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TWILIGHT FUN NIGHT AT MARAETAI BEACH SCHOOL

B&T Beachlands was back supporting Maraetai Beach School's annual Twilight Fun Night. From equipment set-up, to volunteering their help on the night, Logan, James, and Daniel represented the Beachlands team.



TEE UP!

Proud to be Silver Sponsors of the 2025 Emphasis Homes Charity Golf Day. The tournament took place on Friday 14th Nov, with all team spots sold out. The grey clouds didn't dissuade anyone either! 100% of what was raised on the day went to Coastguard Maraetai and their new boat fund.



We're still offering our community printing service - for a donation in our Starship bucket we can help you with your printing and scanning needs! Since our last update, we raised over \$260 in loose change to be donated to the Starship Foundation.

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Community champion acknowledged with award



Charne Pairama (centre) was awarded for her services to youth by mental health campaigner Mike King (second from right), at a ceremony attended by her whanau (from L-R) CJ, Caitlyn and Carlos Chesnutt.

Charne Pairama is a familiar face on the local sports scene, and this month her outstanding service to young people on the Pōhutukawa Coast was recognised when she was presented with the I AM HOPE Community Hero Award.

Charne grew up in Beachlands and began coaching at just 14 years old. Since then, her community involvement has included coaching netball and touch rugby at Beachlands School and Howick College, coaching for the Pōhutukawa Coast Netball Club, founding Elementz Coast Sports Club in 2017, co-founding Elementz Motorsportz NZ, and serving on the Pōhutukawa Coast Touch Committee which runs the largest single-night touch module in New Zealand.

Charne also sponsors local youth so they can participate in sport without financial barriers and supports local initiatives through her business, Cargo Coordinators.

The I AM HOPE award ceremony was held at Te Puru Community Centre, hosted by Sport & Recreation Manager Shante Cameron and Lanessa Siteine, Secretary of the Pōhutukawa Coast Netball Club. Catering was provided by

Whitford's Lime Tree Café.

In a unique tribute, local youth were the only ones invited to take the stage, where they spoke of Charne's mentorship, encouragement and influence on their lives. Speeches were delivered by Laniea Richards, Ty Wade, Zara Dilworth, Breann Hignett-Morgan, Kyra Matson, Elijah Matson, and Charne's children Carlos and Caitlyn Chesnutt.

During the ceremony I AM HOPE founder Mike King presented Charne with a pounamu (greenstone) in recognition of her service to youth. He also acknowledged her leadership, saying: "I always judge leaders in the community by the way young people speak about them and the way they speak publicly, and you [Charne] have something very special."

"Out of the hundreds of people selected, you were an easy winner."

Charne, who normally avoids the spotlight, says she was

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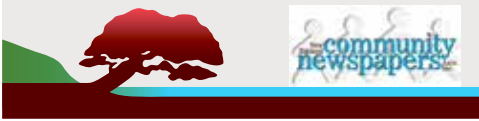
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29 Sat	2:09am	▲ 2.8m	Out
29 Sat	8:10am	▼ 0.9m	In
30 Sun	3:05am	▲ 2.8m	Out
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1 Mon	4:06am	▲ 2.8m	Out
1 Mon	10:14am	▼ 0.9m	In
2 Tue	5:09am	▲ 2.9m	Out
2 Tue	11:15am	▼ 0.8m	In
3 Wed	6:11am	▲ 3.1m	Out
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Guest editorial by Franklin Ward Councillor Andrew Baker

With the dust settling on the local body elections, normal transmission in regard to council business has quickly resumed. Congratulations to Alan Cole and Amanda Hopkins being elected as Chair and Deputy Chair of the Franklin Local Board respectively. Obviously, I know them well and have worked with them previously on the Local Board and last term so I know we will continue to work closely and positively.

Over the next year in particular there are some transformational things happening in both the delivery of infrastructure and transport so I am really privileged to have been asked by the Mayor to chair the Transport & Infrastructure Delivery Committee, which like the similar committee I chaired last term, is a committee of all councillors and has oversight and responsibility for the nearly \$4bill capital investment budget.

In 2026 the CRL will finally be completed and open for business, work will continue on the Eastern Busway and other improvements to public transport including better buses in areas where the trains do not reach and ferry services.

These changes though are costly and must meet NZTA thresholds for the 51% Government funding, meaning they can take longer to get in place due to competing priorities. The big piece of work that is going to take up a lot of my time is the proposed changes to Auckland Transport. Recently, the Mayor, myself and senior staff presented to the Transport Reform Select Committee for an hour in response to the initial Transport Reform Bill taken through Parliament. In general we support the Bill and the intent to bring political accountability to transport decision making, however do think the Bill goes a little too far in some areas such as prescribing the roles Local Boards have in transport decisions and the power of the Minister of Transport in certain things which actually removes the ability of those elected by Aucklanders to control some important things.

Using my 12 years on the Local Board and more recent time of the Board of AT, I believe Local Boards must have control over a range of things but those things should be determined by the Governing Body in consultation with Local Boards as we do for other things within Council and not through an inflexible paragraph in the legislation.

Whatever way the Government go, Local Boards and local communities will have a far greater say in what happens in many parts of the transport world in Auckland. One of the features of the change will be the creation of an Auckland Regional Transport Committee with some important responsibilities. The ARTC will have an independent Chair appointed by the Minister and Mayor and equal representation from Government and Council. I will be one of those members and am looking forward to that. Despite the rhetoric, not all is broken at AT and we now have a responsibility to ensure what comes next is an enhancement of what we have. That will ultimately be determined by the Government and final legislation. I just hope they have listened carefully and understand the risks involved.

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Coast community pitches in to raise funds for Hugo

The Coast community has shown up in full force for the Donaldson family, helping raise funds for 11-year-old Hugo Donaldson to travel to the USA to participate in a special CAR T cell therapy clinical trial to treat a rare and aggressive cancer.

Pop up art galleries, a designer clothing sale and a market day have all contributed to the kitty, and recently it was Beachlands Maraetai Rugby Club’s turn to show their support.

BMRC president James Gemmell says: “After hearing about the updated funds our mate Hugo required for treatment overseas it got me thinking what we as the local rugby club could do to help.”

Earlier this year NZ Rugby sent some All Blacks to BMRC to interact and meet with local players. While they were there, the All Blacks presented the club with two signed jerseys - a framed one for the wall, plus one other.

“I thought this could be a great thing to raffle off to generate some money for Hugo,” says James.

On the very same day, Shane from Pro Water, a sponsor of the club’s Mako Touch team, phoned with another idea: why not run one of the club’s popular community car washes and donate the proceeds? Pro Water offered to supply the water and services at no cost.

“I thought that was a brilliant idea and



Beachlands Maraetai Rugby Club members clean cars for a great cause.

we could run the raffle alongside it,” says James.

Things got even better when an anonymous donor gifted the club four signed rugby jerseys from the All Blacks, Black Ferns, Black Ferns 7s and Moana Pacifica for the club to raffle.

The donation allowed the club to retain their original AB’s jersey to auction off at the club’s fundraising golf tournament scheduled for early next year.

On Sunday 9 November club members got busy with buckets of soapy water and, along with the raffle, raised \$9,500 for Hugo.

“We’re very proud as the local rugby club to help our mate Hugo out, especially seeing kids, mums and dads, coaches and committee members working hard on a very hot day washing cars for such a great cause,” says James. “To see our whole community pitching in to help wherever they can has been nothing short

of amazing.”

When the PC Times went to print earlier this week, donors had contributed over \$400,000 via Hugo’s Give A Little fundraising page, bringing the family close to the \$500,000 they need to pay for associated medical and living costs in the USA while Hugo undergoes the funded treatment.

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Watercare headworks manager James Talbot says the programme is one of the country's biggest native planting initiatives.

“We’re progressively restoring around 2200 hectares of former forestry land in our dam catchments and planting millions of native trees.

“The Hūnua Ranges are home to some of Auckland’s most important water sources. Our four dams here supply about two thirds of the city’s drinking water, so back in 2017 we acquired the forestry right to give us more control over the activities in our catchments.”

James says forestry activities on the slopes of the catchment area make the land more vulnerable to slips, which can affect reservoir water quality.

“We really felt the impact of this during the Tasman Tempest storm in 2017, when hundreds of landslips sent clay into our water supply dams and made the water much more difficult to treat.”

While no more pines will be planted, some areas of the forest will be harvested as the existing pine trees mature. Watercare then regenerates the harvested area with natives over the planting season in winter.



Watercare operations controller Brendon Dockary (left) and headworks manager James Talbot carry out quality control checks.

“This has been our biggest planting season to date by a long way. Up until this season, we had planted around 570,000 trees in total, but no more than 300,000 in a season.

“This year we have had a far bigger area to cover – about 70 hectares – so it’s really exciting to have planted half a million trees in one push. This takes our total so far to over a million trees planted.

"The planting crew has done an

outstanding job – planting about 75,000 plants a week.”

The plants include mānuka, kanuka and a mix of other species including hebe, māhoe, karamū, makomako, tī kōuka (cabbage tree), puahou (five finger), rewarewa and kahikatea. The plants were grown from seeds eco-sourced from the existing native vegetation growing in the area, and were cultivated at a west Auckland nursery until they were ready

to go in the ground.

“This ensures we are replicating the natural state of the forest as much as possible,” says James.

The regeneration programme is expected to continue until about 2035 when the last remaining pine trees in the catchments are expected to have been harvested. The area will then be opened to the public for everyone to enjoy.

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Community champion acknowledged with I AM HOPE award



Charne Pairama received her I AM HOPE award at a celebration held at Te Puru Community Centre.

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humbled to receive the award.

“I never expected it, I was shocked when I found out. It really means a lot. You don’t always realise the impact your actions can have on others. Listening to our community youth share their experiences made me see just how much small acts of support and encouragement can shape the next generation and make a difference in

someone’s life. To know those moments of service made a difference, that is truly humbling. The award reminded me that kindness matters, support matters, and that every little thing counts. If each of us gives a little, together it becomes something big. It made me proud, grateful, and even more motivated to keep giving back.

Charne has lived in Beachlands since she was two years old, and says the Pohutukawa Coast isn’t just where she

lives - it’s home.

“This community raised me, supported me, and helped make me who I am today, so giving back feels natural. I care alot about our people, especially our tamariki and rangatahi. I love seeing them grow in confidence, have fun, make friends, and feel like they belong.”

Charne says she was lucky to have influential people in her own life who lifted her up and believed in her.

“That had a huge impact on who I am today. I want to give that same support back. Sometimes all it takes is one person believing in you when you don’t believe in yourself, and that can change everything.”

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Advice from Franklin Vets: avoiding heat stroke in dogs

- by Franklin Vets

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Prevention is far easier than treatment. People should avoid leaving their dogs in cars, even on mild days. As we get into summer, midday walks are risky. Strenuous play or running in hot, humid conditions should be avoided, and dogs should never be confined in poorly ventilated spaces such as garages or sheds.

Owners often ask when it is too hot to walk their dogs. As a general rule, exercise should be limited once temperatures exceed 25 degrees Celsius, and above 30 degrees it is unsafe for most dogs. A simple test is to place your hand on the pavement; if it is too hot to touch for five seconds, it is too hot for paws.



Some breeds are particularly vulnerable. Short-nosed breeds such as bulldogs, pugs, and boxers struggle to breathe efficiently and are at higher risk. Large breeds like labradors, golden retrievers, and German shepherds, as well as thick-coated dogs such as huskies and Malamutes, are also more susceptible. Overweight or elderly dogs are at much greater risk.

If heat stroke is suspected, immediate action is critical before coming into our clinic. Recent research now recommends rapid cooling with cold water immersion as the first and most effective step, if you can. Studies show that cooling before transport to the vet significantly improves survival. Owners should move the dog to a shaded area and immerse or soak them with cool tap water, ideally between 15 and 22 degrees. This approach is now considered the gold standard, replacing older advice that warned against cold water baths. Small amounts of cool water can be offered to drink, but vet care should be sought urgently, even if your dog appears to improve, as internal damage may already be present.

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Festivities begin at 10am with a market at the Sunkist Bay reserve, offering food, crafts and Christmas goodies perfect for early holiday shopping.

At 11am the parade will wind its way through Beachlands (see map) finishing up at Sunkist Bay. There will be awards for the best parade floats and entries.

Families are encouraged to bring picnic blankets, settle in, and enjoy a relaxed day of entertainment.

Organisers say the event wouldn’t be possible without the support of local volunteers. Anyone keen to help is invited to lend a hand - message the Pōhutukawa Coast Santa Parade on Facebook.





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Weekly events

- MONDAY**
- CASUAL BADMINTON:** ages 16+ - 7.30-9pm, Te Puru Centre, \$7. Ph:536 5360.
 - ST JOHNS YOUTH:** 6-7.30pm, St Hilda's Church, Wakelin Road.
 - CASUAL TABLE TENNIS:** 7.30-9pm. Te Puru, \$7.
 - SOCIAL TENNIS:** Adults beginners/intermediate 7-9pm Te Puru. Stephen 021 217 7587.
 - KEAS:** scouts for ages 6-8 - 5:30-6:30 Te Puru Scout Hall, tepuru@group.scouts.nz
 - CUBS:** scouts for ages 8-11 - 5:30-6:30 Te Puru Scout Hall, tepuru@group.scouts.nz
 - SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9:00-10:00 Te Puru Community Centre, \$7
 - JUMPING JUNIORS GYMNASTICS:** ages 1-4 - 11.00-11.45 Te Puru Community Centre, \$14
 - COASTAL PLAYGROUP:** 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. 9am-12pm. Bubs till 5 yrs. Sarah 022 082 6432.
- TUESDAY**
- COASTAL PLAYGROUP** 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. 9am-12pm. Bubs till 5 yrs. Sarah 022 082 6432.
 - KOKAKO VOLUNTEER DAY:** 8.15am-3.30pm, Northern Hunua Ranges. Ruth 021 950 915.
 - RUMMIKUB** 1-4pm, Te Puru Centre \$2. Bernadette 021 170 9350.
 - NATTER N STITCH** 12-3pm, Log Cabin, Sunkist Bay. Gill 021 204 6647
 - MARAETAI (LAWN) BOWLING CLUB:** 1pm, Te Pene Road. Tues, Thurs, Sat. Derek 536 4626.
 - CASUAL BADMINTON:** 9:00-10:30am, Te Puru Centre, FREE.
 - TABLE TENNIS** - 1:30pm-3:30pm, Te Puru Centre - Free
 - BASKETBALL:** All ages - 4-8pm, Te Puru Centre. Email sport@tepuru.co.nz, 027 775 5320.
 - MEN'S AND INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LADIES TENNIS:** 7-9pm, Te Puru. Stephen 021 217 7587
 - HOUSIE/BINGO** 7.30pm, Beachlands Chartered Club, \$15. Ph: 536 6233.
 - POHUTUKAWA COAST COMMUNITY CHOIR:** 7.15 - 8.45pm. pcsings@hotmail.com
 - THE GOOD KNIGHTS SOCIAL CHESS** 7:00 - 8:30pm. Beachlands Baptist Church, 59 Third View Ave. Runs fortnightly (usually 1st & 3rd Tues of the month). All ages and skill levels welcome. Contact 022 656 1154 for more info.
 - SENIOR STRENGTH & BALANCE:** 9:30-10:30 Te Puru Community Centre, \$10
 - FEVER DANCE:** Fever Line Dance Beginners, 11-12pm Te Puru Community Centre. Stomp It Out, 7-8pm Franklin Tavern. Ezabelle Els 02108439334.
 - OMANA STAMP CLUB:** 1pm. Beachlands Chartered Club, 2nd Tuesday of the month. Mike 536 5976 and Graham 536 6958.
- WEDNESDAY**
- JP SERVICE:** 5.00-6.30pm, Beachlands Library.
 - COASTAL MAINLY MUSIC** 9am-12pm, for 0-5yrs, 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. Sarah 022 082 6432.
 - SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9am \$7 Te Puru Centre.
 - CASUAL BADMINTON:** 10.15am-12.15pm, Te Puru Centre. All welcome. FREE.
 - SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9-10am, Beachlands Memorial Hall, \$12 per month (8 sessions).
 - PEST CONTROL DAY:** Southern Hunua Ranges, Ruth 021 950 915.
 - MASTERS SWIMMING:** Wed/Sat, carpool from Bchlns-Mtai. president@manukaumasters.co.nz.
 - CLEVEDON FIRESIDE BRIDGE CLUB:** 10.15am, Clevedon Anglican. Lessons avail. Pauline 299 7433.
 - MAHJONG:** 10am-12pm, Te Puru, \$2.
 - QUIZ NIGHT:** 7.30pm. Teams of up to 6, \$5pp Every second week Beachlands Chartered Club 536 6233
 - BADMINTON GAMES:** 8pm, Clevedon Hall, BYO racquet, shuttlecocks provided, \$3. Rebecca 021 1109 675
 - WORN AGAIN OP SHOP,** 9.30am-12pm, The Cottage, 5 K Bay-Orere Rd, Kawakawa Bay.
 - COASTAL TREASURES** Open Wednesday - Saturday, 10am-4pm, 41 Third View Ave, Beachlands. Donations welcome Monday, Wednesday and Saturday before 7pm at 25 Liberty Crescent (unless raining) or phone Tania on 021 644 722 for appointment.
 - CASUAL PICKLEBALL:** (FREE) 12-2pm, Te Puru Community Centre
- THURSDAY**
- GENTLE EXERCISE FUN & FRIENDSHIP FOR SENIORS 65YRS+:** \$5 per session 10am-12.00pm St Hilda's Church Hall, Wakelin Road, Beachlands. Contact Christine Bruinsma 021 133 5283.
 - LINE DANCING:** 10-11am, Beachlands Hall. Karen 021 213 6020.
 - TOY LIBRARY:** 10am-12pm, 59 Third View Ave. Can view & reserve toys online. Contact Betty Wilkings 021 492 325.
 - SCOUTS - AGES 11-15 - 6:30-8:30** Te Puru Scout Hall, tepuru@group.scouts.nz.
 - TWICE LOVED OP SHOP:** Open 10am-3pm, 104 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai.
 - S.A.Y.G.O. "STEADY AS YOU GO"** Balance and coordination class. 10.30am. Kawakawa Bay Hall. \$2 Fee for Hall Hire and donations to Age Concern and Community. Friendly, gentle exercises. Contact Ans Bloem 021 202 8371.
 - COASTAL UKES (UKELLE CLUB)** 1:30 - 2:30pm, at Log Cabin, contact Val 027 393 4999 or Jean 021 023 09043.
 - 261 FEARLESS - SOCIAL WOMEN'S RUNNING GROUP:** 10.15-11.15, all ages and abilities welcome. Te Puru Sports Fields by the playground. Term time only.
 - U3A BEACHLANDS-MARAETAI** Fourth Thursday of each month, 10am at Presbyterian Church, Jacobs Way, Maraetai. Monthly speakers, plus special interest groups. Brenda 021 777 171.
 - JUMPING JUNIORS GYMNASTICS:** ages 1-4 - 9:15-10:00 Te Puru Community Centre, \$14
 - CLUB NIGHT:** Open to everyone 6-9pm, Te Puru Community Centre
 - POHUTUKAWA COAST FRIENDSHIP CLUB (formerly Probus):** Every second Thursday of the month at the Presbyterian Church, 5 Jacobs Way, Maraetai. Secretary: Rhonda Pike 021909724
 - FEVER DANCE:** 6.30-8pm Beachlands Memorial Hall. Country Swing 6.30pm, Line Dance Beginners 7pm, Line Dance Intermediate.7.30pm. Ezabelle Els 02108439334.
- FRIDAY**
- SENIOR CIRCUIT:** 9-10am Te Puru Centre, \$7 casual, \$60 concession card (10 sessions) Ph 536 5360.
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 - COTTAGE CAFE** 10am-12pm, K Bay, 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, free coffee + food, company.
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 - COAST YOUTH:** 6:30-8:30pm, Beachlands Baptist Church, 59 Third View Ave. Anyone in intermediate or high school welcome. Contact Majella 021 079 3117 for more info.
 - CLEVEDON ART GROUP:** Meets weekly 10-12 noon. Clevedon Sports Centre, 65 Monument Road. New members, beginners or advanced most welcome. Phone Marian 027 296 3827 or Gerri 022 414 0449.
 - FOODTOGETHER POP-UP SHOP** 2pm – 4pm, Beachlands Baptist Church, 59 Third View Ave. Grab a \$15 bag of seasonal, fresh fruit & veg at this community pop-up. We'd love to see you there. Pre-order at foodtogether.co.nz or pop in to pick your own. Contact Meg 021 887 902 for more info.
 - CASUAL PICKLEBALL:** (\$7) 10.30am-12pm, Te Puru Community Centre
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- SUNDAY**
- TOY LIBRARY:** 12pm-1pm, 59 Third View Ave. Can view & reserve toys online. Contact Betty Wilkings 021 492 325.

CHECK OUT OUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR ONLINE:
pctimes.co.nz/community-calendar



COP SHOP NEWS



- by Clevedon Community Constable
Lauren Dalley

Reporting

We all know to call 111 in an emergency, but it's come to my attention that there's sometimes confusion about what to do when something is important and needs Police attention - but isn't necessarily an emergency. Please remember that these types of incidents can also be reported online.

A good rule of thumb:

- If it's happening now, call 111.

- If it's already happened, use 105.
- 105 incidents can be reported online, which can save you time. Go to 105.police.govt.nz or you can call 105.

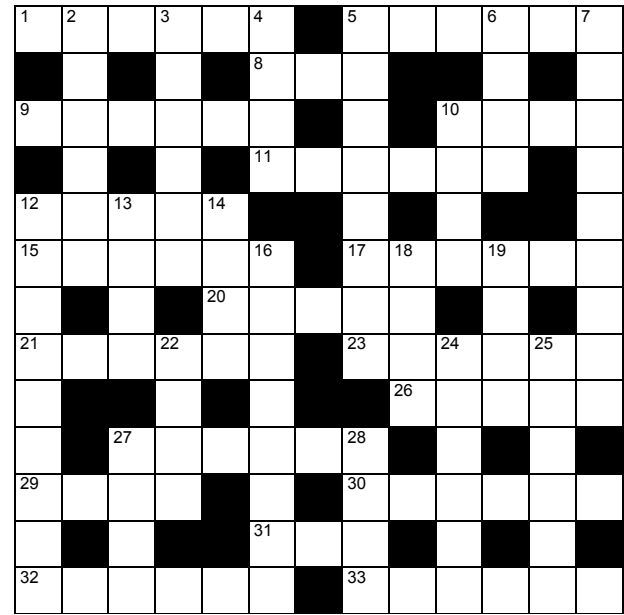
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With the rise of courier deliveries over the Christmas period, please consider preventative measures to keep your packages safe:

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- Across**

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 - 9. Laughingstock (6)
 - 10. String up (4)
 - 11. Indian hut (6)
 - 12. Player (5)
 - 15. Swathe (6)
 - 17. National song (6)
 - 20. Spicy sauce (5)
 - 21. Foot ornament (6)
 - 23. Boil gently (6)
 - 26. Become invalid (5)
 - 27. Belt pouch (6)
 - 29. Enthusiastic (4)
 - 30. Haphazard (6)
 - 31. Travel over snow (3)
 - 32. Highest singing voice (6)
 - 33. Sinlessness (6)
- Down**

 - 2. Affix (6)
 - 3. Jinx (6)
 - 4. Fret (4)
 - 5. Small telescope (8)
 - 6. Fabric join (4)
 - 7. Deeply upsetting situation (9)
 - 10. Pull up (4)
 - 12. Aggressor (9)
 - 13. Hike (4)
 - 14. Trick (4)
 - 16. Stored information (8)
 - 18. Pin (4)
 - 19. Bulge (4)
 - 22. Noisy (4)
 - 24. Style (6)
 - 25. Accompany (6)
 - 27. Chomp (4)
 - 28. Take hold of (4)
- Answers on page 10



Student Voice

LOCAL STUDENTS' NEWS, VIEWS & LITERARY TALENT

This column features news, views and literary talents of students from Beachlands, Maraetai, Clevedon, Brookby, Hunua, Paparimu, Orere and Ardmore Schools.

One student featured each week will be presented with a certificate and a \$20 book voucher, thanks to Barfoot & Thompson's Beachlands and Whitford branches.

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As I wandered through a quiet place, I felt the earth beneath my feet. I felt a soft breeze brush past my cheek, it wasn't hot nor cold, it felt just right.

I entered a beautiful valley, filled with flowers and insects of all different kinds. A river is in sight just past a cluster of trees, I find myself walking towards it. I don't know why but it feels right, like in a way it's my destiny.

As I near the river everything feels calmer, I can hear birds softly chirping a beautiful melody, I hear the river splashing against stones. It's peaceful here, I wish I could stay forever but I must return home, but I will return one day soon.

I start walking away from the gorgeous river and beautiful valley, looking back at it once more before making the journey back to my home. I enter the city, cars beeping and people yelling, it's a lot different than my quiet place, but it's home.

- by Sydney East, Year 8, Ardmore School

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