

Patea & Waverley Press

Te Karere o Patea me Te Wairoaiti

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Paepae in the Park 2026 – Chairman’s Report & Final Address

This year’s Paepae in the Park was a resounding success — a powerful celebration of creativity, and whānaungatanga that united the community with pride and purpose.

Memorial Gardens came alive with energy, mana, and connection. Whānau gathered. Music carried across the gardens. Laughter echoed. The wairua

was electric — a reminder of what happens when community leads with aroha and belief in its own strength.

As you entered Pātea from either end of town, rows of flags flying proudly outside resident households made a powerful statement. This was not subtle.(making use of a clever and indirect method to achieve something) which showed visible unity, pride on display signaling unwavering support for Paepae in the Park and made it clear that this

event did not just host the day — it stood behind it.

All the rangatahi and performers stood tall. Pātea Area School and Taikura kapa haka rōpū represented with confidence and passion. Surge Cartel Uprising and The Lights Go Out (11-piece band from Whanganui) delivered powerful performances. Solo artist Kwyze brought his presence to the stage, alongside Bay of Plenty duo TJ and Huri.

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A Christian Word

Micah 6:8, "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God"

God requires nothing else from us, our efforts to control our environment, other peoples etc. He does not require sacrifices of any kind, nor to just come and bow down before Him. We need to understand that when we show justice to everything, to ensure that others are treated correctly, that there are no favouritism or bribes to change our views, that we walk up-rightly with all integrity, honour one another more than ones self, it really is a big ask, why? Because we love to put self-first, second and to show any form of justice, it may be reconstrued as a weakness! With justice comes mercy! God displays His mercy upon us when we repent of all our sins and turn to Him. Mercy means to show kind or compassionate behaviour towards your enemies, who is in ones power. The power to show clemency – mercy! Truth be known, we want our pound of flesh, some sort of pay back for the offences you contributed to. To show justice is to act fairly, to show mercy is to go further and show love, either one is connected to the other! Then God asks of us to walk humbly before Him. To be humble is to have no pride, selflessness, to be lower than others, not inferior, but lower as a show of yielding

willingly before God. We will come un-stuck big time if we have any pride when we begin to walk humbly before Him, a form of meekness, which is strength under control. Its not like being un-merciful, when you have it in your power to hurt someone. No, it is a very conscious effort to realize your place and state of being before God Almighty! You can not come into His glorious Prescence while there is pride in your heart, because if you think you are someone of importance say, you will soon realize that lie! What does God require of you O man? To act justly and to show mercy and to walk humbly before Him. When you give this some thought, there is no other way to display the type of person, that others can trust, feel comfortable with & most importantly, to not think you are the lesser of the two! That flies in the face of our being, does it not? We want to dominate, let others know we are the alpha male, so to speak, look at me, im very important, openly but, discretely, display our toys and cars etc. we are successful! Praise be to God and to Jesus Christ, all these shallow things that cling to us are a waste of time in the long run, why? Were not going to take any of it with us when we die!! Seems really pointless, does it not? But to show justice, mercy and humbleness, these we take with us when we die!

Come Lord Jesus Edward Reeves Patea

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March 2026 Mass Times

Sunday 8th March 11.00am
Mass, St Francis de Sales, Waverley
Sunday 15th March 9.30am
Liturgy of the Word, St Francis de Sales, Waverley
Sunday 22nd March 11.00am
Mass, St Patrick's Patea
Sunday 29th March 9.30am
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Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki

Under the supervision of the South Taranaki District Museum Trust, work is underway to remove, restore, repaint and reinstall the carvings on the māhau of Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki. As you can imagine, they are constantly exposed to the elements which has caused damage over time. An assessment of the carvings was undertaken by master carver Jason Hina from Ngaa Rauru. Jason is checking the softness of the maihi, looking for any water damage that may have occurred being displayed for the last 15 years. This initial work will be completed in March 2026.

Te Manu Ra'a o Ra'iātea | The Heavenly Bird of Rangiātea opened on 14 February. The exhibition showcases the spiritual journey to Taputapuātea Marae in Tāhiti by the artist, Mahuto'a Pasha Clothier. On display is the kōhatu named Te Manu Ra'a o Ra'iātea. The kōhatu was uplifted from the awa next to Taputapuātea Marae, which the Aotea waka travelled down on its voyage to Aotearoa. This exhibition is on until June 2026.



Discover Aotea Utanganui – The Museum of South Taranaki

Right in the heart of Pātea at 127 Egmont Street, Aotea Utanganui – The Museum of South Taranaki stands as a proud guardian of our district's stories. Operated by the South Taranaki District Museum Trust Incorporated, this community-led museum captures the spirit, resilience and identity of South Taranaki.

What makes Aotea Utanganui truly unique is its dedicated focus on preserving and sharing the social, cultural, technological and economic stories of our people and place. From rich iwi history and early settlement displays to agricultural innovation and local industry, every exhibit reflects authentic South Taranaki heritage.

A highlight for many visitors is the historic printing press — a rare working example that connects people to the era when newspapers and posters were produced by hand. The museum's diverse collections include photographs, archival records, taonga, artworks and everyday objects, many generously donated by local families.

Importantly, entry to the museum is free, ensuring everyone can experience and learn from our shared heritage. Visitors are warmly invited to leave a koha (donation), which is greatly appreciated and directly supports the preservation of collections and maintenance of the buildings.

Previous visitors have described the museum as:
"A hidden gem in Pātea — beautifully presented and full of fascinating local stories."

"Warm, welcoming and surprisingly extensive."
"One of the best small community museums we've visited in New Zealand."
For international travellers exploring Taranaki, Aotea Utanganui offers an

authentic grassroots museum experience. For locals, it's a place to reconnect with whakapapa and celebrate the stories that shaped our community.
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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 - Brothers In Law. Part 2 Constable Michael O’Brien

Michael Joseph O’Brien was born in Ireland in 1858. His father, a grocer/farmer, died when he was only eight years old and his mother later remarried and started a large second family. Crowded conditions and lack of employment opportunities were probably the catalyst for seventeen year old Michael to emigrate. He left home in August 1877 aged seventeen as an assisted immigrant on the New Zealand Shipping Co.’s ship Waitara, arriving in Nelson in December. For the next two years he worked around the Nelson and West Coast area, probably labouring.

In 1879 Michael enlisted (along with his brother Ben, later the constable in Waverley) in the 4th Company of the Armed Constabulary under Captain Newell, being stationed at Pungarehu, Taranaki. It appears that while in Taranaki Michael met English-born Catherine Humphries who had arrived in New Zealand from England in 1874 with her family who established themselves as a Taranaki farming family. She. There is some suggestion that Michael’s brother Ben and his wife introduced the couple when Catherine was employed in the Catholic presbytery in Patea. The couple married in Wellington in 1885 when Michael was based there while training for the police.

After a period of duty in Wellington, in March 1886 Michael was transferred to Dunedin where the first two of the couple’s children were born. Around 1889 he became Officer in Charge of the newly opened station in the short-lived gold mining town of Nenthorn, the scene of Otago’s last quartz gold-mining rush. When he arrived, the township consisted of calico, sod and iron houses, twenty hotels and a wide range of businesses. It was renowned for its epic brawling and lawlessness. Fights with knives, boots and pieces of wood were common and policing facilities were limited. It was a common practice to chain prisoners to a rock, tent or a log, and there was a reported case of an Irishman who picked the log up and walked off!

In 1889 Michael became the officer in charge of the newly opened sole charge station at Middelmarsh. A police house had been built but had burned down when shearers were living in it, so the family started out in a ‘tent house’. These basic living conditions consisted of a wooden floor and walls and canvas roofs, so Michael leased a farm house for his family. Nenthorn was a ghost town by 1891 but until then Michael Michael officiated at various functions which were no doubt lively affairs. He would also often travel the seventeen miles to Reefs on a mounted patrol – riding one horse and leading another. His work was taxing and he later said that if at times he had been ‘rugged’ in the course of his duty at Middelmarsh, he hoped people would remember that even a saint might be ‘rugged’ at times if he had police duty to perform!

Catherine travelled back to her parents’ home in Opunake for the birth of her daughter Aida in 1896 and it was about this time that Michael bought a farm there which he called Moynoe, named after his parish in Ireland. Catherine also purchased a property in Middelmarsh so the couple must have

been very good with their money. Their only son was born in 1898 after six girls (one of whom drowned in Middelmarsh) and he was named after his Uncle Benjamin who was already the policeman in Waverley.

In February 1899 Michael was promoted to Patea which meant Catherine could be near her elderly parents and Michael close to his brother. Michael wore many hats. In addition to being the Constable in Charge, he was Clerk of the Court, Registrar of Pensions, Bailiff, an official member of the Taranaki Maori Council, the Inspector of Factories and of Weights and Measures, and holder of various other minor official positions. The family soon became involved in the community and the children attended the Catholic School.

Just where the family lived is unknown, possibly in a cottage on the present site of the station, but their living conditions were totally inadequate for a family of eight. They coped for the best part of three years but in August 1902 the town clerk wrote to the Inspector of Police at Wanganui saying, “I am directed to forward you a copy of the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Patea Borough Council bearing on the overcrowded state of the Police Constable’s residence in this town. It is the worst case in the town and my Council requires the nuisance abating within one month from this date; otherwise proceedings will have to be taken under the Municipal Corporations and Public Health Act. Asking your immediate attention to this matter. “The response was quick: a new police house was quickly erected. No doubt the skills that Michael had gained from his military service and time in goldmining towns stood him in good stead in Patea but Catherine must have been relieved that the clientele her husband had to deal with was not as rambunctious and troublesome as in the past and the town was relatively peaceful.

During Michael’s tenure, three Native Constables were appointed, although all were gone by March 1905. The first was Tume Epo, who was appointed in April 1902 and resigned in September 1904. Wiremu Niheta was appointed in March 1904 but



Right: Michael and Catherine O’Brien with their children just after their arrival in Patea.
Standing: Margaret and Ellen
Seated: Catherine with Aida, Catherine Bertha, Michael with young Benjamin
Seated on floor: Ethel
The last daughter Josephine was not born until 1908 in Patea.

resigned that July and Aorere was appointed a fortnight after that and was dismissed eight months later. These men were paid £26 a year. I presume that instead another constable was appointed.

Michael covered a large area working on a variety of offending. Life was never dull. The last three months of 1904 saw him staking out the Ball Rd railway station at night with a porter after several thefts had been reported. He had no success but after Mr Kerson left his bag with goods valued at £25 and it disappeared, he started looking at advertisements of goods for sale locally. On seeing some field glasses for sale, he contacted Kerson to see if they might be his. With a positive response Michael took out a search warrant for the home of a well-known Kakaramaea resident and found many of the stolen goods. It was a fine piece of detective work.

An amusing incident occurred in 1906 when residents discovered the body of a man lying in a paddock off the road. A passerby contacted the police and Michael who was in Hawera was telephoned to advise him of the situation. He issued instructions that the body was not to be touched until his return. Nevertheless a small crowd gathered and the doctor in company of a lawyer and undertaker appeared on the scene just as the corpse woke up

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and scratched his head. He was quite astonished to find out he had been 'dead', and indignant about the disturbance, immediately setting off to find some alcohol. Given the disturbance the man had caused, Michael ensured that the 'lately deceased' appeared in court and was fined.

Like his brother in Waverley, Michael had an unblemished record as evidenced in police records, and was awarded the Police Long Service Medal and the Police Good Conduct Medal.

In February 1909, the Police Department advertised the transfer of Michael from Patea to Greytown, but Michael, who'd suffered for some years from an injury caused while on mounted duty, chose retirement after thirty years and four months of public service. He was, at this point, the longest-serving policeman at Patea. He was farewelled in style and presented with a silver tea and coffee set

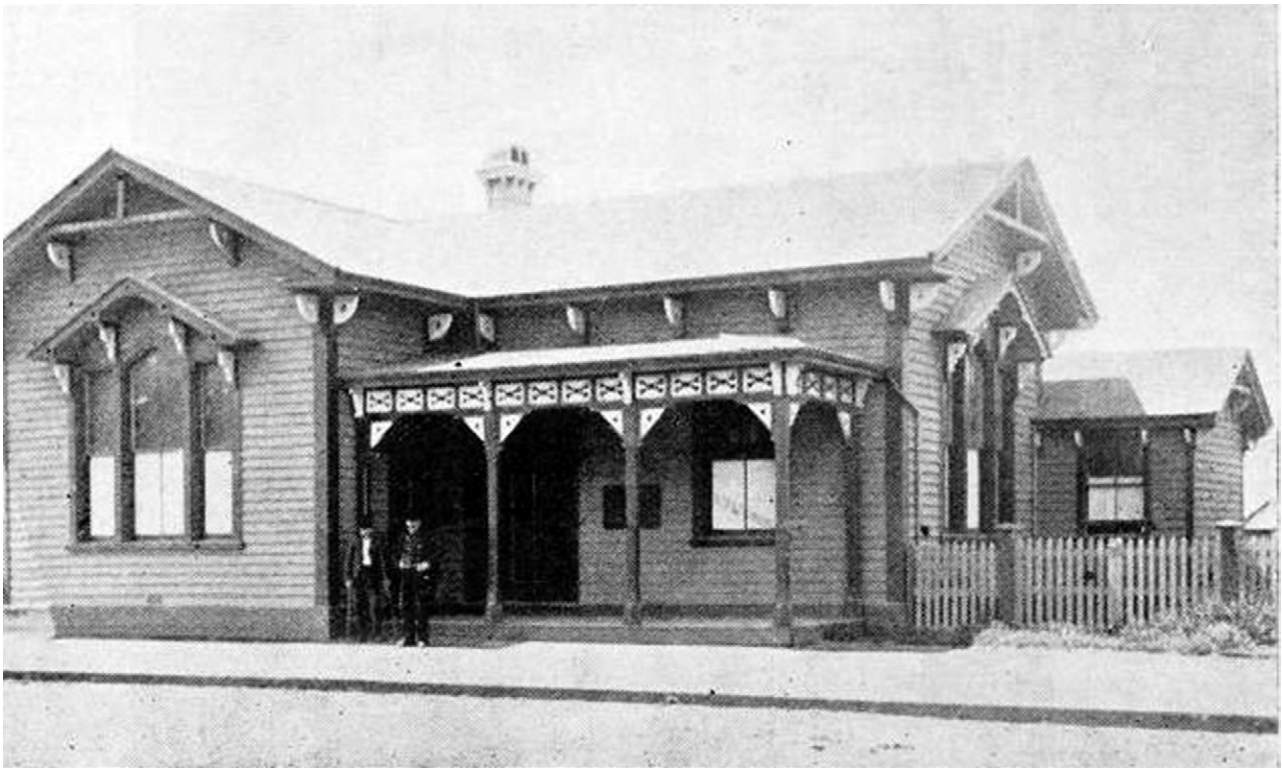
by the community. In 1919 he became a J.P and was a driving force in the Opunake community where his wife died in 1930 and he died in 1936.

The New Zealand Tablet wrote of him at the time of his death, "His high principle from which he would brook no compromise, his intelligent mind and retentive memory - and last, but indeed first, his loyalty to his faith and the land of his fathers made him a great and good life, the closing of which was lamented by friends in all parts of the Dominion."

I found it interesting to learn about the lives of Michael and his brother Benjamin, not just brothers in law, but brothers in life. Like those who came before and after them, they were instrumental in the growth of Patea and Waverley and we are indebted for the O'Brien's combined thirty five years of service. Thanks to family historian Kath Woodley for family information and photographs.



The ornate presentation silver tea and coffee set is still held within the family 116 years after its presentation.
Photo: Kath Woodley



The stylish courthouse in Constable O'Brien's day which he attended each court day.
Photo: Auckland Libraries Heritage Collection NZG 190307-0371-05.

Waverley Craft & Farmers Market

Where: Waverley Community Hall

When: Sunday ~ 15th March
~ 19th April
~ 17th May

Time: 9am to 1pm

Come along and join the fun at our new local market. Stock up on fresh produce, jams, and preserves or check out all the wonderful art and craft stalls, car boot sales and food trucks.

To book please email waverleymarket@gmail.com or call/text 021 052 4889



Our Easter market will be on the 15 March. Our market is held at The Waverley Community Centre on Chester Street from 9am to 1pm every 3rd Sunday.

The Easter market will have some awesome vendors selling a huge range of goods. We will also be handing out Market Dollars as spot prizes. These can be used at any of our stalls. Stallholders are then reimbursed at the end of the market.

We will also be having an Easter hamper draw. Every visitor gets a free ticket. Spend at any stall and you get another entry.

The hamper will be full of lots of yummy treats so make sure you get down to enter.

Remember to bring cash on the day and come and support your local crafters

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 Nukumarū Hotel (Handley's Hotel)
January 2024	Rewi Alley
February 2024	An Interesting Life - Ann Elmslie
March 2024	Our Boer War Soldiers
May 2024	Two Heroes: Frederick Keger and James McGregor Elmslie
June 2024	The Genesis of Dallison's
July 2024	The Waverley Tragedy
August 2024	The Early Commercial Hotels
September 2024	The Tragedy at Handley's Woolshed
October 2024	The Naming of Waverley's Streets
January 2025	The Moumahaki and Waverley Railway Stations
February 2025	Three Majors
March 2025	Syd Oakenfull
April 2025	The Town of Richardson
May 2025	Waverley's Forgotten School
June 2025	Ngā Rauru Flour Mill Waitotara
July 2025	Old Town Hall
August 2025	The Queen of Nukumarū
October 2025	The Waverley Clock Tower Origins
November 2025	The Tauranga Ika Fighting Pa
December 2025	Waverley's Brass Band
January 2026	The Railway Hotel Waitotara
February 2026	Brothers in Law. Part 1 Benjamin O'Brien

You can find the previous Patea & Waverley Press issues including these articles at www.pateawaverleypress.com



Kia Ora Koutou,
Welcome back to our new school year! It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces as students return to school for another year. We have three new children at our school- welcome to Leslee, lyla and Axon, who will all be joining the Senior Room. We also have five 5 year olds set to start school before the end of term 2.
I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and refreshing holiday break. My family had a busy and fun summer, a week in the Coromandel over New Year, followed by time in Wellington with my daughters dancing, and then a few days at Karapiro watching my sons rowing (until the rain had other ideas!). Family life looks a little different for me this year, with my eldest daughter heading off to Canterbury University this week. It's a timely reminder of just how quickly our children grow and that we don't have them under our wings forever.
This term, our learning will be centred around Waitotara School's 150th Jubilee. Students will be exploring our school's history and discovering what life and learning looked like in the past, both inside and outside the classroom.
Our Jubilee celebrations will take place over Easter weekend, and we would love as many students and families as possible to join us on Saturday 3 April for a School Open Day. Students will perform waiata, guide visitors around the school, and enjoy a fun day with bouncy castles and picnics with family and friends.
Please keep an eye on our key dates for upcoming events, including St John's- First aid for students, SwimSafe, Water Skills for Life, boxing lessons, and our Waitotara School History Day. This special day

will involve hands-on historical activities and will conclude with a community BBQ — we warmly invite you and your extended families to join us.
Technology at Whanganui Girls College begins next week for our five year 7 and 8's. They will be attending with Kai Iwi and Brunswick Schools and learning cooking, digital technology, woodwork and science.
Mel Cook, our wonderful teacher aide in the Junior room has resigned, we are thankful for all of her hard work and wish her all the very best for her new ventures. The rest of our Staff stay the same this year and we remain very thankful that the Board are funding Mrs Irwin to continue with Learning Support three days a week as we know what a difference the extra small group lessons make to our children's learning.
A strong home-school partnership is vital to your child's success, so please don't hesitate to come and talk with us if you have any questions or concerns. Bookings for our learning conversations are already open on the Skool loop app.
Attendance continues to be a key focus this year, as regular attendance has a significant impact on learning. To encourage this, we have altered our 2025 initiative: any student who achieves over 90% attendance in the term will go into a draw to win an ice cream voucher from the rabbit hut. Our Board has set a goal for at least 65% of students to meet this regular attendance benchmark, and we appreciate your support with this.
Ngā Mihi
Polly Devane
Principal



- ### 2026 Dates
- 2026 term dates
- Term One 3rd February to the 2nd April (1pm finish)
 - Term Two 20th April to 3rd July
 - Term Three 20th July to 25th September
 - Term Four 12th October to 17th December 2026
- 3rd March- Water skills for life
 - 14th March- Working Bee!
 - 17th/18th March - Learning Conversations
 - Monday 9th March- Taranaki Anniversary (School closed)
 - 31st March- Tabloid Sports (Juniors) @ cooks Gardens
 - 2nd April (Seniors only) Science Fair at WIS
 - 24th March- Waitotara History Day (Dress up as old time students)- All welcome
 - Thursday 2nd April- Last day of Term 1, 1pm finish
 - 3rd April- Good Friday School 150th Jubilee Weekend- Have you registered yet!?
 - Assemblies - 20/2, 20/3
 - Clubs- 27/2, 13/3, 27/3

Good Sorts - Thank You!
Leighton & Alison G- For putting together our flat packs!
Mr Savage- For his hard work during the holidays
Phil- For getting the pool ready for the start of school
Sid- For mowing our lawns. We appreciate you!

The Ministry of Education's Parent Portal digital resource is now live with every learning area of the refreshed knowledge-rich curriculum from Year 0 to Year 10, including draft areas.
The interactive resource allows parents to see what their child will learn under the proposed new curriculum, across every year level, in a clear and understandable way.
This is also the link to the Maths practice tool- good for when your children have finished their homework, for extra practice <http://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal>

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Waitotara School 150th Jubilee

Easter 2026



On Easter weekend 3rd and 4th April 2026 Waitotara School are holding our 150 year Jubilee

We would like to thank our sponsors for their generosity and donations

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Waverley GAS, Clarendon Hotel, Waverley Salad Bros, Mitre 10, Pak'nSave, Columbus Cafe, Kereone Farms (Gary & Marie Hawken), Beverley Hickey, Silver Fern Farms and Fonterra.

We would like to thank Max McGrail for letting us use his sketch for our promotional purposes, this is very much appreciated;

Jacky Obrien for allowing us to reprint her centennial book as merchandise; Ann Butler for donating her laptop to our Committee; Mark Corcoran for allowing us to have access to his liquor license for Friday Night; Waverley Lions for running our bar; Petrina and Charlie Edwards for providing our Jubilee Cake at no cost, Bill Oliver for his drone photos and Emma Koubaridis for doing our photography at no cost to our Jubilee Committee.

Don't forget... Download the Skool Loop app for notices and reminders.

So far we have around 20 families enrolled

(Due to privacy on the app we can't see the names of who has signed up).

This is how we will send all communication to families so please get onboard



Friday 3rd April 2026

- Registration at Waitotara Hall from 4.30pm
- Wine & Cheese at Waitotara Community Hall 5pm to 9pm, includes 2 free drinks, a hangi meal and nibbles.
- Drinks are \$5 each thereafter

Saturday 4th April 2026

11-2pm

- Walk through Waitotara School at your leisure
- 12noon Tree & Time Capsule planting
- 12.30pm Cutting of the cake
- 1pm Photos
- Please bring a picnic or enjoy a sausage sizzle (fundraiser for Waitotara School) - cash only. Tea and coffee available
- 6pm Dinner and Dancing at the Eulogy Lounge, Whanganui Racecourse. Followed by entertainment 8pm to 12.30. Cash bar available.

Sunday 5th April 2026

- Church Service at St Mark's Church, Kaipo Street Waitotara 10.30am followed by a cup of tea at the Waitotara Hall

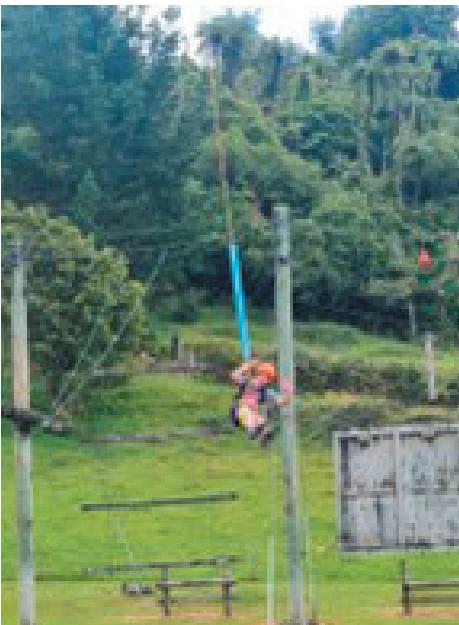
*No door sales for the Wine & Cheese Evening, or the Saturday Night Dinner. Late Registrations (after 28th February 2026) will be at the discretion of the Jubilee Committee.
Thank you all for your cooperation on this matter.*

Waverley Primary School



Kerry Rees Hi Vis Day

Every year, at the beginning of Term 1, we come together and wear our hi vis gear to remember and celebrate our late caretaker, Kerry Rees, who we miss dearly. We are sure Kerry would get a kick out of seeing all the kids following in his hi vis footsteps.



Year 5 & 6 Vertical Horizon Camp

Everyone had an unforgettable time at Vertical Horizon Camp. There was lots of mud, water, high ropes, yummy food and even a birthday celebration. It was an awesome experience filled with adventure, laughter and teamwork, and a group of students who took on every challenge with courage and enthusiasm.



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Puppet Show

Manuka and Tawa Hub were very lucky to be invited to a puppet show at the Waverley Library. It was a wonderful experience involving great puppetry, creative backdrops and emotive music, which really captured the students' attention and imagination.



Junior Cluster Swimming Sports

We had some very competitive swimmers at the recent Junior Cluster Swimming event hosted by Whenuakura Primary School. It was a great opportunity for our students to practice their skills before our school event at the end of Term 1.



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3 1 1 1
For Sale \$398,000

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208 Egmont Street, Patea

For Sale \$136,000

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5 2 4
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If you've been searching for a property that gives your family room to breathe without giving up village convenience, this is the one to see. Sitting proudly on 6,918m² approx, this spacious 240m² approx home delivers lifestyle living with location. Homes like this do not sit around. Contact Pam or Paula today and come see what lifestyle living in Waverley is all about.

Pam Gibbon 021 109 2814

Paula Anderson 027 404 5404



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SPACIOUS + DEPENDABLE
240 Egmont Street, Hawera

3 1 1 1
For Sale \$360,000

Step into this beautifully maintained 1950s home, offering the perfect blend of solid, modern home living and comfort. Light, spacious, and thoughtfully updated, this property sits on a fully fenced 1012m² section perfect for families and the pets. Warm, inviting, and full of potential, this home is ready for its next chapter.

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FOR SALE



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FEEL AT HOME HERE
35 Smith Street, Waverley

3 1 2
For Sale \$419,000

Set amidst beautifully established gardens on a 1566m² corner section, this very tidy 1960s-built home offers character, comfort, and practicality across its 105m² footprint. With timeless weatherboard cladding and an iron roof, this inviting residence seamlessly blends mid-century charm with modern enhancements, creating a functional family haven.

Kirsten Kiernan 027 296 8500

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ENJOY THE VIEWS
4 Middlesex Street, Patea

3 1 1.5 1
For Sale \$299,000

This solid 1950s home sits on a good sized flat 842m². The open plan living room is large, light and spacious with room for the dining table overlooking the yard. The three bedrooms are more than double sized with wardrobes so plenty of storage. This home was getting \$480 per week for rent and is rent ready. Vacant and ready to move into straight away.

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SECTION SENSATION
23 Scotland Street, Patea

For Sale \$125,000

Tucked away at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, this private and peaceful section offers a flexible and inviting setting for a range of future plans. Whether you're looking to build a new home, relocate an existing one, establish a tiny home, or enjoy the freedom of a motorhome setup, this property provides the space and setting to make it work.

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Outstanding New Zealand Play To Kick Off Hawera Repertory's 80 Years Celebration Year In 2026

Hawera Repertory Theatre is celebrating 80 years of community theatre in 2026 and plans are well underway for an exciting year that allows the opportunity to reflect on the past and look forward to an exciting future.

Their first offering is the outstanding New Zealand play 'The Pink Hammer' written by Michele Amas. It premiered in 2014 at Palmerston North's Centrepoint Theatre.

She described 'The Pink Hammer' as "outrageous, laughter-filled, and heart-warming".

The story follows the inaugural Pink Hammer Workshop.

Annabel, Helen, Louise and Siobhan turn up, looking forward to learning carpentry skills from a pioneering, female furniture maker... but instead they find Woody, an out-of-work, disgruntled builder who's less than impressed to find four empowered and independent women amongst his claw hammers.

Not the sort of women to back down from a challenge, the group convince Woody to teach them the tricks of the trade in this hilarious and heart-warming Kiwi comedy that'll have you doubled over in laughter.

The different motivations that brought each of the women to join the course gradually reveal themselves, enriching, and empowering them in their different ways.

The cast of 5 are:

Annabel, played by Kathryn van Gameren is a Counsellor in a private practice, an active feminist in the 1980s.

Helen, played by Donnella Weir, is a horse breeder who has two sons to different fathers, both jockeys.

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Louise, played by Christine Cameron, a nurse, moved home to care for her parents and is easily spooked.

Siobhan, played by Kristy Logan, is Irish, lives with her cousin and works at the local vet.

Woody, played by Ron Scott, a grumpy, initially unwilling, out-of-work builder/carpenter whose "man cave" is invaded by the women. He reluctantly gets in touch with his sensitive side.

"The Pink Hammer", directed by Peter Meikle plays Wednesday 18 to Saturday 28 March at Repertory House, Collins Street Hawera.

Tickets are available from iTICKET - <https://www.iticket.co.nz/search?q=pink%20hammer> and the Hawera iSite

More information on the Hawera Repertory Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/hawerarepitory/>

Les Misérables – A West End and Broadway phenomenon on stage at the Royal Whanganui Opera House

One of the most beloved and enduring works in musical theatre will soon take over the Royal Whanganui Opera House, as Les Misérables is staged from 20-28 March 2026. Local audiences are in for a spectacular experience as this timeless classic is brought to life by a cast of around 60 local performers, supported by a full live orchestra – a combination that promises a truly unforgettable night at the theatre.

Amdram's ambitious production celebrates the depth of talent within the region. The ensemble, made up of singers and actors from across Whanganui and beyond, has spent months preparing to deliver the emotion, power, and scale that Les Misérables demands. The live orchestra adds another layer of richness, bringing the score's sweeping crescendos and intimate moments

to life in a way only a fully live performance can.

Featuring iconic songs such as "I Dreamed a Dream," "On My Own," sung by Waverley's very own Caitlin Currie, "Do You Hear the People Sing?" and "One Day More," the show carries a universal appeal that has resonated across generations. The passion behind this year's production is a celebration of community, storytelling, and the magic that happens when local performers take on a global masterpiece.

First staged in 1985 and now the longest running musical in the world, Les Misérables continues to captivate audiences with its themes of justice, redemption, and hope. For

Whanganui, staging the show in the city's historic opera house creates a rare chance to witness a world-class story told with homegrown heart.

With its sweeping sets, rousing music, and large-scale cast, this year's production promises to be a night to remember. Whether you're a devoted fan or experiencing the story for the first time, the 2026 season is not one to miss. With only eight performances, tickets are expected to sell fast.

Les Misérables
Royal Whanganui Opera House
20-28 March 2026

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Visit www.southtaranaki.com/taranakianniversary for more information on Council facility open hours.

Win Free Groceries for a Year in National Food Competition

As International Food Waste Action Week approaches (9–15 March), Council is encouraging residents to take part in a nationwide challenge aimed at cutting household food waste simply by doing one thing - eating their leftovers. The Leftover Legends Challenge, run by *Love Food Hate Waste New Zealand*, asks participants to eat their leftovers for lunch the next day throughout March—aiming to save 25,000 plates of food from landfill. Participants can log each leftover meal online and go in the draw to win groceries for a year. Council’s Environment and Sustainability Manager Cindy Koen says Kiwi households send more than 12,000 tonnes of edible leftovers to landfill. “Here in South Taranaki, we’re proud of our practical and resourceful communities. This challenge is a simple and fun way for locals to make a real difference,” says Cindy. “Today’s leftovers

are tomorrow’s free lunch, we could save thousands of tonnes of food and significantly reduce our climate footprint, while saving some money.” Food waste currently costs New Zealanders \$3 billion each year and contributes to both landfill volumes and methane emissions. New Zealand residents can take part between 1 - 31 March 2026 by logging their meals and help New Zealand become a nation of Leftover Legends.

How it works:

- 1 Head to www.lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz/leftoverlegends and record what you’re saving.
- 2 Eat your leftovers - breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- 3 Climb the leaderboard - every saved meal is an entry.

Upcoming meetings

Eltham Drainage Committee

Wednesday 4 March, 10am
Taumata Recreation Centre,
Preston Street, Eltham

Ordinary Council

Wednesday 4 March, 4pm

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board

Tuesday 10 March, 10.30am
Rotokare Scenic Reserve,
365 Sangster Road, Eltham

Te Hāwera Community Board

Tuesday 10 March, 4pm
Ōkaiawa Hall, Ahipaipa Road, Ōkaiawa

Taranaki Coastal Community Board

Wednesday 11 March, 10.30am
Ōaonui Hall, 5142 South Road, Ōaonui

Pātea Community Board

Wednesday 11 March, 4pm
Waitōtara Community Hall,
Kaipo Street, Waitōtara

Extraordinary Council

*To deliberate on the Parking Control
and Traffic Flow Bylaw*
Monday 16 March, 1.30pm

Workshop

Annual Plan
Monday 16 March, 2.30pm

Te Kāhui Matauraura

Wednesday 18 March, 10am

**Environment and Hearings
Committee**

Wednesday 18 March, 1pm

Workshop

Long Term Plan Strategic Direction
Monday 23 March, 10am

Policy and Strategy Committee

Monday 23 March, 1pm

Water Services Committee

Monday 30 March, 1pm

Workshop

Risk Management Framework
Wednesday 1 April, 10am

Risk and Assurance Committee

Wednesday 1 April, 1pm



*Unless otherwise
specified, meetings
are held in the
Council Chamber,
Administration
Building, Albion
Street, Hāwera.*

Hearing to be held for Cambridge Street Closure Proposal

Consultation for the proposal to close part of Cambridge Street in Pātea has now closed, attracting 59 submissions in total. Once the feedback has been reviewed, a hearing will be held in Pātea for those who wish to speak to their submission before the proposal is publicly notified.

Local Alcohol Survey: Community feeds back

More than 400 people shared their views through Council’s recent Alcohol Survey, which closed at the end of January. The feedback will help inform whether there is a need for a Local Alcohol Policy for South Taranaki. Council staff will now analyse the responses and directly engage with stakeholders.

Creative Communities Scheme Funding

Do you have an arts project that needs funding support? Applications for the South Taranaki Creative Communities Scheme are open until Friday 13 March.

The Scheme provides funding assistance for community-based arts activities in the District, that take place between 10 April 2026 and 10 April 2027.

Visit www.southtaranaki.com/funding for more information.



100 year celebration of Naumai Park

MARCH EVENTS

Tai Chi
with Taranaki Tai Chi
SATURDAY 14 MARCH, 10AM
MAGNOLIA DELL STAGE | NAUMAI PARK

The Great Puppet Hunt
with Cherol Filbee, celebrating World Puppet Day
SATURDAY 21 MARCH, 10AM
HIGH ROAD ENTRANCE | NAUMAI PARK

Nature Artist Stone Painting
with Hāwera Art Club
SATURDAY 28 MARCH, 1PM
THROUGHOUT NAUMAI PARK

Walk & Run Through the Park
with Hāwera Harriers Club
SATURDAY 29 MARCH, 1PM
HIGH ROAD ENTRANCE | NAUMAI PARK

Find out more at www.southtaranaki.com/naumai

Last call for Waverley

Sometimes better travel means making hard calls. Due to low passenger numbers, the Waverley-Hāwera service will now start from Pātea and operates once a week on Thursdays.

From 2 April the service no longer travels to Waverley.



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Hāwera Community to Celebrate 100 Years of Naumai Park Throughout 2026



The Friends of Hāwera Parks, in partnership with the South Taranaki District Council (STDC), are marking a significant milestone in 2026 — the 100th anniversary of the naming of Hāwera’s much loved native reserve, Naumai Park.

To celebrate a century of history, biodiversity and community connection, a vibrant year long programme of events will be held in the park. Local groups, artists, schools, and volunteers will come together to deliver activities designed to honour the park’s heritage and encourage people of all ages to engage with the space.

Planned events for the centenary year include a Naumai Park book launch, tai chi and poetry sessions, art activity, music and drama performances, a fun run/walk, children’s and youth activities, and special celebrations aligned with World Puppet Day, Arbor Day and International Day for Biological Diversity.

Friends of Hāwera Parks spokesperson Miranda Cullen says the centenary is an opportunity to both reflect and look forward.

“Naumai Park holds a special place in the hearts of our community. This centenary is about celebrating its natural beauty, rich history, and the generations of people who have helped care for it. We’re excited to work with so many local groups to bring the park to life throughout 2026.”

South Taranaki District Council Places and Spaces Volunteer Co-ordinator Alice Arnold says the programme highlights the strength of community collaboration.

“These events showcase what’s possible when passionate community volunteers and Council work together. We hope the celebrations encourage more people to explore the park, learn its stories, and join us in caring for it for the next 100 years.”

The centenary events are organised by the Friends of Hāwera Parks and a range of community groups, with support from the South Taranaki District Council.

A full schedule of activities is listed below, with more to be released as dates are confirmed on The Friends of Hāwera Parks Facebook page (www.facebook.com/friendsofhaweraparks) and Council website www.southtaranaki.com/naumai.

Naumai Park events coming up in 2026

Naumai Park History Book Launch – with South Taranaki District Council

Tai Chi – with Taranaki Tai Chi

Saturday 14 March

Friends of Hāwera Parks together with Taranaki Tai Chi instructor Judi Lee will be holding an introductory session at the Magnolia Dell Stage, located near the Gladstone Street Entrance.

The Great Puppet Hunt – with Cherol Filbee

Saturday 21 March

Can you find the puppets? Join local puppet maker Cherol Filbee and team for World Puppet Day, hunting along the paths throughout Naumai Park for the moving puppets! A perfect activity for children aged 4 - 10.

Hāwera Harriers Club Walk and Run Through the Park – with Hāwera Harriers

Sunday 29 March

Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to choose their distance—2km, 4km, or 8km—and follow the flags as they wind through the scenic, meandering pathways of Naumai Park.

Event for Youth – with Empower Youth

April School Holidays

A special event for young people, held alongside the launch of the new children’s activity booklet. Designed for ages 5–10, the booklets will be available during the event in Naumai Park and later for pickup from Hāwera LibraryPlus at Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga.

Singers and Songwriters – with Taranaki Singers and Songwriters

Saturday 28 April

Bring a picnic blanket and relax in Naumai Park to the sounds of local artists performing at the Magnolia Dell Stage, located near the Gladstone Street entrance.

Bird ID Workshop – with Taranaki Regional Council and Towards Predator Free Taranaki

Saturday 29 May

What manu (birds) will you see? Join our experts and get tips on how to identify our native birds. Suitable for all ages – bring the family for a fun morning out!

Arbor Day Planting – with South Taranaki District Council

Friday 5 June

Celebrate our native flora by planting and contributing to the growth of Naumai Park. All tools and plants are provided—just wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear for planting.

Spring into Biodiversity – with South Taranaki District Council

Friday 11 September

Come along to a number of fun, engaging, and interactive activities with local tamariki about the native biodiversity we can identify and promote in our back yards and surrounding natural areas.

Poetry in the Park

Tuesday 20 October

Immerse yourself in the beauty of Naumai Park with live poetry readings nestled among native vegetation. Wander through the tranquil spots and listen as the words flow with nature.

A Native Park

30 October – 6 November

Explore Naumai Park, an amazing example of native vegetation in an urban setting. Find your way along pathways discovering signage throughout, expanding your knowledge of our native flora.

The Barden Party

Saturday 31 October

Enjoy a fabulous outdoor theatre performance in Naumai Park performed by a group of professional actors from Aotearoa.

Christmas Carols in Naumai – with Hāwera Brass Band and Theatre Trust Singers

Saturday 20 December

Bring along family, friends and a blanket for a festive evening in Naumai Park. Local entertainment to begin followed by carols by candlelight with Hāwera Brass Band and Theatre Trust Singers.

For more information, contact:
Miranda Cullen, Friends of Hāwera Parks,
027 571 8893
Alice Arnold, South Taranaki District Council
Places and Spaces Volunteer Co-ordinator,
0800 111 323

Carlyle Women’s Institute

Greetings to our first report for 2026. 7 ladies met at Patea Old Folks Hall for the first General meeting followed by the AGM. Our President Rose Cowley welcomed everyone and the Nominations were received. Carlyle WI Officers for 2026 – President – Rose Cowley, Vice President Role will be shared between Bridget Dwyer and Apryl Cowley, Secretary – Apryl Cowley, Treasurer - Bridget Dwyer. Minutes were read, and business as usual.

Trophies were presented for points received from 2025 monthly competitions are as follows:

EDNA JACKSON CUP (Bloom) – 1st K McColl 18pts, 2nd L Hill 18pts, 3rd R Cowley 11pts

LINK BELL (Cluster) – 1st R Cowley 23pts, 2nd K McColl 17pts, 3rd L Hill 14pts

LINK VASE (Shrub) – 1st R Cowley 21pts, 2nd K McColl 17pts, 3rd L Hill 18pts

CARLYLE CUP (Handcrafts) – 1st R Cowley 25pts, 2nd L Hill 8pts, 3rd B Dwyer 3pts

LOIS CASSIDY CUP (Cooking) – 1st R Cowley 30pts, 2nd L Hill 8pts

HILLIER CUP (Overall Points) – 1st R Cowley 110pts, 2nd L Hill 62pts, 3rd K McColl 52pts

Rose Cowley is the Competition Judge for 2026

If you are interested in joining us just socially or want to enter our competitions (they are not compulsory to enter) just a chat and refreshments, come and see what we are all about, first Thursday of each month, 1.30pm at Patea Old Folks Hall.

Rose Cowley

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Quick crossword

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 - 5. The same (L) (5)
 - 8. Lose your temper (colloq) (4,1,4)
 - 9. Decorate with frosting (3)
 - 10. Matched (5)
 - 12. News (7)
 - 13. Barely honest business dealings (5,8)
 - 15. Obvious (7)
 - 17. Famous person (abbr) (5)
 - 19. Lowest prime number (3)
 - 20. Similar (9)
 - 22. Class in Hindu society (5)
 - 23. Moscow landmark (7)
- Down**

 - 1. Hawser (5)
 - 2. Fuss (3)
 - 3. Mollusc with fan-shaped shell (7)
 - 4. Fight back (13)
 - 5. Fear (5)
 - 6. Every three years (9)
 - 7. Supervise (7)
 - 11. Agreed by all (9)
 - 13. Someone who doubts accepted beliefs (7)
 - 14. Violent windstorm (7)
 - 16. Dodge (5)
 - 18. Bowl-shaped container (5)
 - 21. Lubricate (3)

Crossword solution

Across: 1. Classic, 5. Ditto, 8. Blow a fuse, 9. Ice, 10. Equal, 12. Tidings, 13. Sharp practice, 15. Evident, 17. Celeb, 19. Two, 20. Analogous, 22. Caste, 23. Kremlin. **Down:** 1. Cable, 2. Ado, 3. Scallop, 4. Counterattack, 5. Dread, 6. Triennial, 7. Oversee, 11. Unanimous, 13. Sceptic, 14. Cyclone, 16. Evade, 18. Basin, 21. Oil.

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SIMON SHUKER'S CODE-CRACKER Extra

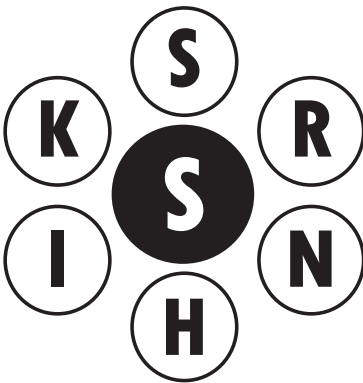
EACH number in our Code-Cracker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 12 represents C, so fill in C every time the figure 12 appears. You have one letter in the control grid to start you off. Enter it in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge 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

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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.



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PAEPAE IN THE PARK 2026

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A defining moment came when the legendary Pātea Māori Club performed their iconic anthem Poi E and Ngoi-Ngoi — a performance that carried history, pride, & identity across the park.

The kai stalls reflected the richness of those that came and enjoyed the food variety. Face painting brought joy to the tamariki. Kahuri Designs showcased Māori kākahu that honoured our heritage. Craft stalls created art for culture to be shared with mana. Every element added depth and meaning to the day.

This success was not accidental. It was earned.

Behind the scenes, the small Paepae committee and crew worked tirelessly through planning, pressure, and problem-solving — driven by commitment to the kaupapa and belief in what Paepae represents for the community.

Acknowledgements

Sincere thanks to:

- The dedicated Paepae committee and Paepae crew, including Jaime Millar, Jacq. Dwyer, Glory Toppam Joanne Peacock (Stall Coordinator) who did a great job dealing with stall holders even tho some of them were hoha, she did well to cater for them to make sure their day went well. Our social media coordinator Jazmin Jones for her dedication and mahi online.
- Sam W from T.S.H and his stage crew for delivering professional staging and seamless production
- Security staff (Bar Troopers)
- Ted Reeves (Event Photographer)
- Jane and Marshall Nuku for their cleaning duties throughout the day
- Charlotte Starks for her outstanding mahi and design of this year's Paepae T-shirts
- Gary Hooper & Shorty for transporting seating
- Four Square Stu and Snow for supporting the catering needs
- Night security staff Philip Broughton
- Todd Baker and Frontline Ambulance
- Pātea Mobil Jay & Michelle Knight
- Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāruahine Iwi
- Ngāti Ruanui Healthcare
- The staff of Pātea Library

Paepae in the Park thrives because of collective effort. Every contribution mattered.

Chairman's Closing Statement

As we reflect on 2026, we do so knowing a clear standard has been set. The foundation is solid. The expectation is high. The momentum is strong. What has been built here is not fragile — it is enduring.

Due to increasing work commitments and time away, this year will mark my final Paepae serving as Chairman. It has been an honour to serve in this role along with Matt and Yasmin my secretary and treasurer who I know I was the cause of such headaches and migraines for them to put up with me who care deeply for our community. Together, we have strengthened this kaupapa and ensured it stands with mana and purpose.

As I step aside, I do so with absolute confidence in what lies ahead. Leadership may change — but the kaupapa stands firm. Its purpose doesn't waver. Its vision doesn't shrink.

The responsibility now moves forward — to protect, grow and to have this event remain in place.

As I sign out and move on, I leave you with this small quote — a reminder of what defines the future of Paepae events:

**“Paepae in the Park is more than an annual gathering — it is a statement.
Pātea does not wait for opportunity.
We create it.”**

N.J HINGA
Ngā mihi,
Paepae Chair
6th Feb 2026



Just over 1600 people turned up to watch the Paepae 26 event which was an awesome turn out for the day.



The crowd arrived in numbers especially to watch the Pātea Area School performance



Uprising! who are a local reggae band with members from Feilding and Marton and whānau from Pātea

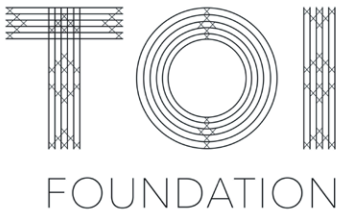
PAEPAE IN THE PARK 2026



The day was made with a statement with Flags flying high outside household residents on the main road of Pātea showing support for Waitangi Day.

The committee would like to acknowledge our major sponsors displayed, whose continued support plays a vital role in assisting Paepae in the Park to grow and thrive.

Their investment strengthens this kaupapa in meaningful and lasting ways.



Lights go out (11 piece band) represented a range of students from Whanganui awa; Te Kura Waenga O Rutherford, Whanganui High School and Cullinane College delivered a powerful performance on stage.

The Paepae in the Park event in Pātea holds meaning for us all. It represents our voice, our connection, and our commitment to one another.

To keep it here in Pātea and to see it continue for our tamariki and future generations, we need people from the community to step forward.

We are seeking:

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- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Members

The Paepae cannot move forward without a strong and active committee. This is about more than positions — it is about collective responsibility, unity, and ensuring our kaupapa remains grounded here at home.

If you have the time, skills, or simply the heart to contribute, please consider putting your name forward or nominating someone who would serve well. Together, we can ensure our Paepae remains in Pātea.

“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.”

My strength is not that of an individual, but that of the collective.



Pātea Locals Cockie Rudolph, Rama Phillips, Norm Broughton Snr enjoying the view from the Aōtea Waka seating.





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Agenda:
Election of Officers
Ratification of the Constitution
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Notice of AGM Waverley Standby
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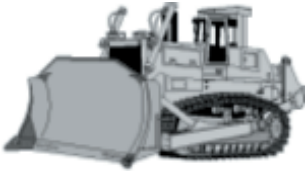
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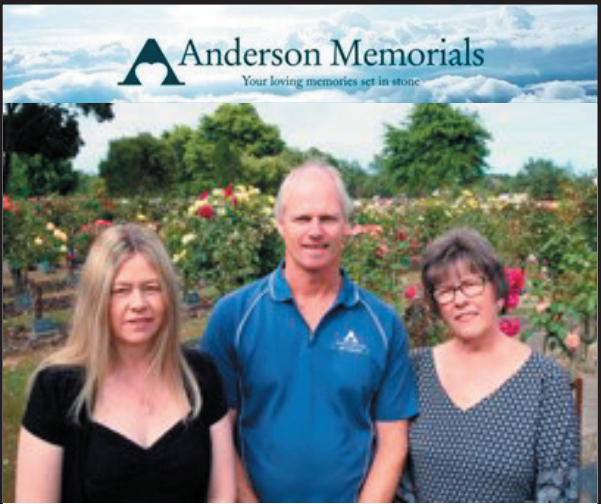
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TUE	03 MAR	11:00	3.1m	23:21	3.0m
WED	04 MAR	11:38	3.2m	23:58	3.1m
THU	05 MAR	12:13	3.1m		
FRI	06 MAR	00:32	3.0m	12:47	3.1m
SAT	07 MAR	01:04	3.0m	13:20	2.9m
SUN	08 MAR	01:36	2.8m	13:53	2.8m
MON	09 MAR	02:10	2.7m	14:30	2.6m
TUE	10 MAR	02:48	2.5m	15:13	2.4m
WED	11 MAR	03:36	2.3m	16:07	2.2m
THU	12 MAR	04:41	2.2m	17:18	2.1m
FRI	13 MAR	06:07	2.1m	18:40	2.1m
SAT	14 MAR	07:31	2.2m	19:56	2.2m
SUN	15 MAR	08:31	2.4m	20:53	2.4m
MON	16 MAR	09:16	2.6m	21:38	2.6m
TUE	17 MAR	09:54	2.8m	22:16	2.8m
WED	18 MAR	10:30	3.0m	22:53	3.0m
THU	19 MAR	11:06	3.2m	23:30	3.1m
FRI	20 MAR	11:43	3.2m		
SAT	21 MAR	00:07	3.2m	12:22	3.2m
SUN	22 MAR	00:47	3.2m	13:04	3.2m
MON	23 MAR	01:29	3.1m	13:49	3.0m
TUE	24 MAR	02:15	2.9m	14:40	2.8m
WED	25 MAR	03:10	2.7m	15:41	2.5m
THU	26 MAR	04:18	2.5m	16:54	2.4m
FRI	27 MAR	05:44	2.4m	18:18	2.3m
SAT	28 MAR	07:11	2.5m	19:41	2.4m
SUN	29 MAR	08:19	2.6m	20:46	2.6m
MON	30 MAR	09:12	2.8m	21:36	2.7m
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Rainfall - January

KAKARAMEA

Rainfall recorded by Kevin Ford, Spence Rd.
Rainfall for 2026 - 195mm in 13 days
Rainfall for 2025 - 39mm
Average for January - 80mm over 56 years
TOTAL for 2026 - 195mm

WAITOTARA

Rainfall recorded by Marie Hawken, Waitotara
Rainfall 2026 - 136.25mm in 12 days
Rainfall 2025 - 56mm
TOTAL for 2026 - 136.25mm

WAVERLEY

Rainfall recorded by Stu Buckman, Waverley
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Rainfall 2025 - 64mm in 7 days
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Consultation on the Proposed Cancellation of the Integration Agreement for St Joseph’s School, Pātea

The Proprietor of St Joseph’s School, Pātea, the Bishop of the Diocese of Palmerston North, has asked the Minister of Education to consider the mutual cancellation of the school’s Integration Agreement. If the Integration Agreement is cancelled, the Proprietor intends to close the school.

The reasons for this request include:

- Declining roll and low numbers of students with a Catholic connection
- Inability to recruit a suitable Catholic principal and safeguard the Catholic special character
- Low demand for a Catholic learning pathway
- Long-term concerns about the quality of teaching and learning and its impact on student achievement
- Low student attendance
- Students tend not to remain enrolled through years 1-6

On behalf of the Minister of Education and the Proprietor of the school, we are consulting with interested persons and groups.

How to Provide Feedback

You can provide feedback in any of the following ways:

- **Written feedback forms**, available at the St Joseph’s School, Pātea office, Suffolk Street, Pātea
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 - Teresa Edwards, Manager of Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Palmerston North: tedwards@pndiocese.org.nz
 - Online, via the Ministry of Education Consultation Hub (search: **“Have your say – Ministry of Education”**)

Consultation closes **5pm, Thursday 2 April 2026**.

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Taranaki Catchment Communities (TCC) is developing Catchment Action Plans shaped by the people who live and work in each catchment. These plans set a shared direction — highlighting what matters locally, what’s already happening, and where working together can make the biggest difference.

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- Aligns farmers, communities, councils, and funders around shared priorities
- Focuses on outcomes, not isolated projects
- Helps track progress across the whole catchment
- Keeps local voices at the heart of decision-making

Wednesday 18th March 2026

- **Patea River Catchment**
11am - Kakaramea Hall
- **Whenuakura/Waverley Catchment**
6pm - Waverley Community Centre



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First look at Taranaki’s new streamlined and direct bus network

Full details of all the routes and timetables for Taranaki’s new-look bus network have been unveiled as the rubber hits the road on upgrading public transport services in the region.

Improvements revealed by Taranaki Regional Council include enhanced regional connections such as a Saturday service connecting New Plymouth and Hāwera, streamlined urban routes, better hospital access and additional Saturday services with changes aiming to make services more direct and faster.

Building on feedback from the community about how public transport could be done better, the network’s launch in early April also includes a new and dedicated website with journey planning and real-time tracking functions to make catching a bus easier.

Council Chair Craig Williamson says bus users and those wishing to give public transport a go can now start planning their trips as the journey to the official launch of the network moves up a gear.

“It’s exciting to be able to reveal the details of the routes across Taranaki as we start to build the foundations of a much stronger and more efficient bus network,” says Mr Williamson.

“I know there’ll be a lot of people out there wanting to see the improvements and hopefully they’ll appreciate the mahi to streamline services and make your travel more direct and quicker.

“It’s been a long road to get here as we’ve wanted to get the public on board with the changes and, while we’ve not been able to tick off everything on people’s wishlists, we think we’ve made a great start to improving connectivity across our communities.”

The list of upgrades include Saturday trips between New Plymouth and Hāwera and brand-new trips between New Plymouth and Waitara and improvements for those needing to get to and from Taranaki Base Hospital from Westown and Hurdon.

Mr Williamson says it has been a balancing act

to develop a new fit-for-purpose network amid government funding limits and, while there are some service reductions, these focus on routes which have low patronage.

“This is the start of a journey we’re taking together to create a bus network that’s reliable and suits the needs of people in urban and rural areas,” says Mr Williamson.

“It’s also a milestone on our road to having zero emissions by 2035 as the new fleet taking people to work, shopping, out for a coffee or to school and college will include an additional 11 electric buses.”

These new electric buses and all services across the region will be sporting the new Te Pahi livery as the network moves to a simplified and unified look that is ‘Taranaki as’ and consolidates all public transport in the region under one brand.

This will also be reflected on the new website which has been designed to help users find bus times and locations quickly and easily, particularly mobile users on the go needing real-time tracking and information.

To check out the new routes and timetables, head to www.tepahi.govt.nz.

Fast facts: additions to the new network

- Streamlined urban routes – more direct, faster and efficient services.
- Improved hospital access through Westown and Hurdon via Tukapa and David Streets.
- Better Saturday coverage, with Saturday trips between Hawera-New Plymouth and new Waitara–New Plymouth trips.
- New bus stops in Omata, improving reach and accessibility.
- A trial Waitara morning loop will operate on weekday mornings during school terms to support access to Waitara schools. The service will be available to all passengers.
- Eleven new electric buses added to the fleet, advancing goal of zero-emission public transport by

2035.

- Two new South Taranaki fare zones added (there are no changes to fares or zones in North Taranaki).

- Tepahi.govt.nz goes live early April to coincide with when the new routes and timetables are operational.

Service reductions or changes:

- Ōpunake–New Plymouth midday trips reduced from five to two days a week.
- Hāwera to Pātea once a week (no longer extending to Waverley).
- Removal of some early morning (7am) services due to low patronage; some 7am trips will continue on select routes. Evening services from Monday–Wednesday (6:20pm) will be removed, with Thursday and Friday evening services remaining.
- Minor updates to South Taranaki fare zones to align with the wider network.
- Ōpunake–Hāwera route will no longer travel via Kaponga due to low demand.
- Removal of 6am southbound and 5.20pm northbound trips on the service between Hawera and New Plymouth.

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Kia ora e te whānau,

He tino harikoa ki te mihi atu ki a koutou katoa i tēnei wāhanga o te tau. As we move through the term, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the positive energy around our kura and the great momentum we are building together.

Firstly, a very warm welcome to all of our new students and whānau who have recently joined Pātea Area School. Nau mai, haere mai! We are proud to have you as part of our learning community, and we hope you quickly feel a strong sense of belonging. Our staff and students are committed to ensuring every learner feels supported, connected, and ready to succeed.

We also have an important date coming up with our next IDP (Individual Development Plan). This is a valuable opportunity for students, whānau, and teachers to come together to kōrero about progress, goals, and next steps. Strong partnerships between home and school make a real difference, and we encourage all families to attend and be part of these conversations.

Over the coming weeks, there is also a huge amount of sport and events happening, so please make sure you are regularly checking the school calendar and updates. It's great to see our students getting involved, representing our kura with pride, and showing strong sportsmanship and commitment.

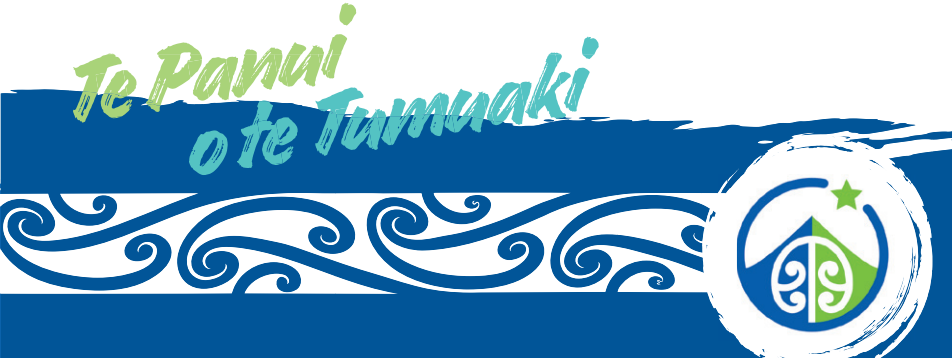
I also want to take a moment to celebrate our outstanding NCEA results. Our taura have worked incredibly hard, and their achievements reflect not only their determination, but also the dedication of our staff and the support of whānau. These results are something our whole community can be proud of, and we will continue to build on this success throughout 2026.

Looking ahead, excitement is also growing around our planned Fiji Trip in September. Our Kapa Haka rōpū Pārara-ki-te-uru will be going on a cultural exchange which will hopefully open their eyes and hearts to the world. Thank you to all whānau who are supporting fundraising efforts and helping to make this experience possible. More information will continue to come out as planning progresses.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of our Kura. Together, we are creating a school environment where students feel valued, challenged, and inspired.

Ngā mihi nui,

James Davidson



ATTENDANCE

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Regular attendance is one of the biggest factors in a student's success at school. When students are at kura every day, they build strong learning habits, stay connected with their teachers and friends, and keep up with key skills in reading, writing, maths, and all other subjects. Even a few days away each term can create learning gaps that are hard to catch up on. Coming to school every day also supports wellbeing, confidence, and a sense of belonging.

At Pātea Area School, we want every student to thrive. Being present, on time, and ready to learn gives them the best chance to succeed.

ATTENDANCE PROCESS (FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS)

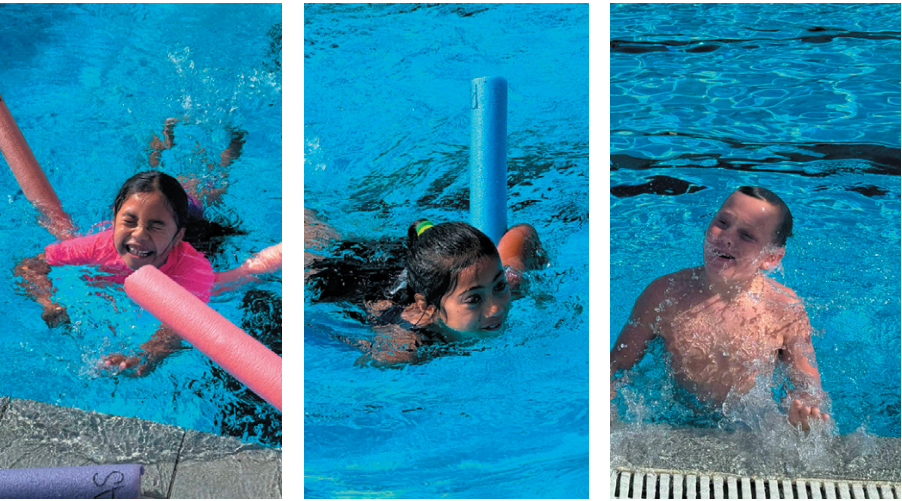
- School starts at: 9am (students must be on time).
- If your child is absent, please contact the school before 9:00am.
- You can notify us by: phone / text / email / facebook messenger
- Please include: student name, reason for absence, and expected return date.
- If your child arrives late, they must sign in at the office.
- If your child needs to leave early, they must be signed out by a caregiver at the office.
- Unexplained absences will be marked as unjustified until a reason is provided.
- The school will follow up with a text by 11am for any unexplained absences.
- On Friday the school emails out the attendance record for each student to caregivers.
- Regular attendance is important for learning success and wellbeing.
- If your whānau needs support with attendance, please contact us — we are here to help.

ATTENDANCE TYPES

REGULAR ATTENDANCE Above 90% Attendance Good chance of success Less than 5 days absence in a school term	
WORRYING ATTENDANCE Less chance of success Up to 10 days absence in a school term	
CONCERNING ATTENDANCE Hard to make progress Up to 15 days absence in a school term	
CHRONIC ABSENCE: VERY CONCERNING ATTENDANCE Very hard to make progress Below 70% Attendance 15 days or more absence in a school term	

2026 TERM ONE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
FEBRUARY 25TH	Senior School Swimming sports, Years 7-13
FEBRUARY 26TH	Cluster Competitive Swimming (Waverley) Years 4-8
MARCH 4TH	Senior School Athletics Day, Years 7-13
MARCH 9TH	Taranaki Anniversary
MARCH 12TH	IDP Day
MARCH 17TH-18TH	School Marae Visit (All Year levels)
MARCH 23RD	Cluster Year 1-6 Athletics (Pātea)
MARCH 26TH	School Board Hui, 5:30 pm in the school staff room
MARCH 28TH	School Ball
MARCH 30TH	Graeme West Cup (League) Hawera Primary School
APRIL 2ND	End of Term 1
APRIL 3RD	Good Friday
APRIL 4TH	Southern Grade Ripa Finals



Pātea School Cluster Sports AWHI Promise

Pātea School Sports Cluster promotes AWHI, the positive support of our players, referees, coaches, managers, administrators and all personnel involved with our Cluster Sports Events.

OUR PURPOSE:

- * Participation
- * Inclusion
- *Skill development
- *Celebrating opportunities to compete respectfully against other schools.

Through Our AWHI Promise we will collectively uphold the following values at all of our Cluster Sports Event:

- Respect all players, referees, coaches, managers and supporters.
- Celebrate the fact that we have the opportunity to watch our loved ones enjoy themselves.
- Keep all negative communication and actions away from our environment and follow the correct policies and procedures.
- Cheer on the efforts of all players including the opposition because they're doing their best.
- Support the coaches and managers for they are giving up their time for the players.
- Ultimately, be able to leave a Cluster Sports Event feeling proud of how you have positivity contributed to the event.





SCHOOL TIMES	
DAY	SCHOOL TIMES
MONDAY	9am-3pm
TUESDAY	9am-3pm
WEDNESDAY	9am-2pm
THURSDAY	9am-3pm
FRIDAY	9am-3pm

2026 STATIONERY PACK COSTS: AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE	
CLASS	COST
WHAEA DIANNE	\$40.55
WHAEA ANNA	\$19.44
WHAEA KELSEY	\$19.00
WHAEA HIRANGI	\$39.04
YEAR 7 AND 8	\$29.06
YEAR 9 AND 10	\$19.00
YEARS 11-13	\$30.68



NEW STAFF

Patea Area School would like to welcome Olive Salisbury, our new Events Co-ordinator.

Kia ora, my name is Olive Salisbury. I am the new Events Coordinator and Administrative Support person. Before anything else, I am a proud mum to my daughter, Meelah, who is nearly six years old and truly the highlight of my life. Becoming a parent at a young age taught me that life doesn't always follow the path we expect, but it also strengthened my resilience, determination, and commitment to making the most of every opportunity.

Although I have only lived in Patea for the past four years, I have actively immersed myself in the local community and built strong connections through a range of roles and activities. These include working as a pool lifeguard, playing in the Premier Women's rugby team, being part of the winning Women's Rugby League team, and working various other jobs, as well as participating in community events and initiatives. I have always been passionate about working with young people and supporting learners to feel valued, encouraged, and confident in their own journey—no matter what that journey looks like. Although I am new to the education sector, I hold high expectations of myself and this role, and am committed to learning, growing, and contributing positively to our school community.



In 2026, we have refreshed our House systems. From now on, our Houses will be known as Hapori, meaning community or a group of people connected together.

We have also introduced an additional Hapori to our kura to help foster greater competition and school spirit amongst our students.

Patea High School originally had four houses: Aotea, Carlyle, Turi and Sherwood. Therefore, we have decided to bring back Turi to help build the mana of our school competitions and strengthen student engagement across the kura.

We are also updating our points structure and adding new events. Our students are already getting pumped for our upcoming events so be sure to check the calander for whats on here at Patea Area School.

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS (IDPS)



IDPs are a great chance to strengthen the connection between home and school. It's an opportunity for whānau and kaiako to kōrero about your child's progress, celebrate their successes, and set clear next steps. By working together, we can better support learning, boost confidence, and help every taura thrive.

1. STRENGTHENS WHĀNAU AND KAIAKO PARTNERSHIPS.
2. CLARIFIES STUDENT PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT.
3. IDENTIFIES STRENGTHS AND NEXT STEPS.
4. ALLOWS QUESTIONS AND SHARING INFORMATION.
5. BOOSTS ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING.

12TH OF MARCH

- No regular classes running
- Please use the following QR or Website and Code to book a time.
- Year 1-8 with Classroom teacher
- Year 9-13 with your Mentor Teacher



PĀTEA AREA SCHOOL 2025 NCEA RESULTS

	Pātea Area School %	National Achievement %	Patea Area School Māori %	National Māori %
Level 1*	100	72	100	61
Level 2	73	70	93	64
Level 3	80	67	83	61

*NZQA is used participation data to report 2025 NCEA Level one results



As we fast approach the half way point of Term One, it has been great to see that our ākonga are settling into the rhythm of school again, and that the classrooms and playground are buzzing with energy and focus.

We are consistently observing our C.O.R.E. values in action every day which is wonderful to see:

- **Collaboration:** We are focusing on how we communicate and share our skills. Whether it's in the classroom or on the sports field, we value the way our tamariki participate and commit to their responsibilities and working together.
- **Open & Adaptable:** We encourage our learners to be innovative and future-focused. Being open to new ways of learning—especially with our new curriculum focus—helps our students become resilient change-makers.
- **Respect:** We continue to show respect for our environment, ourselves, and others. As a rural school, we are deeply connected to our land; we encourage our learners to be kind, caring, and tolerant in all their interactions. We are super excited to begin Forest School this term.
- **Excellence:** Perseverance and pursuing personal excellence. We are challenging our students to stay goal-focused and maintain high expectations for their mahi as the term progresses.

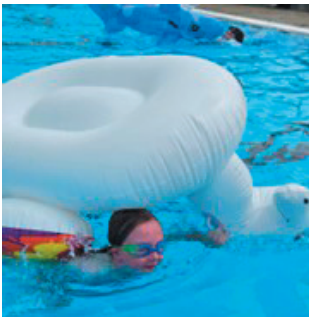
School Grounds

You may have noticed our school grounds looking extra tidy of late! A big thank you to our wonderful parents who have been busy shifting mulch, weeding, pruning, and removing corrugated iron and old fencing. Also a big thanks to Ollie Thomas for the fantastic work he has done installing new garden edging around the gardens between the hall and the school. The area is looking smart, tidy, and well cared for.



Senior Non-Competitive Cluster Swimming Sports

On Tuesday 17th February, a number of our senior students attended the Non-Competitive Cluster Swimming event at the Pātea Community Pools. This was a fantastic event to be involved with, helping to develop water confidence and skills in a fun and safe environment. Well done to those who participated, and a huge mihi to Pātea Area School for organising this wonderful event.



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Fright Nights Update

It is with great sadness that we inform our local communities that our Fright Nights will no longer be going ahead.

As many of you will understand, Fright Nights requires an enormous amount of planning, time, and support to deliver. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we simply do not have the manpower and resources needed to continue the event at the high standard our customers have come to know and love.

Over the years, attendance grew to an incredible 1,800 people, and Fright Nights became a true highlight of our school calendar. It is something we have been immensely proud of and a special tradition for our school and wider community.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended, volunteered, and supported Fright Nights over the years. Your enthusiasm and generosity have made a significant contribution to our school and have helped us provide valuable opportunities for our students. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the many members of the wider community who supported the event without having a direct connection to the school. Your willingness to be

Welcome to our New Students

A big welcome to Sioux-Olivia and Cataleya who have started this term as Year 1 students in Teina Nest. We are so excited to have you join us here at Whenuakura School.



involved helped create something truly special and leaves us with many lasting memories.

While it is difficult to farewell this much-loved event, we are incredibly grateful for the role our community has played in making Fright Nights such a memorable and meaningful part of our school's story.



Birdlife Puppet Show

Our Teina Nest students had a very exciting excursion recently to the Pātea Library. They were invited to watch the 'Box of Birds' Puppet Birdlife Performance kindly sponsored by the South Taranaki District Council.

Box of Birds is an experience created especially for young children with interactive songs and percussion. Faces truly lit up watching the puppets come to life - we greatly appreciate these wonderful opportunities for our tamariki!



Alton Touch

A number of our students recently represented the school at the Alton Touch Tournament.

It was fantastic to see them getting involved, showing teamwork, sportsmanship, and much enthusiasm throughout the event. Opportunities like this are great for developing skills and confidence, especially leading into the touch/rippa season.

We appreciate the chance to be part of events like this, and it is always pleasing to support local groups with their fundraising efforts. Well done to all of our players for the positive way you represented our school.

Junior Cluster Swimming Sports

The weather played ball for us on the 19th February as we hosted the Junior Cluster Swimming Sports for 2026!

Each and every student from our cluster (Kakaramea, Pātea Area, St Joseph's, Mokoia and Waverley) showed great effort, determination, and sportsmanship as they competed against their peers.

It's always warming to see these kids cheering each other on and enjoying the spirit of friendly competition.

A big thanks to our timekeepers for helping out where needed, and the seniors from Pātea Area School for keeping our tamariki busy with your sporting activities on the field - absolute legends!



Forest School

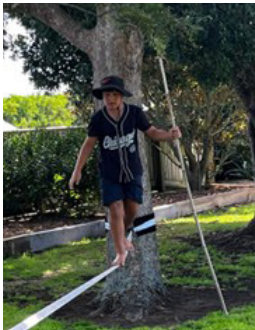
Our Forest School sessions have started with a bang!

A big thanks to Chris Linders from the New Plymouth Fire Station who has inspected the site for safety and educated us about how to keep ourselves safe.

Our stump circle has been an absolute hit and works great at defining our outdoor classroom area.

Our days have been filled with identifying insects, making tokens, putting up hammocks, building tarp tents, mastering the slack line, creating flower essences... and scoffing smores.

A massive thanks to our awesome forest helpers Dean and Robert who helped us carve, build, cook and enjoy our new gear. We are so lucky to have a community that shows up and digs deep to give our students such experiences.



Thank You to Our Sponsors!

Whenuakura School would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing local businesses for their generous sponsorship and ongoing support.

Your contributions make a real difference for our students and staff, helping us provide opportunities, resources, and experiences that enrich learning and strengthen our school. We are incredibly grateful to have such strong community backing.

Please join us in supporting these local businesses who so proudly support Whenuakura School — we couldn't do it without you!

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FEBRUARY ROUND UP



Meet the Teachers and splashing into fun!

What a great start to the 2026 year! We started the year off with a bang! Hosting your 'Kothitanga - Meet the Teacher afternoon' This was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to reconnect and celebrate their summer holidays. It was super special for us this year as we were able to welcome Whaea Lulu, our new New Entrant and Year 1 teacher to the team where she has already made a great start!

Special thank you to all who joined our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon and popped in to say hi. The day finished with plenty of laughs and splashes in the pool, making it the perfect start.



LEFT: Welcome back to all of our tamariki - Rimu Room featured here with teacher Renee Braithwaite

ABOVE: Reuben Werder was making a splash and having a blast with the pool noodles!

Cluster Swimming – 'Give It a Go Day!'

On Tuesday 16th February we took part in the very popular Cluster Swimming Event - non-competitive 'Give it a Go Day!' We are so proud of all our tamariki who gave everything a go, showing determination, and a while throughout the morning in the pool. Year 4 to 6 students focused on water confidence, participation, and fun. A special thank you to Pātea Area School for hosting us!



Xavier and Theo are giving it their best!

Shine at Alton and Districts Touch Tournament

On Friday 13th February we took part in the Alton and District Touch Tournament in support of the local playgroup. We proudly entered three teams in the competition. Huge congratulations to the Kak Kats for their hard-fought victory and bringing home the trophy! A big thank you to coaches Jake Plumtree, Greg Buhler, and David Reid for their invaluable support, and to all the supporters who cheered us on. We also extend our gratitude to the Alton and Districts Playgroup for hosting this fantastic event we enjoy playing in each year. We look forward to next year already!



ABOVE: Kakaramea Kats Team - Jake, Thomas, Wilson, Alice, Frankie, Sophie, Reuben, Penny, Oscar coached by Jake Plumtree

A Wonderful Puppet Show Experience at Pātea Library

Recently. Koru and Manuka Rooms were invited to enjoy a wonderful morning at the Pātea Library, where they were treated to the delightful 'Box of Birds' Birdlife puppet performance. The show, kindly sponsored by the South Taranaki District Council, was an engaging and memorable experience for our tamariki. We are very grateful to the Pātea Library for hosting us and providing such special learning opportunities for our students.



Tamariki were captivated by the 'Box of Birds' puppet performance at Pātea Library

Making a Splash at Junior Swimming Sports

On Thursday 19th February we took part in the highly anticipated Junior Swimming Sports at Whenuakura School. Filled with smiles, determination and plenty of splashes, our juniors had the best day and made the most of it! We are incredibly proud of all our tamariki who gave everything a go and achieved their personal best, showing wonderful attitudes and who throughout the day. A heartfelt thank you to Whenuakura School for hosting us and helping make the event such a success.



RIGHT: Ellie 's big smile and brave leap into learning. What a fantastic start to school life!
FAR RIGHT: Strong kicks and steady focus! Our boys working hard on their back swimming skills.

Southern Rippa Rugby Season Kicks Off in Style

Our Southern Rippa Rugby season opened last week with a brilliant afternoon of teamwork, determination and enthusiasm. All three teams took to the field proudly displaying the WAKA Way and representing our kura with exceptional skills and sportsmanship. A huge thank you to our dedicated coaches Jess, Chris and Donovan, and everyone who came along to support. We truly appreciate our amazing community! Here is to a great season to come!



Matilda, Frankie, Hazel, Lucca, Ardie, Bjorn, Azalea, Penny, Henry, Xavier with their coach Donovan Croot.



The countdown is on!
Kakarama School and District 150th Jubilee is just around the corner in Easter 2026! We welcome all to attend.

Celebrate 150 years of Kakarama School — take home a tea towel or recipe book as a special memento!

Kakarama School & District 150 year Jubilee

It will be 150 years since Kakarama School first opened its doors at Easter weekend 2026. We will be celebrating this amazing milestone on 3,4,5 April at the School and over the road at the Kakarama Hall, welcoming all past and present students, staff, and people who have lived in Kakarama over the years to attend our Jubilee.

Express your interest by emailing michelle@dwyer.co.nz or click on the QR Code below so we can collect contact details of anyone who is planning or considering coming to the event.

This is so we can communicate updates on the Jubilee directly to you.



Kakarama School 150th Jubilee

Exciting preparations are underway for Kakarama School's 150th Jubilee in early April! The Jubilee Committee has been working hard behind the scenes to make the celebration memorable for everyone — we can't wait to share this milestone with our community! A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us with the school's preparation to date and especially our 150th Jubilee Committee.

Registrations close on Friday 20th March so get in quick! Links to our registration forms can be found on the school facebook page or alternatively a hardcopy can be collected from the school office.

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Kakaramea School & District 150 year Jubilee

Its now less than a month until we celebrate 150 years since Kakaramea School began educating generations of children from our district.

The Jubilee will be at Easter weekend – Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th April. The cut off for registrations is Friday 20th March, so we can ensure we have numbers for catering purposes for all events.

If you still need to register or have any questions you can email jacq@dwyer.co.nz or phone 0272415595, or click on the QR Code on this page. Printed registration forms can be collected from and returned to Kakaramea School, Patea Library+ or Hawera Isite.

The format for the 3 days will be as follows:

- **Friday 3rd** - evening – Meet & Greet at the Kakaramea Hall from 6pm onwards. Eftpos available for the Bar.
- **Saturday 4th** - School open from 10am, Kakaramea School Kapa Haka performance at the School 10.45am -11am, Speeches and Official Opening of the Jubilee, and cutting of the Jubilee cake at 11am-11.30am, Decade photos at the School from 11.30am - onwards. Pre-ordered lunches available, and coffee cart on school grounds. Kakaramea Hall & Bar will be open from 2.30pm, with memorabilia on display, Dinner in the Hall from 6pm, followed by live music.
- **Sunday 5th** - 11am Church service at Pariroa Pa, 12-2pm lunch at the Pa.



Kakaramea School kids doing the Haka in the 1950's

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Sandra’s spider surprise: Potential new species discovered during KNE mahi

Little did Sandra Sánchez know when she saw some small, unusual tunnels at a North Taranaki Key Native Ecosystem (KNE) that they were the home of a potential new species of spider.

The Taranaki Regional Council Biodiversity Officer was monitoring flora and fauna at the Mataitawa Bush KNE when she spotted evidence of the underground structures and, after a closer look, saw an Idiopidae or trapdoor spider she was not familiar with.

She took photos and, with the permission of the landowners, uploaded them to iNaturalistNZ. She was then contacted by Te Papa PHD student Shaun Thompson via the app as he suspected it was a new species

due to that genus of spider (called cantuaria) having restricted distributions.

“Finding a new species is every biologist’s dream so I was over the moon when Shaun got in touch to say it is likely a new species of trapdoor spider,” says Sandra.

“I was also delighted for the landowners, Rob Hooper and son Mark, as they work extremely hard to protect these forest remnants, so this is a fitting way to reward them for their mahi.

“I know Shaun is excited too as it’s not every day he gets to describe a new species of spider. He has suggested it should be known as the Taranaki trapdoor spider once it is correctly identified which might take a couple of years.”

The new species is believed to be closely related to Cantuaria wanganuiensis, and is distinctive from that species due to the patterning on the abdomen.



Mataitawa Bush KNE - Trapdoor spider

They live underground in burrows and have a lid/ trapdoor over the entrance, where they ambush unfortunate insects walking too close to their home.

The discovery means the arachnoid is the most northern distribution of Cantuaria so far discovered in New Zealand.

Diverse and abundant in most ecosystems, spiders are important as they help regulate the population levels of insects and serve as prey for birds and lizards helping maintain ecological balance.

“All native species in an ecosystem are important and interconnected, including spiders who play a vital role as key predators of insects,” added Sandra.

The Council works to support landowners across the region through the KNE programme where significant remnant forests, wetlands, coastal turfs and dunelands are legally protected and under



Sandra Sanchez and Rob Hooper

management.

Biodiversity Plans are created for KNEs which include funding for management actions. Staff work closely with landowners to offer support and technical advice on how to maintain or restore indigenous biodiversity, including regular visits to survey or monitor flora and fauna such as the trip where Sandra found the new species.

“We love working with landowners who are strongly committed to helping protect our biodiversity, so it was very pleasing to be able to share the discovery with the owners of Mataitawa Bush,” added Sandra. “It was a special day for everyone involved.”

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South Taranaki Encouraged to Become Leftover Legends and Win Free Groceries for a Year!

As International Food Waste Action Week approaches (9–15 March), South Taranaki District Council is encouraging residents to take part in a nationwide challenge aimed at cutting household food waste simply by doing one thing: eating their leftovers.

The Leftover Legends Challenge, run by Love Food Hate Waste NZ, asks New Zealanders to eat their leftovers for lunch the next day throughout March—collectively aiming to save 25,000 plates of food from landfill. Participants can log each leftover meal online and go in the draw to win groceries for a year.

Every year, Kiwi households send more than 12,000 tonnes of edible leftovers to landfill. While most people believe they already “eat their leftovers”, not doing so remains one of the biggest reasons food is wasted at home.

South Taranaki District Council’s Environment and Sustainability Manager, Cindy Koen, says the challenge is a simple and fun way for locals to make a real difference.

“Here in South Taranaki, we’re proud of our practical, resourceful communities. Eating your leftovers is one of the easiest actions you can take - it’s good for the planet and good for your wallet. If every household in our district took this challenge on, the impact would be huge, even small actions add up.”

“Today’s leftovers are tomorrow’s free lunch. If everyone planned to eat what they’ve already cooked, we could save thousands of tonnes of food and significantly reduce our climate footprint, while

saving some money,” says Cindy.

Food waste currently costs New Zealanders \$3 billion each year and contributes to both landfill volumes and methane emissions.

South Taranaki residents keen to take part can visit lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz/leftoverlegends between 1 - 31 March 2026 to log their meals and help New Zealand become a nation of Leftover Legends.

How it Works

1. Join the challenge – Head to lovefoodhatewastenz website and record what you are saving
2. Eat your leftovers – Breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Every plate saved counts.
3. Climb the leaderboard – Every saved meal is an entry to win groceries for a year.

Turi Indoor Bowls

Good Bowling everyone, by the time you all read this we would have had our first roll up night 3rd March at Patea Area School at 7.30pm. Hey, if you would like to try something new or different come along to our next roll up night 10th March and meet us, don’t be shy, we are a friendly bunch. Bring a friend with you as well maybe even a tween or teen lol.

See you then new and existing members.
Rose Cowley
Turi Indoor Bowls

Focus on containing clams as TRC scopes funding partners

Boating restrictions at Lake Rotomanu are proposed to remain while Taranaki Regional Council seeks partners to help fund an attempt to eradicate the invasive gold clam.

At today’s Taranaki Regional Council Ordinary Meeting, councillors weighed up a report by Environment Services Manager Steve Ellis that outlined five options for the management of freshwater gold clams (*Corbicula fluminea*) in Lake Rotomanu, New Plymouth.

They heard attempting to eradicate the clams may cost up to an estimated \$1.3 million, with no guarantee of success and an ongoing risk of reinfestation. That would require a rates increase, which councillors were not prepared to do. Instead they left the door open for a future elimination attempt by asking staff to explore funding partnerships with external agencies.

Councillors were concerned by the potential environmental and economic impacts if the clam spread to other waterways, particularly Lakes Mangamahoe, Ratapiko and Rotorangi where they could affect hydroelectrical generation and irrigation systems.

They approved, in principle, an additional \$250,000 for the biosecurity and Check, Clean, Dry programmes to identify and mitigate pathways, raise public awareness and reduce the risk of the gold clam spreading. The money would also allow the Council to increase its monitoring of Taranaki waterways for *Corbicula* and other freshwater pests. Councillors made it clear Lake Rotomanu must remain closed to motorised boats, which pose the greatest risk of spreading the clam.

Council chair Craig Williamson says in an ideal world the Council would love to eradicate the clams, especially as there is no evidence it has yet spread to other Taranaki lakes. However the reality was the Council could not afford to do it alone.

“There is a real opportunity for public and private partners to step up and work with us – we all have a lot to lose if the gold clam spreads unchecked in Taranaki. We’ll continue having those conversations and keep looking for practical solutions.

“In the meantime we must boost efforts to reduce the risk of spread, as well as increasing surveillance and preparedness. The onus is on boaties and other water users to take responsibility for their own backyards and Check, Clean, Dry every time they move between waterways, particularly if coming from the Waikato River.”

New Plymouth District Council (NPDC), which owns Lake Rotomanu, has kept the lake closed to motorised boats and jet skis since the clams were discovered. Conversations are now underway to determine if NPDC will extend that closure or if Biosecurity New Zealand will impose formal restrictions.

Recreational users such as kayakers, swimmers, remote-controlled boat enthusiasts and fishers may continue using the lake but are required to thoroughly Check, Clean, Dry their gear.

The three treatment options identified in the report were killing the clams with copper (\$600,000), draining the lake then applying salt (\$900,000) and emptying the lake and pumping in seawater (\$1.3 million). They would all be complex operations, with only the copper option attempted before in New Zealand.

Gold clams were discovered in the New Plymouth lake in November 2025, the first confirmed infestation outside of Waikato. Prolific breeders, they can clog water-based infrastructure, such as electricity generation plants, irrigation systems, and water treatment plants and compete with native species for food and space.

Creative Communities Funding Opening Soon

Do you have a community arts project that needs some funding support? The next application round for Creative Communities funding opens on Friday 13 February 2026 and closes at 5pm on Friday 13 March 2026.

The South Taranaki Creative Communities Scheme provides funding assistance for community based arts activities in South Taranaki that take place between 14 March 2026 – 14 March 2027 and meet one or more of the following funding criteria:

- **Broad community involvement - A project that will create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in arts activities.**
- **Diversity - A project that will support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities, enriching and promoting their uniqueness and cultural diversity.**
- **Young people - A project that will enable and encourage young people (under 18 years) to engage with and actively participate in the arts.**

Application forms are now available on the South Taranaki District Council website www.southtaranaki.com or at your local LibraryPlus. For further information, email funding@stdc.govt.nz or phone (06) 278 0555 or 0800 111 323.

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Patea Golf Club News January/February 2026

Challenge Ladder

The first challenge ladder for 2026 has started so keep those scores coming in to get on the ladder for the first shootout

Junior Golf

Junior coaching restarted Thursday 8th January 2026. Numbers participating went slightly down to school holidays but we pressed on to get the good weather. Please assemble at 3.30pm so coaching can start on time. Ivan Howe is be the professional golfer taking the lessons and Chris Hill from Taranaki Golf has also been assisting.

Flying Nine

Will be played on Thursday nights from 4.30pm. Visitors and non-golfers are welcome

Business House Golf

Business house golf is being played on Wednesday nights and 5 nights have now been played. The teams leading the aggregate are VETFARM ,ABC, Milkoad, and Below Average

Garnett Family Trophy

This was a foursome’s event played over 18 holes on the 11th Jan A small field participated and first were Cyril and Kathy Faiers with a nett 70.5. Second were Ray Finlay and Barbara Hill nett 75.5 and third was Jeff Bright and Gerald Rutten with a nett 77.5

Club Opening Day

A Mixed and men’s Canadian foursomes was played on 31st Jan

The mixed division was won by Kathy and Cyril Faiers with a nett 63. Second were Ray and Win Finlay nett 63.5 and third were Steve and Kath Honeyfield nett 65

The men’s division was won by Jeff Bright and Phil Cassidy with a nett 67.5 and second were Clayton Hori and Mike Taikato nett 69.5

Interclub versus Waverley at Patea.

This event was played at Patea on Sunday 1st Feb and good conditions prevailed. 16players represented Waverley and the home team Patea had 23 players and some very good scores were recorded. Simone Symes scored 42 points followed by Shirley Hooper with 40 points for Waverley and Gerald Rutten and Peter TeNgahue were leading Patea scores with 42 points. The aggregate cup was finally won by Patea with 35.59 points aggregate to Waverley’s 33.90 aggregate stableford.

Watt Cup

This was and 18-hole nett event played over 18 holes on the 7th Feb.

A good field participated and Cyril Faiers with a nett 69 was first followed by Nick Williams with a nett 70 and then Ray Finlay with a nett 71 and Harvey Gibbs with a nett 72. Ata Nui scored the only two but the jackpot was not struck.

Park Farm Cup

This was an 18-hole stableford event played over 18 holes. A smaller number of players participated but once again the scores were good. Shem Te Ngahue was well in first place with 44 points followed by Ryan Finey Steve Honeyfield and Jamie Close Adams all on 38 points. Twos were scored by Clayton Hori 7th and 15th Shem Te Ngahue 10th and Jamie Close Adams on the 10th but the jackpot hole drawn was number one.

Oakes Memorial.

This was an 18-hole stableford event played over 18 holes on the 14th Feb just before the stormy weather came through. Thanks to Lester and the Oakes family for supporting this club event.

Once again, some good scores were returned with most prizes decided on countback. The winner by one shot was Cyril Faiers on 42 points followed by Roger Edgecombe and Phil Cassidy 41 points Mike Rio 40 points and Kevin Cameron and Dean Prince 39 points. Twos were scored by Clayton Cyril Roger and Phil but once again the jackpot remained alive.

Hole in One

After many years of playing golf Cyril Faiers finally scored his first hole in one. Playing on Waitangi Day Cyril used a recovery wood on the 125 metre seventh hole bouncing just short of the green and rolling into the hole. Congratulation’s Cyril.

Summer Cup

Ater two rounds Bill Tahiwī leads the summer cup with nett scores of 70 and 72. We are hoping to have fine weather this Sunday to play the final round.

Upcoming events

Sunday 1st March	Gibson Cup plate please
Saturday 7th March	Patea Cup Qualifier
Saturday 14th March	Semi Finals Matchplay
Champs	
Sunday 15th March	Wayne Railton trophy
drawn partners plate please	
Sunday 22nd March	Patea Cup Qualifier
Saturday 28th March	Club Matchplay
Championship finals	

Roger Rei Memorial Prize List 2026

The Patea golf course was in very good condition for these years 25th Roger Rei Memorial golf tournament and the greens were also in the best condition they had been in for years thanks to our hard-working greenkeeper Ata Nui but the weather treated us very poorly for the early players. Strong winds and rain drove the entries from 120 down to 84. Players competing after 11am had good playing conditions Participants travelled from New Plymouth Waitara to the north and Dannevirke to the east. Thanks to all participants who competed. Patrick Moore ex professional from Ngamotu won the best gross scoring a four under par 69.

Tournament sponsors were Obertech Group, Bayley’s Real Estate, River City golf, Dunlop Insurance, Universal Motors, White Electrical, Nikau & Ihoka Rei. Houghton’s plumbing heating & gas, Hooper Engineering, Revital Fertilizer’s, S Metcalfe Real Estate, Vet farm Limited, Silver Fern Farms Waitotara, Quality decorating ltd Wanganui, Fortitude functional strength & conditioning, Ben

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The tournament prize table was valued at over \$5000-00 and more than 32 tournament prizes were presented plus two lucky cash draw winners. Results were

Best Gross Total Field	P Moore	69
Best Nett Ladies Total Field	S Goble	74
Best Nett Men Total Field	A Hughes	70
Men’s Division (1) First Nett	D Faiers	71
Men’s Division (2) T Katene-Faiers		72
Men’s Division (3) R Bourke		70
Ladies B Hill		74
Past Player/Non-Golfers Drawn	L Rei	
Men’s Division (1) First Gross	A Langton	70

Men’s Division (2)	M Laing	80
Men’s Division (3)	S Rore	86
Ladies	G Hughes	87
Men’s Division (1) First Stableford	M McDonald	37
Men’s Division (2)	J Faiers	37
Men’s Division (3)	J Stella	39
Ladies	K Faiers	34
Men’s Division (1) 2nd Nett	J Garnett	72
Men’s Division (2)	C Whanau	73
Men’s Division (3)	H Gibbs	74
Men’s Division (1) 2nd Gross	E Jones	71
Men’s Division (2) 2nd Stableford		
	R Wharehoka	36
	N Williams	35
Men’s Division (3)		
Men’s Division (1) 3rd Nett		
Men’s Division (2)		
Men’s Division (3)	B Tahiwī	74
Accuracy 1st Green Sponsored by Pat Williams	J Garnett	
Accuracy 7th Green Sponsored by Pat Williams	B Hill	
Accuracy 7th Green Sponsored by RiverCity Golf	D Bruer	
Accuracy 10th Green Sponsored by Pat Williams	A Hughes	
Accuracy 15th Green Sponsored by Pat Williams	P Moore	
Longest Drives Sponsored by Obertech group	18th Fairway	
Ladies	0 to 16	G Hughes
Ladies	17 to 40	L Tipu
Men’s	plus 6 to 15	M Cleaver
Men’s	16 to 36	C Northcott
Twos		
N Ngere	A Langton	P Moore
J Garnett	C Whanau	D Baty
M Te Patu	P TeNgahue	
Lucky Cash Draws		
R Wharehoka	C Faiers	

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Waverley Croquet Club

It's been a fun month as alot has taken place at the Club. On January 31st our Club Doubles were contested, the winners were Chris How and June Lupton. Congratulations to you both, runners up were Jessie Wirihana and Colleen Hayman. A great contest.

On February 18th Inglewood Club visited our Club and we held our first interclub Challenge game with Waverley Croquet Club being the first to win the trophy which was made by Peter How. It will be nice to have our Club engraved on the trophy first. It will be keenly played for next season at Inglewood Club. We hope to defend the Challenge. The day was alot of fun with much laughter heard across the greens.

On February 21st the Club held its annual R.S.A Handicap Doubles, there was much interest shown in this competition. The overall winners were 1st Trish Adams and June Lupton 2nd Sally Newland and Jacqui Boon and 3rd Jacqui Davidson and Cath Roydhouse. They were all good games. Starting on February 28th we will be starting the first round of the Club Singles. As all members play each other this will take some time to complete.

Up coming events

Wednesday 4th March Wanganui Club will be visiting us.

Wednesday 1st April Tasman Club from New Plymouth will also be visiting us.

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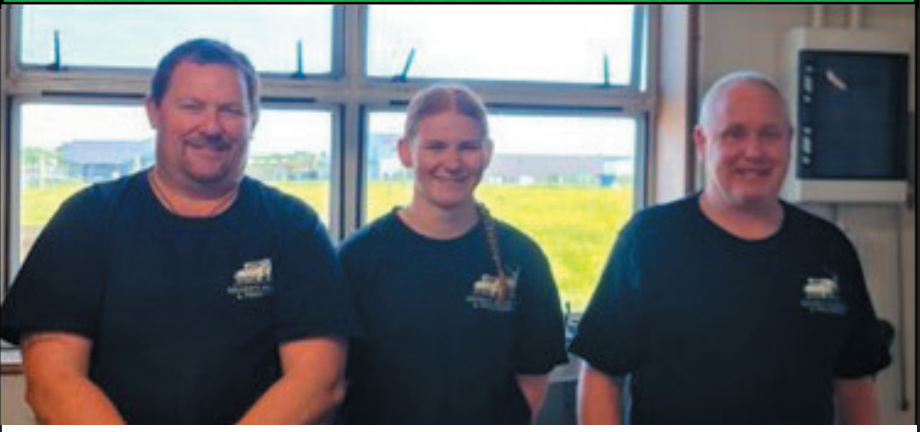
Winners of Club Doubles Chris How on the right and June Lupton left being presented the trophy by Club Captain Trish Adams.



Winners RSA Handicap Doubles winners Trish Adams and Lune Lupton middle 2nd place on left Jacqui Boon and Sally Newland. 3rd on right Jacqui Davidson and Cath Roydhouse.



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