



WESTERN Wanderer

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Issue 243

At a glance ... what events are on this month?

APRIL 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Second Hand PopUp Shop TPC Main Rd 2-4pm	2 Second Hand PopUp Shop TPC Main Rd 10-2pm	3 Chess! 2-4pm Last Light Lodge
4	5	6	7	8 Second Hand PopUp Shop TPC Main Rd 2-4pm	9 Second Hand PopUp Shop & MARKET DAY 10-2pm TPC Main Rd	10 Chess! 2-4pm Last Light Lodge Western Southland Gun Club Duck Shooters Shoot 10am Pukemaori Grounds
11	12	13	14 End of Term 1	15 Ecumenical Easter Service 10am Presbyterian Church Tuatapere - Main Rd Good Friday	16	17 Easter Sunday Chess! 2-4pm Last Light Lodge Easter Egg Hunt WTCC 2pm
18 Easter Monday	19 Southland Anniversary Day	20 Deadline for next issue content Tuatapere & Districts Promotions Inc Committee Meeting 7:30pm WTCC	21	22 Second Hand PopUp Shop TPC Main Rd 10-2pm	23 Second Hand PopUp Shop TPC Main Rd 10-2pm	24 Chess! 2-4pm Last Light Lodge Meridian's Power Up Community Fund Applications close at Midnight
25 ANZAC Day	26	27	28	29 Second Hand PopUp Shop TPC Main Rd 2-4pm	30 Second Hand PopUp Shop TPC Main Rd 10-2pm Tuatapere Amenities Trust Funding Applications Close	1 Chess! 2-4pm Last Light Lodge
2 Term 2 starts		<i>Coming up ...</i>	Tuatapere Lion's 30th Annual Hay Drive Friday 10 June 2022	Southland Multicultural Food Festival 2022 9 July ILT Stadium		

Special thanks to



SEE INSIDE FOR MORE DETAILS!
Want your event here? Let us know at yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES & EVENTS

HANDY PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY

POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE: **111**



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Waitangi Day Hospice Golf Tournament

Lynette Chambers

The Tuatapere Golf Club once again hosted the annual Waitangi Day Hospice Charity Tournament which was run under Covid restrictions, limiting the numbers to 40 teams.

Southland Clubs who attended were very supportive, enjoying the fine weather and scenic surroundings, willingly participating in the Party Hole and giving generously to raffles and auctions.

The winners on the day, after being substituted on the day for a team that cancelled, were

Janet & Brent Anderson from Winton.

Many thanks must go to the Tuatapere Lions Club who supplied and cooked the BBQ. This event would not be the success that it is without the help and support from not only our local businesses and community but from many business throughout Southland and Otago. Many of these businesses have been loyal supporters since the tournament began and next year we will have the honour of celebrating 40 years of hosting this charity tournament, with all proceeds given to Southland Hospice.

This year we are excited to announce that we will be donating a record \$9400 to the Hospice.

Thank you to everybody who made this day a success.



DUCKSHOOTERS SHOOT



WESTERN SOUTHLAND GUN CLUB

PUKEMAORI GROUNDS

SUNDAY 10TH APRIL 11.00 AM START

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60 TARGETS – SPORTING CLAYS

ENTRY \$45 AMMO \$13 (FIREARMS LICENCE REQUIRED)

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BBQ LUNCH AVAILABLE

GOOD PRIZE FOR DRAWN SCORE

ANY ENQUIRES

CONTACT DES CHAMBERS

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Firewood for Sale

Tuatapere Golf Club Fundraiser



For more information please contact:

Phil (03) 226 6570 or Rohan 021 332 153

TUATAPERE ENVELOPES

Envelopes printed with the
“Tuatapere on Natures Edge” Logo can be
purchased at Country Corner Craft Shop
1A Orawia Road Cost \$3.00 per 10



Tuatapere Community Pool Needs You!

The Tuatapere Community Pool is an incredibly well utilised community asset, but it is run by a very small number of people.

At the AGM to be held August 2022 our president is standing down and some of the current duties of committee members need to be split up.

Please think about what you can do to help out and step up.

If we don't have a president and some more committee members the pool will not open next season.



Tuatapere Community Pool
is closing for the
2021-22 season on

Sunday 10th April 2022 at 10pm

**Keys will be deactivated
Thanks for a great season!**



We Want Your Photos!

Share your local area snaps with us via
Instagram or to the
"This is Tuatapere" Facebook page and tag
them with **#yourwesternwanderer** OR
email us a copy to
yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com



*Please ensure your photo is
landscape size*



We'll choose one each month to feature on
the cover of the Western Wanderer!

COMMUNITY NOTICES & EVENTS

A Time To Celebrate Hope

We live in uncertain times
We have lived through uncertain times
Now is the time for thankfulness

ECUMENICAL EASTER SERVICE

At - Presbyterian Church Tuatapere
When - Friday 15 April – Good Friday
Time - 10 am

All Welcome on that special day

Questions – please contact

Lynley on 027 2974 767

Tuatapere Presbyterian Church

Has it been a trying week?

Is life a bit of a struggle?

Have things not quite gone your way?

Need somewhere to reflect and rest
your mind?

Need to 'take a breath'?

How about joining with us
for a time of quiet fellowship
on Sundays at 10.30 am
at the

Tuatapere Presbyterian Church

A time to be, to reflect and refresh
There is a children's time where they
can be in their own space too.

All are welcome to join us

Make new friendships,
create new moments

Need to know more?

Phone or message

Lynley on 027 297 4767

COMMUNITY NOTICES & EVENTS

CHESS!

Who is keen for a game or to learn?

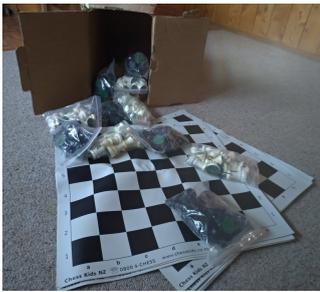


Craig at Last Light Lodge has offered an outdoor all weather venue outside his restaurant for us to play between 2 and 4pm on Sundays, starting Sunday 27th March. We have 10 chess sets.

Coffees, drinks, and cookies available for purchase.

I (Dylan) am able and keen to teach and coach anyone who wants to learn or improve their game - all ages - that's the beauty of this great game!

Gold coin donation appreciated to help pay for the sets. See you Sundays, just turn up, no need to register or anything!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR LOCAL CONTRIBUTORS!

Are you interested in being a regular or semi-regular contributor of content for the Western Wanderer?

We're looking for people who would like to provide a short article/piece of reading for each monthly issue.

(It doesn't have to be every month - we can be flexible!)

Get in touch with us at yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com

or drop a note in the mailbox at 18 Orawia Rd, Tuatapere.

COACHES + MANAGERS NEEDED!

Waiau Star Rugby Club Senior Team are looking for expressions of interest from Coaches and/or Managers for the 2022 season. We have a young, enthusiastic team, showing good signs with both development and dedication.

If you are interested, please contact:

Blayne 027 631 7273 or Pete 027 520 2753



TUATAPERE AMBULANCE

Did YOU Know?

The Tuatapere Ambulance is a funded service by the Tuatapere Lions Club, for the residents of Tuatapere & Districts.

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**



Sometimes we experience 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**

WESTERN SOUTHLAND HEALTH SHUTTLE

The Western Southland Health Shuttle Service travels 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.

TUATAPERE VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

We're on the lookout for members to join this 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.



POP UP SHOP

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Friday 2pm to 4pm

Saturday 10am to 2pm

Tuatapere Presbyterian Church Hall, Main Road, Tuatapere. Stay a while and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and something to eat. **Everyone welcome.**

**THE SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON
GOOD FRIDAY 15TH AND EASTER SATURDAY 16TH**

Donations of items always gratefully received.
Contact Carol Diack 021 110 1835

MARKET DAY

Stalls of craft and other goods
Held in conjunction with the POP UP SHOP

Every 3rd Saturday of the month from 10am to 2pm

Tuatapere Presbyterian Church Hall, Main Road, Tuatapere. Stay a while and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and something to eat. **Everyone welcome.**

DUE TO EASTER PLEASE NOTE

**THIS MONTH THE MARKET WILL BE HELD ON
THE 2nd SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - THE 9TH.**

To book a table or any queries please phone or text
Carol Diack 021 110 1835

**Get your car washed, dried and windows cleaned
Price arranged on request!**

Contact: Rex Hibbs Flat 1/26 Orawia Rd, Tuatapere

ADDRESS NUMBER PLAQUES

Address number plaques can now be ordered through the Tuatapere Community Worker Support Trust. These can be clearly seen anywhere day or night. The number plaques are for properties. Each number must be specific and correct for this purpose. To order please call Keri Potter 027 757 5983



NEED A JP?



The following Justices are available by appointment:

Tuatapere

Keri Potter 027 526 3137
Donald Egerton 027 432 5407

Te Waewae Bay

Shirley Whyte 027 504 5220

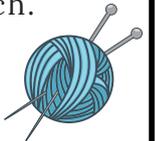
Blackmount

Nicky Baker 0276435880

WESTERN SOUTHLAND WOOLCRAFT GROUP



Spinning, Felt, Weaving, Knitting, Crochet. Other crafts welcome!
1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month.
10am - 3pm. \$3. BYO Lunch.
Scout Den, Erskine Street.
For details please contact:
Helen Todd 022 103 9327



TUATAPERE & DISTRICTS LIONS CLUB PROJECT



SUPER DIRT

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TUATAPERE COMMUNITY WORKER

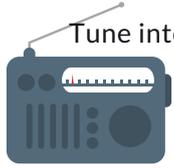
Room 5 Medical Centre
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Monday - Thursday 10am to 3pm

Keri Potter 027 757 5983

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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

TUATAPERE AMENITIES TRUST

Application Forms for the 2022 year funding will be available from February 1, 2022 at the Tuatapere Service Station, Chambers Repair Services and Tuatapere Outdoors & Hardware

Completed Application Forms need to be submitted by 30 April, 2022.

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

WAIAU SQUASH 2022

We hope to have two women's teams and two men's teams in the local Western Southland competition.



We are always looking for new members so please contacted Rebecca or Sam if you are interested.

Squash is a great way to keep fit over the winter, and socialise with some like-minded people!

Family/social keys are also available.

Contact: Sam Egerton **027 250 5477**

Rebecca Robertson **027 424 6129**

INDOOR BOWLS

The Indoor Bowls season is underway and the Waiiau Indoor Bowling club is desperately needing players to avoid closing down.

We have practice nights on Mondays 7.30pm with competition games Thursdays 7.30pm

Young players are welcome to join with training/coaching provided.

If you'd like to join or know any who is please email jessejculbertson@icloud.com

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**

SALVATION ARMY FAMILY STORE TRUCK

The Salvation Army Family Store Truck will come out and collect large amounts of your pre-loved furniture & other household items. This service is free. Please call the store to organise your visit on **03 214 5380**



TUATAPERE HEALTH & GIFT SHOP - Riverton Pharmacy

SHOP HOURS

Opening time: 12.00pm.

1st prescription drop from 12.30pm daily.

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



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.

Want to volunteer your time & 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 the ladies below to open it for you.

Louise Greber (03) 668 6001 or **Lyla Sherriff (03) 226 6187**

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS / SPORTING CODES ETC

It's free to advertise your local group, sporting team/code in the Western Wanderer.

If you want to share the results of a game and/or tournament or celebrate the achievements of a team member or player - we can print that too!

Just drop us a note to: yourwesternwanderer@gmail.com by the 20th of the month prior and we'll also add any event notices to the Community Noticeboard for the next issue!

WAIAU VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services for all ages! Every Sunday at 10.30am.
Tuatapere Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Tuatapere.
All welcome to join us.

TUATAPERE PLAYGROUP

23B Orawia Road. Friday Playgroup 9am - 12pm

Children's morning tea is a packed lunchbox from home at Playgroup (as opposed to a shared morning tea).

Any queries please contact:

Gemma Bennett 022 040 3368 Alice Harris 027 270 0363

CLIFDEN PLAYGROUP

Due to low attendance & increasing covid case numbers in Southland Clifden Playgroup has been postponed for the rest of the term.

Any queries to: Sarah 027 699 5234

TUATAPERE TOY LIBRARY

Tuatapere Toy Library has been a toy swap/hire service provided to the young families of Tuatapere and surrounding districts since 1989.

The purpose is to create opportunities for the little people of our community to have accessibility to toys. A small contribution of an annual membership allows families to join the group and have access to the toys. For more information or questions please text or ring **Nathalie Pahl** on 027 4759 075



WAIAU MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Hours: Fridays

10:00am - 11:30am

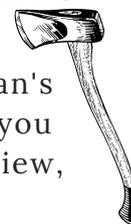
2:30pm - 4:00pm

7:00pm - 8:00pm



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.



TUATAPERE & DISTRICTS PROMOTIONS INC

We are always interested in hearing new ideas and seeing new faces. Everybody is welcome!

We meet at the
Waiau Town & Country Club,
3rd Wednesday of the month
at 7pm!

Contact Paula: 027 4346 777

Our Next Meeting:
Wednesday 20 April 2022



SOUTHLAND COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

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IN & AROUND THE COMMUNITY

The Roar - Shoot the Hinds!

Lindsay Youngman

Hunters often ponder why stags do and don't 'roar'. We hear all sorts of theories about why stags don't roar: too hot, too dry, too late, too early, the wrong moon. The reality is that if the stags don't roar very well on a hunting block, chances are there is probably a problem with herd structure. Herd structure is one of the most important aspects of game management – one that has a huge influence on rutting activity/intensity, reproductive output, environmental impact, and general herd performance.

What is 'herd structure'? Here's the simple answer – it is the relative proportions of the different age and sex classes of animal in a game population. Most game animals are born in equal proportions of male and female. The potential life expectancy of individuals in most game species is 10–15 years, the survival or mortality of different individuals might include:

- Climatic events (e.g., drought, snow, floods)
- Land or habitat management activities (e.g., fire and pest control)
- Habitat quality (there is not much to eat in a hollowed-out beech forest!)
- Predators (e.g., dogs)
- Geological events (e.g., eruptions, earthquakes)
- Hunting/harvest

Without a doubt, the biggest influence on a deer herd is human hunting activity. Stags and hinds might be born equal, but once human harvest regimes kick in, their relative proportions change dramatically year on year. Hunting influence might include: commercial Wild Animal Recovery Operations (WARO), Department of Conservation funded culling, aerial assisted trophy hunting, and recreational hunting, or any mix of all four.

Young stags (Spikers especially) are vulnerable after being "kicked" off by mum in the spring. Additional to this, is a result of the heavy harvest selection of immature stags every rut by recreational hunters that rush so readily and carelessly into a hunter's roar. It's not hard to see why most wild New Zealand deer herds have herd structures characterised by an absence of mature (6+) stags – dead stags don't grow. The result is sex ratios that heavily favour females: 65 females to 35 males for every 100 deer.

8 Because the intensity of rutting behaviour is governed

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Project Email: Contact the project team at any time to ask questions or to be added to the distribution list to receive these newsletters:

HumpRidgeGWP@doc.govt.nz

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WANTED BY THE POP UP SHOP

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by the level of competition between males, the 'roar' tends to be very poor under such situations. A few adult males sharing lots of females does not result in particularly exciting roar hunting. More poor young stags also get to pass on their genes. Trophy production is also limited, since so few males reach trophy age classes.

Far too many hunters feel they should not shoot hinds and that stag-only harvesting will take them to some sort of hunting El Dorado. Nothing could be further from the truth. Protecting hinds only makes sense when deer are at very low densities and there is a desire to increase the population. June to October on most New Zealand forest and mountain land should see female game animals getting hammered. There are more deer in New Zealand today than at any time in my 45-year-hunting-career. Continuing to protect females and allowing herds to grow to unsustainable levels will only result in agencies like DOC or Regional Councils stepping in and taking their own action. That action might not be in the best interests of hunters or hunting. Remember the thar issue?

Have a think about what influences your deer herd. Maybe it is suffering from poor herd structure? How many hinds were there? Were they fat? How cleaned out was the bush? Maybe your harvest selections could start to change a little to help those situations? If everyone made a small change, what a difference – biologically – we could all make.

Food for thought ...

Bar Room Brawl – Roar Analogy

Imagine there's an old pub in the country on a Friday arvo with two females having a drink while feeling good and looking good. Then 20 blokes walk in who have just finished a hard day's sheering and are thirsty for a beer. After a few beers the shearers start making moves on the girls. The guys get scrappy over them and before you know it, there's an all out brawl between the guys to take one of these ladies home. Funnily enough, this is how a well managed herd structure should perform.

But say the Kiwi Express pulls up and about 40 female tourists come into the bar. All of a sudden these blokes have more females than they know what to do with. So there's really no need for a brawl to win over the ladies. Although these guys are pretty happy with the situation, this is what bad herd structure would look like for deer. And just like the country shearers, the stags may not be as active and loud during the roar.

Be careful out there.

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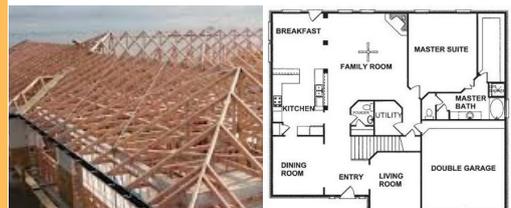
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Be Aware of the Whats App Scam

NZ Police



NZ Police want to warn people to be wary of a WhatsApp scam circulating at the moment.

In this case scammers use WhatsApp to impersonate family members or friends in difficulty and in particular need of money.

This type of scam has evolved from fraudsters impersonating a bank, Police or a government agency.

Victims of this scam have received a message from an unknown number, claiming to be a loved one who has just lost their phone and got a replacement.

The scammer then attempts to obtain the victim's credit card information.

These kinds of scams run constantly and while most people will not respond or buy into them, some people are more vulnerable.

We urge people to have conversations with vulnerable or elderly family members, to help ensure they are aware of the tactics often used by scammers and don't become victims.

Please remember that a bank, Police, or a government agency will never contact you out of the blue and ask for your password, credit card or bank details.

Police's message on scams like this is simple – do not engage with anyone on the phone, and if you think you are being scammed report the incident immediately.

If you are in doubt as to a person's legitimacy ask if you can call them back, or if they are claiming to be a family member or friend ask them a personal question – for example their date of birth, maiden name, pet name or name of a sibling.

Anyone who believes they are a victim of a scam, in person, over the phone or online, should immediately report it to their bank, and then to their local Police.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR ARTICLES, NOTICES, OR UPDATED ADVERTS FOR THE WESTERN WANDERER

SENT IN BY

20th of April
(for the May Issue)

SEND TO:

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For the April Western Wanderer Edition we have some students from Team Totara featuring with our latest learning. Thanks to Sienna for updating us on our School Values. Lucy gives us the low-down on Hauroko Valley Primary Clubs with a blurb from Jonty for Cricket.

Students in each class have been talking about what our new school values look like in action. Here is Sienna's thinking:

Hauora/Well being - looking after our belongings, keeping ourselves hydrated by filling water bottles, having filled lunch boxes with morning tea, fruit/veg and lunch. Keeping ourselves safe by wearing masks and hi-vis vests for bus children. Finally but most importantly looking out for each other.

Village/Kainga - our friends help us learn by encouraging us, playing with us which makes us happy. Our family support us with homework at home and making sure we get to school and of course for Education Outside the Classroom experiences.

Perseverance/Te manawanui - never give up so keep on trying with school work. Try your hardest and when you get knocked down (e.g: you don't do as well as you wanted) you try again. Push yourself to try new things, work with different people and set goals to challenge yourself.

Success/Whakatutuki - Achieve goals that have been set. Participate in opportunities.

Take time to share with others and to celebrate your own and others achievements.

Congratulations to Kowhai Class who with Miss Vaughan's guidance entered the 'Design a Dream Vehicle' challenge as part of More FM's competition with the support of The Bill Richardson Museum. They designed a vehicle to transport all of Kowhai to visit the albatross colony which is part of their Inquiry Learning. Students worked collaboratively utilising the loose parts shed with a phenomenal outcome! Congratulations to these clever innovators who have won an opportunity to visit the Bill Richardson Museum, have their work featured and also a lunch shout!

Hauroko Valley Primary Year 4-8 students have been engaging in a variety of Clubs each Thursday afternoon. We thank our parent helpers who make this possible including Jason, Danyon, Kate, Nic, Jeremy and Chris. Crossfit - have been biking around the school along with sets of burpees, sit ups, push ups and moving bricks, all while listening to music! Baking - we've baked lolly cake, fruit salad and brownie - YUM! Beauty - students have learnt how to curl and braid hair. We experimented with face masks including cucumber to moisturise around the eyes and to reduce bags. Cricket - we've been working on catching and throwing drills and practicing bowling straight and accurately. Everyone just like the time to have fun, learning new skills or knowledge while enjoying Clubs. We would love to continue this throughout the year - so if you are available to help us on Thursday afternoons, please get in touch.

Enjoy the Easter Holiday Break with whanau and friends, we look forward to catching up in two weeks!

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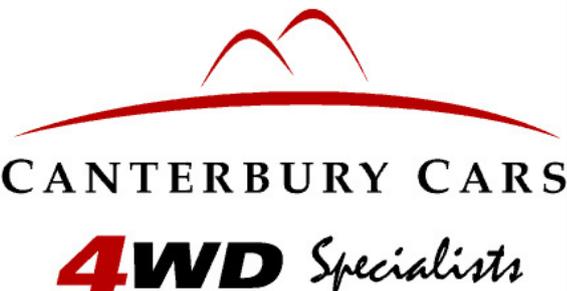
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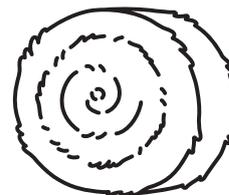


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The Hay and Baleage will be auctioned during the afternoon. The recipients of the day's profits are Hospice Southland, Tuatapere Free Ambulance Services, Education Fund within the Community.

We are at present contacting all farmers with Pit Silage and a local Lion Member will be in contact with those farmers shortly. If we miss someone please contact **Charlie Copeland 027 669 1529**
Entry for this competition will be \$95.00 + GST of which 100% will go to the nominated charities.

Those entering this section of the competition have a chance of winning a generous major Prize. You are almost guaranteed to collect a spot prize as long as you are present on the day.
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One entry comprises of:

- 8 small bales per entry or
- 1 large hay bale or
- 1 bale of baleage
- 1 entry silage (pre judged)

Donations of straw will be gratefully received.

A Lions Member will contact farmers approximately 1 week prior to the competition.

The auction of entries will be mid afternoon.

We hope to sell 200 bales baleage, 200 conventional bales and 50 large bales of hay.

This year we have several new sponsors as well as more demonstrations of ALL the new motorbikes and some new 4 x 4 Utes. Farm machinery items will be on display.

Several competitions during the day include:

- The Best Swede)
- Best Fodder Beet) Generous prizes for each section
- The Best Turnip)
- The Best Chou
- Guess the weight of a bale of baleage

The Lions Club will be providing food and refreshments at a very reasonable cost. You are all invited to turn up early and participate in the scrumptious light meal that will be available at lunch time.

We will acknowledge the generosity of our sponsors prior, during and after the competition.

With over 100 sponsors for our competition day, we have a fantastic prize list.

We remind people that they **MUST be present at prize giving** to participate in the "spot" prizes at the conclusion of the major presentations.

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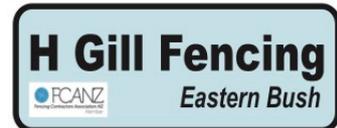
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We really want to say a big THANK YOU to our sponsors that stuck with us even though our major fundraising event couldn't go ahead this year. Your support is hugely appreciated!

Hauroko Valley Primary School Home and School Committee



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Greetings from Room 1

What a jam packed, fun term we have had so far - its hard to believe it is almost over!

Some highlights have included swimming lessons with Johnson Waters and celebrating NZ Sea Week with a variety of awesome activities. We have been having weekly art lessons with Mrs Wilson and music lessons with Mrs Redhead both qualified teachers in their field - how lucky are we! We have been zooming along in our learning and making awesome progress! We cant wait to see what awesome things next term brings!



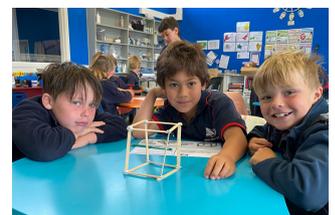
Greetings from Room 2

Time sure does fly by! It's nearly the end of Term 1 already. Our class has been having a ball engaging in lots of new learning. Some of our highlights have been learning about the wider world, geometry, and swimming. There's also the Pounwea camp to look forward too!!

This term Room 2 has been learning about New Zealand and the World. We've been creating Flipbooks in class to share the knowledge we've gained from our research of different countries so that we can share it within our school.



We've been Learning about 3-D shapes and their properties, such as edges, vertices, and faces by creating our own 3-D shapes out of popsicle sticks and bluetac.

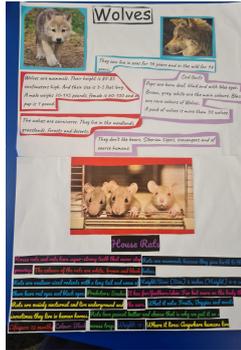


Greetings from Room 3

Wow! It is crazy to think that we are drawing to the end of term 1, and what a busy, fun packed time it has been with lots of mahi. Below are some highlights! Our beautiful class treaty to the right is one of them.



Room 3 are becoming Chromebook wizards thanks to our weekly STEAM Lab sessions. Our confidence and curiosity is increasing as we explore new websites that can aid our learning. We have also been using Chromebooks to do lots of research.



We have absorbed ourselves in the Chapter Chat book "Front Desk" which has inspired so many rich discussions and artwork.

We have also been making the most of the lovely Southland summer and have spent many afternoons outside playing T-Ball and Cricket.

Greetings from Room 4



Room 4 has been looking at the history of New Zealand. We have started at time of Gondwana Land and studied through to The NZ Land wars. It has been very interesting topic.



Our next topic is WW2. We have started looking at who were our Allies and our Foes. We will be looking at everyone's role in the war, not just the soldiers.



Technology has started this term and we have split the class into two groups. Mr McNabb has taken woodwork and Mrs PB and Miss R have taken sewing.

We have had so much fun trying not to run over our fingers with the sewing machine. We have a cushion to show you and the fold down seat that students are making.

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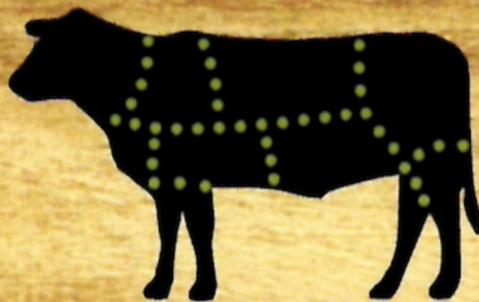


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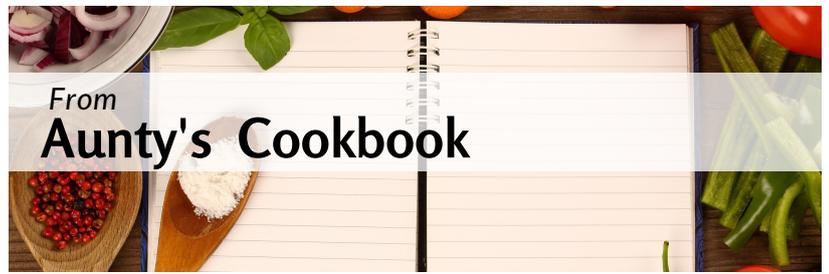
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Quiche

Ingredients

- 2 medium courgettes, sliced 1cm thick
- 2 capsicums, cored and cut into 3cm pieces
- 1 punnet cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 6 large eggs
- 1 leek, finely chopped
- ½ cup self-raising flour
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1½ cups grated cheese
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped Rosemary or Thyme
- ¾ cup cream or sour cream
- 1 heaped tablespoon Dijon mustard
- ½ cup chopped fresh herbs (basil, parsley, sage, chives)
- 25g butter



Method

Preheat oven to 200°C.

Line a baking tray with baking paper.

Toss courgettes, capsicums and cherry tomatoes with olive oil on lined tray. Season with salt and pepper. Roast for about 25 minutes until lightly browned.

While vegetables are roasting, prepare filling. Grease a 21-23cm round baking dish with baking paper. Heat butter in a large frying pan on medium heat. Cook leek and onion for 6-8 minutes until softened. Add garlic and rosemary/ thyme and continue cooking for a further 2 minutes.

Use a fork to whisk together eggs, cream. Mustard and herbs in a large mixing bowl. Stir in cooked leek and onion.

Sift in flour and stir with fork until just combined. Gently stir in cooked vegetables and cheese.

Pour into prepared dish and bake for 25-35 minutes or until puffed up, golden brown and set.

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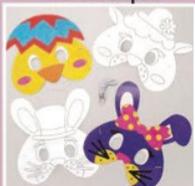
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One of the first obstacles to overcome was a series of ancient wooden viaducts created in the 1920's to exploit the Rimu forests of Western Southland. The main structures were built of Australian hardwoods and had withstood the tests of time, wind and rain. However, the top decking was made out of less durable timbers, and had all but rotted away.

The single row of nails which held the planking to the main structure indicated where it was moderately safe to tread, if you wanted to cross. The stream bed below the most impressive viaduct, the Percy Burn, is a dizzying 135 feet to the top and is recognised as the highest wooden structure in the world.

The gulches the bridges span are narrow and sheer walled and very difficult to climb in and out of, so a crossing is the first priority. There are four of these amazing viaducts to get across.

The first three were negotiated successfully, however the last one, the Francis Burn, had a tree blocking the far end. At the end of a long day, and with night approaching, Peter stepped out onto the rotten decking, and immediately fell through, catching his elbows to save himself. I grabbed at his arms as he fell further, and there he was left hanging at arms' length in a very vulnerable position. After several attempts at pulling Peter up through the hole he had made we found that his old

wooden farmed pack, with its large side pockets was preventing his retrieval.

We argued strenuously with him and urgently too, to be permitted to cut the straps and free him.

Now if you know Peter, you will be aware that he does have a part of his nature that could be described as determined - or stubborn - or perhaps even bullheaded? Or maybe the pack was borrowed or was a family heirloom? Whatever the reason Peter was adamant that the pack could not be harmed just to save him. The only solution that we could then see was to lower him to full arm's length, let one arm go, let him disengage from the pack strap, reach back up, and repeat the procedure with the other arm.

This way we did indeed save the pack unfortunately we lost Peter!

You may have heard of the luck of the Irish, but how about the luck of the Dutch? A ledge hidden by ferns and punga stopped his fall about 20 feet below. From there he was able to scramble back to us.

So if you never see Peter just hanging around, it's because he was cured of such things on 1st February 1977 by his mate Barry Davies and friend.

It would make a good "Letter to Blanchy", don't you think?



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Ini-Isabée Gunn will work alongside us sharing a range of mindfulness techniques to encourage the creative process.

Materials for this course for you to bring include: Paper collage material, (eg: vintage wallpaper, book pages, black and white images), acrylic paints, inks, pastels, pencils, gel medium, masking tape & 3 sheets of good quality paper 300gms

Some materials will be provided for trialing. Extra materials for further exploration will be provided free-of-charge.

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Everyone welcome. Older children are welcome as well, but they must be supervised by yourself.

Ini-Isabée Gunn

Ini teaches yoga and mindfulness practices, her ultimate goal to help people improve their quality of life. She is currently running vinyasa yoga classes in Orepuki and also offers mindfulness coaching and workshops.

Ini will be supporting Andrea's intuitive mark making course with mindfulness exercises to help you cultivate awareness, become present in the moment, and maintain a non-judgmental and curious attitude towards this creative process.

Breathing exercises and simple yoga stretches will also be woven throughout the day, to ground you and help get your creative juices flowing.

Accommodation

If you would like to stay in Orepuki during the workshop, we have hosted accommodation available. All rooms overlooking beautiful Te Waewae Bay. Please get in touch if you are interested.

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I've been doing a lot of reading lately and I decided it was time to get outside and do some exploring. I've been reading The Bug Atlas and was a bit worried I might be carried off by ginormous spiders. I was told I would be perfectly safe because those particular spiders live in the Amazon rainforest. I was not convinced. I went with some friends. I wasn't allowed to go alone because I couldn't be trusted to walk across the road properly. Something to do with not having any road sense. They might have had a point.

I went walking on the Tui Trails. Four of them! There was the Keith Thompson Track, the McLeod Track, the Alton Terrace Track and the Green Heart. That's a lot of walking for a little rat. It was nice and cool walking along the tracks, especially after a hot day.

There were lots of trees and plants and logs for a tired rat to sit on. And birds, lots of birds. I could hear them chirping away. I even got to see a Fantail up close. It kept flying over my head.



I think it was trying to tell me something, it sounded a bit cross. I could see the river and I could go for a paddle in the river on the Alton Terrace track. There was a rope swing on the river bank, I wanted to have a go on it but I was given 'the look' and told if I fell off don't expect anyone to jump in the cold water after me. I decided to stick to paddling. I climbed a tree, I could see out across the river, it looked really nice in the late afternoon.

I got some yellowy stuff on me from leaning against the tree. It wouldn't come off. The word 'bath' was mentioned. I pretended not to hear and went to see what else I could find. BLACKBERRIES!! I really, really wanted to eat some but I knew I'd get purple stains all over me and the bath word was still ringing in my ears. There was a bridge at the Green Heart. I climbed up on the railing and had a look down at the creek. Turns out it's not a good idea to hang too far over the railing, something to do with gravity and going splash into the creek and being swept out to sea.



Maybe I would have met a dolphin, we could have had the best adventures, EVER!

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Welcome. This report touches on some of the activities we are involved with.

I hope everyone is keeping themselves safe at this time whether you are vaccinated or not. Please just remember and respect other people's views. We have many people in our community who may be immune-compromised.

Please take the time to check your neighbours and friends. They may need some assistance with shopping and household chores. They may also miss a little light conversation. They could be new to the area and require information. Please welcome them.

In the Community Boards LTP (Long Term Plan) we had money allocated for a project "Scoping the Main Street." Last week this work began. The SDC engaged the services of Gavin Flynn from AR & Associates Ltd. He arranged to interview a number of people in the community.

I am not too sure what arrangements have been made about ANZAC Services this year. Tuatapere RSA Membership fees are due. Recently new carpet has been laid in the passageway and the RSA lounge. Along with the new Heat Pump, it makes a very cosy meeting place.

Wasps are around again.

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Hi and welcome to all. What a lovely spell of weather we are having, that is, providing you are not a farmer. For us elderly and those who have no call to work it would have to be a summer to remember. The early morning dews are a help but are doing nothing more than keeping the grass green. I have not heard of any keen gardeners that have had a bad season and it is great to pick and eat from your own patch.

Locally, great work from Blayne for his organisational skills in assisting a local farmer in need. Well done to all concerned.

We are having another attempt to do some exterior restoration at our local Railway Station with several plans put forward, one has enough merit for more serious perusal. However, before any work can be done any lead personnel will need to be a council certified operator and comply and manage all Health & Safety requirements for them and any assistants. Much work is required in this area and if and when the contractors have been given the green light to work on a SDC building, your local community board will be required to agree and recommend to the SDC that this work can proceed. This is not a given.

The local Waiau Star rugby team travelled to Mossburn recently and managed to bring back the Diane Charters memorial trophy so well done to the team.

On the council scene the roading program is on schedule due to the great weather with reseals and other work on target, the road works on Rackles Hill have made a great improvement to the inland trip to Otautau and beyond. All and all things are looking good apart from covid but it will go away or become less aggressive. Once again if you are dissatisfied with the local setup, or think you can improve the system seriously consider becoming a member of our next Community Board or SDC councillor. You may be just what the community needs.

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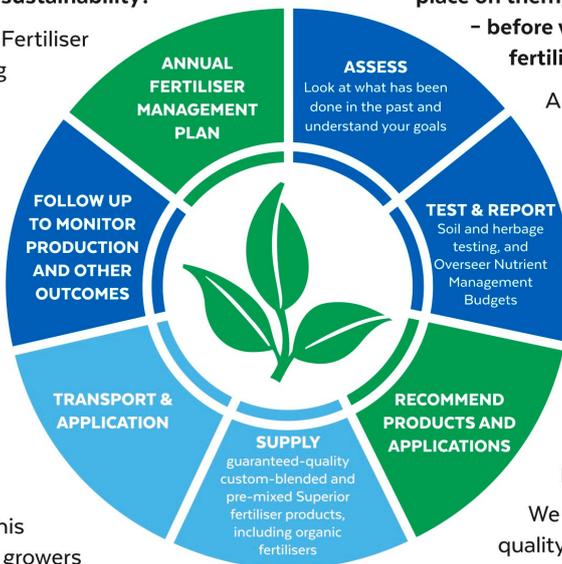
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