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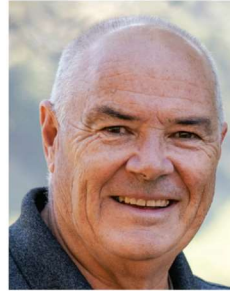
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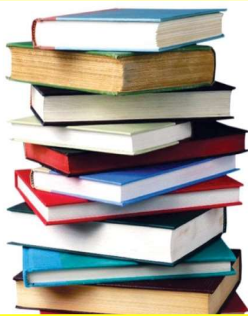
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September's Photo Gallery
"Sports, Sports and More Sports"

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Laingholm Primary School Hall

Thursday 21 September 2023 9:30am to 10:30am

The Greatest Little School in the Universe proudly presents the world premiere of our documentary about the school and village.

We have collected a fascinating range of stories from some of our local residents. Starting with the early days, the film traces how school, home and social life have changed over the years.

- Learn how Sandy's Parade got its name.

- Relive the day a whale got stranded at Laingholm Point.

Our students have been incredibly creative, animated all these stories and many more.



Schools programme.

Sports At Te Kura o Laingholm | Laingholm Primary School

Laingholm, as a small, school definitely "sports" above its size. This month focuses on Swimming, Rippa, Cross Country, Cricket and Hockey and Gymnastics

Swimming:

In Term 1, Laingholm Primary went to the West Auckland Swim Champs at West Wave Aquatic Centre to compete against all of our local schools. After a tight fought competition and about 30 races Laingholm came out on top, winning the overall title. Well done to all our amazing swimmers and our support crew who came along



Cricket:

Laingholm Primary took four teams to the cricket interschools. Both the A teams made it into the finals of their respective grades. The boys won their grade and the girls came second. Mr Cox is always really proud of our teams and the way we conduct ourselves. We always do well competitively at all sports events we enter, but he is most happy when we show our school values.



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Cross Country:

Cross country was again held at Konini School at the end of term 1. The children ran really well and came second overall. There were some amazing results and all the children performed their best.



Gymnastics

Our Gymnastics team has officially won the West Auckland Gymnastics competition for the 11th year in a row. On the 18th of August a 48 strong team went down to the Waitakere Gymnastics centre and once again took home the title. What an amazing bunch of athletes we have.



Hockey:

At the beginning of term 3 Laingholm took four teams to the West Auckland Cluster Hockey Tournament. All the children really enjoyed their day and there were lots of comments from the children how they now want to join hockey teams. The boys team came first overall and all the other teams had a mixture of wins, loses and draws.



Our parent helpers are the best and we would like to thank them for coming with us.



The 'sports section' of this Roundabout article was written by the students from Room 17.



75th Jubilee

Laingholm Primary School, 'The Greatest Little School in the Universe' will be celebrating its 75th Jubilee in 2025.

The celebrations will take place around the Matariki holiday weekend with events running from Thursday 19th June to Saturday 21st June 2025.

If you would like to help, or register your interest in the Jubilee, please email the school on office@laingholm.school.nz.



September's Photo Gallery "Sports, Sports and more sports"



The Forgotten Suburb

Recently, whilst amusing myself on my sewing machine, I was listening to the radio and there was a feature on songs about rain. How appropriate, considering the excessive rainfall that has fallen this year in the Forgotten Suburb. One song that was not mentioned was “It might as well rain until September”. Well – it’s September so please will the rain stop now!

The Forgotten Suburb is not alone here, of course, many parts of the country have been impacted by 2023’s over-abundance of rainfall. There has been flooding, scars from slips are still clearly visible and work is being done on “drop-outs” below the roads.

It does feel as though it’s rained all year. There is a rainfall chart on the Restoration Ruatuna page of last month’s Roundabout. Three months stand out as having abnormally high amounts of rain – January (no surprise there!), February and May. The dams are full. Do you remember the early days of the covid lockdown when they were less than half full? The ground is sodden and slippery, making gardening and weeding a challenge. Going out without a raincoat or umbrella is still a risk not worth taking.

It seems that the sun has forgotten us. Probably on yet another rainy day, I heard a radio item on vitamin D, most of which we derive from exposure to the sun. Concern was expressed that, because of the amount of rain and, therefore, cloud cover, and the shorter winter days, we may not have taken in as much vitamin D from the sun as we need. A word of caution here: too much exposure to the sun, especially during the summer, is harmful because it causes skin cancers. Only short exposure is required for us to get enough

vitamin D and the body stores this vitamin quite well.

Also, sun streaming through our windows provides free warmth and light and just makes us feel better. It’s about now that we realize that our windows need to be cleaned!

As the world feels the impact of climate change, we are not only experiencing more intense storms, we are also enduring longer periods of drought. New Zealand has sent Fire and Emergency personnel overseas, particularly to Canada, to help fight fires and gain experience. They have now returned and are preparing for New Zealand’s fire season! I’ve heard predictions of a warm, dry summer. If the sun proves it has not forgotten the Forgotten Suburb and these predictions come to pass, we are going to have to be very careful this summer. Will we go from one (wet) extreme to another (dry) extreme? A nice balance would be good.

A sunny day at the beach.



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It may be spring but there are still some chores for gardeners before planting the next crops. Weeds need to be pulled along with any winter failures and then the soil, especially the clay we have in this area, needs to be given a boost with worm wee, seaweed, compost or a generic fertiliser. Slugs and snails love this time of year so if you've still got some winter staples such as broccoli, cauliflower and brussel sprouts you will need to deal to them by either the search and squash method or using bait. You can sow or plant beans, peppers, sweet corn and beetroot and your seed potatoes should be sprouting nicely ready for planting in deep, well composted soil. Crops that prefer it to be a bit warmer such as capsicum, chilli and tomatoes can be started off indoors.

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Pony Tales

Mud Mayhem

Mud, mud, mud! At Huia Road Horse Club we are getting pretty used to it. Our gumboots get stuck, the horses and pony's feet slide around, and human, horse and dog legs get hosed every day!



And of course our poor grounds and paddocks have taken a hammering. Muddy paddocks mean less grass to eat, which of course means more hay needed! We recently had a delivery of 150 bales of hay arrive to us, which the horses and ponies are munching their way through. That's a lot of bales to unload and store – so a huge thank you needs to go to all our members who came to help! We couldn't have done it without you. At our August Club Day, though, the mud was put to some good use to decorate Tink's newly cleaned and mended raincoat! With some mud art, courtesy of Milly, Cara, Emilia and Olive, she now has a cover telling the world she is the "No. 1 Horse"!



Escaping the Mud

Three of our horses managed to escape the mud at the beginning of August, for a morning at the beach. Tink, Marlo and Bella walked all the way down Victory Road to Laingholm Beach, and really enjoyed exploring at low tide, rolling in the sand, and snacking on carrots and apples before the journey back up. We'll definitely be making the trip again!

Wetland Recovery

All this rain has made it clear to our club that one of our paddocks really wants to be a wetland! We will be striving to restore this paddock into a wonderful wetland, by re-purposing it away from a grazing paddock, and concentrating on planting it out in wetland-suitable native plants. We also plan to include a track around the edge that we will be able to ride around, as well as invite our community to walk through on our open days. If you would be interested in helping with planting, we'd love to hear from you!

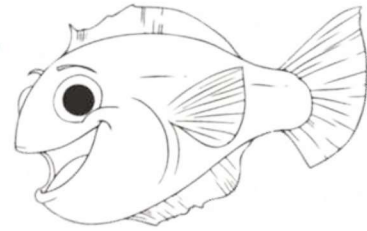
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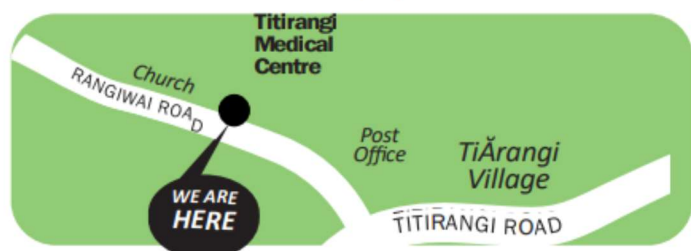
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We need a Repair Manual type Long-term Plan.

We need to reduce ideological future-gazing and increase clarity and specification. Every 3 years there's a review of the Auckland Council 10-Year Long-term Plan (LTP). Despite its name, it operates more as a fluid and adaptive ongoing guide rather than a rigid plan with a specific termination date. The periodic reviews are the steering wheel that allows the mayor and councillors to guide strategies in response to changing circumstances and community needs.

Historically the LTP review is conducted by the bureaucracy and then passed up to elected representatives for review and sign-off, at which point the Governing Body can, and often does, make amendments.

This time Mayor Brown and his Office have flipped the process, producing a draft document called 'LTP 24-34 Direction to Council Group from Mayor and Councillors'. I'm encouraged by this proactive action and have enjoyed participating. However, my input has been constrained due to my discomfort with vague concepts and complex contextual ideas that I feel invite subjective interpretation. In short, much better but still too many fluffy ducks and still too much PR spin. Whenever I've expressed this concern and shown where I see this document could be more prescriptive, I've received feedback emphasizing the typical style of political direction documents.

Last month, the mayor met with councillors to finalize the draft. Councillors generally supported the content and appreciated the mayor's new mayor/councillor lead process. But some raised concerns that this alone wouldn't rebuild the public's trust in council. I sat silent thinking "That's because it's so abstract, it's easier to understand a good repair manual". And just like that it dawned on me how to explain what I had been trying to say for weeks.

The mayor won over the people of Auckland by speaking in plain English "FIX AUCKLAND". The way to engage Aucklanders is to just as simply explain how. This Long-Term Plan review needs to be in the style of a REPAIR MANUAL, not some same-old, same-old political drivel. Because we have some serious fixing to do.

- Storm damage
- Failing Maintenance
- Needlessly Expensive Capital Projects
- Out-of-control borrowing
- Te Atatu Peninsula and Lincoln Rd motorway off-ramp congestion

To name just five.

So, I verbalized my thoughts, and the next day I found it had struck a chord with some people. Our Long-Term Plan needs to have public relevance. It needs to be measurable, and it needs to be believable.

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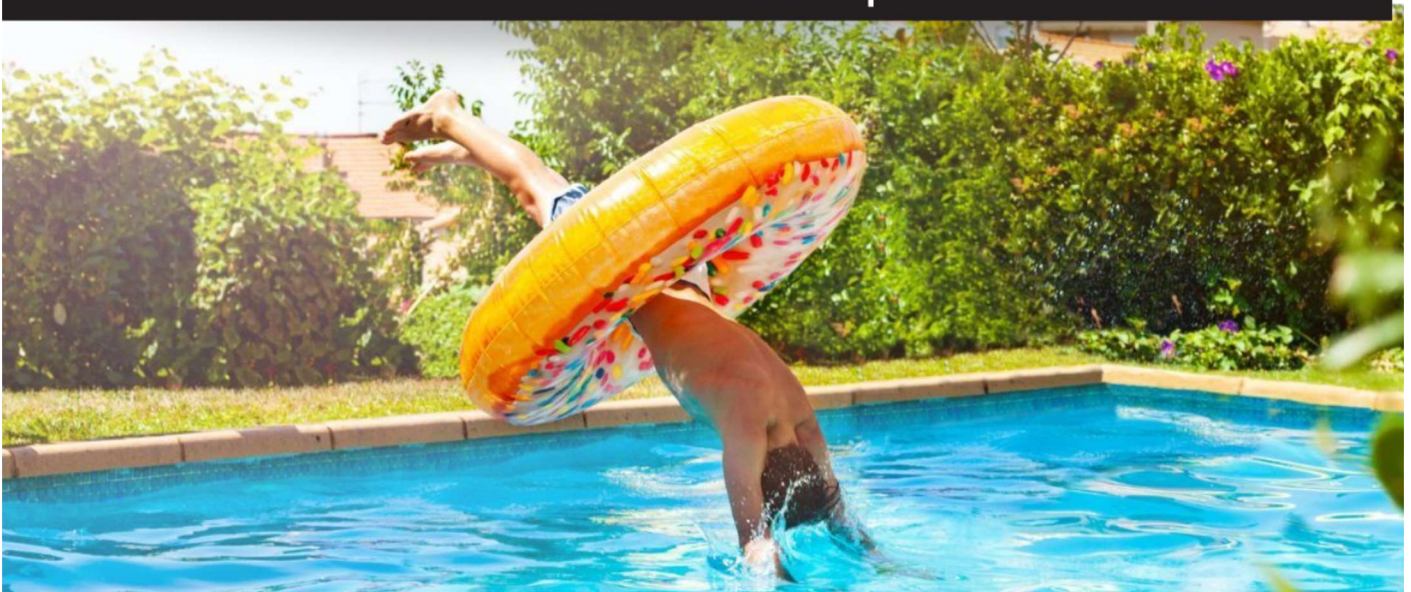


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We are having a lot of fun in our CONNECT programme at the moment. Our CONNECT programme is on Fridays after school in the front building by the road - the Pavillion. It is for Year 7 and Year 8 youth and from 3.30 until 5.00pm. We loosely follow the Friday Club theme, but also do things of particular interest to these older kids.

Our CONNECT leader, Nathanael, grew up coming to Friday Club. In-fact he started coming when he was 3 years old! He was also part of our youth programme and is now part of our Laingholm Baptist family as an adult. This is something we can offer children and youth in our community - long term connections with others in the community, which become like extended family connections. We love it when the children and youth keep coming, or come back to catch up with us. It is always so good to hear their news and catch up again. We even have children at Friday Club whose parent came to Friday Club when they were a child! That is super cool for us!

CONNECT children can also come to our RockSolid DropIn on Wednesdays after school. This DropIn is for Intermediate age group up to Year 11 at secondary school. It is from 4.00 pm after school until 6.00 pm. We have chill out time, games and activities and finish with dinner together. Joshua, another young man from our area, provides the fun at this. And Alison and Siobhan support with plenty of afternoon tea food and dinner. Joshua also came to Friday Club as a child, and was part of our youth RockSolid through high school. We are so lucky to have leaders like Joshua and Nathanael, now giving back, so that future generations of Laingholm kids can have a good time and hang out with others in our area.



Friday Club (for Years 1-6) and CONNECT FC (for Year 7-8) are run by LBC and adults and youth from our community, to provide children and Intermediates and their families with a safe and welcoming environment to get to know each other and have fun. We also give children and Intermediates a chance to get to know older teenagers in our community - our fantastic group of young leaders; to be mentored and encouraged; to think about and explore life with God and to develop strategies for resilience that will help them with challenges they encounter. There is no charge. We run by donation.

If you would like to enrol your child or get more info about Friday Club or CONNECT or RockSolid ring Alison Diprose on 021 141 1483.

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 Ka tu tahi tatou ki te ringa

Together we stand hand in hand
 In the school we protect the land
 We are the people of woodlands park
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 Together we stand we all belong
 Our second home it's been a journey
 Together we stand sturdy
 From those starting in year one or people in
 year six in this family we are all in.
 It doesn't matter our kin
 Together we stand hand in hand

By Olivia, R8

The sea

I really, really like the sea,
 It always comes up and plays with me,
 The shining waves are big and small,
 I truly love them, one and all,
 Through the waves I love to swim,
 Wading out, diving in,
 Now you know I love the sea because it comes
 up to play with me.

By Mia, R6



Hive made by workers
 Only queen lays eggs
 New Zealand has many native bees
 Every bee is 'buzzy'
 Yellow and black bright stripes
 Bright yellow honey looks delicious
 Eggs are hatching quickly
 Eating royal jelly slowly
 Speedy smart and special queen bee
By Nico, R5

MY "ENVIROTOUR"



On Monday afternoon around 1:45 after the lunch break, Room 6 and Room 7 set out on an "Envirotour". If you don't know what an Envirotour is, it is a tour of our school that Micah (the Room 7 senior teacher) arranged to show us what makes our school an Enviroschool. Firstly, we walked around the back of the rainbow room to look at our school's Pepeha wall. The Pepeha wall had some key parts of New Zealand, including Lopdell house and the Sky Tower. Secondly, Micah told us that the hills behind us were called the woodlands park hills and that they had something to do with the local gods. I was pretty interested.

Thirdly, we walked down to the hall area, where we looked at our school's peace tree. The peace tree is a cherry blossom tree. It is a whitish - pinkish tree that blooms in spring. The peace tree was planted in 2019 when I was in year 2. I remember running around the school field with a fire torch in my hand showing a symbol of peace. Then we listened as Micah told us a bit about the tree and then we set out to the school's beehive.



The Woodlands Park School beehive was quite easy to walk to because it's basically next to the peace tree. Micah told us about the bees while we kept a safe distance away from the noisy beehive. The bees were zipping to and from the hive.



Next, we walked back up the hill to Drazil. Drazil is a Tuatara statue and one of our schools' two Kaitiaki. Drazil was carved and built around 2011. Drazil's name is actually lizard spelt backwards. Micah told us that Drazil found his name at a naming contest at a school assembly. The child who suggested it was called Hannah Nelson.

Then we walked behind the school's library to our school's second Kaitiaki, the oak tree. The oak tree has been around our school for lots of years. It is located at the west end of the school. The tree is taller than a giraffe.

Finally we came to our last stop, the worm farm. When we got to the right area, Micah opened up the plastic bathtub. I nearly fell over! There was a massive spider on the side of the bathtub. Anyway, there were lots of wriggly, squiggly worms. Micah told us that Room 18 feeds and takes care of the worms.

And that's the end of our enviro tour. At the end, I felt very proud to be learning in an Enviroschool.

By Jack, Room 6

Exploring our senses

At Laingholm Kindergarten we are participating in ENGAGE, a program that supports children's self regulation skills through play. As part of this we have been looking at mindfulness and exploring our senses. Our tamariki have explored sight and touch through experiments with messy play such as gloop. They have explored their sense of taste through tasting lemons off our lemon tree. We have looked at what we can feel, smell, hear, touch and see around our Kōhungahunga (Kindergarten).



FIFA World Cup

We have had lots of fun celebrating the FIFA World Cup. One of our tamariki travelled all the way to Wellington to support the Netherlands, and one of our Kaiako brought in a Tazuni headband and soft toy - the fun foot-ball loving penguin mascot. We have played football games, made replicas of Tazuni from clay, and learnt about how fun football is!



Māori atua

We have been learning about Māori atua (kaitiaki / guardians) through the book "In the Beginning" by Peter Gossage. Some of our tamariki have enjoyed re-enacting the Māori Atua in a play during mat time. We have also placed our Māori Atua (guardians) around our outside environment to remind us about them and their guardianship for our world.



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Saturday 16th September, 11am – 3pm: Join us for another family Eco day in the Titirangi Hall – your chance to meet with your local weed/pest free/climate experts. Bring the kids too as we have fun activities for all age groups. Full details on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/titirangilibrary>

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Wednesday 27th September, 9.30-10am: Special Rhymetime. Our holiday special Rhymetime will be an exciting and unique session with songs, dancing, stories and bubbles! Suitable for age 18+ months.

Thursday 28th September, 2.30-4pm: Heritage hunt and movie. Join us for a vintage scavenger hunt, photo booth and movie to learn about heritage in a fun, interactive way! Registration is not required.

Saturday 30th September, 11am-12pm: As part of the Auckland Heritage Festival we will be screening school movies made in the 1970's at Titirangi Primary School. See clips of the school, pupils, parent helpers, teachers and Titirangi village. All welcome.

From 50 years ago:

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs,

Somewhere in the vicinity of Lookout Drive and Victory Road, (bottom end) there is someone who obviously enjoys music. Anyone within a mile of the once peaceful neighbourhood will bear witness to this. It is difficult to tell whether it is a powerful radiogram or public address system. Whatever it is, it has become quite a point of discussion in the area. The best time to listen to the limited range of records is a beautiful calm sunny weekend when you wish to find a little peace and quiet and just listen to the Tuis and Bellbirds!

If the music is to continue perhaps a wider selection of records could be provided (a whip-round among residents could perhaps be organised.) However, a better suggestion might be to turn the volume down. If the owner is not convinced, then it is suggested they walk in a half mile radius of the contraption some quiet Sunday afternoon and listen for themselves.

It is to be hoped that if the offender reads this, then a little consideration will prevail.

“Peace and Quiet please”

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Kia ora and giddy fishos. Hope you managed to get out there and hang a line down in those few nice days we had recently. Rowed up to Ski lanes one day, sat there for two hours and not a bite. Rowed home again in disgust.

Got around to thinking about the intrinsic nature of fishing lately and how what a peaceful, relaxing and contemplative pastime can turn the most placid and mild mannered fella into a raging blaspheming monster. (I'm sure some wives would be shocked at the transformation and limitless vocabulary of their passive husbands!) High on the list of things guaranteed to enrage a fisho is tangled lines, especially if there's a fish on one of them and several hooks are involved. Why fishos think cussing is an aid to solving such problems is a mystery but it seems to help.) Another common problem is getting a fish to the side of the boat and losing it – this can enrage a fisho to the point that he thinks God and the whole universe is conspiring against him. Lack of action, where the lines hang in the water, limp and untouched is known to cause bitterness and sarcasm and provoke the nicest of blokes to blame the skipper for anchoring in the wrong spot. However should it be one of those days when the fish fling themselves upon the bait and every fish you pull in is a keeper then even the grumpiest and most obnoxious of old men will be all bonhomie toward the skipper (although this gratitude rarely extends to an offer toward petrol!) So that's the nature of fishing touched upon.

At the time of writing this a storm is raging and it's as cold as a pommy winter. The southwesterly is whipping the water up into spouts and whirlpools however tomorrow is supposed to calm down (we fishos do a lot of waiting until tomorrow).

Time to talk of handy fishing tips from Mr Doogues bible on fishing and what he has to say about fishing methods. Plenty! Ten pages in fact, including how to make a miniature kontiki to take your line out from the beach. Considering his book was written in 1967 things like torpedos and drones were the stuff of science fiction. A lot of Mr Doogues ideas require a great deal of imagination and visualisation in order to interpret them, however he does give some simple and basic advice on things like baits and berley. Squid he reckons is the A1 bait and all fish love it. (I could take issue with that but not now). He reckons moving bait attracts fish the best so if fishing in a current don't throw over big chunks of berley because the fish will often take these and ignore your bait.

Another handy little book is Fish Galore that goes into great detail about fishing in the Manukau. He lists 33 possies – all 'no fail' if you happen to be there at the right time! Destruction Gully at Whatipu is a favourite, look for about 14 metres at low tide near the rocks on the incoming but watch out for a foul bottom and snagging. Another 'no fail' is out the mouth of the Kakamatu inlet on the edge of Huia banks and for land-based fishos none better than Puponga Point (but careful it's lose your tackle country). So there you are fishos, go forth and seek out the fish.

That's the small talk done with, now for some jokes. My repertoire is getting exhausted, forgive the repeats.

Awestruck – getting hit with a paddle.

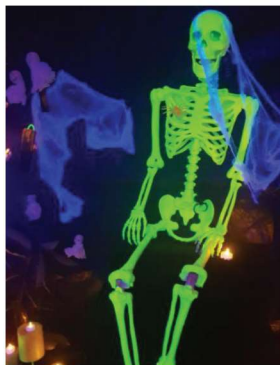
Viceversa - indecent Italian poetry

A member of the affluent society – stinking rich

And one for the oldies: When Happy Hour is an afternoon nap

Winnie signing off 'til next time. Cheers **Winnie**

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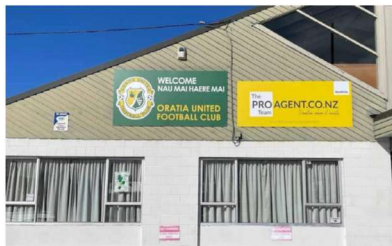
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The recent storms, slips, power outages and extreme weather events are reminding us that it is important to be prepared - as families and households but also as a neighbourhood community. Last month's public meeting was well attended and we'll cover its key points in a series of articles.

PART 1 - THE SITUATION: According to the emergency response personnel the incidence of severe weather events is increasing. This could be affected by climate change which can amplify the naturally occurring weather events - amplifying more of the strong events into severe events.

Risks in Laingholm

- **Hilly terrain**, especially where trees have been removed in recent decades, is prone to **slips** when the ground gets saturated with water. We saw many slips during the recent heavy rains.
- **Only two roads** into the entire area - Huia Road and Woodlands Park Road can be blocked by slips. This could stop all vehicles from being able to get in or out of our area and potentially make us **isolated** for days, especially if the disaster event is city-wide and the emergency services are thinly stretched. (Exhibition drive, which was a back-up road, is now damaged by recent storms.)
- **Power** is transmitted via overhead power lines which are surrounded by hundreds of trees - as we are frequently reminded "when the wind blows, power in Laingholm goes".
- **Flood prone areas** such as Sandys Parade / Western Road area, Fawcett Road area and Landing Road / Tangiwai area.
- Sandys Parade / Western Road area is also vulnerable to effects of **tsunamis and tidal surges**. High tide can combine with heavy downpours and amplify the flooding.
- Living in a forested area we are vulnerable to **bush fires** during dry seasons. The ridgelines can create "wind tunnels" that amplify and speed up the movement of bush fires.

Woodlands Park, Waima, Parau, Cornwallis and Huia share a number of these risks. Parau and Huia have additional risks from water storage dams. Together with Cornwallis these three areas are accessed through only one road which crosses the outlet of one of the dams.

Four Layers of Preparedness

- 1) The preparation you can do within your household.
- 2) The preparation you can do with your neighbours.
- 3) The support you can get from emergency services.
- 4) Being a part of the local resilience group in your suburb.

In the next issue we will be covering a number of easy steps that don't take much time or money and can greatly improve your comfort, resilience and peace of mind during severe weather events.

This is Article 1 in our preparedness series. Cut this page out and collect the next issues to make a small prep booklet you can keep for handy reference.

Written by Valera Koltsov

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MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT TRAINING

This month the brigade had the privilege to being part of a combined Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) training with the **Avondale Fire Station** Rescue Tender Crew.

The training was facilitated by Brown Watch Senior Station Officer Michael Manning which focused on how the Huia Brigade can prepare the scene and keep people safe prior to the rescue tenders' arrival.

Avondale 607 responds to most motor vehicle accidents in our area with Henderson 657 backing up if required. These rescue tenders carry equipment that can extract people from vehicles if trapped. These tools are commonly referred to as the "Jaws of Life".

This is not the first training exercise between Huia Volunteer Fire Brigade and the Avondale Fire Station. However, it was the first time the training was conducted at the Avondale Station itself.

The exercise looked at stabilising the vehicle, patient safety, first aid, how to remove the windscreen and removing the doors/roof.



Incredibly valuable training and experience gained from our team, and we sincerely appreciate SSO Manning and his team taking their time to conduct a joint training exercise.

They are an incredibly busy station and were called out to a motor vehicle accident on the South-Western Motorway as the exercise concluded.



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LOCAL BRIGADE RESPOND TO ROOF FIRE

Recently Huia 721, Laingholm 701, Titirangi 691 & 692 responded to a property fire in Cornwallis where the occupant believed their roof cavity was on fire. Upon arrival the crew realised that the fire chimney had been blocked and smoke had entered the roof cavity creating a health hazard.

Cornwallis, Whatipu some areas of Little Huia have no mains water supply. Due to this, a water tanker from the Waitakere Volunteer Fire Brigade (Waitakere 7711) was also dispatched to respond.



Due to their location, it can take up to around **60 minutes** for Waitakere 7711 to arrive at the Cornwallis area.

Therefore, we were initially supported by both Titirangi appliances to use the water from their trucks if required.

This image shows the Huia VFB Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Huia VFB Station Officer and a Laingholm VFB Qualified Fire Fighter working together using a Thermal Imaging Camera also known as a "TIC".

The TIC is used to inform fire fighters where there is heat radiating from an area that may not be visible. This allows the crew to determine if the risk has been eliminated or not.

Its great seeing crews from different stations working together.

The event is also a reminder that whilst we are hopefully coming to an end of winter soon, keeping chimneys clean is key prior to initially using them after a while.

Nga Mihi





Book Reviews



GEORGE WADSWORTH & IAN JOHNSON



My First Popsicle ,An Anthology of Food and Feelings by Zosia Mamet

The idea for this book came about when a friend of the authors showed her a video of the friend's two year old son being given his first popsicle (iceblock to us) He was tentative, curious, confused and then after putting it into his mouth massively smiling and chuckling. The words "food and emotions" kept stewing in her mind and she realised how universal the topic is. We all

have some form of emotional connection to food and stories to tell about it. So she wrote to people she knew mainly artists, writers, actors, producers and the like and eventually produced this anthology.

There are 49 stories, all interesting and covering a wide range of food and emotions. In addition there is a small summary of each storyteller at the end of the book and numerous recipes relating to the stories. So what more do you want? You can read and enjoy the recipes that take your fancy, both at the same time. Two that took my fancy for different reasons involved "skinny Indian" and chains, but there's pasta, jell-O cake, shell fish, and much more. Definitely worth reading

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

First published in 2013 this novel has won many plaudits. At its heart is a sensitive fabulous love story which grips the reader till the very last page. But it is so much more. Childhood sweethearts, Ifemelu and Obinze are growing up in Nigeria. Ifemelu takes up a scholarship in America. She recounts how she is treated as a native Nigerian. She commences a blog on Race in America which becomes successful and which allows the author to portray the attitudes,

biases and prejudices of Americans, particularly those she interacts with . Meanwhile, Obinze is taken to England by his mother as her research assistant as a way to get him into the country. He remains there illegally and tries unsuccessfully to become a legal citizen. He returns to Nigeria and marries. Later Ifemelu returns to Nigeria and eventually she and Obinze meet. I found the book fascinating in its portrayal of life in Nigeria and what it is like to live in America and England for a Nigerian.

"Older" (wiser?) readers may recall the hey day of the Labour Government of 1972 – 1975, but surprisingly, the prime minister for most of that time and what his government achieved in those three years is not so well known, I would say by

most people under the age of 60. **We Need To Talk About Norman: New Zealand's Lost Leader, Denis Welch (Quentin Wilson Publishing, 2023)** is about that Prime Minister, Norman Kirk, who died in office in 1974 aged 51. Although aspects of his life and family are mentioned, this is not a full biography as it focuses on his time in office and the significance of what was achieved in that time. Like Peter Fraser in the late 1940's, he raised New Zealand's profile on the world stage. His renown action was sending two New Zealand frigates to Mururoa to protest and bring to the world's attention the atmospheric nuclear testing carried out by the French government in the Pacific. A forerunner of the "No Nuclear Warships/Power in New Zealand" movement which reached the peak in the 1980's. But there were many other actions taken in those times: Abolition of military conscription, introduction of accident compensation and expanded social welfare support as well as reforms in housing, education and health and a myriad of other areas. A compulsory superannuation fund was established; this was immediately rescinded by the 1975 National government but resurrected in the early 2000's as the New Zealand Superannuation (Cullen) Fund. The author, a young adult of that time, focuses on the compassionate and inclusive leadership style and the sense of service of Kirk, which drove many of the changes. It also highlights some of the negatives – Kirk was socially conservative (anti-homosexual and abortion law reform) and his government was the instigator of the notorious Dawn Raids. Welch also ruminates on whether Kirk's type of approach and what it can offer, is required in these times. In particular, the lead-up to this year's election. This is more than a history book and a biography, relatively short and easy to read.

Coincidentally from the same era, **Space Waltz, Ian Chapman (Bloomsbury, 2023)** is a small book about Alastair Riddell's band Space Waltz which rose to fame in 1974 (and was gone by the following year) on the basis of a hit single "Out On The Street" (you tube that) which was followed by one album and a couple of national tours. They appeared on a local television talent show 'New Faces' and immediately grabbed the public's attention. They were described as a glam rock act, likened to David Bowie. But like Bowie they were more than that. While the book is written in an academic style and a bit ponderous at times, I did appreciate reading the lyrics of each of the 9 songs on their album. Sheer poetry. Like the previous book, the impact of the band and their music is looked at from a social point of view with references to the youth culture of that time. One small fact – Alastair Riddell was raised in Titirangi, going to Kelston Boys High.



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- Decent Pinch of Salt
- 2 Spring Onions or a Small Chopped Onion
- Handful of Finely Chopped Parsley
- 1 Teaspoon Cumin Seeds - Toasted
- 100 Grams Flour and a little extra for dusting
- 50 Grams Cold Butter
- 2 Tablespoons Sour Cream or Milk to make a stiff dough

Combine cheeses, onion, salt, parsley, cumin and flour and toss lightly. Add the butter and sour cream or milk, briskly rub into the flour so that everything is well mixed. Use a knife, if necessary, as too much handling will cause a tough biscuit. Place on to a floured surface and roll and cut into squares. Place on a tray lined with baking paper and cook for about 10 minutes at 200 degrees. Turn the tray around and cook for about another 6 minutes. Put on a wire rack to cool.



PEAR & NUT CAKE

- 2 Pears Peeled and Chopped
- 230 Grams Butter or Margarine
- 2 Cups Brown Sugar
- 2 Eggs
- ½ Cup Golden Syrup
- 4 Cups Flour
- 2 Teaspoons Baking Soda
- 1 Tablespoon Ground Ginger
- 1 Teaspoon Spice
- 2 Teaspoons Cinnamon
- 1 Teaspoon Nutmeg
- ½ Teaspoon Salt
- 2 Cups Milk
- 1 Cup Chopped Walnuts
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Barr Cottage

Thomas Barr purchased the land that the house stands on in the late 1860s.

Thomas was born in Parau in 1848. The son of a fencible soldier who arrived in New Zealand in 1847.

In 1871 he married Eliza Woodward who had been working as a servant for the kilgours who had a Farm in Huia where the park is now.

Around this time, he built his home at Little Huia. This house stood slightly to the left of the present house. A large house built of kauri; it accommodated 10 children 1 adopted.

Thomas worked at mills in the area. He also operated his own mill in the area for a time. Logs were floated down the Miramar stream and then rafted out to be shipped to Onehunga.

Tom and Eliza were a much loved and respected couple giving assistance to any one who turned up at the door. One time Eliza helped a prisoner who arrived on the doorstep he had a leg iron on and avoided looking at her directly but he was cold and hungry so she packed him some food and wished him the best and off he disappeared. Neither Tom or Eliza could read or write but were skilled in all the aspects of survival needed in the times they lived.

With the passing of Tom in 1932 and Eliza in 1934, the 700 acres of the land owned by him was sold to Mr E Vaile and became part of the centennial park. The house then became the home of son Bill and wife Eva (nee Fletcher) Bill rebuilt the house and its size was reduced.

He ordered kauri timber from the Manukau timber company. When it arrived, he declared it was not up to standard so he insisted it got replaced. There is a cupboard in the rear bedroom where his name can be seen on the timber.

The old laundry and bathroom are separate from the homestead and this brick building is still standing today. There are two front doors because for a time around the 1940s the front room was used as a shop.

The house and the 40 acres of land was purchased by the Auckland Council in 1973. And is now part of the regional park.

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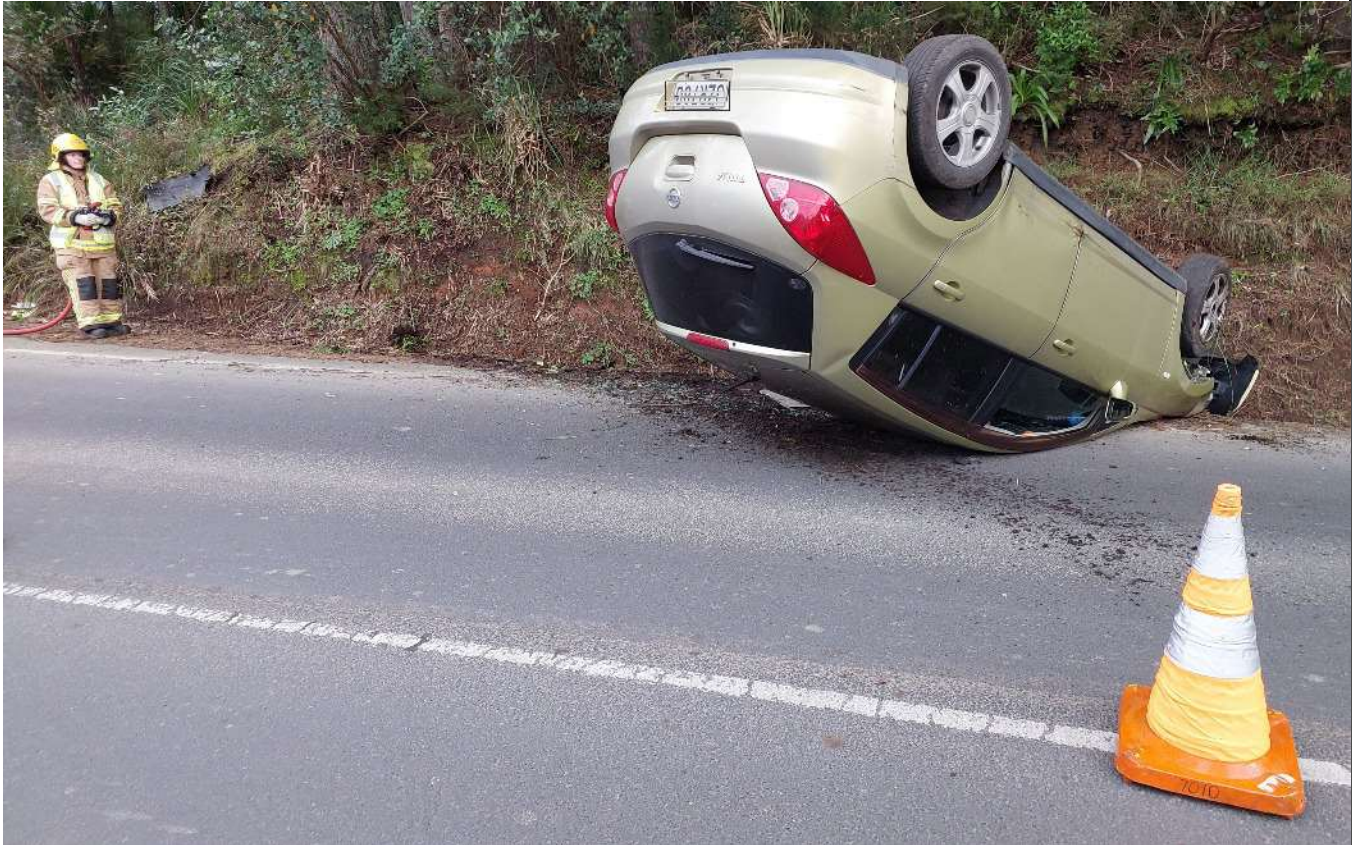
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Laingholm Volunteer Fire Brigade



Yes, yet another crash on Huia Road. This happened last month in virtually the same spot as one last month – close to the intersection with Exhibition Drive. In the picture above Firefighter Becky Fitzpatrick covers the scene with a high pressure hose, which is one of our standard procedures for such incidents. As for the occupants - we don't know. The police were investigating a report that two young people crawled out of the overturned vehicle and caught a bus, leaving the car blocking one of the lanes. Huia Road, along with a number of other roads in the area, is in even worse condition than usual thanks to the numerous potholes and damaged bitumen resulting from the storm earlier this year. So please take it easy drivers, otherwise you may have an unscheduled meeting with us, or one of the other emergency services.

This was one of a dozen calls we attended since the last Roundabout. We worked with the Huia brigade at a roof fire in a home in Pine Avenue. Thankfully damage wasn't great.



Congratulations to brigade member Matt Sparrow who is moving up the ranks and is now a Qualified Firefighter. He's seen here receiving his new epaulettes from Senior Firefighter Brad Laloli who carried out Matt's training on station. He then spent a week at the FENZ training centre, along with members of other volunteer brigades in the Auckland region. His next move will be to Senior Firefighter, but Matt is also working towards becoming a brigade driver/pump operator. This will involve learning about how a fire pump works and will include the study of hydraulics. Once through that he will be trained in how to safely drive a fire appliance under lights and sirens to emergency calls.

These days, lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries are everywhere, in phones, laptops, power tools, and electric cars. They are light, compact, and long-lasting, but can be a fire hazard if they are damaged, mishandled, or improperly disposed of.

Fire safety tips

Do your research. Only purchase and use devices and equipment from reputable manufacturers and suppliers. Only use chargers that are supplied with the device, or certified third-party charging equipment that is compatible with the battery specifications. Using chargers with incorrect power delivery (voltage and current) can cause damage to the battery, including overheating, that can lead to fires. Avoid leaving batteries or devices charging for prolonged periods of time. Once the indicator shows that a device or battery has been fully charged, disconnect it from the charger. This includes leaving batteries or devices charging unattended overnight. Don't charge or store batteries or devices on combustible or insulating surfaces such as beds, sofas, or carpet, and keep them away from highly flammable materials such as blankets, clothing, and paper. Only have device repairs and battery replacements or upgrades performed by a qualified professional. Never store or leave batteries or devices in areas where they can be exposed to heat or moisture.

Do not leave devices in direct sunlight or in parked vehicles where they can quickly heat up.

With regard to Light Electric Vehicles such as e-scooters and e-bikes, where possible these should be stored and charged outside in a garage, shed or carport, away from living spaces. Keep them away from any exit doors, escape routes and combustible materials. For smaller devices, such as tablets, laptops and phones, do not charge these under a pillow, on the bed or on a couch they can overheat and cause a fire.

If the device or battery starts to smoke or emit flames

Evacuate the area and close doors (if safe) to slow the spread of fire. Ensure no one goes back inside the building for any reason. Battery gases, vapour and smoke are highly toxic and flammable and must not be inhaled. Call 111 and wait in a safe location for firefighters to arrive. If anyone has been exposed to battery fluids, debris, smoke, vapours, or flames, seek urgent medical assistance. Burns should immediately be treated with cool running water for 20 minutes.

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treat with cool running water immediately, call 111, and follow the advice of the operator.

If a small battery or device such as a phone or tablet starts overheating

Unplug it from the power outlet if it is charging. Avoid inhaling any smoke or fumes. If possible, move it outside, away from any flammable material and windows or doorways. Small devices can be dropped into a bucket of water if this can be done safely.

If you see fire, get everyone to a safe place and call us. Then only if you are confident and capable would we suggest attempting to extinguish:

Small flames can be extinguished with water or a hose to stop fire spreading to nearby objects. If using a fire extinguisher (dry chemical powder or carbon dioxide), only attempt to from a safe distance, away from any smoke or vapours. Water and fire extinguishers may be used to prevent the spread of fire but are not likely to fully extinguish a lithium-ion battery fire. Call 111, even if you no longer see visible smoke or flames. There is a chance that the battery could reignite if it has not been sufficiently cooled.

***Battery disposal* Do not put lithium ion batteries in the rubbish. Our picture shows a rubbish truck on fire in Hamilton, thanks to a discarded lithium ion battery Recycling is always the best option.**



Whenua Whakamiharo

Out in the bush, new kindergarten children have been welcomed to Ngahere this term. It is always so heart-warming to see how the children who have been coming all year help the new ones to feel at home in the bush. The campsite carries a welcoming resonance that the children can build a feeling of belonging upon. Even in all the recent stormy weather, the warmth of the fire beckons, and the smell of the woodsmoke and cooking aromas stimulates that feeling of wellbeing and comfort.

The children are making all important connections with the natural world every time they go out to Ngahere.

Recently a popular activity is building simple huts and using their imaginations to create a home in the bush or carefully blending creations to make “chocolate milk” and “popcorn” using the elements of the colourful earth and clay that abounds at the campsite area. Sometimes the children and kindergarteners go for a walk deeper into the bush and listen to the birdsong along the way.

The children who are turning 6 years old, have just begun to start looking for a perfect rākau (stick) to make a walking stick with. They will work on it over many weeks to make it smooth and beautiful, adorning it with coloured twine. In Term 4 when everyone’s mahi is done, the next stage begins. We are blessed with a wonderful piece of land stretching right down to the estuary below, on the edge of the Manukau Harbour. With walking sticks ready and excitement for new adventures, the children are taken on walks that are much longer and challenging than they have done before. These adventures (including a picnic of course) take all morning as they traverse the bushy hills and valleys, feeling like intrepid explorers! This has become a sort of marker point for the 6-year olds, a transition that recognises that their Kindergarten days are nearly at an end and they will soon begin their schooling journey together in Class 1 next year.

An Ideal Husband

Meanwhile, indoors last month, Class 10 (Year 11) impressed us with their play performance of an Oscar Wilde classic – so much so, that an audience member from the local community sent us this anonymous review we’d love to share...

On a whim, I went to see the Class 10 play, ‘An Ideal Husband’ last Thursday. On Friday I found

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myself there again, eager for a second serving. I have been pondering ever since what impelled me to go twice.

I know none of the young people in the play, and have not seen them grow and develop through the years, some of them no doubt since kindergarten.

Was it because of the beautiful set or the magnificent costumes with up to three changes of costume for many characters? Was it because the students, no, the actors! were able to deliver their lines without hesitation or faltering? Was it because Oscar Wilde writes a damn fine script? Was it because it must have been chaotic mayhem backstage, but we never heard a sound and they never muffed an entrance? (Or if they did, they ad libbed their way imaginatively out of it!) Was it because the tea pouring scenario, complete with elegant china, silverware and cucumber sandwiches, was so elegantly executed? Was it because it was a joy and a pleasure to see such commitment and authenticity in the portrayal of each and every character?

Yes, it was all of these and more, but none of them quite accounted for what I experienced both nights and finally I think I worked it out. I think what I experienced was the tangible, palpable impact of what happens when a group of people foster and create, over the years (or even only over the last three weeks for some) a community, a family, an entity that is hugely bigger than the sum of all its parts. Yes, it was this. And I drank from it, because this is what the story of humanity needs to be about. Every member of that class gave it their all, my credibility was utterly suspended because every performer did their level best to make the other members look good. It was a team effort par excellence and I thank you all for an uplifting and inspiring performance. Such gems are not often found in our modern world.

Bravo Class 10! This, and more, is exactly what the class plays strive to achieve!



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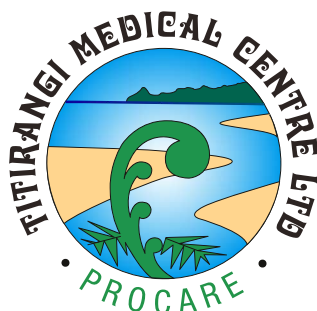
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