



DECEMBER 2018

Enviroschools community planting



On Friday, 23rd November, students from Paparoa Primary School walked up to the new Medical Centre buildings to assist in a planting project. Medical Society Chair, Graham Taylor, met the school group at the site of the Centre's new soakage field and thanked them for coming to take part.



There were 150 plants, predominantly carex, to plant along the five mounds. Armed with spades and trowels the students, teachers, and parents quickly got the job done.

Participating in projects like this fits in with the school's Enviroschools programme and their commitment to being involved in local community activities.

Julie Harper



Paparoa Medical Society update

As mentioned above, Paparoa School children planted carex and other plants on the soakage beds of the upgraded effluent system at the Medical Society's property. The Society wishes to thank the children, teachers and parents for their help. Timely rain has ensured the plants are off to a good start. Also thanks are due to Kauri Park Nurseries and Otamatea HarbourCare Inc. for donating the plants.

Brogan Builders have been awarded the contract and have commenced renovating the former council building to create new spaces for Coast to Coast Health Care and Paparoa Community Library. The Medical Society is grateful to community volunteers who helped remove the old carpet and shelving. Some wall linings and ceilings have been removed where necessary. Construction will begin in earnest this week with the major plumbing, electrical and fire rating work required to bring the building up to public use code compliance. The work is expected to take around 8 weeks and will result in a facility that will serve the community well into the future.

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Christmas on The Village Green



"The Gift of Christmas"

Join us in this community get together on The Paparoa Village Green

Saturday 15th December

4.30 - 6pm

Games, children's Christmas decoration competition

5pm onwards

Barbeque

6 - 7.30pm

Community Christmas Choir, singing items, puppet show, Christmas story and children's Christmas gifts.

All welcome, see you there

Organised by the Paparoa Community Church

Come on over ...

Saturday 22nd of December is the annual 'First National Roper and Jones' Maungaturoto Christmas Parade and Festival.

The parade starts at 4pm which flows through the main street down to the Maungaturoto Primary School. The festival starts at 4.30pm, there are food stalls galore, a market area and heaps of entertainment. There will be bouncy castles, circus workshops, the RTP pie eating competition, dancing displays, prizegiving for the best letterbox and floats. Not to forget Santa's grotto and so much more! So pop the date in your diary and come on over.

If you would like to book a stall (no cost) or enter a float (we'd love some Paparoa entries) give Terri a call 021 02 220 218.



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Libby's Councillor corner

Community Consultation was certainly one of the things that I wanted to see improved when I joined Council two years ago.

Prior to that, under the Commissioners' governance, my experience had been frustrating. I felt there was limited community connection between the council and residents, and community views put forward were not always understood or appreciated. However, the Commissioners had a job to do and that was to stabilise debt and to get systems in order.

Once a democratically elected Council was in place, we needed to decide how to best engage and consult with the community for a range of views so we could make the best decisions. We often hear people in power talk about the 'silent majority' and make assumptions about what that majority view may be or that if people don't engage in the particular consultation, then they must be happy with what is happening. Again this is an assumption that makes it easy to justify a certain decision but is not evidenced by anything. During our Long Term Plan

process we received around 300 submissions and these views certainly influenced our decision making across a variety of areas. However I know that many people are unsure about how to make a formal submission, or wonder whether there is any point because they think Council will do what they want regardless of their view.

THE PEOPLE'S PANEL

This Council does want to hear your opinions, so one way we have decided to increase the number and range of views we receive is through the People's Panel. The purpose of this is to see what views different groups have on particular subjects. such as those of a certain age range, location, urban, rural, land owners, renters, unemployed, business owners, new resident or any other demographic.

Once you register for the panel you will be sent brief surveys from time to time via email. You complete those that interest you, and key findings and results will be shared with you. Personal details will not be shared and your individual answers will not be identified. Formal consultation will still occur and you will be notified about these also.

It's up to council to listen to your views, and up to you to join the **People's Panel** so we hear your thoughts amongst the range of views.

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What is happening?

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawha Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them. Through this discussion we will determine what help may be required and identify next steps.

When is this happening?

Te Manawha Tahī will be at

Paparooa School, 14 Franklin Road
12 December from 9.30am to 2pm

Te Arahi will be flying on a flag outside.

You can ring and make an appointment by calling 0800 524 256 or talk to your School/Kura/Early Childhood Centre and they can call us to make an appointment for you.

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High hopes for weed control

The Otamatea Weed Control Group have high hopes that privet and eleagnus in the Paparoa area will be largely controlled by the end of summer. They've steadily worked alongside private property owners in the Paparoa area this year removing these weeds to prevent them taking over our local bush remnants.

In addition to preserving the bush remnants locals will now enjoy a reduction in the allergic effects of privet this summer as many of the big flowering trees have now been removed.

Paparoa has been the first area to be targeted. In the first half of this year property owners on several lifestyle blocks on the eastern side of the village have received help to remove their privet and eleagnus, and the roadside along Paparoa Station Road was done as well. This was followed by some intense work along the riverside behind the Paparoa Store and 'Cliff House', up to the Franklin Road bridge and now continuing on further past the school. There are plans to finish off some areas between Hook Rd and Paparoa Station Rd and to have a go at the gully of privet behind the Methodist Church.

The group's approach is simple. Once a month they meet at a property on a Saturday morning and spend three hours with chainsaws and loppers removing the weed tree species. Food, a welcome beer and a good catch-up rounds the morning off.



Property owner Andrew Hames powering up his chainsaw

They're being helped out by the Northland Regional Council (NRC) who have provided some funding for TAG Weed Control, the same contractor who made a start on our roadsides last year. They will spray along roadsides that missed out last year, mainly in Matakoho

but also along Porter, Sterling and Franklin Roads. They will also 'touch up' any that have survived last year's spraying on SH12 and side roads. NRC are generously funding the group's herbicides. **(See notice of spraying intent above.)**

As part of a five year plan, once the Paparoa area has been cleared, Otamatea Weed Control Group will move on to targeting Pahi Peninsula as the next step toward creating a privet and eleagnus free region. Matakoho will follow and then they will head over to Maunguturoto.

If you would like advice or support on how to recognise and remove privet or eleagnus on your property or to join this volunteer group then please contact Jacque Knight.

021 488 822
jacqueline@rahui.co.nz
Otamatea Weed Control Group

Notification of weed control

TAG Vegetation Control (on behalf of Northland Regional Council) are planning to treat tree and Chinese privet on roadsides of SH12 between SH12 (Brynderwyn) and 200m beyond Matakoho East Rd over December in good weather.

Herbicide (metsulfuron-methyl 600 with organosilicon penetrant) will be applied by hand-held spray gun or stems drilled and filled. Stringent regulations will be adhered to. Signs will be out to indicate where they are working at any time.

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Shop, brew and fly

No, not an advertisement for the effects of home brewing but the back story of how Alistair Taylor (of Shop & Brew) learned to fly. Or rather hang glide.

One sunny morning Lynn looked out the window and saw her husband earthbound and toiling on the retaining wall. Bearing in mind Friedrich Nietzsche's maxim "He who would learn to fly one day must first learn to stand and walk and run and climb and dance; one cannot fly into flying", she realised that while he seemed to have got the hang of

walking, climbing and dancing (or at least rocking his guitar so others could dance), he had yet to master flying. The decision was made, the perfect significant birthday gift would be hang gliding lessons. And, so it began...

The first lessons were all "controlled." Alistair chose a day with winds gusting at 35 knots, but with ropes on the nose and wing tips the flying machine hovered at about 8 feet off the ground. All well, so far. The next step was to master the ground handling skills, the running and learning to keep the glider level for take off. Taking off into the wind the ground speed has to be as slow as it can be. After many practice runs Alistair and his hang glider were towed up into the air by the instructor's vehicle, then while still roped, landing was accomplished. The tows became higher and higher with



a longer and longer rope in order that the apt pupil could release the rope and learn to land himself.

Alistair's favourite jumping off site is Kariotahi, at the end of Awhitu Peninsula. Rough and wild, it has spectacular views. Often, Alistair finds himself flying with hawks and seabirds. It may well be that they assume he is a larger, rare, snowy haired gull himself. The freedom, the adrenaline and the sense of space continue to demand that he returns again and again to suitable hang gliding sites, so much so that Lynn has cause to wonder whether encouraging Alistair to broaden his horizon was such a good idea.

NB: Please note, there is no insurance offered for such activities. Lynn has checked!


Cafe & art enhances Paparooa

The team at Empire Art & Espresso are pleased to report that their first few weeks of cafe life have been a great success.

"We've asked for brutally honest feedback from our regulars, and they assure us the coffee is top notch and the food is delicious! Sundays have a lovely relaxed vibe and the reconfigured space has been a real hit, so we couldn't be happier", said owner Jillaine. The artists and makers have been busy in the lead up to Christmas, so there's a heap of new art and craft in store too. If you haven't already popped in, it's well worth a visit.



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*On the first day of school students should bring pen, paper, morning tea, togs and towel.
Sausage sizzle lunch provided.*

Friday 1st February Whole school to attend (All Years)
Senior Course confirmation will take place.

Thursday 7th - Friday 8th February Year 7 & Prefect Camp

Wednesday 13th February School Swimming Sports

Wednesday 20th February Meet the Staff Evening

Tuesday 5th March School Athletics Day

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Please visit our website for 2019 school information including uniform, stationery and school calendar.

www.otamatea.school.nz

Powering ahead for February

Paparoa A&P Show is counting down the days until show day February 2.

There will be plenty of entertainment with music, demonstrations and lots of fun activities for younger visitors. Team Roping Paparoa plans an exciting demonstration of horseback archery at lunch break, while over in the dairy goat ring a pet goat fun event will be on.

Cattle classes are going ahead as well as those for calves.

"We are having calf, novice and RAS young handlers classes for the young people; there is also a new trophy for this section. Classes in the beef sections are exotic, traditional, small breeds and all-beef breed. Measures for biosecurity are in progress and cleaning out of the cattle pens is underway," said cattle ring coordinator, Sue Clayton.

For horses there will be new classes for miniature horses as well as the 'harness', 'led' and 'hunter' classes, and the pony and hack rings.



Show volunteers clean out the cattle pens for biosecurity measures

As usual, the indoor sections will be a feature. Everything from cheese to dahlias, veggies to artwork and much, much more!

Don't forget the wood chopping and sheep shearing events, plus food and trade exhibits.

Entry forms for each section are now available online at www.paparoashow.org.nz.

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New bridges ... looking good!

The first of the two new bridges on the Matakoho SH 12 realignment, bridge No.1 is rapidly nearing completion and will soon provide access for the pavement construction crews. Its deck has been poured and the pre-cast edge protection barriers nearly all placed, leaving only anti-graffiti coating and the removal of temporary access to fully complete the bridge.



Meanwhile Bridge No.2's beams have now all been delivered and installed. Forming and fixing the deck steel across all six spans is underway. This will continue into next year. All going to plan, both bridges will be completed by the end of summer 2019.

Earthworks continue at the eastern end of the realignment. Across the 2.5km length of the project road pavement construction is well underway at the western end of the realignment. We

continue to cut limestone from the local quarry and the seam at the eastern end of the realignment. There's a lot happening with more large equipment on site and more truck movements on SH12. Most of the earthworks are finished with all progress of the project dependent on good weather over summer.

Work at the intersections of SH12/Matakoho East Road intersection and the SH12/Ararua Road is due to happen in February-March 2019.



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Tamariki amongst trees & birds



Paparoa Playcentre had a wonderful trip to the Kauri Bushman's Memorial Park. The tamariki were called into the bush by the sound of the Kōauau (played by Elijah, one of our members), the delicate notes merging with the calls of the birds amongst the kauri.

They learnt how to clean their shoes to protect the beautiful kauri forest with Elijah leading the way along the boardwalk, calling down the birds from the trees. It was special and magical and the children felt the need to make another loop. We stopped and sat upon the boardwalk for a story amongst the tall trees, 'Kapai in the Kauri Tree'. Then we shared kai and played on the grass verge. The tamariki loved the adventure, all smiles and giggles and skipping about.

What's coming up next? Messy play, birthdays, cooking, connecting under the trees at the centre and maybe there'll be another adventure, maybe to the beach?



Amazing art & crafts fair



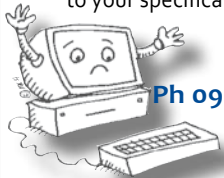
The art and crafts fair held on Sunday November 18th at the Paparoa Hall was a chance for many art and crafters to showcase their wares and the day turned out to be as good or even better than expected.

"All I am going to say is WOWWWW what a great day we had. A big thanks to all the stallholders for making this happen" said fair organiser Lea Dodson.

People have already been asking when the next one will held and the answer was "maybe June next year!"

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NEW ART WORK DISPLAY FROM 1st DECEMBER

The paintings area of the Gallery has been completely refreshed with all work changed, so do call in and see the new display of art work.

Our new gallery space brings new challenges in terms of the volume of work displayed. We'll be trying some new ways to manage this aspect as we go on. The move to Matakoho has been very successful for the Gallery, with increased visitor numbers and sales. We've also attracted several new members and this brings greater variety to the work on offer. It has been lovely to welcome many of our Paparoa friends, as well as those from the wider district, who've come in to have a look at our new space and new work.

Our membership is loving having this community asset up and running again in such lovely premises, and we're all madly creating new and interesting work for your enjoyment.

White Rock wishes you a safe and enjoyable festive season and we hope to see you soon.



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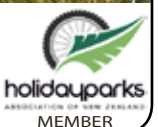
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Borneo bucket list ticked off!

BORNEO - land of former head-hunters, long houses, endless jungle and the world's third largest island.

SABAH - Malaysian state at the tip of Borneo dominated by Mt Kinabalu (4095m), World Heritage Site, the highest mountain on Borneo. By comparison Mt Cook is 3724m.



Mt Kinabalu 4095m in the background

1968

A young Kiwi teaching on Volunteer Service Abroad (VSA) in Sabah climbs Kinabalu with a group of his students. Back then it was a trek over 4 days from village to village just to reach the mountain.

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The same, not so young, Kiwi returns to attempt the climb again. This time 'Day One' was a hotel pick-up in Kota Kinabalu (capital of Sabah) and a two hour ride to Kundasang at the base of the mountain. Here the cooler climate allows a huge range of temperate vegetables and flowers to be grown. That night Kinabalu was shrouded in cloud.

Day Two dawned with Kinabalu bright and clear, then transfer to Park Headquarters, registration for the climb and to meet my friendly guide Jinus of the Kadazandusun tribe. These people are born on the side of a hill and many work as mountain guides. The climb is restricted to 135

people per day and a guide is required. From Headquarters it's a short ride to Timponon Gate at 1866m.

From there the climb on foot begins with a well-formed path that just goes up and up. Steps have been formed and in a number of places a stairway covers steeper terrain. The temperature is tropical and the forest lush. But, as the height increases the vegetation becomes stunted and the air cooler. After around 6 hours a collection of buildings at

Laban Rata (3272m) signals the end of the day's climb and a rest for the night. By this point the vegetation is alpine, clinging to bare rock faces. All food and supplies including gas bottles for cooking are carried by porters who make this climb daily.

Day Three commenced at 2am with a quick snack and departure from the hut with headtorch for the push to the summit by sunrise. Very quickly the vegetation disappears, and the path is smooth granite with a rope to guide and assist with balance in steeper places. Looking back in the gloom one sees a string of lights of other climbers below. My polar



In the alpine environment

fleece clothing and beanie very welcome in the freezing air. By 5.30am the summit (4095m) is reached and a welcome rest.

We sit and wait til dawn. Sunrises and sunsets in the tropics are magical and this is no exception with views over the vast Bornean jungle and out to the South China Sea.

Back down is just that - down all the way! Hard on the knees but what a wonderful sense of achievement that after 50 years I could still make it.

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Paparoa County Depot Trust Inc.

Grant application date extended

The cut off date for applications for Paparoa County Depot Trust grants has been extended to 8 December, 2018 due to an incorrect email address in last month's Press.

To be eligible to apply for funding your organisation must be a charity/volunteer-based group.

Completed application forms must be lodged with the Secretary, Paparoa County Depot Trust Inc. by 5pm, 8 December 2018.

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Lisa's Beauty Retreat

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After a three year break from beauty therapy I was keen to get back into the workforce, but like most mothers, I faced the challenge of how to juggle children and work life. The cabin was our solution. The retreat is a surreal place for many of my treasured clients to be pampered, surrounded in green, quiet except for the murmur of the stream.



I like to think I specialise in relaxing people, but people also give me energy. I love to be able to go to work and catch up with my clients, while making them feel great. I often go home feeling happy and fulfilled after a good day's work.



Another of my passions is good quality, natural products. Every product, right down to the nail polish is either organic or nearly chemical free. Natural products are accepted by the skin, the acid mantle remains intact and there is less irritation. I really believe in skin health. Even if you have a few character lines your skin can still glow with health and beauty. Hydrate your skin from the inside out, use natural oils and vitamins and use organic sunscreen and makeup.

Drawing from my years as a therapist I've designed many types of gift packages for Christmas, birthdays and other special occasions. The flax woven gift vouchers (designed by our local Whaea G) give the



feel of an 'authentic NZ native bush' experience right from the start of the very first opening of the gift voucher. Text or call 021 455 904 to enquire or to order. I take my gift relaxation packages seriously. I aim for thorough de-stressing, using massage techniques to induce a deep relax. People often fall asleep and I take that as a compliment.

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I plan to continue working and developing my beauty service for many years to come and am very grateful for the opportunity to be able to do so! Thank you to my lovely clients from near and far.

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'RINGERS AND SINGERS' CONCERT DECEMBER 9, 2PM

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Letters from The Old Post Office



Much ado about nothing

The shed is abuzz, a veritable hive of gossip. Monday afternoon, modern technology swoops into action and the swarm descends. Juicy titbits fall from Steinlager sticky lips, the rise and fall of voices indicates the depths or heights of salacious news. The Paparoa Press has nothing on this exchange of confidences.

Luckily, or not, the-man-in-the-shed and most of his associates are auditorily damaged. Doors may shut, and voices be lowered conspiratorially or so they so sweetly and deluded believe. Yet, the woman within, she of nearly perfect hearing (yes, it has been medically proven!) is an interested, or not, recipient. Not only have I learned of various misdemeanours but have spent many a minute vainly

trying to pin the misdeeds to the appropriate miscreant. Difficult when the naughty one is only identified by a nickname. Which one is Hooknose? Which Wantwit, Grumpy, Tinkerbell or even Lardy?

It really is difficult, for whom would one wish to accuse of which crime? If only I could be sure that it was Lardy, and not Hooknose? I have taken to making notes in a little black book (black for blackmail) and drawn a diagram where I am slowly connecting the salient facts to the correct, I hope, nickname. It has occurred to me that further research conducted at the local Lodge could bear fruit.

Surely, I will hear the nickname applied to the person himself if I just wait quietly like a spider in the corner. A spider with a little black book.

Deb

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Dekadenz Chocolate is the brainchild of Pahi locals Paul Jeffries and Tatiana White and the combination of their skills, one a builder by trade and the other an expert chocolatier.

Paul built the customised factory to suit Tatiana's requirements for chocolate production. His other strengths are in finance and organisation, but (he says), are definitely well below par when it comes to chocolates.

Since moving to Pahi, Tatiana has become well known for her artwork, her skills as a chef, for 'rocky road' and truffle making, and her incredibly popular skills in cake making. She initially learnt this expertise from her Russian homeland and further enhanced her knowledge in Auckland prior to moving north.

Tired of cooking for others and both wanting a new focus in their respective lives, Paul and Tatiana decided, over the usual glass of wine, to create Dekadenz Chocolate. And thus a new adventure was born.

Seeing a niche in the market for local high-end hand painted chocolates, Paul set out to build a small chocolate factory and to fulfill the legal requirements of the building for health and safety. Tatiana went to work,



creating the signature line of exquisite handmade chocolates. Time was spent perfecting recipes and finalising the 'menu coster' - the breakdown of ingredients for labelling. Now Tatiana

can follow her passion of making exquisite chocolates to her heart's content!

Pahi and Paparooa are both expanding with many local influences in arts and crafts. Paparooa has a successful Saturday market, the village itself is growing and catering for the influx of out-of-towners and tourists. Dekadenz currently supplies several corporates in Auckland and has a small presence in Nosh at Keri Keri.

Keep your eye out for our delish chocolates and truffles at the Paparooa Farmer's Market and at White Rock Gallery at Matakoho. Treat yourself and/or your loved ones for Christmas. We're also offering classes in the techniques of chocolate making.

"Looking forward to seeing you".

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More visitors at the museum!

The new tourist season has begun and the number of visitors calling at The Kauri Museum has suddenly increased dramatically.

As well as free, independent travellers, numbers of visitors on guided tours is also up, with no less than eight coaches lined up outside the museum one day recently. And that's not all!

There's been steady stream of school visits in the last few weeks with groups of up to 100+ students busy with their schoolwork throughout the buildings. This all keeps staff members on their toes

and everyone is most thankful for the support from the team of volunteers who give their time so generously.

Thankfully, our efforts to find additional volunteers has been very successful, with new people joining and a stream of previous volunteers returning to help out. A big thank you to all.

The Heritage Rose collection is looking magnificent. There are more than 80 different varieties in the collection, all in flower at the moment. Drive over for a look. There are beds behind the Pioneer Church, on the path to the School and climbing the tennis court



fence. And what makes it even better is that you can take as long as you like, and it's all for free!

Our busy retail staff have given the museum retail space a makeover; creating new displays and restocking the shelves with new product. It's looking great so with Christmas approaching, it's worth a visit to see what's on offer.

NEW DISPLAYS

The Otamatea Quilters' exhibition has now closed and is replaced with a display of old maps and holiday information for travellers in our area. It is supported with side displays of antique Christmas cards and children's toys.

PLEASE NOTE: Free entry to The Kauri Museum for residents of the old Otamatea area will **cease** from 1 January. Mary Stevens



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1. Painted Candle Jars

Simplest version - recycle a clean jar, one with a wide top (so you can reach inside to light the candle). Use paints (water based, or acrylic) to paint whatever design you like on the outside. Tie a ribbon around the top, if you like, and pop a tealight candle inside for a quick, pretty present.

If using acrylic paint, this jar doesn't have to be a candle holder - call it a pen jar, put craft supplies in it, or even your toothbrushes! (Just make sure the paint is waterproof).

2. Slightly Harder versions:

Visit www.firstpalette.com and search for "Christmas stained glass jars".

This website has thousands of great of great gift and craft ideas for kids - parents be warned!



Proudly Kapa Haka

Paparoa Primary School's Kapa Haka group of 17 students, led by Matua Perry, travelled to Warkworth Primary for the Kaipara Festival on November 3rd. Here students performed seven items in front of a large crowd. This was Paparoa's second time at the Kaipara Festival and they certainly did the school and district proud.

Paparoa Primary School is a passionate rural school which welcomes all children from the community. It's currently experiencing change in the form of a new principal, vision and curriculum. Children are engaged, happy and enjoying learning. All signs are pointing to a positive future. Enrolment is the best way to show your support for this fantastic hub of the community.

Visit the school office for details, call 09 431 7379 or email admin@paparoa.school.nz



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who love fun, fellowship
and friendship, or some
13+ year olds who might
want to be a part of Day
Camp. Dates are 16-18
April 2019. Look out for
full information next year.



Have a great Christmas if
we don't see you before
the 25th and remember
"Jesus is the reason for the
season".

Debbie Blythen

**From our family to yours
... and then it was December!**

School holidays are rapidly
approaching (for which the
three big boys are excited),
the holiday starting with 'C'
that I cancelled last year
won't be happening again
and life with a newborn is
starting to feel like the new
kind of normal, a life without
proper sleep. Seven weeks
have disappeared in a blur
of nappies, washing, naps
and more washing. And then
the baby smiles, and all is
well.

I've invented a kind of
gardening for new parents -
you rush out in your five or
ten minute window of
personal time, grab a spade
and frantically hack at
whatever weeds you can find
going to seed before
running back inside to
brush your teeth, or before
the window of personal

space ends in a blaze of
baby tears. How I thought I
would have hours to myself
to garden and swan about
my spotlessly clean house,
is clearly a trick of nature
to forget how hard having
a newborn is.

It's not as though my house
was spotlessly clean before
the baby either, though, and
we've decided there's no
point redecorating until
all the kids leave, or else
we'd have to do it again
then. Besides the 'shabby
chic' look is still chic,
although you could say
our house is more 'ghetto
derelict' than shabby, but
it's a question of how
messy is too messy? I
suppose when you lose
the baby in the mess. Ha ha.

Have a great December,
Paparooa!
Jenny

December's garden

Spring in the north always
seems to come with lots of
wind, cold showers with
some lovely days between.
Interestingly, this spring
seems to be more trying
than usual. When I was
looking for flowers for the
OHS senior prizegiving,
the red hot pokers,
agapanthus and copper
beech leaves were in
short supply - the copper
beech leaves too immature
and the pokers still in bud
(too cold maybe)? The
farmers have also had a
tough time with grass
being slow to get away.

My previous fears about
broad beans not setting
weren't justified as now
there's a huge crop! The
bees must have had a
bad day when I was
trying to find them last
month. Plus the peach
tree has set heaps of
fruit! I guess bees work
best when the weather is
warm and not too windy.

My sweet peas are a
picture and smell divine.
Not sure how they
managed to cling onto the
reinforcing frame through
the gales. The flower
stems are a bit short but
they are such a picture
and so nice to pick to
give friends a bunch of
flowers. There are
beautiful sunflowers set
off with dark blue
lobelias. Until the wind
blasted them, the bog
irises were doing well.
Daisy bushes also look
wonderful - such an
easy option for a spring
display.

On the vegetable front,
it's often hard to keep
up with all the food a
small garden can produce
- beetroot, broccoli,
leeks, spinach and early
potatoes have all been
very successful. We're
so lucky in NZ to be able
to grow food easily. A
side effect of growing
your own food is the
copious amount of
peelings, outside leaves
etc that you need to
compost. Some do this
by burying, others use a
heap or bin. Whatever
you choose to do,
composting helps
improve your soil and
break down our
difficult clay, a great
bonus.

Keep planting veges
this month but beware
of the white butterfly
caterpillar if you're
growing brassica
(cabbage, broccoli and
cauliflower). Also be
aware that lettuce and
coriander don't like too
much sun/heat so try to
find them a shady spot.
Keep watering as it
becomes dry - a good
watering every few days
is better than small
amounts daily. Mulch
everything you can as it
makes a huge difference.

Have fun in your garden!

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SPF30 vs SPF15?

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There has been an explosion in sales of sunscreens with a high SPF, such as factor 50, which people assume will give them more protection than products with a lower SPF. What's not as widely known, however, is that products with a high SPF expose the skin to a greater amount of actives but offer only slightly more UVB protection (93% vs. 97%)

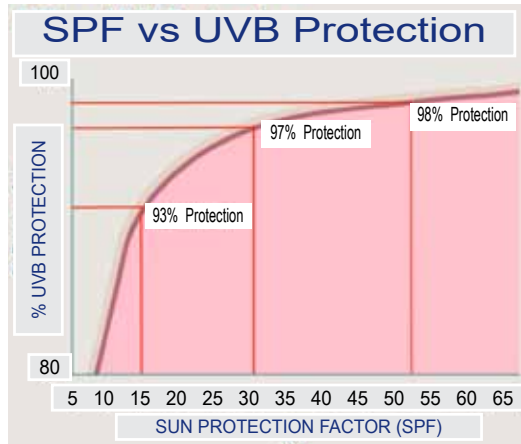
That's a trade-off most people aren't willing to make once they understand that you are using twice the amount of active ingredients but only getting an extra 4% protection. Even the highest SPF could never give you 100% protection and SPF30 does not give you twice the protection (please see chart).

There is even a school of thought that says you shouldn't completely block your skin but rather allow it to build a little bit of its own protection. However, if you burn easily or your lifestyle dictates that

you spend a lot of time in the sun, then a higher SPF is recommended. But if you work indoors and only need protection going to and from work then an SPF 15 may be sufficient.

When choosing a sun screen, please look for one with a broad spectrum protection guarding against both UVB and UVA, and understand how much UVA protection it offers as the SPF only refers to protection against UVB. Remember while UVB burns, UVA are the more insidious rays causing premature ageing.

The biggest misuse of sunscreen is not putting enough on, so don't skimp. It's important to re-apply if you perspire or if you have been in the water. I recommend that you apply sunscreen over



the top of your moisturiser or I personally like to mix my moisturiser and sunscreen and apply them at the same time, this way I ensure that I have sunscreen around my eyes, down my neck and décolletage.

Be sunwise as it is better to protect your skin than to deal with sun damage and premature ageing later in life. Here's wishing you a wonderful holiday season.

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We're excited about it and it's to be shared by all. Pataka is the Maori word for an elevated food storage pantry. Well done Corrections for encouraging our community service people to do something constructive with their hours. As you know, we support these workers in our gardens when there are big jobs to be done, such as shifting dirt, and so on.



A traditional pataka on which the modern version will be based

The grass is growing like mad. We've just had ours mown and the birds are going crazy over bugs and slugs and snails - and any other goodies that emerge. Volunteer labour? All of our roses are popping, perhaps thanking Jan and Gary Dallas for their help.

Christmas is coming. Where has the year gone?
Cheers from Anne and team Arty Farties

Arty Farties Joke of the month:
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The enduring journey

Who runs the Rest Home and how did it start?

As you may know, Riverview Rest Home is currently fundraising for the extension of the existing 16-bed facility to add a much needed 14 bed dementia unit and eventually hospital level care.

With the closure of the town's Post Office back in 1989, funds were raised with the help of Lions and the local Fire Brigade to purchase the Post Office and

former postmaster's house. In 1991, the refurbished Post Office had become the 'Maungaturoto Medical Centre'. The house was retained as it was positioned next to the then Council owned retirement village.

A concept plan in 1993, investigated the establishment of a rest home for the district, which led to the formation of Maungaturoto Community Charitable Trust (MCCT). MCCT proceeded to raise funds from within the community with support from ASB Trust and Lottery Aged. The Rest Home was built and officially opened with a 16-bed home, on the

Riverview Rest Home - Maungaturoto

site adjacent to the Medical Centre, in July 1994. By April 1998, the Trust had settlement of purchase from the KDC and now administered the Maungaturoto Retirement Village which is situated on land originally donated by the late Mr and Mrs L Ball.

Who is behind MCCT today?

The Trustees are: Craig Fergus (chairman), Don McKay (former chairman), Nona Rogers, Dave Marquet, Warren Butterworth, Alison Robinson, Graham Slatter, Jamie Ewan.

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Riverview Rest Home

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Maree Cartwrights mother

Pamela Stewart
Terry & Tony Littlejohn's family

Joy Miller
of Maungaturoto

Fabulous quilters

The Otamatea Quilters' Exhibition which was hosted by The Kauri Museum during October and November showcased a beautiful selection of quilting completed by locals over the past year.

The 'Viewers Choice' quilt exhibit vote was won by Ruth

Smellie while Betty Cairns and Verity Baines were second equal. As usual, the raffle generated a lot of interest and the winners were:

1. Mary Montgomery
2. Diane Mc Donald
3. Pete Panhuis
4. Irene Kilpatrick.

THE CHALLENGE:

Each year the group takes on an individual 'Challenge', this year it was 'Leaves'. Many different interpretations resulted, ranging from bed quilts, through to bags, and several wallhangings. The title for 2019 is 'The B Challenge' and no doubt there will be many

interesting interpretations.

COMMUNITY QUILTS:



Each year the group makes quilts to donate to community groups. This year the recipients were Otamatea Community House and STAND Children Services.

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Harbourside playground

There are changes happening in Tinopai...



As most of you have read, the foreshore now accommodates the new Emergency Services building. It houses the Fire Rescue and Coastguard Services, and is a vital asset to the community. Many thanks to those volunteers and to those who raised funds for it. There's also a vibrant new playground for children to enjoy. The old one was getting a bit tired. The fenced-in area has had a total makeover with two new swings, a quirky climbing structure with a slide, a large rope climbing tube, a crayfish-themed climbing wall, and the ever-popular monkey bars. While I was there one Mum reported her toddlers really love it. Positioned beside

the hall looking out to the beautiful harbour it's a great place for families to meet and I'm sure it will be well utilised.

The campground is ready for summer with its septic service upgraded and an enhanced BBQ area. All Tinopai needs now is for the cafe across the road and the shop (a bit further up) to be operational to make it even more popular.

However, don't let the Tinopai secret out to too many as it's one of those step back in time villages. If you haven't been there, take a picnic one sunny day. The half-hour drive from Matakohe is well worth it with the choice of swimming and picnic spots.

Jocelyn Hughes

Brynderwyn track walk

On a recent walk on the Brynderwyn track with family and friends we saw lots of little green native orchids flowering and had the pleasure of listening to plentiful tui, grey warbler and kaka up in the trees.

At that time the track was a bit wet and slippery in places. In conjunction with Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary Club, a group of young locals will be working on it over summer to improve track marking and the grade of some steeper slopes.

The track starts at the top of the Brynderwyns off State Highway 1 and finishes in either Massey Rd, Cullen Rd or on Cove Rd depending on how far you want to walk. It requires reasonable fitness but is not difficult. Great views!

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Book Review

TITLE: Dry

AUTHORS: Neil and Jarrod Shusterman

"Everyone's going to remember where they were when the taps went dry"

Alyssa's family are living in Southern California when the unthinkable happens - the water supply to the region runs dry. It's a horrifying premise, and I must confess while I was reading this book I felt slightly nervous whenever I turned on a tap! Being on tank water we can all relate to water anxiety but this is on an epic scale and the authorities seem unable to mobilise and the media don't report the full scale of the catastrophe. Things turn feral pretty quickly, as you can imagine. Told primarily from the perspectives of the teenage Alyssa, her hardcore survivalist neighbour Kelton, a few teens they pick up on their way, with various vignettes from minor players. This isn't a perfect read but it is immensely gripping and 13+ will love it. It has shades of the Walking Dead and while fast-paced it also feels like it pauses to tell the stories of some of the minor characters. It is a thoughtful exploration of survival and humanity and I love how the authors have taken an environmental issue and extrapolated a very believable crisis. This book really should come with a warning - something like don't read without access to big glasses of water. On the plus side I finished it well hydrated, if a little anxious about summer.

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Whānau Talk Rituals and Traditions

In this season of love, joy and giving, we often consider what we would like to give others in love and gratitude. One significant expression of our love for our family costs very little. It is time. There is overwhelming research to show that most children want to spend quality time with their parents/caregivers as well as their siblings and extended family.

While enjoying meals and playing together, we can have healthy interactions and give each person in our family focussed attention. Sharing books can also be special. Benefits for children include opening new worlds, enhancing learning and simply passing on the love of reading.

We can share family stories with our children. They like to hear about events in our younger days, and stories about family members, which promotes connection and emotional development and encourages our next generation of storytellers!

Each family's own unique and special rituals and traditions promote connection, a sense of belonging. Becky A. Bailey, author and teacher, states,

"Rituals create sacred space designated for togetherness and unity."

What are the important rituals and traditions in your family? Often, they are passed down from previous generations. They could include seasonal celebrations, birthdays, holidays, movie nights, phrases we use, special food, camping, songs, games nights, involvement in special ceremonies. I'm sure there are other traditions your family enjoy and many waiting to be created.

When my children were very young, I would sing Brahms' Lullaby each night as I tucked them into bed. I never heard my children make any reference to my lack of singing ability. They most likely enjoyed the



predictability of this ritual and hopefully were soothed by my familiar voice and the gentle tone of the words.

I challenge you to develop new rituals and traditions together as a family, from time to time, especially as children grow. Creativity can be contagious! Play together, eat together and share stories together. These are times that will be looked back on with fondness, as life defining moments and shared with future generations.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From Our Family to Yours

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Pets in the Valley

Animal culture shock

I recently went to a talk on dealing with skin allergies in dogs, a problem that affects many Northland animals. The speaker was an American lady who moved to live in NZ last January. While her talk was really useful with tips for managing these itchy animals, what I found most delightful was the speaker's story of her dog's arrival in NZ.

The quarantine period is long for animals coming from America as they have diseases like rabies which we don't want here. It was only just recently that she went to collect her two cats and her dog - a springer/spaniel type. The cats were in their crates in the car but the car was too small to keep dog in its crate as well. However, that would be ok as the dog had usually travelled in the passenger seat.

The owner dutifully opened the passenger door for the dog to get in - nothing happened - the dog didn't get in. She went around to the driver's side of the car, opened the door and the dog jumped in straight away, only to be confronted with a steering wheel!

So it's not only people who have to cope with the dilemma of left and right hand drive systems. More too, once home the dog also had to cope with glass sliding doors - she ran into them at least 3 times before she figured out they were solid.

The cats fared better. As they had always lived with window insect screens, they now love being able to freely jump in and out of open windows.

Have a lovely Christmas time - and don't forget to keep chocolate out of the dog's reach!

Janine

Join Ruawai's event 16 Dec

Join the fun! The inaugural Fun Run/Walk/Cycle on Ruawai's new Stop Bank Walkway will be held Sunday 16 December.



The 7.4km (return) event starts with registrations from 8am, bikes leaving at 9am and walkers, runners and

buggies at 10am. There will be lots of spot prizes, musical entertainment, food and drinks, and participants are invited to come dressed in a Christmas theme. Adults \$10, Juniors up to 13yrs \$5, Family (2 Adults/up to 3 Children) \$20.

Event enquiries, Anna Curnow 021 667 124
Ruawai Promotions Development Group

Ernie Bate: a tribute and thankyou

To this amazing community, my huge thanks for all your love and support for my husband, Ernie Bate, during his short illness, and for me following his sudden death.



A very special thanks to our GP Aaron Donald, and to the Pharmacist at Maungaturoto for caring so deeply for our circumstances; to Ken and Delwyn Chambers who were present at his passing and spoke at both the funeral and memorial service; to Frank Lundberg of Whangarei Brass Band for playing the Last Post, also at both services; the Pahi Bookworms for love served up in casseroles, cakes, biscuits, scones and flowers; the RSA for flying the Paparoa flag at half mast; to Skelton's Drapery for photocopying; and to all friends and neighbours who have given us so much love and assistance through this most difficult of times. Our two years in Pahi have bought us true wealth indeed!

Anne Bate

Ernie played the finest squeezebox in Pahi

These cleverly crafted words by George Skelton (with apologies to Benny Hill) were sung by George and Sue at Ernie's 80th Birthday celebrations in the Pahi Hall just one month before he left us for his Eternal Home:

You could hear the trumpets sound
As they marched across the ground,
And the notes of the horn rang out around.
He's a member of the band,
The keenest in the land,
It is very plain to see, a showman is he,
His name is Ernie, (Ernie)
and he plays the finest squeezebox in Pahi.

Ernie plays most anything
From horn to organ grand,
But leaves Anne to pull the strings
While he marches with the band.

When quite alone, he taught himself trombone
A most accomplished musician is he.
His songs are many, he dresses for the part,
With a twinkle in his eye
he performs them from the heart.

With Anne alongside they make a pretty pair
And the harmonies they create
are joyous to the ear
A very entertaining duo that is very dear
With a wicked sense of humour to be sure.

At the age of nearly 80
he acted in the Show
With great gusto
he trod the boards as the Lord Horatio,
And improvised his lines
much to the Director's woe,
But in the end he wowed the crowd,
and made amends by stealing all the show:

Ernie loves his yachts and is a sailor bold,
Many week ends spent
on the ocean briny cold,
Weathering storms and balmy breezes too.
Stories there are no doubt many,
but these are better kept from you.
His name is Ernie, (Ernie)
and he plays the finest squeezebox in Pahi.

His sailing courses Ernie plots
To make the best from wind and knots.
Now home from sea we're glad to see,
No more to roam, this place is home for
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December news

SENIORS' LUNCH - Wow!

The Maungaturoto Primary School's Kapa Haka group entertained and raised the roof. Everyone loved it; it was just amazing. It's obvious that they spend many hours learning because it shows - they're so, so good, it caused goose bumps and the odd tear was spotted in the eyes of the parents and grandparents, which is understandable - they'd be so proud. Thanks to everyone involved, we will ask you to come back one day in the New Year.

This month will be the Christmas lunch. Note that there will not be a senior's lunch in January, so come along on the first Wednesday of February for morning tea and lunch. It's a great opportunity to meet new people or catch up with your friends and neighbours.

WHITE RIBBON DAY - This universally recognised day, 25th November, is to show that violence is not acceptable - towards women, men, children; in the home or not. We all try to make a difference and continue to undertake training in this area.

FREE SHOPPING TRIPS - We want to remind everyone that there is a free shopping trip on the second Tuesday of every month, and another one on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The mini-bus goes to Whangarei, stopping at major supermarkets, Farmers, Bunnings, or wherever you would like to go. If anyone wants to go to Dargaville, Warkworth, Wellsford for a shopping trip, this can be arranged as well. Please use this service. Phone us on 431 9080 for enquiries or to book your seat.

We wish everyone a peaceful, safe and happy Christmas.

The team at OSC



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OUT & ABOUT AROUND TOWN

Paparooa playground has been out of action recently. Safety chains were stolen from the swings and the council has removed the swings until replacements are installed. Meantime huge poles for a new shadesail to cover the entire area have been erected and no doubt the sails will be arriving any day soon. PPI is in consultation with KDC for possible future upgrades of the present equipment.

Paparooa Potluck Picnic will be Sunday January 6 (1-3pm), so as not to clash with the Kumarani Circus Festival. Music by The Swamp Brothers.

OHS hosted 15 Thai and 5 Chilean international students during last term. If anyone is interested in billeting such students next year please contact Heather 431 8679.

Maungaturoto Op Shop will be closed from Monday Dec 24 to Friday Jan 4, 2019. Reopening as usual from Monday Jan 7. Mondays 10-1pm, Wednesdays 10-3pm, Fridays 10-3pm. Wishing you

all a merry and safe Christmas and New Year.

Books at Ruawai will be closed Xmas Day, Boxing Day and the day after, but open normal hours after that. Plenty of holiday reading and lots of stock suitable for gifts. The 'fill a bag' special for \$5 is ongoing and there are loads of DVDs

Paparooa Depot Trust Incorporated has extended the deadline for its grant applications to December 8 as the email address given was incorrect in the last issue of The Press (see advert pg 7).

Paparooa walking group is now meeting twice a week. Gather at the Village Green Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am. For fitness and good company; all ages and abilities welcome.

Congratulations are in order for Joan Christey who has just celebrated her 100yrs birthday. Now living in Norfolk Court, Dargaville, Joan was a long time resident of Pahi Road in the 1950-70's era. They owned 'Parepo farm', now Neil & Claire McInnes's property.

Market stallholder Paul Fluhler

Where are you from?

I'm from Ruawai, although I've lived in the Waikato and Tinopai.

What are you selling at the market?

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What did you do before this?

I was dairy farming, mostly in the Waikato but also in Ruawai.

Where do you grow all of these plants?

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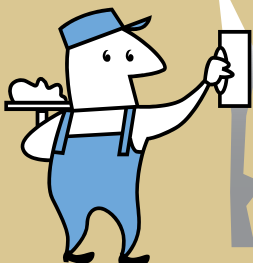
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I enjoy tramping, I'm hoping to one day walk the length of New Zealand.



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Ladies Fishing Competition Sat 8 Dec Pahi Boating and Fishing 7 am start
Mike 027 285 1408 Darren 021 554 937. Tickets Mgt Auto Centre, Paparoa Hotel

Ruawai Fun Run, Walk or Cycle 16 December (see notice pg 18)
Christmas on The Green Saturday 15 December from 4.30pm Community Church
Maungaturoto Xmas Parade & Festival 22 DEC from 4pm in Maungaturoto town

REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS

Anglican Church St Marks 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays 10am, Hook Road, Paparoa
Ararua Church 10.30am every Sunday, All welcome ph 431 6222

Art Studio, Ruawai Wed 10-12noon ph Frances 439 2554
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Beginners Patchwork, Mon 7pm, Te Pahi River Dr. For info: ph Anne 431 6229

Badminton Thurs 7pm, Paparoa Hall, \$2 students/\$3 adults ph Pete 431 6822
Crafternoons 1st & 3rd Wed in month, 10.30-4pm, Tinopai Hall ph Jo 431 7219

Exercise to Music Tue 10.30am Paparoa Hall \$5 ph Rose 431 7418
Farmers' Market Every Saturday 9-noon, Village Green. Contact Ruth 021 433 969

Grey Power Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, Mgt
Kaipara Marching Team Weds 4-5.30pm, M'gto, ph Rose Plunkett 431 7418

Library Temporarily closed due to pending Medical Soc building renovations
Line Dancing Thurs 10am-noon Paparoa Hall ph Rose 431 7418

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Paparoa Garden Circle 2nd Wed of month Marg Bailey secretary. 09 280 9897

Paparoa Hall Functions venue ph Robyn 431 7306 or a/h Loraine 431 7290
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Paparoa Playcentre Tuesday and Thursday 10am-1pm Visitors Welcome
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Keep on keeping on.
Happy fishing

PS. Don't forget: Ladies Fishing Competition Sat Dec 8 from 7am at Pahi.
Good prizes and entertainment to be had.

LOCAL TIDES for December 2018

DECEMBER TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU

DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	12.28pm	6.35am	17th	1.02pm	7.08am
2nd	1.40pm	7.44am	18th	2.04pm	8.09am
3rd	2.45pm	8.50am	19th	3.00pm	9.07am
4th	3.41pm	9.48am	20th	3.52pm	9.59am
5th	4.30pm	10.38am	21st	4.41pm	10.48am
6th	5.14pm	11.22am	22nd	5.29pm	11.35am
7th	5.55pm	12.02pm	23rd	6.17pm	12.21pm
8th	6.35pm	12.39pm	24th	6.38am	1.08pm
9th	7.13pm	1.15pm	25th	7.26am	1.56pm
10th	7.28am	1.51pm	26th	8.15am	2.46pm
11th	8.04am	2.28pm	27th	9.06am	3.39pm
12th	8.42am	3.07pm	28th	9.59am	4.35pm
13th	9.23am	3.51pm	29th	10.57am	5.35pm
14th	10.08am	4.40pm	30th	12.00pm	6.38pm
15th	11.00am	5.35pm	31st	1.09pm	7.43pm
16th	11.58am	6.33pm			

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It's a huge thank you to Progressive Paparooa for organising this event and to all our sponsors and helpers on the day:



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Thank you again, we couldn't have done it without you!



Gala Day Paparooa was brought to you by Progressive Paparooa Inc. and proudly sponsored by Kaipara District Council.

Rainbow phenomenon hovers over Paparooa

A rainbow-like stream of light has been seen in the sky over Paparooa more than once in the last couple of weeks.

Natalie Richards, who was in the town on Saturday 18th, noticed the "aurora-like lights" which lasted for about 15 minutes during the afternoon. She said the light looked like a streak or a thin stream, connecting two clouds which slowly changed colour. "It was absolutely crazy, it was really bright, it was almost scary." Other locals gathered around to watch the special sight from Empire Art and Espresso shop.

MetService meteorologist Tui McInnes said the rainbow was in fact a phenomena called a 'circumhorizontal arc'. "Basically what happens is sunlight enters the cloud and ice crystals in the cloud refract the light and form a rainbow," she said. "It isn't necessarily a rare phenomenon, however the person observing it has to be standing in the right place at the right time. The sun needs to be behind them in order to see the refracted light, and of course you have to have colder clouds that contain ice crystals mixed in with some sunny spells!"



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