

THIS WEEK
4 page issue!

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Use the letters to make 4+ letter words

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Barry's answers online, under "issues"

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Best competition yet!

Recently, Hikua School ran its annual fundraising event and organisers are calling it their "most successful year yet". Despite the less than ideal weather, the weekend hunting competition drew an impressive catch total, and raised just under \$14,000 for the kura.

Co-organiser, Stacey Clarke said, "The Competition attracted 161 adult and 126 child entries, a fantastic number of entrants. Despite challenging weather conditions, including 100mm of rain in Hikua on Saturday night, the community showed unwavering support, with participants braving the

elements to weigh in their catches on Sunday.

"The competition featured impressive results, with 41 pigs, totalling 1,799.91kg, 115 snapper weighed in, and 239 critters (rabbits, magpies, possums and hares) in the kids' section.

"The event also included a lively lolly scramble and a prizegiving ceremony that brought smiles to many faces. Attendees enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Hunt's Homekill, supported by Tairua Four Square, creating a warm and festive atmosphere."

Acknowledging that the event could not have been successful without help, Stacey



Photo: facebook.com

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said, "A massive thank you goes out to all our sponsors, volunteers, and entrants for their support. Special thanks to Sarah Waters and Kristy Ralls for their time, effort, and exceptional organisation."

Stacey, we reckon you deserve a bucket load of thanks too!

The funds have been tagged for relining the school's pool, "ensuring that future generations can enjoy this vital community resource."

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Short & Sweet

Tairua Focus Club has stimulating speakers, interesting trips and regular movie outings, and members are keen to see more people join the club. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month, 10am – midday at Tairua Bowling Club. There are two speakers at each meeting and time to make new friends at the morning tea break. It is a friendly club and welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds. For more information contact Jennie, 0210 226 5066.

With school holidays starting next week Tairua Library has another holiday programme ready to occupy the children. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of both weeks, the Library will be offering creative 'under the sea' activities to inform and entertain. These include playdough, finger puppets, hacky sacks, slime, snow globes and a scavenger hunt! During the holidays the Library's 'escape room' will be featuring "Spongebob's Rescue Mission." The escape room activity is suitable for 7 years and up. Bookings are essential so book your slot by calling 07 864 7960 or emailing tairualibrary@tcdd.govt.nz.

Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency) recently sought feedback on speed limits on SH25/SH25A from various sources on the Coromandel. When SH25A was unusable, the speed limits were temporarily lowered to accommodate the increased traffic using SH25. Once SH25A opened again, the temporary speed limits on SH25 were removed, with the exception of SH25A which was kept at 80km/h due to on-going safety concerns. Despite some folk suggesting 100km/h be reinstated, the 80km/h limit will remain.

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Butterflies a winter delight

For a couple of months now we have been hearing animated conversations about the clouds of Monarch butterflies to be seen in and around the entrance to the Tairua Golf and Country Club on Main Road. Local resident, Margaret Wallace has visited the shop and encouraged us to go take a look. On a sunny morning the other week I did!

What a delight! There were hundreds of the butterflies flying around the large trees and shrubs in the gardens adjacent the Golf Club entrance. Hundreds more appeared to be basking in the sun which, you have to say, has great appeal at this time of year!

Living in a neighbourhood that has been encouraged by local lepidopterist, John Fanshawe, to cultivate swan plants to encourage Monarch caterpillars, my knowledge of the Monarch butterfly has largely been focussed on caterpillars and chrysalises. Obviously a little research was required. Learn with me.

The phenomenon we are currently observing in the butterfly behaviour is called

“overwintering”. Monarch butterflies (*Danaus plexippus*) overwinter in large trees throughout the country. As winter approaches, falling temperatures and shorter day-length trigger adult butterflies to go into ‘diapause’. In this state they are sexually mature but don’t breed until spring. They gather in large colonies in mature trees, mostly motionless conserving their energy, to wait out the winter. It is thought that they leave pheromones behind in trees with oily leaves or needles such as macrocarpa, pine, and pohutukawa. They may emerge on sunny days when they are sufficiently warm to look for nectar and water (dew) nearby. And this is what is going on at the Golf Club!

Margaret says they are most active in this area in the mornings, when the sun shines directly on their overwintering spot. She also remarked that the phenomenon has attracted many visitors to view them. If you are going to check them out, please remember that you are on private property and don’t get too close to them.



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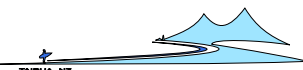
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