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150 years of the Presbyterian Church in Pātea

On Sunday 7 April a service was held at St Lukes Church to mark 150 years of the Presbyterian Church in Pātea, followed by a service at Pariroa Pā. The following is a brief history of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in Pātea:

The Presbyterians of Pātea had their earliest contact with an established Church from the Reverend David Hogg, who had settled in Whanganui in 1851 and moved widely through the countryside. A more permanent ministry was formed when Reverand Ian McCallum moved to Pātea in 1874 and made Pātea his home, securing a full time minister for the town. Services were held in the Pātea Town Hall on Oxford Street, near where the Presbyterian Church was later built. A meeting was held and it was decided to build a church in 1878 on the present site. Money was scarce but £70 was pledged and this Church was built at a cost of £860. A lot of this amount was raised, and a mortgage was taken to fund the remainder. The Church was built by Mr Daniel Mapower Warren and Mr Edwin Holtham and opened on 2 November 1879 by the Rev James Treadwell. The Vestry was added in 1880, and used on a regular basis for meetings. A car was purchased in 1930 for the Reverend for £160. An interest free loan from Mr Hunger was accepted and £9,15s had been raised from a concert at Manutahi. This car was replaced in 1938.

On 13 December 1904 plans were drawn for the first Manse by Mr William Aitcheson, next to the Church, with the construction cost close to £600. Mr Robert Gunn was asked to tender for the building of the Manse. His tender of £636 was accepted, including all outbuildings. Wall papering and painting was completed by Mr McComisky. Fifty four years later the old timber Manse was relocated to 18 Kent Street and a new brick Manse was built and dedicated on 30 August 1958, followed by a social gathering in the Hall. In the 1960s the Bible Class was very strong, with membership of about 60 people. The Ladies Guild was very active in fundraising for the Church, especially towards the early buildings and other activities in the Church.

In January 1906 it was noted in the Church committee minutes that it be recommended that morning services be curtailed to one hour. The Pātea Presbyterian Church was named ‘Knox Church’ in 1911, but after the amalgamation with the Methodist Church in 1962, and the congregational reunion in 1978, the name changed to St Lukes by popular vote. St Luke being the saint associated with healing and thus symbolised the ‘Healing of the differences’ between the two denominations.

At the end of July in 1935 steps were taken to raise funds to build a Church Hall, and on 17 February 1936 the building committee sought tenders. On 17 March 1936 Messrs W Hutchinson Ltd’s tender was accepted for £480. In April 1950 a stained-glass window was installed in the church, dedicated to Private Edgar H Sutherland of Alton, killed at El Alamein in WWII. In 1971 the church was moved a few metres toward Egmont Street to give more space between it and the manse. Mr Hunger donated the cost of the additional area of land required to reposition the church. The old small porch was removed and a new large foyer was added at a total cost of $7,200.



St Lukes Presbyterian Church on Oxford Street before the 1971 alterations.



Pātea Methodist Church on Stafford Street with the Parsonage to the right of it in 1935.

The Methodist Church evolved in a similar way, although it was much earlier in the timeline of the district. Rev John Skevington had established a Wesleyan Methodist Mission Station at Heretoa on the Waimate Plains near Manaia in 1842, and Pātea was included in the vast territory he covered in his ministry. In 1844 William Hough was appointed to be the first European Missionary stationed at Pātea. Arthur Fryer writes in ‘Missionary Wives’ that the Mission Station was ‘in a raupo house at Raumano under the cliff face at the southern entrance to the

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A Christian Word

Hebrews: 9:27 says, "Just as man is destined to die once, & after that to face judgement, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; & He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him". Now the point I want to make is this; It is appointed for man to die once, there are a lot of controversial ideas suggesting that if you haven't led a good life then you will come back again, if you give this just a quick fleeting thought, Im sure it will puzzle you, why? It is a form of punishment based on your performance! & we know were certainly not perfect, truth of the matter is, nobody could ever be! It just doesn't make sense! Who decides you haven't led a good life? That's why the above scripture says; "so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people" this is the only way your sins can be forgiven through Christ paying the ultimate price for you! So, scripture clearly states that Jesus died for all your sins. You only get one chance in this life, there is never another! This is a very very serious statement – you die once & then the judgement! To try to persuade you about this is not where I am coming from, you & you alone are responsible for all your choices. I present to you this truth & what you decide to do about it rests entirely upon your shoulders! Perhaps I am getting older & cannot be bothered anymore with controversy's, arguments as to the validity of Gods written word, which is alive & active, sharper than any two-edged sword, it penetrates & divides soul & spirit, joint & marrow, it judges the thoughts & intentions of the heart, everything will be laid bare before God to whom we must give an account! How can you be certain that this is truth? Every other person who has laid claim to being the truth is still in the grave, Jesus is not!! He has risen & He alone has spoken this truth, & it's to Him we must give an account! What I want to say to you is this, you owe it to yourself to find out if this is indeed true, not just tagging along with every fickle deception that turns you away from the truth, but to be absolutely sure you have indeed found out the truth. PS. I can save you a heap of anxiety, stress, doubts, fears, dis-beliefs, Jesus is the way, the truth & the life…… full stop!

Come Lord Jesus Ted Reeves Patea

Jesus Christ said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." There is Salvation in NO other name.

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Patea River'. But it is also thought they would have lived above the cliffs at Harere Hau Marae with local Māori. William lived on this exposed point with his wife Ann and six young children for almost four years, until their two youngest sons died of whooping cough on the same day on 27 September 1847

In January 1848 the unmarried, 27 year old, Thomas Farenden Skinner arrived in Pātea to replace William & Ann Hough. Very few Europeans were in the area in these early days. Thomas was apparently one of the Mission's most fluent speakers of the Māori language and was very comfortable with the culture. By this stage the Pātea Mission Station had relocated to higher ground on the other side of the river, on what is now the site of the late Brian Headley's house at 32 Norfolk Street. This would have been a very modest dwelling. Rev Thomas G. Hammond's book "In the Beginning" written in 1915, helped us locate the site of the 2nd Mission Station: 'He resided in the vicinity of the present town of Patea just where Mr Willis's house now stands, probably to take advantage of a spring of water near Mr J.A. McKenna's present residence." Mr James McKenna's home in 1915 was where Derryn Gunn lives today, at 25 Norfolk St. There was a spring flowing from a bank at Brian Headley's house when he bought it 40 years ago. The spring has since dried up due to drainage being diverted on the streets nearby. Livingston Baker's research papers state that the Mission Station overlooked Mr McCardles workshop (Gunn's Panelbeater's), which Brian's front lawn indeed does. Trish Rossiter has written a book about this fascinating man, her gt gt grandfather and spent years travelling the north island with her husband Martin, to all the mission stations Thomas lived at. Thomas went on to marry Hannah Chiffinch Taylor after he left Patea. Trish has their marriage certificate dated 1851. They were married by William Woon at Heretoa. Their final posting was to a Mission Boarding School in Hokianga. Thomas's health had been deteriorating for some time and he died of 'heart disease' in 1866 at the age of 45, leaving a young wife and seven children. Trish's book; 'Finding Thomas' can be purchased at Aotea Utanganui.

Throughout the 1850's and 60's visiting ministers held services where ever possible until the first regular minister Rev Thomas Fifield Reeve was appointed in February 1874. He held services in the Billiard Room of the Albion Hotel. Church was taken to Pātea and Hāwera for a Stipend of £120 a year. The Presbyterian minister covered the same area for a similar stipend. Imagine preaching at Hāwera, Manutahi and Patea in one day and travelling between these places on horseback. How times have changed.

In 1875 a quarter acre section on Stafford Street was granted by the Government and the Methodist church was built. An adjoining section was purchased the following year. The church measured 30 × 30 feet and was built by Edwin Holtham and Daniel R M Warren for the contract price of £551. The church was originally known as the Wesleyan Chapel, and later became known as the Methodist Church. Four years later it was enlarged with provision made for forty additional seats at a cost of £66.10. The original builders, Holtham and Warren completed these additions. The church was reopened on 5 September 1880, by the Rev. W. Lee. A parsonage was built next door to the Church at 36 Stafford Street in 1881. Rev John A Luxford was the first to live in this two-storey home with his wife Emmie and their children.

Rev T G Hammond was in Pātea and the surrounding district from the mid 1870's. In 1890 he was appointed Superintendent of the West Coast, and in 1917 he was appointed superintendent of Māori Mission. He had a wide knowledge of Māori history and customs and left a wealth of articles and books about this area.

After the amalgamation of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Pātea in 1962, the church was used by the Wesleyan West Coast Māori Mission. The South Taranaki Māori Club (later known as The Pātea Māori Club) used the Church for practice when they came into existence in 1970. They were made up of most of the Pātea Methodist Māori Club members. The group was formed to practise for, and compete at, the 1971 first National Polynesian Festival at Rotorua. The original shingle roof remained on the building but was later covered with a corrugated iron roof. On Sunday 14 July 1974 the Methodist Church held a Centennial service which was attended by 270-300 people. The service was led by Reverend Len Willing and Reverend Napi Waaka OBE. In 2006 the building was relocated to Manutahi Road, Lepperton where it is used as a museum.



Molly Cole, Jimmy Maruera, Ruth Mackay, Warren Cassidy, Heather Gwynn, Jane Roper at Pariroa Pa, Kakaramea,



Tupito Maruera, Marie Dwyer, Waimarie Cassidy, Molly Cole, Jimmy Maruera at Pariroa Pa.

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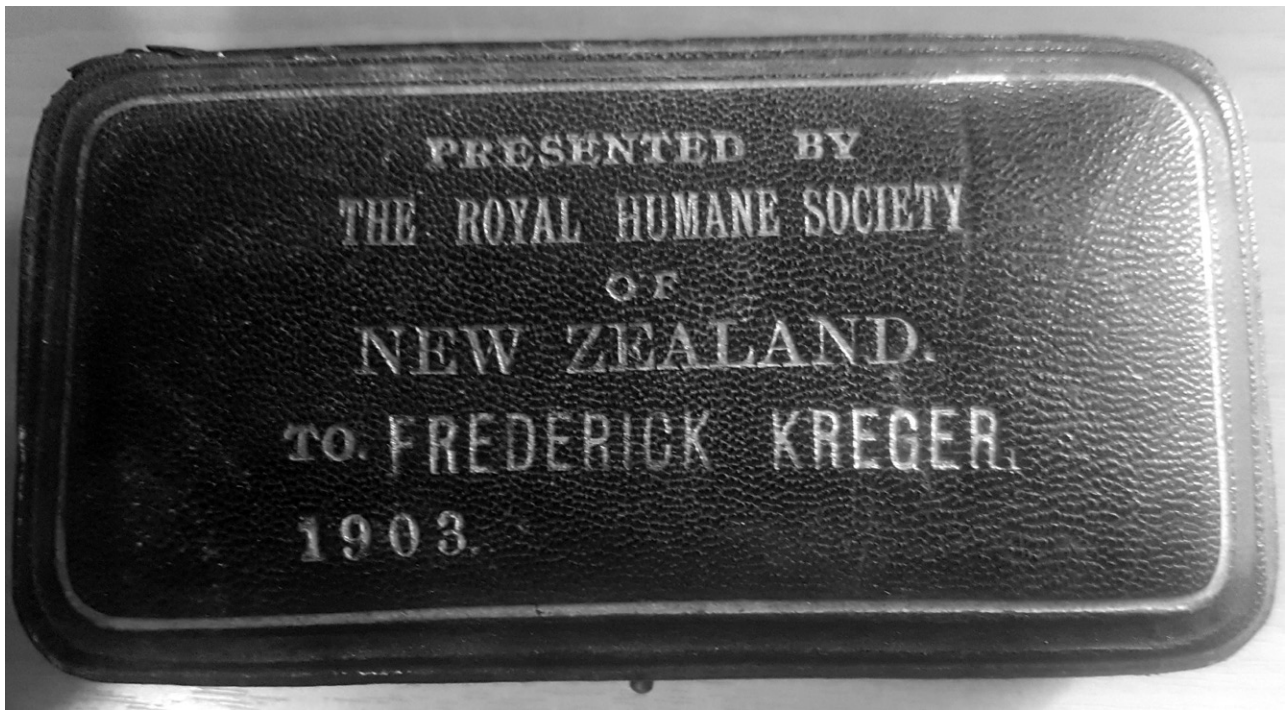
Since I first wrote the Waverley books the internet has exploded giving much more access to research material than could ever be imagined in 1983 when I wrote my first Waverley book. For this reason I intend to write a series of articles called "Waverley's Forgotten" which will update the information I previously gathered and inform newcomers to the district of aspects of Waverley's past. Laraine Sole

The Forgotten - Two Heroes: Frederick Kreger and James McGregor Elmslie

Livingstone Baker, a passionate historian who belonged to the Patea Heritage Working Party and helped list all the historic buildings in the town was also a founder of the Patea Historical Society in 1967. He and his wife Ena, Ian Church and Margaret Leslie were the developers of the Patea museum. Livingstone was an avid collector of things historical and one of his findings was a black leather case which his son Jim suggests may have been found at the dump where so many treasures of that era ended up. As it was presented by the Royal Humane Society of New Zealand in 1902, I was curious to find out (a) Who was Frederick Kreger? (b) What was the Royal Humane Society? and (c) What act of courage merited this presentation?



Frederick Kreger was the son of Augustus and Rosalia Krueger (commonly known as Kreger), a Polish couple who immigrated to New Zealand in 1875 with their three children - John (who became a local farmer), Maria, and Anna who later became a dressmaker in Waverley. The family settled in Chester St where their next four children Elizabeth, Katherine, Henry and Frederick were born. Henry died in the Great War.

One morning in late January 1903, Frederick who was then 18 years old, went off for a day's fishing with his employer Edward Tait and his friend Robert Giles Sinclair, 33, the son of John and Ellen Sinclair who built one of the first homes in Waverley just past the Mill Dam. Robert's brother James was a well-known sheep dog triallist in the early 1900s.

The three men were walking along the cliff tops when the ground under Sinclair's feet gave way plummeting him 70 feet onto the hard sandy beach of a small cove which was water-locked for about half a mile on either side and completely covered by water at high tide. After calling out to the fallen man and receiving no response, his companions tried to climb down to him but could only go so far. The strategy then was then for Tait o lower Kreger down the last 36 feet by means of an ordinary fishing line, a rather nerve-wracking experience for both of them.



The Royal Humane Society's silver medal has a crimson ribbon and the two stripes of yellow with a band of dark green on either side. The writing on the front has the society's name around the rim and the words "For Life Saving" in the middle. To date only 232 silver medals have been awarded.



Tait's boat on the Patea River before World War 1. Overcrowded pleasure boats seemed to be common at the time! Note the drum sitting on the roof indicating a band was involved on this occasion. Photo courtesy of Jacq Dwyer

On reaching the bottom, Kreger found his friend still unconscious and as there was no way of getting him up without help, called up to Tait saying he would stay with the injured man while Tait ran to Mr Rutherford's flax mill four miles away for assistance. By the time he arrived at the mill and explained the situation and Mr Rutherford gathered his men and equipment, it was two hours before help arrived at the cliff tops. It must have been a very long two hours for Rutherford watching the surf creeping in with no possible means of escape.

Mr Rutherford was lowered down on a rope and with Kreger's assistance tied the injured man to the rope so he could be pulled up to the top. Mr Rutherford was then pulled up followed by young Kreger.

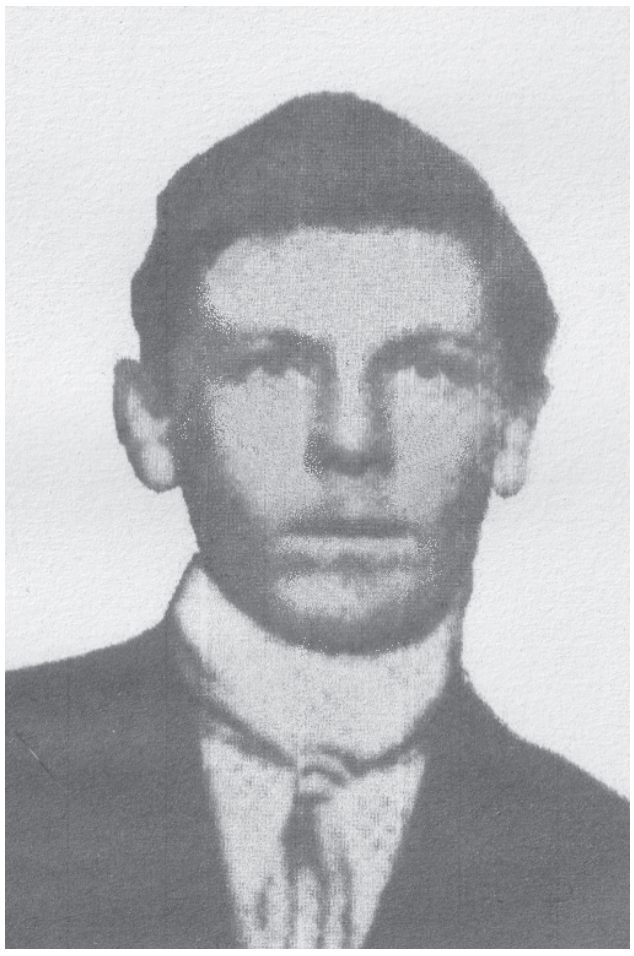
For his bravery Kreger was presented with a silver medal by the Royal Humane Society which was established in New Zealand in October 1898 to recognise acts of courage and humanity. It operated on similar lines to the Royal Humane Society of the United Kingdom and the Australian Society based in Melbourne, both of which had previously bestowed medals for bravery in New Zealand.

So what happened to the main players in this rescue?

In 1906 Tait disposed of his boot-making business to Kreger and went on to buy the cutting rights of firewood from the Cave Bros of Hurleyville and brought the wood down the river with his oil launch and punts. He also ran run excursion trips up the Patea River from the railway station which were very popular.

Frederick Kreger, who had served his apprenticeship as a bootmake with Kreger, paid nothing for the goodwill of Tait's business and took over the stock at valuation with the promise to pay for it when he could. Unfortunately for him on 19th November 1906 he lost his business to fire, Smoke had been noticed in the billiard room and hairdresser's premises and someone ran down to ring the bell at Freeman Jackson's sale yards. The captain of the Fire Brigade had the hose and pumping gear out quickly and soon had a good stream of water playing on the building but the fire had such a strong hold it was a waste of energy.

The Forgotten cont.



Frederick Kreger at the time of his medal presentation.

The brigade did manage to save Mr Young's plumbing shop but Riley's tailor's shop and Kreger's bootmaking business were completely gutted. Kreger had no insurance but Tait did, and to get back some of his money Kreger owed, removed the salvaged stock, effectively leaving Kreger bankrupt. In August 1907 Kreger's lawyer asked for a discharge of the bankruptcy stating that while Kreger had entered into the business in good faith, he lacked business acumen. While waiting for the discharge of the bankruptcy, Kreger managed the boot importing business that his brother had bought from Mr Cathro the previous month.

In October 1909 Kreger advertised that he was discontinuing the credit system and all work had to be paid in cash. As Waverley did hot have street numbers at this time it is impossible to know where either of Kreger's two shops were situated.

Kreger did remain in business from time to time having large sales and I assume this was in the shop where Cathro had been. Of interest is that Weraroa Road was then referred to just as "Main St".

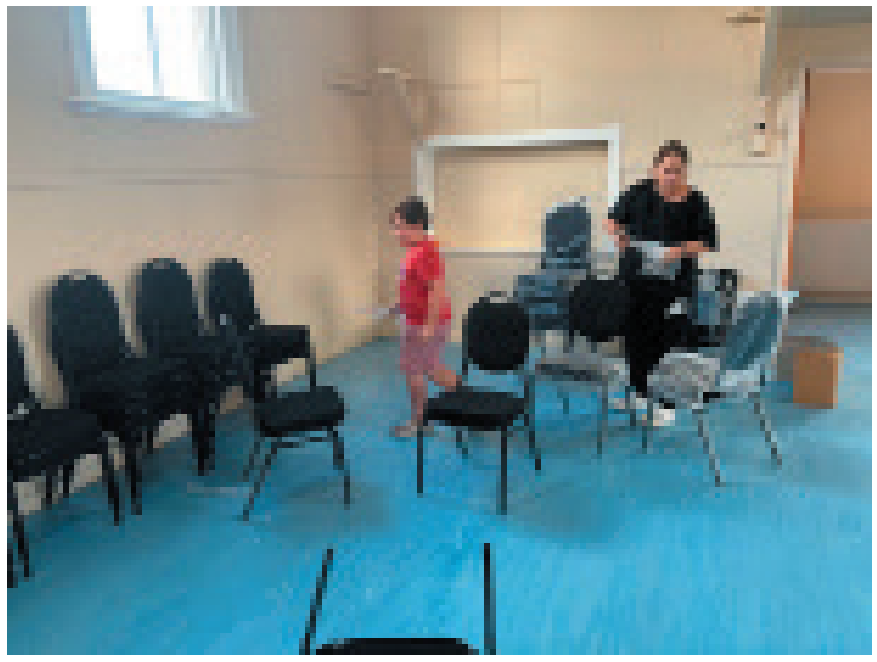
At some stage in the early twenties Kreger built shops on the section in the carpark of the present Baptist Church and these were always known as 'Kreger's Building'. Frank Oliver the baker initially had a shop in the building. Although not always the only bootmaker in town Kreger's business seemed to thrive.

In 1931 this business was again lost to fire. I was told many years ago that while men were in the building throwing stock out to save it, Kreger was throwing it back in again to get the insurance! He did give thanks for the help he received though, and the use of the restrooms – presumably to store stock. Given these were Depression years he did not rebuild and nothing more is heard of him until October 1942 when his death was reported at Patea Hospital when he was in his late fifties. I could find no record of a marriage or descendents.

Of Robert Sinclair nothing else is known other than that he married Mary Ellen O'Brien, with whom he had five children – Robert, Freda, Gilbert, Edward and Margaret - all born in Waverley.

As far as I can ascertain, no other Waverley resident has received a medal from the Humane Society.

Waitotara And District Hall



The Waitotara and District Hall have had a very busy 12 months with working bees, fundraising, and working on how we can improve the look of our hall and surrounding areas within the village.

We have had many projects started and completed from our hard-working committee.

A new 5000 litre water tank has been installed on site which is filled from our much-needed rain. Funding from the Silver Fern Farms at Waitotara provided us with some funding to have this project underway.

A 20-foot container has also been put on site to be used as storage, purchased a new ride on lawn mower, a table trolley built to load and easily move the tables around the hall, electrical work has been brought up to date and have also purchased 60 new comfortable chairs.

These purchases cannot be done without the assistance from funding providers such as Waipipi Wind Farm, Lotteries Commission, Pub Charity, South Taranaki District Council and the Patea Community Board. We have also recently had a trailer load of firewood donated by Hawken Contracting Limited for a raffle which had sold well and was won by Dot Bowlin. We thank them all so much and it means that we can proudly move forward with an improved facility for all to use.

A local group meet on a regular basis for a 'Meet and Greet', a time to catch up and have a coffee and biscuit and show off your crafts and maybe hand over ideas of what others can do.

The photo shown is Kim and Josh Brewer assisting with unpacking some of our new chairs.

On ANZAC day the hall is to be used for a coffee or tea and nibbles and catch up after the wreath laying service at the memorial gates in Waitotara.

The hall is available for hiring for a variety of functions and contacts are shown in the group contacts in the Patea & Waverley Press.

All South Taranaki Water Restrictions Lifted

All water restrictions in South Taranaki have now been lifted says South Taranaki District Council's infrastructure group manager Herbert Denton.

"It's been a dry summer with many parts of the district getting quite a bit less than their usual rainfall," says Mr Denton. "But thanks everyone's efforts we were able to get through summer without any significant issue," he says.

"Despite the fact that we are moving into the cooler months I encourage residents to keep using water sensibly throughout the year," says Mr Denton.

STDC introduced partial restrictions mid-February to ensure it met new consent conditions related to river levels and the amount of water that could be taken. These new consent conditions are part of the government's freshwater reforms which have a greater focus on preserving the health and vitality of our streams and rivers.

Waverley's Forgotten Series

May 2023	Dickie's Flour Mill
June 2023	Two Messages in a Bottle
July 2023	Early Maori Carvings
August 2023	Herewini Whakarua and Iwiora Tamaiparea
September 2023	Waverley's Flax Millers
October 2023	NZ Cup Winner Halberdier
November 2023	The Wairoa Rifles and The Wairoa Redoubt
December 2023	The Nukumaru Hotel (Handley's Hotel)
January 2024	Rewi Alley
February 2024	An Interesting Life - Ann Elmslie
March 2024	Our Boer War Soldiers





Pātea Community Board Meeting

Notes from the meeting on Mon 15 April 2024 at 4pm, provided by the Board Members.
The third meeting for 2024 was held at the at Kaipō Marae, Waitōtara. Present were: Pātea Community Board members; Jacq, Cheryl, Bronwyn, Owen, Robert Northcott (Deputy Mayor), Phi Nixon (Mayor) Eileen Kolai-Tuala (Community Development Officer), Samantha Greenhill (PA), Rob Haveswood (Group Manager – Community Development), Phil Waite (Operations Manager Properties and Facilities), Carlene Hill, Anne Sattler, Sarah Capper-Liddle & Jessica Sorensen (Planning), and several members of the hapu. The meeting opened with a karakia.

Open forum:

-Sarah & Jess from planning spoke to us about the Long Term Plan, in particular the change to the Papakainga housing on general title land, not just Māori freehold land. Submissions close on 13 May. Full document can be found on STDC website.

-Aarona McGregor asked for speed restriction signage to be put at entrance to Kaipō Marae. Also a small section of land beside the Waitotara Valley Road, outside the Marae, was taken by Public Works act in the 1960's, the Marae would like it returned so it can be used as a parking area for the Pa, and give them the opportunity to have a larger entranceway that won't get blocked off with logging trucks parking up there.

-Garry Davis asked if there was Council funding for trees to be planted on iwi land. The answer was yes there are 3 funds – Tangata whenua fund, Natural Environment Fund and Urupa Maintenance Fund.

-Dallas McLeod pointed out that some of the drains/culverts in Waitotara haven't been cleaned out since the flood in 2004, one in particular near the Waster Transfer Station on Kells Street has branches in it, and would compromise the village if there was heavy rain, king tides etc. A stolen car was left in the river for weeks earlier in the year, difficult to know who is responsible to get a vehicle out. It was eventually removed.

-Phil Nixon filled us in on the status of the old road bridge by Silver Fern Farms. It now has a weight limit sign on it, although its main vulnerability for its stability is the river undermining it. It is an essential back road detour incase of accidents etc on the main road.

-Robert N reported that 7 cars were stolen last weekend from the area between Patea & Hawera. A pensioner in Patea had his stolen and badly damaged. The police know who was involved, mostly under age youth, which makes it difficult to prosecute and sadly they are not being held accountable at this stage. The street security cameras are now working in Patea, Waitotara would also like street security cameras.

Local Discretionary Funding Applications: Ngamatapouri Church were granted $3000 for painting of exterior of Church.

Items for action: BMX track at Waverley, this will commence in the near future in Aotea Park.
Civil Defence response plans, nothing new to report.

Community Development Activity Report:

-Luana at the Museum is working on signage for the Patea Loop Track outlining historical areas.

-Patea Saltmarsh is an area of environmental significance which we would like to showcase in some way. Council at redoing the fencing around it. Robert pointed out that it had a board walk around it in the 1980's and would be good to do this again so it can be viewed from a safe distance. A project for the Long Term Plan.

-Egmont Street speed cushion project have been accepted by the Council and will proceed in mid May.

LibraryPlus Report: Patea Library held their first Book Club meeting in February. Seven 55% of the population have library membership. Jacq asked why the STDC School Holiday program didn't offer any movies this school holidays. Sounds like there was miscommunication with the cinema. There are several good movies on at the moment that could have been used for this and allowed children to attend for a subsidised price.



Above: Kaipō Marae, Waitōtara
Below: Members of the Kaipō Marae committee address the Council and Community Board members.



Environmental Services Report: Five building consents for Patea, 2 land use consents lodged. Hawera and Patea both have high call out rates for animal call-outs. Patea have a lot of roaming dogs. 25 sheep were killed in one night at Waverley by 3 dogs. Dogs have all been captured. Re-forestation program continues throughout the Council Wards. Robert would like to see the Council paddocks below Beach Road planted in trees and a bike track put through it.

Facility Usage Reports: Jacq asked if the Council had considered buying the 13 Rotary Club flats that are currently up for sale in Hāwera. Yes they had looked into it, but these flats need a lot of restoration to bring them up to standard for rental. STDC is actively looking for more Council owned housing for the elderly. They are working with Grey Power on this.

Freedom Camping site assessment Report:

Freedom Camping spots are being reviewed around the province. Some spots that are a bit marginal, like the green space at the top of Bedford St, Patea are now no longer able to be used for freedom camping. Robert would like to see No Freedom Camping signs also put in some areas along the Beach, between the boat ramp and carpark is a remote spot where people camp, light fires and leave large amounts of rubbish during the summer, it needs a sign.

Long Term Plan Consultation Document was discussed, Community Board was reminded that they have to write a submission by 6 May with their concepts for the next 10 years.

Full minutes of this and all Council meetings can be found on the South Taranaki District Council Website, under the heading 'Our Council' then go to 'Mayor & Elected members' then 'Community Board - Pātea'. Or view them at Pātea or Waverley Library Plus

Your Community Board Members are:
Jacq Dwyer (Chair) Cheryl Rook (Deputy Chair), Owen Savage, Bronwyn Wattrus,
Robert Northcott (Pātea Councillor)
Meeting dates for 2024:
Monday 27 May, 4pm, Waverley Community Centre
Monday 8 July, 4pm, Hunter Shaw Building, Pātea
Monday 19 August, 4pm, Kakaramea Hall
Monday 30 September, 4pm, Waverley Community Centre
Monday 4 November, 4pm, Waitōtara Hall, 12 Kaipo Street, Waitōtara

Patea River Catchment community catch up

Are you keen to hear about the trapping project that has been set up over the last 2 years? Or are you keen to get involved with the Patea River Catchment group and have great ideas about what we should focus on in the future? Then come along to our community catch up on Friday the 17th of May, 11am at the Hunter Shaw building in Patea.

You'll get a rundown on the trap lines that we've set up and how many pests we've managed to catch over this time and an overview of our goal of one day getting a permit from DOC to release Kiwi into the Tarere Extension Conservation area.

We also want to discuss "where to next" for the focus of our catchment group; we need the communities input and ideas about what is important to our awa and our community. Your ideas could be as specific as bringing a certain speaker to town to increase our knowledge and awareness on a topic or your idea could be as big as protecting the salt marsh.

There will be a light lunch provided so if you could please RSVP to me for catering purposes at tessa@taranakicc.nz that would be much appreciated.

PATEA RIVER CATCHMENT

COMMUNITY CATCH UP

Come along and join us for lunch.
We will give you an update on the trapping project over the last 2 years.

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Speed Humps to be installed in Pātea

Egmont Street in Pātea is set to get new speed reduction measures following community efforts to get motorists to slow down.

South Taranaki District Councillors approved a proposal to install a raised platform and three speed humps along Egmont Street at their Council meeting on 3 April, after receiving a petition from the local community to do something about speeding motorists.

Council consulted the Pātea community with the proposal back in late February and asked for their feedback. A total of 108 submissions were received, 82% of which supported the proposal, leaving 18% that did not.

Deputy Mayor Rob Northcott stated as a resident of Pātea, that this was a 'last resort', but something needed to be done to keep people safe.

Mayor Phil Nixon says the decision was good democracy.

"This is the Council working with the community to achieve what the community asked for."

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Kia Ora Koutou,
At the end of term 1 teachers and students finished off the term with ANZAC day activities. As ANZAC day fell during the holidays, we invited students and families to the Waitotara Memorial Gates at 11am to commemorate fallen soldiers.
A warm welcome to Jackson who has joined the Junior Room. We hope you enjoy your time at Waitotara School and have happy school days.
Grandparents Day 2024. What a fabulous day we all had with grandparents and grandchildren coming together at Waitotara School. We kicked the day off with an assembly with the senior students sharing beautifully written poems about their grandparents and the juniors sharing what it was about their grandparents that they loved.
Then we all moved to classrooms for a range of activities and to look at children's books...
Lastly we had a shared cuppa with a hot cross bun and chocolate of course.
Thank you to everyone who came from near and far to support their grandchildren.
Juniors headed into Cooks Gardens on Thursday for our annual West Cluster Tabloid Sports Day. We had a great day out.
We had some amazing seniors joining us to help with leading teams around and to run activities. Top job Seniors.







Waitotara Stars Principals Awards

- **Beaudene Parkes- For showing determination during maths and achieving great results**
- **Amelia Boyd- For improved attendance this term. Well done!**
- **Cole Laurence- For excellent results in his Maths PAT test.**

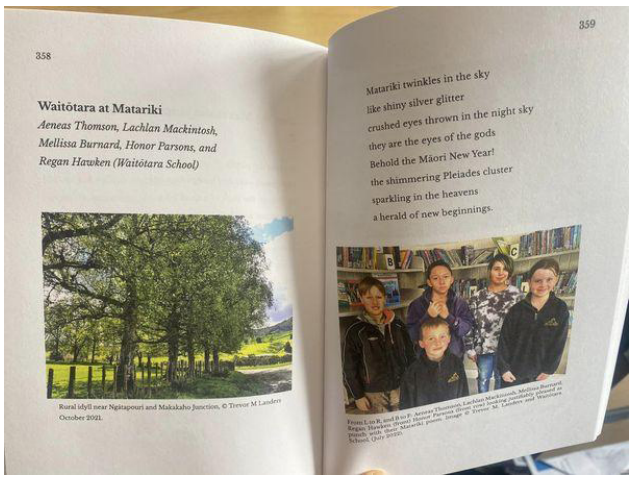




Aeneas & Temanea proudly represented Waitotara School at the launch of the book Nga Purehu Kapohau - a literary homage to Pātea, Waverley & Waitotara. We were lucky enough to work with the writer in 2022 to write poems that were included in the book.







Seniors ANZAC Day Art







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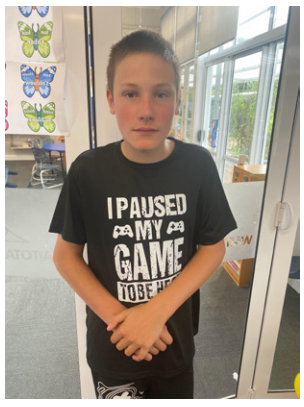
Juniors ANZAC Day Art



An Interview with...



Name: Corey
Age: 12

Favourites:
Colours: Red
Book: Roblox
TV Show/Movie:
Cocomelon
Song/Artist:
Monster Trio

I like Waitotara School because I like seeing my friends.



Name: Amelia
Age: 8

Favourites:
Colour: Green
Book: Wonky Donkey
TV Show/Movie:
My Little Pony
Song/Artist:
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I like Waitotara School because I can make new friends every day.

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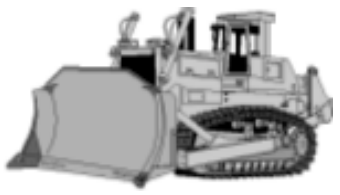

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Waverley Primary School

Duffy Role Model Assembly

Diana Queenie was our Term One role model. She has worked at museums across the world and shared her passion for dinosaurs and fossils with our students. She emphasised the importance of reading that allowed her to learn about and follow her passion. A huge thank you to the Waverley Lions Club for their ongoing sponsorship of our books.





















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Rippa Rugby Whanganui

We entered three Year 4-6 teams in the Rippa competition in Whanganui. What talent we have at Waverley Primary! It was such a neat day - the kids shone both on and off the field. Thanks to Whanganui Rugby for organising such a great, well run day. As always, thanks go to our parent helpers, providing transport and support on the sidelines.





Fitness Trail

Thanks to a grant we received from the McBroom Trust, we now have a new fitness trail on our school field, for both the students and community to benefit from. Thanks to Jamie Robertson, Bev How and Barry Bridson for constructing the fabulous fitness stations for us.





House Activity

We ended Term One with a house team building afternoon. Activities included creating catapults, making an Anzac Day display, art and a dance contest. The houses made up of students from across the year groups allowed our seniors to show leadership, creating wonderful tuakana-teina relationships.











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Quick crossword

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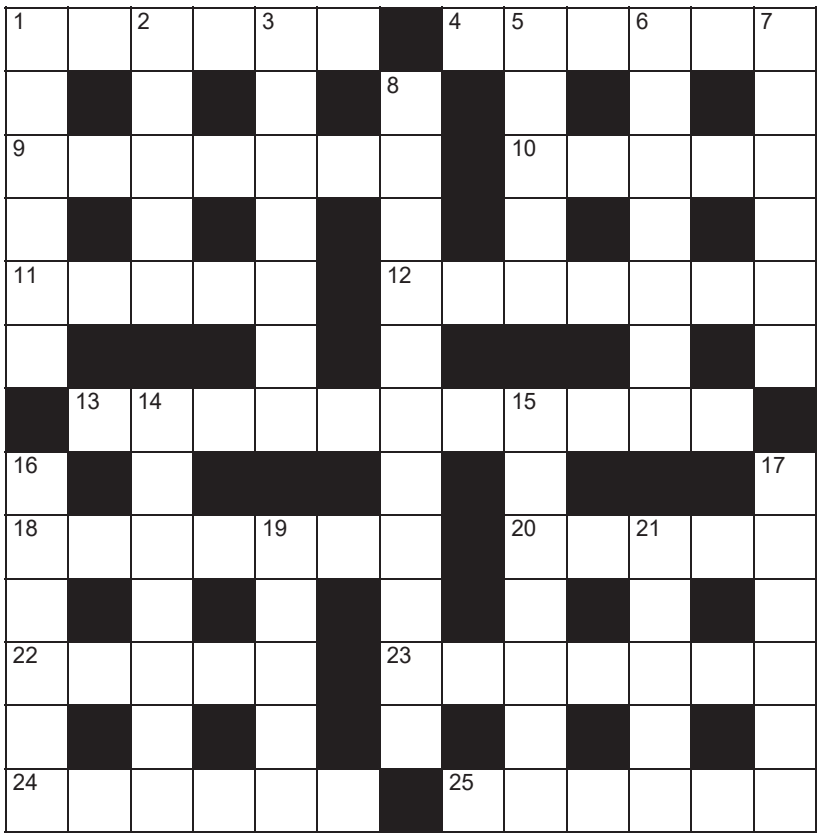

Across

1. Accomplish (6)
4. Seek (6)
9. Strengthen (7)
10. Gradually reduce (5)
11. Guide (5)
12. Greed (7)
13. Absorbed (11)
18. Alike (7)
20. Recess (5)
22. Once more (5)
23. Relating to the sense of touch (7)
24. Most recent (6)
25. Regain (6)

Down

1. Help (6)
2. Banal (5)
3. Conflagration (7)
5. Additional (5)
6. Cold-blooded creature (7)
7. Stinging insect (6)
8. Imprison (11)
14. Leftover (7)
15. Style and flair (Fr) (7)
16. Attack (6)
17. Tranquil (6)
19. Joins (5)
21. Porcelain (5)

Crossword solution

Across: 1. Attain, 4. Search, 9. Stiffen, 10. Taper, 11. Steer, 12. Avarice, 13. Preoccupied, 18. Similar, 20. Niche, 22. Again, 23. Tactile, 24. Latest, 25. Retake.
Down: 1. Assist, 2. Trite, 3. Inferno, 5. Extra, 6. Reptile, 7. Hornet, 8. Incarcerate, 14. Remnant, 15. Panache, 16. Assail, 17. Serene, 19. Links, 21. China.

Code-Cracker

1 P	2 C	3 A	4 M	5 I	6 J	7 F	8 O	9 N	10 G	11 E	12 X	13 L
14 U	15 D	16 R	17 S	18 K	19 W	20 T	21 B	22 H	23 V	24 Q	25 Z	26 Y

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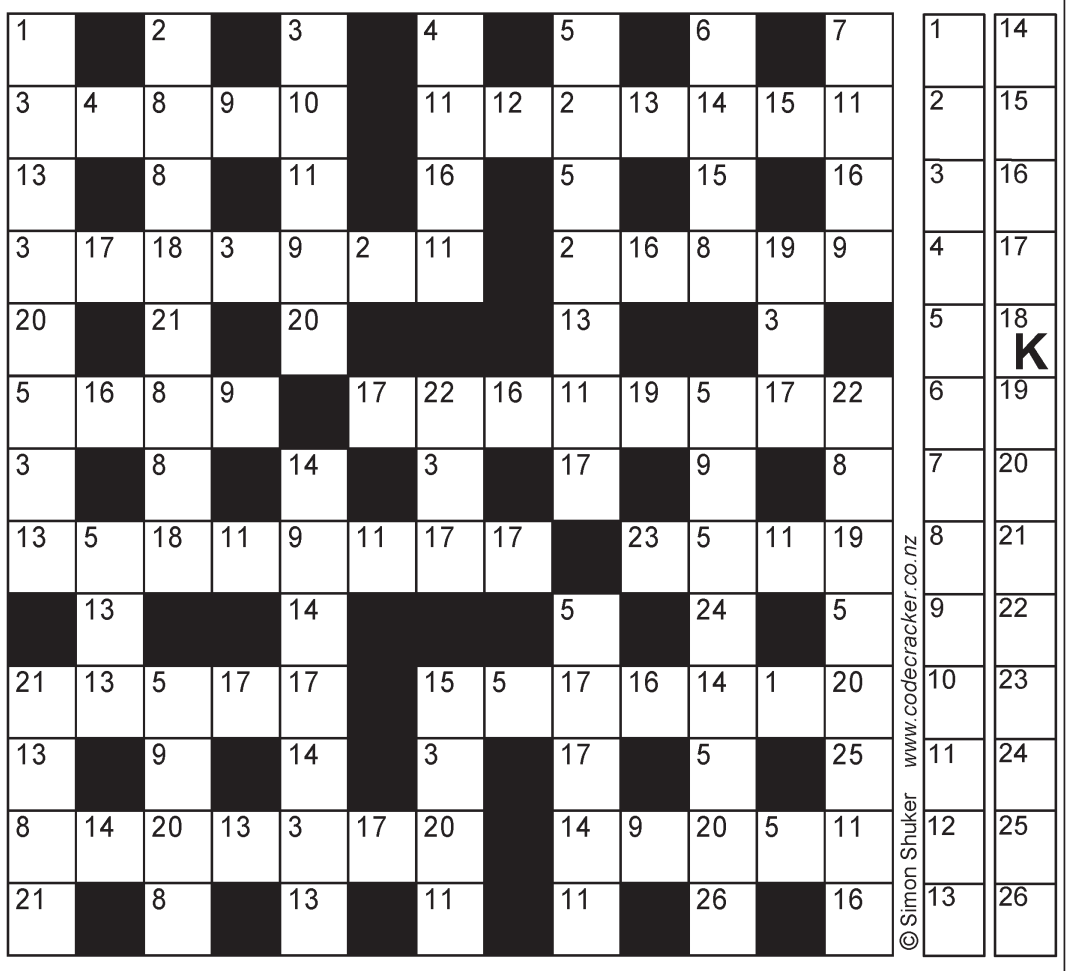
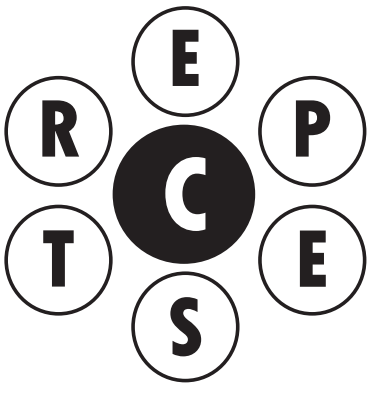
EACH number in our Code-Cracker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 18 represents K, so fill in K every time the figure 18 appears. You have one letter in the control grid to start you off. Enter it in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the list of alphabetical letters as you identify them. *Visit www.codecracker.co.nz*



Circle of Words

How many words of four letters or more can you make? There is at least one seven-letter word. Each letter may be used only once and all words must contain the centre letter. No words starting with a capital, no plurals ending in s unless the word is also a verb.

Good 8 **Very Good** 11 **Excellent** 15+



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Applicants will be advised of the outcome by the 14 July 2024.

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Rev Trevor Harrison's address at Patea Dawn Service - Anzac Day 2024

"It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done;
it is a far, far better rest that I go to, than I have ever known."
(Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities)

"You can have no greater love than this; than to lay down your life for your friends."
(John 15:13)



On this Anzac Day, our national day of remembrance that commemorates all New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations and the contribution and suffering of all those who have served, I wish to note that this is the 110th anniversary of the Gallipoli Campaign and to turn our thoughts to those who suffered in that 1st World War. Of the 100,444 troops who signed up in New Zealand, we remember: the 18,166 who died whilst serving overseas, especially the 64 men from the Patea District; the additional 1,000 who died within 5 years of the war's end as a result of injuries sustained; and the 507 who died whilst training in New Zealand. We remember: the 41,317 who were wounded. That casualty rate of 60% equates to the fact that of every five men who signed up 1 was killed and 2 wounded,

Amongst those who were WW1 casualties was included my maternal grandfather, whose medals I wear today: Corporal Howard Michael Smith, service no. 33465, Wellington Infantry Regiment. Like most of his contemporaries nothing was ever told to his family of his wartime experiences and



what we have gleaned began with his records in the National Archives. He was 19 when he signed up; embarked for overseas service on 19th January 1917; involved in – Battle of Passchendaele; 2nd Battle of the Somme; Battle of Albert; wounded 21st August, 1918; admitted to Hornchurch Hospital, Essex, England, 27th September, 1918; discharged Hornchurch Hospital, 14th November, 1918. a total of 3 months in hospital. No reference was ever made in the family to the nature or severity of his wounding. He returned to New Zealand on the "Matatua" 8th January, 1919.

We should remember also those who lost their lives as a result of their service in the 1st World War, but whose names are not to be found on any memorials around the country. They include the 333 who committed suicide in the years following their return and those, who on their return, went straight into a Mental Hospital, where they ended their days. Places such as Tokanui Hospital in the Waikato, where when they died they were buried in a paddock – no coffin, no undertaker, no priest, no marked grave. Forgotten.

It should include one WWI veteran who was a parishioner of St. Mary's, Karori, whom I met when I was assistant curate there in the 1980s. His name was Hugh Allington, he was 90 and to all appearances had lived a normal and successful life. But Hugh, 70 years on, still experienced nightmares from his war years, one of which led to his death, because when he experienced a nightmare he would sleepwalk and on one occasion this led to him falling off his balcony and he broke his hip and complications arising from that led to his death.



Above Left: Darryl Wereta and his son Steven, home from the Navy for Anzac dawn parade at Patea

Above Right: Patea RSA committee members Michael Back, James Clark and Joan Macbeth

Left: Jim Baker, Gary Sue, Lancella Sue, Rev Trevor Harrison & Darren Pullen

The Patea RSA would like to thank everyone for making the Dawn Service amazing.

The rain and wind stayed away and a huge crowd turned out. Special thanks to Trevor Harrison for being our guest speaker. We had two young girls involved with our service. This is the first time for many years we have had this. Thank you Tutira and Georgie for asking if you could be part of our day. Tutira played the Last Post and Reveille on the cornet and she did a great job. This is the first time in many years we have had these played "live". Georgie gave a reading of "In Flander's Field" which she did really well.

After the cuppa several of the RSA members and community headed for the Cemetery for a very short service up there. It was lovely to see a good crowd up there.

We would also like to thank all the other helpers, Gary and Matai for the sound system, the CWI ladies for serving the cuppa and being in the kitchen and cleaning up afterwards for us. Alison for the pikelets and scones, and manning the soft drink table. Thanks also to the people who brought the ANZAC biscuits and other baking. Thanks also to the gentleman who helped Tom get the seating for us and to Wyn for handing out the service sheets for us. Thank you to anyone else who helped in some way.

We are a very small RSA and would like more members to come on board, especially active ones. Anyone is able to join, you need not have served in the Forces. You will be aware that our committee are all getting older so we need younger people to come on board and learn what we do so that ANZAC services can continue.

Thank you once again for making Patea's ANZAC Day a very memorable one.

Anzac Day at Alton 2024

Anzac Day was commemorated at the Alton War Memorial on a fine autumn day, with an attendance on about 150 people. As with every year, we are grateful for those who help us make this day a special one of remembrance and community togetherness. Gary Prentice quietly puts together a top class sound system in the War Memorial Area. Some members of the Patea Māori Club where there to ensure we had beautiful singing, and a sincere thank you to Waimarie and Warren Cassidy for their valuable input into the proceedings. Thank you to MC Kate Murdoch, Abe Abraham on the bugle, Grant Gibbs Officer of the Flag.

This year the Murphy family were remembered here at home and at the dawn service at Gallipoli. A large number of Murphy descendants came to Alton to remember them. To follow is the address by Jacq Dwyer:

Tēnā koutou, Manako I konei koe katoa ahau I tenei ra, Ki te mahara te patunga tapu I hanga matou hoia, E kore e ware ware ake ake matou ratou. I welcome you all here today to remember the sacrifice our soldiers made. We won't ever forget them.

On the other side of the world today at Gallipoli, the photo of Richard and Michael Murphy will be shown on a giant screen at the dawn service at Anzac Cove. I got an email a few months ago from the NZ Army asking if their image could be used as part of the theme of brothers killed during WWI at Gallipoli. Via John Kelly's sister Moira, I got a high resolution copy of this poignant photo of the 2 brothers on their horses at Trentham before they went to War. This story is a big part of my family history too. Their names are on the Meremere War Memorial, but we will also remember them here today at Alton. Their younger brother Alec Murphy farmed up on Petch Road with his wife Alice from 1924 – 1960, and their 8 children went to Alton School. Two of them, Helen and Ursula would love to have been here today, but had to send their apologies. My connection to the Murphy brothers is that their mother Ellen Murphy was a Dwyer before she married, she was a strong, respected influence over her 12 children.

Ellen was 12 when she came to NZ from Listowel, Ireland, with her parents Elizabeth and Daniel Dwyer in 1875, they settled in Patea, on a small farm on the righthand side down Scotland Street, we have always known them as the Cemetery Lane Dwyer's. Ellen was one of 9 children. In later years her brother John left his farm to the Catholic Church in Patea.

Twenty years after their arrival in Patea, their cousin Richard Dwyer arrived to start his new life in this country, he was my great Grandfather. Ellen was 17 years old when she married fellow Irish immigrant Patrick Murphy at St Patrick's Church, Patea. They moved to Meremere in 1898 from Matapu and leased a 320 acre farm, which they later bought in Ellen's name, which was unusual for the time, but it shows the strong part she played in her large family. They had 3 daughters and 9 sons. All were of tall stature, strong build, worked alongside their parents on the farm.

When war broke out in 1914 the five oldest boys, who were of military age, were all eager to enlist. Richard was the first to sign up on the 15th August 1914 – just 10 days after WWI was declared here, he was 23 at the time. 4 days later the eldest Murphy boy – Michael joined up aged 31, I can imagine he felt compelled to join, to look out for his younger brother, both with the Wellington Mounted Rifles. They rode their own horses from their farm at Meremere to Trentham.

Their brother John was already working as an accountant in Dunedin (he had been encouraged to further his education and not become a farmer like the rest of the boys). He enlisted in the Otago Mounted Rifles but later transferred to Wellington Division and was therefore nearer to his two brothers. Initially the 4th eldest brother Patrick stayed home to run the farm at Meremere, but then Dan who was deemed medically unfit for Military service, returned from his sharemilking job at Te Kuiti to run the home farm. (Dan's grt grandson



Alton War Memorial with the wreaths laid for 2024. The Memorial is now 102 years old.



Trista Linn, Tupito Maruera, Tom Matiaha, Abe Abraham, Sgt Tasha Wineera at Alton

Anzac Day at Alton 2024

Joseph Kelly is reading the ode today). There is an article from The Hawera Normanby Star in Feb of 1917 where Paddy is up before the Military Exemptions Board asking for a 6 month repre before he started training for War. Younger brothers Owen & Alec were, by then, working on the farm with him, a 320 acre farm, back then was a huge operation. Paddy says in the article that he is getting milking machines installed before he goes in 6 months time, and makes it very clear that he wants to go & do his duty for the Empire.

Michael and Richard arrived at Gallipoli on 12 May 1915 leaving their horses behind in Egypt, called in the replace the large loss of soldiers at the Battle of the Landing on 25th April. 12 days after their arrival a 12 hour truce was called to bury the dead that had lay out in the open in no mans land since that first battle a month earlier. Their old school friend, George Bissett the bugler was one of those that had lay out there all that time, with his bullet ridden bugle. The Murphy brothers would have been part of this big burial operation. Lieutenant Colonel William Malone makes special mention of George Bissett in his diary entry of 4th May 1915, he comments on the men he cannot bury between the front lines and refers to the 'bugler lad' Bissett lying 'with his bugle on his back face downwards, shot in his tracks'. On May 24th, Malone writes that Bissett was finally buried during a short armistice. That means that he lay out in the elements in no man's land for nearly a month. Back in 2015 I spoke to Waiouru Army Museum curator, Chris Rapley, he told me that bugle, which is on display there is one of his favourite pieces in the collection. This is what he wrote in an article around that time, about that bugle – *"For me it is an object that strips away the projections of national character-building and distils Gallipoli – and any conflict – down to personal tragedy. It is a personal possession ripped apart by war, just like thousands of individuals and families. When I am close to this bugle it silently speaks to me in a way that other objects cannot. It doesn't talk to me about bravery; it tells me about death, grief, and of families wondering how their boy is faring on the other side of the world. It makes me ponder how Adam and Alice Bissett felt when they heard they had lost their son."*

In the early hours of 8 August Colonel William Malone from Stratford, led the attack on Chunuk Bair with his 760 strong Wellington Infantry Battalion soldiers. By the end of the day, Chunuk Bair had been taken by the ANZACs, but there were only 70 men of this Battalion left, Colonel Malone had also been killed. Within hours the Wellington Mounted Rifles moved in to reinforce the remaining 70 Wellington Infantry men. This was to be Michael and Richard's last battle. They had been fighting side by side as their company advanced on the enemy surrounding Chunuk Bair. Family were told that Michael realized his younger brother Richard was no longer with him, he back tracked to find Richard badly wounded and close to death. This was the last time the two brothers were seen by their fellow soldiers.

Their brother Jack arrived at Gallipoli not long after this battle, but was too late to ever see his brothers again. Their bodies were never found. Jack saw months of heavy combat on the peninsula and was one of the last to be evacuated just before Christmas 1915. The evacuation began on 15 December, with 36,000 troops withdrawn over the following five nights without a single loss of life. The last party left in the early hours of 20 December, they had rigged up rifles etc to fire periodically, so it took days for the Turks to realise they had gone. Jack was one of the last to leave, and would have felt the same thoughts as the words from another soldier's diary I read: *'About 4am we reached the troopship & watched the dark loom of ANZAC cove with its twinkling rifle flashes & bomb bursts...fainter & fainter they grew. We felt a sense of relief & great sadness...& failure'*



Tupito Maruera lays a wreath for the Patea Māori Club



Ruby Murdoch, Sophie and Libby Tate lay a wreath for Patea Rugby & Sports Club.



Kevin Murphy with his daughter Amie (left) and Jacq Dwyer (right) with a photo of Richard & Michael Murphy, Kevin's great uncles killed at Chunuk Bair.



MC Kate Murdoch (left) and Jacq Dwyer (right)

The capture of Chunuk Bair was the only real success our soldiers had in the entire Gallipoli campaign. However, the success was fleeting. The Turks recaptured the peak after a few days and were never to relinquish it again. A New Zealand memorial stands on the summit of Chunuk Bair. It has a narrow slit through which the rising sun shines in early August. Jack had survived months of battle against the Turks and he went on to serve with distinction in the muddy trenches and fields on the Somme, France. He was doing Officer Training in England when his newly enlisted older brother Paddy arrived from NZ. But within weeks Paddy had contracted meningitis. He died on 5th November 1917 with his brother Jack at his side.. The doctors commented on Patrick's magnificent physique, but in those days before penicillin was discovered, nothing could be done for him.

After three years of war service Jack was made an Officer, trained at Oxford and sent back to New Zealand to train new recruits. His rank of 2nd Lieutenant indicates his proven ability as a leader. During this time back in NZ he was to meet his future wife, Jessie Barnes. When he was due to return to Europe, his mother met him in Wellington to say goodbye. She was staying at the Waterloo Hotel, along with many other soldier's wives and mothers. She confided to the proprietress how upset she was, as she had already lost three sons. This woman made an appointment for her to have an interview with James Allen, Minister of Defence, and he said the family had made an outstanding war contribution and there was no need for Jack to return to the front. His bags were removed from the ship without his knowledge. Jack's war at the front line was over.

After the War, Jack married, and had seven children. They bought a farm at Ruawai, and like most returned service men, struggled through the hard years of the Depression in the 1920's. But with steadfast Murphy spirit Jack got through it all, and lived a long, successful life.

The family have never forgotten the sacrifice the Murphy Brothers made. Brendan Kelly told me his mother Josephine would set up a shrine to her uncles every Anzac Day on the mantel piece, their photos lined up with poppies etc. In 2015 we had a service to mark 100 years since Michael and Richard's death at the Meremere War memorial it was a very special day with a huge turn out of the Murphy family descendants. Many have returned today to remember these extraordinary soldiers – can I have a show of hands of who is connected here to the Murphys? It is heartening to see their sacrifice of life has not been forgotten and we join with you all today to remember these men, their mother Ellen, and all the family that was never quite the same again after their loss.

Carlyle Women's Institute

February capped off our year with our AGM, officers elected are:
President – Rose Cowley,
Vice President – Jaime Millar,
Secretary shared position by Rose Cowley & Bridget Dwyer who is also our Treasurer.
Competition Points Results for 2023:
Edna Jackson Cup (Bloom) – 1st Shirley Jensen 19pts, 2nd Liz Hill 16pts, 3rd Kath McColl 6pts
Link Bell (Cluster) – 1st L Hill 11pts, 2nd S Jensen 9pts, 3rd K McColl 8pts
Link Vase (Shrub) – 1st S Jensen 17pts, 2nd L Hill 13pts, 3rd Rose Cowley 9pts
Lois Cassidy Cup (Cooking) – 1st R Cowley 25pts, 2nd S Jensen 12pts, 3rd L Hill 7pts
Carlyle Cup (Handcraft) – 1st R Cowley 26pts, 2nd S Jensen 16pts, 3rd L Hill 11pts
Hillier Cup (Overall Points) – 1st S Jensen 73pts, 2nd R Cowley 70pts, 3rd L Hill 58pts

A beautiful sunny day 21st February we joined other institutes for Founders Day, a walk on the Manaia Walkway to look at the Kowhai Tree presented to Federations at the unveiling of Miss Jerome Spencer Statue (FOUNDER WI), in Napier. The tree certainly has grown. We then had a lovely lunch at Waimate Hotel, Manaia. The guest speaker Richard Hall from Mind Support, presented a Topic" Understanding & Dealing with Anxiety". This was then followed by a mystery bottle auction, wow lots of laughter.

Our March meeting we decided to have a casual lunch at Café Fika to celebrate our 85th Birthday on 28th March,
Competition Results for March– No Handcraft or cooking entered.
Cluster – 1st M Meyer, 2nd K McColl, 3rd R Cowley,
Bloom - 1st K McColl, 2nd M Meyer,
Shrub – 1st K McColl, 2nd M Meyer, 3rd R Cowley

5 members attended the Federation AGM 18 March at Pihama, Mayor Phil Nixon opened the meeting. Federation President Bernadette Gopperth welcomed us all and business was commenced. Guest Speaker Ebony Kalin, a country girl and a straight A Student on her way to Auckland University but a last minute application to Duke University in Durham, North Carolind sees her leaving in June to do a 4 year degree in Political Science and Law.

We recessed for lunch. Returning for another speaker Diane Pentz from Te Ara Pae Trust who provide a safe environment for those who have been affected by abuse of any kind. She said people go through hardship, but also positive outcomes from of Love, food and clothing etc from community donations.

Competition entries at AGM saw Carlyle WI receive 2nd place (Kaye Cup) for Best Annual Report, Colour photo (Reflections) 3rd B Dwyer, Decorated Initial letter 3rd R Cowley and Single Bloom 3rd M Meyer. What a great day.

Our April meeting, business discussed. Guest speaker was Monique Hikaka who has started a small business Candelicious making soy wax candles (organic). She sources her supplies from 2 NZ companies, she has been doing this for about 6 months. Monique sells at markets and at the AMP Show, she hopes to set up a website but for now she has a face book. She is the only one in our area that make wax candles. A Boutique in Ireland has got in touch and wants some of her products.
Competition Results for April,
Bloom – 1st K McColl, 2nd M Meyer, Cluster – 1st K McColl, 2nd M Meyer,
Shrub – 1st K McColl, 2nd M Meyer,
Handcraft (Decorate a Mask) – 1st B Dwyer, 2nd M Meyer. 3rd R Cowley,
Cooking (Anzac Biscuits) – 1st R Cowley, 2nd M Meyer

Watch this space

If you are interested in joining us come and see what we are all about, first Thursday of each month, 1.30pm at Patea Old Folks Hall



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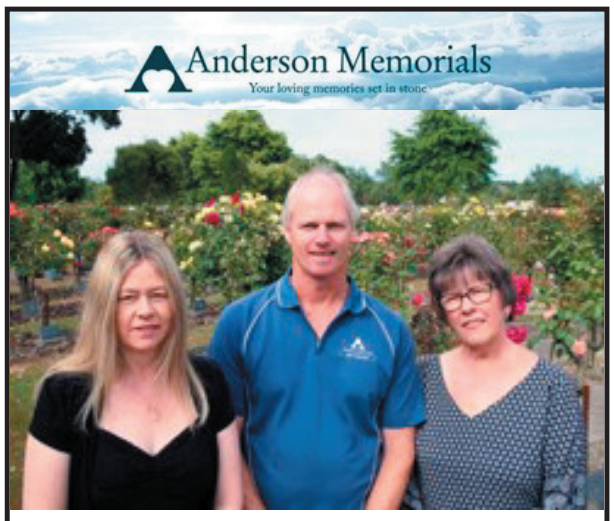

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Rainfall

KAKARAMEA
Rainfall recorded by Kevin Ford, Spence Rd.
Rainfall for March 2024 - 115ml in 14 days
Rainfall for March 2023 - 130ml
Average for March - 85.0ml over 54 years
TOTAL for 2024 - 269.0ml

WAITOTARA
Rainfall recorded by Marie Hawken, Waitotara
Rainfall March 2024 - 78.25ml in 13 days
Rainfall March 2023 - 130.5ml in 12 days
TOTAL for 2024 - 193.25ml

WAVERLEY
Rainfall recorded by Stu Buckman, Waverley
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WED	01 MAY	02:49 2.5m	15:30 2.4m
THU	02 MAY	04:04 2.5m	16:43 2.4m
FRI	03 MAY	05:17 2.6m	17:54 2.5m
SAT	04 MAY	06:23 2.7m	18:58 2.7m
SUN	05 MAY	07:20 2.9m	19:54 2.9m
MON	06 MAY	08:12 3.1m	20:44 3.1m
TUE	07 MAY	09:00 3.2m	21:32 3.2m
WED	08 MAY	09:47 3.2m	22:17 3.2m
THU	09 MAY	10:34 3.1m	23:01 3.2m
FRI	10 MAY	11:20 3.0m	23:45 3.1m
SAT	11 MAY	12:06 2.8m	
SUN	12 MAY	00:30 2.9m	12:54 2.6m
MON	13 MAY	01:17 2.7m	13:44 2.5m
TUE	14 MAY	02:09 2.5m	14:39 2.3m
WED	15 MAY	03:08 2.4m	15:38 2.2m
THU	16 MAY	04:12 2.4m	16:40 2.2m
FRI	17 MAY	05:15 2.4m	17:42 2.3m
SAT	18 MAY	06:11 2.4m	18:39 2.4m
SUN	19 MAY	07:00 2.5m	19:27 2.5m
MON	20 MAY	07:43 2.6m	20:10 2.6m
TUE	21 MAY	08:22 2.7m	20:49 2.7m
WED	22 MAY	09:00 2.7m	21:26 2.8m
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MON	27 MAY	00:00 2.9m	12:27 2.7m
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THU	30 MAY	02:41 2.7m	15:18 2.5m
FRI	31 MAY	03:45 2.7m	16:22 2.5m

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South Taranaki Community Outreach Librarian Katherine Bosworth says the programme has been designed to help build the relationship between teenagers and their local Library, and encourage a positive interaction, with as few barriers as possible.

Any South Taranaki teenager can participate, providing they are 13 to 18 years.

“It’s simple and easy to participate. Borrowing a book will get them into the draw to win one of our weekly prizes. If they want to go in to win our big prize, they need to complete a three-word review on a book. They can complete as many or as little as they wish during the four weeks,” says Katherine. There will be four weekly prize draws and a grand prize draw at the end of the programme.

“Main prizes vary from library to library and include bluetooth speakers, noise cancelling ear buds and a hydro flask water bottle. There is also a weekly prize in each library group giving teens the best shot at winning a prize,” says Katherine.

The programme starts on Monday 6 May and will run until Friday 31 May. It is free to participate, with no registration required.

For more information, visit your local LibraryPlus or find us on facebook.

The quest for connectivity continues



On Tuesday 23 April Hon Melissa Lee, in her capacity as Media and Communications Minister, met Pātea locals to discuss the town’s longstanding issues with digital connectivity.

Carl Bates MP for Whanganui said that the meeting with Minister Lee, coordinated between his office and South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon was a valuable exercise.

“It gave stakeholders, business owners and Pātea residents the opportunity to hear directly from the Minister, and to voice their concerns and frustration to her” Bates said.

Minister Lee suggested that local residents accurately record instances where a mobile service is shown by the telecoms provider as being available when there is in fact no coverage. This should then be reported to the Commerce Commission and to Carl Bates MP.

On Wednesday 24 April Hon Paul Goldsmith was allocated the Media and Communications portfolio. Minister Goldsmith is also the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, Minister of Justice, Minister for State Owned Enterprises, and Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations.

Whanganui MP Carl Bates is campaigning hard for improved mobile connectivity for Pātea and says he will continue his quest with the new Minister.

“Pātea is the fifth-largest town in the electorate but continues to be treated as the poor relation in terms of mobile connectivity.

“Being able to make representations directly to a Minister is really empowering for constituents and when an opportunity like this arises it should be grasped with both hands.”

Carl Bates says he will now turn his attention to briefing Minister Goldsmith’s office and says that the most practical action for people to take now is to sign his petition for improved mobile connectivity in Pātea and mobile black spots along State Highway Three north of Whanganui.

Whanganui MP Carl Bates is campaigning hard for improved mobile connectivity for Pātea and says the change in Minister will make no material difference to his quest.

The petition can be accessed at https://www.national.org.nz/getpateaconnected

Gallery Patea News

Our small rural Gallery Patea has had a busy month showing collage and assemblage works in **‘Coming Together’.** Works from local artists and also a few creatives from outside of Taranaki explored recent happenings over the past year including experiences during Covid and recent political changes and fast track decision making. Works featured guardianship of resources, and other environmental and social issues along with commentary on war and waiting for peace. - as Fred Dagg would have it - ..’We don’t know how lucky we are’. However, lest we become blase with the staus quo it helps to have artists who will question and use thoughtfullness and wit to keep us on our toes. The exhibition closes on the 27th April, some works may still be available for viewing along with works by our local artists, until the opening of our next exhibition focus called

Echoes from Taco’ - 15th May - 8th June.

This exhibition curated by Steven Boothe and supported by the Gallery Patea Committee, recognises the importance of the dynamic Taranaki Artists Co-operative – TACO. A group of established and up and coming younger visual artists in the 1980’s many based rurally who contributed to the arts in Taranaki. Those living around New Plymouth established the King St Gallery and a shared studio space. Many were involved in the Mural projects run by the Govett Brewster under the Director Dick Bett and later Cheryl Sotheran, that proliferated around New Plymouth during the late 70’s’s and into 90’s. Dale Copeland later established the TART Gallery that ran for several years before becoming a virtual online space.

After a Taranaki Arts exhibition held at the Govett Brewster, rejected a number of works from members the collective initiated the annual ‘Renonsense’. It was a rejection of a selection process, accepting all work from artists providing it was ready for display, including poetry readings, music and performance during the Renonsense openings. Mike Smithers, was one of the leads in these events. Peter Lambert, Dale Copeland, Tom Mutch, Marrianne Muggeridge, Wayne Morris, Aldo, Paul Hutchinson, Tom Kreisler, Roger Morris, and several others were part of Re-nonsense events.. One year a series of exhibitions – now rknown as ‘pop-up’s were held under the project name of ’Around the Mountain’ and hosted by artists living in towns around Maunga Taranaki, making use of empty buildings to show their work in rural small towns..

Hand pulled posters and other ephemera from a private collection form the base of this exhibition iindicate some of the group’s history, concerns, and activities. Steven Boothe has sourced current works from some of the now mature artists to give show the continuity of the creative process. The collection documents the enthusiasm of the artists for their work, and also their concerns on local and international political and social movements of the times.

These two exhibitions both highlight the importance of the voice of art in society, - it’s not jusr pretty pictures, but also a vehicle for commentary, identity, recording history, and challenging view points.

It’s important to support the arts, and your artists in the community.

During Echoes from TACO an interactive space and materials will be set aside for visitors inspired by the exhibition to make their own postcard graphic with an option to show them in a designated space during the exhibition. We appreciate funding support from Creative Communities to enable presenting this exhibition

Winter hours now in place –
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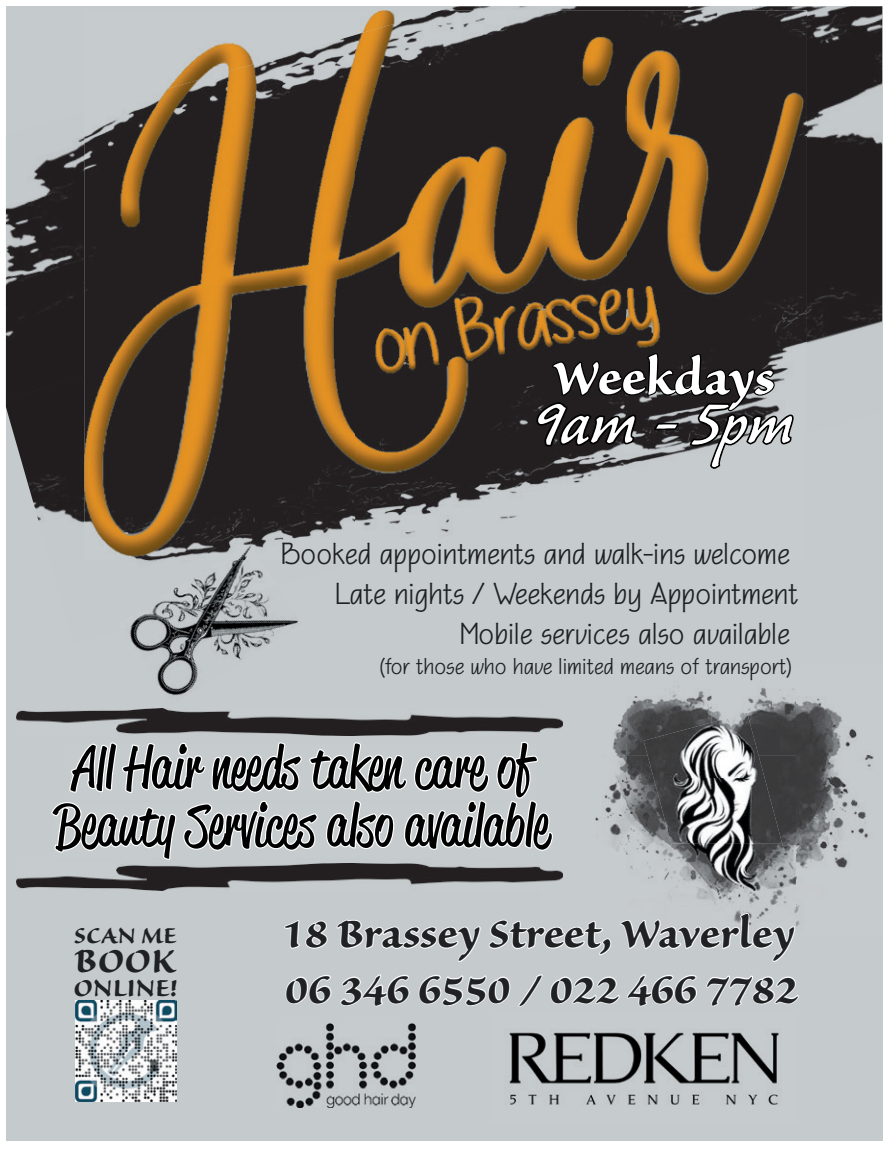


APRIL 2024

PANUI

Pātea Area School

Principal's Panui

Kia ora koutou,

Term one has been an amazing term full of learning, events and experiences. In this issue you will see exquisite shots from the 2024 Ball. You will also see some of the excitement from this weeks cluster athletics, as well as some of the other happenings from the last couple of weeks.

As term one finishes we look forward to what term two will bring. Please make sure you look over the term two's calendar, as we have a number of teacher only days.



Some Whakairo example completed in 2023 for my Diploma in Māori & Indigenous Art through Te Wānanga o Aotearoa



The seniors had an amazing Saturday night at the 2024 School Ball. Here we see Raian Lal and his partner, who were crowned cutest couple on the night. Please see this issue and our facebook for more photos

For some special term two news, I have been fortunate enough to have been granted a 10 week sabbatical by Teach NZ. During this time I will be furthering my studies in Whakairo. In my absence, Whaea Raveena will be Acting Principal. I wish her and the team all the best and know they will uphold our values of Rangatiratanga, Manaakitanga and Kaitiakitanga.

Ngā mihi

James Davidson
Principal, Pātea Area School





2024 CLUSTER ATHLETICS



















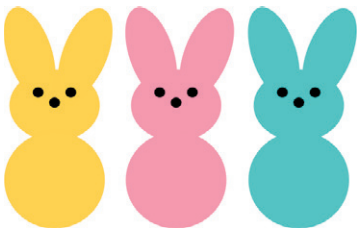
Top Left: Some of our student's attending the COP21 Symposium at the Green School.
Top Right: Students at the Principal's lunch.
Left: The 2024 Student Council receiving their badges.
Right:Recently we held a non uniform day, to raise money for the South Taranaki Coastguard. Pictured are Poppy Gibb, Ariihia Pullen and Ezahryn August with Coastguard member Dan Gibb. Poppy is presenting the money to Dan.
Bottom Right: More COP21 Symposium action.











Some Easter goodness in the Junior school



ANZAC DAY

Pātea dawn service: (7am) War Memorial

Hāwera dawn service: (6.30am) Memorial Arch, 130 Princes St, Hāwera. Assemble at Old Post Office in Princes St at 6.15am







Awesome effort from our Rippa teams in the final round of the 2024 Rippa Rugby season. Both teams fought hard in testing conditions and did Pātea proud. We would also like to congratulate Aiden Honeyfield who was awarded the year 7/8 Fair Play award at prizegiving.

Pātea Area School would like to thank all the players, coaches, drivers, supporters and organisers for making it an awesome season.

TERM 2 DATES

April 12	End of Term
April 25	ANZAC Day
April 29	Start of Term 2
May 7	Whole School Cross Country
May 27	NCEA Teacher Only Day No school for Year 9-13
June 3	King's Birthday
June 10-11	Teacher Only Days All School
June 27	School Matariki Celebration
June 28	Matariki Holiday
July 5	Last Day of Term 2

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Fun and learning at Patea Kindergarten – Term 1

We have had a great start to the year at Patea kindergarten and we would like to tell you about some of the things we have been doing.





We get lots of visitors at Patea kindergarten. Most fortnights two ladies from the local library come for a visit and bring with them a basket full of books, the children love story time, and we hope this will foster the childrens love of reading as it will take them on wonderful adventures and to many magical places.



At Patea kindergarten we are blessed with a huge outdoor play space where our Tamariki can explore, create and get lost in their imagination. There are a range of various natural materials to use in play, like hunting, gathering and pretending to camp out in the nature.

We also have an apple tree in our garden. The children have watched the magic of the apple tree coming to life, patiently waiting and checking for new little leaves to apper, then searching for tiny white blossoms which miraculously transformed into little apples to finally being harvested. The children chose the best ones for peeling and then cooking with.





We do a lot of cooking at kindergarten. This is such a great way to introduce the chidren to early literacy, maths and science concepts in an interactive and fun way. The children are able to watch and learn, first hand how to follow a recipe and listen to instructions for weighing and measuring the inredients. Participating in these moments is an important part of learning – and yummy too.







We were also lucky enough to have a visit from the Army museum in Waiouru. We were told a story about colonel Babu, a terrier who joined a Maori battalion soldier in Noth Africa during WWII. He became a valuable companion within the squadron and was eventually smuggled back to New Zealand.

One day some of the elderly people from Te Mahana, the rest home in Patea came for a visit. We organised for them to pop in for some morning kai and what a great morning we had together. We gave them some cards we had drawn and they surprised us with an easter egg each. We hope they enjoyed it as much as we did.

We also made a wreath for ANZAC Day.



Fun and learning at Patea Kindergarten – Term 1



Please call in for a visit and have a look at our wonderful environment when you have time. We take enrolments from two year olds and older so call in and pick up an enrolment form, we are open Monday-Friday, 8.30-2.30.

Hope to see you soon! Hima, Karen, Holly, Tayla, Alva and Emma













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ANZAC MEMORIAL ASSEMBLY

We paid our respects to our service members with a special ANZAC assembly earlier in the month. Thank you to the student council members who did an amazing job of hosting, the whānau members who joined us, and to all our tamariki who treated the occasion with respect.



Room Koru created poppy wreaths to honour the ANZACs



Room Rimu created silhouette art and wrote poems contemplating what it would have been like to be in the war





Room Manuka made medals to acknowledge the bravery of the people and animals in their lives

WEET-BIX TRYATHLON

Well done to all of our ākonga who participated in the Weet-Bix Tryathlon this year. We are so proud of you all for giving it a go!



Mason Knight, Charlier Werder, Cooper Knight and Taine Murdoch are ready to go!



CLUSTER CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Well done to our cricketers who took part in our cluster cricket tournament this year. Congratulations to our year 3 and 4 team who gave it their all and took 2nd place, and to our year 5 and 6 team who scored a narrow win against Waverly Primary to take out the final! Thank you to Waverly Primary School for hosting and all the whānau who came out to support us, especially our parent coaches.

YEAR 5-6 TEAM
Elijah Lasike, Cooper Knight, Mason Knight, Kobi Napflin, Jamie Napflin (Coach), Charlie Werder, Taine Murdoch, Wilson Manson, Richie Reid





Ardie Reid and Frankie Werder proudly show off their medals



YEAR 3-4 TEAM
Back: Coaches Shawn England and David Reid
Front: Louis McColl, Ardie Reid, Wills McColl, Henry Buhler, Xavier England

RIPPA RUGBY FINALS 2024

Well done to all of our rippa players for a fantastic season! Congratulations to our year 5 and 6 team who took out their final! A special thank you to our Whenuakura teammates and our whānau community for their support, especially our parent coaches.



YEAR 5-6 TEAM
Evonne Thompson, Taine Murdoch, Mason Knight, Kobi Napflin, Cooper Knight, Elijah Lasike, Charlie Werder, Wilson Manson, Richie Reid, Leah Honeyfield, Macy McGillvray, Georgie Williams

CLUSTER ATHLETICS 2024

Thank you to Pātea Area School for hosting Athletics Day for our cluster. It was great to see our tamariki having a blast and giving everything a go. Congratulations to our winning relay team! An extra special thank you to all the whānau who came out to supervise and support. We couldn't have done it without you!



YEAR 3-4 TEAM Back: Coaches Greg Buhler and David Reid
Middle: Rishon Weyarge, Divon Weyarge, Harper Symes, Matilda Skipper, Frankie Werder, Azalea Taogaga-Gubb, Penelope Croot
Front: Ardie Reid, Henry Buhler, Oscar Werder





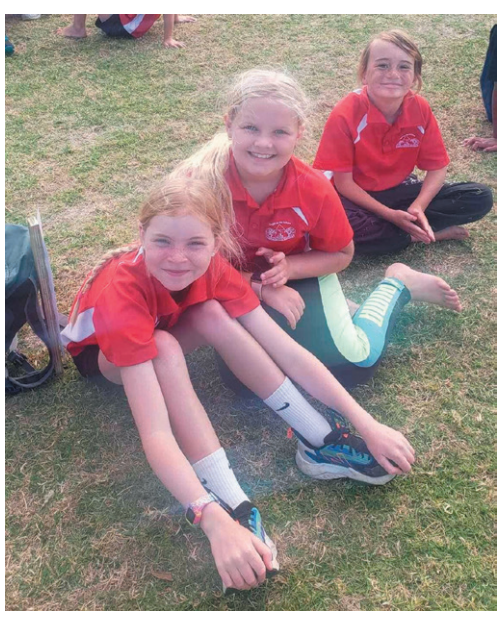
Images Left
Top: Relay winners Taine Murdoch, Charlotte Tate, Evonne Thompson and Charlie Werder celebrate being #1!

Second: Cooper Knight gears up for his javelin throw

Third: Corey White, Koen Davis, Oscar Rutten, Leo Muller and Angus Reid are all smiles as they wait for their turn at shotput

Bottom: Zola Gibbs, Estelle Croot and Amelia Wakeling cheer on their schoolmates as they wait for their race





IMPORTANT TERM 2 2024 DATES

Friday 3rd May - Year 5 & 6 Cluster Sports Practice, 11.30-12.30pm, Pātea Area School

Tuesday 7th May - Events Committee Meeting, Rimu Room, 6.15pm

Thursday 9th May - Step Up 4 School, Koru Room, 2-3pm

Friday 10th May - School Assembly, Manuka Room hosting, 2pm

Sunday 12th - Tuesday 14th May - Year 6 Leadership Camp to Wellington

Friday 17th May - Year 5 & 6 Cluster Sports Practice, 11.30-12.30pm, Pātea Area School

Monday 20th May - Staff Only Day - School is not open for instruction

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Warm greetings from the Whenuakura School families and community,

We are looking forward to an exciting 2nd Term where together, we will continue to inspire and empower our ākonga (students) to reach new heights of success and achievement.

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Growing Personal Excellence

Cluster Athletics

We had a fantastic day out at Cluster Athletics at Pātea Area School on Tuesday 9th April. This was a new experience for many of our students and it was great to see everyone actively participating and enjoying themselves.











Duffy Role Model Assembly

A stingray barb, a huge horseshoe crab shell, various fossils, and sparkling geodes were just some of the interesting items students were able to see up close during our visit from Diana Queenin on 28th March. Our tamariki (children) were presented with two beautiful new books each to take home and enjoy.
























End of Term 1 Assembly

Sharing learning and celebrating success at our end of term assembly.



Upcoming Events
Thursday 25th April Pātea Anzac Day Dawn Service
Monday 29th April First day back at School
Tuesday 30th April Y4-6 Students depart for School Camp
Friday 3rd May Y4-6 Students return from School Camp

I hope all of our students and their whānau (families) have had a safe and wonderful holiday doing what they enjoy with the people they love. I can't wait to see you all back at school on Monday 29th April.
Ngā manaakitanga
Raylene Harris
Tumuaki - Principal











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Sports News & Results

Waverley-Waitotara Sheep Dog Trial Club

LOCAL RESULTS
23rd & 24th February 2024
Held at 270 Kohi Road, Waverley

HEADING EVENTS

CLASS 1 LONG HEAD:
J L ELMSLIE STICK for Competitor scoring most points: Harry Symes and Belle 84.75
CLASS 2 SHORT HEAD & YARD:
RH & T HUGHES Cup & Trophy for Local Competitor, and maiden dog and,
CLUB CHALLENGE SALVER for Highest points Local maiden competitor and maiden dog: Ben Aiken and Kate 64
CLASS 2B SHORT HEAD & YARD:
WANGANUI AERO WORKS ROSE BOWL, Highest scoring most points Harry Symes and Belle 62
FARMLANDS TROPHY, Novice scoring most points in Class 2B: Ben Aiken and Hank 61
AGGREGATES FOR CLASSES 1 & 2:
RON AIKEN CHALLENGE CUP, Maiden dog scoring most points Classes 1&2:
Harry Symes and Belle 146.75
LIQUORLAND Wanganui trophy, Intermediate/ maiden competitor with intermediate/maiden dog:
Harry Symes and Belle 146.75

HUNTAWAY EVENTS

CLASS 3 ZIG ZAG HUNTAWAY:
WANGANUI FARM SUPPLIES trophy, Maiden competitor with maiden dog:
Matt Honeyfield and Raulf 90
FARMLANDS WANGANUI TROPHY, Local competitor with highest points:
Harry Symes and Dave 92
CLASS 4 STRAIGHT HUNTAWAY:
FARMLANDS WANGANUI TROPHY, Maiden competitor with maiden dog:
Harry Symes and Dave 92
W JENSEN SILVER MUG, Competitor and dog scoring highest points:
Harry Symes and Dave 90=
Willie Symes and Beer 90=
AGGREGATES CLASSES 3 & 4:
MEDLICOTT CHALLENGE CUP, Maiden dog scoring most points in Classes 3 & 4:
Harry Symes and Dave 182
GODDERIDGES PHARMACY Trophy, for Novice scoring most points in 3 & 4:
Ben Aiken and Meg 172
MIKE McGEE MEMORIAL CUP, for Competitor with most points in 3 & 4:
Harry Symes and Dave 182
LIQUORLAND WANGANUI trophy, for Intermediate/ maiden competitor with intermediate/maiden dog gaining highest points 3 & 4:
Harry Symes and Dave 182

SPECIAL TROPHIES:
TC SIMSON MEMORIAL TRAY, for highest aggregate with one heading dog and one huntaway dog: Harry Symes and Belle 146.75/ Dave 182 = 236.75
SIMSON FAMILY CUP, Highest aggregate for Maiden Heading Dog: Harry Symes and Belle 145.75
DS & CS SMITH CUP for Competitor with highest run in any one run – any status:
Harry Symes and Dave 92
J L ELMSLIE CHALLENGE SHIELD, Highest points for maiden committee member in any one run: Matt Honeyfield Raulf 90
LINWOOD CHALLENGE CUP, Competitor scoring most points in trials (max 3 dogs to count): Harry Symes and Belle 146.75 / Dave 182 / Rooster 71.5 = 400.25
TONY HEWTON trophy, for Competitor who has not won a prize – highest points any one run: BJ Schrader and Maude 76
THE JADE & OPAL FACTORY ARROWTOWN, Jade Whistle for highest pointed man – one run:
Harry Symes and Dave 92
THE JADE & OPAL FACTORY ARROWTOWN, Jade Pendant for highest aggregate women competitor: Robyn Stephens (Te Kuiti) Rod 97/91 =188
PURINA/TUX/NZSDTA Certificate of Achievement for Top Local Maiden competitor 2023 and voucher:
Matt Honeyfield and Raulf 90
ALEX ROSS TROPHY donated by Alison Ross and Est WJ Ross, for Taranaki Dog Trial Club Team with highest points: Egmont Sheep Dog Trial Club
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Local Tamariki Representing Taranaki



Jack Kelsen and Kauri Kanara both of Patea just represented Taranaki in Aotearoa Māori rugby league competition over the weekend (20-21 April) in Rotorua.

Their team made it to Quarter finals which is a huge accomplishment for them and their Team.

Both Families are very proud of their Son's achievements and success.



Sports News & Results

Patea Golf Club News April 2024

Patea Cup
The fifth round was not played because of bad weather conditions.
Easter Monday
A stableford round was played and Nick Williams with 43 points was well clear from the rest of the field. Second equal were Mike Taikato and Gerald Rutten with 35 points
Handicap Pennants
The Patea Ladies have made the semi final playoffs so well done ladies. Good luck for the playoffs on the 29th April 2024.
Clubhouse refurbishment
Kitchen work is still to be done
Subscriptions
Should be all paid now unless you are paying a regular instalments.
Club Matchplay Championships
Round 0ne of our club Matchplay championships have been completed.
The draw for other rounds will be displayed in the clubhouse window
Wayne Railton Trophy
This postponed event was played on Sunday 21st April. Good course and weather conditions prevailed and a good field participated. This was a multiple stableford competition and first were Dillon Pullen and Jamie-Close Adams and runners up were Gerald Rutten and Kath Honeyfield.Twos were scored by Steve Honeyfield Jamie – Close Adams and Phil Cassidy A delicious afternoon tea followed prizegiving
Club Coaching
There will be club coaching for members on Sunday 12th May. The coaching will be done by Ivan Howe and club repairs can also be done on this day. Book your 30 minute lesson or club repair
Red Rock Catering
The next meal at the clubhouse catered by Red Rock will be Friday 17th May at 6pm
Treat yourself and have a night off cooking

Upcoming Events

Sat 4th May	**3rd round Club Matchplay Championships**
Sat 11th May	**Finals Club Matchplay Championships**
Sun 12th May	**Club members coaching**
Fri 17th May	**Red Rock Catering. Evening meal**
Sat 18th May	**Black and White Cup 18 Holes Nett**
Sat 25th May	**Men verses Ladies Annual Pot Luck Dinner**

Turi Indoor Bowls

Wow our bowlers are really having fun on the mats, our ladies versus men night was unfortunately won by the men resulting in ladies bringing supper the following week.

Another fun night 20/20 was won by Ray Finlay, Roger Parker, John Smailes and Steven Sole.

The championship fours was a great battle, 2 games won by Roger Parker, Ray Finlay, Rose Cowley and Bridget Dwyer defeating Win Finlay, John Smailes, Yvonne Baldwin and Steven Sole. Rogers team will play in the Champion of champions 27th April at Riverlea.

Our novelty night was hilarious we played 3 games. 1st game we tried hard not to knock down the kitty sitting on top of a cylinder, 2nd game hide the kitty under an ice cream container and hope when lifted the kitty is the closest to your bowl and 3rd game we played left handed, well some great bowls we played and some rolled right off the mat. Winners John Smailes & Bridget Dwyer, runner-up Win Finlay & Trish.

Until next time, watch this space.

Waverley Croquet Club News

As we are fast approaching the end of our playing season, things are pretty quiet.

We are at the tail end of our Club competitions with just a few games of singles to be completed. These should be completed by early May. During the month there were 10 Hole in Ones achieved and only 4 jumpshots managed. With Easter and School Holidays happening not all members were available to play which would of affected the results. The Club ran a firewood Raffle and the lucky winner was ticket 155 Christine Barnes Tuka. Congratulations.

We wish to thank the community for their support as without community support many Clubs are likely to struggle.

Up and coming events:
Prize-giving: members will be advised when this will happen.
Closing Day: yet to be determined. Members will be advised.
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Sports News & Results

Carlyle Pony Club Cups Day – Results

Saturday 27th April 2024, held at Waverley Pony Club Grounds

Riders 8 years and under

Sharenna Cup for Best Rider (lead-rein) – Georgia McAree
Guildford Cup for Best Rider – Harriet McAree
AW Thurlow Cup for Best Rider over low Pony Jumps (lead-rein) – Georgia McAree
AW Thurlow Cup for Best Rider over low Pony Jumps – Harriet McAree
Middleton Challenge Cup – Best rider over Jumps – Sophie Muller

Riders 9 and 10 years

Brent Thompson Cup for Best Rider – Hannah Crawford
Lennox Challenge Cup for Best Rider over Jumps – Hannah Crawford

Riders 10 years and under

Learner Pony Challenge Cup for Best Learners Mount – Georgia McAree





Riders 11 and 12 years

Rosewarne Cup for Best Rider – Hollie Fowler
Otoia Farm Trophy for Beat Rider over Jumps – Hollie Fowler

Riders 13 and 14 years

Symes Cup for Best Rider – Sophie Fowler
Lupton/Longstaff Cup for Best Rider over Jumps – Izzy Dawson

Riders 15 years and over

Boon Cup for Best Rider – Jodi Carver
ODE Senior Cup for Best Rider over Jumps – Jodi Carver

Riders 11 years and over

Knight Rider (Kit) Memorial Trophy for Best Learner Mount – Hollie Fowler

Abraham Cup for Champion Rider on Flat – Jodi Carver
Bourke Cup for Champion Rider over Jumps – Izzy Dawson
Arthur Gudsell Challenge Cup for Points Prize – Hollie Fowler
Reserve Champion Rider on Flat – Sophie Fowler
Reserve Champion Rider over Jumps – Sophie Muller
Senior Sportsmanship Cup – Isla Ericsson
Junior Sportsmanship Cup – Zola Gibbs









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