

Seventeen-year old singer songwriter Francie Lidgard from Kuaotunu is excited about her opportunity to open A Taste of Matarangi 2024 on April 6th. "There's nothing I love more than getting to share the new songs that I written, with people who are willing to listen and enjoy my creations."

With a audience of around 2500 people expected to attend, Francie will have plenty of local support and interest in seeing her perform her original songs to a growing audience. According to Bronwyn Ririnui of the ATOM organising committee, Francie will be the first local resident to perform on the festival's main stage over its 10-year history.

Last year Francie with her original songs *Cynical* and *Coffee Dregs* was the stand out performer on the 13 track compilation album *Saltwater Frequency 23* by young Mercury Bay artists. Her 2022 composition *You're The One Who's Doing'* was released on the previous compilation *South Highway 22* was voted 29th on the 95 CFM top 100 Kiwi songs for 2023.

Since day one, Francie says she's always been singing and finding something to use as an instrument and can't remember a day of her life without music. "When I was five I made a drum kit out of containers and pans on the floor of my kitchen and would wake my family up at 5:30am daily to bless their ears with my talent."

"My first song was written the day I learnt how to write, scribbled in an old notebook. But I started really, really loving it when I was twelve years old and got my sister's hand-me-down guitar. I would spend my hours after school making up chords on the guitar and trying to put words to it. It was hard to stay motivated with learning covers of other songs because the real joy I have found in music, is making up my own stuff, and doing it for myself."

Francie credits her older sister who also plays guitar and has sung her whole life too, as her biggest influence. "We grew up listening to a variety of music playing through the kitchen speakers. In the morning it would be Jack Johnson, with our cousin's it was Taylor Swift and Katy Perry, at dinnertime it was Dire Straits, and at bedtime it was Fat Freddy's Drop. Over the years I have been figuring out what kinds of music I prefer to learn, and the type of style that I want to express as an artist myself."

The artists who she has recently explored for inspiration are Adele, Olivia Dean, and Amy Winehouse, saying she loves the way these women use a rich range of emotion with their voices, and have written songs that hold a sense of confidence. However, other than her sister and the women artists she is learning from, the biggest mentorship in her musical development, has come from the music department at Mercury Bay Area School.

"I was lucky enough to be taught the Ukelele at a young age, helping me later, when I decided I wanted to play guitar. I have been mentored guitar by Stu Pedley, and currently still am. Nowadays the time spent during my lessons consists of us sharing and contributing ideas to songs we have written that week, and I am most grateful for it. He has been one of my biggest mentors, alongside Mr. Dave Mulholland, my music class teacher, and Dave Rhodes, my recorder/producer/mentor in creating the MBAS albums, and Fabian Roberts too who gave me piano lessons and support in my songwriting."

As for a career in music, Francie says she is still keeping her options open realising that it is not an easy thing to do no matter how talented or committed one is and the huge expectations that are put on the artists by the music industry, producers,

listeners, and the artists themselves. "As much as I would love to do music for a career, I don't want to deal with people putting that pressure on me. I know that no job is ever easy, and you have to work hard to make your dreams come true, but I also want to keep music as something I do to escape, relax and make myself happy. I'm still figuring out who I am and who I want to be, so who knows where my music will take me next. I am confident in who I am, and if I decide music is where I want to go, I will make it happen 100%."

For 2024, Francie will definitely find a way to continue recording and performing in public to see where it all takes her. She is excited and grateful to be chosen as the 2024 head girl at MBAS and says she has the best team of people around her with many ideas to contribute to the growth of the younger students at the school. Aside from music, Francie spends most of her free time waitressing at Luke's Kitchen, which she loves, as well as long distance running, and plenty of other sports like netball. She also spends as much of my time as close to the ocean as possible, hanging out with my cousins and doing volunteer work in the community.

Family is very important to her and both sides have lived in the local community for a long time. Her mum's family have been living in Whitianga for many generations, and her dad grew up at Rings beach where the family reside today. "I have grown up in the most beautiful place, Rings Beach, in between Matarangi and Kuaotunu and always appreciate how lucky I am."

You can listen to Francie Lidgard on Spotify to hear how talented she is.

Featured: Francie Ligard









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TEN YEARS ON

Ten Years ago the MBP reported a great start to 2014 with an action packed Summer festival. It is great to see that in 2024 we still have some of these fun events happening which have now become legendary.

The festive season kicked off with the annual Santa Parade. On the 30th December the team at Richardson's hid hundreds of iceblock sticks down on Matarangi Beach. If the kids found a red stick they took home a prize. The entry fee raised \$600 for the Westpac Helicopter. The Fire Station Open day was a favourite with both the young kids and the big ones and a great array of DIY boats were also found down at the boat ramp for the Richardson's Cardboard Cup Challenge on January 4th.

The Sand Castle comp gets better every year. Approximately 1000 people were on the beach to view the incredible sand art. Sponsored by Beach Realty and Coromandel FM over 90 teams entered, vying for the grand prize. Judged by Hamish McKay, the overall winners were the Johnsone Family for their 3 Hippos.

Of course Fishing was on he agenda with the Annual 2nd January Fishing Competition and the Kids Fishing Comp, organised by the Matarangi Boat and Fishing Club. The Thundercats were also back in town thrilling the 1000 spectators on the beach.

Ten Years On it is great to see new events that have been added to our summer calendar such as the Blindfold Food and Drink Challenge, The Show & Shine, Matarangi Rocks and the Children's Mini Olympics. Thanks to all the organisers of these events who make our Matarangi summer even more special.

GOOD SORT OF THE MONTH



The Good Sort of the Month has to be Sue Sinclair. A call out was made looking for someone to take on the role of organising our annual Santa Parade as otherwise there was going to be NO Santa Parade this year. Coming to the rescue was kind hearted Sue who took on this important role with Puku & Kerre's Liquor Store and NZ Rangehood Installers as sponsors.

Sue is already well known for the special things she does, that brings delight to our littlies. She is responsible for creating the fairy tree and Santa's letterbox on the harbour walkway and the cute rubber inflatables you can sometimes see bobbing in the harbour. Well done Sue. Your community appreciates all you do to put a smile on a child's face and they salute you!

CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

Congratulations to all of the children who received awards at the 2023 Te Rerenga School end of year prize giving. The trophy recipients were:-

Kapa Haka Leadership Award - Cooper Mullins; Sporting Excellence Cup - Chevy Ward-Parr; The Wendy Denize Trophy for Excellence in the Arts - Cieara Colmer; The George Bell Memorial Trophy for Courage - Chevy Ward-Parr; Originality Trophy donated by the Charteris family -Summer Acke.

The Swanson Cup for Academic Excellence - Jacob Comer; The Leadership Trophy donated by Anna Yates - Lucy James-White; The School Values Award: The Respect and Kindness Trophy donated by Anna Yates - Ivy Baylis; The Principal's Cup for Diligence - Luca Varga.

Our deepest condolences

Our deepest condolences to Lynne Morrison and family on the sad passing of Allen. A much loved husband, father and grandfather, Allen passed away peacefully at home on December 10th. Allen and Lynne lived as permanent residents for quite a number of years in Matarangi, before moving to Papamoa a couple of years ago to be closer to family. Our thoughts go out to you Lynne, at this time. RIP Allen.



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The Show and Shine brought out all those car enthusiasts to showcase their treasured rides at the Fire Station on December 30th. It gave everyone a chance to view around 25 classic beauties, so a big thanks to Beach Realty for organising this annual event.

Featured: Brendan OÇonnell pictured with his Lotus Seven replica that he built in his own Matarangi workshop back in 2013.



Santa came to town on December 16th for our beachside Xmas parade. The winning float was Te Rerenga School. Beach Realty was 2nd and Gold as Gold Painters 3rd. Big Thanks to Puku and Kerre's Liquor Store and NZ Rangehood Installers for sponsoring the parade which is a highlight of our summer festival. Featured: Santa - Phil Scheurich and Santa's elf - Lloyd Clark.

Week 1: Matarangi Summer Carnival Wrap up



A new event this year thanks to Pipers Cafe. Those who dared, trusted their senses in the blindfolded food and drink challenge on December 27th.



From the beach to the harbour and anywhere in between, Four Square Matarangi hid 50 rocks on December 28th, which the children could claim for a prize in store.



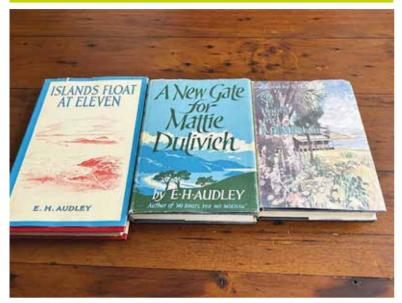








MATTIE DULIVICH, MR MOEHAU AND ISLANDS FLOAT: A LOCAL CONNECTION



Some time back the MBP wrote about a book we had stumbled upon in a second hand book store. The book was No Boots for Mr Moehau published in 1963. The author was E H Audley, who was born in Coromandel in 1896.

Recently, we struck the trifecta and have now procured all three of the books Audley wrote. For lovers of local fiction, Islands Float at Eleven, A New Gate to Mattie Dulivich and the above mentioned No Boots for Mr Moehau are in our mind absolute treasures

Ernest Henry Audley spent his boyhood in Coromandel and came to know the countryside and the people well. He was one of the eight children belonging to Matilda and Frederick Audley who was for a time the Harbour Master at Coromandel. Audley's family was a reasonably prosperous one as his father was part of the mining party that discovered the famous Hauraki gold mine; "Legge's Reef" in 1894. The Victorian Villa named Audley House constructed in 1895 was where he grew up and is today an iconic Coromandel landmark situated on the Whangapoua Road (SH25) heading towards Matarangi.

After serving in World War One, Audley became a teacher working both in the Auckland region and in Britain and was a headmaster in Manurewa until he retired in 1953. He took up writing as a hobby and had many short stories published before his first book 'Islands Float at Eleven' was printed in 1952. Going on to publish two more books, his enthusiasm for the Coromandel region and relationship with Maori characterised all his fiction.

An article written by the NZ Press Association upon his death in 1973 states that "a lifetime of contact with Maori people gave him a deep knowledge of their customs and philosophy which gave authenticity to the characters he created in his novels.

Islands Float at Eleven was based on his boyhood in Coromandel. The book was written as if seen through the eyes of an eleven year old boy and as the dust jacket states is a happy blend of fact and fiction giving us a "delightful account of things long past in a typical New Zealand country town." It is all about the days of gold mining, ships bringing stores and travellers from the city, timber men and their bullock teams. All the things that brought excitement at the time to the small town.

His next book was No Boots for Mr Moehau published in 1963. It is set in a community named Matarangi and according to Graeme Lay in 2009 was a "fictionalised depiction of the Whangapoua area, and is a sensitive portrait of a community beset by social and economic changes" (p.145). The story tells of Mr Moehau's battle with a company that wishes to develop a holiday resort and with local Maori who are prepared to sell their land for economic gain, as well as his encounters with the Maori Land Court.

The blurb sets the scene for this fictional novel. It is set in "Matarangi a dwindling Maori Community on the Coromandel Peninsula. Mr Moehau of the title potters contentedly on the shore, beach combing and visiting his nets or near neighbours. His timeless world is bounded by the sea, the sand hills and the forest, until in the name of development, it's seclusion is threatened on two fronts. The reactions of the community are varied and lively.

We were delighted to get our hands on his next book A New Gate to Mattie Dulivich after local resident Ruth Fisken won it in a trade me auction. New Gate for Mattie Dulivich published in 1965 describes the conflict of old settlers and business owners planning to build a luxury hotel and marina. The synopsis reads as such. "This book is set among the tough pastures and far back hills of the Peninsula where Matarangi listens to the Pacific Ocean. It is here that Mattie Dulivich, a Dalmation farmer and Amo a Maori, stand guard over the Maori tribal lands."They combine as friends and lovers of the land to protect its uncommercialised beauty.

It is obvious that Audley's novels were suggestive of the local realities of the time, many of which are still relevant today. The Oxford Companion to New Zealand Literature writes that Audley always enjoyed the company of Maori friends and writing at the same time as Noel Hilliard shares Hilliard's ability to cross the cultural boundary without fuss or self- congratulation" (p. 31)

These books if you can get hold of them, are well worth a read. The themes could easily be set in the modern day with other pristine and iconic coastal locations coming under pressure for development and the resulting controversy and struggle to protect them. It shows that Audley sixty years ago, was indeed light years ahead of his time. We believe that they even could be the basis for some brilliant screen plays! We wonder? Is there a local Jane Campion out there?

There is an interesting aside to this story, as inside the book A New Gate to Mattie Dulivich was a business card for a Jason Valentine Burt, owner of Valentine Books. Many will know that Jason is a Whangapoua home owner and has a long time association to this area. In July last year, Jason was nominated as a TV One Good Sort. A former school principal, Jason has raised thousands of dollars for charity by finding unwanted books a new home. A New Gate for Mattie Dulivich was one such book, with the money raised going to Variety, a charity that supports children in need.

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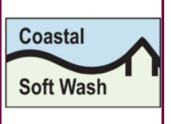
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January 2024 with Alastair Brickell

Jupiter is undoubtedly the star of the show this month. The biggest planet glows brightly in the northeastern sky and is readily visible immediately after sunset. Saturn is quite a bit fainter and now lies low in the northwest and will soon be lost to view for several

The dawn sky has a trio of planets on show with brilliant Venus being unmistakable accompanied by fainter Mercury some distance below. Right on the eastern horizon is much fainter Mars which is slightly reddish but only easily visible towards the end of the month when it will be passed by Mercury which can be seen sliding by it from day to day low in the pre-dawn sky. The Moon and binoculars can help us find these faint objects.

There will be a few Chinese Tiangong and International Space Station (ISS) passes to enjoy this month but, as usual, timings may change, especially towards the end of the month, if they have to be moved to avoid space junk. Always best to check the website heavens-above.com for updated timings.

January 6 — The dawn sky has the crescent Moon high overhead with brilliant Venus lower down and much fainter Mercury just above the horizon.

January 7 – The Moon has moved lower down with Venus, Mercury and Mars below it.

January 8 — The thin crescent Moon, Venus and Mercury

Mars below them all but along the same line.

January 9 — Brilliant Venus sits just to the left of the thin crescent Moon at dawn with Mercury and then Mars lower

January 10 - The thin crescent Moon now lies just to the right and slightly above Mercury in the dawn sky with much fainter Mars further down. January 13 — The Moon is now on the other side of the

January 13 — The Moon is now on the other side of the Sun so is visible in the early evening lying just below and to the left of slightly yellowish Saturn. Mercury is now at its highest in the dawn sky.

January 14 — Saturn now sits just to the right of the crescent Moon at twilight low in the west.

January 16 — The Moon is now high above and to the right of Saturn low in the western dusk sky and almost midway

to Jupiter.

January 17 — The Moon now sits below and to the left of

January 17 — The Moon now sits below and to the left of bright Jupiter in the evening. January 18 — Jupiter is now just above and to the right of the first quarter Moon.

January 20 — The Moon is now far to the right of Jupiter and just to the left of the Pleiades or Matariki.

January 21 — The Moon now lies to the right of Marariki and below the red giant star Aldebaran in Taurus. There is a very early but bright ISS pass from 5:50am in the NW.

January 22 — Another bright and early ISS pass from 5:02am in the north moving just above Venus three minutes later.

January 23 — We have a low ISS pass from 5:48am in the west.

January 24 - Another early ISS pass from 5:00am in the

west. January 25 — The early dawn sky has Mercury just above faint Mars low in the east.

January 26 — There is a faint ISS pass from 4:59am low in the west. Full Moon tonight.

January 28 - Mercury now sits right next and to the left

January 31 — Mercury has now passed by Mars and sits below it in the early eastern dawn sky. The evening sky has a Tiangong pass from 9:53pm in the west passing beside Jupiter.

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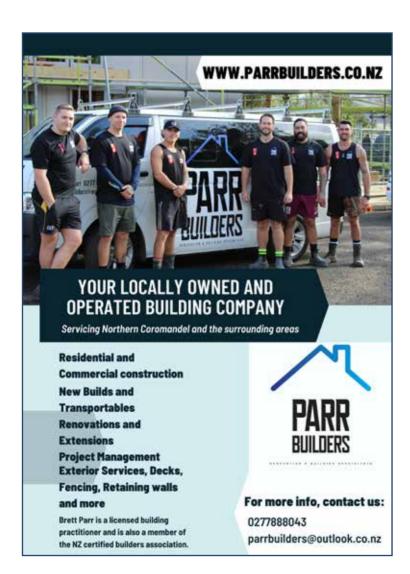


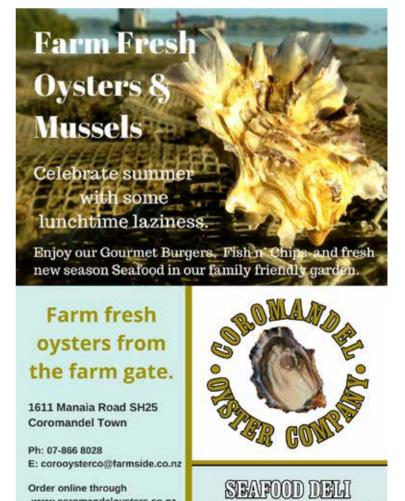
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Featured: Cooper Wood with Chris Kelly holding the Kelly Cup.

The small fry were out for their annual fishing comp on December 29th down at the wharf. There were great prizes for the biggest sea creature, most fish and the biggest fish, thanks to the Matarangi Boat and Fishing Club. Cooper Wood (5) won the Kelly Cup for the most fish.. Congratulations to the Matarangi Boat and Fishing Club Committee for this excellent event which drew in a record 107 contestants.



Always a popular event for the kids is the Richardson's annual Big Dig which saw children down on the beach hunting for iceblock sticks and a prize on December 28th.



Keith Goodall from Richardsons Real Estate in his role as the umpire.

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Where in the WORLD is the Matarangi Beach Paper?



Here is Brenda Riggs looking as gorgeous as Princess Di at the Taj Mahal in Agra. Brenda, who was on an Intrepid tour said she loved the colours and tastes of India and had an amazing time, We wonder if she managed a visit to the Exotic Marigold Hotel?



Here are local kids Fay, Molly and Keira Devoy with the MPB while on holiday in Cornwall.





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Be Prepared to be moved by the infectious energy and groove of Sugafix. With a repertoire that spans across genres and eras, they are the go-to choice for those seeking an unforgettable dance experience at the 2024 A Taste of Matarangi festival. Prepare to be swept away by the magic of Sugafix as they save the best to last, headlining and delivering an unforgettable closing set that leaves festival goers craving for more.

Embark on a musical adventure with Black and Gold, a dynamic ensemble that defies genre boundaries and invites you to experience the fusion of melodies and rhythmic beats at it's finest. Whether you enjoy a sing a long, dancing or someone who simply appreciates the magic of live music, Black and Gold's ability to seamlessly transition between genres ensures that there's something for everyone and it will leave you craving

Local talent takes the stage with Cosha. Consisting of two passionate artists dedicated to creating an unforgettable musical experience. They

offer a versatile range of music, from timeless classics to contemporary hits, all delivered with their unique acoustic touch. Cosha brings a fresh and unique sound to every performance making them a perfect addition

Local sensation Francie Lidgard is a talented 17 year-old singersongwriter hailing from Kuaotunu. Francies music reflects her own musical tastes and experiences and she believes in the power of music to bring people together and make a positive impact. Francie showcases the rich musical talent nestled within the region, providing a platform for emerging artists to shine. Keep an eye out for this young singersongwriter as she takes to the stage at the A Taste of Matarangi festival.

A Taste of Matarangi is not just a food, wine and music festival; it's an experience that brings together the community to celebrate music, memories and the unique spirit of Matarangi. Join us for a day of good vibes, delicious cuisine, and of course, incredible music.

A special thanks to our Gold sponsors for supporting the 2024 A Taste of Matarangi festival: All About Whitianga, Creative Fuel web design, Richardsons Real estate Matarangi, CFM Coromandel, Winton Beach Development.

CORNER WITH AMY ENGLISH OF PENINSULA PESTS

Welcome to 2024 and we hope everyone had a great Christmas holiday! Summer brings out all the bugs and one of the most detested would have to be the wasp. We were already seeing nests start to establish in the spring with numbers generally peaking from January to March and if we are to have the hot, dry summer as predicted, they could become a real nuisance.

The four most common species we deal with in this area are the German and Common Wasp (who look very similar to each other) and the Asian and Australian Paper Wasp (who are also very similar). These are collectively referred to as social wasps and it is really hard to find anything good to say about these insects. All four species are black and yellow, but the paper wasps have skinnier bodies and longer, dangly legs. They eat other native insects, compete with native birds for nectar, fruit and honeydew and as they are all introduced

species to New Zealand, they have no natural predators. They can strip wood from your house and fences to make their nests and that's before we even mention their stings, which can be painful and given repeatedly!

The German and Common wasps both make nests in the ground, which can grow quite large (up to 3-4 metres across!) if they manage to survive the winter. If you find one of these nests, or think you might have one, give us a call and we can find the entrance and treat it to get rid of the wasps and nest for good.

The Paper Wasp's nest is one we are all familiar with - small, multi-cell papery nests found hanging from your fence, house or vegetation. Fly spray is very effective on these nests, just give them a good spray in the evening when the wasps are less active, and then return and detach the nest the next day. An exterior insect spray to your property will also help to deter the establishment of paper wasp nests. Until next month... enjoy the sunshine I hope we are having!



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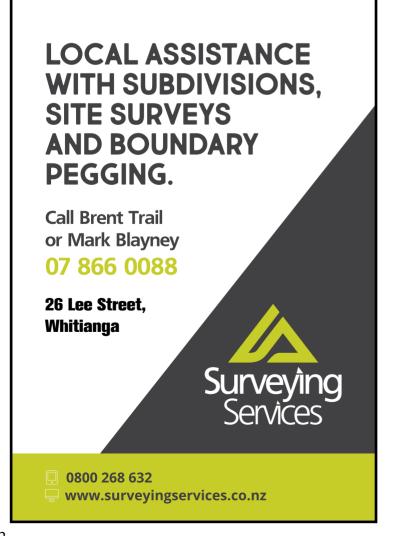
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SCHOOL

Principal Address to Final Assembly and Prize Giving 2023

It always gives me great pleasure to stand here at our Annual Final Assembly prizegiving as Principal of Te Rerenga School. How lucky am I to be the leader of such an amazing school with wonderful learners, an outstanding teaching and support staff and a most supportive Board, PTA and community. Our children are happy children and this is reflected in how they behave and relate to each other. They are respectful to each other and they are kind. I would like to thank you all for what you do, to make this school the best rural school in the country. Big words I know, but I do believe it!

It is wonderful to have so many whanau here today - last year our final assembly was affected by covid and many children received their prizes by home delivery, including several of our 2022 Year 8s, so it is wonderful to be able to welcome some of them back to Te Rerenga today. I am so pleased I will be able to shake all hands today!

In my speech last year I spoke of our focus on wellbeing, building resilience and kindness and how it had helped us to get through trying times over the previous years. Little did I know that we would be starting the 2023 school needing to dig deep into that kite again with our district being cut off by the slips and road closures caused by summer cyclones. School was closed for a week when it had only just started and when we could get to school, the staff living in Matarangi had to travel by the school bus. It was said that the bus had never been that quiet!

Despite the rocky start to the year, we have had a great year with so many exciting things happening, both in and out of the classroom, like our STEAM festival, sports events, and the PTA disco. The most major of these of course was the arrival after many months of planning, of our new double classroom block in seven modular parts at the start of Term 3. It was fascinating watching the huge crane lift them into place, and then have the team from Whangapoua builders get it all ready for us to move in. The children in Wairere-Awa have loved their first term of learning in this purpose built space.

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Rob Stevens and the Longest Day in Golf team of 8 players set off at 5.45am on the xxth of December to play four rounds or 72 holes of golf by 8pm sundown to raise funds for the Cancer Society which will go towards cancer care, support, and research. In total they raised \$xxxx which was a brilliant effort for all of their hard work on the course.

The Dunes Club also held a raffle to support the Cancer Society and had a convivial happy hour from 4-6pm for the supporters. You can still donate by using the link below: https://longestday.org. nz/t/table-10



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The past few weeks we have watched the new Pump Track begin to take shape. It will be exciting to come back to school in February to have it completed and officially opened. Thank you to all who helped fundraise for this, but in particular Fleur Blackie and Chloe Watts who have put in many hours of work seeing it come to fruition.

Today we congratulate and celebrate the students who are receiving awards at our 2023 annual prize giving. Whether it be for diligence, academic, sporting, creativity or school values, they are all awards you have richly deserved. Today we are introducing a new trophy that will be presented each year at final assembly. This trophy is called the Wendy Denize trophy for Excellence in the Arts. Wendy, who lived throughout her marriage in Whangapoua until recently, taught at Te Rerenga for many years, before becoming principal so we thought it was most fitting to name this trophy in her honour.

Last year we introduced a new presentation for our "lifers". These are the children who started their primary schooling journey in a New Zealand School here at Te Rerenga, and now leave us as a Year 8. Our 2023 lifers are: Ivy Baylis, Lucy James-White, Angelina Parr Stephen and Chevy Ward-Parr. We hope you will treasure this pounamu that was specially crafted by Mr Barry-George Colmer, Cieara's father.

We also farewell all of our school leaders, our wonderful Year 8s. This year has been an amazing group and today we are presenting you all with a Huia feather. The Huia feather is a revered treasure for Maori and symbolises leadership and mana. Like jewels plucked from a Royal Crown, Huia feathers were given as tokens of friendship and respect.

We hope we have adorned your feathers to enable you to fly. Ma te huruhuru ka rere te manu

Our Year 8 students have planted two native trees in our new native grove - a kauri and a totara - as a parting remembrance of their time here. They are most welcome to come back over the years to come to see how their tree is growing. The planting of native trees is also to become an annual tradition for our departing year 8s.

Finally to you all, I hope you all have a wonderful safe summer break!

Meri Kirihimete and I will see you in 2024!



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Books And Banter group is held on the first Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. (Cuurently their is a waitlist as group is full. Contact Christine Fenner Fennz1@gmail.com Mobile: 0272801460

Kuaotunu Craft & Social Club 1-4pm Ph Lia 8662054 @ The Kuaotunu Hall

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 email: tadekgawor@gmail.com

TUESDAYS

Hatha Yoga 10 - 11.30 am @ Kuaotunu Hall.

WEDNESDAYS

Contract Bridge - 1pm, Mercury Bay Bowling Club, 92 Cook Drive, Whitianga 3510 Info: Tadek Gawor m:+6427 235 6335 email: tadekgawor@

Men on Mats (Pilates for Blokes) 9am till 10am, Allsorts 10am till 11am Matarangi Fire Station Ph: Christiane 0273122584

Steiner Playgroup. 9am-12pm Kuaotunu Kindergarten 8660094

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

Kuaotunu Garden Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. To contact the committee please email kuaotunugardenclub@gmail.com

THURSDAYS

Thursday Craft Group
Meets at The Dunes 12.30 fortnightly all welcome. Contact Lesley 0212800780

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

Hatha Yoga 9 - 10.30 am @ Kuaotunu Hall.

Matarangi Dune Restoration Group

Meet first Thursday of every month at Village Green from

09:00 Contact Kay Airey 02041200975 details.

FRIDAYS

Hatha Yoga 3rd Age Chair Yoga. 9-10.30am

SATURDAYS

Matarangi Hash House Harriers 'run' the last Saturday (4pm) of each month. Location TBA each month.

Matarangi Sunday Markets start Labour Weekend.

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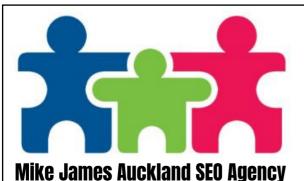


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