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Intro

The events, activities and clubs within the area continue to flourish and while we are all aware that the area is changing with new shops, new housing areas, and planning, it is best to take some time out and reflect on what we have, what we enjoy and then turn our attention to what we really want. Within this issue you will notice some new columnists mixed with some regular supporters. These vocal locals all have some very valid points and concerns, they also have an energy and a passion for change. I feel we are very lucky to have these spokespeople that continue to voice for the common good. Much comment in this issue is on the Unitary Plan Submissions to Auckland Council, and a strong message to Auckland Council planners to open their ears and listen to the community concerns. We continue to see larger volumes of recreational Aucklander's out this way every weekend enjoy-ing the music, vineyards, beaches, parks, reserves and forests. We would like to say thanks to all the volunteers within the area that continue to make this area work. One volunteer group that holds one fundraising function a year is the Kumeu Fire Brigade hosting the Annual Hoe Down on April 5, 2014, at the Kumeu Showgrounds. This event is a resounding success with themed venue, band and meal, representing great value for money. Tickets are only \$35 and can be purchased from Kumeu Cellars within Kumeu village. So enjoy doing your thing over this month and make the most of it, as Autumn is just around the corner.



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TAUPAKI FIGHTS FOR Lifestyle Zoning

In February the Taupaki Residents and Ratepayers submitted this information to Auckland City Council, highlighting their belief that Taupaki should be designated Lifestyle Livining zone, not the present clasification of Mixed Rural zone. The result of re-clasification will enable Taupaki land owners to subdivide down to 1 hectare parcels of land rather than the present 4 hectare block. The proposed Unitary Plan maps, which identify the general area of Taupaki as falling within the Mixed Rural zone. The Mixed Rural or Rural Production zone is not appropriate for the area. The Countryside Living zone is the most appropriate zone for the land in question. The reasons for the feedback are: The most appropriate zone for the land is the Countryside Living zone. The zone description set out in the objectives and policies section of the proposed Unitary Plan acknowledges the diversity of land character across the zone and includes the following statement about zoning patterns and land production values:

"Some parts of the zone reflect historical subdivision patterns dating back nearly 40 years, while other areas were established on rural land that did not have significant production values, often associated with steep topography and poor soils." (Chapter D, 6.6.6)

This has clearly been recognised by Auckland Council for at least part of the area. The submitter would like to draw attention to the Auckland Plan Committee meeting agenda (paragraph 141) and minutes for 28 August 2013. The meeting discussed the request by the Rodney Local Board to identify additional land in the Taupaki area as Countryside Living. The report goes on to state that "Officers believe significant work is required prior to zoning any additional land for Countryside Living." The subsequent resolution by the Committee reads: "Introduce an area of Countryside Living Zone for investigation from Nelson Road/Amreins Road/ Sunnyvale Road." Resolution number APC/2013/112 It is our opinion, supported by the residents and ratepayers of the Taupaki area, that the land should not be identified in the Mixed Rural or Rural Production zone if it is unable to be farmed productively and if current usage has for some time been Rural Lifestyle. The Countryside Living Zone provides an opportunity for more efficient use of land on the identified area within Taupaki. The area identified has not had any significant productive rural activity within it for at least 40 years. The lifestyle blocks within the area support

the rural amenity of the district but are not commercially productive in their own right; The Mixed Rural and Rural Production zone both seek to provide for the operation of a wide range of productive farming activities. The range of permitted activities and minimum subdivision density of 150 hectares are intended to ensure that productive land is maintained and that rural production is not adversely affected through reverse sensitivities, by smaller rural lifestyle activities found in the Countryside Living zone. The development potential of sites zoned Mixed Rural is predominantly restricted to non-residential rural activities undertaken on large land parcels. However, the physical characteristics and current usage of the area identified by the submitter are such that it is not able to be farmed on an economic basis; The Countryside Living zone is applied to land that is located within close proximity to the urban area (typically within five kilometres) and is unsuitable for productive rural purposes. takes the form of a linear band around the north and west of the urban area. A similar pattern exists in the south of the Auckland Urban area.

Taupaki Residents and Ratepayers For more information phone Bodo on 027 277 1777



COMMUNITY Notice Board

SENIORNET MARCH 3, 2014

On Monday, 3 March Nor-West Senior-Net will host Graham McIntyre as their guest speaker.. With over twelve years of service to the community in Rural and Urban Fire Fighting and a host of stories about incidents and accidents that will have you laughing and cringing, Graham McIntyre has not only provided a community role he has actively competed and represented New Zealand in the World "Fire Fighter Combat challenge in Las Vegas". He even has his very own fire engine. His role as Managing Director of Local Firm Mike Pero Real Estate Kumeu and Executive Publisher of Kumeu Courier also extends the fire safety message to clients and readers alike on how to minimize peoples fire risk and how to help fire and rescue services help you in an emergency. A hands on, practical presenter Graham will give you some insights that will ensure you are better informed and well rewarded. So come along to St Chad's church hall at 10am on the 3rd; bring a friend as all are welcome and you don't have to be SeniorNet member. \$3 towards hire of the hall and morning tea.. Support your local SeniorNet as the Kumeu Courier does.

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OPEN DAY MARCH 16

At Nature's Explorers Kindergarten in Riverhead, we have recently had a fabulous makeover, from the team at PLAYSCAPE, on our children's play area. Our outdoor environment now consists of a new rockery water feature (with built in old fashioned water pump) - an exciting challenge for the children to work on their own. A variety of obstacles for climbing, to help develop gross motor skills and a selection of natural New Zealand grasses, trees and shrubs for the children to explore in and discover their natural world. Two new raised vegetable gardens, a wonderful opportunity for the children to help us chose vegetable seeds/seedlings and help plant an nurture on a daily basis. We have also purchased a lovely new hutch for our well loved kindy rabbit Rosie-Belle. We will be holding an OPEN DAY Sunday 16th March, from 10.00am - 2.00 pm An opportunity to come and met our staff and have a tour of our lovely home away from home kindy



FROM MY PLACE

Have you heard the discussion recently about the ownership and care of the "berm" – that piece of land between house property and street? It is so opportunely timed with current plans for beautification of our neighborhood AND a move to define and legally preserve "The Kumeu Wine Trail". The Auckland Unitary Plan is underway, NOW is the time for Residents' input to make "The Most Liveable City". Kumeu/Huapai is a unique unit, historically, geo-



graphically. This is an opportunity, with cohesion, planning and support to preserve this heritage and further develop it in the manner it deserves; a foodbasket, and Garden Suburb within The Wine Trail."a North Western Opportunity Area". A glorious place to live, beauty, refreshment, activities and interest for family, visitors and tourists to the Garden Suburb in The Wine Trail. Dawn Kendall

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Pony 3* Grand Prix prior to the feature class. (Pictured) Olympic rider Katie McVean will be back to try and claim another Grand Prix title at Woodhill Sands. Photo: Libby Law @ libbylawphotography.com





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In an emergency dial 111. For more information contact Melissa Haven, Ph 09 412 7756.





After years of theory and practical training it has been rewarded by a call up, with senior members of Waitakere Fire Brigade represented within a task force of 40 firefighters. The taskforce has been focused on the Gipps-

land region. 432 fires have been burning in Victoria since 6th February 2014 and have burnt over 130,000 hectares of national park land, 45 homes have been lost and 9000 stock numbers. On any given day fifty six aircraft and thousands of firefighters are in operation trying to establish containment lines, fire breaks, back burning and protect property directly affected. It gives us significant pride in being able to represent our country and our community at a time and need that is in all respects an Australian

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Solan Drive	\$700,000	1902M2	260M2	\$880,000
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The Hoe Down is a tried and tested great time, to meet old friends and new, combining a great ambiance, and raffle prices to die for! This event is the only annual Kumeu Fire volunteers fund raiser, our other fundraisers are for other charitable organisations.

So get in quick, tickets often sell out and thereafter are pure gold. Rally your friends and family and let loose while having a fabulous night of fun and entertainment whilst supporting a great local community cause.

VINTAGE SHOP OPENS

The Vintage Shop located in the Pomona Hall next to the Kumeu Community Centre in Access Road re-opened on Tuesday 4th February offering a wide range of retro and vintage items of good quality at bargain prices. The Vintage Shop run by a roster of volunteers is a Huapai-Kumeu Lions Club initiative with all profits returned to worthy local community organisations. Started during 2013 the Lions Club has already been able to give sizeable monetary donations to Scout groups and sporting organisations focussing on youth activities. The Vintage Shop is open Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 4pm and until noon on Saturdays. Small furniture pieces, handicraft fabrics, craft items and a large range of pottery and crockery are tastefully displayed in the historic, re-furbished Pomona Hall. Supplementing the shop's stock by buying at auction is just one way of maintaining a range of quality vintage and retro items. Shop managers also welcome gifted items which people may no longer have use or space for and on occasions they have been grateful to receive items donated from a deceased estate. Huapai-Kumeu Lions appreciate this kind of support from the community and they also appreciate the commitment of the band of volunteer helpers who normally assist once every ten days. Anyone interested in giving a bit of time at the shop should call in and speak to one of the workers. No special skills are required other than a friendly smile and an interest in giving support to this initiative where all profits go towards worthwhile projects in the local community. Likewise anyone with items they may wish to donate should take them along to the shop. The Vintage Shop begins its new trading year next anticipating that support for the shop will continue to grow increasing opportunities for community groups to benefit.

MURIWAI ENVIRONMENTAL

Event: marine metre squared survey,at Maukatia (Maori Bay) carpark. Kids event led by Marty Taylor, all welcome. We'll head down to the Bay

and investigate life in the intertidal zone. Part of a citizen science initiative coming to Muriwai in preparation for Seaweek 2014. Please register ruth.e.atkinson@gmail.com interest Nursery: potting days Thursday mornings at Muriwai Rangers Station - contact Robin for details Robin Foubister. Ph 411 7323 or 021 159 Email: robin@muriwai.mobi 2469. Vicki Sergeant will have more time to spend with us this year, and plans to start seed collecting and raise seedlings in her nursery.For everyone who loves Aotearoa , and likes to travel these islands looking for free fun in the big outdoors, check out the ""most comprehensive outdoors guidebooks" at www.nzfrenzy.com To quote Warren Maxwell at Muriwai's own fantastic Waitangi Festival, and at Music at Matua "if you do just one thing this year - vote"

LOCAL UNITARY PLAN

The submission period has now closed for community input into the Unitary Plan. The summary of submissions will take about a month with the schedule advertising of who has submitted. Hearings will come in the mid year onwards. The Association invitation to the Planner Alan McGregor drew a full hall, to hear what the progress is being made on the Special housing area. The act of Parliament creating the S.H.A limits the communities involvement in the process. Given that the council (both Auckland & Rodney) haven't updated the old Kumeu structure plans to reflect the new growth area. The community will have little say in the S.H.A. Approval. The co-ordinating of all Government Departments and agencies at the Auckland council for the S.H.A. Approval will shorten the approval time frame, that of course is an improvement, but it shouldn't be done at the expense of consultation. The lack of infrastructure

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planning is the real weakness in the Unitary Plan approach as presented. The Council have advised that planning is about 5 years away, that means the District will grow without the necessary forward thinking for schools, reserves, alternative roading access and the growth of the two centres of Kumeu & Huapai being planned. There is an urgent need for the structure plan to be completed based on the new growth proposed by the Council. From what I can see our population is to grow from 1600 (statistic numbers) to around 9000-10.000. That is a five times the current population level projected over 10-30 years. The statistics project a 20% rise in 10 years but that would cover the homes and growth occuring in Huapai North at present. The need for alternative access south of the railway to divert non essential through traffic from/to township is essential. On one hand commercial landowners feel it is already to late, whilst others with quiet roading location don't want anything effecting them. Both attitudes I can relate to. The reality is that through the Unitary Plan process, this problem has to be addressed. The District is entitled to certainty in the planning process not guesswork. The sooner the decision is made the better for all concerned. On the lighter side, Graham Andrews ex Rodney Council Engineer said "the 'Southern Relief Road' was mooted 20

years ago, but no one had the political determination to deal with it.Somethings just don't change! Pete Sinton Chairman. Kumeu-Huapai Residents & Ratepayers Association Ph. 412-2016 Mob. 021-637-772 e.mail. petesinton@townplanner.co.nz

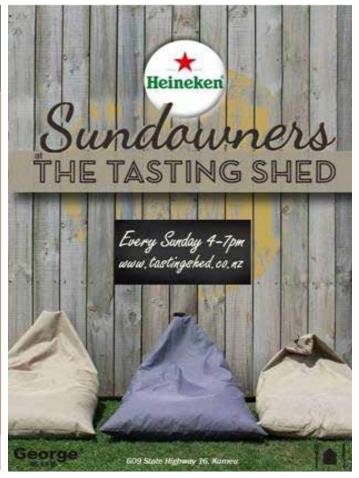
FRESH PRODUCE - LOW PRICE

There has been a fruit and vege shop at the site of Kumeu Produce Market for the past 40 years. The owners at 407 State Highway 16 may have changed, but the philosophy is still the same. 'The freshest produce at the most competitive price.' We work hard to source local produce and support local growers, buying beans, lettuce, beetroot, coriander, tomatoes, courgettes and more. In turn we also supply local business, cafes and restaurants. Now more than ever we are all trying to be health conscious and in store we try to keep abreast of new foods. We stock local grown Kale. A green leafy vegetable said to lower cholesterol and help with heart disease. Kohlrabi is also a green related to the cabbage and broccoli family. It is a rich source of Vitamin C and helps boost immunity. Come visit us, we are a friendly team, always willing to help. If you wish to try a product before you make a purchase, feel free to ask to taste. Bring in our advertisement before the end of February and receive 10% discount off your fruit and veges.

BID UNDERWAY VOTE TODAY ?

Over 40 local business people turned up to the latest Business Improvement District campaign meeting. Held at Provenance, the meeting provided a chance to hear about what the BID could do for business in our district and other areas. Kendyl Gibson from Pukekohe Business Association talked about the activities their BID undertakes plus their challenges and successes. The ballot in March presents a one off opportunity for our business community to work together on a vision for our district and also to 'tap into' Auckland Councils economic development program which is based around BID's. This could see a new level of professionalism and investment in our economic growth and advocacy. Warkworth is currently starting on the same process so we hope businesses see the chance to unlock our potential quickly and vote YES in March! More information about how a BID could transform our business district and our drop in sessions can be found at www.northwestbusiness.co.nz









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TRIVIA NIGHT MARCH 22, HELENSVILLE Come along and support your local Community Patrollers.

Community Patrol New Zealand is an organisation that works in partnership with the New Zealand Police to provide local voluntary assistance at events in your community. They also patrol on a regular basis to be a visible presence and to help our community. The South Kaipara Community Patrollers cover the same areas as the Helensville Police which as a general border is north to West Coast Road, east to Waitoki, south to James Mackie on SH16 and everything in between. They work closely with the Kumeu Community Patrollers also. The Trivia Night on 22nd of March is in support of our Community Patrollers and helps them

to fundraise in order to complete their work in a voluntary capacity. We have a small group of enthusiastic locals who want to help keep their Community Safe. Tickets are \$15, raffles, spot prizes, BYO for a fun event. Thanks for supporting your community.

Sgt Paula ENOKA, Helensville Police 8 Rimu Street Helensville



UPDATE FROM PHELAN PIRRIE

I admit that the process of Council is more convoluted than I expected, I should be saying that "it's all great and things are happening", but I woke up last week with the realisation that I was sworn in as your representative in November and four months later I feel like I am spinning my wheels with little achieved!-So what am I working on? SHA's (Special Housing Areas) present both an opportunity and a threat, and that's my personal opinion. What happens over the next six months will determine





EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY

KUMEU EQUIPMENT Cnr Wookey Lane & Loft Place Ph 09 412 9905 Fax 09 412 9965 Hrs Mon-Fri 7am - 5pm Sat 7.30am to 5pm Sun 8am -4pm HELENSVILLE 41 Mill Road Ph 09 420 9905 Fax 09 420 9015 Hrs Mon-Fri 7am -5pm Sat 7.30am to 12pm Sun Closed whether the looming accelerated housing developments will give us better infrastructure. The Local Board will be holding a public meeting in March on SHA's and this will be an opportunity for the public to learn more about how this Government initiative works and to have a discussion about the effects on our community.

Communications & Engagement. As portfolio holder I'm keen to see this improve. There is little understanding of what we do for the community and you feel that we don't listen. We will be working to improve our online presence especially around social media and better communication plus the ability to get your views on our activities, there's even work being done of having meetings streamed live onto the 'net. 'Like' our facebook page to keep up with what's happening or sign up to our email updates. Our Local Board plan consultation is underway. Yawn? Think again, we're funding your recreational facilities, townscapes and much more so it's important you tell us what you want - unless you want Warkworth getting in ahead of us! Visit: http://engage. ubiquity.co.nz/surveys/QmmhnKFwjEmYxQjQ5atVGg. Next month; Arts and Township Vision Plans. Contact me on: phelan.pirrie@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or 021 837 167.

SIGNATURE INTRODUCES

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2014 ART EXHIBITION "RED"

Kumeu Arts Centre's first combined members exhibition of 2014 – 'RED' A vibrant & eclectic collection of photography, painting, ceramics and mixed media, celebrating our members interpretations of the colour 'Red'. Exhibition in place till the 15th March 2014. Ph 09 412-9480

TEA SO GREAT, IT'S BOTTLED

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tion the Kumeu courier and pick up a complimentary bottle of your choice.

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1 Green Lane, Helensville Enquiries Over \$499,000 Viewing by appointment

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The home is well-positioned with a northern aspect to capture morning sun out front and the evening sun for entertaining in the back yard. Step into the Hallway and you are immediately aware this property is worthy of your attention with beautiful high timber ceilings and polished Kauri floors.

5 Purin's Street is nestled amongst other home owners with Villas of a similar heritage you will find this home a delightful place to live and enjoy all that Helensville has to offer.



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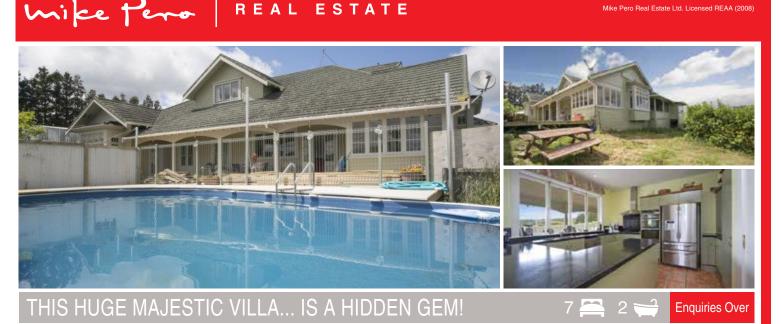
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Ground level unit with 190m2 floor space and 1/3 share of 280m2 of land & is ideal for a range of commercial purposes. Currently leased with a secure tenant in place representing a strong return leased with a 2 x 3 year rights of renewal. The building is currently used as a the local gym for the people of Waimauku and surrounding areas. Set within the iconic 'Waimauku Village Shopping Centre' this is a fantastic opportunity to purchase within this sought after complex which is located in the Waimauku township with easy access to the highway. The modern complex provides drive through accessibility for delivery trucks, with ample visitor and occupant parking space.

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A rare find in Kumeu offering just over 1 acre of land in a quiet glade, offering privacy and tranquility yet minutes from the north

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TO KUMEU OR COATESVILLE LIFESTYLE IS CLOSE

355 Waitakere Road, Taupaki Enquiries over \$1,150,000 - Viewing by appointment

A delightfully refreshing bungalow of excellent character, north facing with extensive alfresco living, in an open plan three bedroom home

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A beautifully crafted home by Fletcher's Kingsley collection, north facing with private alfresco living and family safe cul-de-sac environment.

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Highly desirable, cost effective living, so close to the hustle and bustle yet tucked away. This three bedroom, two toilet, north facing home has extensive open plan living with sliders out to north facing patio. Bedrooms off a central hallway to a double garage with internal access. Good sized section with fully fenced backyard with a garden shed and options for vege patch or garden blooms.

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D.I.Y MAGIC, WAIMAUKU VILLA

31 Muriwai Road, Waimauku

Enquiries over \$739,000 - Viewing by appointment

Outstanding opportunity with heaps of potential. This character featured home with huge fully fenced section and abundant alfresco is unique to the area. This fully fenced 2033m2 property is set in a serene garden setting in the heart of Waimauku. The outside maintenance of this character villa is in very good condition and has been well maintained along with under floor & ceiling insulation, double garage and two 5000 Litre water tanks.

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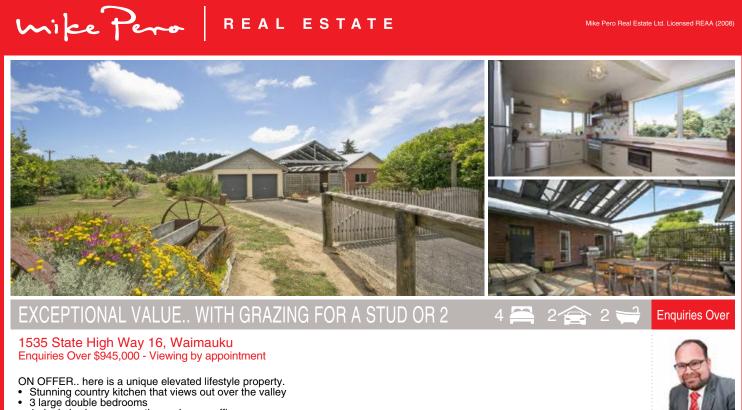
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Enquiries Over \$349,000 - Viewing by appointment

Centrally located and within a private ROW environment, this north facing two bedroom home offers significant value and lifestyle to home buyer or investor. Open plan living with two generous bedrooms, modern bathroom and kitchen. High stud ceilings and alfresco decking with a fenced section just the cherry on top. We seek buyers over \$349,000 to view.

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AS CLOSE TO AKL CBD AS KUMEU OR COATESVILLE

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Views are plentiful plus the attraction of privacy and tranquility and yet as close to the Auckland City hustle and bustle as you need to be. This large five bedroom homestead delivers easy living while the ducks, hens and sheep also have the best of creature comforts. The home has extensive 270 degree views while its north facing position attracts great sunshine and delivers easy alfresco living to surround decking.



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JOJO'S BUZZING

We are buzzing with plans and ideas at Jojo's Childcare at the moment. Our teaching team has put huge efforts into our annual plan and we are busy getting the ball rolling. Of big importance to us this year is family and community involvement. Although we have an open door policy and parents can choose to stay and play whenever they would like to, we are introducing monthly events with our families in mind. Encouraging members of the family we may not always see to come in and be a part of our Jojo's Childcare family. For the same reason we are making the move to become even more involved in the community, our children are still enjoying wriggle and rhyme, gymnastics and swimming lessons and we have recently joined forces with the Kumeu Arts Centre which is going to be an exciting project. If you would like to know more about Jojo's Childcare give us a call (09) 4125325, check out our website www. jojoschildcare.co.nz or visit the Centre anytime and find out how your family can be involved in our learning community and our family.







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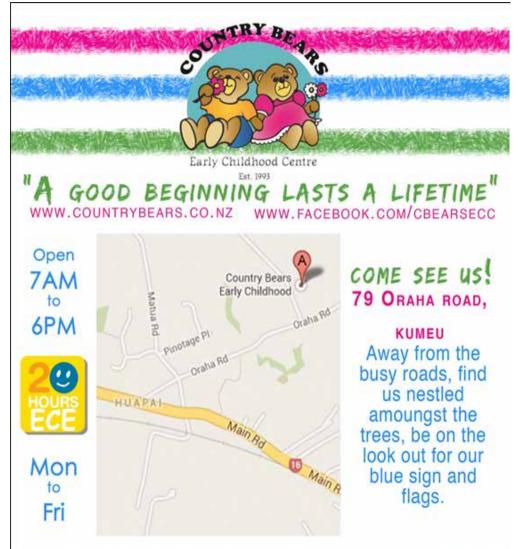
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they start their pre visits. Each primary caregiver has a focus group consisting of approximately 4 children and each primary caregiver has an assigned buddy. A buddy is another teacher who works alongside the primary caregiver with their focus group of children. The buddy knows the children and their routines to ensure the child's needs are met at times when the primary caregiver is unavailable. When an infant starts at a preschool, they have their needs met foremost by their primary caregiver and then by their buddy teacher in order for them to establish a strong bond from the beginning. If a child has a preference to a particular teacher after a preference to a particular teacher after a primary caregiver is assigned, changes may be made to acknowledge and respect this child's feelings. Infant and toddler care routines are acknowledged as special times which allow opportunities for valuable teaching and learning opportunities and they are to be uninterrupted; staff are flexible throughout the day and prioritise children's needs, parents needs and break times to ensure consistent care for all individual children. 4 minutes off main road, up & over the bridge, on left amongst the trees, flags and blue sign at gate- 79 Oraha Road, Kumeu. Ph 09 412 8055, www.countrybears.co.nz



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THE WEB-UNSPUN - WORDPRESS

We are going to take a slightly different tack during this year and not only provide articles about Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) and what is happening in the SEO world, but we are going to cover other more general web related articles, and this month we are covering the background to WordPress[™]. Word-Press[™] is an Open Source content management system (CMS) and is the largest 'FREE' CMS in the world.

A CMS is a website that a customer can log in to and update the website with content refreshes, add and delete pages and generally manage the website ongoing. WordPress[™] started as a blogging platform around 2001 and has grown extensively in to now the world's largest CMS with a blogging engine inherent in the system. From a search engine perspective, Google and other search engines like WordPress™ as the system is constantly updated and it conforms to good coding practices and standards as provided by the W3C Consortium.

WordPress[™] comes in two versions; a version provided by www. wordpress.com which is hosted by WordPress[™] (Automattic Inc.) and is generally promoted as a blogging platform and the second version is provided by www.wordpress.org which is a version you can download and install and configure yourself. This has far greater flexibility longer term and if you are serious about setting up a longer term website solution you should aim to build a website using www.wordpress.org. We will cover more about WordPress[™] in the coming months..

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SMASHING PROMOTIONAL WORK

Promotional products are still an incredibly powerful marketing tool. They allow people to become aware of your brand resulting in increased business and sales. What items should I use for Promotional Products? Well, a lot of the time it depends what your business actually is and what your budget is too. Both these things are likely to influence the type of promotional product you opt for. At Smashing Promotions we have an experienced, friendly crew who can assist you in helping target your market within budget with cost effective, inspirational ideas. We now have a corporate promotional showroom located in our new premises at 16b Shamrock drive, Kumeu or catalogues for you to take away and look through, from key rings to fridge magnets ,Branded Iollies, pens, usb's, Mugs, Glasses, apparel ,coasters, tee shirts, caps, beanies, signage, trophies, business cards with free logo design service we will be running a Red hot Smashing new deal every month. This month 500x premium pens branded with your business details , only \$295 - with free artwork setup-huge array of colours. These silent salesman



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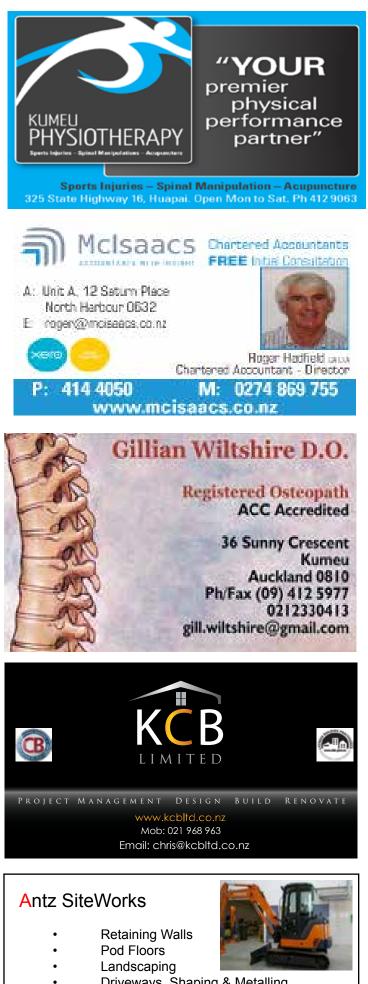
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Sift in combined flour and baking powder stir and then add choc drops, Pour into a square lined 20cm x 30cm pan Bake for approx. 55 min's until the centre is not too sticky – Take care not to overcook brownie. When cool cut into squares and decorate with piped whipped cream, chocolate decorations or fresh berries. See www.paulajanecakes.co.nz





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The malware has the ability to find and encrypt files located within shared network devices, USB drives, external hard drives, network file shares and even some cloud storage drives.

The key here is to protect yourself from these infections by conducting routine backups of important files and keeping the backups stored offline. Also maintain up-to-date anti-virus software. Keep the operating system and software up-to-date with the latest patches. Do not follow unsolicited web links in email as these can lead to phishing and social engineering attacks. Also use caution when opening attachments. Follow safe practices when browsing the web as there are infected websites that can infect your computer as well. If you believe you are infected, immediately disconnect the system from wireless or wired networks as this may prevent encrypting and infecting other computers on the network. If possible, change all online account passwords and network passwords after removing the system from the network and change all system passwords once the malware s removed from the system. For more please come to it-iQ Huapai Computer Services on 322 Main Road in Huapai (opposite Mike Pero). Phone 09 412 9227 or email Huapai@itig.co.nz.





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We regularly ask Kumeu Courier readers what information they find helpful and useful. Furthermore, we think it is important to allow our local trade and supply companies the opportunity to highlight some tricks of the trade, some tips, and showcase some of the new products and services available. This community is made up of some of the best trades people in the Auckland region and it is only through this Trade tips and advice section that we get to see their craft and understand some of the fundamentals. This section allows free from cost editorial (150 words and a photo) to be supplied on or before 15th of the month for inclusion in next month's issue. Send us your email address to glms@xtra.co.nz or text your email address to 0276320421 (with the word trades) for deadline updates and additional opportunities. Alternatively call Sarah Cartwright on 021 250 7324





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