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Bourke-Smith Family Farm celebrates 153 years ~ 1873 to 2026

By Vickilee Bourke

Conna Bourke-Smith is the 5th generation of the Bourke family to farm on the same land at Whenuakura. About a year ago she found Century Farms New Zealand advertised in a farm magazine. They have a yearly awards event for farms and stations that have been in the same family for 100 and 150 years. She thought this would be a good surprise for our parents Robert and Verna Bourke, who also live on the 73 hectare farm, 153 years after it was first bought by Robert's great grandfather. She had all the farm information and asked if I would add in all the history side of it as the family genealogist. I worked on it all last winter to get it ready before this year's deadline.

Under the guise of adding more information to my genealogy research I asked Dad a lot of farm and family questions to fill out the research. I learnt a lot probably wouldn't have if not for the awards and this is great information to get as Dad is the last one who can pass it down.

It was hard to keep the surprise quiet sometimes, but we all managed, Conna even got the farm magazines to delay articles to not spoil the surprise. Conna told our parents to keep the week from the 14th to the 18th of May free as she had a surprise trip planned for them. The week before she told them to pack warm clothes, glam clothes and their passports. They flew down to Dunedin on the Thursday. On the flight they sat beside another couple who were also going to the awards. Mum and dad still didn't know anything at this time and Dad said he had seen an article about those awards many years ago, but it looked like too much work.

They stayed on a sheep and beef farm with lovely owners just out of Lawrence who offered to give them a tour of their farm. There was a copy of the Tuapeka Times in their rooms, and Dad started reading it, it had a section on the awards and had a list of all the farms in it.

Dad said "oh, we are in here". Conna said, "are we, that might be why we are down here".



They had a wonderful evening in Lawrence with Jamie Mackay presenting the awards for about 35 farms and stations. Patrick Alexander Bourke I who was the original ancestor to arrive in New Zealand mined his gold in Gabriels gully which is 5 minutes from Lawrence. Conna and Dad got to walk through some of the gully where Patrick found his gold, an amazing family experience.

Patrick Bourke I left Shronell, Tipperary, Ireland in the early 1854 with his brother, sister Johanna, and niece for the gold fields of Victoria in Australia. (His sister Johanna was to marry John Johnson of Whenuakura and two of their daughters: Fanny and



Ellen, married Tim and Patrick Hurley of Hurleyville in the early 1880's). Patrick then moved on to New Zealand from Australia in 1867, to the West Coast of the South Island and made a fortune in gold prospecting. By 1873 he was in Patea and bid on 604 acres of land at Whenuakura at the sale of newly surveyed blocks at the Patea Courthouse on 26 June 1873. He paid the top price per acre that day and paid for the land with cash.



Robert and Conna Bourke walking the steep path into Gabriels Gully

The story goes that Patrick missed the ferry over the Patea River the day of the auction and had to swim over the Patea River to Patea from Whenuakura. The auctioneer was doubting the credibility of this 'weathered' man in workingman's clothes, until Patrick showed him some gold flakes in a pouch. Ten years later, at the age of 57 years he married Johanna Bridget Bourke from Limerick (no relation) and they went on to have 12 children, 8 survived childhood. Through good times and hard times the Bourke farming legacy has held strong. It was a special time to celebrate 153 years of farming on the same property with other farming families who have also withstood the test of time.

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Sunday 21st June 9.30am
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Sunday 28th June 11.00am
Mass, St Patrick's, Patea

Weekday Mass Times: St Patrick's, Patea

Thursday 4th June 9.30am
Thursday 18th June 9.30am
(School Mass)

Ted Reeves...a Tribute

(Instead of the usual 'A Christian Word' column this month we have a tribute to the man, Ted Reeves. Ted fell asleep in Jesus on May 6th and is now with his LORD. His darling wife Linda was holding his hand as he passed into eternity. While many of you will have read his column over the years most of us never got to know Ted the man. His focus was always on the God he loved. So we thought it would be a good idea to share a short life story of Ted.)

Born in Taihape but growing up in and around Gisborne, he was the 4th of 9 children. Ted's father worked on farms and Ted was a farm boy at heart! Educated in Gisborne he left school at 16 and worked on various farms. Later he followed up with further education, training as an arborist and as a chef. His life had wide contrasts! While you could describe him as the rugged, outdoor type he also loved to dress up in his Italian wool suit in which he cut a dashing figure.

In 1981 Ted met his "lovely lass" Linda and they became inseparable. Eight years after they met they had the life-changing experience of meeting Jesus. Linda led the way, converted at a Sunday morning service. She was so changed that Ted had to check it out for himself which he did that same day at the Sunday evening service. To his amazement he heard with the ears of his heart a voice speak to him..."I love you! I forgive you! And you are home!" He was changed in an instant and became a passionate follower of Jesus. The words of the song he chose for his baptism 'I Am A Wounded Soldier' give an interesting insight into what Jesus had done in his life. They go like this:

I am a wounded soldier
But I will not leave the fight
Because the Great Physician is healing me
So I'm standing in the battle
In the armour of His light
Because His mighty power is real in me.
I am loved
I am accepted by the Saviour of my soul
I am loved
I am accepted and my wounds will be made whole

These words were real for him. Having found the answer to life in Jesus he was active in sharing the Good News with anyone he could.

In time Linda and Ted moved from Gisborne to Auckland, then to Stratford, eventually settling in

Patea. At this time Ted worked for Fonterra where he became known affectionately as 'Father Ted' as he lived out his faith and encouraged his co workers to become followers of Jesus as he was. In his retirement he discovered the hobby of photography. He became well known for his stunning pictures of the Patea coastal scene, the mountain and especially stags in the wild. He could also be found with camera in hand at local sporting events where people got wonderful candid shots of them at play.

But retirement also afforded Ted the time to spend hours studying the Bible. He was well known for his great love for God's word and a passion for sharing it. Bunyan's character 'Mr Valiant-for-Truth' springs to mind. Lay preaching was a passion. Other church involvement included various leadership roles and he became the pastor of Waverley Baptist Church for a time.

So Ted has run his race and has gone to his reward. His question to you would be "And where are you going to spend eternity? The best time to choose to ask Jesus to forgive your sins and be your Saviour is now. Don't delay!"

There will be a service held
to celebrate Ted's life at
Waverley Baptist Church on
Saturday the 6th of June,
beginning 1.30pm.

This service will be for everyone
who knew Ted and wants
to pay their respects.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

Waverley Baptist Church

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Carl Bates MP for Whanganui
Whanganui - South Taranaki - Stratford

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Fundraiser for Church of the Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Church repairs and maintenance

The Church of the Good Shepherd in Waverley (Waverley - Waitotara Cooperating Parish) is in the middle of significant repairs and maintenance.

The Church was dedicated on 12 December 1981, and this Christmas we will celebrate our 45th anniversary. Five years ago, the Church steeple was replaced because of severe water damage. This project was made possible by a generous grant from the Taranaki Savings Bank's Toi Foundation.

Rain damage to the walls and flooring has continued, and we have recently replaced the rotten wooden window surrounds with aluminium windows. This photo shows the new windows in the Church foyer installed by Jason Caskey and his team. The painting of the last supper next to the new windows was completed by local artist Sandy Couthart.

These new windows and related repairs were funded by donations by local supporters, including a generous bequest from the Estate of Heather Bonne. Heather was a fine musician, and entered local legend when she arrived at a



Christmas Carol service at the Maxwell (now Pakaraka) Anglican Church playing a piano on a trailer being drawn by a tractor. Only in Patea-Waitotara.

We are now looking to repair the pinex ceiling in the Church, which as well as sustaining damage from rain has provided food and shelter for happy local rodents, and we are seeking quotes to replace water-damaged carpet in the foyer, as well as painting and plastering to generally tidy the interior.

Any donations and offers of help are gratefully accepted.

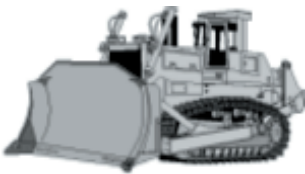
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Scotsman John “Jack” McLean was a brother to Murdo McLean who arrived in New Zealand in 1862 and later settled in Waverley. John arrived a few years later from India where he had been in the Imperial army. In 1878 he was working as a cook for De Gennis Fraser’s survey team on the Moumahaki block in which a local Māori, Wiremu Hiroki claimed an interest. Hiroki stated his parents were of Ngāti Maniapoto and Ngāti Ruanui descent and as he was born in Waitotara, he may have had Ngā Rauru connections. When Ngā Rauru were allied to Titokowaru, Hiroki fought against the government, but in early 1870 he was one of a force which supported Colonel McDonnell’s armed constabulary in pursuit of Te Kooti.

He then lived with his second wife Herera (whose father was Katene of Pipiriki) at Papatupu near Waitotara with Ngāti Porua (a hapu of Ngā Rauru). The couple had a son and a daughter. Although working for settler Francis Williamson, Hiroki also ran pigs on the land being surveyed, and was angry that his pigs were killed to feed the surveying party. At the beginning of September 1878 Hiroki told Williamson that he would injure or kill Murdo McLean and another man who was formerly cooking for the survey party for killing his pigs and Williamson was concerned enough to pass the information on.

Not long after on Thursday September 18th 1878, when the survey party returned to camp, cadet Michael Birch discovered McLean lying face down with his head in the water with a bucket alongside him. He had clearly been collecting water at the time of his death. It was initially surmised that he had slipped down the steep sides of the bank onto a sharp stake and drowned, but after the police removed the body to Waverley, Dr A. C. Croft subsequently discovered that the cause of death was a bullet which had entered John's ribs travelling up through his body to lodge in his left temple. He deduced the deceased was shot while in a stooping position. Shock rippled through the community and John's funeral was the largest seen in Waverley to that date.

Hiroki came under suspicion in view of Williamson's warning and Māori living at Papatupu, on hearing John McLean had been murdered, went into Waitotara looking for Constable Hynes to tell him that Hiroki had told them that he had quarrelled with a man at the surveyor's camp, that the man had first fired at him and that he had shot the man and killed him. He then decamped from their settlement.

They were naturally concerned that the law would descend on their kainga and raid it with the presumption they were harbouring an offender. The police advised them that their safety was assured and to return home, believing it was likely Hiroki was travelling to either the Waikato where he had relations, or Parihaka where Te Whiti and Tohu held court. In the meantime the police put out a 'be on the lookout' alert for him.

On hearing the news, Ngā Rauru chiefs, assembled in Wellington to discuss the reserves that were to be put aside for them on that block, were horrified to hear the news. They immediately wrote a letter to the Native Minister Mr Sheehan, stating that

they considered Hiroki a mad man and expressing dismayed at the news. They reassured him that they would do anything they could to facilitate Hiroki's capture. They were adamant that the murder had not been associated with the surveying of the land (for which a financial settlement had been made) and this opinion was held generally.

The hunt was now on for Hiroki. On October 6th he was shot near Kaupokonui but escaped. With information that he was at Parihaka, a posse led by Wanganui interpreter William Williams and Ngā Rauru chief Āperahama Tama-i-parea broke into the monthly meeting there and demanded Hiroki be handed over, before starting to search the houses. They were ordered to leave as they had not followed proper etiquette and quite a row ensued before their removal. However they were right. Hiroki was indeed at the settlement.

Moves to capture Hiroki lost momentum over the next few years while he was under Te Whiti's protection, until the authorities realised that Hiroki could be used as leverage against Te Whiti, whose passive resistance to land confiscation was a thorn in the government's side. They believed that if they approached him, he would refuse to give Hiroki up, giving them an excuse to arrest him. In November 1881 Bryce, newly re-appointed minister for Native Affairs led a force of 1400 men into Parihaka with a view to dispersing the settlement, a move which today is widely regarded as one of the most serious violations of civil and human rights in New Zealand's history. When Hiroki's name was called he stepped forward and was arrested. It was evident from his demeanour that he expected Te Whiti's protection would save him but that was not to be. During his captivity he was kept separate from Te Whiti and Tohu as they were political prisoners, but it was reported that all the men were in good spirits and Hiroki was reported as reading the Bible daily.

Hiroki's trial began on May 3rd 1882 and after extensive testimony he was found guilty despite maintaining his innocence. However he had told too many people of his offending and in sentencing him to death, the judge stated, "The evidence of you having committed the murder is based very largely upon your own statements. The European law as well as the Māori law is that he who commits murder must suffer the penalty of death." In ordering the death sentence his honour was visibly affected. The government saw no reason to commute Hiroki's sentence, and that decision raised some controversy in the press, parliament and in both Māori and European circles. While waiting for the date of his hanging, it was reported that Hiroki had a dream in which he had found mutton fish but they had turned out to be empty shells. He said it was an omen and he would be executed in eight days. He was right. He received religious counsel before his execution and on June 3rd signed a confession. His wife visited him to make her farewells.

On June 8th at 8:00 a.m., a pale but composed Hiroki was hanged in gallows erected outside the cell in which Te Whiti and Tohu were contained. I am sure he would have been comforted with the knowledge that a group of four to five Māori



*The inscription on the headstone reads, "In affectionate memory of Murdo McLean died April 1891 aged 48. Also of Jane McLean, beloved wife of the above, died June 1909 aged 74. Also of Jane Georgina McLean died Nov. 30. 1884 aged 15. And of **John McLean**, brother of the said Murdo McLean who was shot by Hiroki Sept 19. 1878 aged 32. Photo: Richelle How*

women stood on the hill outside the jail during the proceedings. Although it was reported that his death was instantaneous, other sources state that his heart beat for 25 minutes after the fall even though his neck had been fractured and dislocated. The news of his death must have given some solace to John McLean's family who had waited so long for justice.

Hiroki was the first man of two men hanged at New Plymouth prison. the other being Enoka who murdered his wife. Both bodies lie in unmarked graves within the prison's perimeters. John's grave was also unmarked until many years later when the details of his death were put on the family headstone. Today the chiselled words arouse some curiosity to those strolling through the cemetery, but those words do not capture the complexity of the historical events leading up to the murder of John McLean or the aftermath.

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A responsible Budget

By Carl Bates, MP for Whanganui
(including South Taranaki and Stratford)

Budget 2026 is a responsible Budget that boosts funding for essential services and invests in the infrastructure New Zealand needs for the future without breaking the bank.

Those who travel north via State Highway Three will appreciate the investment of \$50 million to make the road through the Awakino Gorge more resilient, while Whanganui, and by extension Waverley will also benefit, with funds committed for a new Police Station in Whanganui, due to open in 2028.

Add to this a record investment in Health services, a significant commitment to Education reforms including more industry training and confidence in the economy going forward.

Despite global volatility, our economic plan is working and setting New Zealand up for a bright future. We are seeing solid growth, with 220,000 new jobs on the way. Importantly for our household budgets, we are also seeing wages rising faster than prices. This is what makes life more affordable for Kiwis.

Every household knows it cannot keep spending more than it is bringing in, and neither can the government. New Zealand Inc. can't tax, borrow and spend our way to a brighter future. That approach leads to higher costs, fewer jobs, and stagnant wages.

This Budget's careful choices, and ongoing reduction in wasteful spending means we are keeping taxes low and returning to a surplus in 2028/29. There will also be \$6 billion less borrowing than previously expected – that is \$2900 less per kiwi household.



Budget Day with PM Christopher Luxon and Finance Minister Nicola Willis

This year's Budget is ultimately about securing New Zealand's future in what has become a more uncertain world. It is part of National's plan to fix the basics and build the future, with a clear focus on growing the economy, creating jobs, keeping taxes low, cracking down on crime, and improving education and healthcare.

Lastly, a shout-out to all those in the dairy sector who have moved or are moving to start the new season on 1st June. With Fonterra's initial forecast of a midpoint of NZ\$9.75kgMS, the dairy industry has good cause for optimism. So too sheep & beef and wool farmers who are still receiving excellent returns for their produce in global markets.

The National-led Government has been proactive in seeking new markets for our produce. These efforts have been rewarded with a 12% increase in the value of exports year on year alongside record volumes of exports from many sectors.

With farmer confidence high and strong returns, the productive sector continues to be vital to New Zealand's economic success. You can be assured that a National-led Government will continue to back our farmers and growers well into the future.

Waverley Craft & Farmers Market

Where: Waverley Community Hall
When: Sunday ~ 21st June
~ 19th July
~ 16th August
Time: 9am to 1pm

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Monthly update for Patea River Catchment Group traplines

20/5/26	Pests caught over the last 30 days			
Line	Rats	Hedgehogs	Mustelids	Other
Makino	0	10	2	0
Makino End	4	3	2	3
Ingahape	4	6	0	0
Okis ridge	27	0	4	1
Alan Rogers	7	0	2	5
Ball Rd	1	3	0	1
Ōhuarai	1	19	0	51

Waiinu Beach AED Training

A dozen Waiinu Beach residents gathered recently for a training session with Rebecca Kennedy from Hato Hone St John.

Rebecca demonstrated the use of the community AED defibrillator which is located at corner of Pingao Place and Nukumaru Parade on the fence.

Rebecca also gave a refresher course on the basics of CPR which is a useful skill to have in a relatively isolated community.

The community is keen to hear from residents living locally to offer assistance when this is needed.

The Waiinu Beach community are very grateful, and wish to thank Rebecca and Hato Hone St John for their support and generosity in replacing the AED battery. Regards Allan Fergusson Secretary Residents and Ratepayers Association



Graham Ellett (left) and Allan Fergusson with the Community AED

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Clubs Day is always loved by our students...we had cooking, hockey, crafts, builders and board games clubs happening. Thanks to all the parents who help us run our clubs days.





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150th Jubilee photos are available to see now

More to follow!

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



2026 term dates
TTerm Two 20th April to 3rd July
Term Three 20th July to 25th September
Term Four 12th October to 17th December
Assemblies - 5/6, 3/7
Clubs - 19/6

Grandparents Afternoon/Art Exhibition
19th June
Teacher Only Day
Monday 29th June

Term 2 Lunch Menu- YUM!
Hamburgers
Taco wraps
Chicken pasta bake
Honey chicken & rice
Nachos
Butter chicken
Meatballs & spaghetti
Chicken sliders
Mac n cheese

Waitotara School 150th Jubilee Easter 2026

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We also Thank Border Junior Rugby for the Hangi, Karl and Sheree at the Country Deli for our Jubilee Dinner, Our MC for dinner Glen Osborne, waitresses from the Girls Rowing Club Whanganui High School, who row from the Aramoho Rowing Club. Also the Waverley Waitotara Lions Inc, our barman Friday night, Ocean Batchelor for making our Jubilee Cake. The Staff, Board and Vince for cooking our school sausage sizzle and helping out at the School on Saturday, Sam and Kirsty Parsons for funding our Allflex name tags and John Baxter and the Staff from Eulogy Lounge at the Whanganui Jockey Club.

Waverley Primary School



It has been another busy term at Waverley Primary School.
Tickets are now on sale for our mid-year event for adults across the whole community, **Dinner & Dance: After Dark**, with food, live music by Michael Murphy and Becks Wright (as seen at Summer Jam) and an exciting auction. Get a group of friends together for a fun night out. Be sure to get in quick so you don't miss out on securing a ticket. Tickets are available from the school office (cash only).

Senior Tennis

Our two senior classes Rimu and Kauri Hub have been fortunate enough to develop and build on their tennis skills this term. The lessons are run by Hector from Tennis Whanganui.



Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day took place on Friday 15th May. It is about reducing bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces and communities to be safe and inclusive. On this day Rimu Hub had also earned themselves a game of dodgeball - Staff v Students, as part of Georgia's attendance wheel award. The staff came out on top with a 2-0 victory...better luck next time Rimu Hub!





Year 5 and 6 Netball Tournament

Our year 5 & 6 netball team earlier this term had a fantastic netball tournament in Whanganui developing their skills and working as a team. A great way to start off the netball season. A big thank you to their coach Lynda Neil and Bev How for providing support on the day.



Riparian Planting

On Wednesday 13th May we spent the day Riparian Planting for Damian and Jane Roper, getting almost 2500 plants in the ground. The support we get from our Waverley Primary School whānau constantly blows us away - thank you so much to the adults who gave up their time and worked so hard! And to our Year 6-8 students who dug holes, transported plants and collected pots all day with amazing attitudes. We got to see the pa and nursery where the plants begin their journey and also check out how much last year's plants we helped with had grown.



Year 7 and 8 Bake Sale

Earlier this term, our wonderful Year 7 & 8 parents and students baked a variety of delicious treats to help raise funds for our Wellington Camp later in the year. This fundraiser was thoroughly enjoyed by all students, who loved being able to purchase some yummy home baking for morning tea.

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A Villa To Call Home

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For Sale \$280,000

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He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga News from the South Taranaki District Council

New Coastal Track Opened at Pātea Reforestation Site

South Taranaki District Council has officially opened a new track through one of its coastal reforestation sites in Pātea, following a site blessing held on Tuesday 12 May. The blessing was attended by Mayor Phil Nixon, Deputy Mayor Rob Northcott, Jacq Dwyer from the Pātea Community Board, Council staff and iwi representatives from Ngāti Ruanui. Kaumātua led the blessing, marking an important milestone in the development of the site. Mayor Nixon acknowledged the significant work currently taking place at this site and across the district to develop and enhance Council-managed spaces, noting the positive benefits for both the environment and the community. “It also highlights the success of our environmental cadetship programme, with cadets gaining valuable, hands-on skills in site preparation, planting and predator control,” he says. The official opening of the track coincided with the Pātea Area School cross country event, providing an opportunity to see the new community asset in action. The event showcased the track’s intended use while highlighting the wider benefits of environmental stewardship. The new track is a 2.1km grass pathway winding through 10 hectares of native planting. By the end of this winter, around

40,000 native plants suited to local conditions will be established across the site. Designed as a shared pathway, the track can be used for walking, running, cycling and dog walking. Two access points have been created off Egmont Street, opposite the golf course and near Bourke’s Lookout. Barriers have been installed to enable access for bicycles and prams while restricting motorbike entry, helping to protect the fragile sandy terrain from damage. Council’s Environment and Sustainability Manager Cindy Koen says that while the track is regularly maintained, users should be aware that a reasonable level of fitness is required due to some short and steep sections. “As this is a nature trail, the surface is uneven in places and may not be suitable for people with balance or mobility limitations,” she says. “The new track links with existing recreational routes, extending the Pātea Loop Track and complementing recent track upgrades from Bourke’s Lookout to the beach, as well as the Riverside Track and the great work of the Pātea Planting Trust.” This project reflects the strength of community support, with valued contributions from Toi Foundation, the Ministry of Social Development, and Trees That Count.

Next Stage of Waverley Town Belt Track Underway

Work is now underway on the next stage of the Waverley Town Belt Track, with improvements set to enhance how the community enjoys and moves through the reserve. Back in March, a blessing was held at the Town Belt on Chester Street ahead of construction, bringing together members of the local community, iwi representatives, and South Taranaki District Council. The blessing acknowledged the whenua and the significance of the area before work got underway. Stage 2A of the project includes extending the pathway, improving access through the existing track, and adding a small car park and vehicle crossing. The work will also include fencing, pedestrian pathways, and other supporting infrastructure. Excavate Earthmoving and Civil Contractors started on 12 May, with construction expected to take around eight weeks. South Taranaki Mayor, Phil Nixon says alongside the construction,

planting and environmental restoration are also an important part of the project. “Council’s Forest Restoration team are delivering native planting across the site, with all trees already sourced. Future stages will include signage and viewing areas, developed alongside the community, iwi and hapu, helping tell the story of the area and strengthen connections to the environment,” he says. The Town Belt Track project was first identified as a priority project in the 2019 Town Revitalisation Masterplan. Stage 1, completed in 2024 with support from Waka Kotahi, created the initial link between Aotea Park and Waitangi Road. “Once complete, the project - part of the Council’s town revitalisation plan for Waverley, will provide more opportunities for recreation, support local biodiversity, and help create a greener, more connected space for the community to enjoy.”

Upcoming Meetings

Workshop
He Pou Tikanga
Wednesday 3 June, 1.30pm

Ordinary Council
Wednesday 3 June, 4pm

Pātea Community Board
Wednesday 10 June, 4pm
Waverley Golf Club, Ihupuku Road, Waverley

Workshop
LTP Groups of Activities: Financing and Measures
Monday 15 June, 8.30am

Te Kāhui Matauraura
Wednesday 17 June, 10.30am

Workshop
He Pou Tikanga
Wednesday 17 June, 12.30pm

Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 17 June, 2.30pm

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 22 June, 1pm

Workshop
LTP Groups of Activities: Financing and Measures (Day 2)
Wednesday 24 June, 8.30am

Water Services Committee
Monday 29 June, 1pm

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





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Work Underway on Pātea Saltmarsh Pathway and Viewing Platform

A blessing ceremony held in March at Ārangirangi has marked an important milestone in the Pātea Saltmarsh Project, ahead of construction works on a new pathway and viewing platform. The ceremony brought together representatives from South Taranaki District Council, Ngāti Ruanui and members of the Town Revitalisation Co-Design Group. Actual construction began on 11 May, and works are expected to be completed within approximately eight weeks. “Once complete, the project will feature a new pathway and viewing platform, enabling the community to connect more closely with the saltmarsh environment while protecting the area’s unique ecological and cultural values,” says South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon.

“Landscaping and planting will be carried out in-house by Council’s Forest Restoration team, with all required plant species already sourced. These works will enhance biodiversity and support the long-term restoration of the saltmarsh environment,” says Phil. This project reflects the ongoing partnership between Council, iwi and the community, supporting ongoing efforts to revitalise and enhance the Pātea saltmarsh area.

Young Drag Racer Enjoys Memorable 2025/26 Season

The 2025/26 drag racing season proved to be one to remember for young racer Charli Neil of Waverley, who continued developing her skills, gaining confidence in a new dragster and achieving multiple personal bests and podium finishes throughout the season.

Charli's season began at the Junior Training Day in October, where she completed eight consistent passes in her new dragster. The day marked her first real opportunity to open the car up and learn its capabilities, while also adjusting to the different staging setup. Her efforts paid off with an early personal best of 12.148 seconds and her first runs in the 12-second bracket.

Momentum continued into the November Test & Tune meeting, where Charli completed nine more passes and showed strong consistency. A standout moment came when she achieved a new speed PB of 50.79mph before breaking into the 11-second zone for the first time with an impressive 11.963-second pass — a milestone not previously achieved in the dragster by its former driver. With support from uncles John and Ben and cousin Indy helping trackside, the weekend proved both successful and memorable.

Away from the strip, Charli and her dragster also featured at the Waverley A&P Show alongside Uncle John's Nova, where locals enjoyed the transport-themed display and the opportunity to get up close with the race cars.

One of the biggest highlights of the season came at December's Central Nationals in Masterton. Despite challenging windy conditions, Charli completed 10 consistent passes and qualified fourth after recording a strong 0.312 reaction time. She then fought her way through eliminations, first defeating Frankee before lining up against brother Arlo in a closely contested semi-final. The family rivalry ended with Charli taking the win light by just 0.195 seconds, sending her into the finals against Bentley.

The final delivered one of the closest races of the entire meeting, with Charli chasing down Bentley and claiming victory by an incredible 0.017 seconds to secure the Little Legends Central Nationals title. The win moved her into second place in the championship standings, just two points behind Bentley, while Arlo remained close behind in third.

January brought both challenges and success. Weather disruptions at the Bob Wilton Memorial Drags limited racing opportunities, but Charli still managed another personal best with an 11.959-second pass at 50.91mph. Although eliminations ended early after breaking out on her dial-in, she bounced back during grudge racing and enjoyed getting her helmet signed by Silk Racing driver Tamara Silk — a racer many junior girls look up to.

At the Southern Nationals in Motueka, Charli was among the fortunate competitors able to cross the Cook Strait despite ferry disruptions affecting many racers. Racing on a new track meant cautious early runs, but she soon found her rhythm, qualifying fifth and recording low 12-second passes. A standout moment came

during a grudge race against Lacey, where both racers remarkably ran identical 12.070-second passes — a rare and exciting finish.

February featured a packed racing calendar. Wild Bunch vs The World was heavily affected by poor weather and condensed into a single day, but Charli still enjoyed qualifying, eliminations and the popular "Girls vs Boys" junior competition. Although eliminated early, she took home trophies, gifts and plenty of memories thanks to the Wild Bunch team.

The Junior Champs at Meremere provided another busy day, with Charli completing seven passes, recording her fastest run of the meeting at 12.129 seconds and competing in both Chicago Shootout and Heads-Up racing formats. A chain issue ended her eliminations early, but she still enjoyed the

famous horseshoe photo, dress-up prizegiving and even won a tent in the mystery draw.

Charli was also one of only six juniors invited to perform demo runs at the 40th Wanganui Street Drags — an especially meaningful event as she and brother Arlo are the third generation of their family to race there. The day produced several exciting runs, including a remarkable 10.67-second pass and multiple race wins in front of enthusiastic crowds. She followed this with another successful appearance at Gunners Street Drags in New Plymouth, where juniors once again entertained spectators with several street runs and old-school hand-drop starts.

The season concluded at the final meeting with plenty of excitement. Charli qualified sixth after

improving reaction times and was recognised at the MMP Junior Prizegiving for her Most Improved Personal Best, lowering her time from 13.45 seconds to 11.959 seconds, along with special recognition for her Wanganui performance.

She then raced her way into the finals, defeating Frankee and cousin Indy before meeting Arlo Crooks in a repeat of last season's championship showdown. Although Arlo claimed the victory, Charli finished with her best reaction time of the meeting — an impressive 0.192 seconds. One final grudge run ended dramatically when a snapped chain forced her to be pushed off the track, bringing an action-packed season to a fitting close.

Across the season, Charli completed dozens of passes, achieved multiple personal bests, enjoyed



Bob Wilton Memorial Drags January

success across several meetings and continued building both her confidence and reputation within junior drag racing — all while supported by family, friends and the wider racing community.

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If you'd like to jump on board and support Charli and Arlo for the upcoming season, we'd love to hear from you.

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Motueka - Charli & Lacey



Right: Wild Bunch Wars February



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- Across**

 - 1. Horse-drawn war vehicle (7)
 - 5. Reddish-brown colour (5)
 - 8. Lacking general approval (9)
 - 9. Plead (3)
 - 10. Legitimate (5)
 - 12. Silhouette (7)
 - 13. Person who sets high standards (13)
 - 15. Sleep (colloq) (4-3)
 - 17. Choose (5)
 - 19. Alien in the sky (1,1,1)
 - 20. Closeness (9)
 - 22. Artist's stand (5)
 - 23. Disregard (7)
- Down**

 - 1. Maliciously unkind (5)
 - 2. Poisonous snake (3)
 - 3. Sudden urge (7)
 - 4. Hot topic (4,2,3,4)
 - 5. Swagger (5)
 - 6. Make known (9)
 - 7. Add to, enlarge (7)
 - 11. Talkative (9)
 - 13. Grazing land (7)
 - 14. Aperture (7)
 - 16. Throw out (5)
 - 18. Lovers' meeting (5)
 - 21. Anger (3)

Crossword solution

Across: 1. Chariot, 5. Sepia, 8. Unpopular, 9. Beg, 10. Legal, 12. Outline, 13. Perfectionist, 15. Shut-eye, 17. Elect, 19. UFO, 20. Proximity, 22. Easel, 23. Neglect.

Down: 1. Cruel, 2. Asp, 3. Impulse, 4. Talk of the town, 5. Strut, 6. Pubicise, 7. Augment, 11. Garrulous, 13. Pasture, 14. Opening, 16. Expel, 18. Tryst, 21. Ire.

Code-Cracker

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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 13 represents M so fill in M every time the figure 13 appears. You have one letter in the control grid to start you off. Enter it in the appropriate squares in the main grid and solve the starter word. Fill in other squares in the main and control grids with the found letters and look for the next word. Follow the word trail through the puzzle to its completion.

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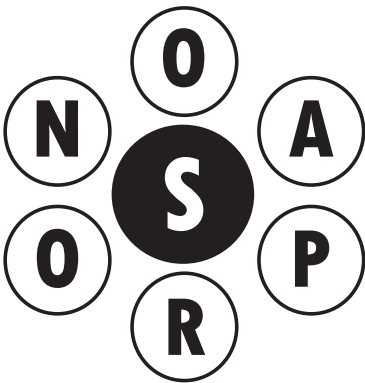
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Waverley

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WED	03 JUN	11:43	2.6m	23:59	2.8m
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SAT	06 JUN	01:21	2.6m	13:51	2.4m
SUN	07 JUN	02:08	2.6m	14:40	2.4m
MON	08 JUN	03:00	2.5m	15:33	2.4m
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Rainfall for 2026 - 176mm in 10 days
Rainfall for 2025 - 116mm
Average for April - 104mm over 56 years
TOTAL for 2026 - 443mm

WAITOTARA
Rainfall recorded by Marie Hawken, Waitotara
Rainfall 2026 - 144.5mm in 12 days
Rainfall 2025 - 93.75mm in 12 days
TOTAL for 2026 - 387.25mm

WAVERLEY
Rainfall recorded by Stu Buckman, Waverley
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It's been another busy and exciting few weeks at Whenuakura School, with students making the most of a wide range of learning opportunities, sporting and community events. From classroom achievements and to outdoor adventures and teamwork, there has been plenty happening across the kura. We are proud to share a snapshot of what our tamariki have been up to and celebrate the enthusiasm, effort, and school spirit shown along the way.

Pink Shirt Day

On Friday 15th May, Whenuakura School took part in Pink Shirt Day, a nationwide anti-bullying campaign that celebrates diversity and promotes environments where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected.

Students and staff wore a splash of pink to show their support and spent time reflecting on the importance of kindness, inclusion, respect, and courage.

Pink Shirt Day is about more than just one day or one week — it is about the way we treat one another every single day at our kura, and this was a great opportunity to remind ourselves of the positive difference we can make through our words and actions.

Graeme West League Tournament

On the 4th of May, Jordan, Lincoln, Elliot, Xavier and Yozaeyah joined forces with students from our Southern Cluster schools, Kakaramea and Pātea Area, to compete in the Graeme West League Tournament in Hāwera.

For some of our students, this was their first time taking part in a rugby league tournament, and they should be very proud of the effort, determination and teamwork they showed throughout the day. They gave it their all and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

A huge thank you to Kyvarn and Nate from Pātea Area School for giving up their time to run practices and coach the team this year. Coaching is such an important role, and the boys did an outstanding job supporting and encouraging our players.

The tournament was made even more special with Graeme West himself attending the event. What a privilege it was for our students to meet him and be part of such a memorable day.



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ANZAC Day

On Saturday 25th April, Pippa, Evie, Honor, Elliot, and Lucy proudly represented Whenuakura School at the Pātea Dawn Service. For schools and students, Anzac Day is a significant occasion to reflect on the importance of respect, service and empathy, while honouring the courage and commitment of those who fought for our nation's freedom.

Our students showed wonderful respect and maturity as they took part in the commemorations alongside members of the local community. Their behaviour and presentation were a credit to themselves, their whānau, and our school.



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Tackle 5's Tournament

Last month we had four students take part in the new Tackle 5's Tournament organised by the Taranaki Rugby Football Union - an awesome new format designed to bridge the gap between rippa and rugby.

Connie, Honor, Lincoln and Jordan had a fantastic time trying something new with our girls joining the St Joseph's School team from Stratford, and the boys combining with our neighbours Kakaramaea.

Being the first time tackling for many - the union travelled around schools before the event and went over tackle techniques, building their confidence and preparing them for the tournament day. This was a great opportunity for our students and we hope to get more involved next year.



Forest School

Our latest Forest School had all our favourite activities and a couple of new ones from a 'Forest Health' kit we have on loan from House of Science. We harvested and baked apples, climbed high, made sure the strawberry patch were well watered, and practised using the flint and steel.

Our students are initiating a variety of self-directed projects which include fishing (they make their own fish), macrame, carving spoons and marshmallow spears. It's fantastic to watch the courage, imagination, teamwork and creativity develop.

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MAY ROUND UP

FUN RUN 2026!

Our students had an absolute blast taking part in our school Fun Run held during the Term 1 break! The day was filled with laughter, excitement, and lots of energy as tamariki ran, jogged, skipped, and cheered each other on around the course. The Fun Run was a wonderful opportunity for students to get active, challenge themselves, and most importantly, have fun together.

A huge thank you to our staff, whānau, and supporters who helped organise and support the event. Your encouragement and teamwork helped make the Fun Run such a success. Well done to all of our amazing tamariki for giving it a go, supporting each other, and making the day so much fun! We are already looking forward to the next one!



Bright vests, big smiles



Our boys are excited to celebrate their awesome effort and achievement

Project Reef Life Inspires Our Young Artists

Our wonderful Year 6 students had a fantastic morning helping with the mural project at Mana Bay, Pātea Beach early in Term 2. The children had the special opportunity to spend time with Karen Pratt and Bruce Boyd from Project Reef Life, learning about the amazing marine life living in our beautiful ocean and the importance of protecting our coastal environment.

To make the experience even more memorable, the students were invited to work alongside the incredibly talented artist Dan Mills and help paint parts of the mural, leaving their own mark on this special community project. The children were excited and proud to contribute to such a meaningful piece of artwork for our town.

A huge thank you to Jacq Dwyer from South Taranaki District Council for coordinating this incredible opportunity for our students. We are truly grateful for the experience and the chance for our tamariki to connect with art, learning, and our local environment in such a special way.



Leaving their mark on this special project; Stand alongside the artists and community helpers

ANZAC DAY 2026 - _ Lest We Forget

In the lead up to ANZAC Day we held our own special memorial assembly, where students came together to remember, pay their respects, and honour those who went before us.

On ANZAC Day, several of our students proudly represented our school at the ANZAC Service in Alton on the Saturday, where they joined the community in honouring and remembering the brave men and women who served our country to protect our way of life.

The service was a meaningful opportunity for our tamariki to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who served and to show respect and gratitude on behalf of our school community. LEST WE FORGET.



Our senior students proudly displayed their beautiful poppy artwork honouring and remembering the courage and sacrifice of those who served our country.

Tackle 5s Rugby Competition 2026

What an exciting opportunity for our players to experience a new format of the game designed to help bridge the gap between Rippa Rugby and Tackle Rugby. Our students proudly took part for the very first time in the Taranaki Rugby Union Tackle 5s Tournament! They showed great enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination throughout the day and represented our school with pride. We are incredibly proud of all the players for giving it their best effort, showing excellent sportsmanship, and embracing this new challenge. We are already looking forward to doing it all again next year!

Right: Our tamariki gave it their all on the field



With pride and respect, our students presented the memorial wreath at the Alton ANZAC Service

Graeme West Rugby League Tournament 2026

Our students had a fabulous day competing at the Graeme West Rugby League Tournament. The team played with grit, determination, excellent sportsmanship, and great skill throughout the tournament. A huge thank you goes to Kyvarn, Nate, and the crew from Patea Area School for coaching and supporting our players this year. We would also like to thank our neighbouring schools Whenuakura School and Patea Area School, for playing alongside us and helping make the day so enjoyable. The day was made even more memorable with Graeme West himself attending the tournament. What a privilege it was for our students to meet him!



Meeting with Graeme West
— A memory they will never forget!

Our Juniors Go Firewise

Our juniors had a fantastic and fun conclusion to our Firewise unit today with a special visit from the Firewise team, Chris and Julie.

Our tamariki were excited to take part in the Fire Safety House activities and practise important fire safety skills, including learning how to “get down, get low and get out fast” safely before making their way to the safe meeting place. Chris and Julie commented on how well prepared our pupils were and gave a huge thank you to the teachers and support staff for the excellent job they have done throughout the Firewise programme.

We would like to sincerely thank Chris and Julie for their support, encouragement, and the professional knowledge they shared to help keep our community safe. Stay Firewise team!

PINK Shirt Day 2026

Our school proudly celebrated Pink Shirt Day this week, promoting kindness, inclusion, and standing up against bullying. Children and staff came dressed in pink to show their support for creating a safe, respectful, and caring school community.

Congratulations to our Pink Shirt Day t-shirt winners and our pinky bar recipients. They have been wonderful role models for living out the WAKA Way value of Awhi in our classrooms. We are very proud of all our tamariki for helping make our school a place where everyone feels welcome, valued, and safe.



Pink Shirt Day Winner 2026!
From left to right:
Ataliyah Davis,
Amaia Davis,
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Ardie Reid,
Eva
Abercrombie,
Jett Davis and
Koen Davis



Our Year 1 tamariki listening carefully as Julie shares a Firewise story and teaches important fire safety messages



“Get down and low and go, go, go!” — our juniors are fire safety experts!



We stand together against bullying!

Tackle 5s Rugby Competition 2026

Christopher showing his speed and determination as he charged down the field



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South Taranaki District Council agrees to take part in Government's Head Start pathway

South Taranaki District Council has unanimously agreed to participate in the Government's Head Start pathway for simplifying local government, at Tuesday's (26 May) Extraordinary Council meeting.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says the decision ensures the district has a strong voice in shaping what future local government arrangements could look like across the region, in collaboration with the other Taranaki councils.

"Developing a proposal under the Head Start pathway gives us the opportunity to help shape how local government could operate more effectively in the future, rather than having change imposed on us," he says.

"Importantly, Council's decision does not commit South Taranaki to any future amalgamation, shared service arrangement or structural change. Instead, it enables us to be involved from the outset in shaping a proposal that reflects local needs, protects local representation, and ensures the community's interests are part of the conversation," says Mayor Nixon.

The Government announced the Head Start pathway earlier this month as part of its wider simplifying local government reform programme. The pathway gives councils a limited window, ending 9 August 2026, to develop and submit high-level proposals that would simplify and strengthen local governance arrangements. If councils do not take part in the voluntary pathway, the Government has signalled it may move ahead with a mandated backstop process after the 2028 local authority elections.

"We know that this matter is important to our residents, but at this stage, the decision is simply about taking part in a process — it's not about making a final decision on any change to the structure of local government in Taranaki," says Mayor Nixon.

"The Head Start timeframe set by central government is very tight, but over the coming weeks we want to hear our communities' views, so please keep an eye out for upcoming information on how you can do this."

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Patea Golf Club News April/May 2026

Challenge Ladder

The first challenge ladder for 2026 is fill. Players now have to improve their scores to keep a position in the top ten to make the playoff.

On Saturday 25th April

The Black and White cup was played over 18 holes and the competition was nett. 1st was Steve Honeyfield with a nett 72 2nd Roger Edgecombe with a nett 73 and third was Kevin Cameron with a nett 74

On Sunday 26th April

A qualifying round for the Patea Cup was played on a windy day. 1st Ray Finlay nett 74 and second Nick Williams nett 77. They also won the nett haggle for the day competition. No twos were scored.

SHE Cup was played on 2nd May

This is a foursome's event played over 18 holes on stableford. 1st were Steve and Kath Honeyfield with 36 points and 2nd were Cyril and Kathy Faiers with 35 points and 3rd were Phil Cassidy and Nick Williams with 33 points.

On Saturday 16th May

Another Patea Cup Qualifying round was played and Ray Finlay was first with a nett 70 and second Nick Williams with a nett 75. In the day competition first was Ray with his nett 70 followed by Peter TeNgahue with a nett 71 and Nick Williams third with his nett 75. Twos were scored by Mike Taikato and Nick Williams on the first hole and they shared the jackpot twos money

Four Way Interclub weekend May 30th and May 31st

Patea host the 4 way interclub this weekend. It is a busy weekend for the hosts we just hope the settled weather continues for this weekend.

Greens Renovations

The greens renovations were done were done on Thursday 16th April and the greens have recovered very well and should be good for Kings Birthday weekend.

On Sunday 24th May

Tawhero travelled to Patea for an interclub day and a stableford competition was played. Fine but

cool weather conditions prevailed.

Leading the Patea scores were Clayton Hori 38 points Dillon Pullen 37 points Ryan Finey 37 points Verna Bourke Cyril Faiers Jeff Bright and Nick Williams all 36 points.

Leading the Tawhero scores were Jeremiah Waitokia with 40 points Ray Signal 35 points Tony L with 34 points Anthony with 33 points Daniel Bolton 32 points John Hans 32 points.

Patea won the Cup with an aggregate score of 32.87 points from Tawhero with 27.82 points

Thank to Tawhero for their good support for this event.

Upcoming events

Saturday 6th June 1st Round of Moody Mugs

Saturday 13th June 2nd round Moody Mugs

Saturday 20th June 3rd Round Moody Mugs

Saturday 27th June 4th Round of Moody Mugs

Saturday 4th July First shootout day

Selected Junior golf coaching will restart in July.

Waverley Croquet Club

Another season as passed and it seems to have gone rather quickly. The Club had its closing day Saturday 30th. It was a lovely day, hard to believe that winter is just around the corner. We played our games as a fun day with a few twists and turns so lots of laughter was heard around the grounds. Once all games were completed we proceeded with Prize giving. The recipients of this seasons trophies were:

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