

Ingwood Primary Opens And Blesses Renovations (Karen Patterson)

On Thursday 14 September Ingwood Primary celebrated with a blessing and official opening of the renovated buildings. The Board of Trustees and present have been working in partnership with the Ministry of Education to earthquake strengthen and remediate leaky buildings. Ray Smilie, longstanding Board of Trustees member has been the driving force over the years. Ray has been working extremely hard behind the scenes on both our Rata Haupapa and Panahihi blocks. The school is extremely blessed to have had the 'hands on' support of staff, parent link, parents and students who have volunteered their time and labour to sand, paint, and assist with the renovations over the past three years. The school has a 'pay it forward' philosophy and as such some of the building items removed have been recycled into other areas of the school and/or donated to our local Kohanga Māori.

At the blessing which was conducted by Reverend Abbie Martin, the school had invited guests from our Kohanga Māori, Ministry of Education Property Teams, Deputy Mayor of New Plymouth, Prenos, Arden Peters, South Coast Construction, former staff and whanau. Board of Trustees, families and students of the school.

As Uncle Abbie was moving around Panahihi and Puke Haupapa blocks everything he was saying could be heard by all students, staff and families over the sound system in the hall. On entering the hall, which was the last place to be blessed, the 100 strong Kapahaka group did the school very proud with a strong and hearty welcome.

Uncle Abbie acknowledged the land, the history and new beginnings. He spoke of the three greatest gifts we can give in the world "Te aroha - Love, Te whakapono - Faith, Te rangimarie - Peace, Tāpou, Tārou e - For us all". Closing the blessing, Mazhari Martin, Senior Kapahaka leader on the pae pae spoke of "He aha te mea nui o te ao? - What is the most important thing in the world? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata - It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

The school wish to extend thanks to all for the continued support and patience with its property issues. Thanks all for attending. The children continue to stand proud and tall here at Ingwood School - te kura o kohanga moa.



Purangi Kiwi News (Karen Moratti)

Last time it was announced that a new Operations Manager is now on board. Hayden Candy started two weeks ago and has been caught up in a whirlwind of field work, school visits and training... and the busy season hasn't even begun yet! Hayden is a Taranaki local, having lived in Punihihaka, east of Stratford all his life. The past six and half years he has worked in telecommunications and prior to that in construction, earthworks and architecture (overseas). Hayden has come on board at an exciting time with all the kokako relocation work that is being planned, as well as keeping up the great work that has been done with the kiwi operations, working alongside the contractors and volunteers.



Hayden says "Working for a not for profit organisation whose focus is for a great cause and working with people who are enthusiastic and passionate about the job is what gave him the motivation to apply for the position". He even had an opportunity to use his farm skills to teach the students of Francis Douglas Memorial college the art of fencing last Wednesday... It is great to have him on the team!



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Editor's Comments
The ripple effect is when an event or action has continuing and spreading consequences, far beyond the initial event. An example of this is the burst fuel line in Auckland. This had vast far reaching consequences. Commentators have us believing there should always have a spare, but the reality is we cannot afford two of everything. Now the election has been and we have our government, the decisions they make will affect all of New Zealand. It is not just large events that can have effects, one person's comment or action could be a defining moment for another or have repercussions for others. So remember that before you speak or act. On another note congratulations to Mel Cook and Barbara Kuriger on being elected and re-elected.
Phillipa Peters - Editor

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Golf News (Debbie Outman)

On Sunday 17 September we had nine couples playing in the Mixed couples Tournament.

They managed to dodge the rain and got through the round without getting wet. It started off a bit windy, but it was all a reasonable day.

Top scores for the day were John Frederickson and Sharon Joseph on 68 net tied with John and Debbie Masters. A dart board was used as the tie breaker. John and Sharon threw the lowest combined score to take the win. Well done guys!

Ingwood is Taranaki's top golf club.

The Taranaki's Top Golf Club Competition was held at Manukoriki Golf Club on Sunday 24 September.

Ingwood was represented by Peter Joseph (Senior Men), Chris Van Kooten (Int Men), John Christini (Junior Men) and Jill Evans (Open Women).

Peter Joseph took Senior Men's Individual runner up prize with 37 stableford points. John Christini won Junior Men's Individual prize with 40 points.

The Ingwood Golf Club team won the Top Club Competition outright, 1 point ahead of Westown. Well done team!



Above: Sharon Joseph and John Frederickson



Above: John Christini, Chris Van Kooten and Jill Evans

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Well the weekend came and went, and we were lucky enough to get a fine sunny Saturday, and with it, the drone of lawnmowers could be heard around the neighbourhoods. For some it was time to hit the garden, and catch up on long overdue maintenance, ready for Spring plants to fill the garden beds. The garden has begun to spring back into life. It's time to remove the last of the winter crops from the vegetable patch to make room for the new season's plants. Keep an eye out for weeds, and as soon as the soil warms up, everything - including weeds - will start to grow. Apply layers of Tui Pea Straw Mulch on areas that are going to lie bare for another month, as this will help prevent weeds from becoming established. Blend Compost and Sheep Pellets into garden beds in preparation for the upcoming growing season. If you haven't already done so, dig in green crops that you planted earlier such as mustard and lupins. These plants will rot down in a matter of weeks, adding nutrients and organic matter to the soil. Check seed trays to ensure soil is not drying out as the weather warms up, as seeds need a moist but not wet soil to germinate. Once you have planted some early Springtime crops, then apply Season Plant Tonic every 2-4 weeks which will keep your garden thriving - this seaweed based plant tonic promotes strong root growth, reduces transplant shock, improves germination rates and increases flowering and fruiting capacity. With all the wet weather, lay some Tui Quash slug and snail control to control these pests, as you don't want the snails to have the first feed of your new crops! The Garden Centre is now brimming with new season veges and flowers, so there is plenty of choice so let's do it! Happy Gardening!



Athletic News (Kevin Wackrow)

Following the recent annual meeting, the Ingwood Athletic Club's Opening Night was set down for Wednesday 18 October at 6.30pm.

There will be two nights for registrations, before the points nights start. Registration is still accepted later if the first two nights are not suitable. This season it has been decided to have coaching prior to and during Shot Put and Discus events for children. Coaching will still be available on Sunday mornings at 10.00am weather permitting. Athletics are infectious – once you start you just want to keep on going. If young children have a healthy, fit and energetic lifestyle by default, it will simply become what they know and will naturally remain part of their lives when they grow up. Combine speed with intelligence and work ethic and it has a cocktail for success, as numerous sports codes. The committee would love to see you all again and try out the new track. Become a member of one of the most successful Taranaki Athletic Clubs.

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Crop Swap (Jayne Bright)

Spring has arrived! The chooks are laying again, lots of spring flowers are blooming, and our thoughts go to sowing seed for summer and autumn harvesting. Do you have lots of surplus citrus, would you like to exchange it for something else? Come along to Crop Swap, it's your first time bring along any home grown surplus, eggs, baking, honey, fruit, veges, bunches of flowers, or anything homemade to swap, these are just a few ideas of what to bring. Come along at 10.00am to set-up have a cuppa and look at what surplus other Crop Swappers have brought along.

The next Crop Swap will be Saturday 30 September, set up: 10.00am. Swap start: 10.30am, finish around 11.30am. Gold coin donation appreciated towards Waitoriki Hall funds and cups included.

If you don't have anything to swap at the moment please still come along and see what this is all about. Contact Jayne on 756 6192 if you have questions.



New Plymouth District Council

CONGRATULATIONS MEL COOK

Congratulations to Mel Cook who has been voted in as a member of the Ingwood Community Board in the board's by-election. Mel won the by-election with 893 votes with Megan Hale receiving 841 and Michael Self 353.

Community Board By-election

As your newly elected Ingwood Community Board member, thank you very much for your votes and support.

I would like to acknowledge Megan Hale and Michael Self for standing, thereby giving us all a genuine degree of choice.

I feel privileged to be able to serve our community and am looking forward to having the opportunity to contribute positively in this civic role.


Warmest regards
Mel Cook



Community Board News (Kevin Rowan)

On behalf of the other board members, Chairman Kevin Rowan congratulates Mel Cook on his election and the board now looks forward to developing a good working relationship. It is pleasing that the Ingwood Community Board is now back to full strength after the resignation of Philip Rowe in June.

Thanks to the handy crew that turned up last Friday and spent an hour clearing rubbish from Joe Gibbs and PG Hawley's Rans, Windsor Walkway and the surrounding areas. Several bags of rubbish and recycling were collected, even a tyre! It was great to see the enthusiasm of the kids to clean up our community.





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