



DECEMBER 2019

Christmas on The Green



“The Gift of Christmas” -

Celebrate the birth of Jesus, the 'reason for the season'.

Join us for this community get-together on The Paparoa Village Green.

There is something for everyone!

Saturday 14th December

3pm - 5pm

Games for children and children-at-heart organised by Paparoa Sports & Rec Association.

5pm onward

Sausage sizzles and drinks, 'free to you with love'.

Carol singing, choir singing and singing items from some of our talented community artists, lolly scramble and Christmas gifts for the children.

All welcome, come along and enjoy! Bring your children and whanau and celebrate Christmas together at the Village Green.

Organised by the Paparoa Community Church

Connecting Paparoa

The 'Paparoa Connections' group of about 30 participants has been working to come up with ways to ensure the community has both user-friendly physical connections and social connections in and around Paparoa. As initiatives such as the Twin Streams Residential and Lifestyle Village, the new Medical Centre, and Paparoa School's projects come to fruition, it is important they can be easily connected.

FIVE AREAS THE PROJECT GROUPS ARE WORKING ON:

Matakohe to Paparoa Cycleway - Route options for how to keep the cycleway off the main road are being looked into. Discussions are being had with affected landowners and NZTA. An application has been put forward for the ride to be part of one of the 'Heartland' NZ cycle trails- from Dargaville to Mangawhai.

Village Shared Paths - Exploring options of how to 'get around the village', from Twin Streams and the Primary School, to the village shops and playground, without having to cross the main road is the focus for this group.

Community Activity Hub - Paparoa School has an overall multi-year plan in place and is focusing on the first of these, the cycle and pump track around the field, for kids to 'get on their bikes'.

Mountain Bike Track - This sector is really making traction. A one-kilometre track through the bush and scrub at the back of the showgrounds is already being cleared and is taking shape with the hope that it can be in use by Christmas. Look out for posters around the village and Facebook for more details.

Culture, Art and Heritage (Sense of Place) - Historical and cultural locations around Paparoa are being identified which can then be added to maps of walking trails. Ideas for art and sculpture installations are being investigated to see how they could be added to the trails or buildings. The group is also looking at murals on the

buildings around the village. Any local artists who would like to be part of this please get in touch.

Members of the group will be at the Farmer's Market most weeks, so share your ideas and thoughts with them. We are also looking for a logo so if you have any ideas please get in touch. Updates will be provided regularly in the Paparoa Press, or for further information email paparoaconnections@gmail.com

Xmas letterbox decorating competition

Join our community Christmas challenge for all!

Decorate your letterbox ...- or your front fence if you don't have one ... in plenty of time before the final judging on 24 December.

Turn to page 14 for more details.



Christmas Parade Saturday - 21 December in Maungaturoto

Hey, hey Paparoa, have you ever wanted to be part of a Christmas Parade?

Well now is your chance. The Maungaturoto parade is on Saturday the 21st Dec at 4pm and we would love to have not only heaps of Paparo-ians come and watch but also to take part.

You can be part of a community group, a business, or have something of interest you would like to enter into the Parade. We will have full road closure so large vehicles can take part.

To enter, all you need to do is either jump on the Maungaturoto Parade Facebook page or call me.

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Your Councillor says ...

Thanks to everyone who put their faith in me to represent them over the next three years. Even if you didn't vote for me, I am still your representative. You may even not have voted at all, yet I am still your representative, and I am your advocate for the Kaipara District.

I don't have much to report yet, as we are still getting through our training and induction phase, with our first meeting of substance taking place on November 27th.

If you have an issue you would like me to take up on your behalf, my first question will be: Have you contacted council about it? (0800 727 059 or email council@kaipara.govt.nz)

Give the organisation the chance to do its job before passing it on to the politicians. Your enquiry should generate a 'service request' with a reference number. Hang on to that number, as that's the easy way to track progress, or to help me to identify it if I need to intervene.

Lastly, I can now say I have attended my first function as a councillor - the opening of the

refurbished public toilets by the Colonial Church at Matakoho. How many public toilets in Northland have such a beautiful rose garden in front of them? Well done team! (So tempting to write a dozen different witty endings to that item, but not enough room).

Mark Vincent,
Otamatea Ward Councillor
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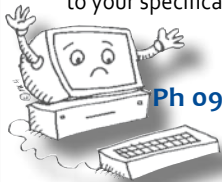
Paparooa School 150th



Paparooa Primary School invites current or past students, parents, family, and staff to celebrate our 150th Anniversary from 8-10 May, 2020. Catch up with old friends and check out the school! See Paparooa School Facebook page for details and registration information.
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Libby Jones - Northland Health

Thanks so much to everyone who voted and re-elected me to the Northland District Health Board. I am delighted to be able to serve another term and appreciate the support from you all. The new board starts in January and meantime the Minister of Health will appoint four more directors in addition to the seven elected. This is to add any specific skills (usually finance) and to ensure each board reflects the ethnic diversity of the region.

During the election period I spoke with locals about health services and the board. The feedback and questions were really helpful for me to see what is working or not working for locals. Please keep in touch about health issues in our communities so that we can work together to improve the health and wellbeing of all. This is an area I am really passionate about, especially in wellbeing and in prevention of illness - both physical and mental.

Meantime if you are interested in sharing your views for the new **Northland Health Strategy** please come to the consultation hui on Wednesday 18 December, 10am-1pm, Kaipara Community Centre 38 Hokianga Road, Dargaville.

The new strategy will provide high-level direction for delivering health services and improving wellbeing in our district. If you can't attend the hui - please complete the online survey - <https://community.northlanddnhb.org.nz/NHS/feedback/> or be in touch with me.

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Action group meets over waste water systems

Following an initial meeting in September regarding concern about failing domestic and commercial wastewater systems, the Paparoa Wastewater Action Group was formed to explore potential solutions, for now and the future. The group comprises representative residents, business owners and community groups, including Council's regulatory and infrastructure team and Cr. Mark Vincent.

The Action Group is a closed group of a limited number of people who are tasked to seek potential solutions for Paparoa. Before any final decisions are made this will be discussed further with the Paparoa community. The bottom line is that ongoing pollution of the Kaipara Harbour is unacceptable, and a solution must be found. We all have a responsibility to support this action.

All property owners within the catchment (from the bottom of Trounson's Hill on Paparoa

Oakleigh Rd to Cutters Bridge on Pahi Rd and in Paparoa Valley Rd up to and including the Pines) were notified by letter that Council's Regulatory Team were to commence dye testing of their onsite wastewater systems. (Letters were sent to the legal owner of the property, so if the property is rented it was the responsibility of the landlord to let their tenant know.) Some owners took the opportunity to be present when the testing was done.

Dye testing commenced

late October on the outer fringes of the area and is now focusing on the commercial and residential areas around the shops. Although the dye testing programme was still in progress, Council met with the Action Group on 26 November to discuss preliminary results and to start to identify possible solutions.

The Action Group and the Council plan to meet again in February 2020 as there is more dye testing to be done and the results will be presented to the action group. On completion of this meeting, the action group will further work on finding a solution. A further meeting will be held with the Paparoa community after a solution or options have been proposed.

If you have any concerns or ideas please contact Fiona Poyner - 021 581 383 /or 0800 727 059 or by email to wastewater@kaipara.govt.nz.

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We have received enough in donations to cover not just the insurance excess but also to purchase security cameras and sensor lights. We intend to block off the carpark area extending behind the Hall as this can be an unseen hiding place. If there are other property owners nearby who would benefit from joining in such security measures, perhaps a meeting to discuss this could be arranged now?

Some of the donor organisations we are indebted to are: Maungaturoto Op Shop, Pahi Reserve Society, Paparoa Depot Trust, Maungaturoto Den, Otamatea Quilters, Maungaturoto Off Licence,

Paparoa Primary School, Whakapirau Residents. There were also many individuals and families, too many to list here. Such amazing support had made the stress of organising the repair much easier.

Our insurer's Loss Adjuster Company - Sedgwick - have given us a great service which has also eased the burden.

The new doors will hopefully be delivered on 6th December, ready for installation work to begin on the 9th. We will work around the activities booked for the hall, but hope to have everything accomplished (including painting and the floor restoration) before Christmas.

Paparoa Hall Committee



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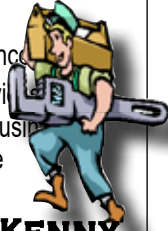
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Young Farmer regional at A&P Show

2020's Paparoa A&P Show is stepping up a notch! The Northern Regional Final of FMG Young Farmer of the Year will be held on Show Day, February 1.

As well as the Young Farmer contestants, there will also be the competition for FMG Junior Young Farmer of the Year and AgriKids who will be put through a diverse range of practical, theoretical and technical farming challenges.

Each level of the competition combines practical hands-on agriculture skills and general knowledge. The level of complexity and difficulty increases as contestants progress from Districts, to Regionals, and finally to the National Grand Final.

Moreover, February's Show will be action-packed with family entertainment for adults and kids alike. Circus Kumarani will provide community workshops for younger show-goers. Learn to walk the tight-rope, work with hoops and be involved in many other fantastic ways to have fun.

Adults won't be missing out either as a full range of live entertainment will be on



On show at Paparoa A&P Show 2019!

throughout the day, including bands, the sheep shearing competition, team roping, and of course, the ever-popular wood chopping events.

Equine lovers will be able to enjoy everything horse-related with miniature, led, ridden and harness classes expecting a strong turnout. Our livestock sections continue to grow from strength to strength. Cattle classes remain a feature with a new section being introduced for dairy breeds. Visitors will

also be able to enjoy the outstanding dairy goat section and kids can join in the Kid's Country Challenge. 2019's event was an immense success, and 2020 will be too.

The indoor competitions are a great chance for people of all ages to show off their skills and enter into the spirit of the Show, with a vast array of classes to enter, the choices to get creative are limitless. Don't forget Paparoa A&P Show has the largest dahlia competition in Northland, so get those blooms perfect to display on Show Day.

More information is available on our revamped website: paparoashow.org.nz/home or visit us on Facebook @PaparoaShow.

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Christmas, Yuletide, Noel, Cristes-messe, Khrīstos, Nativity ... The words we use, never stopping to think what they mean or where they come from.

Christmas is made up of two words, Christ (Crist originally) and derives from the Greek word Khrīstos, a Hebrew word 'Messiah' (meaning 'annointed') and the 'mas' is from the Latin 'missa' (Missa being from the Eucharist, the tradition of eating bread and drinking wine in memory of Jesus).

It is claimed that the **Cristes-messe** dates back to circa 1038. However, the shortened form of Xmas is not some marketing ploy but came into being circa 1500's. Crīstos (the origin of the word Christ) is written 'Χριστός' in Greek. Using the first letter- chi, (written as X) - followed by 'mas'.

Of course, way back in the day it seems that Xmas was held around the time of the old Roman festival of Saturnalia, a celebration lasting from around the 17th December to the 25th. The Romans seem to have had a great festival celebrating their God, Saturn. Their alleged antics really do not bear writing about, at least not in the revered annals of the Paparoa Press.

And, if you ever wondered what that old carol Good King Wenceslas was on about, it is actually praising the actions of a Bohemian king battling a bitter winter to give money and goods to a poor peasant on the feast of St. Stephen, our Boxing Day! (The name Wenceslas is the Latinised version of old Czech 'Venceslav'.)

Last but not least, if you are wished 'Goodbye', spare a moment to recognise the inherent blessing ('God be with you ...').



Merry Christmas

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Weed Group working bees

Otamatea Weed Group's target at their last working bee was to lay waste to the privet on Hook Rd behind the Methodist church.

Earlier in the year they had cleared the area behind the Anglican Church and November's effort continued the job, following a year-long clearance of other areas throughout central Paparoa.



Hard to see? Group members amongst huge areas of privet

Most of central Paparoa has now been cleared of privet although some remnants remain along the Lion's walkway. Group facilitator Jacque Knight has organised Ruawai College students to help knock this last area off.

The final event will be the Christmas party in December before taking a break until

February. Next year the group hope to push out from Paparoa boundaries and then on to Pahi peninsula.

The group is grateful to Northland Regional Council which has provided gear such as secateurs, gloves, chaps and saws and a range of herbicides.

Please contact Jacque Knight if you are interested in finding out more about privet removal on your property or in helping the group ph 021 48 882



Beverages and a yarn after a busy working day

20 years of Tinopai Fishing

It's all happening on Saturday 11th January 2020 when Tinopai School celebrates the 20th anniversary of its annual fundraiser the Tinopai Fishing Contest! One of the biggest events, for one of the smallest schools, on the Kaipara Harbour.

A GREAT DAY OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Top prizes to be won include 'Inner Harbour' and 'Outer Harbour' prizes for snapper, kahawai and gurnard. The total prize pool is valued at \$8,500! There's a games bundle for the 5-13 year old Kids Sprat Competition winner (thanks to Civiltrain), loads of spot prizes, and the \$1000 cash prize for Lucky Ticket draw (winner must be present, one name per ticket).

ENTERTAINMENT FOR EVERYONE

The weigh-in for the Kids Sprat Competition is at 2pm, all other fish to be in by 4pm. There's carnival rides, quick fire raffles, the auction of fish, plus food - including hot hangi - or bring your own picnic.

GET YOUR TICKETS

Go to www.buytickets.at/tinopaifish or visit one of our ticket suppliers (see advert this



Junior fishing competitors in January 2019

page). We're proudly supported by TopCatch Whangarei, Kaipara Kumara, Civiltrain NZ, KidZone Entertainment, Delta Produce and many wonderful local Kaipara businesses!

SEE YOU SATURDAY 11th JANUARY 2020!

We're looking forward to seeing you there. All proceeds from the Tinopai Fishing Contest go towards supporting Tinopai School. Keep up to date with event details on the Tinopai School FB page.

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I am a member of our governing body, The Pacific Association of Craniosacral Therapists (www.biodynamic-craniosacral.com). Visit their website for more information if you think that this type of therapy might help you.

Lynne Butterworth
Kaipara Physiotherapy



Where are the AEDs sited?

You may have noticed a number of Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) around in the community. Some were donated by the Otamatea St John Area Committee and some were purchased by the property owner. These are excellent tools to have on hand if someone's having a heart attack, but unfortunately not all of them are on the national database. In a medical event it's important to locate them promptly.

It would be appreciated if you could text me the location of any AEDs you are aware of. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Eileen Parsons
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Maungaturoto and Districts

Rotary info and news



PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

Applications were received and the successful recipient will have been notified by now.

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Rotarians have been out and about selling tickets for a monster Xmas Hamper (generously donated by Pam Chapman as in previous years).

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NIKAU GROVE

Work has continued on the track and a bridge has been built over a boggy area.

DINNER SPEAKERS

In the past month our speakers have included Mark Vincent (The Kauri Museum),

Robyn Bruce on her amazing trip to Everest Base Camp and an electric car owner.

CALF LITTER

Contrary to information in last month's Press, our Calf Litter is not currently available as stocks won't be mature enough for sale until next year. As an excellent Rotary fundraiser it's also proven to be a great addition to the garden.

At Rotary we enjoy many interesting guest speakers, working bees and fellowship. Please don't hesitate to get in touch should you wish to join.

We wish you all a peaceful Christmas holiday. Keep safe on the roads and make the most of your time with family and friends.

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Holiday season at The Museum

Despite predictions of a downturn in tourism numbers, visitation at The Kauri Museum is holding steady. Much effort went into promoting the museum at various tourism expos and venues earlier in the year and it seems to be having an effect.

On several days recently, we have had eight buses stopping. It is many years since numbers of coach tour groups on a single day have been this high. Improvements in shop layout and stock selection have made a noticeable difference in retail return too, so fingers crossed for our busiest time which does not come until after the New Year!

Work on the Rintoul exhibition is proceeding and will be open for viewing on December 13. As yet the exhibition is not named, so we all have our thinking caps on for something appropriate. There are some very early taonga in the collection so it will be exciting when the time comes to do more thorough research on each object.

Volunteers have hung the old fashioned Christmas decorations in the Sterling Wing. These have all been handmade as in earlier times and the display also features early Christmas cards. So different to what you see today. As Christmas approaches, don't forget to visit and see the changes in the shop mentioned above.

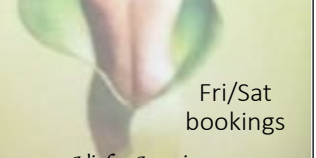
As ever, planning for the year ahead is ongoing. We are off to the tourism expos again next year to continue with promoting the museum to international and national tourism and travel buyers. We will also be seen at local and regional events. Look out for us and come and say hello!

Once again, a big thank you to all those people who volunteered their time to The Kauri Museum this year and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Mary Stevens



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Another great Quilters Show

The Otamatea Quilters held their annual show of work at The Kauri Museum from October 22 until November 25.



'White Flowers on Blue' by Herta Jakle

There were various different themed displays in the exhibition:

- **This year's challenge**
Something 'Beginning with B'. The club winner was Herta Jakle with her 'White Flowers on Blue'.
- **Christmas in a Hoop**
Small works of embroidered and pieced designs, mounted in an embroidery hoop and destined to be Christmas decorations.
- **Hexagon star - tree ornaments**
These were intermingled with the above.

- **'Christmas Crackers'**
Table decorations made at a club workshop.
- **Several large quilts and several smaller quilts**
Showed varying designs and methods of construction.
- **Community Quilts**
The group has made over 30 this year, all of which were available for sale. The recipient of unsold quilts is STAND Children's Service.
- **RAFFLE WINNERS**
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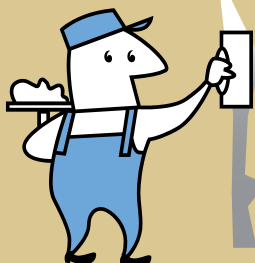
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In our case this is **Paparooa Station Road** as it heads east towards **Gorge Road** and into **Maungaturoto**.

Tour Aotearoa is organised every second year, drawing up to 1300 entries (both Kiwis and overseas travellers) over a six week period. It will be happening this coming February so you will see large numbers of cyclists on our roads around this time.

The event will certainly be followed by a steady stream of cyclists in ones and twos throughout the summer. They are mostly northern hemisphere cyclists touring

the world and they rate New Zealand pretty highly as a good winter cycling destination. They don't encounter packs of feral dogs here and they can sleep safely in their tents without fear of being attacked by a bear! Many are young professionals such as doctors, IT specialists and engineers and they are really interesting to talk to if you get a chance.

Touring cyclists really appreciate a bit of courtesy on the roads and maybe even a friendly wave or toot. Thanks!

Nicky Reid

Bike the Kaipara Trust

Paparooa Medical 2019 Report

The last year has seen the Society move from a state of limbo to fully realise its goal to establish a modern, fit-for-purpose medical clinic that will serve the community well into the future.

In December 2018 Brogan Builders Ltd was engaged to carry out the necessary renovations. The process went smoothly and the facility was ready for occupation by May 2019. I wish to place on record our appreciation of the manner in which Brogan's and the associated trades carried out their work.

The Official Opening was well attended and marked a key milestone in the Society's history. We appreciate the patience of both Coast to Coast and Paparooa Library as well as the public during the period of closure for renovation. As key tenants, Coast to Coast Health Care Ltd and the Paparooa Community Library now have premises that are light, bright and easy to use and which have received many favourable comments from the public.

In undertaking this move the Society has strategically placed medical facilities at the centre

of Paparooa for the long term.

This project would not have been possible without the considerable financial support received from the Paparooa community. Individuals and community groups were overwhelmingly generous which showed our commercial lender the level of confidence from the community

The members of the Society have achieved considerable success and I value the support of all members. In particular we are grateful to Pete Hames, who has kept the lawns mowed and I thank Don Hargrave for his sound financial advice and support. Looking forward, with the major tasks behind us, the Society will now be able to focus on maintenance of its assets.

At the AGM the incumbent members were re-elected - a strong committee to carry the Society forward.

Graham Taylor, Chair

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African Swine Fever - a threat to our farms

WHAT CAUSES IT?

African swine fever is an endemic disease in Africa. It is caused by a virus. It causes haemorrhagic fever which means it affects many body organs and blood vessels. AFS kills 80% of the pigs it infects.



WHICH COUNTRY'S PIGS ARE INFECTED?

China (hard hit, as it has the largest pig population in the world), Vietnam (4 million pigs killed), Philippines (7,000 pigs killed), North Korea, Laos, Cambodia and Mongolia. Also in many parts of Europe. It is now present in Timor - less than 1000km from Darwin.

WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

- There is no known cure.
- It is highly contagious and usually fatal to pigs usually within 7-10 days.
- It is NOT harmful to humans either from pig contact or from meat.
- It is very easily spread by transferring on shoes or clothing.
- By NZ law all food scraps fed to pigs must be


cooked to kill any possible contaminating viruses.

- Freezing does not kill the virus.
- It would be devastating to our country.

HOW COULD IT GET INTO NEW ZEALAND?

Visitors coming into our country could bring contaminated shoes, clothing or food products. We import a lot of pork and processed pork so it could enter our country this way. Our wild pigs and backyard pig sector is the most vulnerable, but it could then spread to commercial farms.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO PREVENT IT COMING HERE?

- Never feed pigs uncooked food scraps. This is existing NZ law!
- Returning travellers and visitors need to take great care to ensure their clothing, shoes etc are clean.
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News from the Gallery

NEW ART EXHIBITION OPEN

Our new Art Exhibition opens on 1st December. Looking forward to seeing all the new work.

Don't forget our XMAS EXHIBITION OPENING AND CELEBRATION of our first year in our new space at Matakoho.

Sunday afternoon 15th December 1-4pm

Everyone is welcome to join us

(see advert - details pg 11)

White Rock has had a busy month. It's lovely meeting so many overseas visitors enjoying our beautiful country, and of course our local visitors as well.

We've welcomed several new members to the Gallery and already have their unique work on display. The Xmas displays are looking awesome, great ideas for one-off presents created by our talented local artists.

We would like to thank everyone for their support over the past year and look forward to a busy summer season.

Sue Taylor

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Orrs Pharmacies 75th Anniversary

Orrs Pharmacy's is proud to celebrate 75 years of service to the Whangarei community and of the journey undertaken in that time to provide healthcare to the Northland community.

On 4th November 1944 William J Orr (Bill), father of Ken Orr, opened Orr's Prescription Chemist, on the corner of Cameron and James Street where Pascoes, Flight Centre, The Barbers and K&K Fashions are now.

Chemists in the 1940s and 50s manufactured all creams and lotions. Medicines were initially packed in sachets and

later in hand-filled capsules.

In 1964 Orrs Prescription Chemist moved into the building that Life Orrs Pharmacy currently occupies in Cameron St Mall. Life Orrs Pharmacy is now three shops wide on Cameron Street. By 1986, 33 years ago, Ken Orr (Bill's youngest son) had followed in his father's footsteps and entered the pharmacy world

with Orrs Bream Bay Pharmacy, Ruakaka.

Twenty-one years ago, in 1998 Orrs Bream Bay Pharmacy merged with Orrs Pharmacy, Cameron St. In the ensuing years significant changes came as Orrs expanded to serve the wider Northland community with partnerships in Maungaturoto, Ruawai, Dargaville, Kaikohe, and to Maunu and Rust Ave in Whangarei.

Healthcare has changed significantly in these 75 years - from prescriptions written in Latin for secrecy to the internet age where all information is available and people are encouraged to question and

understand what they are being treated for and their treatment.

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Community Connexions

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Forgot to thank the two Sue's, Mark, Graeme and Sharlene for their efforts. Oh yes, and the old geezer who makes the coffee - thanks, Old Geezer.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH, SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER, 11am
Starts at 11am, Bring a plate (preferably with food on it). Tea and coffee available.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

Alwyn and the team at Arty Farties

Quote of the month:

"Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas."



Have your Xmas Party at Thirsty Tui!

Thirsty Tui's (Paparoa Hotel) Christmas menu is available through to 24 December for lunch or dinner. Treat yourself or get a group together.

For this, our third Christmas, the menu features delicious starter options with blinis (traditional small Russian pancakes), mains choices of duck, ham-on-the-bone or a Sicilian white bean risotto, and desserts of Christmas Pud or Eton Mess with fresh berries and cream (see full menu below). Our regular menu is available as well and if you make a booking we'll provide you with Christmas crackers.

Open 7 days a week from 10.30am the brunch menu includes New Mexico eggs, pancakes and maple syrup, eggs 'bene', creamy mushrooms and smokey home-made baked beans and bacon. The famous Mediterranean lamb salad is back for summer, along with great cocktails including mint julep and pina colodas that are perfect with our new tasty chicken wings!

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Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings from all of us at Thirsty Tui Paparoa Hotel and we hope to see you soon!

OUT & ABOUT AROUND TOWN

Our condolences to those who have lost loved ones recently namely Marlene Colquhoun (wife of Thane of Pahi), Jim Benseman of Ruawai (Sue Mockett's father) and Martha Hetaraka of Hukatere.

Congratulations to Paparoa student Isaac Sheppard, son of Brent and Elarna, on being awarded Dux of OHS for 2019.

Congratulations also to Maggie Hames (Pete & Libby's daughter) on her appointment

to Head Girl at OHS for 2020. Maggie is currently on a student exchange programme in Canada - read her blog on the back page.

Paparoa Press needs some help. Do you like to find out about things going on in the community? Would you like to be in the Press Gang? Interview locals, write up articles, learn to do the editing and compilation? If so we need you. Call Stella 021 1490 877 today!

Simple Xmas cake

Butter/sugar/egg - free



1kg mixed dried fruit
2½ cups liquid - ginger ale, fruit juice, or sherry, rum, whisky (or a mix thereof)
2¾ cups self-raising flour, or gluten-free self-raising flour
2tsp Christmas spices (cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, allspice).

1. Mix liquid and dried fruit in a bowl & soak overnight
2. Blend in flour & spices until smooth
3. Bake in moderate oven 160°C in 23cm tin for about 1¼ hours or until skewer in centre comes out clean.

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From our family to yours Sid Vicious and the Grinch



Another calendar page flips and here we are...

Sid, the little puppy who has taken up residence with us is adorable, naturally, as all puppies are, and has supplanted toddler Hudson in the 'cutest in the house' competition - which is not so much a competition, but something I made up right now. For who can resist his foxy little ears and vicious tiny teeth?! However, when I'm actually trying to get jobs done and his tiny teeth are held firm to my pants leg, then cuteness wears thin REAL fast.

And as it is December, planning of C-day has been left to the last minute as usual. Even though every year I loudly proclaim my non-participation, presents are still found under some tree shaped edifice on

the morning of the 25th ...

So what to give this year? Coal is no longer in vogue to give to children, sadly, and I haven't the patience to craft miniature wind turbines in lieu of coal. One child has had the sense to bypass the mysterious aloof fat man known as Santa and write directly to the source - Nana. He thinks Nana is more likely to indulge his technological wish list than me- they usually receive op shop books - but it could backfire, into socks.

So another year passes, I continue ranting about PRESENCE over presents, and for now I'll put a candy cane in my gob and hide under the mulberry tree till its over. Have a joy-filled December!

Jenny

Unwanted pest - Guava Moth



Guava Moth (above) and Larvae in fruit (below)



The guava moth, with a wingspan of 15 mm, was originally from Australia and was first sighted in NZ in 1997. It has become a real pest in commercial and home orchards, breeding all year round, actively moving from one variety of fruit to the next.

The moths lay their eggs on the outside of fruits - guava, citrus, apples, pears, plums and nuts. After hatching, the larvae burrow into the fruit with a pin-prick hole. It's not until the mature fruit is cut that the real damage is exposed. Other signs of

infestation include: premature fruit drop, exit holes, bruised fruit and larvae excrement on fruit.

I'm currently experimenting with this home made **Guava Moth Lure** formula which is proving to be quite successful. Put the mixture in empty milk bottles and hang in the fruit trees. I've emptied out a number of dead guava moths (and other harmful insects). Thankfully, bees are not attracted to it.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR GUAVA MOTH LURE

1. The Mixture: To 1 litre of boiling water, add 1/3 cup of sugar, 1 tsp Vanilla Essence (the cheap variety is fine), 1 tsp Vegemite or Marmite, and 1 tsp of ammonia (eg Handy Andy). Mix together to dissolve the vegemite and sugar; cool. This quantity is enough for 4x2 litre milk bottles- multiply as required.

2. The Traps: Cut a flap in the side of clean plastic milk bottles, with the opening at the top and pushed inwards. This enables one-way in for the moths, without letting in too much rain.

3. Hang the traps in the fruit trees with synthetic bailing twine (which will last for a number of years).

4. Refill every so often to keep the attractant fresh. Hopefully, you'll reduce this imported pest and get good fruit crops again.

Note: To be really effective, the traps need to be going almost year round.

Jan R



ORT *Otamatea Repertory Theatre*

'THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING' – DINNER THEATRE COMEDY

Thank you to everyone who joined us on our madcap adventure. It was a great season with lots of positive feed-back (see review below).

ORT's NEW PATRON AND NEW LIFE MEMBER

At the Annual General Meeting last month we were delighted to elect **Hayden Tee** as Patron. Hayden is a great ambassador for our theatre, and for Maungaturoto.

At the same meeting **Dennise Brownlie** was awarded Life Membership. Dennise has been an active member of Otamatea Repertory Theatre over the years, and has served in many roles, both on and off the stage. She is renowned for her artistic talents.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2019

Youth Scholarship winner was Katrina Poyner, with Natalia Orchard runner-up.

Junior Scholarship (sponsored by Peter and Maura Flower) was awarded to Jacob Lord, with Stella Fulton runner-up. Congratulations to you all - and thanks for your wonderful contribution to our theatre.



Hayden Tee (Javert in the Auckland Les Mis production) with Dennise Brownlie

YOUTH THEATRE 2020

Bookings are now open for Youth Theatre in January.

Week One: 13-17 January

Week Two: 20-24 January
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Costs will be the same as last year: \$100 for the week, plus ORT junior membership of \$20. Please contact:

Maura Flower 022 354 2670 or maura.flower@gmail.com

SEUSSICAL JNR

Calling for expressions of interest to **direct** this show. Performance dates: 15-17 May, 22-24 May and 29-31 May. To register your interest please contact the Secretary, Otamatea Repertory Theatre, PO Box 35, Maungaturoto.

Merry Christmas to you all, and all the best for 2020.

Maura Flower

Dinner theatre review

This is Your Captain Speaking
written by Cenarth Fox, Australia



Otamatea Repertory Theatre's latest production was part-musical, part comedy, part-dinner theatre and part-death defying trip with a one-star rated airline! Business or economy passengers were instructed to show up at Terminal 3 (aka Maungaturoto Country Club) with a piece of luggage. From there the mayhem started as we learned we were about to fly KRAP air (Kaipara Regional Air Portage) to the destination of dreams - Eketahuna!

It was a trip we would remember as anything that could go wrong did! As we were driven to the plane local terrorists accosted and shortly after take-off we emergency landed off-route in Casablanca for a delicious Moroccan meal. By our final descent a very young Doctor of Philosophy had delivered a passenger's triplets and our blind Captain had led us in several merry singalongs...

How to review a play that you are a part of? Audience participation was the theme of the night, and I was glad not to be a proper actor, having to deal with an audience on the trip with you. Each show would have been very different, but it was definitely hilarious, and a great night out!

If you missed this sell-out production from ORT, don't miss the next!

Jenny GL

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We've got lots of ideas here - plus check out treading-lightly.com for some simple ideas.

If you must use plastic based decorations, please don't leave them to

blow away into the harbour: take the decorations down after Christmas!

If you want to enter the comp, send us a pic to (email press@paparoa.org.nz) or let us know your address so we can check it out!

The prizes will be delicious... Decorate your letterbox (or fence, if you don't have a letter-box) anytime from December 1st. Judging will be on Christmas Eve (Dec 24) and winners listed in January.



It'll be a lovely way to show festive cheer to those on our roads holidaying through the season (and hopefully slow the faster ones down!). This competition is open to all residents of Paparoa, of any age, but you must decorate your own letterbox or fence - no pranking the neighbours!

RULES

- ★ Must not impair postie from delivering letters!!
- ★ The more plastic, the less points!
- ★ Re-usable decorations are fine - just dont leave them up to become more rubbish on the side of the road!
- ★ Have fun and let's make Paparoa look cheerful for Santa!



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Wellness expo success



A very successful day was had by all at the Wellness Expo on 3rd Nov in the Paparoa Hall and we raised \$512 for Kaipara Hospice.

Money was raised from the kitchen, door entry and raffle money. Highlights of the day were Gail's talk on increasing your resilience (which is something we all need to improve our health) and Jenny's about yoga home practice, while Lyn won three of the 12 raffles prizes. Many people commented on how enjoyable the talks were.

The stalls offered massage, herbs, aromatherapy, crystals, readings, reiki, reducing oxidative stress products, books, magnetic resonance therapy, and reflexology and coffee. Shelley, our visitor from Levin, brought in her harp and serenaded us with beautiful music.

I decided to run this event as an opportunity for people to try many different healing modalities to see what resonates and to learn about new ideas. Knowledge is power and prevention of disease is best. Reducing stress and caring for ourselves and our community is paramount.

A heartfelt thanks to all the people who helped to make this possible including our sponsors - Als Upholstery, Colour and Cutz, Snazzi Gifts, Chapel Olives, Positive Vibe, Esoteric Emerald, Senteurs De Vie, Taste and See, and Starbright Wellness.

With all the positive feedback from the public and stall holders, another event has been booked for May 17th, 2020.

Vicky Hilton, Starbright Wellness



Maungaturoto Op Shop

JUST A FEW FACTS ABOUT OUR SHOP

- It is an independently run Op Shop that pays rent for it's premises and is run by volunteers.
- All money raised from sales goes back into our community.
- If you need help please write us a letter explaining why and what you need.
- We only want clean, unstained, good clothing.
- We do not take large items as there is no space.
- Large items can be taken to 'THE DEN' on Bickerstaffe Rd.
- We do take good used toys, linen, kitchen items, wool, ornaments etc.
- Open **Monday** 9am-1pm, **Wednesday** 9am-3pm and **Friday** 10am-3pm, under the Anglican Church in Maungaturoto.
- Please do not leave goods outside the door on other days.
- If you would like to volunteer to help us, come and see us on a Wednesday.
- The shop will be closed over Christmas from the 20th December until 6th of January.
- A Very Merry Christmas to all our valued supporters and customers!



OCS news and calendar



Monday 2 December - Fun & Games

Anglican Church Footprints Room 10.30-12noon

Wednesday 4 December - Seniors' Lunch at St John Hall

Tuesday 10 December - Free shopping trip to Whangarei.

Enquiries ph 431 9080. This is the last trip for the year as we close on 19th. Shopping trips to Whangarei resume in February

Wednesday 18 December - Chocolate Bingo at the Footprints Room, Anglican Church

Thursday 19 December - Closing for Christmas break

Monday 13 January - Open at 9am after holiday break

Thanks to all those amazing people who have supported us over 2019; your generosity goes a long way towards the smooth running of the Community House. Also a big thank you to the wonderful organisers of this year's Christmas Parade and town celebrations. It takes a tremendous amount of planning and organising to make it happen. Great work all of you.

Merry Christmas everyone, have a safe and happy festive season, from all at your community House Otamatea Community Services, Maungaturoto, ph 09 4319 080

Maungaturoto Bowls

Maungaturoto Bowling club boasts the best facilities in Northland. There are two artificial greens with shade shelters, very tidy surrounds and a very comfortable club room for club fixtures and meetings. The upstairs lounge, once again, is the best in Northland. We have had wonderful support from our sponsors over many years.

The Bowling Club is part of the Maungaturoto Sports Complex and for just \$100 you have Bowling Club membership and become a member of the Country Club and a Charter Club. (Note that first year membership is \$60.)

We have Tuesday morning rollups and will soon be playing twilight bowls as well as our tournaments and Club championships. There are plenty of bowls for first year players, and coaching from time to time. The club is looking for new members so if you have recently moved into the area, are a bowler or would like to become a bowler, we would like to hear from you.

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2020 Head Prefects: Denzal Peeni, Paige Kenyon and Tyrone De Ardenne pictured with Acting Principal, Dirk Smyth (absent, Maggie Hames)

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Pets in the Valley

Last month was alpaca month for me. As more of these lovely animals move into the area I felt the need to upskill on my knowledge of care for these animals.



Ruth Mason with a cria

Despite their woolly looks they are not able to be treated as big sheep when it comes to medications and management. I visited a farm when shearing was occurring- quite different from my days in the woolshed. These animals were tethered to the floor while they were carefully shorn, hooves trimmed, teeth checked and vitamin D injections given before they wandered off again. They also produce a wide variety of noises - quite unique to alpacas!

On a day field trip to South Auckland, a specialised lifestyle vet experienced in alpaca work showed us procedures ranging from castration to blood collection for transfusion, and we practiced handling techniques and blood testing. We asked lots of questions about anything- it was good to talk with experienced owners about their alpacas.

As these animals are adapted to high altitude mountain life in South America, the transition to low altitude NZ is not without its complications - issues with Vitamin D metabolism and coping with parasitism and facial eczema are challenges for keeping these animals well. I look forward to putting some of my new knowledge into practice.

Have a lovely Christmas, Janine



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Term 4 ending on a high!

We're well into our shortest and busiest school term! It's fantastic to see the kids working so hard and enjoying themselves at the same time. We will all have earned our summer holiday!

Pet and Show Day was pre-empted by **Art and Craft and Flower Days** for all of the indoor exhibits which were a stunning display. Our pets paraded happily around the ring although some extra calling practice may be needed for the little lambs! We had a great turn out of friends and family to watch the fun.



Next was **Grandparents' Day** with such a turn out we needed extra chairs and the gazebo up to spill on to the deck area! Thank you to all of our grandparent attendees and also our community surrogate grandparents, the kids love having you here to share with you their work and play at school.

Our **school pool** is full and almost ready for use. Pool keys will be available at the office from late next week. The pool will be open from Monday 2nd December 'til the end of March 2020. Cost is \$45 for school families and \$60 for community members. We have already had someone climb the fence and throw items in the newly filled pool and we would ask everyone in our community to help us look after this valuable asset.

Please note that due to break-ins

and attempted break-ins we are sadly blocking off the rear entrance to the school as a security measure.

We have also been working hard on our first **school production** in several years. The kids have had to audition, learn their lines and songs, design and make costumes and sets, choreograph scenes and dances and really work together as a team. It's a fantastic process to go through and will end with two performances of the show on Thursday 5th December at Paparoa Hall. A matinee will start at 11am and the evening show at 6:30pm. Tickets will be on sale soon...

2020 is shaping up to be just as busy and exciting as it will be the **150th** year of Paparoa School - what a milestone!

Watch this space, we have so many cool plans for our school!

Simon Schuster, Principal



Performance at Grandparents Day

December gardening notes

In the garden one's mind goes towards making successive sowings and plantings of veges and flowers to be well established before Christmas with the uncertainty of how much caring and watering can be done. Plant out at dusk or on overcast days into well prepared moist soil enriched with organic matter (compost and sheep pellets). Mulch with wet newspaper and lawn clippings to protect the roots from hot sun and stretch out moisture content. In hot dry conditions you're better off deeply watering a section at a time rather than sprinkling everything. Save washing water - a bucket here and there will go along way to keep plants progressing and help pumpkins and fruit trees from dropping immature fruit.

Sow successive crops of beans (especially dwarf) and courgettes (those planted out in spring are now in production). Ensure you have new plants coming on as old and tired ones are pulled out. Replace these areas with successive plantings of veges such as beetroot, carrots, silverbeet, spinach. Other salad veges can be planted in semi-shade to help prevent bolting under heat stress.

Parsley is at its best now. To cope with excess - initially it keeps well in a plastic bag in the fridge - but if you whizz the leaves up and freeze in containers you can use it from frozen - scrape required amount off the frozen block.

Garden maintenance now includes mounding up soil around potatoes, tying up tomatoes as they grow, removing laterals and lower leaves, deheading spent flowers from roses, annuals and perennials for continual flowering, and weeding - even a quick hoe over now and then will help keep weeds at bay.

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Paparoa Community Library Christmas/New Year



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The week before Christmas:**

Normal hours Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

**Monday 23rd December 9.30-12 midday
then CLOSED and RE-OPENS Tuesday 7th January 2020.**

Books can still be returned to Skelton's as someone will collect them on a regular basis over the holiday period.

Thanks everyone. Have a great holiday break, stay safe and see you all in the new year.

Jas Futter, Library Manager



USUAL HOURS
Tuesday..... . 10am-4pm
Thursday..... . 10am-4pm
Saturday 9.30am-12noon

Grant application successes

Paparoa County Depot Trust announces the successful grant recipients from its recent allocation of funds.

Arty Farties Paparoa Sports & Recreation Society
North Kaipara Agricultural Association Linking Hands
White Rock Gallery Paparoa Primary School
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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MAUNGATUROTO

You are invited to visit during December to see the **Bethlehem Scene** at the front of the Church. There will also be a **Remembrance Tree** on which you can place verses and/or names and a **Gift Tree** at the entrance to the church. All gifts will be distributed through an appropriate agency for Christmas. If gifts are gender or age specific, please label as such (gifts for all ages accepted).



May Christmas blessings surround you.

SERVICES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

December 1 (Advent 1)

9.30 am Holy Trinity, Maungaturoto
10am - St Marks, Paparoa
4pm - Join St Mary's Catholic Church, Griffins Rd, Mgt0

December 8

9.30 am - Holy Trinity, HC;
10am - St Marks, Café - Christmas Movie
7pm - Co-op Church, Paparoa, Carol Service

December 14

'Christmas on the Green' at Paparoa from 3pm

December 15

9.30am - Holy Trinity - Café, Christmas Movie
10am - St Albans, Whakapirau, Carols & Readings, HC
7pm - Holy Trinity- **'Blue Christmas Service'** * of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

December 22

9.30am - Holy Trinity, Carols & Readings, HC
10.00am - St Marks, Carols & Readings, HC
7pm - Community Carols at Coates Memorial Church, Matakohē

December 24 - Christmas Eve

9pm-First Mass of Christmas, Holy Trinity, HC

December 29 - 1st Sunday of Christmas-

9.30am- Holy Trinity, Combined HC

January 5 - Epiphany- 10am, Holy Trinity, Holy Communion

January 12 - Baptism of Jesus- 10am, Holy Trinity, HC

January 19 - Epiphany 2 - 10am, Holy Trinity, HC 10am, St Albans, Whakapirau, HC

January 26 - Epiphany 3 - 10am, Holy Trinity, HC

* **Blue Christmas Service:** This is especially for those who have lost family members or friends this year or who find Christmas a particularly difficult time any year. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of those no longer with us and/or to put a star on the prayer tree.

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Exhibitions: Return of Rintoul Toanga collection opens 13 December

'Local holiday Hotspots' mid December to end January

Textiles: 'The Perfect Accessory'

Christmas on The Green, Paparoa Saturday 14 Dec starts 3pm.

White Rock Gallery Xmas Exhibition & Celebration Sun 15 Dec, 1-4pm

Christmas Parade Maungaturoto 21 Dec 4pm

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 6622

Art Studio, Ruawai Wed 10-12noon ph Frances 439 2554

Arty Farties Thur/Fri/Sun at the "Tile Shed"; Garage Sale Sundays 10am to 2pm;

Badminton Thursdays 7pm Paparoa Hall \$2 students, \$3 adults ph Pete 431 6822

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

Line Dancing Thurs 10am-noon Paparoa Hall ph Rose 431 7418

Mainly Music Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, Lynaire Porteous 4317 520

Mahjong twice monthly on a Tuesday. Call Marian Harkness 431 6332.

Maungaturoto Opportunity Shop Open Mon 10-1pm Wed 10-3pm Fri 10-3pm

Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary Club Maungaturoto Centennial Hall,

Tuesday evenings 6pm, ph Stella 021 149 0877

Otamatea Quilters 1st and 3rd Mon month 10am, Paparoa Hall 09 439 2262

Outdoor Bowls Maungaturoto Green ph Tony 431 6026 or Brian 431 6884

Pahi Hall available for hire ph Sherryl Corbett 431 7127

Paparoa Community Church 10.30am every Sunday, 4 Hook Road 431 7106

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

Paparoa Library open Tues & Thurs 10am-4pm, Saturday 9.30-12noon

Paparoa Lions Dinner Meetings 3rd Mon in month 6.30pm, Sports Pavilion

Paparoa Playcentre Tuesday and Thursday 10am-1pm Visitors Welcome

ph Bianca 431 6730 txt 021 782 456 or ph Jane 431 6148 paparoa@playcentre.org.nz

Paparoa Primary School Term 4 ends Dec 20 Term 1 starts Jan

Paparoa Toy Library Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Comm Church, Hilery 431 7330

Paparoa Volunteer Rural Fire Force (VRFF) 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month

6.30pm Depot Rd ph Cohan 431 6668

Plunket Ready Steady Wriggle Mon 10am Sports Pav. Tina Ball 021 033 5128

Selwyn Centre Thurs 10am for over 65's, St Marks, Hook Rd, ph 431 8193

Sports Pavilion Functions Venue Bookings ph Jane Bailey 431 6148

St Mary's Catholic Church 10am Wed, 6pm Sat, Maungaturoto

Table Tennis Tues 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion \$2 Pete 431 6822

Tennis Family tennis Sunday afternoons from 4pm ph Sue 431 6224, Pete 431 6822

White Rock Gallery Open at The Kauri Museum 7 days ph 021 0267 8241

Yoga Chair Yoga - Tuesdays & Fridays, 9.30am Paparoa Sports Pavilion

Monday: 6pm Mgt Centennial Hall: Wednesday 5pm Matakahe Hall

ph Jenny 021 114 3370

PLEASE UPDATE US WITH YOUR DETAILS: press@paparoa.org.nz PP

HOOK, LINE & SINKER

Plenty of nice snapper around at the moment, especially in shallow water up to about 10-12ft.

Also lots of 6-7ft sharks around; when you get one of those on you know about it!

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Hope the Ladies Competition went well on the 30th.

Keep on fishing!



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LOCAL TIDES for December 2019

DECEMBER TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU

DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	8.43am	3.09pm	17th	9.14am	3.47pm
2nd	9.27am	3.55pm	18th	10.08am	4.44pm
3rd	10.15am	4.47pm	19th	11.08am	5.47pm
4th	11.09am	5.45pm	20th	12.15pm	6.53pm
5th	12.12pm	6.48pm	21st	1.25pm	7.27am
6th	1.18pm	7.24am	22nd	2.32pm	8.35pm
7th	2.19pm	8.25am	23rd	3.33pm	9.38am
8th	3.12pm	9.20am	24th	4.27pm	10.33am
9th	3.57pm	10.07am	25th	5.16pm	11.22am
10th	4.38pm	10.49am	26th	6.02pm	12.07pm
11th	5.18pm	11.27am	27th	6.20am	12.49pm
12th	5.58pm	12.05pm	28th	7.02am	1.28pm
13th	6.16am	12.44pm	29th	7.41am	2.07pm
14th	6.57am	1.25pm	30th	8.20am	2.45pm
15th	7.40am	2.08pm	31st	8.59am	3.25pm
16th	8.25am	2.55pm			

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Maggie's Canadian student exchange

It's now three months into my five month Canadian (SEANZ) Student Exchange Australia New Zealand, so here's a little update...

When I first arrived I went straight to an orientation with around 100 other students from all over the world. We spent the next two days exploring Toronto, going everywhere from Niagara Falls to the CN tower.

I'm hosted by an awesome family out in the country near Barrie, one hour north of Toronto. My time has been filled with countless firsts. I've been going to school on a yellow school bus, I tried poutine and beaver tails and went to a Girl Guide camp,

been to the County Fair and I have a little sister for the first time.

We've had a quick transition from summer to snow, with some beautiful fall leaves in the middle.

I've had my first Canadian

Thanksgiving, complete with turkey and pumpkin pie, and attended my first football (grid iron) game, even ending up as a scorer for a few of the school games in the cold. I had my first time stepping onto ice to start learning the sport of curling and that has been really fun, and very different from any other sports I usually play! It was my first time carving pumpkins for Halloween, and handing out candy to



Fall in Toronto, Canada



Halloween pumpkins and snow!

the cutest little kids.

When we woke up to our first snow on November 1st, everyone else was pretty annoyed, but I was excited all day, especially when I got the news that I am to be Head Girl for Otamatea High School for 2020! I've made our NZ family bacon and egg pie and ANZAC biscuits for this family as well- both of which they loved!

I'm so grateful to be here ... and looking forward to next year too!

Maggie Hames

Paparoa's Selwyn Centre 7 years old

Recently Selwyn Centre Paparoa celebrated its seventh birthday with a very eventful day.

After the usual morning exercises the group sat down to a sumptuous morning tea complete with birthday cake.

Heather Whineray, Selwyn Foundation Community Program Manager spoke of the history and future goals of the Foundation. Formed in 1954 its aim was to help provide housing and care for families who had lost loved ones during WW2 and were struggling to make ends meet. It was very interesting to learn how they progressed to forming the Selwyn Centres for the older generation and



Richard Binns (first co-ordinator) cutting the cake

disabled to get together for friendship and fellowship, and to participate in the programmes provided.

After Heather's talk, Sue Skelton, one of the volunteer co-ordinators, set up a quiz to

keep us busy and using our brains. How many words could we make from these two words?

- 1) chimney sweep
- 2) fire place

Suggestions came thick and fast from all corners of the room and we all enjoyed doing it.

By midday as we all departed to our homes we were already looking forward to our next meeting!

Selwyn Centre is held weekly Thursdays 9.45am-12 noon at Paparoa Community Church Hall, Hook Road. contact Sue Skelton (09) 431 6224


Uke 'N' with Lynn

Lynn Walters from Tinopai runs the meetings at Zest Cafe where all interested ukelele players have an hour of playing, learning new songs and drinking fine coffee.

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