

## BY GOD'S GRACE

### LOCAL LIVES



**Pastor Chris Janetzki and wife Haidee have become familiar faces in the community since moving to Upper Moutere nearly two years ago.**

**T**he Toowoomba floods struck in Chris Janetzki's hometown just as he was about to make the move across the Tasman to his first role as a pastor. Chris, who was in the city at the time saying farewell to friends and family, had to wait until the floodwaters subsided before embarking with wife Haidee on the journey to St Paul's Lutheran Community Church in Upper Moutere.

Not the smoothest start, perhaps, but Chris and Haidee are now nearly two years into their new life and enjoying the changes it has brought. Settled in the pastor's house beside the church, with their three ducks roaming in the garden, Chris and Haidee have become a familiar part of the local community.

A normal week sees 28-year-old Chris holding the Sunday morning church service, plus another service once a fortnight in Hope. He's also involved in the day-to-day running of the congregation, oversees youth workers Andy and Abbey Bensemann, teaches RI in Room 2 at Upper Moutere School, joins in Bible study groups on Mondays and Tuesdays, runs a Thursday social group, and helps out at the Friday evening youth group. In between, he'll be preparing his weekly sermon, visiting parishioners in need, and occasionally officiating at weddings and funerals.

Haidee, who is a part-time sonographer at Koru Ultrasound in Richmond, supports Chris in his role by organising his diary, keeping the house and gardens in good shape, helping at Sunday school, and baking each weekend for the after-service tea.

Village life can be intimidating for a city-bred boy, admits Chris. "You become a real figure in the community, with all the expectation that brings. Pastors are struggling, sinful people like everyone else and I tend to wear my heart on my sleeve."

Hailing from Prussian immigrants who came to Australia to escape persecution, Chris was baptised Lutheran in a city of three Lutheran schools and 10 Lutheran churches (there are fewer than

10 in the whole of New Zealand). "My grandfather was a pastor, and my single biggest influence," he says.

Becoming a pastor himself wasn't always Chris's intention, however, and he spent three years training and working as a chef before meeting Haidee and entering an Adelaide seminary with her encouragement to complete his five-year degree in theology and ministry. It was love at first sight for the pair, who were introduced to each other at a Latin dance class. Baptised into the Pentecostal church, Haidee converted to Lutheranism shortly before they got married in 2006.

Away from work, Chris and Haidee are often to be seen enjoying their shared love of music and drama. Theatre performances this year have included *Grease* and *Les Misérables* at the Theatre Royal Nelson, and next year they hope to take part in the Regional DanceSport Championships at the Trafalgar Centre.

In all that they do, though, their Lutheran faith is their guide. The key to Lutheranism, says Chris, is the belief that our sins are forgiven through God's grace alone, rather than through anything we can do ourselves. Jesus has already paid for all our sins by his death on the cross; all we need to enter Heaven is faith and the desire to be forgiven. "We constantly sin, and God has an endless amount of grace," he says.

That doesn't mean we needn't try to be our best, however. "The word disciple means apprentice in Greek," Chris explains. "As an apprentice chef I stood next to the head chef, watched him cook and learnt from him. Similarly, we look at Jesus and the example of the life he lived, and try to do the same."

Article by Beverly Sellers, ph: 03 543 2008

## Editorial

Do you feel as if you blinked and missed the last part of 2012? I know I do! If you're living the rural life, you've more than likely got plenty of things to do with your time. And having such a diverse community means there's always plenty going on than we can cover. Most newspapers and newsletters have reporters that get out and about and bring the news to the people. We don't and we rely on a small group of regular contributors who add to the variety in the Grapevine. *Thankyou* to everyone who has contributed this year, we really do appreciate the efforts you go to. Remember, if you attend something and find yourself telling a couple of people about it, how about putting it in print and telling the Grapevine! You are our eyes and ears but if you don't tell us, we won't know! It doesn't have to be adventurous—it might be humorous or an achievement your group or family had—tell us—we love to share.

Summer can be hectic, so hopefully you'll have time to read this issue from front to back and catch up on the second part of Martin Douglass's big walk and also read about another adventure he and Phil Grover took part in, in October. (Talk about getting out and about).

While some are out climbing mountains, we have people in our midst encouraging others to take their first steps towards the mountain. I know there are numerous people from this area (young and old) who have been guided by the wonderful staff at Whenua—Iti. So it was great to hear their efforts have been recognised at the Westpac Nelson-Tasman Chamber of Commerce Business Awards. Being the 2012 winner of the New Zealand King Salmon Investing and People and Skills Award is a fantastic achievement—what a great way to end the year!

Speaking of which, our next issue (the February issue) is due out 31st January so please put a reminder in your diary that all advertising and other copy is due in by the usual deadline January 15th.

## Merry Christmas to you all!



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**I**n many places at Christmas time we see decorations and lights, Christmas trees and presents, holly and wreaths, placed beautifully around our homes, streets and businesses. One decoration that I always enjoy is the nativity scene. These come in a wide range of sizes, shapes, even the number of characters is usually different.

There's Jesus and Mary of course, The Wise Men who brought gifts to the new born king, usually three of them. The animals that Jesus shared the stable with: a donkey, some cows, sheep, a pig, and maybe even three little ducks. Then there's the angel that announced the birth of Jesus. And finally, we have Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus.

The part that Joseph plays in all of this is small, but without the faithful fatherly duty of this man, the life and work of Jesus would not be the same.

When Mary was found to be pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit, Joseph had a dilemma. The woman, who he was to marry, was pregnant, and under Jewish law, women who were pregnant outside of wedlock were stoned to death. Joseph decided to quietly dismiss her, hoping that no consequences would come to her. It's at this point that the angel, whom we see in nativity scenes, came to him and encouraged him not to abandon Mary and her baby, but to name the baby Jesus and raise him as his own. The angel told Joseph that Jesus was going to be one special guy. So Joseph did what was asked of him.

Joseph raised Jesus as a carpenter, teaching him the trade that his father had passed onto him. While Joseph had probably passed on by the time that Jesus started his work that we read about in the Bible, without the love, care and provision that Joseph made, Jesus would not have been able to do the work that his Heavenly Father gave for him to do. This is why, as we celebrate Christmas, we remember and celebrate the work of the characters in the nativity, from Mary and Jesus, to Joseph.

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 by Candlelight** – with the Light of Christ Singers  
7pm December 8<sup>th</sup> @ the Church

**Carols in the Vineyard**  
7pm December 16<sup>th</sup> @ Neudorf Vineyard  
(Bring a rug and snacks. If it's wet, we'll meet at the Community Centre)

**Christmas Eve** @ the Church  
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**Christmas Day** @ the Church  
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I pray that you are strongly blessed over this coming Christmas Season. **Pastor Chris.**

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Ever fancied blasting through the Moutere valley, taking in wineries, stock paddocks, blackcurrants, hops and creeks? That's what around 60 people per year do every Nelson anniversary weekend. Yes, I'm talking about the Sarau festival mountain bike race. It's a well contested race, with riders of every ability entering, and for the past couple of years our very own Tom Fulmer has won the race. A circular route starting at Country Kids and going out as far as Wills Road before doubling back, the race runs through some of the most fantastic scenery in the top of the South Island and, owing to the kind heartedness of the landowners in the valley, visits some of the normally inaccessible farmland throughout the Moutere valley.

Don't fancy racing? Then why not join in with the gentle cycle company ride, a much less demanding 12km cycle ride along mostly flat land through the valley. Again, starting at Country Kids and finishing at the festival, it takes in the wineries, hops, blackcurrants and other berries that abound in the valley floor. With no winners or losers, this cycle ride gives you the opportunity to enjoy the scenery at your own pace, maybe stopping off for a picnic or 2 along the way.

If doing either of these cycle rides is your thing, please take the time to have a look at the Sarau festival website, where registration forms and cycle route maps are available. Hopefully you will decide to give it a go, and like many others it will become an annual event for you.



See page 13 for details of the Sarau photo competition!

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*Enquiries to Tanya Doty 5432 773.*

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## NEWS FROM MAPUA BOWLING CLUB

Despite a sprinkling of rain League Bowls started on Monday 5 November and will continue on Monday evenings until Christmas and again during next February and March. Several regular Monday evening bowlers have now joined the Club as Social League Bowlers and it is a pleasure to welcome them on board.

The season has started well on many levels, all made possible by an influx of new members. It is wonderful to see so many new faces enjoying the bowling and facilities that the Mapua Club has to offer. Two successful tournaments supported by local sponsors have been and gone. Club championships are underway and the Club is represented by a mixed triples team on Saturdays in the area President's Trophy. Roll-up days on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays have been made a little more purposeful (but not too serious!) by the 'Captain's Challenge'.

We are now looking forward to two fun events during December. Some of the men have decided to cook lunch for all members and their guests on Saturday 8 December - more of this later! It will be followed by game of drawn pairs with prizes sponsored by the Smokehouse.

On Saturday 22 December it is party time where we play our

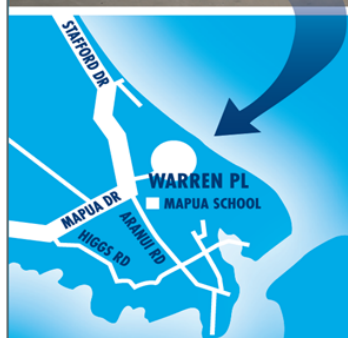
traditional tournament, 'Kiwis' versus 'The Rest of the World'.

National dress is encouraged - loosely - and it is always great fun and almost competitive! For the past three years the result has always been a diplomatic draw but whatever the outcome this year, the camaraderie over the barbecue will be as strong as ever.

For information about bowling please call Secretary Jean Daubney (543 2765) or President Dave England (540 2934) or email [s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz](mailto:s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz)

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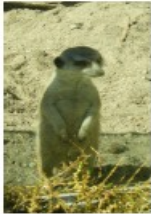
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# Natureland



On Monday 12 Nov. the morning Just4Kids group went to Natureland. Our keeper Christine, took us around, describing the animals and their habits. The sun was out, we had ricies to feed our friends and we had such a great time.



Visiting our local zoo has given our tamariki an opportunity to see unusual animals up close and learn about their environments. We enjoyed it so much and feel it is important to visit as Natureland may close down if visitor numbers decrease.



Tasman school Newsletter.

December.

Summer is rolling on into the Christmas month and the end of term is nearly upon us, and we wonder if we can fit everything in. At least the Athletics day is over, another hot and active day where all the students put their best feet forward running, jumping, and cheering on their schools. Great success for Tasman School again winning the Peace Shield for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Our new yellow fluoro T-shirts stood out like sunlight flashing on the grass.

The 'Tasman Touring Troupe' (Room 3 students) are off again giving 8 concerts to the community, including pre-schools, rest homes, and hospitals. They are performing with ukulele, recorder and puppet shows written by the students.

We are finishing the term with the biggest roll we have had in several years only to be farewelling ten year 8 students, who will leave a senior gap, but we have some newbies to fill the gaps. We also have to farewell Margo Decker our beloved receptionist who has become a school living treasure having worked here for 22 years, but her grandchildren call.

Yes, 2013 is our centenary....and as the kids say....'we will be one 100 years old'. We will be celebrating this event on March 15-17<sup>th</sup>. If you know someone who has been to our school please tell them all about it. People can register online.

'Muddy Buddies' will also be part of our centenary weekend, where we are hoping for past pupils and teachers to join in the muddy fun race. We also are holding an ART AUCTION with a variety of adult and student work for sale .It has already attracted several well-known artists.

From Tasman School we wish you all a joyful, summer-filled Christmas.

Fred Robertson. Teacher Tasman School.



What a busy month we've been having at Harakeke... Children and teachers alike have been enjoying a variety of excursions.

Last month we all had a great day at the Theatre Royal in Nelson experiencing the excitement of Capital E's production of 'Around the world and Buck again.' Our children were enthralled by the antics of the dog characters in this performance. Afterwards we enjoyed a picnic lunch and a play at the Tahunanui playground. With the summery weather we all relished the opportunity to cool off by paddling in the sea .Ah what a wonderful antidote to all that rain we've had over the last few months!

The next evening our teaching team flew to Rotorua to attend an early childhood conference with the theme of 'Nurture in Nature'. With keynote speakers and workshop facilitators from all over the globe we were inspired to hear how essential interaction with nature is in supporting children's holistic learning and development. As one speaker shared with us "If we really want children to thrive we need to let their connection to nature nurture them." At Harakeke , we feel privileged to educate children in a natural environment that allows these connections to happen on an everyday basis. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community who supported our fundraising effort enabling all our teachers to attend such a valuable conference. One of our teachers who attended the earth oven making workshop is wondering if anyone in the community has access to fire bricks; we are looking forward to having a go at building one at Harakeke.

Last week we also enjoyed a visit to Upper Moutere School as part of our transitioning children to school.

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## Hello Animal Lovers

So now that Christmas is nearly upon us once more and the holiday season, spare a thought for our beloved animals. Think about how it will affect them having lots of visitors and family around. Also what about your routine? Will it change with the holidays? Are you planning to go away? How will they feel being put in kennels or cat-teries? Will friends and family bring their pets to your place? All these factors significantly affects our pets' lives. Animals hate disruption either to their environment or the energy levels from their owners and those around them..

Sadly, every year many pets are put into the pound as they are no longer wanted. It is not convenient for their owners to take them away with them and they are unwilling to pay boarding establishments. Many new puppies and kittens as well as other animals are given as Christmas gifts which are no doubt very cute but owners quickly see through their charms when their animals start to mature and become more demanding.. Fluffy puppies, kittens and rabbits are particularly adorable to look at but require hours of regular grooming throughout their lives to stay well and healthy. When acquiring a pet thought must be given as to how much time the owners will put into the task of grooming and exercise..

We expect our pets to fit in with our lives but as with any member of the family, care must be taken to ensure they are kept safe and secure and given significant consideration as to their welfare around this busy time of the year. Particular attention must be paid to older pets as their tolerance is less than a younger animal. Keeping them away from lots of people or young children in a quiet familiar place will help.

Most of all, continue to love your animals. Respect them and consider them especially when things change around them.

I would like to wish you and your animals a very Merry Christmas and look forward to keeping in contact in the new year.

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*a Rosedale tale by Ruth Moore*

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When a mother dies, the lamb is usually brought home and put on the bottle. We usually have a collection of two or three at any given time. The worst year, we had twelve.

When a lamb dies, Dad skins it and sneakily puts the skin on one of the lambs being bottle-fed, to try to trick the mother into thinking it's still her lamb.

This year, Dad found a ewe with a dead lamb down on the flats. The ewe seemed very intent on mothering the lamb despite the fact that it was dead, so he decided to bring her back to the shed. There was a spare lamb in our woodbox that Mum had been feeding, so he dressed the lamb in its second-hand coat and gave it to the ewe in the shed. Well, that was fine, and they were both happy as Larry.

The next morning, Dad went up the shed and came back laughing his head off. The ewe he'd mothered the lamb onto: she'd had a lamb in the night! 'What's up?' we asked Dad.

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Our plan is to approach Kangchenjunga from India through the state of Sikkim which lies north of Bengal and Calcutta. We are a group organised by Mapua firm, High Places. Our keen team comes from France, the UK and New Zealand, including two Moure residents – Martin Douglass and myself.

I start in Calcutta in sweltering heat and spend some time exploring the huge local meat and produce market. This is an eye opener and I regret wearing sandals as I negotiate alleyways flowing with blood flowing from slain animals still quivering in their death throes. I resolve to keep vegetarian for this journey.

We soon travel to Gangtok, where our group assembles. Gangtok is the capital of Sikkim state and a sizable place with a population of 190,000 sitting at an altitude of 1900 metres. The main road into Gangtok is a real shocker – badly eroded and often single lane. This drive easily takes the prize as the most dangerous road trip I've ever done. The monsoon is still active and we experience a lot of heavy rain during our three days in Gangtok.

Now it's time to motor to our trailhead and we face another 9 hours of slow and hazardous travel before we can start walking. Ahead lies 12 days of hiking through lush forests and high altitude grass lands. The Testa River and its tributaries flow fast and deep through the convoluted topography and each kilometre of advance involves significant climbing or descent. We gain height steadily and reach 4000 metres altitude on our third day. The remainder of the trek lies at and around the 4000 metre level. We are camping and each night temperatures fall to -5 C to -10C – the same as the coldest winter nights in the Moure.



As we get above the forest, views start to open up as we cross high ridges. Everest appears to our west one morning and we are tantalised by glimpses of our goal, Kangchenjunga in the distance. Sometimes the high altitude forest is cedar and sometimes almost entirely rhododendron – it must be amazing to be here in the spring when the rhodos flower. Whole mountainsides will be festooned with their blooms. Over the days we pass small herds of yaks grazing attended by herders camping rough in the bleak conditions. Mornings usually start with fine weather and the days often cloud over to sometimes rain or snow in the later afternoon.

After a week of steady trekking we are getting close to the southern flanks of Kangchenjunga. Huge icy peaks are closing in around us and glaciers fill many of the side valleys. One evening a small group of wild Himalayan blue sheep come down to near our camp. We're very privileged to encounter these rare sheep/goats in their natural habitat.

Now it's time to climb up to Goeche La – a 5000 metre pass close to the southern face of Kangchenjunga. We start out well before dawn and stumble up the icy trail by torch light. It's a perfect calm day and as daylight comes and we ascend, the mountains show themselves magnificently. The Sikkimese revere these high mountains and on a morning like this it's a spiritual experience for us to be amongst such grandeur. After 5 hours of strenuous effort we crest the Goeche La and gaze across at Kangchenjunga – just 7 kilometres away and a full 3.5 kilometres above us. Its huge southern face is hung with massive ice-falls and rock faces. We are awestruck and we all know this is a special day in our lives. We linger for a couple of hours to savour the feelings before we turn back downwards to our camp.

Two days of descent through forested country leads us back to the road end at Yuksam – a former capital of Sikkim. This village is orderly and peaceful – houses are substantial and many are decorated with flower boxes and large gardens. It reminds me vaguely of a Swiss hamlet. Further atrocious roads lead us to Darjeeling where we stay a couple of days enjoying the delights of being back in civilisation. From Darjeeling we can see Kangchenjunga standing impossibly high on the horizon - we are so fortunate to have had a close encounter with its mighty splendour.





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The staff and board of Moutere Hills Community Centre would like to thank you all for your support of the centre and the activities that have taken place at the centre of the past year. We would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and relaxing holiday break.

The Moutere Hills Community Centre office will be closed from Monday 24th December 2012 until Monday 14th January 2013. If you would like to book the centre during this time or need to contact one of our staff members then you can call 027 5118825 or 027 5118827.

## Moutere Hills School Holiday Programme

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### December 2012

Monday 17th	A Wheely Good Day
Tuesday 18th	Decorate It!
Wednesday 19th	Gifts Galore
Thursday 20th	Wet and Wild
Friday 21st	Moutere Xmas Café

### January 2013

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>Monday 21st—Friday 25th</b>
	Box It Up, Summer Time Fun, Decadent Desserts, Sportsmania, Wicked Wheels Day.
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Monday 28th—Thursday 31st</b>
	Cowboys and Indians, Creative Crafts, A Berry Special Day, Keep Cool till the start of School

## Top Team 2012 Finals

On Sunday 18 November Moutere Hills Community Centre hosted the Top Team final for 2012. This saw 12 Junior and 12 Senior Teams battle it out for the ultimate title of Top Team 2012. Congratulations to The Lakers who took out the Senior Title and The Sillie Billies from Waimea Intermediate who were the Junior Champions.



This event was made possible due to the generosity of the following sponsors:

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## Up-coming Events

Thursday 24th January  
Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd February  
Sunday 3rd February

Outdoor Movie  
Wine Symposium  
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# Food

Soo Gee gives us one of her delicious biscuit recipes and a couple of ideas to keep kids entertained these holidays.

## Chocolate, Oat and Orange Marmalade Cookies



125g softened butter, 125g white sugar, 100g brown sugar, 1 egg, 1 tablespoon milk, 1 tablespoon marmalade (preferably orange), 125g flour, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon ground ginger, 2 teaspoon orange zest, 160g rolled oats, 120g chocolate chips.

*Oven on 180 C*

Cream butter and sugar, beat in egg, milk and marmalade.

Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda and ginger. Stir in orange zest, oats and chocolate chips.

Roll tablespoon size balls and place on greased tray—these spread a little. Bake 10—15 minutes until lightly browned. Cool a little on tray then place on cooling rack. You can decorate with a drizzle of melted chocolate (very Christmassy)

## **Children**

School's out soon! All ages can make Christmas decorations. Look on line for ideas to make things you'll probably already have at home. They can also be encouraged to make a small garden since they'll have plenty of time up their sleeves. Micro greens in a pot can be fun and you don't have to wait too long for the results. I got a few seeds from the bin in for mine.

## **Potato Sticks**

150g freshly boiled potatoes, 150g soft butter, 150g flour, pepper and salt, 2 fresh green chillies seeded and finely chopped, or 1/4 teaspoon cayenne, 1 egg - beaten.

Sieve the freshly cooked potatoes into a bowl.. Mix in the butter until melted. Stir in the flour. Season with plenty of salt and pepper and the chillies or cayenne. Knead until smooth. Chill. Roll out medium thin, brush with the beaten egg. Cut into sticks 10cm long and 7mm wide. Bake on a tray at 200C for about 10 minutes until brown and crisp.



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# WILDERNESS COAST | PART TWO

The second part of Martin Douglass' tale of going in a party of four in search of the Moutere River.

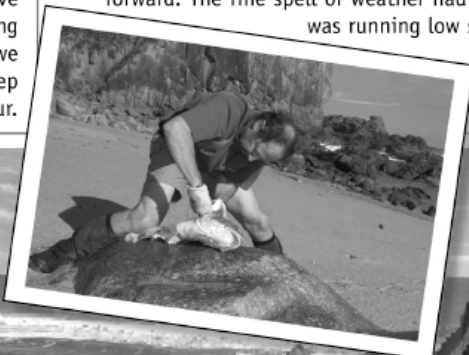
**T**he Kahurangi River forks just behind a beach, exposed at low tide. We clambered up the south branch for a few minutes to check out a waterfall and pool we'd read about in the hut book the night before. A worthwhile and scenic little detour. Back down on the beach, our way was soon blocked by bluffs hammered by a south westerly swell.

We scrambled up a large fresh slip to climb above them and to reach the easier terrain we'd seen from the Lighthouse. Above the slip we had a tangle of kiekie to crawl through before reaching proper bush with a more open understory. All that afternoon we toiled steadily through thickets of bush cutty grass and steep sided little gullies, making scarcely more than 500m per hour.

own dented the surface. Even deer tracks were rare. Passing Wekakura Point involves a scramble rather than a climb but a fall would be fatal. This is one of the few places where carrying rope might be worthwhile.

Getting past the Heaphy Bluff and crossing the Heaphy River were the last tricky bits to face. We camped at the foot of the bluff bypass and spent the last hour of daylight scouting the way forward. The fine spell of weather had ended and our food was running low so we didn't want to

waste time bush bashing in the wrong place.



GPS came in handy to check progress. By late afternoon we judged we should have by-passed the worst of the cliffs, so followed a granite bouldered creek back to the coast. We emerged from the bush not too badly scratched due to the gloves and longjohns we wore. We could see a possible campsite a further 10 minutes south and wasted no time rock hopping over rough pink granite toward it.

A clump of karaka and nikau covered a meagre bench only feet above the high tide mark. A trickle of water dripped down onto the beach stones, so for want of better we pitched camp. We didn't realise we were parked on a seal highway and blocking their access to the sea. One left a smelly calling card under one fly and Adrian woke to find a young pup only inches away staring him in the face. Despite all this we slept pretty soundly.

We made it to the Moutere River by the end of Day Three. It's nothing like 'our' local stream – the water's tea coloured and flows over pale granite stones. At high tide, surges roll up the estuary which is confined between steep, bush-covered ridges. There are rumours of traces of gold but the best thing going for it is the abundance of driftwood, which is surprisingly scarce along the rest of the coast. Our camp fire burned bright that night!

For the next couple of days, our progress steadily improved as rocks gave way to long sandy beaches. No footprints save our

Next morning the undergrowth was dripping from overnight showers as we clambered up the gully. We reached the bluff saddle after only 30 minutes from the beach, and damp from a mix of rain water and sweat. Near the top we followed a line of old foot holds dug into a clay bank. They could have been there for centuries as the Heaphy River mouth was settled by Maori from the earliest times.

Another hour saw us down into the Heaphy Swamp and across it without trouble to the river's edge. We had to head upstream for an hour through spectacular nikau forest to find a good ford at the first gentle rapid in the river. It was wide, only knee deep, with a good shingle bottom. We splashed over, sadly knowing that civilisation in the form of the Heaphy Track was just on the other side. But we felt a quiet sense of achievement too – we'd made it through in fine style blessed by good weather and good company. Now we had the delights of Karama to look forward to.

We stopped at Heaphy Hut for lunch and to warm up – we'd become chilled in the valley, which was much cooler than the coast. We expected to see plenty of mountain bikers using the Heaphy over Queen's Birthday Weekend but only met about eight in all. Maybe the showers and southerly squalls we were now experiencing had put them off.

We made good time down to the Kohaihai River road end, which we reached in under four hours. The public telephone wasn't working but luckily we had a cellphone and managed to call out for a ride to town. Twenty minutes later our van arrived and we were dropped at The Last Resort for the evening. Showered, beered and fed, we slept like logs.

We flew back to Motueka next morning in a Cessna piloted by Jim from Takaka 'Airport'. Low cloud meant we couldn't fly through the Perry Saddle but retraced our journey along the coast. Our six day walk took only 20 minutes by air and was a great finale to our adventure.



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## **Sarau Festival Photographic Competition**

What a wonderful array of photographs arrived for last time's Sarau Festival Photographic competition! So many people enjoyed viewing them so we're running it again.

The categories remain the same;

Life in the Moutere,  
 Open - Life outside the Moutere,  
 Digitally enhanced,  
 Under 15 years.

In 2014 there'll be a new section - Festival photos- so be sure to take your camera on the big day, Sunday February 3rd.  
 Entries may be left at Motueka's i site or at the Moutere Hills Community Centre. Please have them there by January 24th.  
 Meanwhile - happy shooting!

## **Sam's Spam** December 2012



Hi Readers. As this is the last column for the year, I thought I would give you some links to free websites for your summer reading. These can be accessed from your computers, or tablets such as Kindle, iPads, iPhones, kobo etc.

Enjoy! See you next year.

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## Moutere Hills Youth

There is a whole heap happening with Moutere Hills Youth this summer. Check out the Bubbles & Cupcakes Holiday Treats for Girls further down the page. Also, check out the update below re: the Moutere Community Youth Half Pipe.

But first up, check out the final thing happening for Friday Night Youth in 2012!! Dah, Dah, Dahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh....

Friday Night Youth (year 7 up) **Friday 7 December: Apple Bobbing Picnic Swim Party YEAHHHH! It's going to be grand!**  
This Friday Night Youth event will be at 6pm meeting at the Church Hall, and it will be exxxxtremely fun. Contact Andy or Abbey for details or transport. And then... in January 2013....

F.N.Y. Holiday Special... Take a trip on the Mapua Inter-islander and then have a cycle around Rabbit Island .

Y (Year 9+) is every second Tuesday, after Family Touch Rugby. Catch a lift from the Centre, or meet at the Church Hall 7pm. Y will not be running through the holidays though.

Senior Youth (Year 9+) We'll be taking the van to a couple of the CHEAPSKATE TASMAN SKATEPARK TOUR events – Saturday 12 & 19 January. Let us know if you want to come along.

We really want to go fishing and maybe grab a movie sometime in Jan. Will chat with you about this closer to the time.

Touch Rugby : The Riwaka Competitions are going well. It's great to see everyone there.

### The Half Pipe Update

Andy, Alex, Charlotte, and Andy, have been working hard to get the half pipe completed for Summer. And now.... You can get your board or scooter and do your stuff. It's behind the church hall....just head on through the carpark and through the gate. Please, wear appropriate safety gear and use the half pipe at your own risk. Show respect to the half pipe, surrounding property, and all those using the ramp. And have fun.

### **Bubbles & Cupcakes Holiday Treats** (Girls Year 5 up)

Monday 17 December Beads & Bombes – Christmas Presents 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM \$15  
Make a beaded necklace or bracelet & create a box of bath bombes and/ a bag of bubbly bath salties. We'll also be having some frivolous festive fun. The cost of \$15 includes morning tea and ingredients.

Monday 24 December The Edible Christmas Tree! – Cake making and decorating. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM \$15  
Bake your own cake for Christmas (with no fruit or nuts!). Decorate your cake – a gorgeous Christmas Tree, Angel, Star or Santa. The cost of \$15 includes morning tea, and ingredients.

Monday 14 January Day on the Town - Lush, Smiggle, & Mc D's. 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM \$3 (to cover travel)  
Bring those Christmas dollars and spend up large, or simply spend the day window shopping. Make sure you bring a little extra cash for some lunch at McDonalds.

Monday 21 January Pancake Picnic Pool Party – At the pool in Hope 11AM to 3:00 PM \$5  
Relax by the pool, splash about, and feast on pancakes for lunch (The cost of \$5 covers travel and pancake picnic).

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We feel fortunate currently to have husband and wife team, Andy and Abbey Bensemann, job sharing this role. Their weekly programme of sport and other activities is well supported and their involvement with our local schools, Upper Moutere and Dovedale, is greatly appreciated by everyone.

Although we apply for funding each year from various funding bodies for the full time salary of the Youth Worker, the amount that we receive seems to reduce each year. We plan to send out (via our rural posties) a plea for donations from our local community which we hope you will look out for early in December. Any financial help you can give will be a big help and amounts over \$5.00 qualify as tax deductible.

We are sure you would all agree that the work our Youth Workers do in the community is of enormous value to our families and helps to ensure a positive future for our young people.

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