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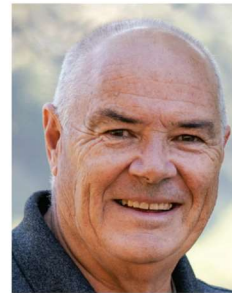
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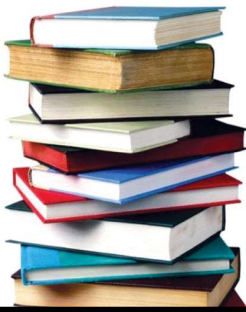
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**To see what our  
Volunteers have  
had to do this  
Month  
Check out pages  
22-23 & 30-31**

Look left to see where not to go!  
And be careful around the 3 sets of  
traffic lights this side of Titirangi!  
And also around the red cones!  
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Keep safe out there!



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We are pleased to announce that *A Pluriverse Siren*, the solo exhibition from international artist Aura Satz will be presented at Te Uru over the Winter season, from the 29<sup>th</sup> of July.



Aura Satz, *A Pluriverse Siren* (still), 2023, film. Image courtesy of the artist.

'*A Pluriverse Siren*' re-imagines the siren in order to forge a new understanding of present and long-term emergencies. Part of Aura Satz's documentary film *Preemptive Listening* (2017-ongoing), this chapter of the project features the voice of Erin Matariki Carr, lawyer, scholar and activist, Co-Lead for RIVER (Revitalising Indigenous Virtues for Earth's Regeneration) and Taonga Pūoro performance and music by Horomona Horo.

The siren serves as a worldwide symbol of potential trauma, an emblem warning of climate catastrophe, a mouthpiece for sonic governance and crisis management. The film invokes an alternative reading of the siren by connecting to Te Ao Māori ancestral knowledge, weaving Taonga Pūoro with the sounds of the natural environment at Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari. These traditional Māori instruments can act as a call to arms, a warning, as well as a form of long-distance communication, a signal heralding a birth or the dawn of a new day. The film asks: What might a siren for the non-human or more than human sound like? Can we envision new sounds not only scored to immediacy, but signals sounding the alarm for the distant future, the cries on the cusp of ecological catastrophe? Have we internalized the siren's cry? Through Matariki's words on kinship and close-ups of Horomona's Taonga Pūoro practice, the film highlights the importance of listening and reattuning to a pluriverse siren, one that can speak to many interconnected worldviews.

## The Forgotten Suburb

Laingholm Local is forgetting the Forgotten Suburb again this month and visiting the Mainland. It's good to forget the rain, mud and slips for a while, even though that means adjusting to colder temperatures.

When the Europeans came to New Zealand (and Australia, Canada and even the USA) they took things with them from their homeland, some intentionally, some accidentally and some unavoidably. Included in the "intentional" category are place names which were often prefixed with "New", for example, an eastern suburb of Christchurch called New Brighton. Brighton on the south coast of England is well known for its pier and pavilion. New Brighton, Christchurch, also has an iconic pier – but no pavilion. It's a favourite fishing spot, a good vantage point to watch surfers catching the Pacific Ocean waves and kite flyers on the beach catching the wind.



A New Brighton local was seen near that pier enjoying the latest edition of The Roundabout. Along the waterfront, children are catered for with a playground that has wet and dry play areas. The hot pools (ranging from 26 deg to 40 deg) cater for everyone. The Saturday morning market is popular. Cafes provide the usual refreshments.

A short drive towards Christchurch is the Travis Wetland, a haven for many water-loving birds and plants. Being flat, the well-maintained tracks can be enjoyed by people of all abilities – but there is a strict "no dogs" rule to protect the birds. For the fit there is a viewing tower to climb.

World-wide, wetlands have been drained to provide land for building or for agriculture, and also to remove breeding areas for malaria-carrying mosquitoes. Even the Forgotten Suburb had its wetland inland from the beach along the first part of Western Road. Wetlands are nature's sponges soaking up excess moisture and releasing it slowly, thus mitigating flooding. Restoration Ruatuna (read about them elsewhere in The Roundabout) is restoring the wetland at Western Park and the benefits are already evident.

Wherever we travel there are reminders of home – whether "home" is one's country of birth or one's normal place of abode. The reminder may be a "New" place name or a similar landscape. And so, we don't forget.

*Laingholm Local*



**1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>:** In support of National Poetry Day on 25<sup>th</sup> August, shops in the village are displaying poems throughout the month, written by different members of The Titirangi Poets. Look out for 14 poems celebrating what we love about our unique area.

**Saturday 12 August** 11 to 12pm: Violin Family at Titirangi Library

Experience the magic of violin and cello through captivating performances. There will be a chance for children to try the instruments and play a note. Ages 6+.

**Saturday 19 August** 10.30 – 11.30am: Climate change, hope in action. A one-hour conversation sharing knowledge and experiences of climate change and what we can do. All welcome.

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Non members welcome, join us for supper afterwards. Koha appreciated to cover hall hire.

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*Despite the rain and cold weather gardeners need to be looking ahead to spring planting by adding nutrients and organic matter to your soil. Now is the time to cut and dig in cover crops such as mustard, lupin and oats. If you want home grown potatoes for Christmas dinner you need to start them sprouting now. Rocket and Cliff's Kidney are good early seed potatoes while Swift are fast growing.*

*It has been cold and wet but try to find the motivation to pull some weeds and pretend to do something useful in the veggie patch. Peas can go in the ground now and beans, lettuce and celery can be started off. If you plant early season lettuce remember slugs and snails will decimate them if given a chance. Meanwhile you can continue with the winter staples of cabbage, cauliflower, silver beet and broad beans. (I'm still waiting for my winter crop to start showing signs of doing something useful.)*

*Now is a good time to replenish your herb garden with sage, coriander, thyme, rosemary and parsley but it is a bit early for basil.*

*In the flower garden you should be picking your flowering bulbs such as daffodils, jonquils and hyacinths. Bring on spring!*



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His wife Samantha Sutherland reached out for help and support a month ago, with exciting 'dreams come true' news. Lara has a dream opportunity and I am committed to helping her turn that into reality:

**My name is Lara Sutherland**, I'm 16 years old. I love animals, helping others, writing and dancing. I was diagnosed with a rare liver disease, Biliary Atresia when I was a 6 week old baby and became incredibly ill.

I was blessed with a liver transplant at 7 months old which aided me to be able to live a fuller life.

Unfortunately, I became sick again in 2013 and spent most of my time in the hospital up until I was gifted another liver transplant in 2016, when I was 9.

Ever since then I have been able to experience things that normal kids and teenagers would be able to experience and even found a deep passion for dancing.

I have come a long way from where I began and am proud to announce that I and my hip hop crew have been chosen to participate in world championships for hip hop in Portugal.

I'd really would love to attend but need help raising funds to get there, if you can offer help I would be so grateful."

**From Samantha, Laras Mum:**

"Beyond proud of my girl and her team Rangers, who qualified for Hip Hop Unite World Champs in Portugal this October!!! This gorgeous girl has overcome two liver transplants, multiple surgeries, years of hospital and daily ongoing pain, thru hard work, determination and most of all her love of dance (both kpop and hip hop). She just loves to perform and compete and dancing is the one thing that has kept her going through some really tough years.

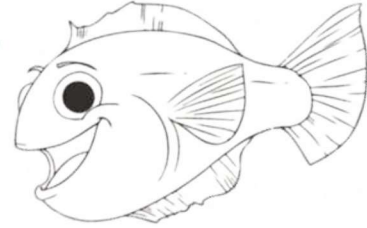
We will be planning our fundraising because I'm not sure how we will afford this so if anyone has fundraising ideas (for team and for Lara) please let me know, if anyone wants to sponsor Lara personally or with their business, and if anyone knows of contact/temp work I can mostly do at home (I'm a bookkeeper, small business office management, website updates & optimisation but can do lots more) please hit me up with ideas! Thanks"

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3-12-64

Second issue of "Laingholm Roundabout" This issue was enlarged to six sheets and contained far more of the children's own work. Expressions of appreciation have been received by the children from parents.

11-11-65

Second issue of the new "Roundabout". Circulation stepped up to 500. Still not enough.

**EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS ROUNDABOUTS**

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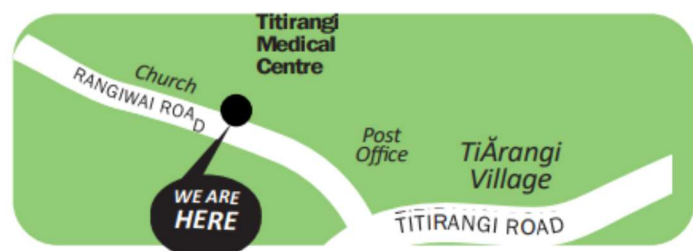
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The Circus is coming to Friday Club and CONNECT this term with heaps of fun and action. Don't miss out on clown races, tightrope walking, the CIRCUS photobooth, the Popcorn Bar, Fiery Hoops, Clown Face Painting and so much more! Here are some of the photos from our first session this Term. We will also be enjoying the Noah's Ark story which has inspired imaginations for centuries.

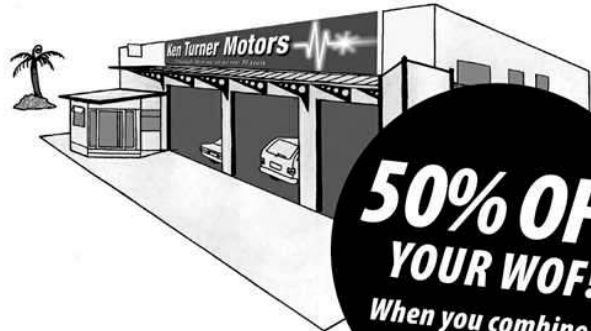
Friday Club (for Years 1-6) and CONNECT FC (for Year 7-8) are run by LBC and adults and youth from our community, to provide children and Intermediates and their families with a safe and welcoming environment to get to know each other and have fun. We also give children and Intermediates a chance to 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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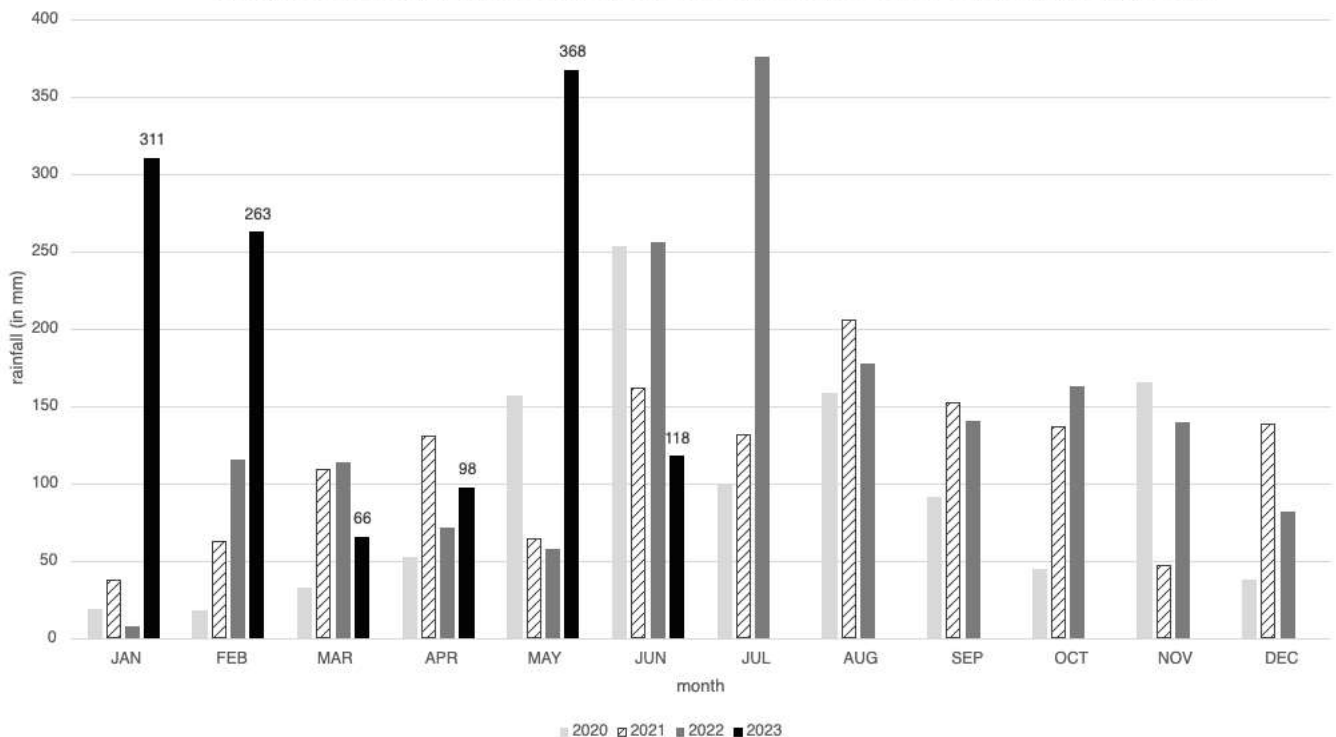
## RESTORATION RUATUNA

Restoring Nature in Laingholm

### LAINGHOLM MONTHLY RAINFALL

Does it feel like the rain never stops? It's not in your imagination.

Laingholm monthly rainfall. Comparison of 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 (laingholm ridge site).

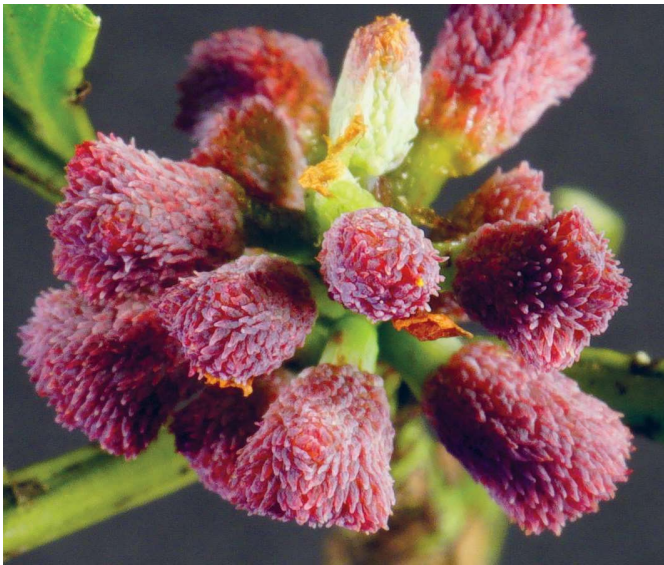


This graph shows that so far this year, Laingholm's rainfall jumped dramatically in January, February and May, compared to the previous three years. Especially in May, which shows a whopping 613% increase on the year before. June was drier than usual, so let's see what the rest of winter brings.

This graph shows data from a rain gauge set on the ridge overlooking the valley (Warner Park Avenue).

It is monitored by a Restoration Ruatuna volunteer.

## NATIVE PLANT OF THE MONTH



**Tanekaha** *Phyllocladus trichomanoides*  
Podocarpaceae

Tanekaha is one of our native conifers growing up to 25m high with a trunk up to 1m in diameter although usually much smaller than this. Bark: grey, smooth, often with lichens.

Tanekaha is interesting because what look like tanekaha leaves are actually flattened stems called phylloclades, hence the scientific name. Male cones are 1cm long and red. Female cones develop on the phylloclade stems. They are red to purple, fleshy, on a white aril and arranged in whorls. Seeds are black and 3mm long.

It grows, often in association with kauri, in lowland to montane forest from North Cape to Taranaki and Hawkes Bay in the North island.

Oddly, it is not found south of here in the North Island but reappears in the South Island east coast down as far as latitude 42°. Tanekaha is in the Podocarpaceae family along with several other of our conifer species such as rimu, kahikatea and totara.

## PEST PLANT OF THE MONTH




*Hedychium gardnerianum*  
Zingiberaceae (Ginger family)

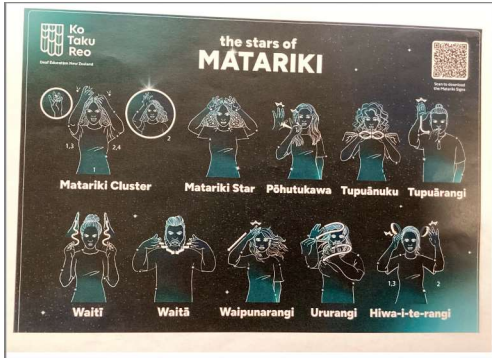
Wild Ginger, Kahili ginger, ginger lily

Like most invasive pest plants this was once a much loved garden plant in New Zealand. Now it is one of our most hated plants because of how destructive it is to native ecosystems. Its tubers form a dense mat that prevents all other native species from surviving. Ginger is shallow rooted, so when it becomes heavy with water and the soil beneath it gets saturated, it can cause hillsides to come slithering down. However, it is surprisingly easy to get rid of it. Just cut off the leafy stems near the base, and leave them on the ground to rot down, and paste the fresh cuts with metsulfuron gel. Alternatively, you can spray the foliage with metsulfuron-methyl 600g/kg (0.5g/L) + penetrant. However, if you are spraying you need to be careful as metsulfuron can kill other plants through their leaves and through their roots. Treeferns are particularly vulnerable.

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During our Matariki celebrations, our Kaiako and tamariki have been learning sign language for the stars of Matariki. Our tamariki love standing up and sharing their sign language while we sign songs and share stories of Matariki.

**Disco Day**

It was Disco Day at Laingholm kōhungahunga...we all had so much fun moving and grooving on Disco Day. Everyone dressed up for the occasion, we played games, danced, gave out spot prizes, and danced some more. Our disco lights and disco balls set the scene for an exciting day of partying!



**Te Uru Waitakere Contemporary Gallery trip**

During the last week of term 2 we went on a trip to visit the art gallery at Te Uru. We travelled by bus to Te Uru where we then split into two groups. Whilst one group had a tour of Te Uru, learning about the artists work on display, the other group spent time in the art room downstairs. Our tamariki got to create their own Matariki star whilst exploring different mediums. These were then glued onto black circles to create a striking Matariki star display. This trip was a great extension to our learning of Matariki, and we all had so much fun. Thank you to Te Uru for hosting us and to all our whānau for their support on our trip.



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### BREAK GLASS – SWITCH ON

Recently the brigade responded to **“Station Call Out Activation”**

During the Auckland Floods and Cyclone Gabrielle, we found ourselves often without the ability to communicate using cell phones.

We highlighted that in an emergency you can set off the Station Alarm outside the station by breaking the glass and switching on the alarm.

This notifies Fire Communications to respond the brigade to the station.

That very scenario played out which resulted in a full turn out of Huia 721 and Huia 7233 to a medical emergency within the community.

If you can't call 111 due to cell phone outages or power cuts, this is always an option where there is risk to life and/or property.



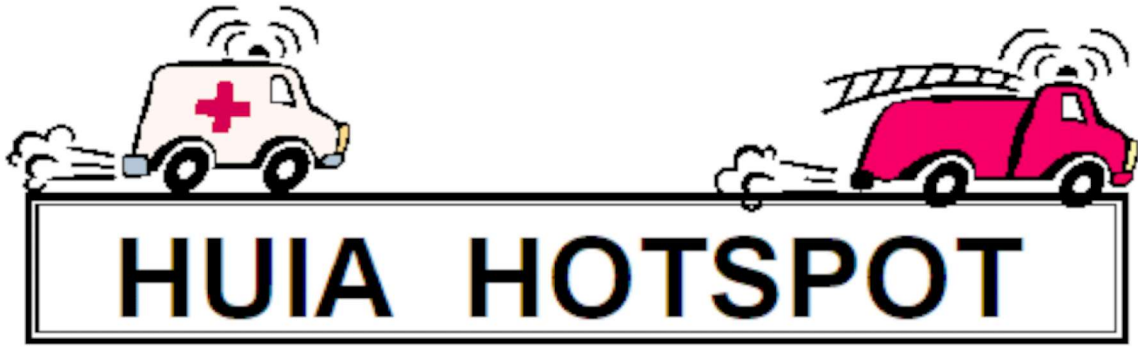
### HAPPY BIRTHDAY BEN

Recently one of our smallest residents and biggest supporters in Huia celebrated his birthday.

SO Colin, SFF Glen and QFF Sarah decided to pop in and surprise Ben during his birthday party.

Ben loves fire trucks and is excited when he sees us in the community.

**Happy Birthday Ben.** We were glad we could pop in to surprise you and make your day just a little bit more special.



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### CAR FIRES IN THE AREA

Local brigades in the area have responded to car fires in recent times.

The problem we have is that these are often left in remote areas where there is little to no traffic during the night when its most done.

Most car fires are ignited next to bushland which often means fire fighters spend the first part of the response putting out the fire in the bush before dealing with the car fire.

This photo was taken of a recent car fire left by Mt Donald McClean car park. It was not detected till the following morning and the fire had extinguished by running out of fuel. In the middle of dry summer periods this will cause a major fire if the bush ignites.



### TRAINING CONTINUES

We continue to train weekly to ensure we keep up our core skills. SFF Neil and QFF Dan are underway preparing for their emergency response driver course before the end of the year.



# LAINGHOLM ROADS

After the roads were tar-sealed there was an influx of people into the district. As the population increased the Post Office decided to give us mail delivery which meant we needed house numbers.

But first it was necessary to change some road names to avoid duplication with other suburbs. So **Lucerne Road** became **Warner Park Avenue**, but there was a time when “**Clover Road**” was suggested there. Imagine changing from Lucerne to Clover.

**Lookout Drive** was the name chosen by the residents living there. It had previously been **Victory Road**, which started at the **Huia Road** turnoff. Originally that was the full extent of **Victory Road**, because at the bottom end of the now Lookout Drive it became **Croydon Road**, which went from there to the beach. **Sandy’s Parade** came into being then too – named after that well-known character.

The stretch from the school corner, past the Fire Station, was **Hastings Road** which went over the crossing by the phone box and down to the bend of the now **Tane Road**.

**Tane Road** commenced at that point, went across the bottom straight, around the far bend and finished at the end of the lane three quarters of the way around – by the pine trees – facing towards the school. From that corner it became **Burford Road** up the rise, over the crossing to join the bottom end of the now Lookout Drive. From there it became **Croydon Road** to the beach. All this meant that the circle that is now **Tane Road** was actually three names – **Hastings, Tane** and **Burford**. Incredible isn’t it? Not only that but the suggested name from the Council was “**Burford Circle**”. Through a petition from the residents it was left at Tane Road.

Then there was **Alton Road** merging into **Laingholm Drive** which finished as one name cutting out **Alton Road**. And **Laing’s Road** at the end of **Kauri Point Road** became **Ewing Road**.

Have I managed to confuse you?

**Dorothy Road** and **Janet Road** were named for the Fawcett ladies. Very fitting too, as the Fawcett’s had a large slice of land in the area.

Another change was **Richard’s Road** which became **Karen Road**. Have you ever wondered who Karen was? I have. So recently while I was at the Council Office in Henderson I asked one of the “Chiefs”. Well, would you believe it was named after an office girl who just happened to be there at the time!! On such foundations are momentous decisions made.

**Jay’s Road** in Woodlands Park has an interesting origin. It was named for the Dyson family who lived there at the time. They were James and Jacqueline, and their children were John, Jocelyn, Jennifer, Jillian and Joanne. A truly lovely family they were.

Grace

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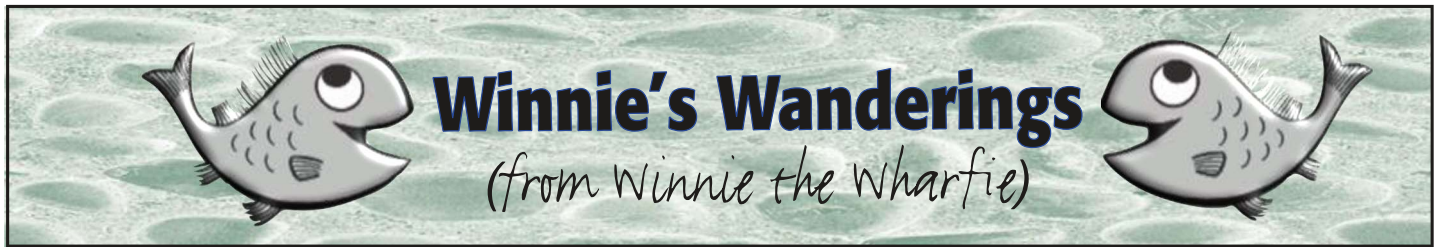
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Giddy fishos, what is there to say about fishing amidst all these lousy weather events and when will they all end – if ever? How much more rain can we take before NZ sinks into the sea which would cause a big shift in fishing habits!

There has been the odd decent day and a few boats out but I've had no fishing reports from anyone so will have to fill the page up with handy tips and useless info.

First a shark story from many years ago. We watched a couple of fellas down on the beach bring in a shark at least seven feet long. They get it into the shallows where it performed like a demented acrobat but these fellas seemed to know what they were doing. Despite its thrashing one fella got astride on its back and pulled open its upper jaw while the other fella put his hand in its mouth and got the hook out!! Then they pushed it into deeper water and off it went – the one getting the hook out must have had touching faith in his mate. Whilst on the subject of sharks, did you know the great white can reach speeds of 64 kilometres an hour (which makes them very difficult to get away from).

Now to Mr Dooge's book 'Hook, Line and Sinker' and his take on kahawai. He recommends bleeding them straight away as the blood taints the flesh (and it doesn't look too nice either). I saw kahawai fillets in the supermarket for \$23 a kilo and it hadn't even been bled. Anyway years ago they were known as s\*\*\* fish because they used to follow the trawlers and feast on the rubbish thrown over. The Aussies posh it up a bit and call it salmon trout. A fisho I know said soak the fillets in milk but he was a bit vague as to why. Anyhow in case you're interested they don't grow very quickly and a nine-year-old fish hardly exceeds two feet in length or 6 pounds in weight.

As to snapper, Mr Doogue has a lot to say. They lurk in many habitats from tidal creeks to mudflats to very deep fast-moving water. He reckons they are very shy but that's debatable. We all know that if they are hungry, especially the small ones, they'll queue up for your bait and take anything. The best snapper I ever caught in the harbour I got on mussels marinated in chilli and bits of old pork sausages. Mr Doogue is very thorough and has a comprehensive list of things a fisho should always have to hand, right down to what sort of clothes you should wear (he doesn't mention if it matters what gender you are). Now a handy tip from him if you are good at visualising. He has a gismo called a water kite which consists of a tin lid cut from a can with a sinker on and attached to a line and swivel. Further up the line is another line with a hook on. He reckons this rig will plane toward the surface on a fast retrieve, thereby lessening chances of snagging (haven't tried it yet so can't comment).

Ok fishos, that's all to say this month, here's a little ditty I found in a fishing book,  
*Now who can solve my problem  
and explain my life-long wish  
Are fishos all big liars  
or do only liars fish?*

A quick joke to end with: Fishos cut out the middle man and pour the beer down the toilet.

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

# The Real Estate Update

**RayWhite**

## Building inspection prior to selling

When it comes to selling a property, one of the most controversial topics is whether or not to get a building inspection prior to putting it on the market. Some argue that it's a waste of time and money, while others believe it's essential for a smooth and successful sale. So, what's the truth? Let's take a closer look at the pros and cons of getting a building inspection prior to market.

### Pros:

1. *It can identify potential issues early on. These issues can be address before potential buyers even see the property. This can save you time and money in the long run, as you won't have to deal with any surprises during the sale process.*
2. *It can give buyers peace of mind. By providing a building inspection report to potential buyers, you can give them peace of mind that the property is in good condition and there are no major issues that need to be addressed.*
3. *It can help you set a realistic price. If your property has any issues that need to be addressed, a building inspection report can help you set a realistic price for the property based on its condition.*

### Cons:

1. *It can be expensive. Building inspections can be costly, and if you're selling a property, you may not want to spend the money on an inspection if you don't think it's necessary.*
2. *It can delay the sale process. Getting a building inspection prior to market can take time, and if there are any issues that need to be addressed, it can delay the sale process even further.*
3. *It can scare off potential buyers. If the building inspection report reveals any major issues with the property, it could scare off potential buyers and make it more difficult to sell the property.*

So, what's the verdict? Ultimately, whether or not to get a building inspection prior to market depends on your individual circumstances. If you're selling a property that you know is in good condition and you don't think there are any major issues, you may not need to get an inspection. However, if you're unsure about the condition of your property or you want to give potential buyers peace of mind, getting a building inspection prior to market could be a good idea.

If you do decide to get a building inspection prior to market, make sure you work with a reputable inspector who has experience in your area. This will ensure that the inspection is thorough and accurate, and that any issues are identified and addressed appropriately.

In conclusion, while getting a building inspection prior to market may be a controversial topic, it's ultimately up to the individual seller to decide whether or not it's necessary. By weighing the pros and cons and considering your individual circumstances, you can make an informed decision that will help you achieve a successful sale.

If you have any questions or would like to chat about your property, please give me a call.

Regards,

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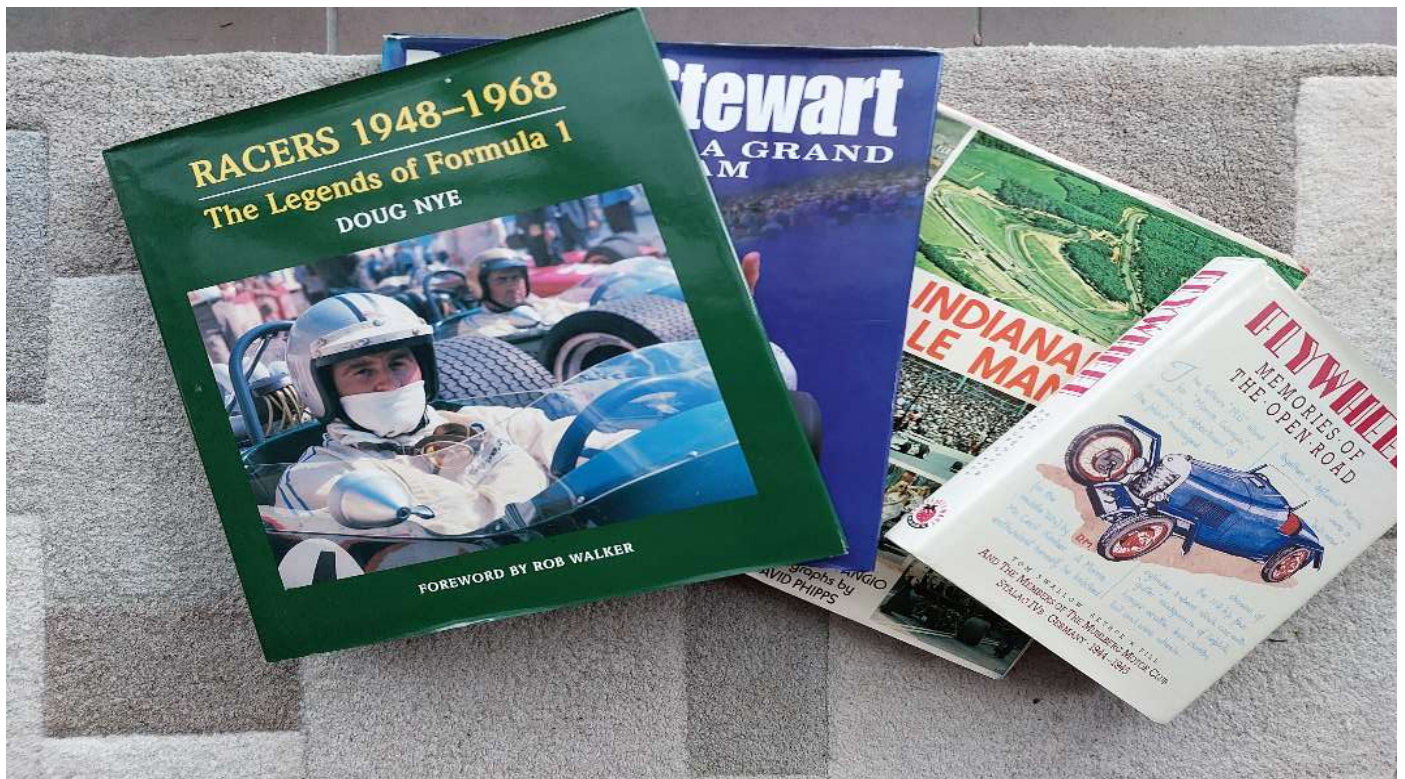
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If you have books you no longer need, feel free to drop them off. But books only please – it's not a dumping ground for other things such as the ironing board, old clothes and a child's seat that were left there recently. Also we have found that no-one wants magazines so please find another place for them. I struck gold recently in that someone had dropped off a number of books about motoring. I took some for myself and put out a note on



our local Facebook pages. Within a few days they were gone and will no doubt be appreciated by some motoring enthusiasts.

I picked up one called Flywheel which detailed the work of a group of motoring enthusiasts being held captive in a German prisoner-of-war-camp during WWII. Boredom was a huge problem for those men so, rather than vegetating, they got together and produced their own little motoring magazines. A similar spirit to what brought about the Roundabout being started back in 1964. The book details their efforts.

So happy reading everyone. They say that the best things in life are free and here's an example  
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# ***Laingholm Volunteer Fire Brigade***

Huia Road, again ! Last month the brigade and other emergency services responded to a two-vehicle head-on crash between a van and a small hatchback near the entrance to Owen's Green. The road was blocked

by the wrecks with the driver of a small hatchback still inside the vehicle, but not trapped. The van driver was lucky to escape unhurt. Often the occupants of the front seats of older forward-control vans suffer leg injuries in such collisions. The brigade gave first aid to the hatchback driver until an ambulance arrived. After she was checked over it was decided she could walk to the waiting ambulance for further examination and a trip to hospital.



The incident was also attended by a fire appliance from Titirangi and a rescue tender from Avondale, along with the Police. Again we point out that Huia Road can be quite treacherous, particularly after rain. It's particularly bad at present with numerous potholes to be avoided. Please take care



From time to time we have had near misses when attending emergency incidents on some of the roads in this area. They happen when the road is blocked, sometimes by damaged vehicles as a result of crashes, or our own vehicles attending emergency incidents. To safeguard our personnel we put traffic control into operation as soon as possible using road cones, stop-go paddles and other traffic taming devices. But the impatience of some motorists is quite concerning. As soon as they are given the signal to go, the foot goes down hard on the accelerator, even if it's obvious that it's still an emergency scene. We have had instances of some drivers trying to squeeze through gaps between damaged vehicles with emergency service staff trying to deal with the injured. Usually this happens before we have had a chance to put traffic control in place.



We are very fortunate to have experienced an influx of new members recently. The first two through their recruit training were Lee and Matt who swapped their green recruit helmets for yellow fire fighter helmets last month.

To get there they attended training with the rest of the brigade on Monday nights and training specifically for recruits on Thursdays. When our training officers were satisfied they had acquired all the necessary skills they were signed onto a week-long course at the FENZ Mt Wellington Training centre. There they met up and worked with recruits from other volunteer brigades in the upper North Island.

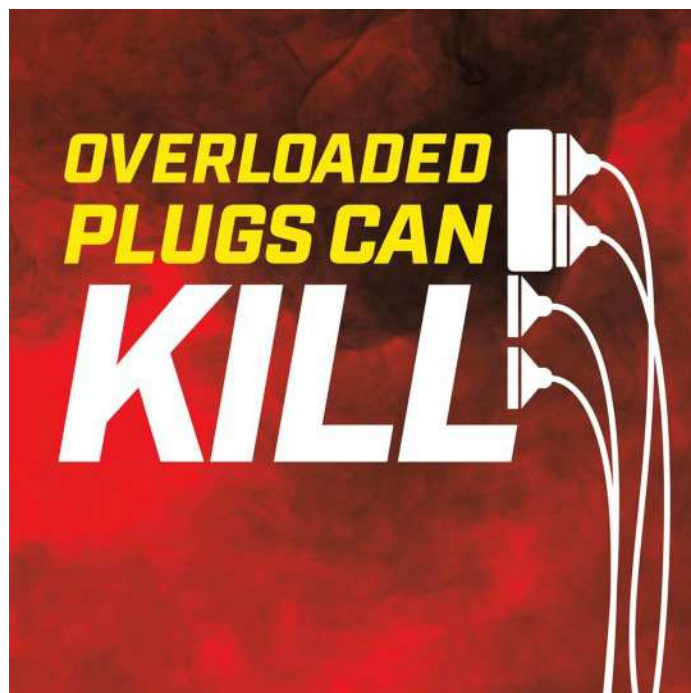
We have four more recruits coming through the system and three are female. Two are daughters of existing brigade members. The days when fire brigade membership was exclusively male are well over - and we are pleased about it. We thank all our new members for coming forwards and hope they enjoy many years of service to the community



It has been very cold and wet lately but the emergency calls keep coming.

We answered 13 last month ranging from a private fire alarm call, to a tree fallen on a house (fortunately with minor damage) and several medical calls, including one to a three-month-old.

We expect our members to turn out no matter what the conditions.

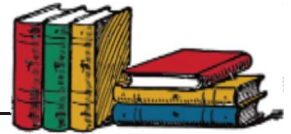




# Book Reviews



GEORGE WADSWORTH & IAN JOHNSON



## **A Higher Loyalty Truth, Lies and Leadership by James Comey**

In May 2017 Donald Trump fired the author who was then the director of the FBI. In essence it was because Trump demanded his loyalty and Comey said he would give him honest loyalty. Comey deeply believes in honesty and in this book discusses honesty at length and what he means by ethical leadership, using his experience with three presidents and other high profile Americans. He had experience with the Mafia when he was a US assistant attorney. He explains why Martha Stewart went to jail for five months. He clashed with George Bush's administration over what was or was not torture. He was involved in the investigation relating to Hillary Clinton's emails and he recounts his dealings with Trump and answers the lies that Trump and his administration told about him.

This book gives a fascinating insight into the workings of the FBI and the culture that the author brought to its activities. We should all aspire to act like the author in testing circumstances. This is a serious read but well worth the time and effort.

## **Facts-and other lies Welcome to the Disinformation Age by Ed Coper**

This book exhaustively but entertainingly discusses the history of lies, truth, how we got into this disinformation mess, the United States and Australian elections and asks why do we fall for fake news. It is a fascinating read. There are so many stories. Here are three. A suicide bomber blew up a city block because he believed phone towers spread disease. A US congressman elected on a platform that Democrats were harvesting an anti-aging chemical from the blood of abused children. Refusal to believe that there was a global pandemic even as those patients were dying of it. Paraphrasing the blurb on the back cover, the book puts fake news in its historical context, explains how disinformation has fractured society. Why it is hard to stop and what we can do to stop its proliferation. It outlines how anyone can diffuse information wherever the deluded gather to spread their nonsense. Be prepared.

Two novels that have a hard edge to them. The first, **Haven, Emma Donoghue (Little, Brown and Company, 2022)** is based in 7th century Ireland in a monastery that actually existed - Cluain Mhic Nóis on the River Shannon. The ruins of this monastery are now a heritage site. Artt, a well-educated priest arrives at the

monastery. But he is very rigid and uncompromising in his ideas and outlook on life accusing the abbot of being lax in his observation of God's laws and the running of the monastery. Artt has a vision that he is to establish a monastery on an island in the western ocean. There is relief that Artt will leave but part of his vision requires him to take two other monks from the monastery. The ones selected are Cormac, an old but worldly and practical monk, and Trian who is a young novice. Both are struggling with their beliefs but obey orders to go with Artt and naively see it as a simple adventure. After a rough journey, they discover an inhospitable bare island with steep rockfaces and battered by the elements. They are granted little freedom by Artt, but Cormac and Trian each discover skills that might never have been developed and used as they attempt to survive. Trian is from a seafaring family and uses his fisherman skills to provide food. Likewise, Cormac raises vegetables in a sparse garden on the only patch of workable ground. But soon Artt restricts these small pleasures intent on fulfilling a "divine vision" that a stone altar is to be built. Their food supply dwindles but still he insists on achieving his vision. The instinct for survival throws up a stunning conclusion.

In August 1951, the village of Pont Saint-Esprit on the French west coast suffered a mass poisoning which resulted in extreme nausea, convulsions and hallucinations by its inhabitants; seven died and several dozen were committed to asylums. The cause was said to have been through bread supplied by the town's bakery. Hence the title of the second book - **Cursed Bread, Sophie Mackintosh (Hamish Hamilton, 2023)** - which uses the historical facts as a basis for this novel. The story is told through the character of Elodie the wife of the village baker She is dissatisfied with life, trapped in a passionless relationship and daily routine. Two strangers arrive in the town - Violet who likes the refined things of life and her husband who is referred to as "the ambassador" and is on a government mission to carry out a survey of its citizens, all very vague. They occupy the town's only mansion. Despite their different backgrounds Elodie and Violet strike up a 'friendship' of sorts. The arrival of the wealthy outsiders starts to upset the daily routine and balance of the village - it starts to self-destruct. The novel delves into very dark places - power, desire, greed, envy, violence. The story is told by simple narration with interspersed letters written by Elodie to Violet. An allegory for the disintegration of community and downfall of mankind? Not sure but this is very dark book. Not enjoyable in the usual sense of the word but well written.





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# WINTER COMFORT FOOD

FROM ADRIENNE PEEK

## CHICKEN & TAMARILLO CURRY (Serves 8)

10-12 Tamarillos - scooped out from the skin and processed in a food processor

¼ Cup Sunflower Oil

2 Brown Onions - chopped

Large piece of Ginger - peeled and grated

1 Bulb of Garlic - peeled and chopped

1 Teaspoon Chilli Flakes

2 Tablespoons Garam Marsala

¼ Cup Brown Sugar

¼ Cup Tomato Paste

2 Tins Chopped Tomatoes

2 Cans Coconut Milk

6 Skinless, Boneless Chicken Breasts - cut into chunks

1 ½ Cups Greek Yogurt

Large Bunch Coriander - chopped

Juice of a Lime or Lemon

Heat oil, cook onions for 5 minutes. Add ginger, garlic and chilli and cook for 1-2 minutes.

Stir in Garam Marsala, brown sugar and tomato paste and cook for 30 seconds

Add tamarillos and tomatoes and simmer for 6-8 minutes until it thickens. Add coconut milk and cook a further 20 minutes. Season with sea salt and add chicken and simmer until cooked.

Stir yoghurt, pinch salt, lemon juice together and drizzle over the curry.

Serve with rice and a sprinkle of coriander.



## APPLE ROLL PUDDING

1 Cup Water

¾ Cup Sugar

1 Tablespoon Golden Syrup

Put the above in a saucepan and boil until dissolved.

50 Grams Butter or Margarine

1 Cup Flour

1 Teaspoon Baking Powder

Pinch of Salt

2 Apples

Rub the butter into the dry ingredients using a little milk to make a dough mixture.

Roll out the dough mixture and slice 2 apples over dough and roll up. Cut roll into slices and put in a greased baking dish. Pour over the syrup mixture and bake for ¾ hour at 160 degrees.

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### Acknowledgements

It is with sadness we say farewell to **Arnold Turner** who passed away in June. Arnold had a great attachment to the Huia area. He was a Patron of the Huia Settlers Museum and with his wife, Marjorie, (also deceased), generously supported it for years. We send Arnold and Marjorie's family our deepest sympathy.

We also acknowledge **Norman (Norm) Laing**, he would have turned 100 this July 07<sup>th</sup>. It was with his inspiration and the support of others (Jim Nicholl, Paddy Rule, Angela Marsden Judy Campbell, Sam (Basil) Fletcher, Ron Hunter and more ) that the Huia Settlers Museum became a reality, opening on 10th March 1984. He was the author of the local history book "The Settlement of The Huia".

### An extract from "The Settlement of The Huia". How the Huia Museum was established.

The Huia Settlers Museum was established at a public meeting held at the Huia Hall 25<sup>th</sup> October 1981. Encouraged by the support at this meeting, a committee of 10 residents were elected with Mrs W. Fenton as President and Mr N. Laing as Secretary, and decided to go ahead with a modest plan to procure a site. Initially a site next to the Huia Store was kindly offered by Mr & Mrs L Duff, but this was not favoured by the local authority, so the committee investigated the possibility of several sites on A.R.A. parkland. In the meantime progress was being made in other directions such as drawing up a constitution, registering a name and becoming an incorporated society, opening a bank account, fund raising, and most importantly, the collecting of artifacts, photo's, documents etc. Early income was received in the way of generous donations from enthusiastic supporters and fund raising methods including garage sales, stalls and raffles etc.. The greatest boost came with a scheme whereby several property owners allowed the felling of pine trees on their properties for milling, with the proceeds going towards the building project. This was followed by the sale of firewood from the remains of the trees.

Following this, a suitable building was planned to be both functional and attractive to incorporate quality materials of a permanent nature. The committee by this time had decided that the most suitable site would be adjacent to the Huia Hall, as this would allow for sharing of facilities, functions, parking etc. Also the two buildings would be combined by landscaping into one attractive complex. The proximity of the popular Karamatura Reserve and the surrounding Centennial Memorial Park farmland provided the ideal setting and environment for an amenity such as a local museum.

It was a happy day in June 1983 when we moved onto the site to erect profiles and begin the actual building. Progress moved through the various stages fairly rapidly thanks to the continuous enthusiasm of the band of voluntary artisans and other helpers. All required assistance was given willingly and generously as requested. The final outcome is a fitting monument to the memory of the Early Settlers of Huia and surrounding districts. The official opening of the Museum took place on March 10<sup>th</sup> 1984 and marked a milestone in the history of Huia. The attendance of 650 was probably the greatest gathering of people in Huia for any occasion and took on the nature of a great reunion for many of those present. A commemorative totara tree was planted in the grounds by Mr S.B. Fletcher, a lifetime resident of Huia and member of the foundation committee. The policy of the Museum is to collect and display items that represent the history of Huia for the education and benefit of the community and general public. The contents include a wide range of articles and photographs, fascinating to those with an interest in the early life of the district. Perhaps the concept of the Museum can best be illustrated by the following quotation of H.W. Wordsworth from the Presidents opening speech.

*"Lives of great men all remind us.  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing leave behind us,  
Footprints on the sands of time"*

What more apt way to describe the contents of a Museum. "Footprints on the sands of time".

Submitted by Lesley (Jakobi) Laing, Secretary, Huia Settlers Museum, and as a tribute to my Father, Norm Laing Don't forget, our current display is a doll collection from the estate of the late Janice Boddy. The dolls are in pristine condition and are for sale, priced from \$5. All proceeds go to the museum.

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## Winter Rest and Rejuvenation

Most of the past month we have been on our three weeks Winter break - a time to rest, rejuvenate and prepare for the upcoming second half of the year.

While regular school was on a break, there was still plenty of activity to nurture and inspire as various holiday programmes were held catering to different ages.

As always, the **Kindergarten** stayed open for two weeks, though following a slightly different rhythm for the children attending.

For adults, there was a three-day **painting course** led by an internationally trained and experienced artist, art therapist and teacher. Participants used watercolours to further develop painting themes from Rudolf Steiner's Friedwart Series of sketches. These sketches link through the activity of painting to the wonder and beauty of nature as well as helping to rejuvenate participant's energy – they are considered healing motifs for our time. This workshop is held regularly during school holidays and everyone is welcome to attend – no prior painting experience is necessary.

There was also the regular holiday two-day **weaving workshop** for adults held by an experienced local weaver, utilising the weaving looms we have available at school. Once again, this is open to all and anyone who is interested to participate is welcome to get in touch with the school office for more information.

## Bush Craft Holiday Programme

For school age children looking to spend time in nature making things, the three days/week, three-week Bush Craft Holiday Programme was a great way to spend a few days or more. Based in our outdoor classroom and in the bush, children experienced a variety of bush craft skills such as fire lighting with flint and steel; cooking on the fire, whittling and hut building.

Each day there was a main craft theme as well as plenty of time for nature play and other free crafting.

On the whittling and carving days, children learnt about correct and safe ways to use knives and had several choices of what to whittle ranging from forks and spoons to toadstools and spears, or anything they could imagine – depending on their skill.

# TITIRANGI RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL

**Leather Foraging Pouch Making:** This craft day was an introduction to leathercraft and children designed and made their own drawstring leather pouch to attach to a belt. They used different embossing tools and dyes to customise these.

**Bamboo Cup and Container making:** For this popular activity, children could make a bamboo cup and carve their own designs on it or make a bamboo container with a lid and handle or both!

## New Students

We are now ready and looking forward to the Spring term ahead. To start the term on an exciting note, we have new students joining every class. Some are local or from around Aotearoa, and several are from overseas – from China, Japan, Germany and USA visiting for periods of two weeks to two terms.

Visitors and Guest Students enrich our school in many ways – socially, culturally and in helping broaden our students' worldviews. For the guests and visitors, the experience is almost always a rewarding, enjoyable and sometimes challenging time (especially for those experiencing full immersion in another language) as well as broadening their worldview of course! For almost all it is a truly unique experience to attend school on such a large bush-clad site. Most come from Waldorf-Steiner schools overseas, so they are familiar with the curriculum structure and themes, but with our school being based in Aotearoa New Zealand, the content and local practices are invariably different.

We are looking forward to sharing our school and kiwi lifestyle with them.

'Look into yourself and behold the world; Look into the world and behold yourself'

Rudolf Steiner



# TRSS - upcoming events



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## Open Days

### Kindergarten Information Talk

**Wednesday 9 August 1:15pm**

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### School & High School Tours

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## Laingholm Baptist Church – Community Update Winter 2023

So whats with the new sign? What is the image?

Our old sign was really worn out. 20+ years of Waitakere weather does that!

The new sign has a stylised Kauri seed for our logo. Jesus often used stories of things locals were familiar with to get His message across over 2000 years ago and so for us we feel like the Kauri seed pod does much the same now.



- The Kauri is both local and defining of our area. As a church we are committed to being local and blessing the community here, of which we are a part. We have been committed for years

- The Kauri interacts with other flora and fauna in an ecosystem supporting interrelated life. We also want to interact with and interrelate with the life in our community helping to make our community strong

- We – God’s church – are an expression of the creativity, ingenuity and life of our amazing God

- Like the Kauri Pod (tightly packed together, perfectly arranged, not just functional but beautiful) our church can be beautiful in its togetherness, as we allow ourselves to be ordered and arranged by God

- The Kauri pod has huge POTENTIALITY to disperse the life of Kauri to lead to new life, new Kauri. Our church has huge potentiality to disperse the life of God to enrich and benefit our community through living authentically as part of this community and sharing our life with your lives

In the Bible, Jesus says I have come that you might have LIFE – Life in all its fulness (John Chapter 10 verse 10)

Today we might talk about this as flourishing. This is what we desire for everyone – children, youth, adults - in our community. We want to be part of making this a reality for all of us who call this area our home.

For many the church brings up all sorts of bad feelings of being hurt by people who call themselves christians, or being very old and outdated, or being weird. Unfortunately all can be true to some degree of the larger church ... in the end it is groups of ordinary people discovering LIFE in God. Definitely not perfect, and yet intentional about following Jesus teachings.

There is, though, so much good happening as the heart of those in our church is to see all have a full and flourishing life.

All of the programs we run are designed to be a blessing to our community not just those within the church.

Just highlighting a few of the things that we love to do;

**Community Op Shop:** gives goods no longer used by one to another at a low cost while saving the environment from waste

**Mainly Music:** runs every week during school terms for babies and young children and parents/caregivers

**Friday Club and CONNECT:** after-school clubs for children (primary school and intermediates) on Friday afternoons run by adults and youth from our community

**Home Made:** Provides frozen meals for those who are sick or where there has been a crisis and not cooking for a night or two can really help

Men's Breakfast: running weekly on Wednesday mornings – a chance for men in our area to catch up with each other and support each other.

**Youth Programs (Rock Solid): for intermediates and secondary school youth.** We run weekly Wednesday Drop-Ins and youth dinners, and a weekly Sunday evening dinner and reflection time.

**KauriCones: a Real Fruit Ice Cream Business** operating over summer to employ youth and young adults, provide a place to relax in for our community, and raising funds for what we are doing for children and youth in this area (Friday Club, CONNECT and RockSolid)

Over the past couple of years we have taken down the old cottage that was nearly falling down and replaced it with a new building and an upgrade of our main church facilities that has created wonderful indoor outdoor flow and a commercial kitchen. We want to see them used by all the community and have delighted at the increase in Events that people want to hold whether for business meetings, life celebrations or community activities such as craft group, pilates, workshops and retreats.

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August's Photo Gallery  
"Matihiko Tātai #5 SuP Team"

## Matihiko Tātai #5 Writing Programme

In Matihiko Tātai #5, we have just started to try a new way of writing<sup>2</sup>Buddy Writing. This programme allows two students, a stronger writer and another student, to work together on a piece of writing. There are many reasons why children not only like buddy writing, but also improve their writing skills by using it, which we have written about below.

By Solomon

### Student Voice - Their thoughts on Buddy Writing:

#### How Buddy Writing Grows Us:

Buddy writing sets us up for future times when we have to work with a variety of people. Importantly, working and communicating with others is vital. Writing together helps with sharing ideas, improves oral and written language, and it allows us to bring out the creativity. When we cooperate with others, we are practicing social skills. Buddy writing is great for collaboration and improving creative skill.

By Jack

Buddy writing sets kids up for the future that could include collaborating with people you wouldn't ever choose to.

It expands your brain and teaches you and your buddy more than the teacher can, that's pretty good for just two kids.

Teamwork is the skill that buddy writing can also improve.

Imagining is one of the most important things to a kid and believe it or not buddy writing is one of the best things that can improve it by a mile, isn't that just amazing?

By Kieran

#### My Favourite Things about Buddy Writing.

- What I love about buddy writing is you get to know the person better.
- You can have an idea and your buddy will add their idea to make it better.
- It can help to teach you how to talk to people you don't normally talk to.
- They can help you improve your writing.
- You can help them, and they can learn more.

By Vassana

#### Photographs:

The photos here are taken from Matihiko Tātai #5's assembly when performing the 'Stand Up for What Is Right' play in the SuP Team message.

The SuP Team stands for 'Standing up Powers' and gives a weekly reminder during assembly about wellbeing, friendships and standing up for other students.



Here are some snippets from our Buddy Writing  
We hope you enjoy them!

**Vault Raid**

It was the most gigantic bank in the world called the Artificial Bank, the one we were about to rob. When I say big, I mean bigger than a mountain and very secure with lots of gold and diamond and jewels.

We sneaked in at night and broke in the windows, then we used a laser to break it. There was a police officer next to the vault sleeping and we used a laser to knock him out before he could raise the alarm. While he was knocked out, we stole his keys to get into the vault. It took a while but finally we found the massive vault, but there were lasers in front of the vault and then a guard turned the corner and saw us! Surprised, he fumbled with his radio and before we could get to him, he called support...

By Reuben & Areli

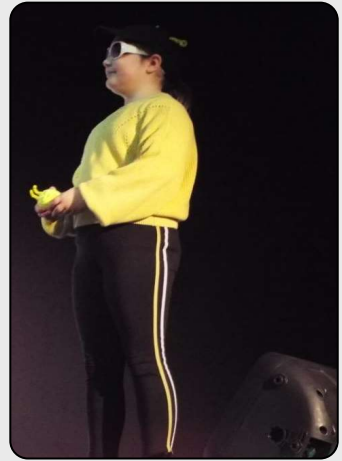
**Chapter II**

After the plane had landed, we were alone, in the jungle, looking for the lost treasure. We slashed through the dense rainforest, and I got out the map to check our route to the stone statue that marked the entry to the chambers in which the lost treasure was hidden.

That was when it happened. The Guardian swooped down from the sky, and before we could run, the giant eagle seized us in his massive claws. Kyan was in the left claw, and I was in the right.

The giant eagle was taking us to his lair, on top of the stone statue. But what he did not realise was that he had led us right where we had wanted to go.

By Kyan & Edwin



August's Photo Gallery  
"Matihiko Tātai #5 SuP Team"

**75th Jubilee**

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

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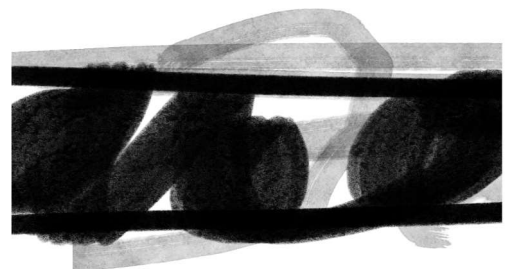
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