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Editor's Note

Hi there, well we've had the longest day, the clocks go back on Sunday and the temperature is only in the teens and not twenties. But don't despair, put on an extra layer, light the fire and settle down to enjoy to a good read... and by that I mean this month's edition of the Blueskin News.

There is lots going on around the Bay this month - starting with Blueskin on Show the first weekend, if you're not going to enter the Garden Produce competition yourself come and be inspired by the quality others have produced. There'll be plenty of entertainment for the whole family and the Blueskin Market will be on as well. This month as well is the 8th Wild Dunedin Festival with plenty to get involved in both around the bay and in town. Pūrākaunui School will be holding their Autumn Fair on the last weekend of April.

We have two new initiatives for the Blueskin News this month, the first is a shout out to Good Fairies in the Community. This month's award goes to whoever has been quietly mowing the Mopanui Ridge Track - thank you. If you know of someone who has been doing 'good in the hood' let us know and we'll acknowledge them.

The second initiative is that you will now be able to subscribe to the colour digital edition of the BSN delivered right to your inbox. Just send your name and email address to blueskin.subscribe@gmail.com

Keep warm and safe, Bernie

Blueskin Bay Community Spaces

Warrington Hall

Available for birthdays, family gatherings, exercise classes, dances and dos etc, at reasonable rates. Hire includes a fully equipped kitchen and tables and chairs.

Contact Lyn 482 2896 or Rowena 482 2667

Waitati Hall

Suitable for large meetings, weddings, parties, concerts, dances etc. (up to 120) features kitchen, toilets, stage, sound system and large projection screen. **Contact**

Blueskin Nurseries on 482 2828

Waitati Hall Meeting Room

Suitable for committee meetings, small gatherings, demonstrations etc. (up to 20 people) features kitchen and toilets. **Contact Blueskin Nurseries on 482 2828**

Blueskin Bay Library Meeting Room

Suitable for committee meetings, presentations, training, interviews etc. (up to 12 people) features modular tables, large projection screen, kitchenette and toilets. **Contact Blueskin Bay Library 482 2444 blucirc1@dcc.govt.nz**

Waiputai Hub – Stephenson St, Warrington

Warm and cosy meeting space, community gatherings, classes, children's parties, and workshops for up to 20 people. Features include small kitchen, comfy couches, tables and chairs, fenced grounds including playground for under 5s and toilets. Available to hire for workshops, courses, children's parties or family events etc. at a reasonable hourly rate.

Booking enquiries to waiputai@gmail.com or Nancy 482 1198 or text 021 171 0226.

Hire charge is usually applicable, details can be obtained on request.



BLUESKIN BAY ONLINE is a FREE searchable Local Business Directory developed to support local businesses across Blueskin Bay.

We aim to list as many local businesses, and trades & services as we can find – to make it easier for you to find and support them too!

If you would like to advertise your business, email your details to: blueskinbayonline@gmail.com

or complete the contact form at www.blueskinbayonline.co.nz

It's as simple as that

Let's keep supporting our local businesses

BLUESKIN
Autumn Show

SUNDAY
2ND APRIL
10-3pm

BLAND PARK, WAITATI

RIDES, Races & family fun \$3 entry
LOCAL SCHOOLS & GROUPS
CARBOOT trade displays
FOOD
Classic & electric car display
GARDEN PRODUCE
COMPETITION FIRE & NO DOGS EMERGENCY DEMO
For more details please contact
Alasdair Morrison 4822505 Matt Sumpter 0210710895 Colin Thom 027518685
Setting up from 7.30am ON SHOW DAY

THEY SAVE

WE PAY

NO DUNEDIN HOSPITAL CUTS

In 2020, Cabinet signed off on plans for the new Dunedin Hospital, after four years of work on a Detailed Business Case.

Then, last Christmas, they went back on their word. Redesigning the build, with significant cost-cutting measures.

Two buildings, gone. A skybridge, gone. Two theatres, gone. Beds, gone. Pathology unit, drastically reduced. Working conditions, diminished.

The government will save. But the people of the south will pay.

Our doctors and nurses will pay. From our ageing population, to the next generation, our most vulnerable people will pay.

Join the fight. Say no to Dunedin Hospital cuts.

What can you do as one person, one voice to tell the government build the New Dunedin Hospital as promised

- Send the protest postcards to MPs
- Print off the letter to the government and send it to your local member
- Order and wear the protest tee shirt and take pics to share on your socials
- Sign and share the NZ Nurses Organisation petition at <https://chnng.it/J4T9vSkR>
- Come get a protest sign and take your photo with it for use on your socials
- Print off the Nurses Petition signature sheet and go gather signatures from your family, friends and neighbours
- Email letters to the editor at the ODT www.odt.co.nz/ contribute or email editor@odt.co.nz and send them to us too at theysavewepay@dcc.govt.nz
- Add comments to our Facebook page and share posts to your socials

Resources are all found at www.theysavewepay.nz

Postcards and signs can be picked up from the Civic Centre and the iSite in the Octagon.

From mid week all DCC Libraries will have postcards too. Postcards soon to be found in 150 cafés across Dunedin. Sign it, send it - it's FREE!

WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

The very recent severe rainfall events in the North Island, and the horrific television images, serve as a timely reminders that freak events of nature can happen anywhere, any time, and often with little warning.

Overcrowding on buses has been a hot topic lately. Over the past few years we have made submissions to the Otago Regional Council stating that, in our view, allowing a bus to travel on the open road from the top of Pine Hill Road towards Waitati and beyond, with passengers having to stand, is potentially dangerous. What would happen if the driver had to brake suddenly for any reason?

It seems that it is legal in New Zealand for a bus, such as the one used on our route, to travel with more than two dozen passengers standing. In our view, this scenario has to be reviewed.

I had a meeting recently with the Otago Regional Council staff member who is responsible for the bus service in our north coast area, together with two senior staff from the company which provides the bus service. The main point of discussion focused on addressing the morning and afternoon overcrowding issue. Their proposed remedy is to provide an extra bus, each way at these peak times - but with a slight difference. One of the buses will service Palmerston, Waikouaiti and Karitane. The extra bus, operating at the same time, will service Waitati and Warrington. Yes – the bus will go into Warrington for pickup and drop-off. Not every bus, just at the peak times – for now.

I had hoped to be able to tell you in this article where the pickup/drop-off locations in Warrington will be but, at the time of writing, I don't yet have this information. I understand that full details will appear on the Otago Regional Council website as soon as they are finalised. Details should also appear in the Otago Daily Times.

Our next formal meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 th April, starting at 5.30 pm in the Warrington Surf Club rooms. If you would like to speak at the Public Forum at the start of the meeting, please contact Rebecca Murray at DCC on 477 4000, or give me a call.

With three meetings to go before the end of the financial year, our discretionary fund is still healthy and we look forward to receiving grant applications from any community groups who are in need of a bit of financial assistance. Details on how to apply for a grant can be found on the Dunedin City Council website. If you would like more information about applying for a grant, feel free to contact any board member.

Alasdair Morrison, Chairman,
Waikouaiti Coast Community Board
0274 354 384 : info@calmarine.co.nz

BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

Our March meeting on growing dahlias had to be postponed due to illness within the club.

April is fast approaching and members will be busy at Blueskin On Show Day, exhibiting their produce, selling plants, taking entries etc. Look out for our club flags and here you will find lots of locally grown produce, flowers, preserves etc. There will be a well stocked plant stall for you all to purchase a plant or two for your gardens.

We hope you will enjoy making an autumnal wreath to take home. All materials supplied so you just need to come to the tent and have a go.

If you have any excess fruit or veges from your garden don't forget to share it with neighbours and friends or put it in a box at your gate. Those without fruit trees or large gardens will appreciate some locally grown fresh produce.

Members will be present on Anzac Day at the Waitati Hall. After the service we will be hands-on in the kitchen putting out morning tea, serving hot drinks and doing the dishes.

In May we will have our AGM at the Careys Bay Hotel where we all get together over a meal and a drink and have a laugh. If you would like to join our club then come and have a chat to us at Blueskin On Show Day. See this edition or last month's for the show schedule.

Lyn Hastie, Secretary.



Warrington Surf Life Saving

Patrols have now finished for the year , our lifeguards have been kept busy all season with consistent swell and warm weather bringing large numbers of swimmers to the beach . A big thank you to all our lifeguards for volunteering their time to keep the beach safe .

The season culminated in South Island and National competitions for our junior and senior competitors. The Southern Region Junior Championships were held in early February at Warrington, allowing lots of our nippers to compete. The club finished eighth overall, with notably Warrington competitors getting 28 first-place finishes.

Four of our junior members (Robert, Carlotta, Fergus, and Zara) also attended Oceans' 23 at Mt. Maunganui, which is the NZ junior championships with Zara Owen achieving a second place in the under 11 surf race and a third place in the diamond.

The TSB Seniors and Masters Championships were completed at New Brighton from 8-11th of March. Despite being faced with some challenging surf conditions, our canoe crews collectively picked up five medals in the Senior competition and a further five medals for our Masters competitors.

If you are interested in joining the club or becoming a lifeguard please send us a message at warringtonslscnz@gmail.com

Photo credit Jamie Ryan



Warrington Hall Report.

Our hall is popular for all sorts of get togethers. Weddings, funerals, birthday parties, games, education etc etc.

The hall is now available to hire on Monday and Wednesday evenings. So if you've been thinking about starting something up, or just a one off then please come along and check us out. For a look inside contact Lyn 482 2896, or 022 0487 696 or Rowena 482 2667 (also bookings).

The hall is a good size, easily heated and well equipped for catering with a large amount of matching crockery, cutlery, glasses etc. Also plenty of tables and chairs.

Lyn Hastie



Pūrākaunui School

We are excited to announce that our fair this year is full steam ahead! We will be having an Autumn Harvest Fair on Sunday 30 April from 11am - 2pm. There will be food (including homemade pizza from our woodfired pizza oven), fun & games, stalls, music and more!

We are currently seeking any donations from local businesses for our raffle prizes. Please contact office@purakaunui.school.nz if you would like to make a contribution.

This term we have been enjoying harvesting and eating a bumper rūpapa (rhubarb) crop from our school garden at our weekly shared lunches. We have been experimenting with oven roasting it in different ways to bring out different flavours – so far we have had one batch with honey, and one with brown sugar and ginger sprinkled over the stalks.

Here are some facts about rūpapa written by **Lachie** in year 5:

- Rhubarb is a vegetable. A native plant of China, it was grown and traded as a medicine or healing ointment.
- The word rhubarb can also mean a heated argument.
- The redder the stalk, the sweeter it will taste.
- Rhubarb is a perennial: it survives the winter and grows back every year.
- Harvest stalks at around 33 cm.



Slash and Dash

Conviction is a virtue so I stick to mine. Historically, I have documented my dislike and distrust of NZ's lamentable dairy industry:- animal husbandry, nitrate poisoning, degraded waterways, destruction of existing landscapes etc etc. Equally, and no less urgently, I now add our forestry industry to the "that's infuriating" column.

And the thing is, calling them "our" industries is farcical. In reality, NZ's dairy and forestry industries are increasingly controlled by global corporates. Resulting from five centuries of capitalism's need for growth and profit, these industries create desirable primary products valued by the many, at the cost of we few. We get jobs and a sense of belonging to the successful global machine. In return, we get products priced by those at the top of the table, and an exploited environment.

Going back to forestry, what we don't get is locally produced secondary products. A half century of pine-tree growing, and we have roads filled with port-bound



logging trucks, clear-felled landscapes, millions of tonnes of detritus slash clogging our water ways and beaches, and crippling building costs. My fury could lessen if said trucks carted materials processed locally to feed our own needs, but beholden to the system (like the dairy behemoth), forestry has bought a slice of our environment, and deems to do with it as it likes. Profit is the only driving factor.

In the wonderfully informative Blueskin Days, Ian Church et al chronicle numerous sawmills. And while they undoubtedly milled native timber in pursuit of grazable, arable pastures, it seems absurd that today's abundance of felled pine passes through on its way to a market reliant on re-importation. It's the classic slash and dash.

Doug Nuttall

Halo Project Update



The Halo Project is keen to understand the perspectives of our community. If you have feedback for us or would like to share your thoughts on conservation, biodiversity, predator control and how you engage with your environment please scan the QR code below to complete the online survey. All completed surveys go in the draw to win a \$100 voucher for Arc Brewery!



We are kicking off the 2023 planting season at Wharewerawera/Long Beach with a picnic and planting day as part of Wild Dunedin on Saturday 22 April, 10am – 3pm. We have 7000 native seedlings to go in the ground at this location this year. If you enjoy the outdoors and giving back then please come along and join us.

BYO picnic blanket and enjoy a free-range sausage from Deep Creek Deli or a vegan treat! All tools are provided, with tasks suitable for

all abilities, from plant guarding to digging and planting. Wear sturdy, closed toe footwear and register at info@haloproject.org.nz to guarantee your sausage, and to get updates on weather cancellations.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for info on the other planting days we have planned on Saturday 6 May, Tuesday 9 May, and Wednesday 31 May. Reach out if you'd like to arrange a group day with your mates or your workplace.



The mural at the Waiputai Hub

The Waiputai Trust Committee and Dunedin City Council is in the process of refreshing the paint on the Playcentre building, which is now the Waiputai Hub.

The art mural was designed and painted by the late Mr Noel Cunningham, whom we wish to acknowledge and thank for his work. This is representative of our local ocean and land environment around us. Both murals across the front of the building have now been sealed with a protective coating to preserve this beautiful work.

Framing the entrance's glass doors are partially completed Māori designs that we would like to complete or consider for redesign. We are unable to obtain the history of the current Māori designs and welcome any information you may have about it before we consider our next step. Please contact Nancy Todd on 027 512 0599.

If we are unable to ascertain the history, the Waiputai Trust is considering a competition for local community members for the re-design of this and will let you know in due course any details.



A REFLECTIVE RANT



by Abi

This is an opinion piece designed to promote feedback. If you feel you'd like to respond – email blueskin.input@gmail.com

I have recently returned to full-time study as a mature student. As part of my learning, I must write reflectively about my practice. I thought I'd give it a go here.

What do I do that makes other people mad?

Drive badly, double park, fail to indicate, and stop my vehicle in the middle of the road to have a chat with my mates. Mow my lawns and use my chainsaw early in the morning. Attend and help organize parties with loud music, that go into the small hours. Stop the coal train, and forget to pick up my bag of dog poo. Use incorrect grammar.

What do I do that makes other people sad?

Not be present, become easily distracted, interrupt people when they are speaking, and inappropriately say inappropriate things. Someone once told me, "It's not necessarily what you say; it's how and when you choose to say it."

What do I do that makes other people happy?

Give a shit, say what I think, show up, work hard, remember your stuff, be enthusiastic, celebrate, fill the dance floor, admit I make mistakes, wash the lost property, make cups of tea, be myself, and see the best in others. (FYI- all these things make other people mad and sad too).



Finding a use for dried up old characters.

Sometimes what seem to be the most useless things turn out to be really useful.

Pulling out the remains of the broad beans the other day, I noticed they still had loads of ugly, blackened and withered pods still attached. Not one to throw anything even vaguely edible away (you should see the state of our pantry and fridge), I thought I would pod them and got a large quantity of dried beans.

Donating some to the seed bank at the library is one use for them, but there are such a lot of these old beans. Next stop was asking Mr Google and I learned that you can soak dried fava beans (fava is the Mexican name for broad beans), cook them until tender and use them to make a dish such as chilli beans.

The other thing which got me excited (I have a fairly low threshold for excitement) was to grind the beans into flour and use the flour where you would use chick pea flour. Now there is a low, or zero food miles alternative to something imported, and which I already use quite a lot of.

So out came the wee electric coffee and spice grinder, and I ground a couple of small handfuls into flour. It takes a while and is quite hard on the grinder- this is the second one I have owned as they suffer from me abusing them grinding weird things like acorns and chestnuts.

I mixed the flour with spices, water and chopped onion rings and made a batch of onion bhaji. It was a total success.

Broad beans are so easy to grow. Plant them when you read this article, Anzac day is the tradition, and don't despair if some of them turn into tough weathered old characters, you can still eat them one way or another.

Hilary Rowley

SAVE THE DATE Warrington Indoor Bowls Club
Open Night Tuesday 4 April | 7.15pm

The club invites you to come along to the Warrington Hall and learn the skills of this game. This can be a Family Game from the age of 9 years and above.

Graeme Thorburn (Secretary) | 03 473 6503 | agrjthorburn@xtra.co.nz

The 8th Wild Dunedin Festival is Coming in April

The Wild Dunedin team are thrilled to announce that our popular Festival is on again in the school holidays 14 – 23 April.

This year our Festival is focusing on whenua with workshops, open gardens, expert talks and activities about soil, compost, growing your own food and sustainability.

Festival guest Kath Irvine of Edible Backyard will be holding a workshop on pruning at Blueskin Nurseries on 17 April, one on keeping hens at the City Library on 18 April, and giving a talk on soil at Tūhura Otago Museum on 16 April.

Puketeraki Maara Kai is running two workshops on organic kai and native plant propagation on 15 April, and also on 15 April Jim O'Gorman aka the Dirt Doctor from Kakanui is running a workshop on composting at the Botanic Garden.

A big event for Waitati tamariki is a visit by the Marine Studies Centre's Aquavan to Blueskin Library. Thanks to the generosity of Harbour Fish there will be two sessions covering the rocky shore and how soil can affect marine life plus the popular touch tank. Bookings for these sessions on 20 April are essential.

Suzy Cato will be entertaining tamariki with music sessions at Toitū, Tūhura Otago Museum and she'll also make an appearance at the very popular Wildlife ER sessions.

Kids go free at Orokonui Ecosanctuary during the Festival, there are loads of free things for children at Tūhura Otago Museum including Bug Day and Penguin Day, plus deals at Larnach Castle, the Royal Albatross Centre, Penguin Place, Blue Penguins Pukekura, Monarch Wildlife and Cruises and Resistance Climbing Gym. There will be a Wild Swim at Portobello and Dive Otago are running a snorkelling experience exploring Dunedin's kelp ngāhere for ages 8 and over.

Bookings are essential for many events. Go to the website where you will find the full programme and you can make bookings. Also become a Friend and follow us on social media. Pick up a programme at any library.

wilddunedin.nz



New Zealand: A History in Stitch

The Tapestry Trust of New Zealand is in the process of creating a large series of panels depicting the history of Aotearoa New Zealand.

We are supported by the Association of Embroiderers' Guilds (ANZEG), many of whom are giving their time to this long-term project. This is a project about, by and for the people of NZ. The goal is a series of over 100 stitched panels to be available for display around the country.

The Trust consulted historians at two departments at the University of Otago (History & Art History, and Design Studies) to define the historic themes and events depicted in the panels.

Members of the East Otago Embroiders' Guild are currently working on a panel entitled "Establishment of Plunket Society 1907 Truby King". This is one of 33 panels either completed or in progress throughout New Zealand.

If you are interested in watching the progress of this panel or joining the stitchers, the East Otago Embroiderers will be working on the panel at the Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre from 2 – 4pm on Saturday 29 April. All welcome.



It has been a great start to the school year here at Warrington School. The tamariki have been making the most of the beautiful weather that we have been experiencing, and participating in the local environment with enthusiasm.

This year the tamariki are working with Marine Science Otago, each class exploring a different aspect of the estuary and bay. A big Thank you to Dr Lucy Wing for your support in this area, and for coming in to school and helping the tamariki.

The tamariki at Warrington have enjoyed the fantastic outdoor activities available during term 1, swimming daily in the school pool, enjoying the garden with Lyn and Lyne, and the year 7 and 8 children surfing on a Friday morning at Warrington beach! They have nearly all managed to stand up in a few short weeks! AMAZING!

Our year 7 and 8 children are off on their first camp of the year to Glenorchy next week. This is a leadership adventure camp where the tamariki are encouraged to challenge themselves and be independent and work together. We are looking forward to sharing their exciting adventures when they return!

Explorers club in our junior room has begun again for the year. It is open to 4 year olds in our local area, who are thinking of heading to Warrington school. It is a fantastic fun and action packed morning, with swimming, crafts, outdoor activities and learning. These groups help tamariki and their whānau see what Warrington School is all about, and gives an idea of what school is all about. Our nest group is on Friday 31st March from 9AM-11AM. Please bring a drink bottle, morning tea, and your amazing sense of fun and see what Warrington School offers!

Warrington School held a BINGO fundraiser evening at ARC Brewery last Friday and would like to thank the local community for their amazing support! In particular we would like to thank the hard working organisation team, Johnny, Darcy and Sam. Thanks to ARC for the space, and the Two Fat Ladies for running the BINGO!



Pet Poisonings

There seems to be a spate of pets being poisoned in Blueskin Bay.

Jackson Black, a dog, was poisoned with two doses of Metaldehyde and had to be put down.

Metaldehyde is a deadly neuro-toxin with no antidote. It is the active ingredient in most slug and snail baits. The symptoms are listlessness, staggering, falling over, very high temperature and heightened sensitivity to light. If not treated very early after ingestion the animal will die.

Several cats have also been poisoned, only one has survived and one died finally from haemorrhaging of the bowel.

Whether or not these poisonings are intentional, they serve as a good reminder to keep all household and garden chemicals away from pets and children, both when they are stored and when used.

That 'Bitch' la nina

Well, that was summer

If you can call it that.

la nina's last laugh, a comedian with a wet sense of humour.

What a girl.

No tears of laughter, nor acts of welcome to 'the girl' in the far north.

Or a kia ora from the east coast.

This overstayer has overstayed her welcome.

Go blow your kisses, elsewhere.

L.J. Hogenes

WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

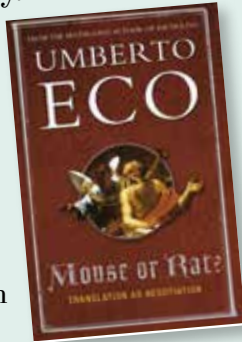
This month we met at Scott and Jena's house in the eclectic hillside neighbourhood of Waitati, where we were treated to mellow whisky, a delicious apricot tart, and a round of passionate political, religious, and literary discourse/debate. This was intermingled with shared analysis of beer sampling and other crucial life issues, in other words, a typical bookclub get together – thanks to Scott and Jena for your warm hospitality.

THE BOOK

Ian: Mouse or Rat, Translation as Negotiation by *Umberto Eco* – met with very lukewarm appreciation from some and others even less so. A

lengthy ramble about a subject that is less than enthralling. After 20 pages in the first chapter the whole book is summed up in 2 paragraphs of conclusion “Translators are in theory bound to identify each of the relevant textual levels, but they may be obliged to choose which ones to preserve, since it is impossible to save all.”

“In this game, translators may miss a lot, but can also make up for some of their losses” ... and so on.



Other Books

Martin: The Incredible Life of Hubert Wilkins by *Peter FitzSimons*.

Last month saw me devour very quickly the extraordinary tales of heroism and exploration of

a, perhaps, somewhat unknown Australian by the name of Hubert Wilkins. His incredible life story is told by former Wallaby Peter FitzSimons. Careering through 500 pages was just like having the big fella yarning in your ear, all excitement, colloquialisms and puns and admiration for this hero of among other things, WWI photography and Arctic & Antarctic aviation. This is an extremely well researched book and I'm glad Fitzsimons completed what is an easy and enjoyable biography.

BEER

Scott: North End Brewery – *Merchant of the Devil Imperial Stout 10.2%*. A rich spicy strong imperial stout, better to be sipped rather than sculled. This is a lovely drop for a cool evening, but it comes in such a large bottle you are best advised to share with others to avoid overindulging!

Emporium Brewing Barrel Beers – Imperial Apfelstrudel 9.2%. This is one for the adventurous, a strong stout that is like a liquid apple strudel?! That's right, and with the addition of aging in beer barrels, it is truly a unique beer. I would recommend sharing the 375mls however unless you really love apple strudel? It is a lot of strudel in one bottle.



MUSIC

Rough Guide To The Blues with bonus CD *Nuru Kane*. Blues maybe... but not as

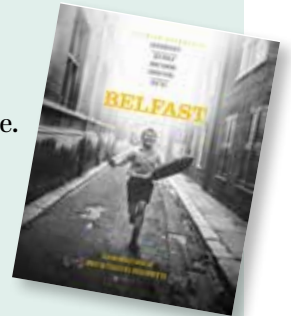
we know them Jim! An assorted collection of different music styles from around the world that are influenced or related to the blues – from its african roots to jazz and other musical genres.

For a sample try *Nuru Kane – Welcome* - live or *Cory Harris – Catfish Blues* or *Robert Plant/Justin Adams – Mountain Jam* all on YouTube.



FILM

Ross: *Belfast*, a simple but compelling movie. ‘The Troubles’ seen through the eyes of a nine year old boy living in a largely Catholic street. Elegantly shot in black and white. Exquisitely nuanced performances. A treat – DVD available from the public library or on netflix.



WORD OF THE MONTH

Family – “The world outside was irrelevant. Each nuclear family in its domicile is inside its own pocket universe, and for the time it is together it exists inside a kind of event horizon: no one sees it and it sees no one. Millions of pocket universes, scattered across the surface of the planet like the dots of light in night-time satellite photos.”

MEANING OF LIFE

“...he marvelled at the infectiousness of moods in a group. Strangers who would never meet again, unified suddenly by a youth and a toddler playing a game. By laughter. Maybe the real oddity was how much one's fellow- citizens were usually like furniture in one's life.” “Joe bounced in Charlie's arms.” “The incident of the balloon was already forgotten. It had been unremarkable to him; he was still in that stage of his life where all the evidence supported the idea that he was the centre of the universe, and miracles happened.”

Quotes from *Forty Signs Of Rain* by *Kim Stanley Robinson*.

Kia Ora whānau,

At Waitati School we are always on the lookout to improve the learning opportunities for our learners.

This year we have begun a new challenge for our Year 6-9 ākonga. It is called the William Pike Challenge. William Pike was the guy who got stuck on Mt Ruapehu when it erupted in 2007. After recovering, William, a teacher, decided to start a challenge for young people where they can learn skills needed to cope with the unexpected. Through the year-long challenges they develop strengths they didn't know they had, develop passion projects to build focus and commitment, build better relationships and go on challenges that can't be achieved inside the classroom. Students are much better situated to handle any situation that comes their way. And let's face it the 21st Century has opened with some good ones! If you are interested in learning more, look up the William Pike Challenge on the internet.

There are three challenges spread out throughout the year including, 5 outdoor challenges, 20 hours of community service and 20 hours of a Passion project - a skill they haven't done before.



This week Waitati School students started off with a local tramp to Mt Cargill, Kapuka. It was just the right challenge and stretched everyone just that little bit. This group of Year 6-8 students are just amazing, great friends, love a good laugh and are exceptional leaders and learners.

Next up is a beach day with a surfing lesson and in Week 10 a camp with loads of exciting adventures to be had.

Tara O'Neill, Principal



St Barnabas Easter Services

Sunday 2 April: Palm Sunday 9:30am

Thursday 6 April: Maundy Thursday service at 7pm

Friday 7 April: Good Friday service at 10am.

Sunday 9 April Easter Day: Easter Eucharist at 9:30am

Autumn and all that Jazz at the Blueskin Gallery

This summer has been super with heaps of sunny days and happy people enjoying the beer garden, courtyard, early morning yoga classes in the garden, Saturday night music and the occasional Sunday seaside train days where up to 240 people from Dunedin visited Waitati for a few hours, which was pretty wild!

Wednesday nights continue to be a mid-week treat with the quiz night (1st Wed of each month), often selling out, so if you would like to come, we recommend you book a table (stevebourne220@gmail.com).

After performing at the Oamaru Jazz Festival in March, Gallery owners Sue & Steve thought it would be fun to play jazz more often, so this month we would like to invite you to a new regular event - 'All That Jazz' (3rd Wed of each month) where local jazz band Paper Moon will entertain you with PJ (guitar), Kevin (Drums), Bernard (guitar), Steve (Bass & Vocals) and Sue (vocals), free entry. In the future we will welcome guest jazz musicians to perform with us - so if you are interested, please get in touch - expressions of interest can be sent to stevebourne220@gmail.com.

Other events in April include local legends Tiny Pieces of Eight (Saturday 30 April) and Superglue (Sunday 30 April) and keep an eye on the local community Facebook pages for other events.

Cheers! Katie Peppercorn

BLUESKIN ON SHOW 2023

TIME TABLE

(Approximate – we are in the country after all)

9.30am

GARDEN PRODUCE ENTRIES Items should be brought to the showground for entry. Best Autumn Wreath

11am

KIDS ACTIVITIES with Tahu from Orokonui Eco Sanctuary

WHEELBARROW RACE

SACK RACE

3-LEGGED RACE – Categories. Boys & girls, age groups

GUMBOOT TOSS

12pm

FIRE & EMERGENCY DEMO

1.30pm

TUG-O-WAR Matches Enter your teams by 12.30pm in show ring Waitati vs Warrington

1.45pm

LOLLIE SCRAMBLE – With Tahu

3pm

FIREWOOD RAFFLE DRAW – must be here to win!

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LOCAL BUSINESSES & FOOD STALLS

Commercial area – businesses/companies on show \$25.00 includes 2 gate entries

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The committee of the Blueskin A & P Society would like to thank you for coming along to the show and we would welcome any comments you may have regarding this and future shows to Alasdair Morrison info@calmarine.co.nz or 03 482 2505



Prime Minister's Office,

Wellington, 5th April, 1916.

I HEREBY notify, for public information, that the Government have decided to observe a half-holiday, commencing at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, the 25th April, in commemoration of "Anzac Day," and I shall be glad if the Mayors of all cities and boroughs, the Chairmen of County Councils and Town Boards, as well as other local bodies, as far as their districts are concerned, will similarly observe the day in remembrance of the notable deeds performed by the Australians and our brave New Zealand soldiers on that memorable and historical occasion.

2. It is specially fitting that on this occasion special services of public worship be held by all religious denominations, and I therefore appeal to all ministers of religion and all congregations to hold such services on behalf of the people of the Dominion at such hours during the forenoon or afternoon as are found convenient.

3. The New Zealand Ensign will be displayed on all public buildings in the Dominion from sunrise to sunset.

4. It is requested that the managers and representatives of shipping companies should direct that all ships in the various harbours display their flags during that day.

5. The Government is of opinion that the day should not be marked by the holding of sports or similar forms of entertainment. It is considered, however, that the occasion is particularly one upon which opportunity should be taken for all recruiting bodies and others to arrange patriotic meetings for the evening, not only to commemorate the anniversary, but also with a view to assisting the recruiting campaign, the question of how this may best be done being left entirely to the discretion of those immediately concerned.

W. F. MASSEY.

Prime Minister

Anzac Day notice, New Zealand Gazette, 1, 1916, p. 977



ANZAC Day Commemoration
Tuesday 25th April - 10.00 AM
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What's On

Easter Opening Hours

Friday 7 April - Closed

Saturday 8 April - 10.00am – 1.00pm

Sunday 9 April - Normal Closed Day

Monday 10 April - Closed

Easter Activities

11 April - 22 April (School Holidays)

Hop in to the Library for some Easter themed activities.



Blueskin Bay Knitwits

Mondays, 6.30 - 8.30pm

(contact Christine 021 133 9340)

Tuesdays, 2.30 - 4.30pm

All ages and experience levels are welcome.

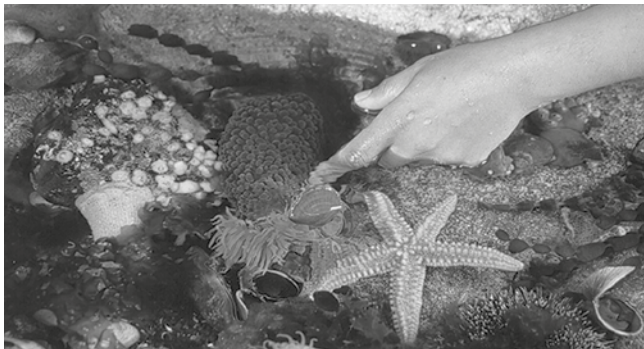
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Thursday 20 April, 10.30am-12noon & 2 - 3.30pm



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Bookshare

Thursday 27 April, 3.30-4.30pm

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Meet the Neighbours

Thursday 4 May, 6pm

Birds of Blueskin Bay This month we're celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Blueskin Bay Library by rebooting our Meet the Neighbours programme. Ornithologist Derek Onley and photographer Nick Beckwith will share their experiences of watching, counting and photographing our local bird population.

JP Services

JP Services are available Monday to Friday, 3 - 5.30pm.

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whether any of the men
would have even noticed.

Duncan Eddy

April International Days

Sunday 02	International Children's Book Day	Sunday 23	World Book Day
Friday 07	World Health Day	Tuesday 25	Anzac Day
Sunday 09	Easter Sunday	Tuesday 25	World Malaria Day
Friday 21	International Creativity Day	Thursday 27	World Veterinary Day
Saturday 22	Earth Day	Sunday 30	International Jazz Day

Around the Bay – April Events

ARC BREWERY	
SUNDAYS	Live Music: 2 – 5pm Contact 021 4108 1141

ST BARNABAS CHURCH	
SUNDAYS	Service: 9.30am Contact Jeremy 027 436 1481

BLUESKIN LIBRARY	
11 – 22 April	School Holiday Easter Activities
Thursday 20	Aquavan: 10am – 12 noon & 2 – 3.30pm
Thursday 27	Blueskin Bookshare: 3.30 – 4.30pm
EVERY DAY	Games Galore & Lego: Every weekday, 2 – 5pm & Saturdays 10am – 1pm
MONDAYS	Blueskin Bay Knitwits: 6.30 – 8.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340
TUESDAYS	Blueskin Bay Knitwits: 2.30 – 4.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340

BLUESKIN NURSERIES	
Monday 17	Kath Irvine of Edible Backyard will be holding a workshop on pruning

GALLERY ON BLUESKIN	
Wednesday 5	Quiz: 6.30pm \$15 including supper
Wednesday 19	All that Jazz 7pm
Saturday 29	Tiny Pieces of Eight 7pm
Sunday 30	Live music in the courtyard: Superglue the Band 2pm weather permitting.
MONDAYS	Mix Tape Choir: Summer Sing Into Autumn block, 13 February – 3 April (8 weeks), 6pm – 7pm (\$80 or \$15 casual)

WAITATI HALL	
MONDAYS	Steady As You Go: 1.30pm Age Concern Gentle Yoga: 6 – 7pm Bring your own mat \$10pp Contact: hagino.yoga@gmail.com Table Tennis: 7.30pm til late Contact Nigel 021 236 2818
TUESDAYS	NIA Dance Class: 11.30am-12.30pm \$10 Contact: Clare Reilly 021 177 5350
WEDNESDAYS	Yoga Theme Class 6pm Yoga Restore & Rejuvenate 7.15pm Bring your own mat \$10pp Contact: hagino.yoga@gmail.com
THURSDAYS	PILATES with Sabine 11am
SATURDAYS	NIA Dance Class: 4 – 5pm \$10 Contact: Clare Reilly 021 177 5350

WAITATI VILLAGE	
Sunday 2	Village Market: 11am Contact: Mandy

WAIPUTAI HUB	
Contact waiputai@gmail.com or text 021 171 0226 for more information and for all bookings	
MONDAYS	Homeschool Group: 10.30am-1.30pm Contact: Debbie Music lessons (during school term weeks only). String instruments 4pm onwards. Contact: Nancy
TUESDAYS	Ping Pong: 7 – 8.30pm. All ages, levels and drop ins welcome. Possibly ping pong for children 3pm onwards. Contact: Helena 022 6474 738
WEDNESDAYS	Pilates: Intermediate 9.30 – 10.30am Beginners 10.45 – 11.45am Open Class 5.30 – 6.30pm Contact: Dell 020 433 3355
THURSDAYS	Homeschool Group: 12 – 3pm Contact: Amy Pilates: Casual session 6.30pm \$18 Contact: Sylvia 021 109 9302
FRIDAYS	Possible Guitar Lessons: Contact Emma Guke Group: 6.30 – 8pm Every other week, starts April 28 Community guitar and ukelele singalong. Performance free fun. Everyone, including new ‘dropins’, are very welcome. Contact: Jenny or Nancy 021 171 0226
SUNDAYS	Blueskin Bay Orchestra rehearsal 4pm – 6pm. Contact Emily

WARRINGTON HALL	
TUESDAYS	Indoor Bowls: 7.30pm
THURSDAYS	Seasonal Hatha Yoga: 6.30 – 7.30pm Bring your own mat \$10pp Contact: hagino.yoga@gmail.com
SUNDAYS	Waitati Warblers: Singing for joy 6 – 6.30pm Nancy Contact nancymiller140@gmail.com

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