



OCTOBER 2025



Paparoa School's annual Possum Purge and Gala

This went ahead on Sunday, 14th September, despite the wild weather. While the wind wasn't ideal for hunting, our hunters still managed to bring in around 500 possums- a fantastic effort given the conditions!

The Gala was another highlight, with families and friends braving the rain to support the school. A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped behind the scenes and to all who turned up on the day. Congratulations to this year's winning team, Dead Possum Society.

Student Achievements

We are very proud to celebrate the achievements of our students who recently sat the University of Canterbury Year five & six exams.

- Beckett Crompton: Achieved in the Science Competition
 - Chloe Boulgaris: Achieved in English
 - Zoë Colquhoun: Achieved in English
- A fantastic effort from all three - congratulations on your success!

Meanwhile, the school is making the most of the term break with fresh paint for the administration block and new wool carpet in classrooms. Here's hoping for some sunshine,



Nga Mihi
Karyn Taylor
Principal



Adding to the excitement, the school has welcomed some new faces- nine calves donated by generous local farmers. Students are already caring for their calves, brushing them and teaching them to lead, ahead of Pet & Show Day next term. We welcome Avocado, Oakley, Cocoa, Dice, DJ, Pickles, Ang, Daisy and Zoomie.

Recently we had Senior Constable Lisa Magnusson and Sergeant Ian Anderson visit our school to support the teaching of the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme. Their sessions were very well received, with students engaging positively and gaining valuable learning from the experience.

greener paddocks, and longer evenings as daylight savings begins!



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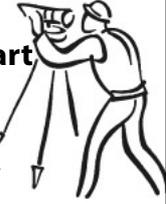
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Progressive Paparooa AGM

Spring seems to be the season for local organisation's AGMs and Progressive Paparooa is no exception. Our AGM will be held on Wednesday October 15th at 7pm in the Paparooa War Memorial Hall and you are invited.

Progressive Paparooa is the community group responsible for a number of local initiatives including the Paparooa Press, the Farmers' Market, the Print Shop in Skelton's Drapery, the Paparooa website, events such as the Community Showcase and the Meet the Candidates evening, maintenance of the Lions walkway in conjunction with Paparooa Lions, and more. We also liaise with Council, and advocate on behalf of the community to see improvements made in our area.

This year we will be looking for a few new members to join our committee as our current secretary, Lissie Cleave, has signalled that she will not be standing for re-election, and over this last year we have lost a couple of good members for various reasons. If you are interested in joining us please get in touch with Lissie at progressive.paparooa@gmail.com, or give me a call, or just come along on the 15th. You will be very welcome and we will have cake!!

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Centenary of our local Prime Minister

There's a house on Tinopai Road with an important history in the area- and a famous son. Ruatuna Homestead was built for Edward and Eleanor Coates in 1877. Edward had arrived in New Zealand in 1866; Eleanor arrived earlier with her parents, in 1859. Of the seven children they raised on the large Ruatuna farm, the eldest, Gordon, was to become the most important man in New Zealand.

Clearly life on the farm was not enough for Gordon – after becoming an Otamatea County Councillor, in 1911 he was elected the Member of Parliament for Kaipara. After serving with distinction in WWI, Gordon was appointed Minister of Justice and Postmaster-General, thus beginning one of the most outstanding and remarkable political careers in New Zealand history. Promoted to Minister of Public Works in 1920, in charge of railways, road and hydro-electricity generation and distribution, in May 1925, on the death of William Massey, Gordon Coates became Prime Minister, a position he maintained with a landslide victory in the November General Election.

Gordon Coates died at his parliamentary desk in 1943 and is buried in Matakoho Cemetery. A grateful government was behind the construction of the Coates Memorial Church at Matakoho. Opened in 1950, the church is about to undergo a major refurbishment.

Ruatuna is now owned by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga. An open day in November is being planned to mark 100 years since Gordon Coates' was elected Prime Minister, and as an opportunity for people to visit the farm and historic house, and learn more about Gordon, the property and the other members of his family. Keep your eye on next month's Paparoa Press and the

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Spring is here, and the Progressive Paparoa team who look after the Paparoa Farmers' Market are looking forward to some sunny Saturdays with light winds, after a winter which has seen some pretty nasty weather at times.

We are grateful to all our stallholders who have stuck with us through the rain and wind over the last few months, and to our team who help set up and dismantle the market every Saturday morning.

The market really is a great place to catch up with friends and neighbours, and pick up your locally grown vegetables, fruit, plants, and flowers. Treat yourself to a variety of yummy home baking or patisserie, or find something special from the craft stalls. Of course the seafood trailer is a popular attraction, and the ambience is enhanced by our local musicians.

For our Labour weekend market on Saturday 25 October we are excited to be holding a Youth Market running alongside our

normal Saturday market. The idea is for young people to book a free table and they can bring along whatever they would like to sell. We will set up the tables on the grassy area beside the market and we are expecting that things like home baking, toys that are no longer needed, pinecones, books etc may be up for sale. Please note that if you are planning to sell home baking then it should be hygienically produced and covered for the sale, and it wouldn't be a good idea to sell home baking on the same stall as horse manure!! See the flyer for more details and contact Alistair to book a table.

As always parking at the market will be at a premium, so we ask parents who are supporting their children, to drop them and their products for sale at the market, and then park their cars at the medical centre, so that parking right outside the market is available for customers.

If the Youth Market is a success we may look at holding a few different markets on the grass area through the

summer e.g. a collectables or antiques market, pre-loved books market, any other ideas?

In the meantime we hope to see you at the weekly market, and don't forget to get your votes in for the council elections.

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At the Community House on **Wednesdays** the **Dancing Dollars** group plans, shops, prepares and shares a tasty lunch at low cost, come along and join in- see if you can produce a low-cost recipe of your own.

Our **free shopping trips to Whangarei** are on **Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 22nd**. The van leaves the Maungaturoto Retirement Village parking area at **9am** and returns after lunch. This is a free trip and great for a bit of shopping, lunch, etc or just a nice drive to the city without the traffic and parking problems.

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I have been thinking about the local body elections. Haven't we all! And I do hope you are in a better position to make informed and considered choices than I am.

I know something about most of the mayoral candidates, but not a lot. I know only one of the potential councillors. I can only admire the public spirited persons who are volunteering their time and talents to serve the community and they

deserve that we should support them by showing interest in the elections.

So I toddled along to Meet the Candidates. It was a very well run meeting. My congratulations to the organisers. But did it help me make a decision? Unfortunately not.

The candidates all spoke well, identified issues and made promises. Because of the meeting format there was no chance to debate. However one could seek elucidation over supper later.

Unfortunately though, I do not wish to vote for the most eloquent speaker, but for the person most able to make considered decisions and to work with other councillors for the betterment of Kaipara as a whole. At the end of the evening I was very little

wiser.

One mayoral candidate could be eliminated on the basis of his undiplomatic comments. Surely Kaipara has had its fill of those.

But my choice of a second councillor would still be totally random.

Please tell me that I am alone in my ignorance and that all you folk have been able to make considered and informed decisions about the candidate and their proposals to address the issues the KDC faces.

If you are not, then may I suggest we just put the names in a hat and select councillors by ballot next elections. The result would be equally random but think of the money that could be saved.

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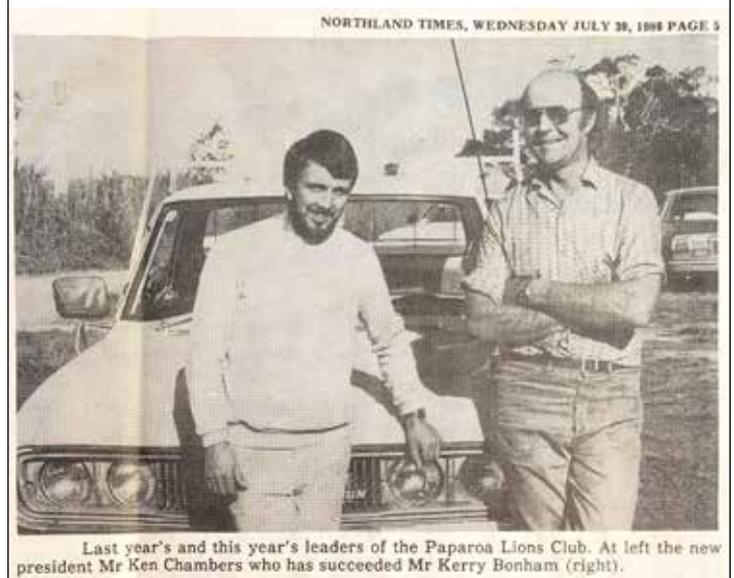
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Blast from the past



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bus that's picking up or
dropping off children.

Paparoa Lions - quiz night

A BIG thank you to everyone who came along to support Paparoa Lions Daffodil Day Quiz Night at the Paparoa Sports Pavilion. This was to raise funds for the Cancer Society.

What a fabulous turn out! We had around 12 teams of six and we think everyone enjoyed themselves. You could feel the tension in the air as host Alistair Banks read out the quiz questions, lol... At the end it all came down to two teams competing with a one question shoot out.

In our eyes everyone in the room were winners, but only one team could win the quiz that night, so congratulations to our very own Paparoa Lions Team "The Looney Tunes", well done Diane, Pete, Dave, Ross, Sharon and Patsy .

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We couldn't have done this without everyone's support, so thank you teams



and sponsors for making the evening not only fun, but also very special, and because of you all and your amazing generosity we raised over \$2000

Thank you also Stephen and the young team who made sure we had enough brain energy during the quiz supplying us with delicious finger foods and chocolate treats... well done

Paparoa Lions hope you all enjoyed the evening as much as we did.

Thank you all for a wonderful fun filled evening.

Patsy



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Dear Reader,

As you no doubt know "The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men Gang aft agley,"* and the best of intentions can and do plunge down that chasm of lost dreams and aspirations.

In other words, I was going to write about something quite different. Yet, Dear Reader, it was all too, too depressing so instead I thought to try something less dispiriting, if only marginally.

Nursery rhymes! But wait, are they as sweet as we unthinkingly assume? I fear not. How about....

"Goosey goosey gander
Where shall I wander?
Up-stairs and down-stairs in
my lady's chamber
There I met an old man who
wouldn't say his prayers,
So, I took him by his left leg
And threw him down the stairs"

Probably a reference to the search for a priest and his refusal and subsequent fate for being of the wrong faith. (Persecution of Catholics during Henry VIII Reformation.) Well, that

taught him and nothing changes.

And, if religious intolerance is not your bag how about a quick lesson (another) in the realities of the economy. Think about that when voting, n'est ce pas!

Baa baa black sheep is supposed to be about the wool tax imposed in the 13th C by Edward 1. A third of the cost of a bag of wool to the king, a third to the Church and a third to the farmer; with none left for the little shepherd boy down the road. Equitable as usual.

Ring a ring a rosie as most of us know is about the plague or as it is charmingly known the black death which saw off 15% of England's population "Atishoo, atishoo, we all fall down."

Perhaps I should have stuck with the original topic?

Never mind will save it for next time.

I could analyse "Lady bird, lady bird fly away home". Suffice to say burning is involved or Rock a bye baby? Nightmare country really.

So instead on an unsavoury, but ribald note. What better! I will finish with Lucy Locket. (circa 1550's)

"Lucy Locket lost her pocket,
Kitty Fisher found it,
Not a penny was there in it
Only ribbon round it"

Allegedly, two high profile courtesans of the day (Kitty was in fact painted by J.Reynolds) had a little contretemps and it seems that Kitty may have stolen money from the luckless Lucy. Another lesson in economy. The ways of the world and keeping your pockets safe.

Or perhaps we should end

with a parenting tip?

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe.

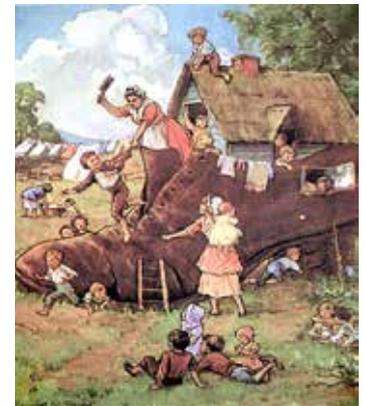
She had so many children, she didn't know what to do; She gave them some broth without any bread;

She whipp'd all their bums, and sent them to bed.

And so Dear Reader, to bed. Sweet dreams!

Ka kite ano, Deb

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Table tennis for juniors has finished for the year now that the tennis season is starting. We had moderate numbers of players attending most weeks and have two young men who are doing really well. Joseph Stevens and Casun Frost have both represented Otamatea High School at the Northland Secondary Schools tournament and Casun has now been selected to play in the Northland team at the National tournament. Well done to you both, it is great to see young players coming through.

We are currently planning to run an adult singles and a two player teams tournament for table tennis over the next few months. Please contact Pete 021 0567 163 if you're interested in entering either competition. Adult table tennis

will continue to be on every Tuesday evening 7pm at the sports pavilion.

Term four will see the resumption of junior tennis with a Rally day on Tuesday 7th October. We will run two sessions, Juniors from 3.30 - 4.15pm and Seniors from 4.30 - 5.15pm, however there is some flexibility. We will also offer adults tennis at 5.30pm for those who are interested. We will finish the Rally day off with a sausage sizzle.

We are hoping to get some of our parent helpers to a Coaching Assistant course being run by Tennis Northland in Whangarei to help us upskill as junior coaches. Talk to one of the organisers at the Rally day if this interests you.

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will be an ideal opportunity to view some new work by our local artists and to start thinking about those special gifts for the festive season. Some exciting new work will be displayed, including work by multimedia artist Ruth Webb with her wonderful tote bags, beautiful cushions and whimsical key rings. There are also unique one of a kind journals, lovingly crafted by Gay Neels. Of course there are lots of variety of art works, mosaics, woodwork, jewellery and other crafts available too.



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During the past month, our main activities have focused on youth and we were fortunate to have one student accepted for RYPEN, Rotary Youth Plan of Enrichment, which is a weekend course aimed at providing leadership skills for Year 12 students from throughout the Auckland and Northland district. The event this year was held at Shakespear Regional Park, which is a fantastic facility at the end of the Whangaparaoa Peninsula. I was fortunate enough to attend the dinner on the Saturday night so became aware of the type of activities the students were encouraged to be involved in. Attendees are given the chance to open networks to new friends and like-minded individuals from diverse backgrounds. We will certainly look at ensuring students are able to undertake



this in the future.

Last week, we had a presentation from Alina, from Belgium, who is our Rotary Youth Exchange student. During her talk Alina covered not only information about herself (she enjoys playing the trumpet and saxophone



Alina Servaye
Belgium

as well as fencing, Scouts, reading and baking) and her family (she has three siblings). Alina's presentation covered many aspects of Belgium life, starting with a history lesson, government status, famous places, food - savoury and sweet, beverages, famous athletes and artists and celebrations. This was followed by a description of the area she comes from (Namur). When asked about what she

has found different in NZ, Alina said that food, eg bread, is very different. We were told that students in Belgium do not have the same access to computers at school. When they need to use computers there are dedicated classrooms for that purpose. The following evening we enjoyed Alina's several appearances at the High School Olla Podriga where she played her trumpet. I might add that Jaime (who was our Exchange student last year), and is part of Alina's host family, surprised us by singing a solo in a very polished manner.

In November Alina will join the other inbound students for a week long trip around the South Island, after which she will visit Norfolk Island for December and January. On her return to New Zealand, Alina will be hosted by a Dargaville family for the remainder of her stay.

We have hosted a "Meet the Candidates" evening at the Country Club, where attendees were given a chance to ask questions of the individuals who will be representing our area. You will still have time to vote in the Local Body elections, so please exercise your right.

Eileen



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Eligible voter turnout for Local Body Elections has dropped from 56% in 1989 to just 42% in 2022. That's less than half of us bothering to have our say.

Kaipara District Council has released a Pre-election Report, offering residents an overview of the challenges, opportunities, and priorities facing the district ahead of the local elections on 11 October.

Kaipara District Council Chief Executive Jason Marris encourages everyone to take a moment to check the report out.

"This report is your inside look at what's going on across our district and what's coming down the line. Whether you're a seasoned local politics watcher or just

starting to tune in, we hope it helps you feel more informed and confident about having your say in this year's local elections."

"Council is where decisions are made about the roads we drive on, the parks we enjoy, how our waste and recycling are managed, the water we drink, and how our towns and villages grow. Local government touches our lives every single day."

Kaipara is a small district with a relatively small rating base, and this means the Council operates with fewer resources than many larger councils. "We manage a similar volume and complexity of work with fewer people and fewer resources."

The Report is available

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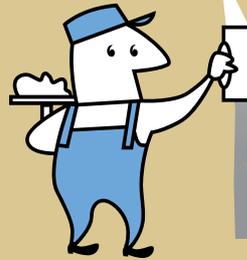
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I read a book that said that horses from other countries couldn't come to Mongolia and survive and I can believe that. After seeing herds of horses grazing and roaming together in the most natural manner I realise how far from the wild type our horses have become - partially from genetics but also a lot is from our management and expectations.

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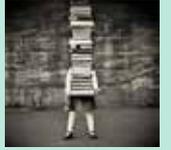
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"The Remarkable Truths of Alfie Bains," by Sarah Clutton is a refreshingly different read. Alfie is nine-years-old when his single mother realizes that if she dies there is no-one to take care of him in her stead. She decides to return to her mother in Australia, whom she hasn't spoken to in ten years, since she ran away, pregnant, to Ireland. And the fun begins. The reasons for her dramatic disappearance are slowly revealed as the story unfolds. It appears to Alfie that every member of his new-found family is lying to him, and he is shocked to discover that his own mother is also in that category. There are several candidates for fatherhood once Alfie realizes that he is not the product of a sperm-donor as he had been led to believe, but getting the truth out of any of them, is quite a project for young Alfie. He is definitely the hero of this delightful and funny tale.



Everyone will have heard of John Boyne's novel, "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas," those pyjamas being prison clothes worn by a Jewish boy in Auschwitz. The Camp Commandant's son, in the innocence of young boys, had no idea of the circumstances surrounding his new, secret friend on the other side of the fence, and they swapped clothes, inadvertently leading to his own untimely death. He had an older sister, aged 12 by the end of the war, who escaped to Paris with her mother under false identities, her father having been given his own death penalty for war crimes. John Boyne has written her story in a sequel titled "All the Broken Places". She is somewhat of an anti-heroine to me, I didn't warm to her, maybe we are not meant to. She has a fascinating story to tell nevertheless. She is in her nineties, living in a posh mansion in London at the time of telling, with flashbacks to the journey that got her there. She has some "interesting" neighbours, and a son who wants her to sell up so that he can claim an early inheritance. Lots to ponder over. When it comes to the events of WWII, "lest we forget" is a good maxim.

And now for something closer to home. "Dead Girl Gone" the second in "The Bookshop Detectives" series by Gareth and Louise Ward. The authors are real-life bookshop owners in Havelock North and have re-invented themselves as quirky solvers of crimes in their novels, along with their town, neighbours and staff. Hopefully, not their local criminals although bikey gangs are mentioned. Lots of Kiwiana we can relate to and spatterings of teo reo Maori throughout. The usual cosy crime, the difference being that it is even cosier being home-grown. A humorous and pleasant light read, not too difficult to guess how it ends, yet original in its own way, by two very good writers. The book characters by the way, are named Garth and Eloise who take turn about to tell the story. Nice touch!

Anne Bate



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So, as I see it, we are but a tiny planet Earth - like a space ship orbiting our sun, peopled by humans and incredible life forms. Yet some of the humans on board seem to be bent on destroying this beautiful planet. Most normal people just want to live in peace and harmony, have enough to eat, and live in a caring community.

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2 cups sour cream mixed with taco seasoning to taste

1 bunch of spring onions, chopped (or the free onion weed that's in abundance right now)

1 tin chopped tomatoes reduced in a pan until thick, with finely chopped and fried onion and garlic

1 or 2 cups grated cheddar cheese

Olives- as many as you like



To assemble dip, spread refried beans on a 40-45cm platter.

Top with guacamole, then spread on cooled tomato mixture.

Spread the sour cream mixture on top of the tomatoes.

Layer spring onions, grated cheese and olives on top.

Serve with tortilla chips or crusty bread.

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AGM

Wednesday 29th October
Paparoa Sports Pavilion

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Broken Dreams

Last month saw the arrival of two more furry friends - two Jersey calves, Brie and Daisy. They are of course exceedingly cute, and we were all on track for a Pet and Show day launch - until Mr Six launched himself off a friends trampoline and broke his wrist on the way down. A nice clean break through both bones means he is facing a wee while in a cast, so practising leading a calf has taken a back seat. After all, its not until you can't use something that you realise how much you use it.

A birthday party is also looming on the calendar for the little guy, and we're very glad to have not organised a pool party or similar, or else the birthday boy would have been watching on with a sullen grimace. I'd like to say it'll now be a low key affair, but the number of invitations sent will not be conducive to a quiet afternoon. All hopes are on a sunny day, or else it'll be unbearably chaotic in our small place-but hey, you only turn seven once!

As the seasons turn afresh its always a welcome sight to see orchard blossoms, the garden pick up pace, and the warmth in the sunshine- happy signs summer is just around the bend! That wonderful interim time before we are all complaining about the heat, after complaining about the rain.

Another thing I know I'll be glad to see gone, are all the election placards. How we, the public, restrain ourselves from drawing silly moustaches and kooky glasses on those hoardings, I don't know. Am I the only one who thinks about it with alarming frequency? We have three more years to plan some really artistic guerilla offerings. (Of course I'm kidding...)

Hoping you all have a peaceful October.

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Science Corner



How seals & dolphins hear

Seals can hear higher and lower frequencies than humans and have amphibious hearing or in other words their ears function really well in the air and underwater! True seals do not have external ear flaps but just small ear holes that they can open and close.

True seals belong to the Phocidae or crawling seal (due to their method of moving on land) group and include the harp seal, harbour seal, ringed seal and Southern elephant seal.

They can hear high and lower pitched sounds than what humans can- but how do they do this?

While under water sound is conducted directly through the skull and tissues to the inner ear bypassing the air-filled ear canal and air-filled middle ear. They have massive middle ear ossicles (large bones) effectively amplifying the sound vibrations. This enables true seal hearing to receive much higher frequencies and over a wider range. The ear canal closes tightly when it dives preventing water from entering.

Hearing, when on land through air with the ear canal open, is not as acute as under water but seals scan their heads from side to side to pinpoint the direction of the sound.

Dolphin's hearing- Dolphins have no ear flaps but have small ear openings like the true seal. Sound is conducted to their inner ears through fat channels in their lower jaw bone. They have highly acute hearing under water and are capable of picking up sounds far beyond human limits (humans 0.02-20kHz- dolphins 20-150kHz). They use high frequency clicks



to 'see' their environment creating a sonic map. They also communicate through signature whistles and other social sounds. Hearing is a crucial tool for navigation.

They are virtually deaf when out of the water.

So, to compare seals and dolphins:

Dolphins have a much broader range of hearing especially in the higher range which is necessary for echolocation but seals hear better at lower frequencies.

Seals can hear in air and water but dolphins can only hear well in water.

Recent research is showing that humans can hear better under water than previously thought and that this is done by the bone conduction- the sound waves vibrating the skull- making the air in the middle ear resonate and amplifying the hearing ability.

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The Blessing of Animals - Sun Oct 5, 10am. Holy Trinity Mgt. See below.

Tennis Rally Day - Tues Oct 7. Juniors & seniors. See p9 for info.

Bream Bay Community Trust Drop In - Thurs Oct 9, 11am - 1pm. Taipuha Hall, 171 Taipuha Station Rd. Community support, counselling, advice and more.

Sustainable Wearable Arts - Thurs Oct 9, 6.30pm. Otamatea HS. See p15.

Progressive Paparoa Inc AGM - Wed Oct 15, 7pm. Paparoa War Memorial Hall. All welcome. There's cake! See p2.

Paparoa Youth Farmers Market - Sat Oct 25, 8.30am-12. See p5 & ad p20.

Paparoa Sports and Recreation Association AGM - Wed Oct 29. (We look after the Paparoa Sports Pavilion and the Community Gym) All are welcome to join us for a shared dinner at 6pm, followed by AGM at 6.45pm. Any queries do get in touch with Libby on hames.jones@xtra.co.nz or 021 2080093.

St John Trash & Treasure - Mon Sept 29 - Fri Oct 3, 4pm at Maungaturoto Centennial Hall. See p3 for hours and drop-off info.

OCS Free Lunches - For those in need. Tuesdays, 1-4pm. 155 Hurndall St, Mgt.

Coming up

Paparoa's Got Talent - Sat Nov 1, 3pm, at Paparoa War Memorial Hall. See p2.

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*We are terribly saddened to hear
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*Albie ran The Den in Maungaturoto and raised
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Our thoughts are with Marge and family.*

RIP Albie

REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS

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- Anglican Church St Marks** Hook Road, ph 431 8193 for services info
- Ararua Church** 10.30am every Sunday. All welcome Ph 431 6622
- Art Studio, Ruawai** Wed 10-12noon ph Frances 439 2554
- Badminton** Thursdays 7pm Paparoa Hall \$2 students, \$3 adults, Pete 021 056 7163
- Farmers' Market** Every Saturday 9-Noon, Village Green, Alistair, 027 525 4782
- Grey Power** Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, Maungaturoto
- Grow Paparoa** Thur/Fri 9am to 12pm at the Community Gardens
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- Matakohe Garden Circle** 1st Weds each month, 1pm, J Mackinnon 431 6689.
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- Paparoa Garden Circle** 2nd Wed of month. Contact Raylee Over 021 2565 893
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- Plunket Ready Steady Wriggle** Mon 10am. At playcentre. Tina Ball 021 033 5128
- Selwyn Centre** Thurs 9.45am for over 65's, St Marks, Hook Rd, Sue 027 417 4626
- Sports Pavilion** Functions Venue Bookings ph Jane Bailey 431 6148
- St Mary's Catholic Church** Maungaturoto 10am Wed, 4pm Saturday
- Table Tennis** Tues 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion. \$2 Pete 021 056 7163
- Tennis** Tues Junior.4pm, Adult 5.30pm, Ph Sue 027 417 4626, Pete 0210567163
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LOCAL TIDES for OCTOBER 2025

TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU

DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	12.13	06.18	17th	15.00	09.08
2nd	13.33	07.37	18th	15.50	10.00
3rd	14.40	08.45	19th	16.31	10.41
4th	15.53	09.40	20th	17.08	11.18
5th	16.18	10.26	21st	17.42	11.50
6th	17.00	11.09	22nd	18.14	12.22
7th	17.43	11.51	23rd	06.31	12.52
8th	18.25	12.33	24th	07.03	13.23
9th	06.49	13.16	25th	07.36	13.56
10th	07.34	14.00	26th	08.10	14.31
11th	08.21	14.48	27th	08.49	15.12
12th	09.11	15.42	28th	09.34	16.02
13th	10.08	16.46	29th	10.29	17.06
14th	11.15	18.04	30th	11.35	18.19
15th	12.35	06.40	31st	12.47	06.55
16th	13.55	08.00			

Community Directory

EMERGENCY: FIRE ■ POLICE ■ AMBULANCE dial 111

COAST TO COAST HEALTH CARE

- Maungaturoto Medical Centre: 8am-5pm Mon-Fri..... 09 431 8576
- Paparoa Clinic: Open Tues and Thurs 8am-5pm..... 09 431 7222
- For urgent after hours medical service (Wellsford)..... 09 423 8086
- DISTRICT NURSE** Dargaville Hospital 09 439 3330
- Healthline - 24 hour service..... 0800 611 116
- HOSPICE KAIPARA** Dargaville Hospital..... 09 439 3330
- KAIPARA DISTRICT COUNCIL** Helpline 0800 727 059
- LINKING HANDS** Health Shuttle Service, Maungaturoto..09 431 8969
- LIONS CLUB PAPAROA** President Ken Chambers 09 431 7443
- MAUNGATUROTO PHARMACY** 09 431 8045
- RIVERVIEW REST HOME** 09 431 8696

- OTAMATEA COMMUNITY SERVICES** Community House 09 431 9080
- PAPAROA LIBRARY** Free Membership. Ph 09 431 7555 (Bus hours) Mon, Wed 2-4.30, Tues 10-1, Thurs 10-4 Fri 11-1.30, Sat 10-12
- PAPAROA PLAYCENTRE** paparoa@playcentre.org.nz
- PAPAROA PLUNKET**Appointments/enquiries 0800 184 803
- PLUNKET Helpline 0800 933 922
- PAPAROA PRIMARY SCHOOL** Principal Karyn Taylor.....09 431 7379
- PHYSIOTHERAPIST**At Paparoa Medical Centre, Mon, Tues, Wed Book on 431 9062 or email admin@maungaturotophysio.co.nz
- PROGRESSIVE PAPAROA INC (PPI)**.....Pete Hames 021 0567163
- PARENT PORT Inc**free help for families 425 9357 or 027 280 5093

Gumdiggers Cafe enters Savour Northland

Savour Northland is coming to the Kauri Museum this October! From the 1st to the 31st, the exhibit, "Nourish - A fresh exhibition about Kumara", will be open to the public. This exhibition celebrates the significance of kumara to our people and its rich history in Northland. Explore Northland Kai Curiosity Trail and experience 4,500 square metres of unique exhibits, learning all about the weird and wonderful food related collections and local stories.

Top off your visit with a tasty stop at Gumdiggers Café and try the Sweet Kumara Tart and Spiced Cappuccino, which is available exclusively for Savour Northland during October. Café open 7 days, 10- 3.



Weedbusters v privet

The amazing Weedbusters have been focussing on Paparoa recently.

The group, which meets monthly on a Saturday morning, has been cutting and pulling out invasive privet from properties in the village; also from the walkway and stream behind the Paparoa Store to the new subdivision. There is more to do next month in this area. Our community is so much better off because these people work hard to eradicate this fast-growing noxious tree.

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 25 - October 2025

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