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Golden End of Year Celebrations at Wakefield School

by Caraline Dyson

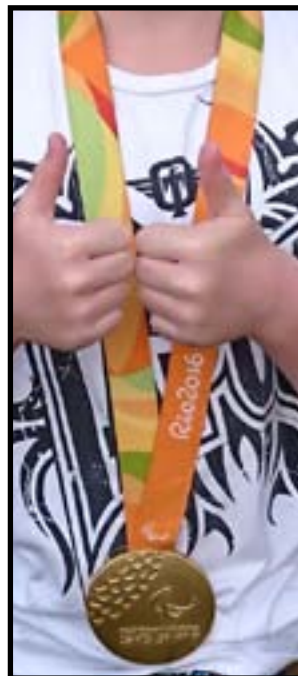
There are not many school celebrations that feature a gold medal winning Olympian, but that is who entertained pupils and families at Wakefield School's end of year assembly last month.

Wakefield local Liam Malone cheerfully regaled the group with tales of his childhood failures, telling them not to give up if they weren't being showered with praise and plaudits just yet. His message was simple; he was once bullied, wooden legged, happy to blame his physical disability for his lack of academic prowess. A change of heart saw him taking responsibility for his achievements, and making him the successful athlete he is today.

Crowdfunding may have helped him get his blades, but it was his personal steely determination that saw him running through the pain barrier, and in Rio this year he smashed records to bring home one silver and two gold medals.

In Rio, Liam famously enchanted the world's media with his happy disposition, which was again clearly evident at our school. He posed for photographs and passed around one of his special gold medals, as carefree in person as he always appears on television. Some of the spectators may have been forgiven for assuming his success had come easily, but the majority were aware of how his painful bleeding legs had often prevented him from consecutive days training. Yet he persevered to break the records previously set by Oscar Pistorious, winning with acceleration as dazzling as his smile.

In true Kiwi style, our Paralympic superstar explained that he could break more records at the National Athletic Championships in Hamilton in March. Liam could become the fastest Kiwi ever. And all his fans at Wakefield School will be cheering him with every bladestep.



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Our Girl Dot Wins the Lot

What a very deserving recipient for the annual Waimea Weekly shop and win, with the prize going to local volunteer fire fighter Dot Ashton.

Dot does so much in our community to keep the wheels turning in the many local groups she is involved with. These include St John's Ambulance, Target Shooting, and Wakefield and Nelson Bays Trial Riding Club.

Dot puts so much time into organising events for others enjoyment and helping groups succeed with their interests. All this whilst being a mum and wife, and running the family strawberry business, plus working at Wakefield Bistro each morning, and she still puts in several hours in volunteer fire and first aid call outs.

A very surprised Dot was approached by the Waimea Weekly at work. She could not believe her luck; her name was drawn out from over 60,000 entries. Congratulations Dot!



Photos: Local crafts people come together at the Wakefield Bistro and Hotel car park.



In conjunction with Destination Wakefield on the first Sunday of each month, Wakefield Bistro and Hotel opened their car park for local craftspeople to set up stalls and sell their wares.

The next event is on Sunday 5th February 2017; small stall fee depending on stall holders sales.

Contact Jeanette or Dotti at the Bistro or phone 0275 450 648.



Tai Chi Beginners Class

by Fran Nicoll

Our band of 2016 Wakefield Tai Chi beginners still agree that learning Tai Chi is great fun and most rewarding. We are also much more relaxed with the idea of learning by approximation and body memory. Of course, that means that most of us still have the most confidence in the first sections of the Tai Chi set of 108 moves!

Next year our 2016 Wakefield Tai Chi Beginners class becomes a daytime continuing class. The focus then for us is to gradually increase our knowledge of the detail within movements. For example, learning more exactly how to move your weight from one leg to another, helps you to more correctly complete a set move, which in turns helps build balanced core strength.

We are also excited that concurrently, the Nelson Branch has agreed to provide a new beginner's class also in the Wakefield Village Hall. By "popular demand", this is to be held on Thursdays 6.30 – 8p.m. Graeme Elder as instructor comes highly recommended by us, and we will offer support by acting as corners.

Please do consider joining the group, whatever your age or level of fitness. Take this as a warm invitation to check Tai Chi out for yourself, and just turn up on the evening.

A free taster session will be held on Thursday January 26th at 6.30pm with the classes proper starting the following Thursday, February 3rd. The beginner's course is five months long.

Payment is by joining the Taoist Tai Chi Society of NZ and can be made in monthly instalments or by a one off payment. Depending on whether you are waged or unwaged, cost varies between \$18-\$31/ month. Incidentally this gives you other membership benefits.

Once a Tai Chi Society member, you are able, for free, to attend as many other classes in Nelson, across NZ, across the globe as you can find. Tai Chi in Costa Rica anyone? Put it in your diary now!!!



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The Way We Were

175 Years of European Settlement in Nelson

Prepared for the Waimea South Historical Society by Roger Batt

To mark this important anniversary which began with the arrival of our pioneer ancestors in 1842, we begin publication this month of a selection of photographs of the houses they constructed in those early days, many of which are taken from the Waimea South's Collection on the Tasman Library's Kete website.

We hope that you will contribute to these by sending in photographs of houses in the district which would have been constructed before World War I. (See notices for further details). These will be published over the next few months.



The William Higgins Gallery built in the second half of 1842 before restoration. Courtesy Cathy Cambridge. Perhaps the oldest cob cottage in NZ still in current use as a dwelling.



A typical settler's cottage in Arrow Street, Wakefield. Sometimes these were extended to a second floor with dormer windows in the roof.



Lord Rutherford's home in Brightwater is an example of a cottage on two levels.



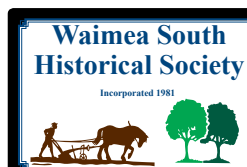
The Wells' home in winter - located just before Reay's Saddle shows how common this type of construction was.



The two-storey cob house that was built by Hans Busch or his son in the 1860's on land at Hoddy's orchard in Hope. Earth from the cellar under the house was used to construct the walls.



A view inside the cellar showing the stone - lined earth sides.



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Wakefield Scouts

by Louis Hornell

On December 11th Wakefield Scout Group held our end of year function at Ngarua Caves at the top of Takaka Hill. We had a great turnout from our members and their families on the day and with a beautiful sunny day it could not have gone any better. Everyone who wanted to tour through the caves had the opportunity which most people took advantage of while we waited for the barbecue lunch to cook.

After lunch we began our end of year presentation ceremony. Badges were awarded to youth in their sections according to what they had earned, then we invested our new Kea Leader Katrina Grooby, also known as Weka. We thanked our outgoing Group Leader Nick Law and set him a challenge with a tandem hang gliding voucher to show our appreciation of the years of service he has given us. We also rewarded our Treasurer Genie Bradley with a thank you pin and card to acknowledge her tireless contribution to our group.

We were privileged to have two of our leaders, both from the Kea section awarded with their Gilwell Scarf and Wood Badge (beads).

Congratulations to Louis Hornell and Veronique Law for achieving this



Veronique Law and Louis Hornell with their wood beads.



Above: Keas, Cubs and Scouts in the cave.
Right: Katrina Grooby (Weka) being invested.



highest award in Leader Training.

Louis was presented his by his old Scout Leader Allan McCleery who came up from Westport to attend and Veronique was presented hers by Angela Burke the Zone Kea Leader.

It was great to also have Jeanette Ellis, whom is a member of the Baden Powell Guild, join us for the day.

All in all it was a great and positive day for the group.

If you have enquiries regarding Wakefield Scout Group please email wsg4kids@gmail.com or phone/text Louis Hornell on 027 7593 006.



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Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

The 2016 year has now finished and the new year of 2017 is just starting so let's hope it will be a good one for us all. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas with your family and friends and the start of this new year is going well.

Currently the brigade members are taking a well earned break from our regular training program but they will start back on the first Wednesday in February. If the siren goes off though we will be there to help or assist you if we are called to do so, even on Christmas Day.

We all have to take special care on the roads this year due to the high traffic volumes from the Christmas period as well as State Highway One still being closed due to the earthquakes, so please be patient and please don't take any risks while driving.

Another message for this month is our favourite, the barbecue season, and keeping safety in mind while you are cooking.

BBQ Safety

- Before using a grill, check the connection between the gas tank and the fuel line.
- Do not overfill the gas tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid.
- Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flame can flashback up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately.
- Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- Dispose of hot coals properly – douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas – carbon monoxide could be produced.
- Don't light fires in a fire ban area – you could be liable for whatever damage is caused.
- And finally, make sure your barbecue is completely extinguished when finished.

Gas Cylinders

- Always ensure there is adequate ventilation.
- Store and install cylinders in an upright position with the valve uppermost.
- Be careful when changing cylinders. Make sure the valve on the empty cylinder is turned off before disconnecting and do not turn on the valve of the full cylinder until it is securely connected.
- When storing on a boat, ensure that cylinders are either secured on deck away from hatches so any escaping gas disperses, or are placed in a properly designed and ventilated container above the water line.

As always take care and be safe
Fritz Buckendahl
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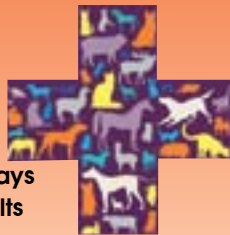
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A Matter of Accounts

by Sonia Emerson, CA, BBus

New Years Resolutions and Reviews

I hope that you have found some time for rest and relaxation over the Christmas and New Year period, even if you were one of those who worked through the period, like myself. January is often a time for reflection, making New Years Resolutions, and thinking about the year ahead; what we want to be different, what we would like to repeat.

The same is no doubt true for your business, you have probably been thinking about the year ahead. The tax year is still a couple of months off but you don't need to wait until then to review the year just gone, start to make some changes, and hit the ground running in the 2018 income tax year.

In order to plan well for the year ahead, you will be starting to think about your financial plan and/or budgets for the next 12 months period.

Here are some questions to ask yourself to help get more clarity around your way forward:

- Am I able to access the information I need to analyse my business or am I close enough to operations, and the business simple enough that I know exactly where things are at? If not, maybe it's time to look at accounting software or making changes to the software that you are currently using.
- How has the business performed so far compared to budget, last year, industry benchmarks, or as a % of sales?
- Am I selling the right products or right mix of products? Can I add more products to the range?
- Are there new markets or opportunities that I can look at to grow sales?
- Are there value added services I can bring into my business?
- Have any patterns emerged over the months ie have costs increased each month, or are sales showing seasonality?
- Do I need to start sourcing product from new suppliers?
- Can I renegotiate pricing and/or terms with existing suppliers?
- Review your overheads by asking yourself, is this the most efficient way of doing this, or can I find a cheaper alternative?
- What cash needs do I have over the coming months, is this affected by seasonality?
- Where can I source the additional cash I need, or how can I make sure the cash continues to flow on a regular basis?
- Do I need to purchase any one off assets or am I better to lease?
- Is my business now in a position that I can refinance for a better interest rate?
- Are my customers paying me on time, do I need to "drop" some non profitable customers?
- Do I have slow moving stock that I need to get rid of urgently in order to make a cash injection to more profitable stock?
- Have I been regularly invoicing out my work in progress, or have I been waiting until the end of the job before invoicing?
- What profits have I been making on individual jobs or types of jobs?

These are just a few questions to help you with the review process. Good luck!

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Town and Country Talk

by Brenda Halliwell

GETTING PREPARED FOR SUMMER!

This month a reminder about two common seasonal problems for our farm animals. I have written about both previously so apologies if this is nothing new. However we do see both diseases every summer - sometimes in epidemic proportions.

FACIAL ECZEMA – NOT JUST A DISEASE OF THE SKIN

Facial Eczema is a disease of sheep, cattle, goats, alpacas and deer but not horses. It occurs in warm, moist summer conditions and continues into autumn. The cause is a toxin produced by the spores of a fungus in the base of the pasture. When eaten, the toxin damages the liver and a substance called phylloerythrin starts circulating in the blood. When exposed to sunlight, phylloerythrin releases energy and causes skin damage identical to severe sunburn.

Affected sheep usually have drooping ears and swollen eyelids. They shake their heads and rub on fences resulting in sores and bleeding. These sores can become flystruck. Sheep are desperate to find shade and won't come out to eat or drink. They can die very quickly. Cows will have reddening and flaking skin on hairless and white skin areas. They are also desperate to find shade and are restless and itchy. Affected skin can be raw and painful.

Be aware that by the time you see skin lesions most of the liver damage has already occurred and that up to 50% of the mob can have liver damage without showing skin lesions. With Facial Eczema it is this unseen liver disease that results in a major reduction of farm profitability through:

- decreased production
- decreased reproductive performance at next mating
- increased death and culling rate
- metabolic problems and deaths around calving/lambing period

There is little that can be done once cows/sheep start showing symptoms because liver damage has already occurred. Blood tests can indicate the severity of liver damage and herd/flock exposure. Doses of vitamin B12 can help in the acute stages. Zinc supplementation is essential to prevent further damage.

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RYEGRASS STAGGERS

We are again seeing cases of Ryegrass Staggers on farms. This is a disease caused by toxins produced by a fungus present in some types of Ryegrass. It usually occurs during summer and autumn when pasture levels are low and animals graze closer to the ground. The symptoms are tremors, jerky movements and staggering. It affects cows, sheep, deer and horses, and alpaca are particularly susceptible.

Ryegrass staggers is not fatal but affected animals are in danger of accidents such as getting caught in fences or falling into streams. They may also eat less and not drink enough. There is no specific antidote – the main treatment is getting affected animals off the ryegrass pasture and onto some other type of feed or safe ryegrass. Affected animals can take weeks to recover.

There are many causes of staggering, tremors and abnormal behavior – if you are not sure, it is best to get the vet out – sooner rather than later!



Wakefield School

The Kiwi Christmas Postman

All students in Matai syndicate contributed to two sell out evening performances and a matinee of The Kiwi Christmas Postman. The show contained a mixture of songs, dance, mime and drama. The children are to be congratulated on their show.

I liked the scary wood. It wasn't scary for me. I was so good. I couldn't wait to go up on the stage. I was so excited. I felt happy.
By Kody - Matai Kereru



I liked the Santa scene because I liked their costumes.
By Jasmine - Matai Kereru

I liked the Humpty Dumpty. It was funny because he cracked his head.
By Maisie - Matai Kereru

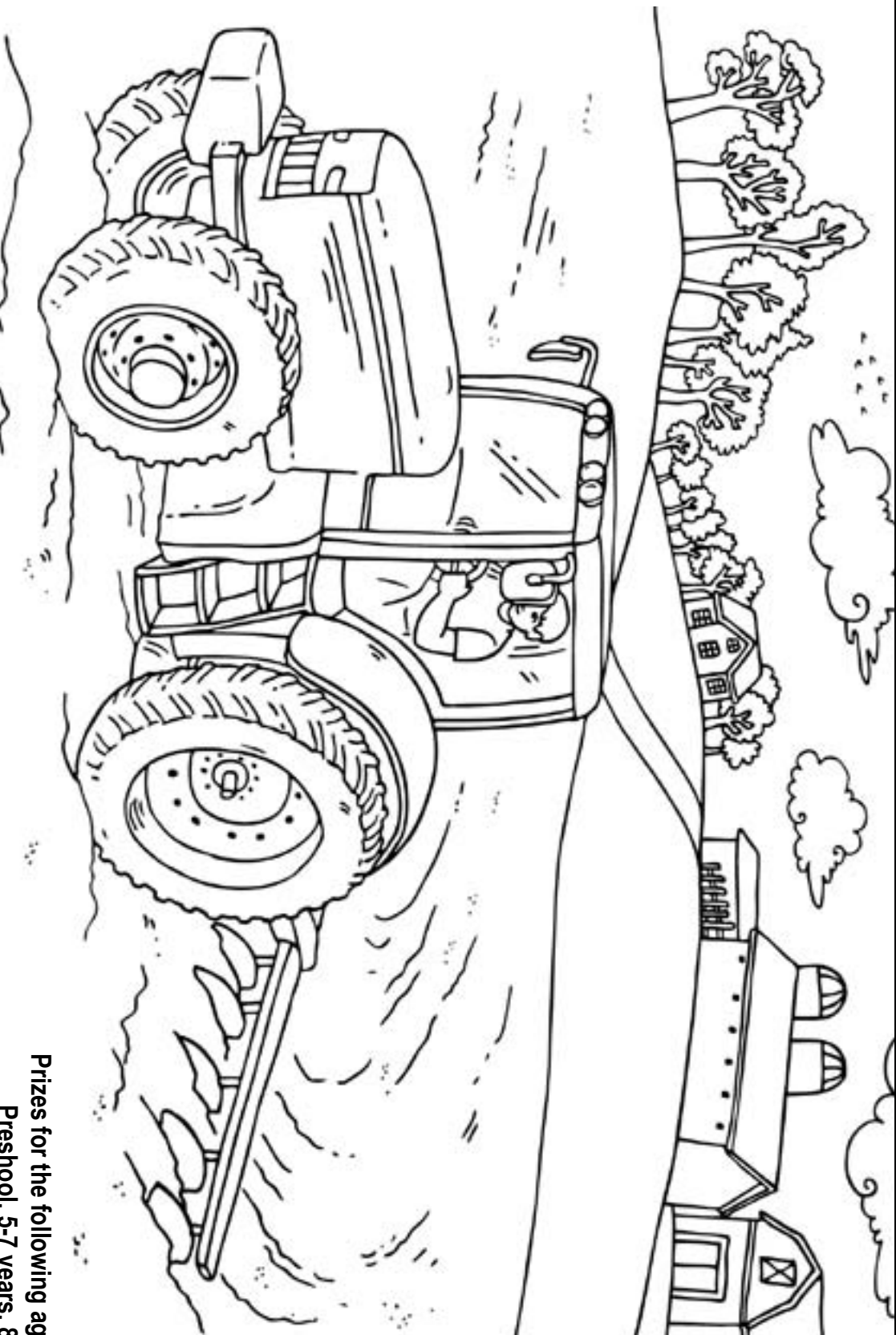




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1. Which British monarch (born 1865, died 1936) introduced the custom of giving thousands of Christmas puddings to staff?
King George V

2. Very loosely related to Christmas, the predatory animal 'uncia uncia' is better known by what name?
Snow leopard

3. The Latin word meaning 'coming' gave us what term which still refers to the coming Christmas period, and also to a particular tradition popular with children?
Advent (as in advent calendars - the 'coming' basically refers to the birth of Christ)

4. Which southern central US state, whose capital city has the same name, was the last to recognise Christmas as an official holiday?
Oklahoma

5. The fortified wine drink, sherry, is named after what town?
Jerez (Spain - in Spanish, sherry is called Vino de Jerez)

6. Which Christmas condiment is made from fruit sometimes referred to as marshworts?
Cranberry sauce

7. Which famous comedy double-act partner made the first ever UK mobile phone call, New Year's Day, 1985?
Ernie Wise

8. Christmas Crackers was the first Christmas edition of which popular UK comedy series?
Only Fools and Horse

9. What is a baby turkey more correctly called, other than a chick?
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10. What is the greatest-selling Christmas single of all time?
Bing Crosby - White Christmas

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Feeding Hungry Troops on the Go

by Lucy Pearson, Co-Owner PackGearGo

Napoleon Bonaparte once said that 'An army marches on its stomach!' Well the same can be said about kids! Getting the family out into the great outdoors is just about one of the best things to do with your day, but it can become a very long, teeth pulling exercise if your 'troops' aren't properly fueled up.

Keep them hydrated

First and foremost make sure there is plenty of water available to drink. Choose the size of your child's bottle carefully so that they don't have to carry heaps of excess water. Remember one litre of water weighs one kilogram. If you are planning a longer tramp (or the weather is hot) and feel that your child will need more water than they can carry you have two choices, either you as the adult can carry some extra to top them up, or you can use some of the cool 'water treatment' options like filter straws which means you can drink straight from the local stream or lake.



The other thing to consider is how much gear I should expect my child to take. Of course this will in part depend on your child but as a rule a child's backpack should weigh no more than 10% of their body weight. It is also important that the pack fits well... but that's a whole other story.

So back to the food. Once you have an idea of how much your child can carry, time to think about what to take. It again depends on your child's individual likes but also you need to consider what type of tramp you are doing. Is it just a short 30 minute walk, or a whole day, do you need lunch or just a snack?

Easy access snacks

Depending on the design of the child's backpack have quick access snacks that you can eat along the way. These snacks should give your child a quick energy boost, but also provide some more sustained energy. Scroggin (nuts and dried fruit) is a brilliant quick snack. It is easy to eat and doesn't melt in the heat. Other options could include some fruit (make sure it's not the 'dribbly' messy kind).

If you are stopping for lunch, have something that is not too heavy as you still need to walk back home or to the car. Sarnies are always a good option with some chicken or ham, and salad. The carbs will give the kids a quick energy boost whilst the protein will help sustain their efforts on the way home.



Aim for 'nude food'

If possible try and aim for as little rubbish as possible. Remember what you take with you needs to come back and be disposed of responsibly. Lunch boxes with sealed compartments can be really handy for this and make it quick and easy for the kids to access with minimal fuss.

If your family is anything like ours you'll need a few secret weapons. For us it's the occasional lolly (sweets), or in the winter a wee bit of chocolate. Save them for the dire moments when a little extra 'rocket' fuel is needed, and of course keep them in Mum and Dad's pack!

What's your fail-safe fuel guaranteed to keep your little explorers going until the next rest stop? We would love to hear your tips and tricks. Come and see us at the shop or flick us an email or text.



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by Christine Grieder

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Wakefield Bowling Club

by Tony Eames

The December tournament was sponsored by Specsavers, Richmond and was won by Monica Kennedy, Colleen Lankshear and Helen White from the Richmond Club. John and Pauline Cawthra's team from Motueka was runner up and the Wakefield team of Stu Peterson, Kevin Galvin and Don Sixtus was third. Thanks to Westmeats for a special deal on hams for the tournament prizes and the Christmas raffle.

Following on from the Women's team success in the Interclub 7s, the Men's team finished third in Division 1, having been promoted from last season. The Pairs was Stu Peterson and Kevin Galvin, the Fours Gordon Hope, Ron Charles, Peter Sisterson and Peter Fitzwater with Tony Eames playing the Singles.

We have an end of year tournament on Wednesday 28 December with the monthly tournament on 18 January. Wakefield is hosting the Nelson Centre Women's Pairs on 17 December and the Centre Mixed Triples on 4th and 5th January so we will have some of the top players in the region playing here. Please feel welcome to call in to watch.

Community Bowls on Thursday evenings has been badly disrupted by the weather but if anyone is interested in playing bowls please come along to our social roll ups on Monday and Friday afternoons or contact Tony on 5418316 to arrange a time to meet.

Congratulations to the Black Jacks NZ team who performed so well at the recent World Bowls Championships in Christchurch, especially the five players with Nelson connections.

There are few sports where you can play with and against World Champions in local club competitions.

Indeed the Wakefield team of Gordon Hope and Peter Fitzwater is drawn to play Shannon McIlroy in the Centre Pairs, Shannon's first game since winning the World Singles title.

Thanks to all those who have donated metal for our collection; this is an ongoing fund raiser for the club.

If you have any scrap metal, wiring, old batteries, etc please contact Trevor on 541 8855.

Winners of Wakefield Bowling Club Christmas hamper raffle - tickets:
0759 - T Jones of Foxhill
0644 - Linda Mitchell of Wakefield
0699 - Vanessa Beard of Brightwater.

Photo: the Wakefield Men's 7s team: back row Peter Sisterson, Stu Peterson, Kevin Galvin; front row Tony Eames, Peter Fitzwater, Gordon Hope, Ron Charles.



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Health & Wellbeing - Physio

The ICE versus HEAT debate

By Kate West, Physiotherapist (BPhy) at Wakefield Physio

Applying ice or using heat on your body can be an effective way to relieve pain. However, it can be a little confusing deciding which one is best to use. To guide your decision it is helpful to understand why we use each one, when to use them and the effect it has on our body.

ICE

With injury your body automatically starts an inflammatory response. This is a natural mechanism where the body tries to clean up and repair the damaged area. With inflammation you may experience pain, redness, swelling, bruising and heat in the affected area. Inflammation lasts for the first 72 hours following injury.

By applying ice we are trying to limit or slow the amount of inflammation in that area. Too much blood flow can lead to more bruising and more swelling to the area. And this can cause further damage to the surrounding structures and can increase the healing time. Remember R.I.C.E? At this stage you also need to rest, compress and elevate.

HEAT

Applying heat helps to reduce pain, muscle spasm, muscle tightness and joint stiffness as it has a relaxing effect on muscles and joints.

Heat is also beneficial after the inflammatory phase of an injury. By increasing the blood flow more nutrients and oxygen accumulate at the damaged area helping the area to heal.

But always remember, if there are still signs of inflammation after the first 72 hours then you need to still continue with ice.

For sufferers of arthritis when to ice or heat can be a little trickier. As a general rule if your joints are stiff then heat will help to relax them. If your joints are swollen then apply ice.

Please remember that both heat and ice can burn your skin, so be vigilant when applying.

	Ice	Heat
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Suitable for:	Strains, sprain and bruises.	Muscle soreness, joint stiffness or general aches.
How to apply:	Use cold packs or crushed ice in a damp tea towel.	Use a wheat bag or a hot water bottle
How often:	Start immediately following injury. Apply for 10 minutes, every two hours. Continue this for 48-72 hours. For smaller regions of your body such as your hand or fingers then apply ice for 5 minutes. After 72 hours if there is no improvement, seek medical advice.	Apply for 15 to 20 minutes, and as regularly as you like.



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Wakefield Playcentre

by Liz Ashburner

The run-up to the summer holidays is busy for everyone and Playcentre is no exception. As well as our usual energetic sessions, this month we had not one but two Christmas parties!

First we celebrated with the rest of the centres from the Nelson region at Rabbit Island. We had morning tea on one of the grass areas before heading down to the beach for wave jumping and sand play. Each of the centres had brought toys so there were musical instruments, balls, bubbles and, of course, buckets and spades. It was great to see so many people from the other centres and realise just how strong Playcentre is in our region.

Later in the month we had a great turn out for our centre Christmas party. We started with a lovely shared morning tea outside before a surprise visit from Santa and his reindeer. There were some very excited children and it is wonderful to see the season come alive for some of our younger tamariki. Thanks to Wild Oats Farm and the big red man for supplying the magic!

Also this month we visited Kim and Tane's farm. They currently have lots of piglets as well as sheep, sows and chickens. The children enjoyed meeting the piglets and helping collect eggs. Thanks to Kim for hosting us.

As a not-for-profit organisation, we couldn't operate without the backing of a great community. So as we look back over a 2016 we would like thank everyone who has helped out over the year: Wakefield School (in particular Bruce and the new entrants team), The Country Players, Wild Oats Farm, The Sprig and Fern Brightwater, our caring and enthusiastic supervisors Wendy and Donna and of course all our wonderful children and parents.

Ngā mihi o te tau hou. We look forward to seeing you back at Playcentre on January 31st for another year of play, fun and learning.



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Sunday 4 th September:	On Steam, and Classic & Collectable Car Show.
Sunday 2 nd October:	On Steam.
Sunday 16 th October:	On Steam for Touring Classic Trucks. All welcome.
Sunday 6 th November:	On Steam.
Sat. & Sun. 12 th & 13 th November:	On Steam and Logging Weekend.
Sunday 4 th December:	On Steam.
Monday 2 nd January:	On Steam, coincides with Wakefield Craft Day.
Sat. & Sun. January:	On Steam and Vintage Machinery Club Show.
Sunday 5 th February:	On Steam.
Sat. & Sun. 4 th & 5 th March:	On Steam and Transport Museum Show
Sunday 2 nd April:	On Steam.
Sunday 7 th May:	Last Steam Day, and Military Re-enactment Action Day.

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Have a coffee and try the finest baked goods at Wakefield Bakery or have lunch at the Wakefield Bistro located in the Historic Wakefield Hotel.

Carol's Emporium, Thistle Gallery, Armagoddon Paint Ball, Wakefield Bike Hire, Barbars and The Village Gallery are among other Wakefield businesses open - make a day of it!

All these activities will be open from 10am - 3pm.

SUNDAYS: 4.9.2016 | 2.10.2016 | 6.11.2016 | 4.12.2016
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4. What Education Act did New Zealand introduce in 1877?
5. When did New York first celebrate the New Year in Times Square and why?
6. Which country traditionally eats grapes at midnight at New Year and why?.
7. Who is Donald Trump's Vice President?
8. Who first recognised January 1st as the beginning of the New Year?
9. New Year's resolutions date back to early Babylon 4000 years ago. What was a popular Babylonian resolution?
10. January is named after what Roman God?
11. What was the first day of the year prior to 1750?

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Celebrating 175 Years of European Settlement

This February it will be 175 years since the first four emigrant ships: *Fifeshire*, *Mary Ann*, *Lloyds* and *Lord Auckland* arrived in Nelson Haven, carrying our pioneer ancestors from Britain. Over the course of the year 15 more would follow.

Window on Wakefield encourages all families, clubs, societies and organisations which are based in and around Wakefield to recognise this in some way during the year.

We would also like to **publish photographs of any houses which were built prior to 1900**. We may have a photo of your house on file, but if you think we haven't please feel free to send us one (the most interesting side) in jpg format. Include the name of the family who first owned it and (if possible) the year of construction as well as your address.

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Tues 10	10.30 am	Wakefield Community Library open
Sat 14	8.00 am	Wakefield Market Day, Village Green
Thurs 26	6.30 pm	Tai Chi Taster Session, Wakefield Village Hall
Sat 21	9.30 pm	Annual Summer Sew Day, Waimea Quilters
Sun 31	3.00 pm	Sarau Festival, Moutere Hills Centre

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Sun 5 10.00 am Destination Wakefield, various locations



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Ian Radcliffe 021 0244 6459

Wakefield Medical Centre
541 8911

Wakefield Pharmacy
5418418
doug@wakefieldpharmacy.co.nz

Wakefield Playcentre
Contact: 541 8866

Wakefield School
Edward Street 541 8332

Wakefield Scout Group
wsg4kids@gmail.com

Wakefield Toy Library
Saturday 9.30-11.30am
Chris Gaul 541 8148

Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade
DCFO Fritz Buckendahl 027 224 4162

Justice of the Peace
Katie Greer
896 Wakefield/Kohatu Highway
Ph 021 547 756

Country Players (Drama)
Jen Amosa 541 8139
enquiries@countryplayers.org.nz
www.countryplayers.wordpress.com

Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Club
Allan 027 319 7427

Pinegrove Kindergarten
03 542 3447

Rural Women
Dawn Batchelor 542 3628

St Joseph's Catholic Church
Sun 8am, Thurs 9.30am
Parish Priest Seth Pijfers 544 8987

Waimea Sheepdog Trial Club
Colin Gibbs 541 8435
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Wakefield Book Group
Mahala White - 541 8933 or
Chrissy Harris - 541 9596

Wakefield Bush Restoration Society
Doug South 541 8980

Wakefield Craft Fair
Leanne and Glen Turner
541 8306

Wakefield Plunket
Donna Todd 541 8583

**Wakefield School/ Community
Swimming Pool**
Phill Platt 027 231 7610

Target Shooting Wakefield
targetshootingwakefield@gmail.com
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541 8989 or 027 543 0529

Wakefield Rest Home Ltd
Cath Smart - Manager
Rita O'Neil - Clinical Manager
541 8995

Wanderers Sports Club
542 3344

Wakefield Physiotherapy
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Advertising - 541 9641
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Linda Mace 546 6013

NZ Postcard Society Inc.
Doug South 541 8980

Richmond Lions - Wakefield Rep
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Spring Grove Church of Christ
Meet Sundays 10am
541 8011

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Waimea South Historical Society
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Wakefield Bowling Club
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Wakefield/Brightwater Book Club
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Wakefield Community Council
Sonia Emerson 541 9005

Wakefield Indoor Bowls Club
Ren Olykan 541 8275

Wakefield Preschool
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Wakefield School PTA
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Wakefield Tennis Club
Ngaire Calder 541 9419

Wakefield Village Hall
Rob Merilees 541 8598

St. John's Worship Centre
Nigel Massey 541 8857

Waimea Plains Junior Football Club
Debbie and Grant de Joux
541 8307

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Articles & Content - 541 9005
Sonia Emerson

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In the event of an emergency, your first task is to ensure the safety of your own home, family and neighbours. Once you have attended to this, if you have **specialised skills/ equipment**, and/or feel you can assist others; or require assistance yourself, please make your way to the Welfare Centre which will be at the St Johns Worship Centre in Edward Street [unless notified otherwise].

Please note that the existence of a Welfare Centre does not absolve each individual from their **responsibility to be personally prepared**.

You should ensure that you have your own **survival kit** in place, and that you are able to be **fully self sufficient for at least three days**.

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