

PIRINOA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER - MAY 2017

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NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER: Please note: If you wish to place something in the June newsletter, please ensure it reaches Lynette before Friday 26th May 2017. You can:

- email office@pirinoa.school.nz with 'District Newsletter' in subject line, or,
- Leave message on school phone: 3077829.

PIRINOA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER DONATIONS: To help with the costs of printing our newsletter, it would be great if each household that receives a copy could make a gold coin donation. Donations may be left in the tin at Pirinoa Country Store. If you have a business or club that would like to advertise on a regular basis, please see Lynette at Pirinoa School regarding making a contributing donation. Many thanks.

PIRINOA PLAYGROUP: Pirinoa Playgroup invites you to join us in Term 2 on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9am until 11.30am, bring a piece of fruit for a shared morning tea and a gold coin for casual attendees.

This term we've got lots of exciting events happening:

Tuesday 2 May—trip to Staglands.

Tuesday 9 May—REAP

Tuesday 30 May—visit to the Pirinoa School Junior Room

Friday 2 June—REAP

Friday 23 June—REAP

Tuesday 27 June—Pirinoa School Junior Room visits Playgroup.....and we've also got another trip in the works, as well as our annual crutching fundraiser at Palliser Ridge.

BURNSIDE CHURCH 2017 ANNUAL REPORT:

I wish to report the church community had a successful year with several weddings and a great working bee held in October. In general business at the last AGM one member questioned the value of the three large conifers on the front lawn at the church. As they were not native trees and forever getting larger blocking the view from the road should we look at taking them out. Well, with Tony's chainsaw and ute as a tractor the trees were cut down and removed. The result: a huge improvement to the grounds.

The window replacement continues with one repaired this year. Thanks to Alastair for this work.

The church balance sheet is looking healthy due in part to a busy wedding season and a steady stream of coins in the Donation Box. A big thanks to Emma for arranging the sign for on the box.

The committee offers a huge vote of thanks to Secretary/Treasurer Lisa. As I said last year this Committee and the Church would not function without Lisa. What an amazing job Lisa does on behalf of the Church and the districts. Lisa has done a wonderful job as treasurer and would like to hand this over. I am pleased to announce Julie Webber is taking over this position.

I would like to say how much we like working with the First Church and thank them for their support.

The church and grounds look so tidy due to all the willing helpers who mow and clean on the monthly roster.

I would like to thank the committee for their support throughout the year and a special thanks to Alastair and Jacqui for all the work they put in. I look forward to working alongside you again next year. And finally a thankyou to the Community support that we continue to enjoy, thank you to everyone who has donated to the Donation Boxes, both on site at the church, and at the Pirinoa Store, every penny helps our cause.

The Burnside Church is like a beacon, a welcome sign to the Pirinoa district. We should all be very proud, a place to remind us of the early settlers in this area.

Chairman, Bryan Weatherstone.

KEINZLEY TUHIRANGI RUGBY DRAW:

May 6: Tuhirangi v Featherstone @ Home 2.30pm

May 13: Tuhirangi v Eketahuna @ Home 2.30pm

May 20: Tuhirangi -v- Carterton @ Carterton 1pm

May 27: Tuhirangi -v- Gladstone @ Home 2.30pm

June 3: Tuhirangi -v- East Coast @ East Coast 1pm

Come along and support our local team!!

Please turn over for more news:



CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE ŌKOREWA LAGOON AT LAKE FERRY

The Okorewa Lagoon is the small lagoon tucked under the cliffs on your left as you drive past the Lake Ferry Hotel to the car park area at the beach.



The South Wairarapa Biodiversity Group has undertaken a 5 year collaborative project with GWRC and DOC to plant the area under the cliffs at the lagoon with eco sourced native plants. These are establishing well.

We now have full support and funding to restore the lagoon margin on the ocean side of the lagoon.

To protect the plants we have agreed in principle with DOC and GWRC that a low post and rope fence similar to the dune restoration project at Whangaimoana, north of here would be the best low impact way of protecting the young plants.

The posts will be no more than 850mm high with a marine rope through the posts.

Beach access to Whangaimoana will not be impacted – the 4WD track will remain.

Okorewa Lagoon
South Wairarapa
41° 23' 50 S / 174° 02'

The fence and planting is planned to be completed by July with a **community planting day planned for Saturday**. We think the construction of a rope and bollard fence is necessary because:

Motorbikes and 4WD vehicles regularly rip up the area adjacent to the lagoon especially at the north end destroying valuable regenerating vegetation

We wish to create a buffer zone around the lagoon to prevent disturbance to the significant number of native plants that frequent the area

To ensure that revegetation is successful we need to manage the area where we are planting

It will create improved habitat for native birds, insects, fish and colonising plants

- Improved water quality due to planted margins

We believe that this will add value to the experience at Lake Ferry, communicate the respect we have for our waterways and improve the environment. We will have signage (consistent with the Wairarapa Moana sign at Lake Ferry) to communicate what we are doing and why. We would love your support for this initiative and invite your feedback.

If you have further questions, some ideas or want to give us some feedback on this project please contact Jane Lenting Ph 3069007 or by email janelenting@xtra.co.nz. Feedback is appreciated by 7 May.

Thank you, Heather Atkinson (President SWBG)

