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Kaipara korero

by Steve McCracken

Principal Steve McCracken

Record NCEA results, a 30% increase in roll size, and numerous national titles are just some of the major highlights of the last (almost) four years at Kaipara College. Why is this important? Well, this time four years ago, I was preparing to be welcomed to Kaipara College as the new Principal. Now, many highlights, some challenges, and a whole lot of fun later, I prepare to move on to different adventures and challenges. One thing that has remained constant over this period is how the Kaipara College community cares for each other and truly puts people first.

Reflecting back, I didn't know what I was in for. There are massive challenges facing education, not only in the secondary sector, but across the board. Under funding, heightened student needs, and the ever changing 'systems' are going to make the next few years an interesting ocean to navigate. I was, and still am, very ambitious, placing students at the centre of decisions, and trying to do the right thing at all times. What I was not prepared for is not being able to please everyone and the buck really stopping with me as Principal. Hopefully, it can now be seen that we all learn, and through this learning, we become better people.

The South Kaipara community will always have a significant role to play in the life of Kaipara College. We are so lucky to be able to have such an abundance of local resource, history and amazing people to draw upon. Kaipara College is on the cusp of undertaking something special with you all. We have strategic aims of 'Belonging' and 'Success', the future of Kaipara College will be calling upon the local resource, knowledge and people to bring learning to life for our young people. I am sure we can all recall sitting in boring classrooms, hearing teachers deliver 'important' information; well, now is the time when we have the opportunity to make learning real for our young people. To do this, Kaipara College will need our community's involvement.

I wasn't, and I don't think I am, prepared for the significant challenges that happened over the last four years. We have had

students pass away; we have been a part of a global pandemic; we have witnessed students going through severe hardship; we have seen whanau come and go. The one common thing though, is that the true values of Kaipara College have been consistent and will remain so. That is what makes me the proudest of my time at Kaipara College.

The last (almost) four years have been amazing. Kaipara College has a significant part of my heart, and I will be forever grateful for being part of this community. I hope I have made a difference to the futures of the young people in our care. Thank you, to the whole community, for your support of our school, for the challenges, and for standing up for what is right. We must continue to set high aspirations for our young people. We must continue to do the right thing. We must continue to learn and grow ourselves. We must continue to put people first. If we continue to do these things, the next (almost) four years, and many more, will be even more positive than the last four.

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

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LIONS CLUB of HELENSVILLE Autumn Book Fair May 29th/30th 2021



The Autumn Book Fair held last weekend, in conjunction with Kaipara Coast Guard, was a great success. A record total of \$15,803 was raised from the sale of books and adding in the proceeds from the raffle and sausage sizzle, a grand total of \$17,104 was made. This sum will be given to the Kaipara Coast Guard and will go towards the building of a Marine Rescue Centre in Parakai.

Thank you to all who donated so many high quality books, without you there would be no Book Fair. Thanks especially to the partners of Club members who were with us all weekend, students from Kaipara College who helped in the set up on Friday, members of the Kaukapakapa/Helensville Scouts who assisted in packing up and cleaning the Hall on Sunday. Throughout the weekend we were also assisted by members of the Kaipara Coast Guard. Putting together a book fair is a team effort and we would not be able to cope without the assistance we receive from our community. We also wish to thank Phelan Pirrie and the members of the Rodney Local Board for their support and Burmester Realty for letting us use their premises as a drop off point.

A special mention to the lady who brought the team hot chocolate drinks early on Sunday morning, thank you it was much appreciated.

The books left over will be re-sorted with damaged or unsaleable books going to the Helensville Recycle Centre. Surplus children's books go to South Auckland for distribution to



less fortunate children and when there is shipping space, to Pacific Island schools. Other books are sold at the Lions book stall at the Kaukapakapa Market, which is held on the third Sunday of each month, and at other events run by the Lions Club of Helensville throughout the year.

The next Book Fair is our Christmas Book Fair which will be held on the last weekend of November, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th, in the Helensville War Memorial Hall.

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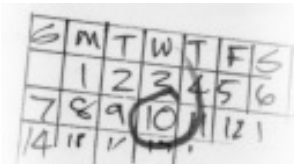
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What's happening this month



Term 2 ends 9th July

Saturday 10 July, Mid-Winter Christmas Buffet at Settlers Country Manor, 6:00pm – 10:00pm, 81 Waimauku Station Rd, Waimauku, Auckland. Everyone loves a little bit of festive cheer. Come along and have a very merry Mid-Winter Christmas at Settlers Country Manor!

Sunday 18 July, Kaukapakapa Village Market, 8:30am – 1:00pm, Kaukapakapa Hall, 947 Kaipara Coast Hwy SH16, Kaukapakapa, Auckland. Held on the 3rd Sunday of every month all year round, this lively village market is located in the Kaukapakapa Village a pleasant 45 minutes drive from Auckland City. There is always something fresh to experience with different musicians, entertainment and new stall holders joining the market each month—a great morning out for the family. With its friendly people, great atmosphere and a tempting selection of quality stalls there's something for everyone with everything from locally hand-made crafts, fresh fruit & veg to pre-loved treasures and collectibles. Enjoy a freshly made coffee while you check out the stalls or sit and relax with something tasty from the market cafe while you take in the live music and entertaining atmosphere. Our July musicians are duo Darren & Michelle plus we have free hair plaiting for the kids. For more information, stall-holder and music enquiries contact Sarah: Phone: 0274 831542 or Email - sarah1@maxnet.co.nz. Eftpos cash out available. Kaukapakapa is a pleasant 45 minute (approx.) drive from Auckland City and if you're calling in we can give you information on other things to see and do while you're in the area.

Sunday 18 July, Kaukapakapa Historic Library, 9am to 1pm, BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS. Meet book dealer and keen collector Graeme Bailey at the historic Kaukapakapa Library. Twenty years of experience trading in books has given Graeme a keen eye for a diverse inventory, specialising in New Zealand titles as well as a tempting array of other subjects - Art, Architecture, New Zealand. History and more. Come along and find a treasure from Graeme's selection or talk to him about that elusive book that you're hoping to find. Kaukapakapa Library open in conjunction with the Kaukapakapa Village Market.

Term 3 starts 26th July

Saturday 24 July, Fruit Tree Pruning & Care Workshop, 9:30am and Saturday 31 July. Kaipara Coast Plants & Sculpture Gardens, 1481 Kaipara Coast Highway, Kaukapakapa, Auckland.

If you want to make the most of your fruit trees or maybe you're thinking of planting some new ones then this is a good time of

year to do this. This very popular pruning & care workshop will give you all the basics to assist in your success. David Bayly, our in house tree care expert, will be once again running this very popular workshop in his usual relaxed and interactive style. This event has proven to be so popular that we will be running it on two consecutive Saturdays this year rather than our usual single monthly workshop. Booking is therefore definitely recommended as spaces on each are limited. To book: info@kaiparacoast.co.nz or 09 420 5655

Upcoming events

AUGUST

Monday, August 2nd for one week, Top Art Exhibition, Kaipara College. A display of the top NCEA Level 3 art portfolios, covering painting, photography, design, printmaking and sculpture.

Wednesday 4 August, Auckland 1-day Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge Helensville Tennis Club, 124-164 Rautawhiri Rd, Helensville, 8:30am – 12:30pm

So you're tough, but are you tough enough to take on the 1-day Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge? This is a chance for primary and intermediate aged kids to get involved in New Zealand's biggest mud run series in a version tailored especially for them! The Junior Tough Guys and Gals will take on a 1.5km or 3km muddy obstacle course consisting of swamp crossings, a spider's web net climb, crawl under obstacles, beautiful native bush trails, tunnels, hurdles, a climbing frame, water crossings and not to mention, mud mud and more mud! All competitors will receive a special finishers medal for taking part!

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Friday, 6 August, HELENSVILLE AGLOW at the Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Road Helensville (behind the Hospice shop) 7.30pm. All welcome. Contact Bridget at helensvilleaglow@outlook.com for more information.

Saturday 7 August, Helensville Tennis Club, 8:00am – 1:30pm, 124-164 Rautawhiri Rd, Auckland Loaded Tough Guy and Gal If

you want to get down and dirty and have a whole lot of fun, then these unique off-road running events are for you. The events are open to both male and female competitors who are 13 years of age and older. Challenge yourself on a course that includes swamp crossings, a spiders web net climb, crawl under barb wire, beautiful native bush trails, tunnels, hurdles, a climbing frame not to mention, mud mud and more mud!

Friday 3rd September, HELENSVILLE AGLOW, 7.30pm. Our guest speaker at our September meeting will be Sandee Everett, from House of Re Ministries. The meeting will start at 7.30pm at Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Rd, Helensville. All welcome. Email Bridget Sundgren at helensvilleaglow@outlook.com for more information

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Beehives were moved onto the school grounds in time for World Bee Day, which is celebrated on the 20th of May every year. The Bee Club students got to see inside the beehives and to taste locally-produced honey which was a real buzz! One local honey they tried has recently won an award at the *Outstanding NZ Food Producer Awards*.



The School Bee Cub started last September. It is great to see the kids eager to start their theory lesson or in their bee-suits heading to the beehives for hands-on experience. The Bee Club meet every two weeks so the young beekeepers become

familiar with the various changes that occur in the hives as each season progresses. Lessons are both fun and practical, and the kids are learning so much. It is really amazing to be educating the next generation of Beekeepers.

The Bee Club programme at Helensville Primary School has received tremendous support both locally and from the wider community in building the apiary, supplying hive ware and some bee-suits. The School Bee club is, however, still looking for sponsorship for 7 more beekeeping suits and 7 pairs of beekeeping gloves. If anyone would like to support the School Bee programme— either through sponsorship or a donation — please contact Rodney Beekeepers Club committee member Vicki Allen 0224274711 or the Helensville Primary School office on 094208005.

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From Penk's Pen

CHRIS PENK – MP

Traffic congestion

I recently organised an event that I described as a “protest”. This was a first for me. For one thing, I’m not usually the protesting type. For another thing, resorting to such methods of gaining attention on behalf of an area, as an MP, should not be necessary.

The sad reality, however, is that I’ve become increasingly frustrated at the lack of attention to our area by government when it comes to providing basic infrastructure.

I have attended meetings with decision makers (or at least those who are tasked with making decisions!), sent letters, asked questions and supported petitions about these matters. All to little avail, so far. Hence the protest.

I styled the event a “shovel-ready project” protest, as a nod to the concept of the “shovel-ready project”. This was an initiative announced by government whereby communities were invited to pitch for immediate delivery of projects that were ready to get underway. The reality is that various transport improvement projects have not only been promised to this area, and therefore are certainly ready for shovels, but in fact are now well overdue.

That’s the background for considerable disappointment I felt recently on hearing about a new cycling bridge announced for Auckland Harbour. While many people like the idea of being able to cycle and walk across the water, the reality is that – in a constrained economic environment – chasing shiny new objects in the form of recreational transport projects elsewhere in Auckland will cost us dearly here.

Assuming only a modest cost blowout, the starting-point cost of that project – at over \$700 million – will soon represent the thick end of a billion dollars. It’s a fair chunk of change when you think about other spending needs in the transport space or more generally around the place (for example, our crowded classrooms), come to think of it.

I’ll be replicating the “shovel-ready” protest idea elsewhere in the electorate, having started in Kumeu but recognising the serious need all around Auckland’s rural north and west too. In the meantime, take care out there on the roads in the state that we currently we have them, especially in the sad context of some significant accidents lately.



A Costume for Caliban

by Gemma Bayly, Head Student, Kaipara College

Earlier in the year, Shariah Brunton, a year 13 student at Kaipara College, entered the SGCNZ/ Dawn Sanders Shakespeare Costume Design Competition. For this competition, Shariah had to design a costume for a character from Shakespeare. She chose to design a costume for Caliban from the Tempest.

Shariah's design was chosen as one of the four finalists in New Zealand out of around 40 entries. This meant that a costumier made her costume and it was modeled at the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare festival. As part of this, Shariah flew down to Wellington on Queen's Birthday weekend.

Shariah chose to design the costume for Caliban because she studied 'The Tempest' in English a few years ago and knew more about the characters than other Shakespeare plays. Caliban's costume had room for imagination because he is unique for Shakespearean characters. He is described as 'swarthy, grotesque, half-fish and half-monster' by foreigners who end up shipwrecked on Caliban's island. Shariah's costume was inspired by the way that Caliban was viewed by his colonizers. She decided to incorporate Maori cultural design into the costume to address the issues surrounding colonization and racism in our current times. Shariah was also able to use the design as part of one of her NCEA internal assessments.

The final costume involved a waistcoat, a waistband with Rangiora leaves, a piupiu (Maori flax skirt) and a ta moko design on the legs and arms called unaunahi, which represents fish scales.

The Sheilah Winn Shakespeare festival in Wellington involved

a day of workshops, two days of performances by schools from all over the country and a prize-giving ceremony. The workshops ranged from stage combat fighting to costume design to workshops about Maori martial arts. Shariah attended workshops for costume design and set design. On the final day, Shariah received 3rd equal in the prize-giving ceremony, an amazing achievement.

At the moment, Shariah is hard at work making her dress for the Kaipara College ball. I am sure it will look stunning!



Shariah Brunton and a model wearing her costume

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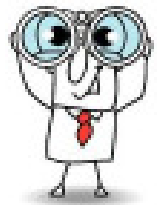
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The way I see things



by Brian Hale

In July last year I ran an article which started with these opening paragraphs:

"The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance has been waging a campaign against the Auckland Council's wish to increase rates rather than reduce them. Their stance is that, as so many ratepayers are currently in financial difficulty, the Council should do everything in their power to reduce the rates burden not increase it.

This is especially so because they have recently revealed the 86 Council employees being paid more than \$250,000 and that of the 12,000-odd Council staff, 2831 are paid salaries of more than \$100,000. However there seems to be a great reluctance on the part of the Council to do anything significant to curb any of these costs."

What has happened since then? This is part of the report just released by The Ratepayers' Alliance:

Average rates have increased by \$130

The Report confirms that Auckland Council is charging the second-highest rates in the country, with an average bill of \$3,599. And that doesn't even take into account Mayor Phil Goff's recently approved plan to hike your rates by 43% and double your water bill over the next decade!

The average residential rate for Auckland is now more than \$1,000 greater than the average nationwide average residential rate of \$2,572.

In fact, Auckland Council's rates bills are now so high that Wellington and Christchurch City Councils are more than \$800 cheaper than Auckland's. Smaller rural councils, such as Buller District charge half what Phil Goff's Council charges us.

Why are Auckland rates so high?

Operational spending, on a per-household basis, significantly outstrips the national average, including for other "unitary" councils. Here's just one incredible example from the Report: Auckland Council pays 3,161 staff salaries over \$100,000. That's an increase of 330 people in just 12 months.

Debt now \$29,611 for every Auckland household. Mayor Phil Goff has maxed out the credit card. The Council's liabilities now totals \$29,611 for every Auckland household – and that doesn't even include the effects of Phil Goff's "emergency budget" last year, or the more recently approved 10-year budget.

Do you feel helpless to do anything about this, I certainly do - the reason? - because so few voters take any interest. Next year we get the chance to **VOTE** again, so please start taking some notice of which Councillor tells the truth, which says they will vote one way and then votes the other, which one actually has the community/ratepayers interests at heart and make a commitment to **VOTE!**

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New beginnings for Te Whare Oranga o Parakai

A well utilised Parakai facility is to remain in community hands thanks to the combined efforts of the Helensville District Health Trust, Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust, Auckland Council and the entity co-governing the adjacent Kaipatiki Reserve, Te Poari o Kaipatiki ki Kaipara.

Plans for the former Te Whare Oranga o Parakai property will see it further developed and managed by Te Poari o Kaipatiki ki Kaipara, a co-governance entity comprising of representatives of Ngati Whatua o Kaipara and Auckland Council.

Chair of the Helensville District Health Trust, Rory MacGillycuddy, says the transfer of the Parakai property from the Trust to Te Poari o Kaipatiki ki Kaipara, will see many benefits for the local community.

"Because Te Poari o Kaipatiki ki Kaipara already manages the adjacent Kaipatiki Reserve, the former Parakai health facility can now reconnect and be managed in an integrated manner with the reserve to achieve better wellbeing outcomes for the local community and Ngati Whatua o Kaipara," he says.

The Helensville District Health Trust closed the Parakai health facility in August 2019 when faced with the reality, after exhausting all avenues of possible funding, that it could not afford to continue subsidising the facility.

Mr MacGillycuddy says the trust is presently focusing on greater investment in its health campus on Commercial Road in Helensville.

"This focus will optimally meet the trust's strategic vision of providing facilities which best serve the health and well-being needs of the growing South Kaipara population," he says.

Since then, the health trust has renovated the property and has also supported various well-being and health-related initiatives onsite.

The Chairs of Te Poari o Kaipatiki ki Kaipara, Jane Sherard, and Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust, Dame Naida Glavish, are excited about the new plans for Te Whare Oranga o Parakai.

"The property can now be redeveloped to better address health and wellbeing issues and achieve greater outcomes for the community," Jane Sherard says.

The Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust represents the interests of Ngati Whatua o Kaipara on Te Poari o Kaipatiki ki Kaipara.

The Chair of Auckland Council's Parks, Events, Community and Arts Committee (PACE), Cr. Alf Filipaina says integrating Te Whare Oranga into the adjacent reserve not only honours the Ngati Whatua history in the area but will also enable an efficient way to manage the reserve area and community facility as one for the benefit of the local community.

"Te Whare Oranga is essentially the only community facility in Parakai, so preserving it as part of the reserve will help establish a thriving heart to the Parakai community."

Cr. Filipaina says the co-governance model already in place for Kaipatiki has proved an excellent template for working in partnership with mana whenua for the betterment of local communities and this will expand with the inclusion of Te Whare Oranga.

Auckland Councillor Greg Sayers has praised the efforts of the Helensville District Health Trust in maintaining, operating and keeping the health facility operating for as long as it could.

"Auckland Council recognises and acknowledges that there has been a financial cost to the trust in this, and the trust's dedication to the community in this regard has been highly commendable," he says.

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Miniature Ponies and French Horn playing warm up Craigweil House this Winter

Craigweil House has seen a fair bit of fun, brightening the start of the cooler months. Recently ponies did the rounds at the home and hospital. Brought in by students of Kaipara College, Bea, Abby, and Alexis, the ponies visited residents in the lounges and surprised others in their bedrooms. The pet miniature ponies were very calm, well-behaved, and received many pats. The visit was a part of a school health promotion project, run by the college.

French language, geography, food, and culture were also showcased recently at Craigweil House's "French Celebration Week." The mini festival culminated in an afternoon tea of French cuisine with an exquisite live performance by French Horn musician, Anita Austin.

The music has been flowing at Craigweil House this month with new resident, Don, bringing his skill on the clarinet. During the regular Happy Hour Live Music with singer and keyboardist, Joe Fingers, Don and his friend Jimmy joined Joe Fingers on their clarinets, making for a stellar jam session.

Another highlight was Charlotte of Pets Assisting Therapy bringing in various hand-reared animals. Pet therapy is a regular event Craigweil House residents enjoy. On the most recent visit, residents had the opportunity to hold a rabbit, have a cockatiel perch on their hand and shoulder, and bottle feed a baby goat.

If you would like to enquire about Craigweil House for your loved one, please get in touch. We are a boutique countryside facility with personalised compassionate support and care for rest home, hospital, and secure dementia levels of care – 09-420 8277.



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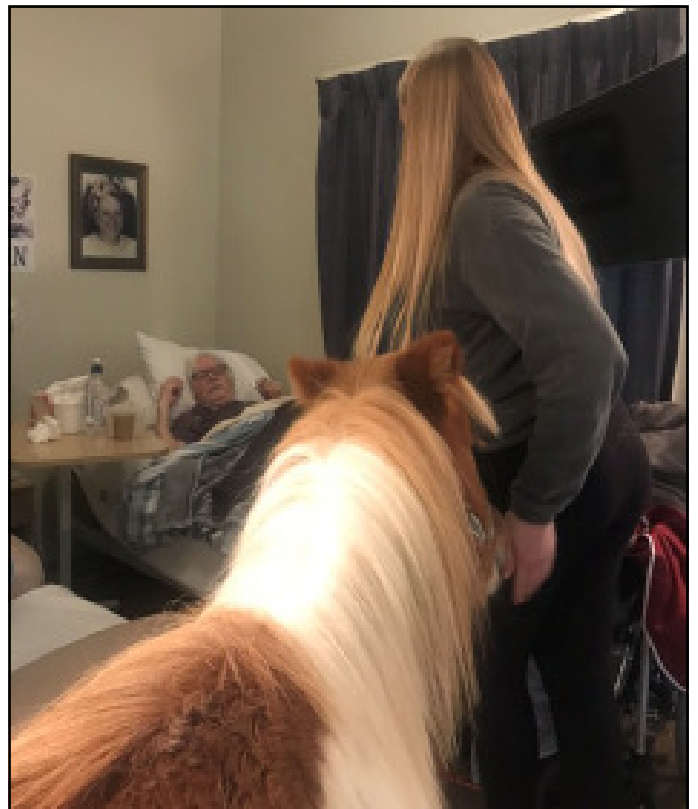
Craigweil House residents Nora and Bill with the miniature ponies brought in by Kaipara College students.



Rose, resident of Craigweil House, talking to the miniature ponies brought in by students of Kaipara College.



New Craigweil House resident, Don, and his friend Jimmy joined the regular entertainer Joe Fingers expertly playing their clarinets. Note Rose's daughter Victoria listening with her pet parrot in the right corner!



Colin was chuffed to have a special surprise visit from a miniature pony brought in by Bea, Abby and Alexis of Kaipara College.



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Saturday 24th AND 31st July
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expert, will be once again running this very popular workshop in his usual relaxed and interactive style.

Topics to be discussed will include:

- Tools required
- Pros & cons of various trees
- Site selection and preparation
- Planting methodologies/techniques
- General tree care
- Safety considerations

This event has proven to be so popular that we will be running it on two consecutive Saturdays this year rather than our usual single monthly workshop. Booking is therefore definitely recommended as spaces on each are limited(see below for booking details).

Afterwards you will also be able to stroll around the beautiful and recently extended 3.5Km nature trail which has over 40 marvellous new sculptures created for our 2021 exhibition by local and international artists on display.*



We also have our cute little coffee shop on site plus of course the **Plant Centre** for you to browse through.

Our knowledgeable and friendly staff will also be on hand to help with any other garden related questions.

* The trail is unfortunately not suitable for wheelchairs or walking frames.

Venue location: 1481 Kaipara Coast Highway (SH16),
Tickets: \$20.00 per person

To Book: info@kaiparacoast.co.nz
OR 09 420 5655.



Helensville Library news

Kia ora

Council and library services have been brought together in Helensville. From the outside, it may seem that not much has changed. Because, it hasn't really.

The same staff are around – but they may be in the Service Centre office or in the library.

The hours for the Service Centre have changed. The Service Centre is now open the same hours as the library: Monday to Friday: 9.30am to 5pm (no lunch time closing). Saturday: 9.30am to 4pm (yes, council services are available on Saturdays).

The building will be open from 9.30am, too. Regular hall / meeting hirers will still have access before then, through the use of keys or swipe cards. If you need to arrange this, please contact Auckland Council Venue Hire: Phone: 09 379 2030

Website: aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation/community-venues/Pages/default.aspx.

Soft toy sleepover: pyjama party and storytime: Friday 23 July. Pyjama party and toy drop off from 4pm on Friday 23 July.

Storytime from 4.30pm. Bring along a soft toy* to join in the fun of our pyjama party and storytime.

Wear your pyjamas for bedtime stories with your toy. Leave your toy overnight, so they can have a library sleepover.

Then, pick your toy up from the library on Saturday 24 July (between 9.30am and 4pm).

*not a special toy that has to be home at bedtime

Keep up-to-date with library happenings via our Facebook page: [Facebook.com/HelensvilleLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/HelensvilleLibrary).

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"I want to bring women together to explore their health and well-being using creativity."

"I would like to help women explore through the use of creative practice and express their life triumphs and challenges on a canvas. Each material that comes from mother earth is one strand of our femininity. For example, earth or mud represents the sensual aspect of women. Shells represent our spirit or our soul. Different spices have the aroma of our childhood and can represent our past experiences."

\$60 for the series thanks to a generous subsidy from Creative Communities.

Email manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz or text 0211586859 to register and pay. Payment secures your space as numbers are limited.

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Art Centre Helensville

Art Centre Helensville's Matariki exhibition was opened in late June and will run for a month. There was an excellent community response to the call for entries, with work in a range of media brought in by young and old. Make sure you call by the centre to see this fabulous exhibition.

The next event is a workshop series, run by Lilach Cohen from 2 July until 6 August titled 'Mixed media with natural resources.' (See accompanying poster for details).

The Art Kaipara AGM was held after kai and korero at the Matariki opening. All sitting Board members were elected unopposed. Chairperson Leda Daniel thanked former Art Centre Manager Heather Steadman, who has recently moved on to other things, for her hard work at TAC during the past two years. As Art Kaipara's longest running project and the most visible face of our Society, we value the community's support of the art centre. In the absence of a Manager, for the time being the centre is open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am – 2pm, with front of desk duties shared between Siets Andringa and volunteers, including Board members, who are also carrying out other art centre-focused tasks such as organisation of workshops and exhibitions and publicity.

Art Kaipara's other current projects are the Events Project, which is run by a Board subcommittee, and ARTS in the VILLE. Due to COVID delays the Events Project has had setbacks, but this year, Covid willing, it will become established. Events will consist of short demos or workshops, not necessarily held at TAC but at venues around our town and outdoors, and will include painting in the garden, sculptures in the park and a paint and wine evening.

Kura Geere-Watson has left the area and has handed the staging of ARTS in the VILLE to the Art Kaipara Board, who have contracted Joanne Ogilvie as this year's Coordinator. Details are in the accompanying ARTS in the VILLE article.

We would appreciate feedback from the community on events you would be interested in attending and will be asking for this through our newsletters, our Facebook page and the local papers. We would also love to hear from you if you wish to become an Art Centre volunteer. Email manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz, txt 021-158-6859 or message us on Facebook.



Matariki display



Regular Events

60 Plus, Held the last Thursday of each month, 10am morning tea provided, a great opportunity to meet others in a relaxed friendly atmosphere. Held at Magnify, 118 Commercial Rd, around the back, downstairs. (There is a ramp) Jocelyn Read 0211-726-547.

Al-Anon Family Groups can help. Free lunchtime meeting every Wednesday, 12 midday in small office at rear of carpark Magnify, 118 Main Road, www.al-anon.org.nz.

Circle of Friends: Meet every Wednesday morning 9.30am - 12.30pm River Valley Church, Fordyce Road, Parakai. Membership \$4 per week, \$10 membership annually. Please bring a plate for lunch. Occasional trips out which are paid for by the club. We also play friendly Bingo games. For more information contact Joan 021 029 51753.

Combustion Youth: Friday, 7.00-9pm, Meet at Magnify, 118 Commercial Rd, Helensville. For 13-18yrs. Ph 420-8911.

Community Dinner – Whether you are new to the area or have been here for a long time you are invited to the fortnightly community dinner at Magnify, 118 Commercial Rd, Helensville. Starts 6:30pm Contact Niki Greendale 0272-059-573.

Core Hit - Tuesday 5.30. Bonnie Casey, War Memorial Hall, Helensville. Deep core and pelvic floor strengthening, plus cardio workout for ladies of all ages.

Diabetes & Arthritis Group - First Monday in the month unless it's a public holiday. Held at the Council meeting room in the Council and library building on the corner of Porter Ave and Commercial Road, from 10am to 12pm. We have also amalgamated with the Arthritis Group. Morning tea provided. Speaker and fun times. Contact Shirley on 420-6501 or Glennis on 420-2801.

Fitness League – Friday 9.45am – War Memorial Hall, Helensville. Exercise to music (posture + balance). \$6 if you are a member, non members \$8. Membership \$20 per annum. Come and check us out. Christine Ph. 425-7108

Groovy Line Dancing Tuesday 9.30am – War Memorial Hall, Helensville. \$6 – Levia Aukino-Uruamo. Ph 022-626-7030

Helensville Aglow, First Friday of the Month at the Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Road Helensville (behind Hospice Shop) All welcome. Contact yvonne@hello.net.nz for more information.

Helensville Floral Art Club, Third Thursday of the month at Helensville Masonic Lodge, 9 Kowhai Street. All welcome. Contact Cushla 420-8905 cushanddez80@gmail.com for more information.

Helensville Healing Rooms, Helensville Community Church, 40 Mill Road, Next to the Hospice Shop, Opposite Mitre 10, Every second and fourth Saturday, 11am-12 noon, Need healing in your body or a breakthrough in your life? Visit and experience God's love. ALL WELCOME Phone 0211-230-434 NO APPOINTMENT & NO CHARGE.

Helensville Lions Club, meet 2nd and 4th Mondays of the each month, in the Tennis Club building, 124/164 Rautawiri Road, 6.30pm for 7pm start. Just come along to any meeting to see what we are about - you will be made very welcome. Contact Pauline 420-6208.

Helensville River Valley Country Music Club Held 3rd Sunday of the month at Helensville War Memorial Hall. 1pm start. All Welcome Contact Marion 420-8867.

Hot Pool Stretching and Exercise Class: Every Tuesday 8-30-9.30am. Suitable for arthritis sufferers or those wanting to warm up these muscles and stay flexible. Lots of fun; pool noodles available and fully instructed. At Parakai Springs Hot Pools. For more information contact Chrissy on 027-258-2010

Icenz 4 Boys 8-18 yrs, Adventure, life skills, leadership and fun – every Tuesday of the school term, 6pm-7.45pm. Held at Magnify, 118 Commercial Road. Contact Adrian Low 021-999-449

Icenz 4 Girls 8-13yrs Awesome programme filled with games, activities and skills - every Tuesday of the school term 6.15pm-7.45pm. Held at Magnify, 118 Commercial Road. Contact Sonja Binks 021-202-4792.

Kumeu Friendship Club. Friendship New Zealand Inc. is a welcoming social organisation for people living in New Zealand who are retired or semi-retired. Come along and join us on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10am at St. Chad's Church, 7 Matua Rd, Huapai.

Noah's Ark Playgroup - Helping parents and caregivers enjoy the preschool years, every Wednesday of the school term, 9.30am-12pm at Magnify, 118 Commercial Road. Contact Kim Duncan 027-444-3492

Peggy squares knitting group, Wednesdays 10am - 11:30am Join us for a coffee and a chat while knitting your Peggy Squares and assist us in creating community blankets for children in your community. Glenys 09-411-5151

Poems After Dark, bi-monthly in the Community Church, 40 Mill Rd. Story-telling and Poetry Performance 6-8pm on the second Saturday of the second month. Pauline Denton paulinekiwidenton@gmail.com

SeniorNet Kumeu Inc., Have you ever thought about joining SeniorNet? The Kumeu branch meets in St Chads Church, Huapai, with a Helensville outpost in a private home in Garfield Rd. The cost of entry is \$3. Why not come along and find out what we have to offer. Contact details: Brian Lacey brian@lacey.nz, 0221-831-811, Beverley Meredith, meredithpb@xtra.co.nz, 09-411-5201.

South Kaipara Rotary: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7 - 8pm at Parakai School. All welcome, young or old.

Tai Chi – Thursday 9.30am – 10.30am. – War Memorial Hall, Helensville. Contact Brian 021-747-947

Te Awaroa Residents & Ratepayers Assoc (TARRA). Visitors welcome. Enquiries 021-488-427 or email tarrassoc@gmail.com

U3A, University for the Third Age, Helensville. For more info call 021-131-7308 or 420-7858

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Santa will be back for the Christmas Parade again this year

The financial future of this much loved event is secure! Organiser Holly Southernwood has been seeking a naming rights sponsor, at \$4,000 annually, for some years. Barfoot and Thompson have agreed, with the event to be named Barfoot and Thompson Helensville Christmas Parade. A definite perk of this sponsorship is Barfoot and Thompson's digital/graphics team, who will produce all the advertising visuals. That area has been a struggle, with different media requiring different formats.

Whilst there will now be no need to consider cancelling due to lack of funding, volunteers are a necessity for the event to meet permit compliance. So, Helensville people, with money taken care of, please consider volunteering for a practical role in making the event a complete success. Volunteer registration will be sought from early October.



With Holly's advancing years, and now knowing the event can be handed over with funding covered, a group of 2 or 3 (or more) people to work with her to learn the ropes would put the icing on the cake. Please call Holly on 021 488 427, or drop into FIGG, if you are interested.

ARTS in the VILLE 2021

An annual event that draws thousands of visitors, Labour Weekend's ARTS in the VILLE 2021 is gathering steam. Many local artists will open their studios or show their work in pop-up venues throughout the town. Artists who took part last year have been contacted and the hunt is on for others who wish to be involved.



The War Memorial Hall will be the venue for a Makers' Market, where stall holders will have their own creations on sale. Downstairs, work produced by artists participating in the festival will be exhibited in the Art Centre gallery from October 1st for a month. Each piece will be accompanied by information on the artist and where they can be found over the ARTS in the VILLE weekend. This will give you a chance to see what's ahead.

Jeff Thomson will again gift an artwork as a prize for the treasure hunt, a fun-filled event that keeps big and little 'uns busy as they scour the town looking for clues.

We will keep you posted as we move along. The Art Centre Helensville Facebook page has regular posts about the festival and the website has a useful FAQ page at <https://artsintheville.weebly.com/faq.html>. For further information please contact Jo on 021 071 0246 or email events@artcentrehelensville.org.nz

