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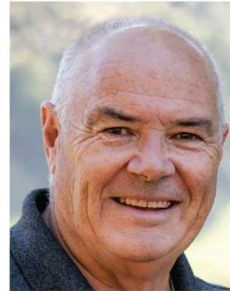
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## The Jackson's of Laingholm

Joan and Eric Jackson were married on Boxing Day 1956 and moved to 102 Kauri Point Road, Laingholm during 1957. At that time, the property consisted of a two storeyed one-bedroomed bach. Over the next two decades, many additions and alterations were made to accommodate the needs of a growing family with three daughters – Jenny, Judi and Janine.

During the early 1960s, the Jacksons in Laingholm and the Cremers in Parau, hosted Sunday School in their homes each week. These combined in early 1965, meeting at Laingholm District School. Sunday church services followed, in the school library. During the 1960s and 70s the Jackson's hosted many youth and young adults for Bible studies, social activities and many, many meals.

By 1968 two sections had been purchased for a Baptist church on the corner of Victory and Huia Roads, and many a fair was held on that site, to fundraise. By February 1973, fundraising for a new church building saw Joan and her team of volunteers, running a "Mini-Market" Opportunity Shop on Fridays and Saturdays in Woodlands Park. This shop soon proved to be too small for the enterprise Joan had in mind. In 1976, the "Mini-Market" moved to 66 Victory Road, Laingholm Central, into what had previously been a Grocery Store. This became a shop of two halves. One half displayed second-hand clothing and bric-a-brac and the other, new clothes and household goods. Joan put her sewing skills to great use, making children's clothing - singlets, pyjamas, shirts, shorts and dresses by the hundred. She was a bargain hunter extraordinaire as she shopped diligently for new goods to stock the shop.

During 1965, when Eric was Chairman of the Laingholm School Committee, the Roundabout began as a monthly newsletter to parents of children at the school. Because there was no local newspaper, the Roundabout quickly became the news carrier for items of interest and local advertising. By 1966, the cover, together with other advertisements on inside pages, paid for its production. The Roundabout was printed and collated by volunteers, and for several years, Joan was the editor and typist.

During the late 1960s, Joan was nominated as Mrs Laingholm for the Mrs New Zealand contest.

She is pictured here in a suit she made herself, wearing the sash she was awarded.

The Jackson's close association with Laingholm came to an end in 1980 when they moved to Gillies Ave in Epsom, where Joan ran the Baptist Youth Hostel until 1986. They then settled in Mt Roskill for the remainder of their days.

Joan and Eric were a great team and during their retirement years they continued to volunteer together in their local community and yes, that did include running another Opshop!

They celebrated 62 years of marriage before Eric died in 2019. Joan lived in Murray Halberg Village in Lynfield, until her death on 6th April 2023.

She is survived by her 3 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.



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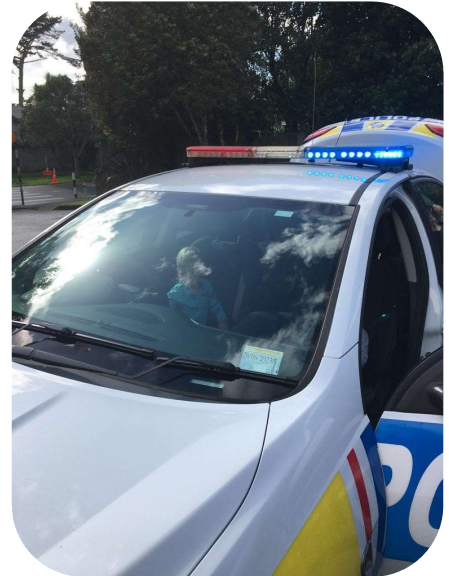
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Special thanks to the Community Constable and the local Fire Brigade for supporting our tamariki to learn all about emergency services.



*Checking out all the gear at the  
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*Serenading the locals with Twinkle  
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*'Planting' poppies*



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# Friday Club and CONNECT FC

We always have lots of fun in Friday Club and CONNECT. We run a wide range of activities with something for everyone to enjoy. Each session we run craft activities, active games, small group story times, science activities, cooking activities, indoor games and lots of time to hang out with leaders and friends.

Every term at Friday Club we have a theme for our fun and creativity. Last term our theme was "Wet, Wild and Wonderful!" and proved very appropriate for the weather! This Term our theme is Minecraft and we are making Creeper Pizzas, having a scavenger hunt for Minecraft Farm Animals, playing "Pin the Sword on Steve", Creeper Tag, knocking down Houses with Creeper Balls and lots of other fun that we are still making up.

We are telling some Jesus stories set in Minecraft World: "The Sheep Who Got Lost in the Extreme Hills", "The Griefer Who Came Home", "The House on the Bedrock"...

We are also hosting computer Minecraft team activities that children can participate in using tablets, like building a co-operative farm.



**So CREEP, TELEPORT, DIG or BLAST your way to Friday Club to join in the fun!**

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.

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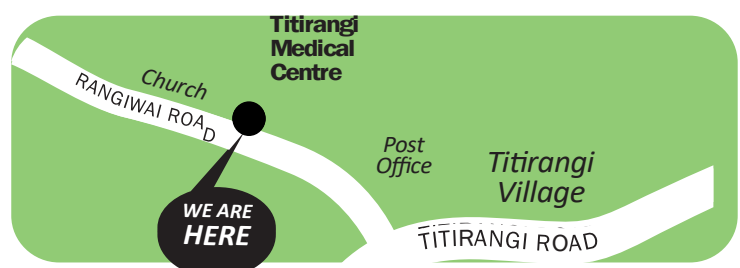
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Kia ora and gidday fishos, it's hard not to get pessimistic about the fishing scene....rain, wind and more of it. However at the time of writing this page we are having a second day of idyllic fishing weather with a blue sky and dead flat calm. But according to Dan (TVOne weatherman) more wind and rain is to come. I wonder how all the fresh water going into the harbour affects the fish's eating habits but I haven't had a chance to find out, I've forgotten what it feels like to reel a fish in!

Some neighbours went out yesterday, started out under the lighthouse at South Head and got not a bite yet the Huia fishos swear by this posse. They ended up by the red tripod and got plagued by kahawai but did get some good-sized gurnard so it looks like that's where they lurk.

So with the lack of fishing news I'm scratching my head for something to fill the page up. It will have to be useless info and jokes.

'Fishing from Boats' printed in 1984 contains all sorts of useful tips from how to interpret the wind through to seasickness. Ok, it's nearly 40 years old but I don't think much changes in fishing except for the high-falutin' gadgetry they have these days. The best time to fish is not straightforward because it depends where you fish and what time of day. If you are fishing at dusk then anchor up by a reef 'cos that's where the fish are gathering in shallow water preparing for bedtime. According to the writer they are hungriest at this time of day. A bit odd but... All fishos know the importance of birds working the water and it will most likely be kahawai underneath taking small surface fish. Now don't just charge into the middle of the shoal because that will just scatter them. Work the edge of the shoal or cut the engine and drift through and troll a lure. So, moving along to moon and weather it gets more complicated as there are all sorts of variables involved like barometric pressure, salt and oxygen content, water pressure and temperature – so a lot of guesswork involved. However he says if the barometric pressure nosedives so do the fish into deeper water to ride out the bad weather

(but you wouldn't be out there in a storm anyway!) Another quirky thing – fish usually feed facing into the wind apparently because the wind increases the oxygen content on the surface of the water (work that one out). Other priceless gems include statistics which show that people fishing from boats catch more fish than land-based fishos. Well, surprise, surprise! There's a whole chapter on noise but it's mostly commonsense so proceeding through jigging, trolling and drifting we come to seasickness. You can of course go to the Chemist Warehouse and pay \$17 for a very small tube of Sea-legs or you can try one of the Old Wive's cures like ginger-ale, chicken broth, fruit (except apples) or chewing gum! Last of all emergencies and when to abandon ship. Well there's a page of sensible to downright daft comments on this but it should cheer a few overweight fishos up. If you are carrying a lot of weight (ie fat) your chances of survival in the water are greater. So there you are...all you need to make a successful fishing trip and stay alive.

Enough of the serious stuff, on to jokes.

Fisho says to his mate, they say Wayne is a pain in the neck but I have a lot lower opinion of him.

Fisho asks his wife why she keeps reading the marriage certificate. I'm looking for a loophole, she says.

Some fishos have the miraculous power of turning beer into water.

Did you hear about the blonde who thought a penal colony was an all male nudist camp.

Ok fishos, that's all I dare do for now. Till next time, tight lines and keep smiling.

*Cheers - Winnie.*



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An Emergency Mobile Alert was issued by Auckland Emergency Management just after noon on Tuesday, 9 May, in response to a severe weather system moving across Auckland and Northern parts of the country.

With the range of call outs we responded to that day, we were rather shocked to be called out to two swimmers in distress at Cornwallis Beach in the early evening.

Thankfully a local had spotted the two in the water and called emergency services. The response to this event included,

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- Laingholm Volunteer Fire Brigade (Laingholm 701)
- Avondale Fire Brigade (Avondale 607)
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Thankfully the two were ok and were taken to hospital to be assessed.



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### HUIA BEACH CLEAN-UP

The Huia Residents and Ratepayers Association put out a notice of getting the community spirit together to help deal with the damage to the Huia Beach from the various weather events.

The response from the community was something to be admired. Many locals using various personal tools and equipment, got together on Saturday May 27 and the results speak for themselves. Just another reason why this area is a great place to live.

The brigade were helping with a variety of tasks during the day.





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# ***Laingholm Volunteer Fire Brigade***

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escaped uninjured. Unfortunately the car took out a fence and damaged a car parked in the driveway.

The brigade gave first aid until a St John paramedic arrived and took over, which is what is happening in the picture. We have blanked out the faces of the young people who were at the scene

Later in the month we were called out after residents in the vicinity of the Lower Nihotupu Dam reported hearing what sounded like a crash. They were right – a car had crashed heavily on Bunker’s Hill and had gone off the road backwards for about fifty metres, The occupants had left by the time the brigade arrived on scene, but we understand the Police interviewed them later in the night.

At the same time the Huia brigade was



attending another incident at Mill Bay. This isn’t always a peaceful area !

The brigade attended a dozen calls during the month, with these two being among them.

The terrible fire that severely damaged the Loafers’ Lodge in Wellington was one of the worst seen in this country for many years. At the time of writing five people were confirmed dead and a search was continuing for up to ten others. Not surprisingly, the fire received a great deal of publicity.

Sadly, the most common place for a person to die or be seriously injured in a fire in New Zealand is in their own home and that’s why smoke alarms are so important. Fire and Emergency strongly recommends every home has several smoke alarms and that they be fitted in places like bedrooms and hallways. Despite what the movies sometimes have us believe, we lose our sense of smell when we fall asleep and are unlikely to wake up when a fire breaks out.

If buying smoke alarms will be difficult financially we can help. Please call Chief Officer Graeme Booth on 021764741 and we will arrange their supply





We are very grateful for the support we get from our community and we often receive generous donations. Quite often they come from people we have helped. Monetary donations we put to one side until we see some equipment that is not provided by Fire and Emergency, but enables us to give an even better service to the community. Thanks to these donations we were



recently able to purchase three Makita portable light towers and we have put one on each of our three response vehicles. They replace our older scene lights which needed a 240 volt power supply and long power cables. The new lights use standard Makita batteries such as those used for battery drills and other equipment. Each battery provides enough power to keep a light running for five hours. The lights will be used to illuminate training scenarios, which is what is happening in the picture, and emergency scenes. They are carried in duffle bags but expand out to about two metres in height. We are grateful to Makita NZ who arranged for us to buy the lights at a discount





## June Raw 1931-2023

It was with great sadness we learned of the recent death of June Raw, a former stalwart of the Roundabout community. June, and her late husband Bob, retired to Cornwallis and became involved in the Roundabout as well as other community activities for 25 years.

June was born in Taranaki but her family moved around the country a lot because her father worked for the Railways. They moved to New Lynn Railway station when June was nine and she loved living there, vividly remembering getting lost in the steam while standing on the overbridge. She wrote about her life and times in New Lynn in a small book called Rail Tracks and Chimney Stacks. Her working life was varied and as a qualified nurse she was a lab technician/nurse at Green Bay High and Kelston Girls High. When she married her beloved Bob they lived in Titirangi, raising five children. She moved to Waihi after Bob died, following in her parent's footsteps who had also retired there.

While they had many trips around New Zealand, June and Bob would return to their piece of paradise looking over the Manuakau Harbour and it was there that June wrote her many stories for this magazine. Locals may remember reading about her adventures and some had the added pleasure of seeing some of her landscape paintings. June loved cooking and she will be remembered for her delicious morning teas on Roundabout collation



mornings. But while our helpers ate their fill there were always some leftovers for people in the community who needed a bit of a treat. June walked the talk with her strong faith and was always ready to lend a hand, being very involved in the after-school children's club at Laingholm Baptist Church. She had a huge heart and always seemed to have plenty of love to share with her family, friends and community. She lived a great life and one local told us he has video of June enjoying a flying fox at the age of 92, just before she died. Rest in peace dear June, you were loved by many.





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## Budget 2023

**Dr Deborah Russell  
MP for New Lynn**

We've just released Budget 2023, which sets out more support for today and the next steps in our plan to build for tomorrow. I wanted to make sure that you'd heard about a few key initiatives, including a cost of living package to ease the pressure on people in the New Lynn Electorate.

This Budget provides practical cost of living support across some of the core expenses facing New Zealanders –healthcare, childcare, transport and power bills. It will help to make things a bit easier for families, students and older New Zealanders by reducing or removing some of the costs they currently face. Millions of Kiwis will pay a little less as a result.

As we build a more equitable health system, we're focused on three service priorities – winter, workforce and waitlists. Around \$99 million is being put towards the coming winter, focused on providing primary and community care closer to people's homes, reducing pressure on hospitals, and speeding up discharge from hospitals through community-based care for older people. \$118 million has also been allocated to help reduce waiting lists, and \$63 million for progressing safe staffing and an additional 500 new nurses to be employed.

One of the health announcements I'm particularly happy about is the removal of the \$5 co-payment for prescriptions. The removal of this prescription charge means that an estimated three million people across New Zealand will no longer have to worry about the cost of collecting medication, including the 770,000 people over the age of 65 who received prescription medicines in the community last year. I know this is going to make a big difference to people's lives.

We're also helping families stretch their budgets a little further. Parents not previously receiving childcare subsidies will save an estimated \$133.20 a week in childcare costs if a two-year-old child attends ECE for at least 20 hours a week. The cost of public transport for young New Zealanders is also being cut. From July 1, we're providing free fares on buses, trains and ferries for children aged 5 to 12 and half price discounts for all passengers aged 13 to 24.

We're also reducing power bills by making Kiwi homes more energy efficient through the Warmer Kiwi Homes programme. We are nearly doubling the existing retrofit programme that has reduced homes' electricity use by on average 16 percent over the winter months. We're delivering 26,500 insulation and heating retrofits per year for the next four years and adding energy efficient hot water heaters and LED lights into the mix to help save on power bills.

Budget 2023 also includes a massive boost to our country's infrastructure which has been tested during the recent flooding and cyclone. That's why we've allocated significant funds to build back better with greater resilience, to protect communities from increasingly severe and unpredictable weather events. In early June, the Government will start outlining the process ahead and paving the way for consultation on specific outcomes for severely affected locations. You can expect to see community meetings in affected areas and one-on-one engagement.

Overall, I feel that Budget 2023 does the basics well and makes investments where they are needed, helping us respond to the challenges of today and building for the future.

Nga Mihi

Deborah Russell, MP for New Lynn

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What the Laingholm church plans to do for people in its parish – which stretches from Huia to Henderson – is to run the world-famous Alpha program, with a slap-up top-nosh dinner beforehand every week, including dessert and very good coffee.

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Dates and times aren't definite as we go to print. Diarise and prioritise it when you can. I mentioned the excellent coffee. Oh, yes. There's a dozen different teabags, too.



# The Real Estate Update

**RayWhite**

## Selling in winter

Winter is often considered a slow season for real estate in New Zealand, but that doesn't mean it's a bad time to sell. In fact, there are several advantages to selling your property during the winter months.

Firstly, there is less competition on the market. Many sellers wait until spring or summer to list their properties, which means there are fewer homes for buyers to choose from in the winter. This can work in your favour, as buyers who are looking during the winter months are often more motivated to make a purchase.

Secondly, winter can be a great time to showcase your property's features. If your home has a fireplace, for example, this can be a major selling point during the colder months. Similarly, if your property has a beautiful garden or outdoor area, you can use this to your advantage by highlighting how it can be enjoyed year-round.

Another advantage of selling in winter is that buyers tend to be more serious. With fewer properties on the market, buyers are more likely to take the time to view your property and make an offer if they are interested. This can lead to a quicker sale and a smoother transaction overall.

Of course, there are some challenges to selling in winter as well. The weather can be unpredictable, which can make it difficult to schedule viewings and photography. However, with the right preparation, you can overcome these challenges and make your property stand out.

In conclusion, while selling in winter may not be the most popular choice, it can be a great opportunity to showcase your home.



### Here are some tips for selling your property in winter:

1. Make sure your property is warm and inviting. Turn up the heat, light some candles, and add some cozy blankets and cushions to create a welcoming atmosphere.
2. Keep your property well-lit. With shorter days and longer nights, it's important to make sure your property is well-lit both inside and outside. Consider adding some outdoor lighting to highlight your property's features.
3. Showcase your property's winter appeal. If your property has a fireplace, make sure it's lit during viewings. If you have a hot tub or sauna, highlight these features as well.
4. Keep your property clean and tidy. With wet and muddy conditions outside, it's important to keep your property clean and tidy to make a good impression on potential buyers.
5. Work with a real estate agent who has experience selling in winter. A good agent will know how to market your property effectively during the winter months and will have strategies for overcoming any challenges that may arise.

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## Main Lessons

This month we have an Open Day opportunity to visit classes during the Main Lesson. Main Lessons are a central feature of Waldorf-Steiner pedagogy from Class 1 to 12. The same topic is taught for the first 2 hours each day in blocks of 3-4 weeks. This approach provides plenty of opportunity for the pupils to enter deeply into the themes.

Lessons, which are approached artistically and age appropriately, reflect the pupil's developing consciousness and cover a wide variety of disciplines - maths, language, the arts, science and humanities. The teacher aims to engage and integrate the pupil's soul faculties of thinking, feeling and willing in listening, in imaginative and artistic work, written work and movement-based activities reaching an array of learning styles and to also integrate each topic with other subject areas. Pupils are nourished when the main lesson offers something to inspire and awaken the whole being - head, heart and hands.

**Here** is a brief snapshot of what each class is currently doing in Main Lesson.

**Class 1/Yr2 – the Four Arithmetic Processes** through drawing beautiful star patterns, movement and rhythm.

**Class 2/Yr 3 – Number Place Value** are being learnt through story and experientially by bundling up items into groups of 10 and then 10s into 100s.

**Class 3/Yr 4 – Language: Grammar.** Learning the quality of adjectives and the laws of sentence structure.

**Class 4/Yr 5 – Fractions.** The yummiest block so far for Class 4 as they cook, bake, slice and dice their way into the world of fractions. Always going from the whole to the parts. They have made beautiful fraction art placemats as a “foundation” for enjoying their “experiential” learning.

**Class 5/Yr 6 – Decimals.** Introduction to the decimal point, converting fractions to decimals and vice versa; discovering recurring and irrational numbers like pi.

**Class 6/Yr 7 - Ancient Rome.** Pupils are currently fascinated by the Gods of Roman Mythology and the activities and personalities of Ancient Rome. They are also learning to see things from different perspectives before delving into the world of debating and persuasion.

**Class 7/Yr 8 – Biology: Human Fertility.** A huge topic exploring cultural, familial and personal history of pubescence and adolescence; surveying opportunities and challenges facing youth through cultural messages and images and investigating stereotyping and gender bias. Also identifying the signs of puberty – socially, physically and in the soul and intellect. Learning about the organs, processes of reproductive systems and the first three months of human embryology. The students are challenged to reflect on when they think human life begins as well as discussing genetics and bioengineering and the moral, ethical and legal issues arising from these.

**Class 8/Yr 9 – Geography: Biomes.** Students are really interested in the natural world and showing a passion for

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learning about the world's vastly different biomes; looking at how specific climates and geographic locations create environments for the organisms that live there. Linking back to their Meteorology block, they are looking at how the atmosphere and ocean currents create these biomes and the impact of climate change.

**Class 9/Yr 10 – Plant Chemistry: Fermentation.** The wonders of the fermentation process where fungi, bacteria, or yeast are added to a sugar solution. Students are studying the chemical processes (with word and balanced equations) through the practical experiments of fermentation by making bread, pizza dough, cheese, yoghurt, ginger beer and more.

**Class 10/Yr 11 – English: Mythology to Literature.** This block links back to mythologies experienced at the imaginative and feeling levels in the Lower School and extends towards higher level thinking in Class 10. Reflecting on the shift from a mythic consciousness to the age of literature. How do these reflect humanity, who we have been and 'are'? Why are there so many echoes in myths across cultures and the shapes of stories across time? And what are the benefits of 'knowing' ourselves, collectively and individually?

**Class 11/Yr 12 – Atomic Physics.** Students have been exploring their understanding of atoms and the elementary particles that make up our universe. They are moving through key historic milestones (like Zeno of Elea and the problem of perceived motion, Thales of Miletus experimentation with static electricity and carried out a simpler version of Lord Rayleigh's measurement of the size of a molecule) through to the present-day understanding of The Standard Model of how the basic building blocks of matter interact, before examining radioactivity and its uses.

As you can see, learning is designed to be an engaging voyage of discovery, both of the world and of oneself and lays a foundation for vital, well-rounded individuals with enquiring minds and an enthusiasm for learning.

*“To truly know the world, look deeply within your own being; to truly know yourself, take real interest in the world.”*

-- Rudolf Steiner



# TRSS - upcoming events

## School Open Days

### Main Lesson School Tour

**Wednesday 14 June 9:15am**

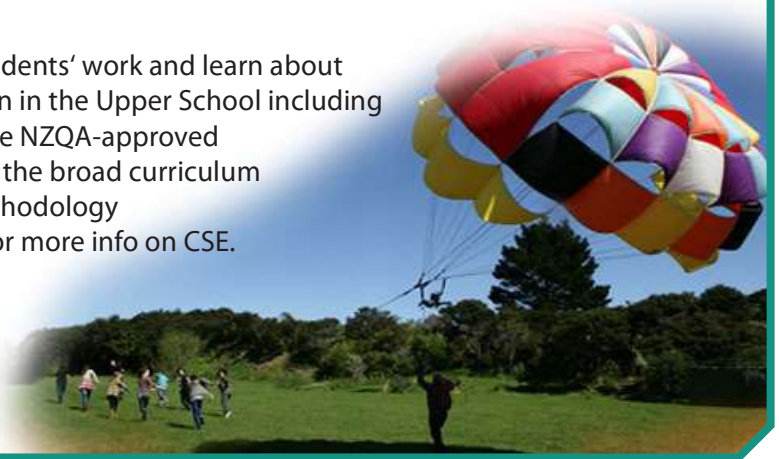
The "Main Lesson" concept is a key feature of Steiner Education. The same topic for the first 2 hours of the day for a period of 3-4 weeks allows for deep immersive and experiential learning. Come for a snapshot tour through classes during the Main Lesson.

### Upper School Information Evening

**Wednesday 28 June 7pm – 8:30pm**

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# Book Reviews

GEORGE WADSWORTH & IAN JOHNSON



## **The Last Painting of Sara De Vos by Dominic Smith**

From Amsterdam in 1631 to New York in 1957 and then to Sydney in 2000, the author takes us on a journey with the only surviving painting “At the Edge of a Wood” painted by Sara de Vos. The painting hung in the bedroom of a wealthy lawyer in New York and it took him a while to realise that it had been stolen and a forgery put in its place. Meanwhile Ellie Shipley, a poor art history student becomes a celebrated art historian and museum curator in Sydney and, believe it or not, ends up with possession of both paintings.

The story slides between Sara’s life and how she came to do the painting, the part Ellie played in the theft, how she was tracked down and then came to be holding both paintings. This is another absorbing and highly readable novel ranking alongside the author’s “Return to Valetto” Not to be missed

## **How to be Champion My Autobiography by Sarah Millican**

From being a shy, quiet, bookish, bullied, wall flower growing up, Sarah Millican has become an accomplished and much enjoyed stand up comedian who can wow audiences with her frank (sometimes rude) but friendly style where no topic is sacred. She is funny-sometimes filthy, but her audiences love her. Her book has 43 chapters with headings such as “Being a Wallflower”, “Thirteen Excellent Break up tips”, “I don’t want kids”, “Ten Good things about being a Bit Overweight” and “A Love Letter to my Knockers” Several chapters have advice or comments at the end under the heading ‘How to be a Champion’ such as “Be yourself or else you’ll have to keep up the pretence for ever”, “There is no substitute for hard work”, “If you do not want to drink, don’t”, “Your best friend can totally be a dog”, “Don’t let society or your family dictate how your life should be. Kids aren’t for everyone. And I’m on big tablets works just as well as a reason”

Read the book, then watch her on Youtube. Contrasting moods and atmosphere hover over and pervade the following two books.

Readers may recall **John Boyne’s “The Boy in Striped Pyjamas”** published in 2006 and made into a successful movie a couple of years later. It was about Bruno, the son of an Auschwitz camp commander who befriended a young Jewish boy, Shmuel, a prisoner in the camp. There are tragic consequences for Bruno. And his father, mother

and young sister who discover that Bruno has been gassed along with his young Jewish friend. **All The Broken Places, John Boyne (Doubleday, 2022)** is a sort of a sequel although it jumps 80 years to tell the subsequent events in the life of Bruno’s sister, Gretel who is now 91 and living a comfortable life in present day London. The novel has two threads, alternating between Gretel’s life story since the horrific events at Auschwitz and her present life where she befriends a family living next door and who have their own dark secrets. Both threads are narrated by Gretel. Through her story of her dark past, the themes of guilt, denial, shame, grief and contrition feature strongly. She hides her background from everyone she meets in her life, even from the man she falls in love with and marries, a Jew who lost family in the concentration camps. The two threads of the novel converge and she has to make a shocking decision and act in dealing with the present-day situation of the family next door. She failed to save her brother. Will she save the young boy next door? This is a novel that maintains a real tension throughout and is tautly told.

**A People’s History of Heaven, Mathangi Subramanian (One World, 2019)** is a definite contrast in mood. This is a tale of five young women who become close friends. They live in Swarga, a slum area in Bangalore – Swarga is the Sanskrit word for heaven, hence the title. While it is a poor and rundown area, it is a community that has great ‘joy de vivre’. They certainly need this to resist the government’s decision to send in bulldozers to clear the slum and replace it with shopping malls, apartment blocks and car park buildings. The community is threatened with being obliterated. What the authorities did not figure on were the women from Heaven resisting these plans to save their homes and community. The story is told through the young women of diverse backgrounds (a blind girl who loves to dance, the queer daughter of a hijabi-wearing union leader, a transgender Christian convert amongst others). Their love, camaraderie and friendship are the basis of the story. Each chapter revolves around one of the women with each chapter being split between the character at the present time interwoven with events in their life from the past. This gives a complete picture of their lives and why they are resisting the changes. This a story of vibrancy, enjoyment and positivity, I just loved it.





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- ½ Cup Lemon Juice
- 2 Tablespoons grated Lemon Zest
- 1 Clove crushed Garlic
- 6 Chicken Pieces
- ½ Cup Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- ¼ Teaspoon Pepper
- 2 Teaspoons Paprika
- ½ Cup (approx.) melted Butter



Mix together the soya sauce, salt & pepper, oil, lemon juice, zest and garlic. Chill 1 hour before using. Coat chicken in flour and second lot of salt and pepper and paprika. Arrange in roasting dish and brush with melted butter. Bake uncovered for 30 minutes at 160 degrees. Turn chicken pieces, pour over the sauce and bake for a further 30 minutes. Serve with rice or vegetables.

## LEMON OR LIME CUPCAKES

- 1 Cup Flour
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 2 Teaspoons Baking Powder
- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla
- ½ Teaspoon Salt
- 2 Tablespoons Zest
- 2 Tablespoons melted Butter
- 2 Eggs
- 1 Tablespoon Juice



Mix all ingredients together and if a bit dry add a little milk. Place mixture into small cupcake tins and bake at 160 degrees for 20 minutes.

## ICING

- 1 ½ Cups Icing Sugar
- 1 Teaspoon Butter
- 1 Teaspoon Zest
- 2 Tablespoons Juice
- ½ Teaspoon Vanilla
- Water to mix.

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## The Forgotten Suburb

Free public transport for children 13 years and younger will be an incentive for parents to stop providing a taxi service for their offspring. But it will only work if public transport is reliable and convenient.

The Forgotten Suburb's school is on a bus route. But the 8.50 am bus arrives at the school after the crossing patrol has finished and the bell has rung. The previous bus is at 7.50 and would get the children to school far too early – the teachers don't like that. What about after school? Auckland Transport expects the children to catch the bus opposite the school, get off at Woodlands Park, find a safe place to cross the road and wait for the bus going in the opposite direction to take them to their homes along Laingholm Drive. We're talking about unsupervised primary school children. What responsible parent would expect their, perhaps 5 year old, child do that? For free public transport to benefit Laingholm School pupils, it's clear that there needs to be a revamp of both the bus timetable and the bus route. (The Rudolf Steiner and Woodlands Park Schools are, technically, not in The Forgotten Suburb, but will have similar issues).

Assuming that AT adjusts the bus service to make it convenient for the school pupils, it won't suit everyone. A child living at the far end of Kauri Point Road would have a long walk along a narrow, windy footpathless road cluttered with parked cars, wheelie bins, road cones, skips, building materials etc.

By the time the parent had driven them to the bus stop on Victory Road they may as well have taken them to school.

The benefits of more children using public transport are significant. It will reduce carbon emissions by taking cars (some of them petrol driven) off the road. It will reduce traffic at the worst time of the day for congestion – before and after school. It will improve safety outside schools. (Laingholm School is on a bend and parents reverse out of the angle parks after dropping off their kids.) It will be a social time for the children, encourage independence and it will relieve parental stress. It could also establish a lifetime habit of using public transport. This would be a good time for AT and schools to work together to make sure that this government initiative will have the desired effect by getting children out of cars and onto public transport and thus reducing carbon emissions.



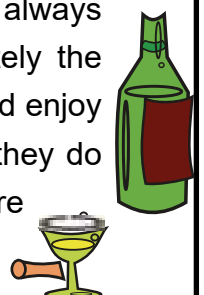
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Wet, wet, wet. Everything I attempt is getting drowned or eaten at the moment but while it is disheartening I keep thinking of the commercial producers who must be having such a hard time of it. For me it's disappointing and a bit costly but for the growers it must be devastating. I am still persisting with trying to grow winter staples such as cabbage, silverbeet, broccoli and cauliflower but so far it's a fail. I'm trying to help the soil with compost and mulch where appropriate and at least the rain has softened the ground making weeding much easier. This is the month when the experts advise planting garlic and shallots (the old adage: plant on the shortest day, harvest on the longest). It is preferable for the soil to be cool when these are planted and it is better if the site is prepared beforehand with a

combination of lime, fertiliser and compost. It should then be left for a week or two before planting. Peel off the papery layer on the bulbs and separate into separate cloves for planting. I've found shallow planting is best but there seems to be mixed messages about what depth is ideal. Apparently some plants can now be sown directly into a sunny spot or sown in trays ready for early spring but looking at my soggy garden that's not going to happen. Elsewhere judicious pruning can be undertaken on trees and roses and a general tidy up is always on the agenda. But this is definitely the time of year to take it a bit easy and enjoy those beautiful winter days when they do come. Stay well and hang on in there until spring.





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Almost half way through the year! We hope you have all survived this dreadful weather! We are coming up to the winter solstice so there must be better weather coming our way soon!

This month I have a poem written by Sam Fletcher. It incorporates his love for this area.

### **OLD HUIA**

Where the houses that nestle among the foothills

Skirt the Bay with its fitful tide.

Where the glories of Nature are fondly displayed,

And the folk of my heart abide

Where the Christmas trees lean in their crimson array,

To the wavelets dancing and bright.

And the tea-tree in tenderness borders the green,

With its billowing flowers of white.

Oh there's something out there in those wild rugged hills,

That tells of an era that's gone

Of mill-saws that screamed from those sheltering coves

Of the bullocks loud spate and song.

I feel there was more to this poem! Add some more verses if you enjoy this area as much as he did! Visit the Huia Settlers museum to discover more of his writings! We have several folders of his memories.

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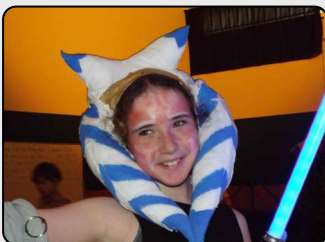
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June's Photo Gallery  
"Star Wars Day 2023"



Thank you to all the students, parents, caregivers and members of staff who made ...

### Star Wars Day 2023

... such an amazing event. Many of the costumes were, out of this world. A special 'shout out' to one parent for the most creative use of spray foam that I have ever seen.

Some of the amazing costumes are featured below and in this month's 'photo gallery'.



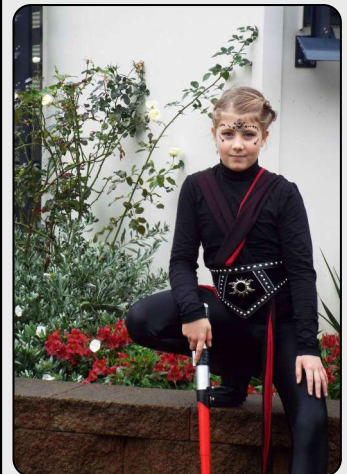
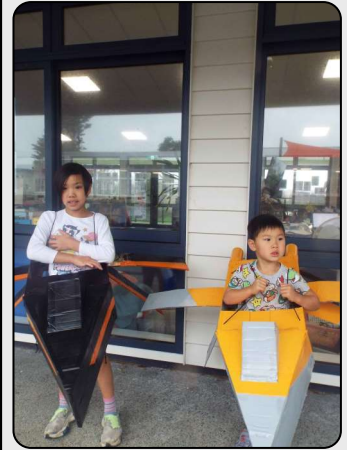
The winning costume - Jabba the Hutt





A Star Wars Poem to mark the day, written by Mrs Sparey, one of our talented teachers.

In a galaxy far, far away,  
 It's another Star Wars day,  
 Spaceships flying through asteroids  
 Planets full of aliens and droids,  
 Each Jedi uses a lightsaber of course,  
 Their special powers coming from the force,  
 Luke Skywalker learns from Obi wan Kenobi,  
 A master who is noble and gifted for all to see,  
 Yoda helps to train him too as he is so very wise,  
 With 800 years of knowledge... although small in size,  
 Princess Leia is fearless and ready for action too,  
 She is Luke's sister and a brave leader of the crew,  
 Darth Vader was always the enemy dressed in black,  
 With a strange voice and ready to attack  
 R2 D2 and C-3PO make a great team who care,  
 Smart and loyal with many skills to share,  
 The Millennium Falcon travels through space,  
 With its secret cargo always at a fast pace,  
 X wings darting around the universe so fast,  
 On the good side, hoping to win at last



### Walking School Bus



Our new walking school bus started last week with some very eager children and super parent drivers. Despite a drizzly start, everyone put on their bright yellow rain ponchos and walked off to school. Please look out for the Walking School Bus as they make their way to school each morning from the corner of Huia and Victory Roads.

A big thank you to Kylie, Troy, Wendy, Melanie, Sabrina and Jake who have all volunteered to be our drivers!

## 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 e-mail the school on [office@laingholm.school.nz](mailto:office@laingholm.school.nz).

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During term 2 we had lots of conversations about the Kings Coronation. This led to our tamariki (children) asking to make crowns. Using scissors, glue, sparkles and paint our tamariki created themselves beautiful crowns fit for any King or Queen. The arts enable tamariki to explore with different mediums and creative techniques.



After hearing of the sad news of Sirpa passing, Laingholm Kindergarten's first Head Teacher, we created a book of remembrance for Sirpa's family. We have many fond memories of Sirpa including her love and care for all children, and her wonderful stories she use to tell. We are filling this book with fond memories from our community and we will never forget Sirpa's love, care and delightful story telling.





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## Playing with Ponies

Huia Road Horse Club is home to two beautiful club Ponies, Paddy and Merlin.



Paddy



Merlin

When you are a club pony, you need a team of pony carers to help look after you! Lucia and her mum Jacinda are two members of our wonderful pony team, and they come at least once a week to help with the pony jobs, and to give the Paddy and Merlin some fun.

We asked Lucia and Jacinda some questions about being part of the Huia Road Horse Club Pony Team. Lucia, who is in Year 8 at school, became really interested in horses and spent heaps of time reading horse books and playing Horsemworld online. She enjoyed the Stacy Gregg books, as well as non-fiction horse care books. But it wasn't the same as getting some real-world horse action! Lucia and Jacinda had noticed our club while driving past, came along to one of our pony rides days, and started talking to us about becoming members. They started in our pony team in July last year, and are really enjoying it.

Why did you want to join our team?

Lucia: I had thought about getting a horse, but I thought we better learn how to take care of them properly first.

Are you learning a lot?

Lucia: At first I didn't know anything about taking care of them, but now I know a lot, and really enjoy it. I like being part of a team. Now I know how to pick out feet, do grooming, leading, and how all the horses have different personalities. I've learnt about feeding and picking up poo!

Would you recommend joining the pony team?

Lucia and Jacinda: Yes!

Jacinda: Yes, for kids who want some real-world horse experience, outside of reading and online games. It's an affordable way to have time with horses and learn about their care. We've enjoyed coming and meeting everyone and being part of a community. It's also nice to be part of something outside and spend time together doing something we enjoy.



Thanks to all our fantastic pony team! More on other members another month!

For more information about what is involved with joining our fantastic club, please contact Louise on 0274991732, or see [www.facebook.com/huiaroadhorseclub](http://www.facebook.com/huiaroadhorseclub).



If you want to meet any of our horses or ponies up close, don't forget to come to our next Pony Rides Day – usually the first Sunday of the month, from 3-4pm, but please check our facebook page for any updates. It's a \$5 donation per ride, with all proceeds going to the cost of keeping our club ponies.

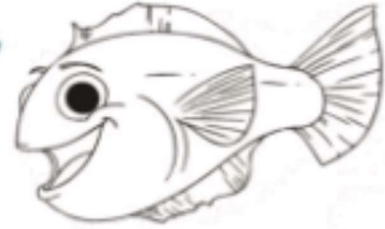




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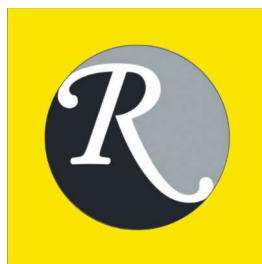
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