

# BLUESKIN NEWS

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## HONoured

**Paul Clements was presented with his  
Queens Service Medal on 23 May at  
Government House, Wellington by  
Governor General, Dame Cindy Kiro**

**Tēnā koutou Blueskin Bay!**

**We've made it to mid-winter! Thank goodness for the warmth and energy of Playcentre; it's been the sunshine of our days! We have been busy this month preparing for Matariki. What fun we have had making stars, reading stories and learning about the legends of Matariki. I hope you enjoyed celebrating it as much as we did!**

We have a fabulous group of parents running Playcentre. A special thank you to Hannah who has organised some very successful, engaging, and enjoyable trips to our wonderful local library and to Tūhura. I'm looking forward to more trips next term. If you would love to come along, but struggle with transport, please do let us know to see if there is something we can do to help you. You can contact us to ask questions or to arrange a visit through our Blueskin Playcentre facebook page, through the webpage [www.playcentre.org.nz](http://www.playcentre.org.nz) or email us on blueskin@playcentre.org.nz. A special thanks as well to Hanka and Lachie, who have been doing some wonderful work as our Property dream team. We are loving the fresh new bark on our playground!

Just a reminder, we are open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during school term from 8.45am – 12.15pm. Can't make 8.45am? Not a problem, whenever you can make it over suits us! You will find happy tamariki, an extensive range of toys, welcoming parents and a nice place to comfortably sit down and let the community help you make your day a great day!

Keep warm and well! **Heather**



## Handshake Mandate

**What constitutes a mandate? My Concise Oxford Dictionary begins with 'an official order or commission to do something'. Then it says 'the authority to carry out a policy or course of action'. Our three-headed government's claim of a mandate to 'get shit done' (their words), is fast approaching the 'course of action' bit. That's when the Taniwha's tails, Jones, Brown, and Bishop, get the beast moving. However, both ends seem uninterested in the 'official order' and 'authority to carry out' bits.**

A mandate is 'regarded as given by the electorate to a party or candidate that wins an election'. With 38%, 8%, and 6% of the vote respectively, how can National, ACT, and NZF claim they have won 'official orders' and 'authority to carry out', which will trample on our environment, destroy our international reputation, disrupt social stability, and de-legitimise Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

MMP deals some strange hands. But this mandate is based on handshakes, not cards dealt. Luxon and Seymour hold electorate seats, but Seymour's will always be \* by the cup-of-tea deals of Keys' terms. Peters no longer stands in Northland, he makes Jones eat that rat (he finished a distant 3rd behind Nat and Lab candidates). Obviously people up North know a rat when they see one.

And a big rat-dinner is coming for all of NZ. Disguised as a mandate, 'fast track legislation' is about to be unleashed. More mining, more gas and oil exploration, more roads of significance, more species driven to extinction...you name it, if it sucks, fast-track will allow it. When will this government realise that business as usual dooms us to climate catastrophe? Not soon enough I reckon.

**Doug Nuttall**



**I'm late, I'm late!! The day after tomorrow I head out into the blue yonder, and I haven't started packing yet. I'm not going to watch Wimbledon or follow the Tour de France or even enjoy the Olympics! I am going to catch up with family!**



This should make packing easy, family always has a washing machine and sometimes even an iron. But when your time is going to be split between London and going to a christening with the chance of going uptown for a really smart meal; Derbyshire – walking in the windswept wilds and spending time in the local pub; and the south of France – wandering round medieval towns and lazing by the pool, it seems like three separate wardrobes will be needed. And of course there are the items I have been asked to bring: a lambskin, marmite, tim tams, cheese and bacon shapes, someone even asked me for a case of Mount Difficulty Pinot Noir (they can order that one on-line!)

This year I am determined to only take two small suitcases, I am going to be selective! Maybe just keep to black and white, it's doable though a bit of colour is always nice... and as a last resort there is always Marks and Spencers when I arrive. As usual I'll put it off until half an hour before I leave and just stuff whatever is clean and handy in - it'll be fine!

## Keep warm and safe Bernie

# MEA CULPA



# HOUSE OF MAYHEM - WAITATI

12/07/24

DOORS 7PM  
SHOW STARTS 7.30

Surprise prize for the best dressed...  
Don't let the Pirate Queen win again!



\$10 MIN KOHA  
28 BROWN ST, WAITATI

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

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Suitable for committee meetings, small gatherings, demonstrations etc. (up to 20 people) features kitchen and toilets.

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**

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](mailto:waiputai@gmail.com) or Nancy 482 1198 or 021 171 0226.**

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

# Sawyers Bay Playcentre



# Mea Culpa: A Night of Fun

12 July | Doors open 7pm | Show starts 7.30pm  
House of Mayhem 28 Brown Street, Waitati  
\$10 minimum koha entry

**Mea Culpa is a Dunedin based band built around two unique singer/songwriters, Emma Wells and Leigham Fitzpatrick.**

**Emma Wells** is a musician originally from Invercargill now living in Dunedin. Her influences are vocalists such as Florence Welsh (Florence and The Machine), Eva Cassidy and Beth Gibbons (Portishead).

Her originals take on a vulnerable soulful feel with bouts of power. Classically trained she is able to control her voice to express different emotions capturing the essence of her songs.

**Leigham** on the other hand is heavily influenced by the likes of Leonard Cohen and Nick Cave. Their often dark lyrics are accompanied by an unconventional guitar style which uses a mixture of alternative tunings and capos.

Separately, their vocal styles are strikingly different and together they form intoxicating harmonies that will sweep you off your feet and into the stars, where dreams come to life and everything is not as it seems...

The band also has one of the smoothest fretless bass players, **Ari van Eerten**, and a master of the beat, percussionist **Nashoba**.

There'll be a surprise prize for the best outfit, judged by the band – so get dressed to impress and make this one of the most glamorous gigs to hit Waitati! Don't let the Pirate Queen win again!

## Fundamentals Of Meditation – Theory & Practice

*"The teachings have changed my life. The gnostic approach is to work with loving kindness which brings understanding and insight that leads to a greater clarity of being."*  
**Colleen Robb**

If you wish to engage on a marvellous journey, you are invited to enrol for our 12 week Fundamentals of Meditation course. Classes run on a Koha basis.

Two options are available:

### Option 1 - Weekly face-to-face classes.

Monday's at 7pm commencing 10 June at our rental venue in Dunedin, newcomers are welcome to join this course for the first three weeks

### Option 2 - Combined course – face-to-face & on Skype

**Face-to-face** - Every last Saturday of the month in Central Otago from 1.30 – 4pm, commencing 29 June. We are located in the Maniototo, Central Otago Rail Trail – an opportunity for a family day out?

**Online** - 7pm Wednesday's commencing 3 July.

We propose, upon course completion you join us in Central Otago for a ½ day Retreat on Sat 31 August (afternoon).

For further details contact **Colleen Robb**

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## THE RANT by Steven Jenkins



This is an opinion piece designed to promote feedback. If you feel you'd like to respond email [blueskin.input@gmail.com](mailto:blueskin.input@gmail.com)

**The Modern belief in a Flat Earth – As someone who trained in geology and astrophysics, I like to frequent earth science and astronomy FB groups. As expected...**

### WHAT MAKES ME SAD

The amount of Flat Earthers on those sites, trolling. Even though we have satellites and the ISS.

### THE MYTH

'The earth is flat! European people in the Middle Ages thought it was!' This is false.

This myth appears to date from the 17th century as part of the campaign by Protestants against Catholic teaching. But it gained currency again in the 19th century.

### WHAT WE KNOW FROM HISTORY

Eratosthenes of Cyrene (a Greek) c.276BC – c.194BC is famous for measuring the circumference of the earth using a well, a stick (a gnomon the part of a sundial that casts a shadow), and a camel, in Egypt. Described in a book, known but not survived, entitled *On the measure of the Earth*. It was lost when Julius Caesar burned down the Library of Alexandria in 46BC

Eratosthenes knew that at noon on Summer Solstice, you could see the bottom of a very deep well in Syene (modern Aswan). That meant that the sun was directly overhead.

Travelling by camel to Alexandria (because they are on the same meridian line) at noon again on Solstice, Eratosthenes stuck a stick in the ground and measured the shadow. By using his 'arc measurement' technique (the distance between the two cities divided by the difference in shadow angles expressed as a fraction of one turn), revealed the meridian circumference of the Earth. He calculated it as a length of 252,000 stadia (39,060 – 40,320km), with an error on the real value between –2.4% and +0.8%.

### WHAT WE KNOW

The equator is 40,075km. However, from the North Pole to the South Pole, the meridional circumference is 40,008km. Our planet is flattened at the poles, It's an oblate spheroid.

Stephen Jay Gould: "there never was a period of 'flat Earth darkness' among scholars, regardless of how the public at large may have conceptualized our planet both then and now. Greek knowledge of sphericity never faded, and all major medieval scholars accepted the Earth's roundness as an established fact of cosmology"

### WHAT MAKES ME HAPPY

Insist on a flat earth if you wish, despite all our knowledge and technology. Remember though, it's embarrassing if you can be proven wrong by a camel-riding nerd with a big stick.



# Community Acupuncture at the Waitati Hall

**Every Friday, from 10am to 2pm, the Waitati Hall becomes a hub of healing and camaraderie with its community acupuncture sessions. No need for appointments, just drop in when you're ready. Payment is simple – a koha, or donation, whatever you can manage.**

The treatments usually include a few very fine needles, gently inserted into the skin, for around 15–30 minutes. The feeling is often very mild and relaxing. But the benefits can be profound. Previous attendees have reported major improvements with issues like knee pain, shoulder pain, insomnia, anxiety, and indigestion.

Hannah Chauvin, a regular attendee said, *"I'm scared of needles, always have been. But I love going to community acupuncture. I usually don't even feel the needles, and always leave feeling better. Plus it's a great way to see other friendly faces from the neighbourhood."* Her experience is common for many who come in nervous but leave feeling better afterwards.

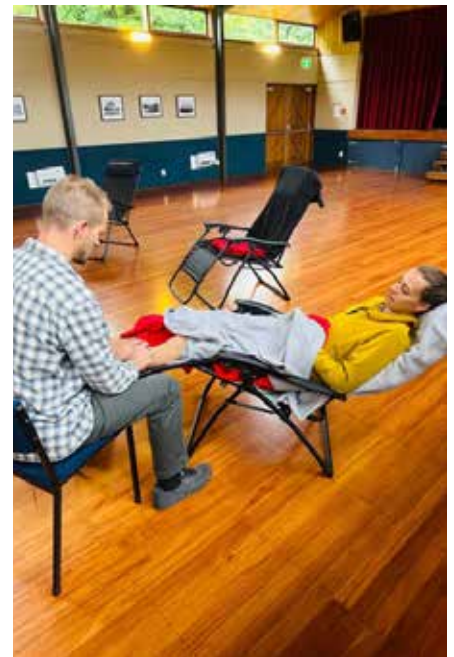
For Sam Post, another familiar face, the draw is the calming effect. *"I love acupuncture for the calming benefits. No matter what's going on in my life, these sessions leave me feeling relaxed and peaceful."*

The setup is straightforward. Each first time patient comes in and fills out some brief paperwork, lets the practitioner know what they would like help with, and then sits in a lay back chair to receive treatment. For returning patients, they are welcome to find a chair, make themselves comfortable, have a quick chat with the practitioner, and then receive treatment.

But it's not just about the treatment; it's the sense of community that makes these sessions special. As folks gather, they share stories, forge friendships, and find solace in each other's company. There is even space to enjoy tea together afterwards.

Whether you're seeking relief from pain or simply a moment to unwind, these community acupuncture sessions at the local hall welcome you. Come join us this Friday and discover the power of healing and community at the edge of Blueskin Bay.

To stay up to date with times and availability, please follow the South Island Acupuncture page of Facebook.



## Achy Breaky Hips!

### Week One

About 20 Blueskin women and a very small smattering of brave men met with excitement and trepidation in the Warrington Hall on a Friday night for our introduction to Line Dancing.

Marie Perica a slight, sprightly figure took the stage, formed us into lines and we were ready! She demonstrated the steps slowly at first, we all concentrated hard watching her movements, then it was our turn. I think we all managed the grapevine, but after that it seemed to be a blur for some especially those who confuse their left and right! With the music it was easier and some people positively shone, scooting and walking and tapping and turning with confidence.

I don't think anyone realised what a physical work-out this would be or how hard on those with ageing joints. After 40 minutes there was a small crowd propping up the walls... but we did enjoy ourselves! Roll on next week.

### Week Two

Friday night, the end of the working week, curl up on the sofa with a drink and blob out. Not for the group of keen learner Line Dancers. It's another Friday night out line dancing!

Keen on some great music and dancing, the original group with some faces missing but more new enthusiasts joined Marie for their next lesson in Line Dancing.

We went over the dance steps from the previous lesson and learnt some new ones that would also be danced the following Friday for the Line Dancing Social in Palmerston, raising funds for Breast Cancer.

It is surprising how quickly the steps come to you and how much of a work-out you get.

Music, laughter and dancing you can't help but have a smile on your face.

**Bernie (wk 1) and Melissa (wk 2)**





## AUNTY BLUEBALLS

Aunty Blueballs is your recently divorced Aunty at family Christmas after she has had three wines but before she has started dancing to Bon Jovi on the coffee table. She approves of none of your life choices but loves you anyway and is in no position to judge. Write to her at [auntyblueballs@gmail.com](mailto:auntyblueballs@gmail.com).

Dear Aunty Blueballs,  
While travelling the world recently on my fourteenth annual Global Consciousness Journey, I fell in love with an extremely handsome man, Chuck from Utah. He is thinking of moving to Blueskin Bay to pursue a coexistent lifestyle of mutual growth with me but is afraid that he will not fit in as he has some insecurities that he is not woke enough. What advice can you give us?

Kaitiaki Rainbow (she/them)

Dear Kaitiaki Rainbow,  
Firstly, congratulations on finding a hunky new piece of meat to bring to our shores! I can't wait to extend a very warm welcome to Chuck when he moves here. Now, I think I understand what you're getting at with "lifestyle" and "mutual growth." Please let Chuck know he's most welcome to join my book group, knitting circle, and wine tasting club. Unfortunately, there's only one vacancy in each group, and we usually reserve those for folk who are new to the area, but I'm sure you'll find something else to do, dear.

As for not being woke enough – is Chuck simply not a morning person? Or is he struggling to stay awake at night? Are you perhaps boring him with your monologues about enlightenment? I'm not sure I can advise much without meeting him personally, so please do send him round to mine as soon as he arrives for a free of charge one-on-one counselling session. Any time of the day or night, I'll be sure to engage him in something stimulating to wake him right up and gently ease his insecurities away.

Love and kisses, Aunty Blueballs x

## Halo Project

**The Halo Project Predator Free team have been working on a landowner supported, landscape-scale possum control programme in the Silverpeaks/ Kilmog and Karitāne Coast area since December.**

The work began with pre-operational monitoring to establish a baseline 'residual trap catch' or 'RTC'. 'RTC' monitoring is an effective way to determine the number of possums in an area and to identify the best areas to place traps. Comparing baseline RTC and post-control RTC provides a comparison, so the team know how successful the trapping has been.

The baseline RTC was 37.2% which means that for every 100 nights a trap is set, 37 possums could be expected to be caught. With this baseline established the Halo team worked with 17 landowners to install 193 automatic self-resetting AT220 in areas where possums were likely to be found.

After the first round of servicing in May the Halo Project team discovered that 2,156 possums were removed from the area! As can be seen by the numbers in the circles on the map some of the individual traps removed more than 60 possums each! A resurvey of the RTC transects showed an approximate 50% reduction of the possum population in this area over this time!

The Halo team received feedback from the landowners engaged such as "It has been eye-opening how many possums have been caught. We knew there were high numbers but not this high. We could not have achieved what the Halo project has achieved in three months if we were doing this ourselves. The possum control not only helps with biosecurity on farm but is a necessary part of our indigenous biodiversity projects. We need this type of project to continue.



**Silverpeaks/Kilmog and Karitāne Coast possum trapping numbers**



# WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

Arriving at Marc's today we get a two dog welcome at the door, divest ourselves of coats, jerseys, shoes etc in the hall, it is cosy and warm inside, Peter arrives and we settle in. Paul is otherwise engaged with a family birthday celebration. Later Scott arrives via video link, to say he missed his flight in Wellington and won't make it, after a short chat we toast his health and he departs. Then it's down to business and a wide ranging discussion on matters of consequence, moment, substance or trivial but interesting and which sometimes even involves books...



## THE BOOK

**Winter in Sokcho** by **Elisa Shua Dusapin**. From the cover notes: 'Winter in Sokcho a tourist town on the border between North and South Korea. A young French Korean woman works as a receptionist in a tired guesthouse. One evening a French cartoonist arrives determined to find inspiration in the desolate landscape.' 'As she's pulled into his vision and taken in by his drawings, she strikes upon a way to finally be seen.'

"Oiled with a brooding tension that never dissipates or resolves", "a nourish cold sweat of a book" Catherine Taylor, The Guardian.

Mostly approved by the group for a variety of reasons, some enthusiastic others less so certainly, worth a read.

## OTHER BOOKS

Marc bought an ex-Waimate Public Library copy of **Annie Proulx's That Old Ace in the Hole** for a modest \$4 at an Op Shop in Oamaru. Set in the Texas Panhandle it is resplendent with colourful stories about the weird and wonderful protagonists. Though highly entertaining, these do compete a little with the central narrative thread which revolves around hog-farms. Worth a read mind you.

## BEER

**Marc:** I am pleased that with the cold weather firmly embedded, a greater variety of dark beers is again on offer. **Sprig and Fern's The G.O.A.T. Doppelbock** is one such. At 7.9% this German style beer is one to savour. It is malty with a caramel sweetness appropriate to the type, best enjoyed at slightly warmer than fridge temperature. Recently won an award at the New World beer awards - strongly recommended.

## MUSIC

**Tony Bennet's An American Classic**, produced by Phil Ramone and recorded to celebrate his 80th birthday. Well yes a crooner but probably my favourite in this genre. Duets with a great range and variety of well known singers - Sting, Bono, George Michael, Diane Krall, Barbra Streisand etc. Highly recommend 'Because of You' with k.d. lang and 'For Once In My Life' with Stevie Wonder (with a nice little harmonica solo) live on YouTube.

Also, if you like this try 'Body and Soul' with Amy Winehouse on his second Duets 2 Album on YouTube - absolute classic!

## WORD OF THE MONTH

**Annoyance** "But I have recently decided not to be annoyed by anything. I didn't know until a few years back I can just say to myself, 'Matt, you don't need to let this become a thing', and then it doesn't become a thing. It's a surprisingly simple and effective solution to annoyance."

## MEANING OF LIFE

"Appreciate finitude. If you keep in mind that everything you do, will one day do for the last time, you will appreciate life a lot more." "It's easy to sleepwalk through life not really appreciating what you have, but if you remind yourself that nothing lasts forever, then everything around you becomes significant!"

Quotes from ODT South weekend pullout - revue and interview with **Matt Heath**, author of **A Life Less Punishing - 13 ways to love the life you've got**.

I would like to dedicate the meaning of life quote to my dear friend Jacob, who very recently passed on. He was a founder member of Bookclub, and for many years a stalwart and much valued member of the group. He will be sorely missed.

Jacob not only understood the importance of finitude but incorporated it into his life. I know this because we discussed it and both agreed from our shared experiences, nothing sharpened your perspective or appreciation of life like being diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.

Our heartfelt condolences to Lidy and his friends and his family in Holland. Jacob you were truly the bravest person I have known...

Ian Melvin





## Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre

Following on from last month's article, I want to outline in more detail information regarding the *Waikouaiti Museum's Community Survey* which runs from 1 – 15 July.

It is important that we hear from the community as we are only the present-day caretakers of local heritage and are needing to make decisions now that will affect the community for years to come. The BNZ bank building is a significant asset for the town and illustrates aspects of the importance of this, the earliest settled area in Otago.

To complete the survey there will be a link on local Facebook pages as well as the Heritage Centre Facebook page and Website. In addition, there will be a hard copy version in the following places:

**Waikouaiti** – the Heritage Centre, the Library, Dairy, Beanos and Outpost Café

**Karitane** – the Dairy.

**Waitati** – the Library, Gallery Café and the Dairy.

The one-page survey will take only a moment to read and complete. We ask that as many as possible complete the survey including younger family members. We will aim to have the results of the survey ready for the Blueskin News August edition. The second event I have more details to reveal, is about our **AGM on Saturday 24 August at 2.30pm in the Heritage Centre**. I know people generally avoid such meetings, but this year I think you will find the presentation by our guest speaker of great interest. **Allan Anderson**, a well-known local fisherman has agreed to talk about the **Matanaka Sea Cave system** and will illustrate his talk with photos of the caves, taken during the years when he took tourists through the caves. Many locals are unaware of this amazing cave system which, at 1.5km long, is the largest of its type in the world. So, note the date in your diaries and come along to hear and see, what I know, will be a fascinating presentation.

**Shirley McKewen**, Treasurer



## Paula's Sunday Breakfast Cheesy Scones

### Ingredients

4 cups Self Raising Flour, 540 grams  
300 ml of Cream  
300 ml of Lemonade  
3 cups grated Cheese  
Additional grated cheese if you choose for topping

### Optional ideas to add to taste

Salt & Pepper  
Cayenne Pepper (just a pinch)  
Paprika  
Crispy Bacon Bits  
Finely Diced Parsley and more!

### Instructions

Preheat the oven to 180°C

Prepare a baking tray with baking paper or grease 12 cup medium muffin tin and set aside

Grate the cheese

In a large bowl add the flour and grated cheese and carefully combine the two with your hands or a large wooden spoon

Add to this the cream and lemonade and using a large wooden spoon or your hands combine the ingredients gently.

If the dough looks dry add a splash more of both the lemonade & cream and combine. It will be slightly moist sticky.

Using a large spoon place mounds of the dough 1 cm apart on a baking tray or in the muffin cups and lightly brush with a small amount of milk (if wanting to top with additional cheese sprinkle that over now)

Place the tray in the preheated oven and bake for 25 minutes, check at this time, they may require up to 5-6 minutes more. They are cooked perfectly when lightly golden brown on the top and bottom and sound hollow to tap.

Remove from the oven and serve warm with butter

Store in an airtight container once cooled.

Can be frozen and reheated in the oven.

**Enjoy!**



# BLUESKIN BAY LIBRARY

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**Open: Monday - Friday: 11am-1pm; 2-5.30pm, Saturday: 10am-1pm**

## What's On

### Storytime with Stephaney

**Fridays, 11am** (except school holidays)

Introduce your child to the wonderful world of books and language. Visit the Library for half an hour of stories, rhymes and songs, both old and new. Suitable for pre-school children and their caregivers.



### School Holidays

**8 - 19 July**



■ During these holidays we're looking at the wonderful world of bugs and beasts. Come and create a creature of your own using all the natural autumn materials we've been gathering.

■ This year the **NZ International Science Festival** runs from 10-14 July. Pop in to the library to pick up the programme or take a look online [www.scifest.org.nz](http://www.scifest.org.nz) to see the fantastic programme at the Festival Hub and the drop-in space hosting fun and fascinating stalls and events every day.

### Bookshare

**Thursday 25 July, 3.30-4.30pm**

Join us for tea and a chat about what you're currently reading and get ideas for what to read next. All welcome.

### 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. Check with the Library for dates during the holidays.



### Seed Share

**Monday 29 July, 3pm**

Bring your surplus seeds to share and join Hilary Rowley for this swapping and sharing of seeds session and your tales of hits and misses from last years growing season. The annual iD quiz is back and the seed cabinet is now a permanent fixture in the Library – get your veggie patch underway and grab some seeds today. All welcome.

### Science Day @ the Library

**Tuesday 6 August**

Students from the Chemistry and Physics departments of Otago University will be back with their workshops to inspire young minds. Local schools are booked and the invitation extends to homeschoolers, if would like to come along please phone us on 482 2444.

### Games Galore & Lego\*

**Every weekday, 2 - 5pm & Saturdays 10am - 1pm**

Come along and join in the fun of board games for all ages. From chess to checkers, Monopoly to Twister we've got the lot. Or, drop-in and build something awesome with our great new Lego pieces. \*Suitable for ages 5+.

### Beamafilm



Film titles are now searchable in the library catalogue. This month's staff pick is *The Seismic Sense – How Animals Predict Earthquakes*. Studying snakes, toads and dogs, researchers have noticed peculiar behaviour just days before an earthquake strikes. Could this observation help to predict earthquakes in the future?

### DCC Service Centre

**@ Blueskin Bay Library**

Open until 5pm weekdays for: dog registrations, Bokashi buckets, parking fines, rates, 75+ parking permits and Bee Cards.

more content to fraternise with a group  
which loves frittering away the time in  
unproductive activities which do nothing

## Frittering

**“Hilary fritters away her time in unproductive pursuits”. This was written by Mr Gilbert on my school report card from the Terrace school in Alexandra back in the day. My parents gave me a hard time about it for years afterward and really tried to make the word ‘fritter’ into a word with connotations of waste and laziness for me.**

I am reclaiming the word as a good word though, one which represents frugality, as there is nothing quite like a fritter to prevent food waste.

A fritter, as most of you know, is a filling of some kind, mixed with some egg and flour and seasonings, and fried in a little oil. The most iconic New Zealand fritters are white bait fritters, not that any whitebait has ever been left festering in the back of the fridge going to waste. White bait is far too precious and delicious for that. In fact it has become so precious I don't really think we should be catching it anymore. If you really want a whitebait fritter without wasting the lives of 100's of tiny native kokopu, you could always try mock whitebait fritters, made from grated potato, egg, a splash of fish sauce and some poppy seeds to represent the little black eyes. (I found this recipe in a really old New Zealand recipe book).

I make fritters out of everything and anything. You can bind them together with an egg or two, or if you are not an egg eater, with some chick pea flour and a splash of water. If the mixture is a little too sloppy add a little flour such as wheat flour or one of the many gluten free flours. Buckwheat flour works well, but I use some of the weird flours I grow at home like millet flour, edible lupin flour, amaranth flour, corn flour...

Some vegetables contain too much moisture- zucchini and potatoes are especially soggy, so squeeze handfuls out over the sink to get rid of the excess juice.

### Some versions I like are:

- Grated pumpkin fritters with a little finely chopped garlic, onion, and some ground cumin and coriander.
- Grated parsnip fritters, with garlic, onion and herbs.
- Grated potato fritters with garlic, sage and thyme.
- Cooked, blended silver beet, water squeezed out and seasonings added.
- Left-over rice, with curry spices.
- Sliced onion with curry spices
- Grated zucchini, with garlic, onion and mint.
- Canned whole kernel corn with onion, garlic, and herbs and maybe some bits of cooked bacon. Drizzle maple syrup over the top.
- Prawns or shrimps, with chopped capsicum and cilantro and a splash of sweet chilli sauce over the top.



I could go on and on because fritters mean a lot to me, so thanks a lot for that piece of criticism Mr. Gilbert, and just for the record I was learning how to make friends and be more sociable, so not wasting time at all.

**Hilary Rowley**

## BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

**By the time you read this we will be past the shortest day and Matariki. Time to reflect on the past growing season, give thanks for the abundant harvests from our home gardens and start planning for the seasons to come. It is the time to plant garlic & shallots in well composted soil and sow onion seeds under cover. Early potatoes can be set to chit, egg cartons are useful for this.**

The Club had a small group meet in June for a catch-up and chat over lunch. This same activity is planned for Saturday July 13th at Warrington Hall, 10.30 - 2.30. Bring your best flower & vegetable for the monthly competition. A contribution to Lunch would be appreciated. A craft activity you are currently working on can be shared with the group. If you are interested to learn more about the Garden Club or would like some company, please come along.

Club contact is:

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**Kati Huirapa ki Puketeraki invited local schools to welcome the Hinemoana, a traditional Māori Waka. The Waka was outstanding. We stood in awe of the advanced design which early Māori adventurers used to discover New Zealand.**

It was also a wonderful feeling to be with East Otago schools and experience a sense of identity and togetherness. We experienced Turangawaewae, our place to stand, together with Kati Huirapa ki Puketeraki. Our much loved Kai Toko Rua McCullum recently passed away and I couldn't help remembering her over the course of this day and think of how proud she would have been to see us there together as a group of schools enacting our local curriculum and partnership with Kati Huirapa.



This Friday (14 June) we held our annual Quiz night to raise money for our Year 6-8's heading off to Ski Camp. Quiz night is held in the Waitati Hall and is always hotly contested with a stunning award to take home by the winners to place on the letter place for bragging rights throughout the year. Congratulations to Karen's Revenge on the very close win.

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At Waitati School we value our Year 6-8 students by thinking carefully about how we can help them develop. We work really hard to put together an exciting and fulfilling programme for this intermediate age group.

We are into our second year with the William Pike Challenge. Students learn skills needed to cope with the unexpected. We see students outside their comfort zone to solve problems or deal with situations they never expected, but at the same time having fun doing it.

The group recently attended the National Youth Leadership Conference held in the Dunedin Town Hall. William Pike himself was there which was a really exciting thing.

## Matariki

We love this time of the year. It is so dark and rainy and could be seen as depressing, but Matariki comes to cheer us on, through the darkness, stars shining bright. All the East Otago schools are meeting at the Waikouaiti Events centre for the East Otago Mānawatia a Matariki 2024. Coming up is the release of a song written by Elizabeth Turner, Birds of a Feather, and a song written by Edison Parker at our annual Matariki Celebration. This event celebrates Waitati Schools creative energy bringing the community together to reflect on the year. Wednesday 3 July at 5.30pm. All are welcome. This is a free community event part funded by the DCC. Dinner included.

Thanks again for being interested in Waitati school and the going ons.

**Tara O'Neill, Principal**



## Waikouaiti Coast Community Board

### Clarity about the Warrington bus?

**For some time I have been asking the Otago Regional Council for some clarity about a bus from the city to Warrington on busy afternoons. Not having received a response from their transport team, I wrote to the CEO of ORC. This below is his response, received last Friday. Please let me know about any concerns you may have.**

**Kia ora Alasdair**

Thanks for your email following up on this matter. I have had the chance to discuss it with the Transport team and can now confirm what the current arrangements are.

#### Morning

There is a Palmerston to Dunedin morning service along with a service which leaves from Warrington travelling to Dunedin. This is a contracted service on school days only. The additional bus which leaves from Warrington is an 'overflow bus', due to the popularity of the service.

#### Afternoon

There is a scheduled bus from Dunedin to Palmerston which leaves town at approximately 3.30. At times due to the numbers on this some bus passengers are required to stand. This does not constitute overcrowding, but we are aware of concerns about standing on this particular bus route. When the bus is at capacity which occurs on some days, a second bus is dispatched from town. Neither of these buses travel into Warrington as their routes are Dunedin to Palmerston. We are aware that on some occasions in the past one of these buses has travelled into Warrington, however this practice was stopped by the bus operators in consultation with ORC staff as it was not part of the contracted service and caused confusion with our timetables. All buses in the afternoon drop off at Evansdale.

I hope that provides some clarity on the current services. I apologise if your previous enquiries were not responded to appropriately.

Regards,

**Richard Saunders**

We are now into the new DCC financial year and our Discretionary Fund has been topped up. If you, or someone you know, has a community project that could do with some funding assistance, then you can complete a funding application form which can be found on the DCC website, or give any board member a call if you need some clarity.

Also, as advised last month, if you have concerns about the new red and green wheelie bin system, please do let me know at [info@calmarine.co.nz](mailto:info@calmarine.co.nz)

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<b>Monday 29</b>	<b>Seed Share:</b> 3pm. Bring your surplus seeds to share and join Hilary Rowley for this swapping and sharing of seeds session
<b>EVERY DAY</b>	<b>Games Galore &amp; Lego:</b> Every weekday, 2 – 5pm & Saturdays 10am – 1pm
<b>MONDAYS</b>	<b>Blueskin Bay Knitwits:</b> 6.30 – 8.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340
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Contact <a href="mailto:waiputai@gmail.com">waiputai@gmail.com</a> or text 021 171 0226 for more information and for all bookings	
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<b>THURSDAYS</b>	<b>Pilates:</b> Casual session   6.30pm   \$18 Contact: Sylvia 021 109 9302
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WARRINGTON HALL	
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	<b>Indoor Bowls:</b> 7.30pm
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## Waiputai Trust - Hub Art Panels

Nancy Todd and Pru Casey

**Kia ū ki te whakapono, kia aroha te tahi ke te tahi**  
(hold strong to your beliefs and love one another)

Waiputai Hub has a long history of association with many families over the years, as a Playcentre and now as the Waiputai Hub (Blueskin Community Hub). The beautiful murals that front the building have been sealed to preserve them and now a new mural at the entrance (waharoa) has been added to form an inviting welcome to all Hub visitors.



**L to R: Turoa whānau (Regan, Ariana, Amy, Leilani, Matua, Tane), Nancy Higgins, Nancy Todd, and Ioan Bramhall**

On Sunday, June 23, the Waiputai Hub at 10 Stephenson Street in Warrington held an unveiling of the mural designed by the Turoa whānau (Ngāti Tūwharetoa ki Taupō), which was drawn and painted locally by Nancy Todd (Ngāti Maniapoto), with installation by local builder, Ioan Bramhall.

In 2023, the Waiputai Trust successfully received a Dunedin City Council Arts Grant to design and install this mural to the Waiputai Hub, in order to complement the existing art panels and reflect the Waiputai culture, community, values and local environs. The Waiputai Trust, subsequently, held a competition and sought local art designs, with the winning design from the Turoa whānau. Nancy Todd and Turoa whānau, together, interpreted and painted the panels in order to uphold the narrative behind the design's whakapapa and story.

In the design, the panels collectively hold Koru, Mangōpore and Kōwhaiwhai designs, along with marine wildlife, which the Turoa whānau explained at the unveiling, reflect the values of the Waiputai Hub. The Kōwhaiwhai patterns have been inspired by stories passed down through the generations, acknowledging those past and present who have used the facilities.

The Koru signifies a meaning of new beginnings, new life and growth of those using the hub. The Mangōpore (also known as the smooth hammerhead) is often depicted in traditional Kōwhaiwhai patterns and symbolizes the knowledge gained from activities, like in the Waiputai Hub. Collectively, these patterns represent strength in the community, a warm place for connection and coming together, the beginnings of new relationships, and a place of sharing and learning for all ages.

The Waiputai Trust would also like to mihi, or acknowledge and sincerely thank, the Turoa whānau; the Dunedin City Council for the Arts Grant; Trustee members, Nancy Higgins, Samantha Ashdown, and Nancy Todd for their ongoing mahi; Waikouaiti Coastal Community Board member, Geraldine Tait, for her support; and Ioan Bramhall, from Flying Shed Property Services, for helping with the technical aspects of painting and erecting the panels around the waharoa.



**Wow! The end of term 2 is nearly upon us! We have had a fantastic term of learning here at Warrington school. We have been busy preparing for our amazing annual Matariki celebration. The lanterns are being prepared, waiata and haka being practiced and of course the amazing presentation of the stars.**

This is a highlight of the school year for the Okahau School community. We love how this event brings the whole Okahau community together. This year's event is being held on Tuesday 25th June at 6.30pm. Please feel free to come along, and bring some shared kai for afterwards.

The year 1-6 tamariki have been enjoying weekly swimming lessons at Moana pool on a Thursday, thank you to all the parent helpers for enabling this to happen.

There have been a few changes here at Warrington school this term, Miss Howden has taken the acting Principal role at Moonlight Macraes school, so we have Mrs Katie Wenborn teaching in the middle room until Marlina returns at the end of term 1 next year. We wish Miss Howden all the best in this role.

We have a few explorers club dates coming up, where we welcome 4 year olds and their whānau to come into school, to experience what Warrington school has to offer, the next few dates will be posted on our facebook page, so please keep a look out for these.

## REMINDER

**This is a community newsletter and we would love to hear from YOU.**

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# Pūrākaunui School

One Waka. One Crew. Many Journeys.

**At Pūrākaunui school we have been enjoying the warmth of a crackling fire in the classroom each morning as we make use of our woodburners. We have also been fortunate to have a range of extra-curricular opportunities to brighten the colder days and broaden our horizons.**

A highlight of June for us was welcoming in Hinemoana to our shores at Karitāne. It was an auspicious occasion, with all kura gathered together awaiting the arrival of the first waka in 10 years to Te Tai o te Araiteuru. We would like to thank kaitoko Nikki Crossan from Puketeraki Marae for her wonderful communication about the arrival of the waka before and during the event.

We also enjoyed a wonderful field trip to Toitū Otago Settlers Museum and Lan Yuan Dunedin Chinese Gardens. This rounded off a very productive fortnight of learning about Aotearoa New Zealand Histories, recognising that Aotearoa has been shaped by many people such as: Māori, the tangata whenua, or the people of the land, as well as various groups of early settlers, each contributing their own unique histories, cultures and identities to the society we live in today.

Recently our Teina class (years 0-3) have started going out regularly on Wednesday mornings to the "Storytime" sessions at Port Chalmers Library. We have been enjoying mingling with local pre-schoolers and having a special session with Kate the librarian.



## Madness vs Sanity

