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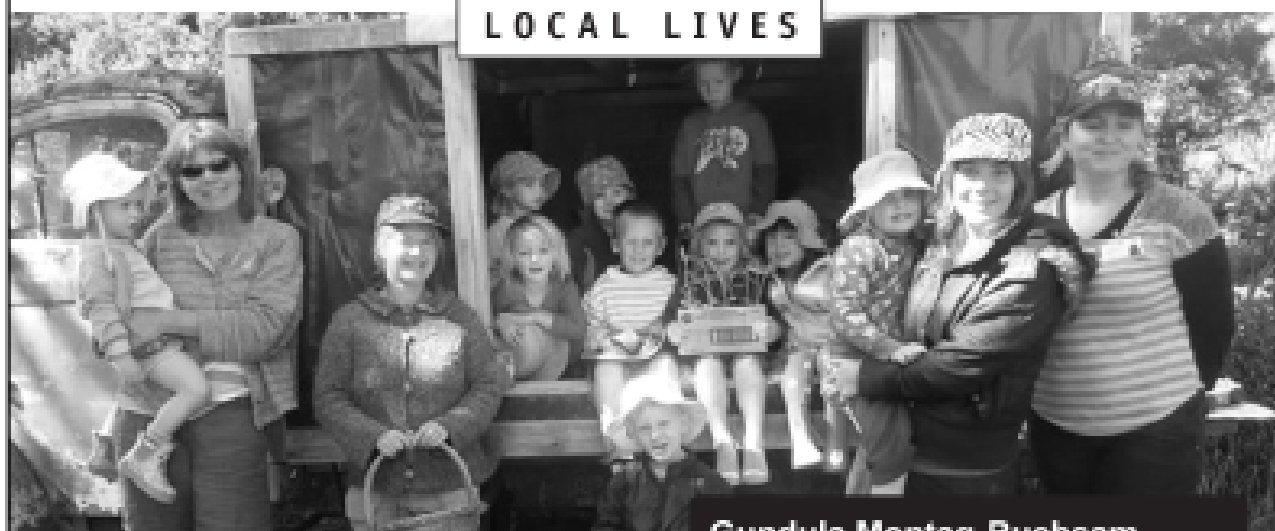
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MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

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CHILD'S PLAY

LOCAL LIVES



Gundula Montag-Ruebsam describes an average week at Harakeke, the preschool she set up to fulfil a long-held dream.

An old 'trading truck' filled with baskets of plants, vegetables, fruit and eggs has become a permanent fixture at Harakeke Preschool. Parents, children and passers-by are encouraged to bring and freely take homegrown produce 'surplus to requirements'. "We were donated the truck last year, when we were looking for car seat storage," explains Gundula Montag-Ruebsam, who set up Harakeke in 2010 and now works there as one of the four teachers. "A lot of the parents carpool, so they needed somewhere to leave the car seats."

At this time of year, the donations of fresh produce increase and the children get very excited to see what's in the baskets each day, as this is as much their project as one for the adults.

"We want it to be self-managing, with people writing on a board what they've brought for the day so everyone can see," says Gundula. "Then all we need to do is make sure it's tidied up at the end of each day."

This project sums up the ethos at Harakeke, where the children are taught self-help and social skills from an early age. Mostly ranging from three to five years old, the kids are encouraged to assemble their own morning tea from the choices on offer – perhaps peeling fruit picked from the garden, or helping bake buns or tortillas with the help of one of the teachers – and to clear up afterwards.

"We all have lunch together around the big table and the children set up using china plates and proper glasses," says Gundula. "We'll often spend half an hour or longer over lunch and then we all go upstairs for a rest, as we believe in following the natural rhythms of the day." Even here, the children have painted their own pillowcases to brighten up the room.

The privately owned purpose-built centre can provide up to 20 families with a close and nurturing environment for their children. "They spend most of their week here, so the families really get to know us and each other," says Gundula. "It gives everyone a real sense of belonging."

As much time as possible is spent outdoors in the natural environment, with a large fenced play garden, a huge climbing tree, and a sizeable piece of native bush where the children can go exploring. As Gundula and husband Johannes live on the property, there are all the joys of a lifestyle block, too, including cows and chickens.

Indoors, the emphasis is on quality toys rather than quantity, and the children are taught to respect the equipment and materials they choose to use, whether it be paint dyes, scissors or marbles.

The educators give the children options for activities each day, and the children make their own decisions about what they'd like to get involved in. In addition, specialist teachers come in once a week to pass on skills such as art and music and movement. "This also teaches the children to sit and follow instructions in preparation for school," explains Gundula.

The children revisit what they've learnt in their own time and even teach the younger ones, she adds. "We're great believers in free play, so this is a small part of the week and it's not compulsory – but they all love it!"

**Harakeke Preschool invites local families to an Open Day and children's art exhibition
Sunday 1 December from 10am-3pm**

EDITORIAL

It will be a busy month for many and if you're looking to do some Christmas shopping, you won't have to go far to find presents that won't be found just anywhere—Mapua Makers Market will be a good day out with lots of local, original handmade items and the selection at The Old Post Office makes for easy shopping too. You can pop down to Wee Shop Organics in Ruby Bay if you're looking to fill up the pantry or wanting to fill a gap in the veggie garden.

When you've finished the shopping and wrapping and baking, you'll be wanting a break so take your pick—Mouere Inn, Riverside Cafe or a wine at Neudorf. If you've got visitors arriving, take them out and about. The Golden Bear in Mapua and The Playhouse also have great food and entertainment lined up and they're all just down the round and round the corner and they are just a few of the people (businesses) that advertise with us. Please show your support for them by using local as much as you can. Don't forget Fluffy and Fido, Tasman Bay Vets will have something for them too.

Thankyou to everyone who has contributed this year, there would be nothing to print if it weren't for you. Thankyou to our readers and your ongoing support of the newsletter and it's advertisers. We will take a short break here at the Grapevine and our next issue will be a combined January/February issue which means that our **deadline for advertising and copy will be January 10th.**

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As you have all probably noticed, Moutere Hills Community Centre has been a hive of activity lately with all the tradesman working extremely hard to get the facility operational again as soon as possible. Things are currently on schedule for the majority of the facility to be reopened on the 20th December, with the Sports Hall due to be completed by the end of February.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support of Moutere Hills Community Centre, it is greatly appreciate. Staff are currently in the planning stages for the re-opening of the facility and the activity schedules and events for 2014. If you have any ideas or suggestions of what you would like to see happening at your community centre then please do not hesitate to contact us. We are also now taking bookings for 2014. If you would like to



make a booking or would like any further information then please do not hesitate to contact us on 543 2516 or email enquiries@mouterehills.org.nz

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Warm Regards

Katrina, Vanessa, Scott and Yvette

Xmas Workshops



CHRISTMAS CUPCAKE DECORATING

Friday 20th December

9:00am—12:00pm

A fun workshop where children aged between 5 and 11 years can come along and decorate their own yummy cupcakes for Christmas. Tutor: Vicky Seager. Cost \$15 per child.

PARENT AND CHILD CAKE DECORATING

Friday 20th December

1:00pm—4:00pm

A great opportunity for parent and child to work together to create a beautifully decorated Christmas cake for family and friends to enjoy over the festive season. Bring your own cake to be decorated, icing and other materials provided.

Tutor: Vicky Seager. Cost \$25 per family

YOUTH ART WORKSHOP

Monday 23rd December

9:00am—3:00pm

For ages 11 years+. Tutor: Helena Morris. A great opportunity to explore your creative side and create a fabulous piece of artwork that you can display at home or give as a gift to someone for Christmas. Cost \$25 per person. Materials supplied.



January School Holiday Programme

This fun, actioned packed programme will be located back down at Moutere Hills Community Centre. It will run for two weeks during the January School Holidays: **20th—24th January and 27th—31st January.**

For Ages: 5—12 years

Time: 8:30am—3:30pm

Cost: \$25 per day

A wide variety of activities on offer including arts, crafts, games, baking, and sport and related to some great theme days including: Wet and Wild, Style It Up, Tricks and Treats, Game On!, and Berrylicious.

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League Bowling started on Monday 21 October and will continue every week until Christmas. Play starts at 6 p.m. and new bowlers are very welcome to come along and have a go. Plenty of sets of club bowls are available to borrow. A pair's tournament is underway for those league players seeking some extra competition.

Rain has continued to affect play but the sun managed to peep out from behind the clouds for a Drawn Pair's tournament on Wednesday 6 November. This was kindly sponsored by Harcourt's and it was good to welcome friends from Ngatimoti, Motueka, Riwaka and Atawhai who joined us for the day (and managed to be involved with the first three prizes).

The first round of club championships is nearing completion. As always they are fiercely contested but always finish with a handshake and a visit to the bar. Unfortunately sickness and injury has forced some players to pull out but no doubt they will be back in contention next season.

Club members are looking very smart and trim in their new shirts, essentially white with maroon flashes but still proudly sporting the Mapua apple logo.

For information about bowling, coaching or booking the clubhouse and facilities please call Secretary Jean Daubney (543 2765) or President Dave England (540 2934) or email s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz

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"CHOREING IS BORING"

Most week day mornings at my place it feels like a nag-a-thon. The constant 'brush your teeth' 'make your bed', 'pack your schoolbag' etc etc and the list goes on!!! Well 4 weeks ago I had had enough!!!! Who likes a stressful morning constantly telling your children what to do, and I am sure my kids get sick of being nagged about what to do!!! Sticker charts - well they come and go in our house, and I really started to think why do I need to reward my children for doing house hold jobs that are just part of our daily lives. So I did a bit of research and found the idea of CHORE JARS and thought well lets give it a go!! 4 weeks down the line and they are working great - no more nagging and lots of happy mornings. In fact my kids are keen to do all their chores, and I don't even need to tell them as they have the chore stick to remind them. I am even trying it with my 2.5 year old (only 3 sticks to turn at the moment). So I thought this month I will pass on my little success story and maybe if you are sick of the nag-a-thon you could try it too. I made these with my children at home and then we made them with the kids at the Upper Moutere After School programme. We first discussed the chores and then decorated the jar and sticks. This helps the children to feel ownership of the jar and sticks and gives you a chance to discuss the chores with them (it will also make them much more likely to take part in the actual process of doing and turning the sticks daily).

MAKING CHORE STICKS

First you need to sit down and make a list of the chores that need to be done - these will be what you write down on one end of the stick. You can also make some sticks for weekly chores (eg clean your room, mow the lawns, put out the recycling) or even a combined chore jar that has team chores which everyone has to have a go at, or do together (eg clean up outside, do dishes). To make it easier you can colour code your sticks too (eg morning chores are yellow, evening chores are blue, weekly chores are green)

WHAT YOU NEED

A jar or container to put the sticks into (we decorated ours with foam shapes, ribbons, and coloured bits of paper but you can use whatever you have around the house or go to the \$2 shop)
Coloured iceblock sticks - fat ones are best
Stars or shapes to put on the completed end of the stick
Felt tip pens

HOW TO MAKE THE STICKS

On one end of the stick write the chore with your felt - don't go into too much detail - 'make bed' or 'set table' will do.
On the other end of the pen put our star or other shape

HOW TO USE

Put your sticks into your decorated jar with the chores facing upwards (eg sticking out of the jar). When the chore has been completed the stick can be turned over so the star or shape is at the top and the chore is now in the bottom. The object is that at the end of the day/week all the chores are facing down and the stars or shapes are facing up. Mine is a daily jar as my kids are quite young and we are starting off easily.

My kids seem to enjoy the actual turning of the sticks and seeing the stars on top so I think that is what makes it a success. So if you decide to have a go at the chore jar good luck, and if it works for your household HORRAY!!

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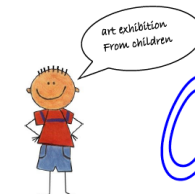
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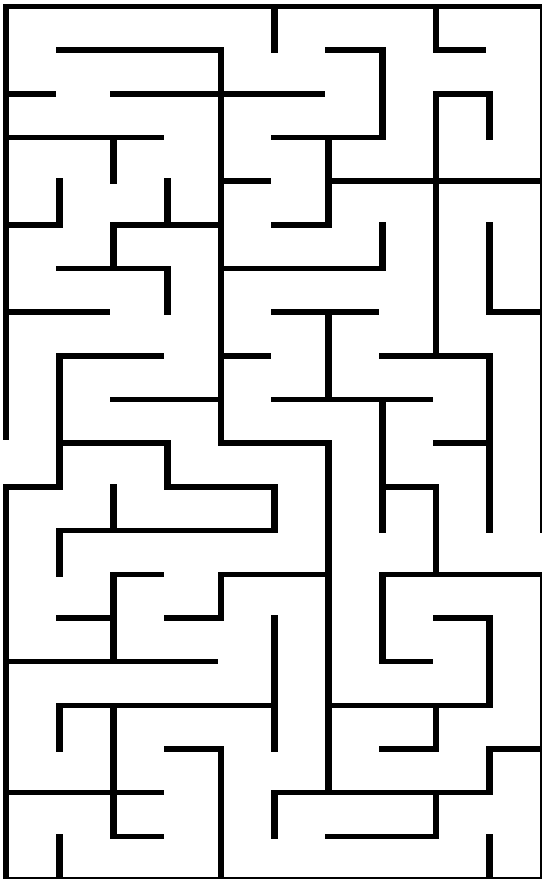
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Such is the power of Christmas. No longer just a Christian feast day, Christmas and its underlying themes of "peace" and "goodwill" have transcended virtually all religious boundaries - including the boundaries between those who profess wide varieties of religious beliefs, and those with no religion at all.

It's a day of rejoicing. It's a day that brings together families, friends, strangers - and even enemies. The power of Christmas has stopped wars - even world wars - in their tracks - if only for a few hours at a time.

It also is a day with the power of sadness, especially for those who feel alone when there is so much happiness and joy evident everywhere around them. Those people need to know that they are not alone. Not at Christmas, Christmas has the power to heal hearts that have been trodden upon all the rest of the year.

It has the power to make us all wistful for a day when this time of year is not the only time when people think about each other as much as - or even more than - they think about themselves. There is a spirit in all of us that is magnified by Christmas.

As you celebrate this remarkable day, keep a thought for all the other days, throughout the year, that could be as powerful, if we all made the effort.

As well as our regular Sunday mornings at 9:30am, this Christmas we're celebrating with a number of events that we want to invite you and your family and friends along to.

Carols in the Church – with the Light of Christ Singers

7pm December 7th @ the Church

Carols in the Vineyard

7pm December 15th @ Neudorf Vineyard

(Bring a rug and snacks. If it's wet, we'll meet at the School Hall)

Christmas Eve @ the Church

7pm Family Service

11:15pm Reflective Service

Christmas Day @ the Church

10am Christmas Morning Service



We pray that you are strongly blessed over this coming Christmas Season.

Pastor Chris and the Whānau at St Paul's

A BOUNTIFUL FAMILY

An influx of winemakers, viticulturists and scientists arrive in Nelson in early December as the Family of Twelve Vini/Viti day gets underway at Neudorf Vineyards.

About 40 people are expected for the event on December 5th and 6th including scientists from Auckland University, Crop and Food and staff from the 12 elite wineries. The Family of XII was formed 10 years ago as a cooperative marketing group of like-minded family producers. As a spin off, each year the winemakers and viticulturalists get together to discuss their questions, thoughts and discoveries.

The group comprises (from North to South) Kumeu River, Villa Maria, Millton Vineyards, Craggy Range, Ata Rangi, Palliser, Neudorf Vineyards, Fromm, Lawsons Dry Hills, Nautilus, Pegasus Bay and Felton Road. Neudorf Vineyard's Tim Finn says "It is an example of the unique and valuable tradition in New Zealand agriculture of the co-operative sharing of knowledge."

The day starts with a discussion on research at Neudorf on the reduction of bunch disease in organic vineyards. Next up is the reduction of alcohol in the vineyard and a tasting of one of the new clones of chardonnay being trialled by Neudorf and Felton Road. Dr Mike Trought from Plant and Food Research will be on hand to supply the science.

In the afternoon Michael Brajkovich MW from Kumeu and Dr Bruno Fedrizzi from Auckland University will conduct a structured tasting on beneficial sulphides in Chardonnay, including their relationship to perceived minerality.

The day finishes with a Pinot Noir barrel tasting and discussion on the 2013 vintage. "The social aspects are a big part of the day and everyone brings an interesting bottle or two to share. We are sacrificing a prime lamb from our flock for the occasion and there will be plenty of local cheeses and olive oil on hand.

Congratulations Andrew Read

on being named Sportsman of the Year for multisports in Tasman Secondary School Sports Council awards.

What a terrific year you've had Andrew!

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We would like to extend to all our best wishes for a happy and safe holiday period. This time of the year is usually a busy time for rural people so we don't get to take holidays as our urban relations do but we still like to celebrate and enjoy Christmas time. Happy Christmas.

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Hello Animal Lovers,

Now the holiday season is almost upon us I would like to address the issue of travelling with your pet. It is an interesting fact that most small animals such as cats, rabbits, etc are contained in an approved pet transporter when travelling in a car. However many dogs are not so contained but given the run of the whole car. This is not only undesirable but extremely dangerous. A couple of months ago a close friend of mine in Australia was distracted by her small dog and lost control of her car causing her car to cross to the wrong side of the road narrowly missing a truck coming in the other direction, hit the barrier, roll over multiple times and fall down a gully on its roof. Fortunately, both her and the dog miraculously survived but may not have been so lucky if distracted another time. In New Zealand there are laws to prevent motorists from using their cell phone when driving due to its distraction but no specific laws about dogs loose in the car. Amazingly some people have them sitting on their laps or jumping about from front to back, whining and barking.

It is imperative that a dog is trained to be calm in a car. This is usually best addressed when they are a puppy or young but all dogs can be trained. First of all the dog should be obedient to the lead, made to sit whilst the car door is opened, then allowed to get in. They should be taught to sit quietly in the car, preferably wearing an approved pet seat belt or contained in a well secured cage. All this can be achieved initially before the car is moved with the pet inside. Once the dog is comfortable and relaxed, small trips should be attempted. It is useful to give the dog a chewy toy or bone and good cross ventilation provided as dogs need fresh air. Under no circumstances should a dog be locked in a car unattended particularly on a sunny day. The temperature inside the car can be lethal to a dog whose only way of perspiring is through panting. When it is time to get out, the owner should get out before the dog is asked to get out, this will make a big difference in how the dog respects its owner and its position in the family pack. Most important is that the dog owner must be pack leader.

If you are going away with your dog these holidays, spend a little time with some of these techniques. If it is a long trip, take frequent breaks and give your dog an opportunity to get out and stretch its legs and you will have a safe and distraction free trip.

Compliments of the Season to you all and your beloved pets.

I look forward to being back in touch in 2014

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Heat Stroke

It's that time of year again. Christmas is just round the corner and most of us will soon be making the most of the summer sun. Unfortunately this is also the time of year when we see pets at the clinic with heat stroke. Heat stroke kills very quickly. An overheated dog can suffer critical damage to their brain, heart, liver and nervous system. The cells of the body rapidly start to die. The brain swells, causing seizures. A lack of blood supply to the gastrointestinal tract creates ulcers and severe dehydration leads to irreversible kidney damage.

Dogs are not as good as us at cooling themselves down and do so largely through panting. If they can't do this effectively then are at a much greater risk of heat stroke. Short nosed dogs (English Bulldogs, Pekingese, Boston Terriers etc) are particularly prone as are those that are obese, very old, very young or suffer from respiratory or heart conditions.

Signs of heat stroke include:

- Heavy panting
- Excessive thirst and drooling
- Glazed eyes
- Vomiting and bloody diarrhoea
- Bright or dark red tongue and gums
- Elevated body temperature
- Weakness to the point of collapse
- Rapid pulse
- Seizures

Loss of consciousness

If you see any of these signs in your dog, start treatment immediately:

- Move your pet to a cooler area – use a fan if available
- Begin to cool them down with cold wet towels placed over the neck, in the armpits and groin areas
- Offer cool water to drink if they are alert and willing

Contact your nearest vet

DO NOT:

- Use ice to cool your pet – this can actually have the opposite effect
- Force water into their mouth

How to keep your dog safe:

- Always have plenty of fresh, clean water available at all times. If they'll be outside on warm days for any length of time, they should have access to complete shade.
- If they are longhaired, get them a haircut. Don't go too short though, because their fur protects them from the sun.
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6:30pm-8:30pm @ the church hall.

Friday 29 November Hydroslide & Mini Golf

Friday 6 December Biggest Water Fight Ever!

Saturday 14 December Beach Day & BBQ

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Every year St John sends 3 of their North Island volunteers, and 1 from the South, on this exchange to compare procedures, exchange ideas, and expand our professional knowledge. It's a great opportunity to foster closer relationships and make new friends, and it's recognition of the contribution volunteers make to St John.

For me it was a bit of a shock to find it was blimmin hard work. Right from the start it was very full-on. After getting up at 4.30am to get on the five hour flight to Adelaide, the four of us from NZ were met at Adelaide airport and whisked off to meet the people at Medstar retrieval helicopter/plane service, the Flying Doctors, and Special Operations Team. We all had a laugh about the country girls come to town when we related how we'd been severely told off in the customs area for taking photos of each other, and it was 1.30am NZ time before we finally got to bed that night.

The next day we were treated like royalty, meeting various important people, visiting emergency operations centres, and checking out some of the flash ambulances and gear made especially for super-sized patients, aggressive patients and mass casualties. We saw some fancy training facilities with a car that could be taken apart like lego — to simulate the fire service cutting people out. A highlight for me was the hour or so sitting beside a call taker in the communications centre, with headphones on, listening in on the 000 calls coming in from throughout the entire state.


Our trip was scheduled to squeeze in a conference 5 hours north of Adelaide where it was 41 degrees when we arrived. This conference was tons of fun, with a couple of hundred volunteers from all around South Australia, attending lots of workshops and having a ball. I am just disappointed that they didn't give us more warning about having to do a skit on the Saturday night, but I think it was just to make their own look even more hilarious.

For the second week the four NZers split up and were sent to various outlying ambulance stations all over the place. One woman from NZ who had been working on a skifield at Ruapehu drew the short straw (I reckon) and travelled over 3000kms to Coober Pedy and beyond. She loved it.

I enjoyed a climate more like NZ's, working in four different ambulance stations south of Adelaide, and travelling right down to near the Victorian border. One of my jobs was a five hour round trip with a 33 week pregnant woman bouncing around in the back. They don't tend to use rescue helicopters so much over there.


By the time I got home I was shattered, and the bunch of flowers that my son Riley presented me at Nelson airport just about finished me off! Everything seems so green and lush here compared to Oz, and I'm more than ever convinced we live in paradise.

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