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Kahui Ako Young Authors Short Story Competition

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The **Kahui Ako o Kaipara** is a *Community of Learning* that includes our local ECE centres and 8 local schools, all working together to support our tamariki across Kaipara. What follows is the story by Zoe Supeck who won **‘First place overall’**

The waterfall that got stuck in time

By Zoe Supeck, Year 8, Waimauku School

Hannah and Leo Jenks always go camping near Waitangi waterfall. They have been going for as long as they could remember and were practically tour guides. Long days would be spent in the plunge pool that the waterfall poured into, splashing each other, and diving off the rocks; until the day ended, when they would traipse out of the water sopping wet. This summer was no exception.

‘Mum, Leo and I are just going to the waterfall,’ Hannah cried, as she and her brother jumped out of the car. ‘Ok then.’ Mrs Jenks called back, ‘Just be back before 4.’ Hannah turned around, expecting to find Leo there, before realising he had already sprinted off. Waitangi Holiday Park was a decent campground, with playgrounds and picnic tables; all of which were walking distance to the beach.

The waterfall was a five minute walk and a two minute run. Hannah ran. Bushes and trees were cramped into the path. Hannah could hear her brother splashing about in the water, and she didn’t hesitate to join him. She hit the surface hard, but that didn’t matter. Everything was right. The Tuis were singing and there was a cool breeze blowing. The sky was blue, the sun shining brightly; and in the small plunge pool, two children played happily. That was, until the Tuis stopped singing and a horn sounded. Not a horn, but a shell. And that shell was the only thing to be heard as it echoed.

Skies that were blue mere seconds ago, were now inauspicious and the clouds were black. The sun had run away and was nowhere to be found. The two children froze in the pelting rain, as the light disappeared. Hannah and Leo swam to the sand; Leo bounded to shelter under the foliage whilst Hannah grabbed her towel.

Just as she reached the edge of the bush, lightning struck, and the storm was gone. It stopped as soon as it had started. Leo appeared from the bush, absolutely soaked. His hair clung to his forehead, water dripping from his chin. ‘That was crazy,’ Leo said, ‘Where did that come from?’

‘I have no ide-’ The ground shook violently. Hannah and Leo fell to the ground, as the waterfall behind them ceased. Grinding stones could be heard, but neither dared to look.

Eventually, the ground stopped rumbling, and that was when

Leo peeked.

‘The waterfall vanished!’

Warily, Hannah turned her head. Sure enough the waterfall had vanished, but it had been replaced with a sort of cavity in the side of the wall; and there was a polished, purple lever in the middle.

As abnormal as this sighting was, the children hurriedly swam across the pool to the cavity. Hauling themselves up desperately into the hollow. When they reached the top, they slumped against the wall. A dripping sound could be heard, almost as if the ceiling were crying. Hannah reached her hands above her head in an attempt to get up, accidentally pulling the lever in the process. *CLICK!* The cave whipped around and both Hannah and Leo were trapped in total darkness. It was only a minute before the cave swivelled around again; and Leo and Hannah were basking in sunlight.

‘What was that?’ queried a dizzy Hannah. ‘I have no idea, but let’s get out of here before it happens again.’ ‘Agreed.’

The two children scrambled out of the hollow quickly, like people trying to get the best seats at a concert before they sold out and plunged into the shallow pool.

Still shaken up by recent events, Hannah and Leo both hurried home, desperate to tell their parents what had happened to them in the past five minutes.

Only, when they finally reached their campsite, their parents were nowhere to be found, and a muted orange tent stood where their grey tent was only minutes ago.

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'Excuse me, but have you seen Elsie and Isaiah Jenks?' Hannah asked timidly, her voice sounding quiet as she approached the strangers. 'I don't know any Elsie, but my name's Isaiah Jenks,' a small boy appeared from behind the tent. 'Hey, our Dad's name is als-'

Hannah grabbed Leo by the arm and pulled him away before he could say anything else. 'Leo, don't you get it? That's Dad! But he doesn't know that yet, and you are certainly not going to be the one to tell him that!'

Leo realised what he had almost done and let Hannah do the talking. 'Hi Isaiah, it's us again,' Hannah said, 'we were wondering what year it was.' 'Well it's 1984, duh,' Isaiah answered. 'Of course, silly me. Thank you.'

Leo stood there with his mouth wide open as Hannah strode away, before he turned and followed like a dog.

'Hannah, I think we went back in time...' 'Well obviously! 10 minutes ago it was the year 2025, and now we're in 1984!'

Hannah spoke rapidly, before pacing back and forth on the beach. 'I bet you it's that rock!' Leo exclaimed.

Once again, the children swam across the pool and pulled themselves up onto the shelf, making sure they were all inside, before pulling the lever.

Grind! Hannah covered her ears, because hearing rocks grinding was not a pleasant sound to hear. Soon enough, sunlight poured in. Everything seemed normal, until the children looked down and saw that the plunge pool was replaced by cracked dirt. *ROAR!!!!* A humongous dinosaur that appeared in the trees, started racing towards them.

'PULL THE LEVER, LEO!!!! NOW!!!' screamed Hannah at the top of her lungs. The dinosaur was metres away from biting their heads off, when Leo did as he was told.

The stone opened again, but there were no dinosaurs anywhere, just birds whistling. Their parents, Elsie and Isaiah Jenks, were back at their campsite; pitching up their grey tent. I think it's safe to say Hannah and Leo Jenks would be steering clear of that waterfall for a while, just in case any unwanted adventure comes their way.



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What's happening this month



Tuesday, 3 February, U3A Monthly Meeting, 10am – 12pm St. Joseph's Church Hall, Kowhai St., Helensville. Speaker to be confirmed. Guests welcome. February 10th **AI for Seniors**. 10.00-12.00 St. Joseph's Church Hall, Kowhai St, Helensville. \$2.00 cover charge. We are breaking new ground in community learning by inviting Microsoft Copilot—an advanced conversational AI—as a virtual guest speaker. Facilitated by U3A member Chuck Rademacher, our local tech educator, this session will explore how AI can support lifelong learning, consumer advocacy and creative collaboration. The event promises live interaction, real-time demonstrations, and a glimpse into the future of human-AI partnerships. Open to anyone who wishes to come along, not just U3A members. \$2.00 cover charge. U3A is a national and international volunteer lead organisation for semi-retired and retired people committed to lifelong learning and who enjoy interesting company. South Kaipara U3A has more than 60 members and is thriving. It has an informative meeting on the 1st Tues. of each month and offers numbers of smaller special interest groups led by members. For more information contact Bev Silvester-Clark bev.s-c@outlook.com or 0274 316 205.

Sunday, 8 February, Helensville Art Trail (HAT), our studios will be open on the second Sunday of every month until May 2026. We're excited to welcome you back to explore our creative spaces, meet local artists, and enjoy the diverse art on display. All studios offer free entry, ample parking, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere. There's also a brand-new studio to discover this season – another reason to come along and see what's new on the HAT. Looking forward to seeing you soon! **Saturday, 14 February, South Head Trek**, Waioneke School Fundraising. Support Waioneke School while experiencing stunning private Farmland and Forestry on the South Head Peninsula, 10km or 20km options, self guided walk or ride. Trek starts at 8am, suitable for all experience levels, Family price available, Price includes sausage sizzle and cake slice. \$45 walkers, \$55 riders, to book or for more info fundraising@waioneke.school.nz.

Saturday, 28 February, The Village Market Helensville Showgrounds. There will be no Village Market in February but an assortment of our regular stall holders will be at the Helensville A&P

Show Saturday 28th February from 9am to 4.30pm. You'll find us all in Block D with an eclectic mix of jewellery, button crafts, clothes & accessories, candles, soaps, oils, pet products, preserves, crochet, keyrings, art & crafts, hand carved NZ native birds & wetas, hand painted outdoor art panels & silk scarves, framed & unframed historic photo prints, birdfeeders, windchimes, garden art, coasters, rocking horses, natural gemstones, handmade gemstone jewellery & keyrings, hand carved pendants & earrings, handmade resin treasures, nostalgic New Zealand candy, handmade cards, stationery & gifts, fresh cut flowers, 3D figurines, car chargers and much more..... Look forward to seeing you there. For more information contact sarah@riversidecrafts.co.nz or for more information on the show contact info@helensvilleshow.co.nz

Tuesday, 3 March, U3A Monthly Meeting, 10am – 12pm Guest speaker Professor Emeritus Alan Merry. Topic: Ours and our planet's health – can we make a difference? Guests are very welcome. U3A is a unique organisation of retired and semi retired people who enjoy learning from each other and sharing their skills and expertise through meetings and interest groups. Members have a general meeting on the first Tuesday of the month and choose special interest groups to join. Groups at present include: Book Club, Food and Wine Appreciation, Mah Jong, Gardening, Critical Thinking, Shared Reading, NZ History, Out n About, Needle and Stitches and TED Talks. Costs are minimal. For more information contact Bev Silvester-Clark bev.s-c@outlook.com phone 0274316205.

Sunday, 15 March, The Village Market, Helensville Showgrounds, Railway St, Helensville, 8.30am – 1pm. A monthly event that takes place on the third Sunday of every month (except for February) at the Helensville A&P Showgrounds. A lively and friendly market that offers a variety of stalls, live music, and delicious food and coffee. You can find fresh local produce and plants, artisan food and preserves, handmade crafts, gifts, collectibles, pre-loved items and more. If you are looking for a fun and relaxing way to spend your Sunday morning, you might want to check out this Village Market. No dogs please with the exception of assistance dogs. Gold coin donation for parking – proceeds to the Helensville/Kaukapakapa scouts and St John youth. For more information contact sarah@riversidecrafts.co.nz.

Friday, 3 April – 7 April, Kumeu Easter Festival, 12pm – 9pm daily, Kumeu Showgrounds, \$3 Entry, FREE Parking, What to expect: Delicious Food Trucks, Rides & Kids Fun, Retail + Artisan Stalls, Live Entertainment, Easter Egg Hunts, Movies Under the Stars, Big Easter vibes for the whole family, mark your calendars — your Easter weekend is sorted!,



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Te Awaroa Museum calls on the Community as Sunday openings come under pressure

Te Awaroa Museum in Helensville is putting out a heartfelt call to the community as volunteer numbers tighten and the future of its monthly Sunday opening hangs in the balance.

For the past year, the museum has proudly opened its doors on the **last Sunday of each month**, offering families, weekend visitors, and those unable to attend during the week a chance to connect with the district's rich local history. These Sundays have become a highlight — but behind the scenes, the small volunteer team is stretched thin.

The reality is simple: without more volunteers, Sunday openings may no longer be sustainable.

The museum currently operates **Monday to Wednesday, 10:30am–1:30pm**, and **the last Sunday of each month, 10:30am–1:30pm**. While weekday openings will continue, losing Sundays would significantly reduce access for many in the community.

“We’re incredibly proud of what our volunteers have achieved,” says Leigh Bosch, President of Te Awaroa Museum. “But we’ve reached a point where we need more people to step in. Even a few hours a month could be the difference between staying open on Sundays or having to close.”

Volunteering at the museum isn’t limited to front-of-house hosting. There are a wide range of ways to help, including:

- Welcoming visitors and sharing local stories
- Helping identify people and places in historic photographs
- Assisting with digitisation and archival work
- Research and story gathering
- Exhibition set-ups and light maintenance jobs
- Behind-the-scenes support for events and projects

No experience is required, training is provided and roles are flexible to suit different interests and availability.

Te Awaroa Museum has always been powered by community spirit. With a few more helping hands, it can continue to be a place where local history is shared, remembered and enjoyed by all.

Keen to help? Email info@museum.teawaroa.nz or phone 09 420 7881, or pop in during open hours for a chat.

Local Legend Ross ‘Mad Dog’ King Completes 18,000ft Skydive

Local legend Ross “Mad Dog” King has just completed his 12th tandem skydive with Skydive Auckland, this time from an incredible 18,000ft, the highest tandem jump available in New Zealand.

Taking the leap with Tandem Master Elian, Ross embraced the ultimate adrenaline rush as he plummeted through the skies above West Auckland. Skydive Auckland’s 18,000ft tandem jump delivers up to 75 seconds of freefall at speeds exceeding 200km/h, making it one of the most exhilarating skydiving experiences in the country.

Across his dozen jumps, Ross has spent approximately 11 minutes freefalling. A devoted fan and supporter of Skydive Auckland, he visits the team every week. His familiar face has made him a much-loved figure among both staff and fellow jumpers.

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And yet another new year begins, with challenges and with some trepidation

by Sequoia Thomson, Year 13 Student, Kaipara College

Kia Ora everyone! I am the new year 13 student in charge of taking over this much beloved section of the local Helensville Community News!

Though I am not yet sure what or how exactly to write, as this is very new, I thought I would start off with a little recap of the holidays, and the school's first few upcoming events.

I personally spent my holidays attempting to cram in as *many* fun activities as possible, while working a part-time job and attempting and *struggling*, to prepare for the coming year. In fact, as I imagine many of my fellow year 13's are, I am finding it challenging to grasp the idea that this is my last year of college. I still feel like a little year nine, excited and scared to take on high school, yet now I am a year away from taking on real life - ugh, *bills*.

However, in the short term, the adjustment back to a school schedule and 7:00am wake up might be the toughest aspect of term one! But if our recent NCEA results haven't snapped us back into reality (for better or for worse), I'm sure the chaotic school supplies shopping trip did the trick.

Speaking of the short term, the year nines will already have started an extra two days earlier than the rest of the school for their usual orientation activities. Supported by our new group of fabulous student leaders, including myself, we are in charge of ushering these fledglings safely into their transition from intermediate to high school. This can be a very daunting experience as I am sure many of you recall, and we hope that this will be a fun, light-hearted, and memorable experience for them all!

With this new year, many new changes are also on their way. Last year, we had the retirement of Principal Cindy Sullivan, who put in place both the Whanau classes and WAKA values, which are now integral to our Kaipara school system. This came as a shock to some and brought with it uncertainty about our school's leadership and our futures as students coming into 2026.

But as many of you will know, our new principle has already been chosen through careful selection by our board. I am very excited to see what she will bring to the table, as her impressive list of achievements highlights the potential for a very positive impact on our school - so a huge warm welcome to Jane Coup.

In the last few words to you all, I wish you luck completing your New Year's resolutions over the coming year, and to my fellow students, enjoy your last week of the holidays!

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From city wharves to wild dunes - ways to share Auckland's beaches with nesting birds this summer

Summer has well and truly arrived and as Aucklanders flock to the coast for swims, strolls and sandy picnics, another kind of seasonal buzz is happening along our shores. It's nesting season for many of our native coastal birds and while most nesting wraps up by the end of January, fluffy, fast-moving chicks are still very much on the ground and learning to survive.

Auckland Council's General Manager Environmental Services Samantha Hill says our beaches, islands, and urban areas are home to a range of precious native species including these fragile baby birds.

"Protecting our unique biodiversity is a shared responsibility. From the dunes of Rodney to the heart of the city's waterfront, we're counting on Aucklanders to show that beaches can be places of both recreation and protection to ensure these fledglings get the best start in life," Hill says.

"By working together, we can safely share the same spaces and the precious wildlife that helps make these places so special."

What you can do this summer

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- give nesting areas plenty of space - 50 metres if possible



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Friendly beach patrols in Rodney

In the busy northern beaches, Beach Patrol Officers funded by the Rodney Local Board are out daily at hotspots like Omaha, Snells Beach, Te Arai, Pakiri, Muriwai and Tapora. Their role is simple but powerful: talk with beachgoers about how to enjoy the coast while protecting vulnerable species like the New Zealand dotterel (tūturiwhātu), fairy tern (tara iti), bar-tailed godwit (kuaka) and little penguin (korora).

Working alongside community groups, compliance teams and environmental staff, officers combine education with gentle enforcement. The result? Fewer disturbances, quicker responses to issues like vehicles on dunes, and more people understanding why a little space can make a big difference.

Urban seabirds thriving at Wynyard Wharf

Protection isn't just happening on remote beaches. In the heart of the city, thousands of red-billed gulls (tarapunga) are nesting on Wynyard Wharf. This bustling waterfront has supported a breeding colony since the 1990s and is now home to close on 2,000 birds with multi-million-dollar views!

Despite surrounding concrete yards, ferry traffic and future redevelopment plans, the gulls, along with white-fronted terns and nearby dotterels, continue to thrive making this a rare example of at-risk species living and breeding in the centre of the country's largest city, thanks to careful management and thoughtful design.

Future plans include signage and education features so visitors can learn about the remarkable bird life sharing the city.

Local guardians in the south

Further south at Orere Point, community care is front and centre. A pair of New Zealand dotterels are currently incubating eggs, with chicks expected any day. Volunteer dotterel minders keep watch and help visitors understand why the community and day-trippers backed the temporary dog-rule changes to help protect this breeding site.

Last season, one chick successfully fledged here. This summer, hopes are high for more, a powerful reminder of what local passion and awareness can achieve.

Secretive success on the wild west coast

At Te Henga (Bethells Beach), three tiny dotterel chicks have been spotted darting across the sand. After wild and windy weather kept minders away, their reappearance was a thrill. The family is sensibly sticking close to the dunes, using them as shelter and escape routes to keep their chicks safe.

You'd need sharp eyes to spot them which is exactly the point. These chicks rely on space, camouflage, and calm to survive, a reminder of the importance of giving shorebirds plenty of space during summer.

Clear signs and safe spaces

Across Auckland, roped-off nesting zones, temporary dog rules and clear signage are helping protect birds at their most vulnerable. Te Henga offers a programme where dog owners can borrow a leash if they arrive to walk their dog and have forgotten their own. These aren't barriers to enjoyment; they are an invitation to share our beaches thoughtfully.

As the environmental services team on the ground often point out, we are lucky to share our coastline with some of New Zealand's rarest species. With a little care and cooperation, Aucklanders can prove summer fun and wildlife protection go hand in hand, ensuring these birds, and their chicks, have a future long after the sand has cooled and the crowds have gone.

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Kaipatiki Hot Springs: A New Era of Wellbeing Begins Today

Today marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for one of Kaipara's most cherished destinations. The beloved Parakai Springs officially becomes Kaipatiki Hot Springs. This name reflects the deep whakapapa, community values, and long-term vision set out by Te Poari o Kaipatiki ki Kaipara in the Kaipatiki Reserve Management Plan.

This change follows the conclusion of the previous lease on 31 December 2025, with Te Poari o Kaipatiki ki Kaipara now assuming management alongside Belgravia Leisure and our dedicated local team. We are excited to welcome Belgravia Leisure to the community. Their knowledge and expertise not only in Aotearoa New Zealand but Australia are an important aspect for the developing vision at the hot springs. Careful planning has ensured a seamless transition, meaning the pools remain open with the same hours and hospitality that visitors know and love, while a phased rebrand and renewal programme begins.

Te Poari Chairperson Mihi Blair says, "Kaipatiki provides a unique experience that harnesses the healing qualities of the geothermal spring and reflects Ngati Whatua o Kaipara and local community values. E hara taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini — our strength is not as individuals, but as a collective. This change is about honouring our shared vision for Kaipatiki: a place of wellbeing, connection, and care for generations to come."

The new name celebrates the rohe (region) and embodies principles that guide the future of Kaipatiki: restoring and protecting natural features, sustaining people and place, sharing experiences, and promoting healthy activity. This evolution is part of a 50-year outlook to enhance environmental outcomes, cultural narratives, and access for all, building on recent successes at Kaipatiki Reserve such as the mara hupara playground and tiny homes accommodation, which have quickly become must-visit destinations for whanau across Tamaki Makaurau.

As we look forward, we also acknowledge the past. For over 30 years, Parakai Springs Complex Limited has served the local and regional community with dedication and care. Their contribution has been invaluable, and we honour their legacy as we move into this new era.

From today, visitors can expect continuity and familiarity alongside gradual improvements. Pools remain open under new management, temporary signage reflects the new name, and no immediate changes to prices or hours are planned. A detailed masterplan and capital funding programme will follow, ensuring the thermal facilities are renewed and enhanced for future generations.



New Kaipatiki Hot Springs Sign Up
Credit: Te Poari o Kaipatiki ki Kaipara



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Connection update

**CONNECTION, Shop 3,
Helensville Railway Station, next to
The Shoppe and Ginger Crunch café.**



Regular events:

Wednesday Raranga/flax weaving 10.30 - 2.30pm, just drop in, \$20 for a 2 hour session. Make puti puti (flowers) or kono (basket). Heather 0220366985 Friday Sewing Circle - 10-1pm. \$10 for a 2 hour session. Bring your machine and your mending or a project. Chrissy 0274 671843.

Room available for hire, good rates: Acoustic music practice, Workshops, Meetings, Interest groups, Celebrations, Exhibitions etc. Heather 0220366985.

New Season Honey

It is that glorious time of year with the harvesting of this season's honey. For the aficionados, it's like the release of Beaujolais, the first flush of wild mushrooms or the first crop of feijoas. Nectar is collected by our industrious little pollinators while the plants that they forage on produce flowers and nectar. This window of opportunity lasts from spring to late summer; typically, November to January but this can extend either way depending on annual climate variations.

Honey is a bit like wine - in that the terroir affects the taste; single sources of nectar or mono-floral honey are distinct and can be compared to a wine from a single grape in a particular region, and then there are years with good vintages. Blended honey or wine will produce a predictable brand flavour. If a beekeeper harvests all his honey at the end of the season, the honey will be a combination of everything that the bees have collected all year; but if the beekeeper harvests throughout the season the honeys will be noticeably different. Spring flowers tend to produce a lighter, milder honey, while honeys from later in the season will usually be darker with more flavour. Consider what time of year you see plant flower - clover, manuka, cabbage tree, Pohutukawa; each produces a different honey.

Taking honey out of a hive whose bees have foraged your garden is one of the most satisfying experiences. Few gifts can compare to that sweet amber liquid from a year's hard work from you and your bees. Get to know a beekeeper to ensure a steady supply of local honey. Bartering eggs or fresh produce will help the circular local economy and allow us all to specialise. Buy your honey to satisfy your needs for the rest of the year; any honey that you buy later in the year will likely have been harvested about now anyway. Comb honey has to be harvested before New Year to ensure food safety, and may therefore be in short supply, hence the extra cost. The restrictions on comb honey is due to the fact that it can't be laboratory tested, whereas liquid honey can be. The risk is from honeydew produced by the Australian vine hopper on the tutu plant. This is very unlikely and the test is easy and conclusive. We are very fortunate in New Zealand that we have strict biosecurity laws, banning the importation of honey, this reduces the risk of honey adulteration so prevalent in other countries. This also helps to protect our bees from exotic diseases.

Our bee farmers have been working tirelessly since early spring to bring you this harvest - nature's sweetener, packed with natural sugars, trace elements, antioxidants, enzymes, vitamins and polyphenols. How many things that are so beneficial taste so good?

Ken Brown

*Apiculture Tutor, Land Based Training Ltd
President Auckland Beekeepers Club*

KAWAKAWA BALM WORKSHOP

**Wednesday 18th
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Principal Jane Coup

From the Kaipara College Principal's Desk

Kia ora Helensville. I'm Jane Coup, and I'm excited to be joining your community as the new principal of Kaipara College. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself properly—not just as a principal, but as a person who's looking forward to getting to know you and this place.

My journey to here

I have been married to Ed for almost 20 years, and we have three children: Emma (16), Joe (15) and Rose (6). Being a parent has shaped how I think about education more than anything else. My kids are brutally honest about what matters to them at school and what doesn't—they've been my best reality check about what students actually need from their principal. One that listens and knows who they are. I grew up between Auckland and Wellington because my father was in the navy, so we moved around quite a bit. That experience taught me early on about adapting to new communities and the importance of making genuine connections when you're the new person. Eventually I settled in West Auckland, and this is where I've lived and worked ever since. I've spent my career in education in various leadership roles—some of my highlights have been deaning at Avondale College, Head of the Science Department at Waitakere College, and establishing the Maori and Pasifika Medical Science Academy which aimed at breaking down barriers for our Maori and Pasifika learners so they could become health professionals and serve their communities. I have been at Waitakere College for over 10 years, and I had the privilege of being part of the senior leadership team for four of those years. Those experiences have shaped me as a leader, but more importantly, they've shown me what's possible when a school community works together with a shared purpose. In some ways, I'm in a similar position to our new Year 9 students—we're all starting at Kaipara College together, learning how things work here, meeting new people, finding our way. That shared experience of being new feels both challenging and energizing. We're navigating this together, and I think there's something powerful in that.

What that journey has taught me

Let me be honest with you about who I am as a leader. I care deeply about getting things right. Mistakes scare me. It means I take time to think things through, I ask a lot of questions, I want to understand different viewpoints before deciding on a direction. But here's the reality: I'm going to get things wrong sometimes. And when I do, I won't hide from it or make excuses. I'll be upfront about what happened, figure out what we can learn from it, and focus on moving forward in a better way. That kind of honesty—even when it's uncomfortable—is what builds trust. I believe relationships matter. Don't get me wrong—systems are important, they help a school run smoothly. But at the end of the day, education happens in the connections between people. It happens when a teacher really knows a student as an individual. It happens when families and teachers communicate openly. It happens when we build a culture where everyone feels they belong and their voice matters. At Waitakere College, I learned that transformational change doesn't come from the top down—it comes from bringing people together, listening to their expertise, and creating space for collaboration. I learned that when you invest in relationships first, everything else follows. Academic achievement follows.

Community engagement follows. Staff and students thrive. I'm bringing that understanding with me to Kaipara College.

Why Kaipara College

When I was considering this role, I kept noticing the parallels between Kaipara College and Waitakere College. Both schools serve diverse communities with rich histories. Both have dedicated staff who go above and beyond for their students. Both are places with huge heart and potential. But there's something distinctive about Kaipara that drew me here. The school sits in a community that genuinely cares about its young people. I've already noticed the way Helensville wraps itself around this school—the local connections, the way people know each other, the pride in what you've built here. That sense of community isn't something you can manufacture. It's real, and it's something worth nurturing. What really sealed it for me were the values. Aroha, whanaungatanga, kaitiakitanga, and angitutanga. They align deeply with how I believe schools should operate, and I'm committed to living these values, not just talking about them. What does that actually look like for me? It means treating people with genuine care when things get tough, not just when everything's running smoothly. It means putting in the time to build real relationships—showing up to events, having proper conversations, being someone people can access and talk to honestly. It means taking responsibility for looking after our school, our environment, and most importantly, our people. And it means staying focused on what matters most: helping every student reach their potential.

My hope for our students

I want students to walk into their classrooms and feel genuinely excited about learning. I want them to discover things that light them up, to stretch themselves in ways they didn't think they could, to build confidence through real achievement and connection with their teachers. That happens when learning feels alive—when students understand why something matters, when they're wrestling with ideas that challenge them, when they're creating something meaningful, when they feel known and valued by their teachers. That's the kind of environment I want us to create together. For teachers to create these kinds of experiences, they need to feel supported, valued, and energized by their work. So looking after our staff isn't separate from looking after our students—they're completely connected. When teachers thrive, students thrive.

What this looks like moving forward

My vision for Kaipara College is straightforward: I want to focus on relationships and really knowing the people and the community. Over the next few months, you'll see me around—talking with students between classes, sitting in on lessons, being at sports games and school events, having conversations with families. I'll be spending a lot of time listening and hearing, genuinely understanding what matters to you, what's working well, and where we can improve. Here's what I need from you: we succeed when we work together. Share your positive stories with your friends, when things are working well—when your child's teacher has made a real difference, when they've had a breakthrough moment in class, when they're feeling connected and engaged at school. Those stories matter, and they deserve to be shared. But equally important, tell us when something's not working. Maybe your child isn't settling in, maybe they're anxious about something, maybe there's been a misunderstanding or a problem we haven't spotted. Don't wait and hope it gets better. Talk to us—talk to your child's teacher, talk to the deans, talk to me. Partnership means being honest with each other, especially when things are difficult. That's how we make sure every student gets what they need. I'm honoured to be here and genuinely excited about what we'll accomplish together.

Nga mihi nui

Jane Coup, Principal, Kaipara College

Chris Penk
MP for Kaipara ki Mahurangi

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From Penk's Pen

CHRIS PENK – MP

“2026 is the Year!”

By Chris Penk, MP for Kaipara ki Mahurangi

I'm delighted to share with you that I strongly expect that 2026 will be the most significant year for infrastructure in northwest Auckland in decades.

I thought it would be timely to run through some of the major issues that I've been working on - as your local MP, in close contact with the current government.

While it would be easy to focus on the past, bemoaning decisions that led to a lack of infrastructure delivery, more useful will be an explanation of the way ahead. I will point out, however, that I see one of my key roles as advocating to authorities that we don't repeat the errors of the past.

Into this category falls the issue of planning residential development in flood prone areas. And of course we also need to be mindful of the effects of the industrial and commercial built environment, along with roads and railway lines, on stormwater flows.

Auckland Council has taken an enlightened view on this issue since the major flooding events of 2023 and I'll continue to support them in that. Locals will also recall the huge flooding of August 2021 and surely share my view that we can't allow any more developments that don't at least “wash their own face” in terms of systems that shift large volumes of stormwater away from Helensville and surrounding areas.

And now let's catch up on the key items needed as we play catch up on many years of a lack of planning and infrastructure delivery:

An additional High School

Other than transport-related issues, the need for an additional high school in northwest Auckland is probably the single issue most often raised with me. It's simply a numbers game, with massive population growth and the addition of primary school classrooms (and a whole new primary school in the case of Matua Ngaru).

I have been asking the Ministry of Education to take this issue seriously since I became the MP for this area and spoken publicly, in Parliament and in the media about it too.

I'm delighted that the Minister of Education, my colleague and friend Erica Stanford, has been taking a close interest in the matter. We discuss it often.

Once we (finally!) have the necessary parcel of land secured, the remainder of the new school logistics should be relatively quick. These days it's possible to use modern methods of construction to get classrooms and the other necessary buildings onto new school sites very quickly. The most likely timing for a significant announcement about what's happening here is next month.

SH16 works

After years of good intentions to widen SH16 to allow extra lanes between Brigham Creek and Kumeu / Huapai, this crucial project has now finally been funded.

Plans to do the widening work and place a roundabout at the intersection of SH16 with Coatesville-Riverhead Highway have existed for years. Most importantly, though, the project has recently been given priority in the form of the necessary funding to actually make it happen!

Without dwelling unduly on the past, I'll point out that it's been hugely disappointing that this important project wasn't completed

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Penk's Pen *Continued from page 12*

on its original timeline (completion by the end of 2021!) and it will be important that we don't lose momentum once the works begin. These will inevitably be disruptive so patience will be needed, as well as a good plan to minimise delays and promote alternate routes.

I will be advocating for careful measures to ensure that we don't have an unnecessarily high usages of road cones and stop/go signs making life harder than it needs to be. And that the works happen quickly once underway.

Kumeu Bypass

The real game changer will be the Kumeu Bypass, however. Again it's something that's been talked about for many years. And again we now finally have tangible progress!

Officially named the "Alternative State Highway 16", the route is well known and affected property owners are aware of these intentions.

The tangible progress of the past year or so has been inclusion of the Kumeu Bypass in the government's suite of "Roads of National Significance". This gives the project a status of priority when it comes to ensuring as quick a passage as possible.

Naturally we need to be mindful of the rights of residents and business owners whose land will be acquired for the road. A fair process to negotiate and compensate for the land needs to take place for constituents. It's my role as local MP to support that as needed, along with the overarching desire of the community to de-congest our roads.

Northwest Express Busway

It's also been a priority for me to help provide public transport solutions for the area, acknowledging that selecting bus routes on our current roads is the responsibility of local government (think Auckland Transport with input from the Rodney Local Board).

A dedicated, separated northwest busway is under construction at Westgate now ... with arrangements being made to provide a connecting transport solution for residents of Kumeu and surrounding areas. This will help congestion on SH16 hugely, just as the popular and well-patronised northern express busway on the north shore has relieved pressure on the Harbour Bridge significantly.

I was delighted to join the Transport Minister, being my colleague and friend Chris Bishop, and Mayor Wayne Brown for the official "sod turning" ceremony to mark it getting underway last year.

While full completion of this project will take some time, the "staged approach" being taken will ensure some benefits in terms of congestion and travel time will be realised in the short term.

Here I should note that, while I pushed for a long time for passenger rail to be made available to extend the current (double-tracked, electrified) western line that ends at Swanson, the new dedicated busway should make a positive difference in much the same way as a train service would have.

Helensville Show – 28 February 2026

Finally, I will just add that there are many great community events planned for our area this year. Not strictly infrastructure-related but important to note for the health and heart of the community. Please be sure to come and have a chat at my local MP stand at the Helensville Show in just over a month.

I began by sharing my expectation and hope that 2026 will be the most significant year for infrastructure in northwest Auckland in decades. I certainly will be working hard, as your local MP, to ensure that we get significant progress on all these projects. And I'll keep you posted with regular updates on it all.

For now, take care and I look forward to seeing you out there!

South Kaipara U3A

2026 Meetings



All meetings listed below are on the first Tuesday of the month, 10.am-12pm St Joseph's Church Hall, Kowhai St, Helensville.

February 3rd Speaker: Mark Dennis – Rodney Local Board member.

Topic: Update from the Council and disaster response planning.

February 10th AI for Seniors – Interactive seminar with Chuck Rademacher - \$2.00 cover charge.

March 3rd Speaker: Professor Emeritus Alan Merry

Topic: Ours and our planet's health – can we make a difference?

April 7th Speaker: Dr John Berry Physics research fellow.

Topic: Black holes, neutron star binaries and the search for exoplanets.

U3A - www.u3a.nz is a national and international volunteer led organisation for retired and semi-retired people committed to lifelong learning and who enjoy interesting company. South Kaipara U3A has more than 60 members and is thriving. There is an informative meeting on the first Tuesday of every month 10am-12pm. There are also a number of smaller interest groups. Guests and new members are very welcome. For enquiries contact Bev Silvester-Clark bev.s-c@outlook.com 'phone 0274 316205



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Welcome 2026! The Art Centre is hitting the ground running for the new year with a wide range of classes and workshops for all ages! We still have space in our after school programmes, courses kick off 10th of February Tuesday and Thursdays for ages 6-11, Wednesdays ages 12-17 to enrol please email manager@artcentrehelensville.org.nz.

Mike Rowlands

Drawing and Painting class starts Friday 30th of January and consecutively runs for a 6-week course. Please email if you are interested in the next 6 sessions.



Mike Rowland's Drawing course



Raranga Flax weaving kicks off again this February visit our website or email the manager for details.

Raranga Flax Weaving course

Free groups at the Art Centre! Wednesday 11-1 we have 'Gas Bag' which is a lively group of banter and craft! Please bring your creative project we have extra materials onsite to use also, tea and coffee provided and social fun!



'Gas Bag' social craft group with Eileen Harper



'Street Maori' te reo with Leigh Bosch

together and learn from each other. Tea and coffee provided koha donation all proceeds go to Te Awaroa Museum.

Our first exhibition for 2026 is 'Te Awaroa', a group show of work championing our local region. Dates are 4th – 28th February, opening night Friday 13th February 5-7pm everyone welcome, come celebrate and meet others in the community.

Our 'Project Teen' group completed embarked on a 2 day workshop to end 2025 creating a 'Giant Wheke' soft sculpture squid! This has been enjoyed by all with our celebration outside the Library. The squid will be in and around the Art Centre, please feel free to come and enjoy looking at it, sitting on it with a good book to read, and yes your kids can jump on it! This is the start to our Teen Sculpture Garden which we look forward to showing you more this year!



SHELLY BEACH TIDE CHART

Date	High Water	Shelly Beach	Sun Rise	Sun Set
February '26				
1 Sun	1112	4.1	2336	0636
2 Mon	1200	4.2	-	0637
3 Tue	0022	4.1	1243	0638
4 Wed	0104	4.1	1322	0639
5 Thu	0143	4.1	1359	0640
6 Fri	0219	4.0	1434	0641
7 Sat	0254	3.9	1508	0642
8 Sun	0329	3.7	1543	0643
9 Mon	0407	3.6	1622	0644
10 Tue	0452	3.4	1710	0646
11 Wed	0548	3.3	1809	0647
12 Thu	0704	3.2	1928	0648
13 Fri	0829	3.3	2053	0649
14 Sat	0933	3.4	2155	0650
15 Sun	1022	3.7	2243	0651
16 Mon	1103	3.9	2324	0652
17 Tue	1141	4.0	-	0653
18 Wed	0002	4.0	1218	0654
19 Thu	0040	4.1	1254	0655
20 Fri	0117	4.1	1332	0656
21 Sat	0155	4.1	1411	0657
22 Sun	0234	4.0	1452	0658
23 Mon	0317	3.9	1536	0659
24 Tue	0404	3.8	1628	0700
25 Wed	0501	3.6	1730	0701
26 Thu	0614	3.5	1848	0702
27 Fri	0741	3.5	2015	0703
28 Sat	0900	3.6	2130	0704
March '26				
1 Sun	1003	3.8	2229	0705
2 Mon	1054	4.0	2318	0706
3 Tue	1138	4.2	-	0707
4 Wed	0000	4.1	1218	0708
5 Thu	0039	4.1	1254	0709
6 Fri	0114	4.1	1327	0710
7 Sat	0146	4.0	1358	0711
8 Sun	0217	3.9	1429	0712

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Al-Anon Family Groups can help. Free lunchtime meeting every Wednesday, 12.30 pm in small office at rear of carpark Magnify, 118 Main Road, www.al-anon.org.nz. Chris K 021-157-1692

Aqua Aerobics – Low impact exercises to improve your health - and wellbeing. Classes: Mon, Wed, Fri, 9am – 10am, held in the outdoor pool at Parakai Springs Hot Pools all year except public holidays. Cost: \$2 per class, \$7 pool entry for non-cardholders. Contact Ruth on 0210-2277-481 for more details.

Car boot, garage sale market. \$15 per stall. 2nd Saturday of the month, 8.30am to 12.30pm. Positioned by the bollards up by the street footpath, 40 Commercial Road, beside WINZ. Enquiries to 021 488 427

Citizens Advice Bureau: Helensville, is open Monday - Friday from 10am to 1pm at 16 Commercial Rd, Helensville. JPs are always available. Come for information and advice.

Diabetes & Arthritis Group - First Monday in the month unless it's a public holiday. Held at the Anglican-Methodist Church, 60 Garfield Road, Helensville, from 10am to 12pm. Morning tea provided. Speaker and fun times. Contact Shirley on 420-6501 or Glennis on 420-2801.

Freemasons at Helensville; Regular meetings at The Duke of Albany Lodge, Kowhai Street, Helensville. For more information call Bob Greenough on 0210-829-2345

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

Hana's Group Fitness Classes, small group fitness classes. Pilates, Functional Fitness & Boxing for Fitness held indoors at the Helensville Rugby Clubrooms, 5 x per week. Please contact Hana on 0211623362 or email hanalundon@gmail.com

Helensville Floral Art Club, Third Thursday of the month at Helensville Masonic Lodge, 9 Kowhai Street. All welcome. Contact Cushla 0212-588-979 cushiondez80@gmail.com for more information.

Helensville Healing Rooms, now at outside rooms of River Valley Baptist Church, Fordyce Road Parakai, opposite Parakai Primary School, Every 1st and 3rd Saturday, 11a.m-12p.m. We offer prayer for help with what you need healed, All welcome, no appointment, no charge, ph 0276-058-225

Helensville Lions Club, meet 2nd Monday 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 Chris 027-646-3324.

Helensville Railway Museum. 2 Railway Street, Helensville. Open every Sunday 10.30am to 3pm. 09 420 8961, helensvillerailwaystationtrust@gmail.com, www.helensvillerail.org.nz

Helensville River Valley Country Music Club Held 3rd Sunday of the month at Tennis Club Building, Rautawhiri Park. 1pm start. All Welcome Contact Marion 420-8867.

Helensville St John Youth: Ages 5-18 yrs see youth@stjohn.org.nz for more information. Monday 5.30-7pm during school terms, Makiri Street, Helensville. Contact: Carla. carla.lang@stjohn.org.nz

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

Kaipara Memorial RSA. - Dining available from 5.30pm Wed, Thurs, Fri and 11am on Sundays. All welcome at the RSA, 49 Commercial Road, Helensville. Any queries, give me a call, Rex Keane, 027 293 2768

Kaukapakapa St John Youth: Ages 5-18 yrs see youth@stjohn.org.nz for more information. Tuesday 5.30-7pm during school terms, 1015 Kaipara Coast Highway, Helensville. Contact: Caroline 0221-674-823, caroline.thompson@stjohn.org.nz

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.

Our Village Coffee/Playgroup - Northwest (Find us on Facebook). Social community group for all ages and stages. Everyone welcome along: Parents, caregivers, grandparents, all the whānau, with/without children. Every Thursday 9.30am - 1.00pm St Matthews Church Lounge - 60 Garfield Rd, Helensville. Email: ourvillagenorthwest@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. Entry is free. Why not come along and find out what we have to offer. Contact details: Brian Lacey brian@lacey.nz, 0221-831-811, Nigel Dempster 09-411-9444

South Kaipara Community Patrol, Contact Paul on 021345928. or southkaipara@cpnz.org.nz

Te Awaroa Museum Open Monday - Wednesday 10.30am - 1.30pm 09-420-7881 info@museum.teawaroa.nz www.museum.teawaroa.nz

U3A South Kaipara: 1st Tuesday of the month for general meeting. See What's happening this month column for more information or contact Bev Silvester-Clark. bev.s-c@outlook.com 0274-316-205.

Trade/Professional & Services List

Accountants	ECE Astute Accounting	420-7835	Homekill	Country Meat	021-161-4270/420-3113
Agecare	Craigweil House	420-8277	Ink and Toner	Huapai Copy & Print	09-412-8882
Age Concern Rodney		09-426-0916	JP's	Lindy McDermott	022-049-2871
Beauty Therapy	Beauty Elixir	022-465-0727	Lions Club of Helensville	Chris Clark	027-646-3324
Birthing Centre	Commercial Road, Helensville	420-8747	Market Opportunity	Car Boot/ Garage Sale	021-488-427
Budget Service	Francis	420-7740	Markets	The Village Market	0274-831-542
Business Hub	Northwest Country, Danielle	0204-0027-008	Markets	Waitoki Village Market	Gill 420-3301
Butcher	River Valley Meats	0212-130-060/0274-833-400	Mechanical Repairs	Helensville Mechanical Services	420-8177
CAB	16 Commercial Road	420-7162	Mechanical Repairs	Parakai Automotive	09-420-7224.
Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning	Curtis	027-200-5456	Mower Repairs & Sales	Lifestyle Mowing Machinery	0274-955-948
Chiropractor	Kaipara Chiropractic Healthcare	420-6224	MP	Chris Penk	021-0230-6106
Computer Repairs	Michael - Controlaltrepair	021-251-4138	Paddock Mowing	Tractor mowing with mulcher	0274-669-464
Concreters	Brewis Concrete	021-992-590	Pet Spa	Groomville Boutique	021-246-5354
Diggers	Helensville Diggers	021-454-793/420-7023	Plant Centre	Kaipara Coast Plant Centre	420-5655
Dog Grooming	Christine	021-521-303	Plumbers	ATL Plumbing Ltd	021-245-9677/420-7868
Drainage	Alpha Drainage - Scott	022-352-140	Plumbers	KPL Ltd	420-9108
Early Learning Centre	Active Explorers	09-222-3277	Pumps	KPL Ltd	420-9108
Early Learning Centre	Gumboots	09-411-9038	Pumps	Mid West Pumps	420-7694
Early Learning Centre	Helensville Montessori	420-7181	Real Estate	Barfoot & Thompson-Kelly Davison	0274-670-175
Electrician	Sean Gray Electrical	0274-784-396	Real Estate	Burmester Realty	420-8360
Filtration	KPL Ltd	420-9108	Real Estate	Prestige - Jana Mills	021-509-990/420-9953
Garden Sheds	Baby Barns	022-075-8283/420-3298	Roofing	KPL Ltd	420-9108
Gift Baskets	Riverside Crafts - Sarah	0800-831-542	Shuttle Service	Helensville Shuttles	0272-777-339
Gifts & Art	FIGG 44 Commercial Rd	021-488-427/420-6026	Shower Installation	GSI Ltd	0800-466-5327/420-8777
Gifts & Clothing	Eleventh Hour - 60 Commercial Road		Storage	J S Storage	021-462-930
Glass Services	Nor-West & Kumeu Glass Services	09-420-8210/0800-825100	Typesetting/Photocopying	Huapai Copy & Print	420-9307
Handyman	Dale Browne	0274-397-519	Venue Hire	Kaipara Memorial RSA	420-8888
			Your Local Business Book	yourlocalbusinessbook@gmail.com	



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