply unacceptable and cannot be allowed to happen.

It is not a requirement to have any medical knowledge and whilst some business or governance skills are useful they are not essential.

We need people who are passionate about the community, strategic thinkers, with positive attitudes who can work in a team.

Is this you?

If you feel you are able to step up for our community please contact
Waiau Health Trust Board Chair, Lorelee Clarke on 021 888 415.



**Tuatapere Community
Medical Services Trust
And
Waiau Health Trust Ltd**

Annual General Meetings

Will be held on
Monday 24th August 2020
commencing at **7.00pm**
at the Daycare Services Room, Previously Maternity Hospital
69a Orawia Road
Tuatapere

Trustee nominations are invited for the Tuatapere Community Medical Services Trust.
We are also seeking expressions of interest for Directors of the Waiau Health Trust.
For both - **please apply in writing by 10th August 2020** to
PO Box 10, Tuatapere 9642 or email to kristy@tuataperemedical.co.nz

Councillor Report

George Harpur, Councillor

Hi and welcome to the Councillor's report for August.

We are all enjoying a great spell of weather, cold but that's where we love to live.

The sights around our area, in particular Te Wae Wae bay and over the Hump Ridge on a frosty clear morning are really worth getting about to see. It visualises the impact that our scenery has on current and future tourism. This should remind us all of the importance of promotion and planning for this exciting chapter in the yet to happen events in the Waiau Basin as our visitors slowly return to our area. We are all aware of the benefits the upgraded Hump Ridge Track should bring to this region and we must all vigorously promote and support new infrastructure in an effort to build and improve facilities in our area to cater for the influx. Your District Council (through Great South), your Community Board, Promotions Group and other organisations are all available for you to help out with or for assistance if you require it.

I was fortunate enough to visit some of our motivated businesses with a senior council staff member last week. They all stressed the importance of future planning and being ready for the future, in particular the Te Wae Wae bay coastal region and the lack of suitable accommodation. These issues are business orientated so we must encourage and promote these opportunities to the wider national commercial interests. Believe me, we and our children have a wonderful field of opportunities in the future of tourism and their associated activities and we must go forward with a positive and creative frame of mind.

I attended the meeting with Minister Shane Jones and found him to be a very good speaker and the funding he gave out to the various projects will have an impact on the future of the Southland Province. More to come hopefully.

Cheers for now!



Cancer Society Daffodil Day

Orepuki Quiz Night to be held at
Orepuki Tavern
Thursday 6th August at 7.30pm

Tuatapere Quiz Night to be held at
Waiau Town & Country Club
Monday 17th August at 7.30pm

Any donations for the Raffle table will be greatly appreciated.

Cake Stall Friday 28th August
at 10am Outside Tuatapere Four Square

Baking & Raffles. Any donations greatly appreciated.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CANCER SOCIETY

Contact Isobell Green (03) 226 6065



Waiau Star Rugby Club

The club would like to congratulate and thank long-serving club member Stephen Egerton on becoming a life member. Sam's contribution to the club has been in many capacities; including playing senior rugby for many years, serving as President of the club and an active committee member.

We wish to congratulate Wayne Todd on playing 300 senior games. A significant achievement and commitment to club rugby!

The rugby season is coming to an end and the club is grateful to all sponsors, parents and volunteers who have donated their time and energy to our whirlwind 2020 season. Thank you for making it happen.

Important Date!

14th August - Club Prizegiving



Senior Rugby Draw August

1/8/2020	Blues vs Waiau	Blues 3pm
8/8/2020	Waiau vs DLS	Waiau 3pm

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28 February

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Community outcomes

- a community that attracts businesses, people and visitors resulting in economic growth
- a healthy, safe and connected community with access to quality services and facilities
- a community that celebrates and protects its history and heritage

Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board Community Partnership Fund

Criteria

- funding requests must be for not-for-profit purposes
- community groups do not have to be a legal entity to apply, and individuals will be considered on a case by case basis
- preference will be given to projects that directly benefit the community board area and its residents
- there is no cap on the amount applicants can request
- applicants should be able to demonstrate some degree of self-fundraising towards their project, this will be assessed on a case-by-case basis
- for projects involving capital works, it is expected that the applicant provides two quotes for the works but if it is not possible to get more than one quote it will be expected that there is an explanation for this
- applicants will be invited to speak to the board about their funding request and project
- this criteria maybe reviewed by the Board as and when required

Any queries to:

Megan Seator
Community Liaison Officer
megan.seator@southlanddc.govt.nz

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The Country GP

A short story written by Anne Horrell

The following short story was written in the winter of 2006. I based the story (loosely) on Dr Eric Elder who served the Tuatapere community as the consummate country GP from 1938. He continued to practice for over 50 years and in that time delivered many of our present locals. My husband, Nicol, is one of 'Dr Elder's babies'. Dr Elder died in 1997 but shared memories of him continue ... he has become something of a 'legend'. I was fortunate enough to act alongside Dr Elder in some of our Waiau Community Theatre productions.

The old sedan was driven cautiously up the long shingled track. Stepping deliberately from the vehicle to open and shut gates at intervals, the tall figure quietly hummed a tune from the opera 'Carmen'. The farmhouse was in darkness, save one adjoining washhouse light. An inquisitive bark broke the silence in the still, frosty night.

The sleeping child stirred briefly at the gentle, reassuring touch of the skilled hand on his burning forehead. Being assured that no danger threatened this precious young life, a comforting rearrangement securing wayward blankets, and setting down a quick note for the weary parents, accompanied by a small bottle of amber fluid, the doctor left as soundlessly as he'd arrived.

Rural Southland- July 1953- manual telephone exchanges controlling a party line system; a few, mainly British cars; country rail and bus services; children walking, horse riding or biking to small schools providing multi-level teaching; evenings spent reading or listening to the wireless; home deliveries of grocery orders operating from a general store selling everything from groceries to clothing to hardware; local bakeries and cans of creamy milk from nearby dairy farms; meat safes, large vegetable gardens and home orchards; the farming of sheep and dairy, and some beef- and the local GP, based in a large house in the town, and nearby a surgery, where patients were seen, babies often delivered and sometimes an injured animal attended to.

'The Doctor' returns from his rounds. The streetlights in the quiet, dozing town shine on glistening pavements of frost and patches of ice. It's his favourite time of the day. It is close on midnight but sleep is far from his thoughts, as he settles himself carefully into his chair by the fire- residual embers radiating sufficient heat- conscious not to wake his wife and children. 'The Southland Times' continues to celebrate the conquering of Everest, photos still appear of a young queen recently crowned and the urgency surrounding the need for better roads in Southland is emphasised at a pre-sessional conference. The newspaper now aside, the doctor closes his eyes and indulges in the pure, restful sounds of Tchaikovsky's 'Andante Cantabile'. A frantic knock at the door rouses him from his reverie. Glancing at the clock on the mantelpiece and rising with ease he strides towards the beckoning call. "Doctor, are you there?"

Joe Briggs, a worker from one of the sawmills out of town, is recognised immediately and addressed in a soft, calm voice, "Is there a problem, Mr Briggs?" The doctor knows instinctively that it's to do with Joe's wife. Emma is pregnant with their seventh child and having seen the doctor only days before, he's aware that birth is imminent. Joe is obviously anxious that, unlike the other times, there's something seriously wrong. Although Emma had gone to bed that evening seemingly comfortable, she has woken with intense, crippling pain followed by profuse bleeding. Weak and nauseated, but insisting it will settle down, she has tried to reassure her husband who, alarmed and frightened by the blood flow and obvious pain, has bundled her up in the car anyway, seeking greater assistance than he can give. Hearing of the blood flow and concerned about the risks associated with anti-partum haemorrhaging, the doctor instructs Joe to first help him carry the now distressed woman into one of the surgery rooms used for deliveries- and then to collect the midwife, Mrs Eaves, who lives in a neighbouring street.

The doctor is quick to assess the situation. Lying Emma on her side with soothing words, then washing and adorning appropriate garb, he follows the process he knows he must to protect, as best he can, the life of this mother and of the unborn child. There is no time to take Emma to the base hospital which is well over an hour away; the baby must be delivered as soon as possible. Already the vital food and oxygen supply is waning as the placenta now fails to provide what the baby needs. However, in greater immediate harm is the life of this mother whose six children are at home, the 12 year old left taking responsibility for the care of the younger ones.

The midwife arrives and efficiently sets about arranging linen and blankets, preparing instruments and muttering pleasant reassurances to Emma, at the same time only too aware of the urgency required with this delivery. She listens attentively to the doctor's quiet but firm directions. "Sister, check blood pressure and temperature please." The doctor feels Emma's abdomen to identify the baby's position and then a closer examination to ascertain the distance the baby has travelled, if any, along the birth canal. The bleeding continues and Emma lapses in and out of consciousness, the pain all consuming. Joe, distraught at the cries and obvious agony experienced by his wife, buries his face in his hands and prays, a lonely figure in the cold hallway. To help with hydration and to try to increase energy, dextrose 5% is administered intravenously, along with pethidine to ease the pain.

Beads of sweat break out on the midwife's forehead and the doctor's mouth is set firm and resolute. The baby is not moving. The mother is too weary to push and yet, birth must take place soon to save both lives. The use of deep clamping forceps skilfully handled by the capable, steady hands eases the baby's head gently from beyond the cervix down through the birth canal. The midwife immediately takes the crying baby checking quickly that all is well, while the doctor now turns his full attention to the mother. She lies exhausted, still breathing laboriously, pale and listless.

The doctor checks that the placenta- now delivered- is complete, and that the uterus is beginning to close, reducing the chance of bleeding. It's concerning that Emma has slipped so low. She needs to stabilise until a vital blood supply is sent from the base hospital in Invercargill. In the meantime, to assist in settling down the blood loss, syntometrine is injected into the muscle and syntocinon administered through the intravenous drip. The next few hours are critical.

The baby - a boy, rests quietly, oblivious of the fuss surrounding his birth, and the midwife attends to the tidying and cleaning up, a little less anxious now that the baby, at least, is delivered and the haemorrhaging has eased. She's content to be busy with the practical, routine tasks. Joe is informed of his son's birth and the concern for Emma that still exists. However, he'll go home for now and return later in the morning by which time, a transfusion of compatible blood will hopefully have taken place. He knows his wife could die. He's heard of the danger of blood loss with birth. He feels helpless and alone. It's now 6am and the children will be waking preparing for school and the day ahead. He has to be reassuring about their mum who disappeared in the night, and tell them they have a new baby brother.

The doctor, having taken samples of blood to check the blood type and haemoglobin level, communicates with the base hospital so that the transfusion can occur as soon as possible. Emma lies in silence and is very still, appearing small and frail in the large iron bed against white crisp sheets. The doctor sits beside her, and will continue to be attentive and observant until he's assured she's out of danger. The doctor knows that his wife will already have become aware of the evening events and, as much as he would like to see his children before the day begins, he's reluctant to be far from his patient. The practice nurse and surgery receptionist are heard arriving and bustling about their duties. Before long, the surgery will echo to the sounds of mothers with babies, young children, and village folk catching up on news with each other.

He takes a brief moment to watch a small wax-eye scavenge for food in the wintry brown leaves under a weeping elm outside the window. He hums a tune softly and reflects on the evening passed and on the frailty, yet tenacity of life. Closing his eyes with weariness, the doctor thinks about the challenges ahead, but also the hope that a new day brings.





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Ratty Says ...

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Woohoo we got some new books at the Library!

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Anyone can read these books, you don't have to be dyslexic. We got five of them, brand new and just covered. Come in and check them out!



The Librarians want to know what you think of them so let me or one of the Librarians know.

The Dragon Slayer ones look really, really good, I can't wait to read all of them. They were even written by a Kiwi lady - cool! She sent them to me at the Library and I got to open them, I was so excited I nearly wet myself.

You can email me at: waltertrat@gmail.com

Hello from the Tuatapere Lions Club!

It is some time since we last told you of our club happenings. COVID-19 as you all know had a huge effect on everyone whether young or aged. It troubled our Lions Club and the biggie would be the cancelling of the Borland Youth Leadership Course set down for early April. The organisers of this course do hope it can be held next year.

The club's main fundraiser "our hay drive" was also delayed by a month. The main recipients of this project have been advertised. Due to COVID-19 the format of the hay was changed & we hope the farmers who gave so generously understood why.

Our new Ambulance Shed beside the Medical Rooms is very close to being started. The amount of what appeared to the building committee to be unnecessary red tape has finally been resolved. The housing of the ambulance beside the medical centre will be a long held wish of both parties. The Tuatapere Lions Club is one of the only organisations in New Zealand to offer a free service so if you are new to the area and for what ever reason you have to call our Ambulance the account you receive will be paid for.

The club members meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Pipe Band Hall at 7pm for tea. Recently the club has bought and installed in the above hall, two new ranges plus new curtains for the windows.

We welcome prospective members! Please feel free to contact the President, Secretary or any Lions Member.

President: Jimmy Harris (03) 226 6507

Secretary: Maurice Green (03) 226 6065



Thank you

A Piece of History

Poem by Des Williams

Put Our Templetons Up the Pole!

Templeton brothers ventured west of the Waiau
In the distant year of Eighteen eighty-nine
Their mission, to establish the first trading post
Where Te Waewae Bay rollers smash the shoreline

They raised their first tent at Breakfast Creek
For prospectors and miners travelling that way
Bound for Preservation and Wilson's River
Fortune-seekers after elusive gold 'colour' display

Farmers and shepherds came seeking good land
All hopeful of finding new grazing for sheep
The Templetons provided their stores and supplies
But the bush clad hills were too rugged and steep

Still business prospered; they moved to the mouth
Where the mighty Waiau collides with the sea
More settlers and farmers claimed coastal land
With Papatotara looking bound for prosperity

When Ryan's Island became Drummond's Ferry
And a safe crossing place to the final frontier
The brothers established a store on the west bank
Showing fondness for hole in the bush atmosphere

Then in Nineteen-O-three the Templetons moved on
Having sold shops and business to Charlie Sneyd
But they petitioned the Post Office before departing
Showing foresight in nurturing their foundation seed!

Perhaps someday the Templeton name will appear
On a road or street sign, keeping historic deeds alive
Their pioneering influence should not be forgotten
Take Half-mile down and raise Templeton Drive!

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The approximate
sequence for
James and William
Templeton establishing
the first stores in the
Tuatapere district
is

Breakfast [Camerons]
Creek tent 1889;
Waiau River mouth tent
c1895; Drummond's Ferry
west bank 1898 (adjacent
to and some years prior
to the original Angler's
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Drummond's Ferry east
bank
(in vicinity of Boundary
Creek bridge) some time
prior to 1903 when the
business was sold to
Charles Sneyd.

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Welcome to the August Edition
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Kia ora, Bula, Namaskaram, Habari and Welcome to "What's Happening?" at Hauroko Valley Primary School!
We wish Happy School Days to Mac and welcome the Cochrane Family to H.V.P.
We also extend a warm HVP welcome to Mac, Finn, Noah and their whanau.

Term 3 kicks off with our Year 7&8 students attending **Technology** with sessions in soft or hard materials. We look forward to seeing their designs come to fruition at the end of the week. Next week our Year 5-8 students engage in **Science** with Dr Sue Galloway. They are immersed in learning with a mix of theory and practical experiments across Science Strands including Chemistry and Physics.

Our focus for **Writing** in Year 5-8 is speech writing as we prepare these for presentation in Week 3. Students are choosing to inform, persuade and/or entertain you with originality in their choice of topic. Each August we look forward to participating in New Zealand **Maths** Week. There are a range of maths activities that can be completed at home and school, so lots of fun for the whole family!

Our Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 Hauroko Valley hockey teams and Year 7&8 Western **hockey** Team continue their weekly inter-school games in the Invercargill Hockey Competition. Thanks to our Coaches and Managers for their expertise to support skill development and teamwork - Nic Mitchell, Nathan Parris, Jono Breach, Ginny Cowie, Sheryl Horrell and Libby Carran. All the best for upcoming games this Term.

Hauroko Valley is proud to be registered to take part in the campaign - **Buy A Brick For Blair**. The Vining family have been part of our HVP School Community and this is an opportunity to support Blair's legacy and the campaign Melissa, Lilly and Della are leading to build The Southland Charity Hospital. We are gearing up for Friday 31st July with a mufti day wearing red, white and black (the colours of the Blair Vining Sports Foundation). Please bring some coin to chip in for a brick. More information available - www.buyabrick.co.nz

Please follow us to keep up to date via our facebook page or weekly school newsletter. Until next time.
Nga mihi nui, Julia Waikato - Principal/Tumuaki

Photo credit to Nicole Wallace

HVP Cross Country 2020



July - Parent-Teacher Interviews, Year 7&8 Technology at Winton,
Year 5-8 REAP Science, Kowhai & Matai Inquiry Learning Trip to Te Anau
August - New Zealand Maths Week, Poetry Recitals & Speeches, HVP Ski Trip

Term 3 Events

Always Our Best/Tonu to tatou pai

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.

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The top picture is of Matua Joe who teaches, alongside the staff, Te Reo. He also works with Mrs Redhead with Kapa Haka. Matua Joe comes in once a week for the whole day taking classes & extension groups.

Post-COVID and how well is WAS progressing?

- Our NCEA students are on track and have been provided additional support. The specialist teachers provided more contact time during Term Two and this was 'above and beyond' what was expected of their timetable. Many thanks to the students and staff concerned for their commitment.
- Our attendance is at 91% and all families are back.
- All equipment that was provided during lockdown was returned without an issue. All MOE provided laptops and modems are still being held by the school as per the agreement.
- The wellbeing of students and staff will continue to be monitored. Unemployment amongst our families hasn't been a major issue to date, however, the school will still be mindful of individual circumstances.
- Sporting, cultural and extra-curricular activities are back on the calendar. We're looking forward to speeches comp, cadets programme, skiing & our Area Schools tournament.
- Academic levels in Years 1-10: To be fair there has been a need to work even harder to support student achievement, especially amongst the boys. 55% of our students' achievement levels were not affected by COVID. Additional programmes in reading, writing and maths continue during Term Three.
- Strategic schoolwide goals covering; communication, strengthening partnerships, quality teaching, monitoring and evaluating continued progress, strengthening school systems and growing leadership across the school continue to develop. The good aspect about WAS is its positive sustainability over the last five years. Systems, teaching and learning, student behaviour and partnerships have gone from strength to strength and now it's a matter of maintaining this momentum. As principal, I'm very proud of WAS' efforts and the way it's tracking. We are aware we need to improve in

several areas and rest assured that will occur. On a personal note, as a parent, I'm very thankful to the staff for the efforts they put in to ensure my daughter is achieving at her respective NCEA level. I know other parents are equally proud too.

How well is the building project tracking to date?

- Some pictures are attached on the progress to date. The two Tech Block toilets (out the back) have been decommissioned and once renovated, will become outbreak spaces for students and staff to use.
- The hall bearers have been replaced and strengthened. The roof has been completed. All windows and doors have been replaced with double glazing and up-to-date fire exit doors. The stage and sides have been polyurethaned, the lino and carpet tiles are down, autex (on high parts for acoustic) is completed and now it's a matter of the weatherboards to be replaced and painted.
- Science lab and outbreak rooms in C Block are work in progress. The building team has around ten men on the job and hopefully fingers crossed C Block will be completed by the year ending. B Block (primary area) will have their toilet upgrade project started on in early August. The boiler roof and surrounding rooms upgrade will start in September with the gym upgrade to follow.
- The BOT & I will continue to monitor progress. We are very happy with the way the work is going. The BOT & staff acknowledge WAS has been extremely fortunate receiving the funding.

Please feel free to pop in to see us all. Keep warm and take care. Ngā Mihi Andrew PB

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- 1 onion, diced
- 600 g pumpkin (weigh after peeling & deseeding)
- 3 garlic gloves
- ¼ cup dry white wine
- 3 ½ cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 2 tbsp sage leaves, roughly chopped
- ½ cup parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper



Method

Preheat oven to 180°C.

Melt 20g of the butter in a large ovenproof pan.

Add garlic and onion and cook until onion is translucent.

Add chopped sage and cook for 1 minute.

Add the rice and stir so all the rice is coated in butter.

Add white wine and cook until the liquid evaporates.

Add pumpkin and stock, stir and let the liquid heat up.

Put the lid on and place in the oven for 25mins.

Add remaining butter, parmesan cheese and salt and pepper.

Stir vigorously until the pumpkin turns into a puree and blends into the risotto.

Spoon into serving bowls.

Garnish with parmesan cheese.

I like to add some crispy bacon or cooked chicken.

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We have recently increased our fees for consultations and several procedures with the GP, NP and the nurses. Should you wish to view our fee schedule - there is a current one on the noticeboard in the waiting room.

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Commencing Sunday 16th August we will be hosting a local pool competition each week. \$10 entry fee with some great prizes and raffles. Play will start at 2pm so come along and join in the fun.

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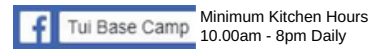
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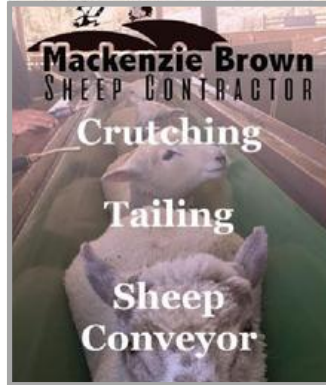
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