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27 June 2025

Hūnua School ramps up plans for 150th anniversary celebration



From left: Hūnua School principal Mark Drummond, Cooper Millar, Annie Burnie, Harper White and Ruby Frost are gearing up for the school's 150th anniversary.

Excitement is building amongst staff and students as Hūnua School prepares to mark its 150th anniversary on 27 and 28 March 2026.

Established in 1875, Hūnua School has grown from a small country schoolhouse into a modern place of learning, connection and environmental awareness. The school's strong community ties will be honoured throughout the 150th celebrations, and current students admit that for them, it's all about the people.

Year 8 student Annie Burnie says she is excited to see older students return to the school for the celebrations. Fellow students Cooper Miller, Ruby Frost and Harper White agree, saying they look forward to catching up with older siblings of their friends, who have moved on to secondary school.

The anniversary weekend will feature a range of events.

A formal ceremony on Friday 27 March will include school tours and an opportunity to reconnect with others over nibbles and drinks, entertained by the school's kapa haka and choir groups, and "hopefully a local band", according to principal Mark Drummond.

On Saturday 28 March the school's PTA will host a Gala Day with a range of fun attractions.

Mark Drummond suggests attendees catch up with old friends at local restaurants and vineyards throughout the weekend, and on Sunday 29 March.

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Guest editorial

by MP for Papakura Rt Hon Judith Collins

Youth Parliament 2025

I am pleased to announce that Ryan Higgins from Opaheke has been appointed and confirmed as my youth Member of Parliament for this year. His tenure started on 28 April 2025 and it will end on 29 August 2025. He will spend three days in Youth Parliament in Wellington hosted by the Ministry of Youth Development.

Youth Parliament is an incredible opportunity and I know Ryan will make the most of his time at Parliament. One of the things I want to emphasise is that being an MP is first and foremost about being a representative. Ryan will be encouraged to engage with peers and others in our community and to find out their views particularly on the topics to be discussed at Youth Parliament 2025. Ryan will also get the opportunity to present a debate in the House on the final day.

Mill Road is back on track

I am very excited to report that I was with Minister of Transport Chris Bishop when he announced the launch of the Stage 1 plan for Mill Road at a low-key event near where the major upgrade will start in Redoubt Road. For me, this has been a 20-year journey and Mill Road is something I have advocated for strongly and it is wonderful that it is going ahead now.

Together with former Transport Minister Simeon Brown who began the Roads of National Significance (RoNS) programme and local Takaanini MP for National Rima Nakhle, we heard the welcome news for Auckland south. We were accompanied by Kathryn King Regional Manager System Design and Steve Mutton Director of Regional Relationships of New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA). Jointly, they are responsible for the planning and all the pre-contract work needed for the expansion of Mill Road in the three stages that are needed for this sizeable project.

The road is one of 17 RoNS this Government is progressing, and the NZTA Board’s endorsement of the investment case and approval of design and consent funding for Stage 1, is a direct result of our Government’s focus on streamlining the business case process and getting projects into delivery faster.

Mill Road will become a four lane (general traffic) corridor including a westbound bus lane at the northern end with two new and six upgraded intersections between SH1 interchange and Murphys Road. The design includes three new roundabouts and new bridges across Puhinui Creek and Cheesman’s Bush.

The existing Mill Road, south of Redoubt Road, will become a shared path and property access road.

Once completion of the design and technical work based on previous planning for construction is done, the work should begin mid-2026.

Mill Road Stage 1 covers a range of different environments from highly urban, through to rural areas, as well as locations that require more technical assessments to determine the most appropriate design and construction methods.

Delivering Mill Road Stage 1 will provide substantial benefits to all vehicle drivers, including a 30 per cent reduction in congestion on the corridor, 25 per cent faster journey times and an over 60 per cent reduction in crashes causing deaths and serious injuries, by 2031.

King’s Birthday Honours

My congratulations to all who received Kings Birthday Honours on the long weekend in June. In the Papakura electorate we acknowledge Richard Balcombe-Langridge of Brookby who received an ONZM for his services to business, transport, hospitality, environment restoration and support for community causes.

It is wonderful to acknowledge people who go far beyond the ordinary, beyond their paid work to volunteer their skills and help to benefit and support our families and communities across New Zealand. My thanks to the many people who do this whether they receive formal recognition or not.


All the best for the school holidays, Judith

Hon Judith Collins KC

MP for Papakura

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28 Sat		3:03am ▼ 0.7m	9:25am ▲ 3.3m	
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30 Mon		4:46am ▼ 0.7m	11:04am ▲ 3.1m	
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Hunua School ramps up plans for 150th anniversary celebration

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Mark says that the school’s demographic has changed over the past few decades. Previously a rural school for farming families, the school roll is now filled by a combination of local residents, lifestyle block owners and students who travel from Papakura.

The welcoming of Papakura students has led to the school forming a closer relationship with Papakura Marae, which will be involved in the celebrations, along with local iwi Ngāti Tamaoho.

The 150th event is being organised by half a dozen local volunteers, led by Richard Nelson, who are meeting monthly to progress plans. They will soon be asking people to register their attendance, so they can get an idea of numbers.

In the meantime anyone wanting further information or to register their interest can contact the school or email 150th@hunua.school.nz.

Leave nesting birds alone, says park neighbour

A family living near Constellation Park on Intrepid Crescent, Beachlands has issued a plea to children visiting the park.

Every year the same family of plover birds nest in the grass at the park, with the female sitting on her nesting patch on the grass and the male standing guard like a watch dog.

“Kids being kids love to run towards the female and wait for the male to attack them,” says the resident (name withheld).

While this behaviour is frightening to the birds, there could also be risks to the children, the resident says.

“With constant aggravation they can easily take an eye out.”

Parents are encouraged to speak to their children about the importance of leaving the birds alone while they are nesting.

Knots of trouble: rope debris concerns locals

Over the past few years Ōrere Point residents have noticed pieces of black nylon knitted rope washing ashore on their beach, and now they believe the level of debris may be escalating.

Over the past six weeks Ōrere Point Dotterels group members collected over 150 bits of knotted rope, as well as a bucket full of nylon rope in varying degrees of degradation, often entangled in recreational fishing line and seaweed.

“We never really thought about the mussel farms being the source,” says an Ōrere Point Dotterels spokesperson. “But northerly swells are bringing more rope into our area, and it has raised concern about practices aboard the mussel barges while harvesting and cutting these ropes. We would hate to think about how many more are on our marine seabed. It’s very sad for our ecosystem and shorebirds.”

The group says Ōrere locals work hard to keep their beach clean and safe for various species of shorebirds and marine animals, and that they would like to see assurance from mussel farms that better practices will be used in future.

Ponui Aquaculture, which farms mussels in Tīkapa Moana/the Hauraki Gulf, says it is aware says it is aware of debris from fishing and marine farming practices across Tīkapa Moana, and that it can be carried by currents from all over the moana.



Ōrere Point residents say rope from commercial aquaculture is washing up on their beach.

Pōnui Aquaculture spokesperson Jada MacFie says the business runs two beach cleanup days per season to help remove debris from the ecosystem.

“Weather permitting, the farms are inspected frequently and regularly, and only extreme weather events have caused floats to be lost and subsequently retrieved

within days,” says Jada.

More environmentally sustainable mussel farming practices are on the horizon, she says.

“As part of the iwi-led mussel reef restoration work we are undertaking in partnership with Revive our Gulf, we are researching natural fibres for taura, as well as recycled or sustainable products.”

Companionship with heart

For many older adults living alone the days can stretch long and quiet, especially when mobility, driving, or independence become more difficult. While family members have the best intentions to pop in regularly, the reality of full-time work, parenting and week-end chores often leaves little time for regular visits.

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Clevedon equestrian wins young coach of the year award

Clevedon’s Hayley Newington has been named the North Island Young Coach of the Year by the New Zealand Pony Club Association, an honour she says came as a total surprise.

“I was not at all expecting to win this award,” she says. “There are so many talented and dedicated young coaches out there, so to be recognised is a huge honour.”

Nineteen-year-old Hayley’s coaching journey began informally, helping younger riders learn the ropes on her own ponies once she’d outgrown them. She later took part in an Auckland Area Pony Club coaching course and began leading rallies while working toward her A certificate.

She says Clevedon Pony Club holds a special place in her coaching journey.

“This season, the club has had a really great group of parents and riders. Everyone comes to rally with a positive attitude, and the riders are highly motivated to learn everything they can. The grounds at Clevedon are also lovely, with all weather dressage arenas and a rolling cross country course, it provides a great setting for organising and coaching at rallies.”

Clevedon Pony Club has been like a second home for Hayley over the years, and she says the club has provided her with lifelong friendships.

Hayley will take up a new role as head coach at Ardmore Pony Club next season. She will also continue showjumping her thoroughbred ex-racehorse and training



North Island Junior Coach of the Year Hayley Newington, pictured with one of the wild Kaimanawa ponies she rescued and is currently training.

the two wild Kaimanawa ponies she has rehomed from the annual musters.

It is hard to imagine that Hayley has time for anything else, but she is also

part way towards completing a degree in Biomedical Science at the University of Auckland.

For Hayley, the real reward of coaching

is seeing young riders grow in confidence, skill, and compassion. “I love being able to instill values so they become thoughtful riders who always put their horse first.”

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Our vet diagnosed a torn cruciate ligament in his knee - an injury that causes instability and significant pain. To fix this, Cash needed a specialised procedure called a TPLO, performed by Dr. Paul Eason at our Pukekohe clinic. Rather than replacing the torn ligament, this surgery stabilises the knee by altering the shape and angle of the tibia bone.

Following a successful surgery, Cash returned for several follow-up visits to manage his pain and swelling. Our team, together with his loving owner, worked hard to keep him calm and comfortable during his recovery. Thanks to their care and Cash's gentle nature, he's healing beautifully.

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SPORTS

Tennis Club serves up trophies at end of season prizegiving

Maraetai Tennis Club has officially wrapped up another successful and exciting season.

With strong turnout across all age groups and skill levels, the club saw a record number of participants this year, from beginners picking up a racquet for the first time to seasoned players competing in the club’s competitive grades.

Highlights of the season included weekly social matches, junior development programmes, and the annual Club Championship which brought everyone together for a fun-filled weekend of top-notch tennis and sportsmanship.

The club says it extends heartfelt thanks to generous sponsors Mitre10 and Pub Charity, whose continued support helps fund court maintenance, coaching programmes and match balls.

Next on the club’s project list is the replacement of the court turf. If anyone is interested in sponsorship opportunities please contact the club.

As the courts quiet down for the off-season, the club looks forward to building on the momentum and welcoming even more players at their Open Day in September. New members are always welcome.

For more information, visit www.maraetaitennis.co.nz

MARAETAI TENNIS CLUB CHAMPS 2025

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- Most Improved Junior – Leo Kokorin
- Merit Intermediate Boys – Owen Bridge
- Merit Intermediate Girls – Hazel Powley
- Sportsmanship of the Year – Nikau Powley

Junior Club Champs

Under 12 Years

- Boys Club Champion – Leo Wynard
- Open Doubles Club Champions – Leo Wynard & Owen Bridge

Under 15 Years

- Boys Club Champion – Devin Marshall
- Girls Club Champion – Amy Coetzee
- Open Doubles Club Champions – Logan Marshall & Devin Marshall

Under 18 Years

- Open Doubles Club Champs – Elliot Edwards & Philip Deidricks

Senior Club Champs

- Mens Singles – Rob Forrest
- Mens Doubles – Anthony Schomaker & Toby Bridge
- Ladies Singles – Anelize Usher
- Ladies Doubles – Kim Jones & Lisa Cosford
- Mixed Doubles – Anthony Schomaker & Lisa Cosford



Merit Intermediate Boys trophy winner Owen Bridge (right) with club president Toby Bridge.



Mens Singles Champs winner Rob Forrest (right) with club president Toby Bridge.



Girls Club Champ winner Amy Coetzee (right) with club president Toby Bridge.

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SPORTS

Beachlands Maraetai Football Club



RESULTS FROM 21-22 JUNE

Lions v NRF Legends DIV 1, 2-1
Legionnaires v NRF Veterans Div 3, 1-2

Clevedon Football Club



RESULTS FROM 21 JUNE

Chaos U5 POD Briar Gillson
Cheetahs U6 POD Dylan Nurse, Merit Award Reo Martin
Cannons U6 POD Archie Inverarity, Merit Award Blake Dumper
Comets U7 POD Arthur Nielsen Vickers, Merit Award Lachlan Elstob
Chasers U7 POD Hugo Bull, Merit Award Stella Barrington



Above: Dylan Nurse and Reo Martin



Above: Briar Gillson



Above: Arthur Nielson Vickers and Lachlan Elstob

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"We also want to give a huge shout out to our local Clevedon community, your support, feedback, and friendly faces are what keep us inspired every day."

Hayley says that being recognised alongside so many hospitality legends across Aotearoa was an absolute thrill.

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Community Calendar

Listings in our Community Calendar are free. Activities must be not-for-profit and have a community focus. For listings, email info@pctimes.co.nz - include activity, day of week, time, venue and contact details.

Weekly events

MONDAY

- CASUAL BADMINTON:** 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, \$6
- JUMPING JUNIORS GYMNASTICS:** ages 1-4 - 11.00-11.45 Te Puru Community Centre, \$14

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:** 9:30-11:30am, Te Puru Centre, FREE.
- TABLE TENNIS** - 1:30pm-3:30pm, Te Puru Centre - Free
- BASKETBALL:** All ages, 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 \$6 Te Puru Centre.
- CASUAL BADMINTON:** 10am-12pm, Te Puru Centre. All welcome. FREE.
- SENIOR STRETCH & STRENGTH:** 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 BchInds-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.

THURSDAY

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- 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 5:30-9.30pm, 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.
- SENIOR STRETCH & STRENGTH:** 9-10am, Beachlands Memorial Hall, \$12 per month (8 sessions).
- COTTAGE CAFE** 10am-12pm, K Bay, 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, free coffee + food, company.
- WORN AGAIN OP SHOP,** 9.30am-12pm, The Cottage, 5 K Bay-Orere Rd, Kawakawa Bay.
- TWICE LOVED OP SHOP:** Open 10am-3pm, 104 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai.
- 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.

SATURDAY

- WORN AGAIN OP SHOP,** 9.30am-12pm, The Cottage, 5 K Bay-Orere Rd, Kawakawa Bay.
- TWICE LOVED OP SHOP:** Open 10am-3pm, 104 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai.

SUNDAY

- TOY LIBRARY:** 12pm-1pm, 59 Third View Ave. Can view & reserve toys online. Contact Betty Wilkings 021 492 325.

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12. Raised, rounded mass (4)
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15. Carved religious figure (6)
17. Holiday destination (6)
20. Platform (4)
22. Female pronoun (3)
23. Clumsy person (4)
24. Fervent (6)
25. An omen (6)
29. Cause of delay (6)
31. Tug (4)
32. Display malicious satisfaction (5)
33. Cuddle up (6)
34. Dirty (4)
35. Infuriated (5)

Down

1. Hidden store (5)
2. Hitch a ride (5)
4. Ruled (5)
5. Trumpet call (7)
6. Insect (4)
7. Malice (7)
8. Refuse to buy as a protest (7)
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26. Titan (5)
27. Rude, coarse or brutish person (5)
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30. Mottled citrus fruit (4)


Answers on page 14

BARFOOT THOMPSON & 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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Mysteries and Marvels of Ancient Egypt

3150 BC Ancient Egypt thrived as a civilization. Now, 5175 years later, archaeologists scrambled to uncover the secrets and mysteries the scorching desert leaves behind. I will dive into the facts about Pharaohs, a female queen you all will know, the disgustingly interesting process of mummification and the pyramids which house golden riches. Now let's start off at the characters of importance as Egypt wouldn't be history without its leaders.

The Living Gods of Ancient Egypt

170 Pharaohs lived in a world of ancient Egypt, ruling of power and influence over the Egyptian people. The first Pharaoh ever was Narmer and although there were other kings, Narmer united all of Egypt as a whole, marking him as the first pharaoh in his time. Pharaohs are commonly referred to as living gods, meaning they were intermediaries between the Egyptian people and gods. Some scientists also saw them as messengers between gods and people making the Pharaohs more influential. Influence played a big role for the Pharaohs and their people, meaning they gained tremendous amounts of wealth over the years. Pharaohs also gained power and when they died, all the power would be passed onto his or her child. Disgusting enough, Pharaohs commonly pursued marriages with their relatives to ensure the royal bloodline was pure. Pharaohs are commonly male, but there is one legendary female icon.

- by Annie Burnie, Year 8, Hūnua School [abridged]

Why it’s important to tackle pest plants

[Over the coming months the PC Times will publish a series of articles focusing on local environmental issues, written by Year 10 student Eleanor Vogel who is undertaking this project as part of her Duke of Edinburgh qualifications.]

In New Zealand, we love our flora and fauna. But are we doing enough to protect it? While it is very important to trap pest animals, there is also another growing threat: pest plants.

Pest plants are non-native, invasive species that grow aggressively and spread quickly, often overwhelming native plants while disrupting ecosystems. Pest plants include all types; climbing/smothering plants, groundcover/shrubs, trees and coastal invasive plants.

When pest plants are introduced to an ecosystem, they will harm the native plants either by smothering or by soaking up nitrogen, phosphorus, and other essential nutrients from the soil and starving the native plants around them to death. We can even see the impact of this in our gardens - for example, moth plants. They will smother feijoa trees, young manuka, flax and more.

These pest plants don’t only affect others of their kind though - they also affect native animals in the area. As they replace the vegetation, they are also replacing homes for weta, geckos and birds, leaving these species very little time to adapt. Piwakawaka rely on dense native shrubs to nest, but without these they are left exposed to predators and the weather. With little time to change their habits, they are often left without a home.

So, what can we do? To start, we can learn to identify pest plants. Once we know this, we can remove them from our gardens to help stop them spreading and encourage the growth of native plants. We can also join local weeding days to help stop them in the forests. Websites like weedbusters.org.nz provide great guides for beginners. Every pest plant we remove is one step closer to protecting New Zealand’s unique natural environment.

A common pest plant in New Zealand backyards is the moth plant. Here is a step-by-step guide on how to get rid of it. You don’t have to take the entire weed out, which is a common misconception, all you need to do is follow these simple steps: Find the tap root (main root of the plant), and snip it.

Remove all seed pods (if any), place them in a plastic bag and throw them in the rubbish. Paint the tap-root cut with weed gel to ensure that it doesn’t grow again.

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Franklin Local Board additional meeting

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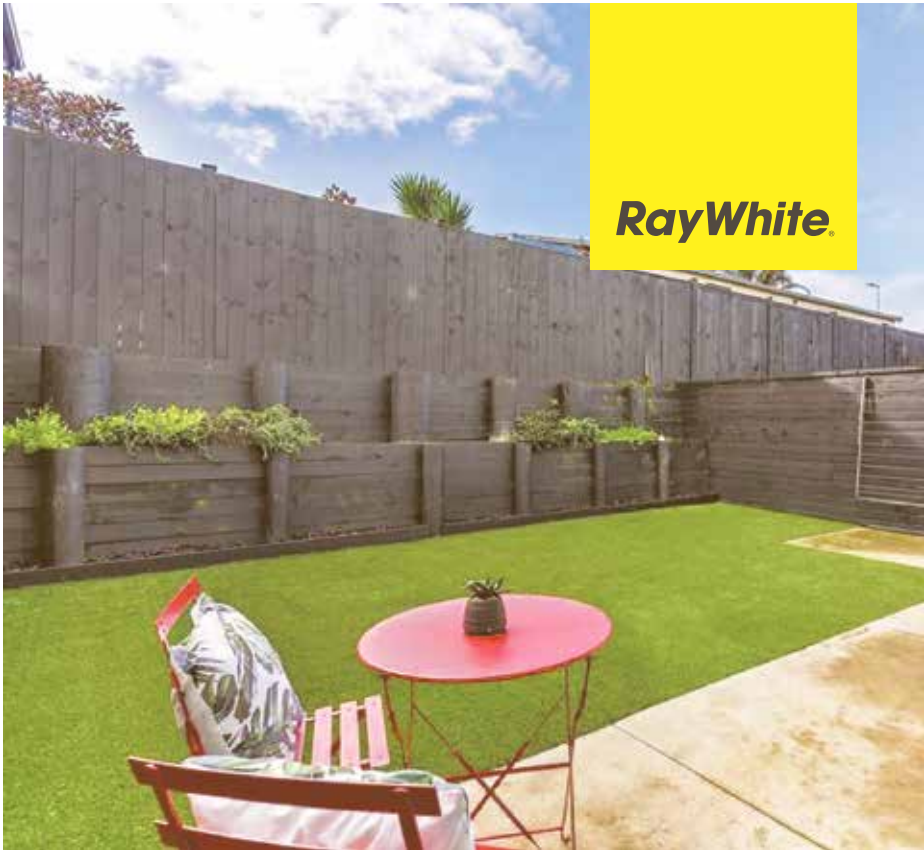
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