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Change of Command at Matarangi Fire Station

June was a momentous month in the history of the Matarangi Volunteer Fire Brigade with a change of command as a new Chief Fire Officer and Deputy Fire Officer were appointed.

As reported last month in his final Fire Report for the MBP outgoing Chief Stu Arnold this month formally handed over the Matarangi Brigade to Mark Hall, with Deputy Chief Bob Segetin handing over to new deputy Brendan O'Connell.

During the month the station recognised the service of the former Chief and Deputy Fire Officers. "We honoured our outgoing Chief Fire Officer Stu Arnold after 14 years in the position as well as Bob Segetin with his 13 years combined service as 3rd officer and deputy," said new CFO Mark Hall

"I would like to acknowledge the huge commitment to the community by both Stu Arnold & Bob Segetin in their respective roles as Chief & Deputy. It is their dedication behind the scenes that most don't see to make sure the station is a well-oiled machine."

Stepping up into the new role of Deputy Chief is Brendan O'Connell, which is well deserved after 17

years of dedication and commitment, bolstering a strong team for the future. "I am grateful to have Brendan O'Connell stepping up into the new role of Deputy Chief," said Mark.

Retiring Chief Stu Arnold thanked the brigade volunteers for their support and dedication over the last fourteen years and was stepping down happily in the knowledge that they will continue to support Mark and Brendan in the same way.

"I wish Mark and Deputy Brendan O'Connell all the best for the future and am sure the Brigade will go from strength to strength. We currently have twenty eight volunteers so the Brigade is in a very strong position and will continue to serve our community."

Mark Hall was raised in Levin and on leaving school did his apprenticeship as a builder. Mark came to Matarangi in 2001 and moved into Real Estate now owning Beach Realty. Married to Shirvani, the couple are raising two young boys who attend Te Rerenga School. Mark has been a member of the Matarangi brigade for over 12 years and in that time has qualified as a specialist FENZ Medical First Responder.

New Deputy Chief Fire Officer Brendan O'Connell was raised in Thames and after leaving Thames High started a mechanics apprenticeship. Brendan and his wife Meredith shifted to Matarangi in 2001 where he initially worked for Kevin Evans as a builder. They have one son Matthew who is also a member of the Matarangi brigade. "After 17 years as a volunteer firefighter I am looking forward to stepping up into the Deputy Chief's role," said Brendan.

With the new team in place Mark wants to keep working on one of the biggest concerns facing the Matarangi Brigade that his predecessor Stu Arnold worked on for many years. "The system does not allow FENZ Matarangi to do the role of First Responders due to a Memorandum of Understanding in place at the national level amongst emergency services providers. It is a bureaucratic decision well beyond our control," says Mark. "Stu put in a lot of effort to argue the case for a community like Matarangi to have FENZ personnel act as First Responders like in the past. I will continue to advocate for this at higher levels. We feel for the community and want to do our best to help them"

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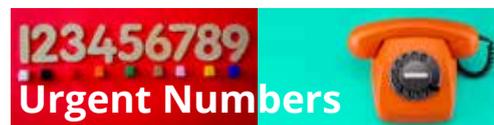
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Looking back to July 2012

The July 2012 edition of the MBP reported on the farewell of Mike Jensen from the RD 2 Whitianga postie run. Mike wanted to thank all the local people who were so friendly and fun over the last few years of him doing the run. Mike and his wife Rebecca were off to Timaru where he was going to take over a Poste Haste Courier run. His replacement was announced as John Okey who would take over in August.

We also reported on Leanne Halliwell being elected to the President of the National Association of Medical Herbalists. Leanne was looking forward to the new role and the challenges that lay ahead for her profession brought about by the new Health Practitioners Competency Assurance Act.

Another local on the national stage this month was chef Scott Corbett who won the 2012 Monteiths Beer and Wild Food Challenge beating chefs from top Auckland and Wellington restaurants through the process to come out on top.

Finally the 10000th Kauri was planted on the Matarangi Reserve on Queens Birthday weekend by 31 willing volunteers who celebrated with an early sausage sizzle lunch. The 10000th tree was planted using a special shiny ceremonial spade.



Great to see after two long years that the MBP has finally got back to the other side of the world. John Hackett took this photo outside the main gate of Lords just before the start of the first cricket test between New Zealand and England on June 2nd.

"This was always a dream of mine to watch a New Zealand team play England at Lords. The experience was great even though New Zealand eventually lost the match. Everything at Lords seems to be about building up a certain uniqueness around the game and event," writes John. "I was lucky enough to be in a small group of Kiwi supporters who certainly made enough (polite) noise for the players to know we were behind them. I wasn't disappointed!"

OUT AND ABOUT



Having a sneaky practice session on a Sunday afternoon down at the Dunes Bowling Rink were Robyn and Cheryl Flemming, Barb and Lance Croawill and Ray and Suzie Green. Sssh ... Don't tell anyone that we are here!



It was all go for the staff at the Dunes this past Saturday Night with the place being packed out for the first test between the All Blacks and Ireland live on the big screen. Plenty of Guinness, Bailey's Irish Cream and Beef and Guinness Pie was on offer from the bar and kitchen. Of course the All Blacks won and the score duly celebrated. Jono from the Dunes says he is ready to do it all again this weekend and the weekend after.

Lesley's Coffee Cart Turns One



Local coffee barista Lesley Kopu is celebrating one year in business with her coffee cart Good Coffee Mataz down at the Dunes car park. She has been grateful for the support of the village over her first year.

"A huge thank you to each and every one of you who have passed through to support me over my very first year. It has been an awesome learning curve with so many highs," says Lesley. "So if I don't say it enough or show it, I truly do appreciate each and every one of you and I'm so grateful to have such beautiful people in my life. Thank you all for being there. I really can't thank all of you enough."

Te Rerenga School PTA Curry and Quiz Night

It was great to have the Curry and Quiz night back this year after missing last year due to Covid 19. A full house of hungry competitors were keen to taste victory in the quiz and the delights of the awesome curries prepared by the chef at the Dunes.

Fifteen teams took part and were seriously challenged by the usual stumpers from Quiz Master Andy Corles. The winners on the night were Matarangi Massive who in a tight contest edged out The Shed Gang.

The evening raised \$2000 for the PTA and is earmarked for future projects at the school.

A shout out to Kayla Clarke and her PTA team for all their hard work in getting the night up and running again.



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Over Forty Locals Brave the Mid Winter Swim



It did not look too promising weather wise the night before as a very wet, windy and cold front passed over the country but on the day it was almost kind of sub-tropical for the annual Matarangi mid-winter swim. In other words it had stopped raining and there were patches of blue sky overhead!

In all 40 hardy swimmers showed up including a bunch of kids, which was great to see and was pretty respectable. As a spectator sport the mid-winter swim also seems to be growing with a further crowd of 40 gathered on the beach to give moral support and be on hand to give the swimmers post plunge rub-downs with dry towels.

To resuscitate the swimmers a tot of port was dispensed with great enthusiasm by Pete Murphy, and there were lollipops for youngsters of all ages to get their sugar levels up for the ride home.

Brenda and Alwyn hand over the reigns of Piper's to Kalib and Mandy

It was a changing of the guard at Piper's Cafe just before Queen's Birthday weekend when Brenda Riggs handed over the reins to new owners Kalib and Mandy Drake.

This change has been a natural transition with Brenda and husband Alwyn owning our popular local cafe for just over 15 years and Kalib working there as a chef for 20.

Pipers is named after a native NZ coastal fish which is also known in Maori as ihi. Significantly at a farewell function for Brenda the staff presented her with a beautiful Chris Charteris sculpture of a carved mother of pearl piper set on a piece of pounamu.



Brenda with Kalib at her farewell function last month.

Stop Press: Ivan Adams

Dunes junior member Ivan Adams (14) has placed a highly commendable 10th in the World Stars - World Junior Golf Tournament played last week in Las Vegas. Ivan topped the scoreboard for all the international (non US) players. Ivan has two more international tournaments to play this month in America before heading home.

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Featured: Ready with spade in hand to get stuck in and get some coastal conservation work done! It was a fantastic effort by a group of 30 locals who came out last month to plant 4600 sand trapping halophyte plants in just one day. The Omaro spit project aims to restore the land affected by the substantial erosion over recent times and is using an established approach that has been used to restore coastal erosion in other parts of New Zealand. Allan Dickinson and Jonathan Cope from The Dunes provided the volunteer's lunch and refreshments, which were absolutely necessary on such a magnificent day weather wise. Project coordinator Mark Bedford said that he and consulting coastal erosion expert Greg Jenks were overwhelmed by the community support that assisted in this magnificent result in just one day of work by the team of volunteers. (Photo: Tadek Gawor)



Featured: Project coordinator Mark Bedford giving the assembled volunteers a pre-planting briefing. There is still a significant amount of work needed but for now the wait is on for more sand build-up before further progress with more planting can be made. The initial funding for this project has been provided and supported by Matarangi Ratepayers Association Inc, Powerco, Mercury Bay Community Board and the Matarangi Community Trust. (Photo: Tadek Gawor)

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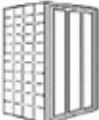
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A couple of well known faces around Matarangi are this month, celebrating 50 years since their arrival in New Zealand as backpackers in 1972. Best mates Chris CJ Palmer and Richard Cobham Grainge met at public school in England and with friends overlanded by Landrover from London to Australia. Meeting a Kiwi girl in Perth Richard followed her to Auckland and CJ soon crossed the ditch after hearing how great it was in NZ. They ended up getting careers and living here permanently and becoming Kiwis. Richard and his wife bought a place in Matarangi in 1985 and ten years later CJ, seeing the light and no doubt the golf course, bought a place in Matarangi as well. Congratulations on becoming Golden Kiwis gentleman!

Good Sort of the Month

The Good Sort for July is Jo Scott of Whangapoua who has been nominated by Simone Parr.

“Jo organised a very successful inaugural Pink Ribbon Breakfast last month at the Whangapoua Fire Station raising over \$1000 for breast cancer research,” said Simone. “It was amazing how she was able to put the whole event together in just a few days and have it turn out to be such a success. “The local Whangapoua community got right behind Jo and there was a great turnout for such a small community. All in aid of such a great cause.”

The breakfast was supported by Richardson Real Estate and The Whangapoua Store who donated raffle prizes. Thank you Jo for your enthusiasm and initiative in starting up an awesome charity event in your community.

Hopefully this is the start of a new annual tradition in Whangapoua. We salute you!

Vox Populi – A Guest Editorial: Dumping Green Waste.

The Thames Coromandel District Council has made it so expensive to dump green waste that people can now not afford to pay for it.

For example, if your green waste has just one item such as a palm frond or any fibrous organic material at the Matarangi tip it has to be put in as ordinary rubbish.

Extremely expensive, and this is organic material that should be broken down and recycled, not added to the huge amount of rubbish the council has to deal with!

My understanding is that the mulching machines the council has purchased will not break down fibrous material. This is unacceptable and reveals a lack of foresight in the acquisition process. Our local arborist business Tricky Trees is able to deal with fibrous material mulching it all through the use of a transportable shredder. So it can be done properly.

The council really needs to reassess their method of dealing with green waste and take responsibility for the problem, not try and get people that can't afford the exorbitant costs to spy on each other.

I am definitely against people dumping green waste anywhere, but the TCDC needs to get the problem sorted in a way that does not dump extra costs on the public as their easy option solution.

One positive is that the TCDC says that they will soon offer a survey to the public to discover their views on green waste. When that happens don't waste the opportunity to let them know what you think too.

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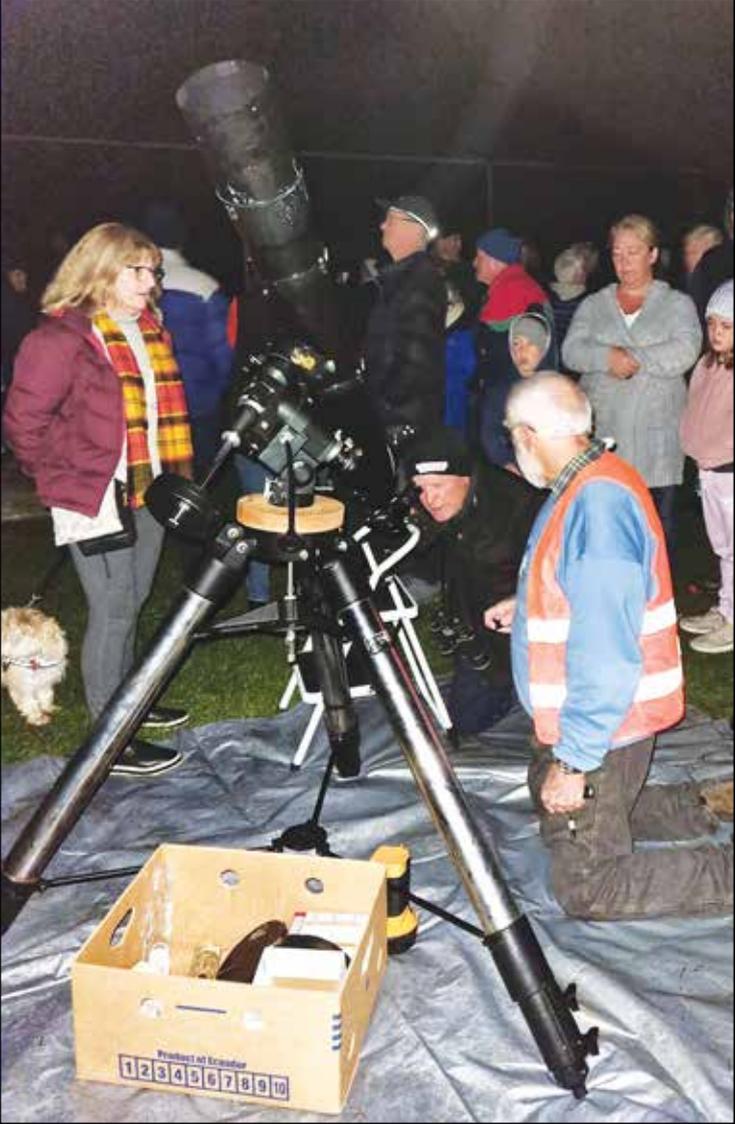
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Matariki Celebrated at Kūaotunu



Over 60 locals on the 25th of June set their alarm clocks well before day break and headed down to the Kuaotunu Domain to celebrate the first Matariki public holiday by viewing the rise of the Matariki constellation rising in the eastern pre-dawn sky over the Blackjack hill.

Hosted by the Kūaotunu Peninsula Dark Sky Project and supported by the Opito Bay Ratepayers Association, who kept the stargazers well nourished with BBQ sausages those gathered patiently waiting for clouds to pass overhead were able to view Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mars all lined up as well as the seven stars that make up Matariki.

The Kuaotunu Peninsula Dark Sky Project is working to have the whole Kuaotunu peninsula get International Dark Sky Association classification as a Dark Sky Community and the Mataraki event was a way to promote the campaign to the public to protect our world class night sky for future generations.

“We feel that our aims mesh well with the whole concept of Matariki and its increasing recognition by Kiwis,” said Chris Severne, the Opito Bay Ratepayers Chair. “We are hoping that eventually Matarangi will be able to join this project as part of the Phase 2 expansion once we have achieved IDA recognition for the Kuaotunu Peninsula itself in Phase 1.”

We were fortunate to have on hand Alastair Brickell’s large telescope set up and people, in many cases for the first time in their lives, were able to see these planets that look like stars to the naked eye become the round jewel like orbs that they are in reality. Alastair and fellow astrologer Ed Scorgie were on hand to give expert commentary.

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June seems to have flown by and with 2 long weekends, Queens Birthday and Matariki day, there has been many keen golfers making the most of the course which is in great condition and looking stunning. Even with the considerable rain we've had it is still dry and the greens very slick.

For the ladies Mary Sharp is holding the Best Gross for the month with 94 and also the Best Nett of 73. Mens Best Gross for June is Tracey Mulligan 74 and Tony De Coek holds the Nett at 65. Tony shot well under his age carding an impressive 76 Gross. Well done Tony.

The 18 Hole Men held their Mid Winter Handicap Stroke Play recently which is played for over 2 weeks. Senior winner was Mike Friis and the Junior Dennis Ford.

There are now 2 Open Meatpack days in our programme. The first Saturday in the month 10 a.m. start and also the THIRD Friday each month. Tee off times for this is between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m. Hoping to attract some groups from Mercury Bay, Coromandel etc.

Some of our 18 Hole ladies have been holding some coaching and practice for a keen group of beginners and others on a Wed. from 3p.m. to 4p.m. followed by a social hour in Omaras getting to know each other. We started out with a lesson from Bob Stevens learning the basics of Grip, Stance & Swing etc which was great and much appreciated, then we ladies have followed up with this each week along with some basic rules and etiquette. It seems to have been well received and enjoyed so if there are other ladies in the area who would like to give golf a try let Jonathon or the office staff know and we will hold another few sessions of this. All in the hopes of attracting some more lady members of course.

By the time you are reading this our junior member Ivan Adams will be in the States, competing in the World Age Group Champs. We will hopefully update you next month on how he has fared. What a great experience for him. So in the meantime GOOD GOLFING EVERYONE.

Golf Shop hours:

Monday -Closed
 Tuesday 9am-1pm.
 Wed-Fri 9am – Dusk
 Sat & Sun 8am- Dusk

Bar and Restaurant hours:

Mon & Tues – Closed
 Wednesday -12pm – 5pm
 Thurs -Sat – 12pm – late
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 Saturday 9th and 16th July

Quiz Night Thursday 14th July from 6pm

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PUTTING OTAMA ON THE MAP



Team Otama made up of Elizabeth Philip, Andrew Faulkner, Jude Wicks and Joce Worsfold travelled over the Kuaotunu hill to take out the June round of the Dunes Quiz night. They were rapt to take the win and put Otama on the map!! "We came, we saw, we conquered," laughed Elizabeth. We hope these cheerful ambassadors from Otama come back again!!

Top Ten Trivia with Andy Corles

1. What appliance is the Singer company best known for producing?
2. Which was founded first Facebook or YouTube?
3. What naturally occurring substance is measured using a Drosometer?
4. Located in the Waipoua forest, what type of tree is Tane Mahuta?
5. What is the currency of Switzerland?
6. Street artist Banksy is originally associated with which British city?
7. What element is denoted by the chemical symbol Sn in the periodic table?
8. What is the smallest planet in our solar system?
9. What are the small indentations on a golf ball called?
10. In which war was Operation Desert Storm?

Answers on Page 14



**THE DUNES
 MATARANGI**

PESTIE CORNER

With Sharon Clay of Peninsula Pests

So, what don't you know about house mice?? Well, there are actually 3 sub species here in NZ for a start. Genome sequencing has shown that the dominant subspecies is *Mus musculus domesticus* (from Western Europe), but *Mus musculus musculus* (from western Europe) and *Mus musculus castaneus* (from southern Asia) are also present.

House mice usually run, walk, or stand on all fours, but when eating, fighting, or orienting themselves, they rear up on their hind legs with support from the tail – this is called “tripoding”. The tail is used for balance and has a thin covering of hair. It is one of the main organs for regulating heat loss and body temperature. Blood flow to the tail can be controlled, increasing the temperature of the skin on the tail by as much as 10 °C to lose body heat. They are good jumpers, climbers, and swimmers.

Mice are mostly nocturnal or active in twilight; they are averse to bright lights. They sleep for almost half the day and live in a wide variety of hidden places near food sources, and construct nests from various soft materials. They mainly feed on plant matter, but they are omnivores and will happily eat animal-based food if it is available. They do eat their own faeces to acquire nutrients produced by bacteria in their intestines. This behaviour is termed coprophagia. They will eat anything from 5%-50% of the faeces they produce. I bet that's a detail you didn't really want to know.

The house mouse is incredibly adaptable. Availability of food and space means they can inhabit diverse areas ranging from sandy dunes to native bush and apartments and homes. House mice are territorial in the wild but in urban areas live in close proximity to humans and are called commensal populations. This is due to plentiful food sources and they do not move further than 9-10 meters away from their nests.

Like all rodents, mice incisor teeth are constantly growing. Constant gnawing on hard surfaces prevents their teeth from growing too long. There is a fallacy that they are attracted to the AC electricity pulsing in electric cables or water moving through polyethylene or polypropylene or polybutylene pipes. Rather these are all convenient hard surfaces for grinding down teeth. The consequences are often disastrous with flooding, power outages or house fires being common. Bet his makes you look at those “cute” mice that some call pets in another light

THE FISHING REPORT

Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club

The inclement weather we have had over the last month hasn't put off some of our club members getting out on the water and weighing in some nice fish.

Congratulations to Paul Morgan for taking out the measure only competition held at Queens Birthday Weekend prior to our AGM. The weather wasn't the best on the day but it didn't deter 10 anglers from having a go.

Kevin Wilson was the winner of 4 outdoor chairs donated by Chris Hurdley from Hurdleys Office Furniture.

June sees the end of the 2021/2022 season for our club so membership renewal is now due.

If you haven't received an email from our club secretary Wayne

Wetlands Group Patron Recognised with Volunteer Award



Patron of the Rings Beach Wetland Group Ian McDonald has had his 16 years of volunteer service to the community recognised by the TCDC' Community Volunteer Awards. Ian along with the late Bruce Smith began the conservation project in 2006 which was initially a 4.7k walking track on the Matarangi Reserve, but with the discovery of a 4.5ha wetland was the opportunity to restore the biodiversity of the whole reserve and wetlands area and see the return of native flora and fauna. Hence a 16 year journey and for Ian thousands of hours of work began, to create this enduring conservation legacy in our own backyard.

Davis, please contact him via email matarangifishing@gmail.com to request a renewal form. If you are wanting to join our club, please also contact Wayne for a membership form.

Southern Blue Fin Tuna are starting to appear in the Mercury Bay with some nice catches being reported.

DON'T TAKE RISKS, IF IN DOUBT, DON'T CROSS THE BAR. WEARING A CORRECT FITTING LIFE JACKET IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT WHEN CROSSING THE BAR.

The WHITIANGA COASTGUARD can be contacted on CHANNEL 63 and the NOW WEATHER REPORT is on CHANNEL 20.

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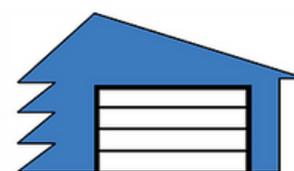
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July 2022

There continue to be lots of planets on view this month with Mercury is getting considerably brighter throughout the month as does Mars, but the brightest planet by far is brilliant Venus followed by Jupiter which now clearly shows its four moons in powerful binoculars. Saturn, however, gets slightly fainter this month. Faint Mercury will have its best evening show this year towards the end of the month. Planets can be distinguished from stars as they generally don't twinkle.

Lots of International Space Station (ISS) passes this month but as usual timings may change if it has to be moved to avoid space junk.

- July 4 – We have a low ISS pass tonight in the SW from 6:17pm.
- July 5 – There will be a bright but brief ISS pass tonight from 7:07pm in the SE just before it passes into the Earth's shadow.
- July 6 - A good ISS pass from 6:22pm in the SW.
- July 7 - Another good ISS pass from 7:13pm in the SW.
- July 8 – A beautiful high and long ISS pass tonight from 6:27pm in the SW.
- July 9 – Another high and very bright ISS pass from 7:41pm in the SW passing right through the Southern Cross.
- July 10 – A long but quite low ISS pass from 6:33pm in the west.
- July 11 – Another long low ISS pass from 5:48pm low in the west.
- July 14 – The late evening has a full Moon sitting above Saturn.
- July 15 – The Moon now lies just above and to the right of Saturn.
- July 16 – Saturn sits above the Moon low in the eastern evening sky.
- July 17 – The ISS reappears in the morning sky from 6:48am in the north.
- July 18 – A low ISS pass from 6:04am.
- July 19 – The very early morning sky shows the Moon just above bright Jupiter.
- July 20 – The Moon has now moved to be just below Jupiter in the very early morning sky with reddish Mars much lower down. A good long and bright ISS pass from 6:13in the north.
- July 21 – The Moon now sits just above Mars at dawn. Another good ISS pass from 5:33am in the north.
- July 22 - Mars is now just to the right of the Moon with Jupiter high above. The ISS is visible from 6:26am in the west.
- July 23 – The crescent Moon sits just above Matariki at dawn. The ISS pops out of the earth's shadow at 5:45am in the south.
- July 24 – The Moon is now just below Matariki at dawn with a low ISS pass from 6:38am in the SW.
- July 25 – The Moon is now almost halfway between Matariki and brilliant Venus at dawn. The ISS pops out of the Earth's shadow at 5:57am in the south.
- July 26 – Brilliant Venus lies just below and to the right of the crescent Moon at dawn.
- July 27 – There will be very low ISS pass from 6:10am in the south.
- July 30 – A very thin crescent Moon reappears in the dusk sky just to the right of faint Mercury forming a long triangle with it and the bright star Regulus in Leo above.
- July 31 – The crescent Moon has now moved to form a very low triangle with Regulus and Mercury.
- August 3 – There is a low ISS pass from 6:12am in the south.
- August 4 – The dusk sky shows that Mercury has moved up to be almost next to Regulus
- August 5 – There is a good early morning ISS pass from 6:27am in the SW with Mercury even higher in the evening.



Fire Report

On Saturday 18th June the Brigade held their annual Honours night celebrating key milestones within our magnificent team, the commitment of each and every one of our crew is huge and the longevity was recognised by our industrious leaders Matt Cook, Regional Manager and Roly Chaney, Whitianga CFO.

Those receiving service medals and certificates were:

Neil Robins & Grant Buitigieg: 3 years of service

Steve Clay & Andrew Clarke: 4 years of service

Maria Matchett, Dave Ollerenshaw & Russell Povey: 5 Years of service

Darren Gribble: 7 years of service

Matthew O'Connell: 9 years of service

Peter Murphy & Graham Hall: 12 years of service

Huge milestone for Phil Mosen who achieved the long service "Good Conduct Medal" for 14 years and Brian Baker who had just transferred to Rotorua also achieving 14 years.

I would also like to acknowledge Darren Walker's commitment to both Coromandel Fire Brigade as Senior Station officer and as senior officer for our brigade, Darren has accomplished 25 years of service, which will be a special celebration later this year.

Mark Hall
 Chief Fire Officer

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THE SCHOOL BELL

Term One 2022 was a rollercoaster of a term, with Covid-19 interrupting a lot. All this aside the term has been nothing like any other. The Life Education bus paid its yearly visit, Nature School started back up, Te Rerenga had its first ever Triathlon and we have become an official Enviro School.

The Life Education bus joined us for a week in March. Kids from each classroom had the wonderful privilege of having two fun educational visits from Harold the talking giraffe. Some were unlucky and had to miss this opportunity like me, my siblings and their many friends due to Covid-19. Here's a quote from my younger brother Jacob Comer.
 " Covid-19 was annoying and made me miss my friends."

During this time Nature School started again with the Year Three and Four students going to Opera Point every Friday while the Year Seven, Eight students were at manual.

Once I finally came back to school after many weeks we had a fun triathlon with running, swimming, and an obstacle course. I think everyone can agree with me when I say that all students and staff enjoyed the day and would love to do it again.

Term 2.
 We started this term off with a bang. Three year eight students Roland, Indy and Isabella went to represent our school at National Young Leaders day in Hamilton.

I think it's safe to say everyone enjoyed our mufti days, Including the staff. We had a Pink day for anti bullying and a Red and Yellow day for the Westpac Helicopter. For the Queen's Jubilee Claire Veevers dressed up as the Queen. She had me fooled.

Later on into the middle of the term we had our Whenuakite sports day that we trained long and hard for. The games consisted of Dodgeball, Hockey, Football, Rippa Rugby, Indoor Games, Kick Ball, and Netball.
 One of Te Rerenga teams sadly were too sick to compete which left us to one team Year 7 / 8 team competing. This team was put together last minute. On the other hand one of our Year 5 / 6 teams won in their age division.

On Tuesday July 28, 2022 the whole school joined other schools at the Matariki Show at Coromandel area school and the following day we had our own Matariki activities here at school.

These two terms have formed our year so far into being something unforgettable. This year has opened up for more opportunities for the students of Te Rerenga. Covid-19 has not stopped the student from being themselves.

Isabella Comer
 Te Rerenga School Reporter for the MBP



Save the Date
1 April 2023



Puzzle Corner!

WITH DAVE KEY

The following is a long multiplication calculation

Line 1		1	2	3	4
Line 2				5	6
Line 3		7	4	0	4
Line 4	6	1	7	0	0
Line 5	6	9	1	0	4

In the above example the number 1234 on line 1 is being multiplied by the number 56 on line 2

Line 3 is Line 1 multiplied by the unit of the multiplier (6)
 Line 4 is line 1 (1234) multiplied by the tens of the multiplier (50) this is usually done by placing a zero in the unit column and then multiplying line 1 by the tens figure (5)
 Line 5 is the addition of line 3 and 4.

The following calculation is a calculation done in the same way but all the numbers have been swapped for letters. Each letter represents only one number and no number is represented by more than one letter.

Can you work out what the numbers in the calculation are?

		A	B	C	D	A	E	
					F	G	A	
			B	H	B	G	B	A
	E	B	J	D	H	A	G	I
E	A	D	C	G	I	F	I	I
E	D	J	H	H	B	B	I	A

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Kuaotunu Library. Open 24/7 when you become a member. Contact Maxine: 07 866 4341 or 027 293 0369.

Books And Banter group is held on the first Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. Contact Pauline. dickinsonpaulinem@gmail.com

Kuaotunu Craft & Social Club
 1-4pm Ph Lia 8662054
 10.30a.m. @ The Dunes
 Contract Bridge: 7pm St John's rooms, Tiki Rd, Coro. Town. Info ph Colin: 866 5428

Yoga: 7am Vinyasa @ Kuaotunu Hall. Ph: 021 08100 125

Contract Bridge. 7pm, St John's Rooms, 355 Tiki Road, Coromandel 3506 Info: Tadek Gawor m:+64 27 235 6335 e: tadekgawor@gmail.com

TUESDAYS

Men's Coffee Morning (1st Tues of every Month). 10am @ Pipers.

Hatha Yoga 10 - 11.30 am @ Kuaotunu Hall.

ICONZ: an Adventure, Activity and Values based ministry for boys years 1-6. New Time: 5pm - 6.30pm Tuesdays (during school term) Meeting at the Kuaotunu Reserve. More information: www.iconz.org.nz or contact: Robyn Balfour 020 409 39674

WEDNESDAYS

Contract Bridge
 1pm, Mercury Bay Bowling Club, 92 Cook Drive, Whitianga 3510
 Info: Tadek Gawor m:+64 27 235 6335 e: tadekgawor@gmail.com

Kuaotunu Steiner Playgroup. 9am-12pm Ph: Kindergarten 8660094 or Ursula 8665371

Women's Coffee Morning (1st Wed of every month). 10am @ Pipers Café. All welcome!

YOGA: 7am Vinyasa @ Kuaotunu Hall. Ph: 021 08100125

ICONZ for GIRLZ

IFG is a Christian organization that offers a safe environment for girls to have adventures, learn new skills and make new friends. For ages: 8 - 14 years old. New Time: 3.30pm - 5pm Tuesdays (during

school term) Meeting at the Kuaotunu Reserve. Check out website www.iconz4girlz.org.nz For more information please contact Robyn on 020 409 39674.

Kuaotunu Garden Group. Meets second Wednesday of each month. Contact Pauline. dickinsonpaulinem@gmail.com

Kuaotunu Dune Care Group
 We regularly meet every third Wednesday of the month and other times for planting or specific projects. For information on where to meet contact Jenny ph 021566035

SATURDAYS

Hatha Yoga 3rd Age. 9-10.30am (For over 60 yr olds and/or for people with limited mobility)

June Puzzle Answer

			1	1	6	6
1	4	1	6	3	2	4
		1	4			
			2	3		
			1	4		
				9	2	
				8	4	
					8	4

QUIZ ANSWERS

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 1. SEWING MACHINE | 6. BRISTOL |
| 2. FACEBOOK (2004) | 7. TIN |
| 3. DEW | 8. MERCURY |
| 4. KAURI | 9. DIMPLES |
| 5. SWISS FRANC | 10. GULF WAR |

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Mens 18 hole: Wednesday 10 am

Ladies 18 hole: Thursday 10 am

Mens 9 hole: Monday 8.30am Thursday 8.30am

Ladies 9 hole: Tuesday 10 am and Thursday 10 am

Matarangi Bowling Group - meet up Fridays and Sundays from 3pm.

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	High	Low	High	Low	High
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8	0:59	7:19	13:32	19:38	
9	1:51	8:12	14:30	20:37	
10	2:46	9:09	15:30	21:37	
11	3:44	10:07	16:31	22:37	
12	4:44	11:06	17:29	23:37	
13	5:43	12:03	18:25		
14		0:34	6:41	12:59	19:19
15		1:31	7:37	13:52	20:12
16		2:25	8:32	14:44	21:04
17		3:19	9:25	15:35	21:55
18		4:11	10:17	16:27	22:46
19		5:02	11:09	17:18	23:37
20		5:53	12:02	18:11	
21	0:28	6:44	12:55	19:05	
22	1:19	7:36	13:51	20:01	
23	2:12	8:29	14:49	20:59	
24	3:05	9:23	15:46	21:55	
25	3:59	10:17	16:41	22:49	
26	4:51	11:09	17:31	23:40	
27	5:42	11:57	18:18		
28		0:28	6:30	12:42	19:00
29		1:12	7:15	13:24	19:41
30		1:54	7:57	14:04	20:20
31		2:34	8:37	14:42	20:58
1		3:14	9:17	15:21	21:37
2		3:53	9:56	16:00	22:16
3		4:32	10:37	16:42	22:57
4		5:14	11:21	17:26	23:40

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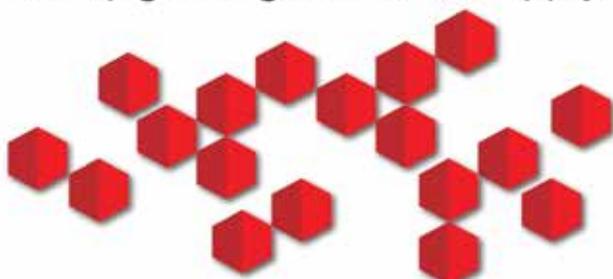


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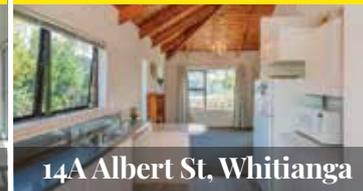
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