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Newsletter for the Northern Coromandel

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Colville locals Anne and Josephine enjoy the festivities at this years Coro Summer Fest.

To see more photos from this event, see page 13..

Kia ora Colville community, what a lovely summer it's been! And now the intensity of the days surrounding summer solstice have begun to settle. Soon we will enter the dreamy days of autumn in which the earth shows its true abundance. On February 1st, is the Celtic seasonal celebration known as 'Lammas', from 'loaf-mas', the time of the harvesting of the first grains to be baked into a loaf of bread. May your harvest be plentiful! In Aotearoa NZ, on the 6th of February we commemorate the signing of Te Tiriti in 1840. See page 4 for an event relating to this momentous day.

PĀNUI NOTICE

If you'd like to be part of the reminder list for all contributions, then email us at panui@colvillejunction.co.nz

Brooke, Pānui Editor



Guidelines for contributions

Send us your community news, notices, events, advertisements, job openings, stories, jokes, tips, and artwork. They may not always be used, and they may be edited for clarity and space. Please send in Word or Open Office (not PDFs), or post/drop contributions into CJ.

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Colville Tiny Library Librarian—Tony Wasley 021 023 01876 Kiaora koutou,

Wow, *Colville Junction* has only been open for a couple of days as I write this and yet we're already feeling in the hum of activity in Colville. The *Colville Store* is looking beautiful with lovely flowering plants outside, some fresh paint and of course the beautiful new mural. I would like to mihi to Briar and Anna van Dort for their vision with the *Colville Creative Pop-up*. And of course, we were so fortunate to receive funding

from *Creative NZ* to make that vision a reality (and support from *CILT* who have provided funding from *Manatū Taonga* for two of the workshops). A shout out to all the staff at *Colville Junction* that helped make that vision a reality – particularly our Nicole who does so much behind the scenes. As I mentioned last year,

we've sadly said goodbye to Briar but we are very fortunate to welcome Teuane Tibbo and Peridot Mawson as the new project coordinators (see page 5). Teuane has been doing an amazing job as the coordinator of the monthly crafternoons and Peridot coordinates the *Moehau Clay Club*. The *Creative Pop-up* will start again on 22 February with the first Crafternoon tea session (see page 7).

You will soon see our posters and brochures around for the *Colville SafeKids* campaign too. We hope to have a new notice board and sign for *Colville Junction* out soon too!

Youth Group is returning again this term, activities yet to be confirmed – please look out for a notice through the school. Thank you to all our whānau members who volunteer to support this—we couldn't do it without you. If you're home schooling in the area please contact us if you would like your kids to participate.

We are very fortunate to have Moea Armstrong back again this year delivering a workshop on Te Tiriti, this is free so do let us know if you're interested in attending – see page 4 for more information. This will be

our second year with Waitangi Day as a national holiday on 6 February – commemorating

184 years since signing.

Larisa Webb, Colville Junction



TE TIRITI O WAITANGI WORKSHOP

Friday March 22, 2024 9AM - 4PM At the Colville Public Hall



The training will cover historical context, current context and issues implementing Te Tiriti. It is facilitated by Moea Armstrong.

Free to attend, however spaces are limited.

Registration is essential.

To register please contact: communityworker@colvillejunction.co.nz 07 8666 920



Cofville Creative



Kia ora community,

We are Teuane Tibbo and Peridot Mawson and we are taking over from the lovely Briar as the coordinators of the Colville Creative Pop-up. For those who don't know, this is a pop up art space at the Colville cafe, every Thursday from 9-3, a place for us to gather and work on our art, craft, writing etc. There's lots of laughs, free tea and coffee (and maybe even a bikkie or two!). We'll also have Teuane's Crafternoon tea on the first Thursday of the month, (Feb crafternoon is delayed till the third Thursday, which is 22 Feb) plus other exciting workshops throughout the next few months. We look forward



- Teuane & Peridot

Kia Ora Colville,

We hope everyone has had a happy and safe new year!



Firstly, we would like to acknowledge the *Health Trust* on your hard efforts for keeping the grounds looking tidy. The place is looking great.

Secondly, Colville Community

Health Centre wants to remind

people of our operating hours.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday's 8.30 am - 4.30 pm.

Outside of these operating days, Coromandel Family Health is able to assist.

Our rural afterhours service is reachable evenings and weekends by phoning the clinic number:

07 866 6618 or alternatively you can phone 0800 2 KA ORA (0800 2 52 672)

If you haven't logged into the *MyIndici* app please speak to reception about signing up.

This is also a great opportunity to update your details.

E hiahia ana koe i te raumati koa

Coromandel Family Health



Hello everyone,

I hope you all have been enjoying the glorious sunshine we have had. It has certainly made for a wonderful

summer so far with lots of visitors coming to enjoy what Colville and beyond have to offer.



A huge thank you to Colville Junction and to all involved in getting the generator installed at the Colville Community Health Centre. The Gener-



ator was 1 of 3 purchased for the commuvou! * nity through funding Colville Junction

received from the Ministry for Primary Industries. The installation of the generator means that the Colville Community Health Centre can continue to operate if there is a power outage which is essential for our community.

The Coromandel Family Health team are here on Monday, Wednesday & Friday each week, 9am -**4.30pm.** If you have previously used 'Manage my Health' talk to the team about MyIndici, an online tool where you can access results, request repeat prescriptions and make appointments.

You can call on the original Clinic number 07 866 6618.

We had a very successful F.A.S.T training with the Students & Staff at Colville School presented by Dr Kate, Jay and Sammy along with St John team members. The students worked on presentations that delivered the F.A.S.T message and there were some excellent posters and videos presented at the Schools end of year celebration where the F.A.S.T message was delivered to Whanau and friends. Thank you to the Stroke Foundation for their support in this.



The F.A.S.T. campaign encourages everyone to learn the key signs of stroke and to think F.A.S.T. act fast and look out for each other by calling 111 if they suspect a stroke. Prompt action can save lives - as well as improve recovery.

- Colville Community Health Team





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Community Connections Collaboration

Mahamudra Centre Update



Hello Colville,

You may have seen our signs out front saying we have a retreat in progress and that we aren't offering accommodation. Some of you may think this means we are closed.

We are currently offering space for those wishing to do solitary retreat. We have two people who are here long term to work on their practice and others coming in for shorter stays. So the centre is more quiet and not as accessible to the public.

But you are welcome to come and walk around the Stupa anytime. It can be a really beneficial practice to walk around the stupa to help clear your mind. The stupa is the symbol of the fully enlightened mind, which resides in all of us.

In keeping with my tradition of sharing from the 16 Guidelines for a Happy Life, this month I'd like to share about Forgiveness. Forgiveness is the capacity to reclaim our peace of mind when something has happened to disturb us. Forgiving is not the same as forgetting. It does not mean that we gloss over the harm that has taken place or pretend that it never a happened.

Forgiveness is an internal journey of freeing ourselves from the clutches of resentment, anger, and grudges. It's about creating a space within us where understanding and love can flourish, not just for others but also for ourselves. Forgiving can set you free.

So let us ponder on how we can embody this beautiful virtue. How can forgiveness manifest in our daily interactions? How can it rebuild relationships, or make our emotional life less complicated? Take a moment to consider one person or situation where you can apply forgiveness this month. The act may be small, but its impact can be life changing.

Big love from the whole team and Mahamudra.

- Beth Pearsall



A monarch caterpillar (Danaus plexippus) begins to work on its chrysalis.



Energy and Dedication On-Site at The Colville Project

Despite *The Colville Project (TCP)* officially taking some time off over the summer, with the generous assistance of our small but powerful community, we have collectively started to get our hands dirty.

January saw us commencing our on-site weed control journey. This was enabled by the 'cashing-in' of two long -standing offers of support from members of our wider community. As *TCP* now has the land to house the project and is ready to progress with physical project development, we are now ready to accept and action such long-standing pledges.

A long-standing pledge of funds from Kevin Parry has been received, and coupled with a further long-standing pledge of support from the Kelsey family, has enabled some initial weed clearing along *TCP*'s access-way. Thanks Kevin for your donation of funds, and thanks Kelsey Construction for your donation of time and equipment use over this hot summer.



Kelsey Construction machinery heads to the TCP site.

We aim to continue with this work later in 2024, but thanks to this initial work there is easier entry to enable pest and weed control volunteers to TCP's start working to enhance environment and biodiversity. Pest and weed control is an important and essential first step for The Colville Project. Please let us know if you can help with this task - volunteers welcome! Keep your eyes-out for working bees advertised through the Pānui, TCP's facebook page, Volunteering Waikato (https://volunteeringwaikato.org.nz) and Community Waikato's bulletin (sign up here: https:// www.communitywaikato.org.nz/ bulletin-links) and of course, please get in contact with us directly to join our by emailing Katie: volunteers list admin@thecolvilleproject.nz





Thanks go to *TCP* Trustee Richard Campbell, who was active in organising these contributions and in supporting and contributing to the process. And, thanks and apologies go to Wendy and Mark for any inconvenience these works may have caused. We are committed to collaborating closely with our neighbours.

Our community's donated time, money, and energy is very encouraging. If you have had a long-standing offer with, or commitment supporting the development of TCP or you would like to make a new offer of please be in support, admin@thecolvilleproject.nz We welcome all forms of support including donations and/or pledges of money, labour, equipment-use, expertise and the like. We look forward to hearing from you.

We hope you and your whānau are having as satisfying a start to 2024 as we are.

- Katie and The Colville Project Team



COROMANDEL TOWN FRIDAY

From 8.30-12.30pm outside *Hike* & *Bike* every Friday

With gazebos and tables of local homegrown and handmade wares, you are sure to find some treasures while enjoying the unique community spirit of the *Coromandel Market*.



There is so much on offer traditional food stalls, gluten-free
and sugar-free options, live music
and children's entertainment, homemade treats and hand-crafted
treasures, seedlings and flowers for
your garden, soaps, bath bombs and
candles to enhance your home space,
and positive life energy products.

From now until the end of April the market will be held each Friday morning with additional special occasion Saturday markets on



Waitangi weekend, Matariki, Easter, and 2 weeks before Christmas.

- Coro Market

COLVILLE BAY PRE-SCHOOL

Charity Inc.



Te koohungahunga o te Uumangawhaa o Ngaa Waka

Ka whaangai, ka tupu, ka puaawai To nurture, to grow, to blossom

Kia ora,

We are open from the **23rd January** this year, so back in full swing by the time you read this. What a beautiful warm summer we've had enjoying te moana me te ngahere I te Tara-o-te-ika -a-Māui.

We have some spaces available for children ages 6 months to 6 years this year as we farewell a bunch of five year olds heading off to school. We have a rich and varied curriculum including our Bush Kura programme, Kapa haka, creative community workshops and a dedicated team of highly experienced and talented kaiako.

Our centre is Charity registered, community owned and licensed under the Ministry of Education for up to 20 children. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation the details are: Kiwibank: Colville Bay Preschool Inc: 38-9005-0803508-02, reference 'donation'.

Open Tuesday to Friday 8:45am to 3pm. Transport available for 3-6 year olds from Coromandel to Colville return three days/ week. 20 hours Free ECE for 3 + year olds. The new Government has reversed the Budget 2023 initiative to extend 20 Hours ECE to two-year-olds, so fees still apply for 0 -3 year olds. WINZ subsidies available.

Keen to be an Early Childhood Teacher?



We can help you find a

course that would suit you and support you on your journey. For more information welcome to get in touch for a korero and check out the link below.

https://teachingcouncil.nz/professionalpractice/ite-providers/approved-iteprogrammes/

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Apply within.

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Ph: 022 645 3272 Email: seniorteacher@colvillebaypreschool.co.nz
www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz



Colouring-in activity for tamariki

Source: tepapa.nz/tereo



Coro summer fest 2024



From left to right: Courtney and Vanessa dancing alongside festival organisers Caitlyn and Matt



DJ Tiny Diva gets her groove on



Angee spreads her luminescent wings



Festival goers enjoy a day of fun in the sun



MEG Updates environment



A little bit about possums

As part of the Summer Holiday Programme that ran in January, MEG hosted Richard Johnson, a conservation dog ranger who travels out to predator-free islands with his detection dog, Flint, to locate the presence of a stowaway rat incursion on the island.

Richard Johnson with his dog Flint at the Waikaway DOC campground as part of the Summer Holiday Programme.



It was fascinating learning about how scent works and how the best time to detect a scent is in the morning or in the evening as the sun, as well as water, will make it harder to find, and that scent travels in a conelike shape. Interestingly, one of Richards's pearls of knowledge that really stuck is what a pohutukawa tree is actually meant to look like.

He said it wasn't until he travelled to offshore predator-free islands that he saw what a pohutukawa tree is supposed to look like, full of fresh growth with incredibly thick foliage, not like the endlessly possum-pruned versions seen on the mainland. Possums were first introduced into Aotearoa in 1837 and were allowed to NZ be brought to until 1921.

officially Βv 1946. they were declared a pest, and by 1950, they inhabited over 50% of Aotearoa. By 1980, it was estimated that their population was between 50-70 million, with trappers exporting 3.2 million pelts in the year 1981. By 1990, they had officially arrived on the Coromandel Peninsula. We used to have kakariki here in the hills of the Coromandel Peninsula, it's interesting to imagine what the peninsula would look like without the presence of possums.

Upcoming this February

To make the most of the good weather, we are looking to organise some more ginger bashes, and volunteers in Port Charles are still working on weed con-

> trol. Become a member of MEG and help make a difference. See: www.meg.org.nz.

Genevieve Morley

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{As recommended by Dr Kate Armstrong}

Free Bus Service

There is currently a free bus running from Coromandel to Thames 4 days a week. The service will run on **Mondays**,

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are free,



but booking is essential. The trial will run for 13 weeks, from **Monday 18 December 2023, until Monday 18 March 2024.** The vans hold up to 11 passengers, so please make sure to book your place ahead of time. To book, please text the correct provider shown on the schedule below. Please include your name, the service time and the town you are being picked up from.

- COROMANDEL TOWN BUS STOP: Woollams Avenue carpark
- THAMES BUS STOP: 200 Mary Street, outside the Civic Centre

COROMANDEL TOWN to THAMES Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

Coromandel Town	Thames	To book
8.00am	9.30am	Text Coromandel Taxis 027 376 4466
4.45pm	6.15pm	Text Thames Taxis 027 341 3013

THAMES to COROMANDEL TOWN Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

Thames	Coromandel Town	To book
10.00am	11.30am	Text Coromandel Taxis 027 376 4466
3.00pm	4.30pm	Text Thames Taxis 027 341 3013

Himalaya shop: Colville

Hi Everyone, The Himalaya shop will be open most days in February, but possibly not everyday. Times 10 a m. To approx 4 p.m.

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A huge thank you to Ramona, Ursula, Kim, Sophie, Harriet and Elisabeth who helped us out this summer...and what a fantastic summer it has been

Thanks so much Kim and Warren for keeping the meat fridge looking so great and full.

Also a huge shout out to Cheap Sav for Dead Friends who played here a couple of burger nights ago, and Kattee & Friends for earlier on. And to Nathan, who we couldn't have done this without you.

To anyone keen for a venue we would love to have you come & play

To family, friends, locals and visitors, thanks so much

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WHAT'S ON IN NORTHERN COROMANDEL?

Regular events

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat Free bus running rom Coro to Thames 4 days a week (pg15)

Tuesdays Yoga with Kate @ Colville Hall 10am.

Wednesdays Colville Bay Pre-school's *Outdoor Adventure Programme*

Thursdays Enliven (Social Programme for Older People) @ Papa Aroha 10am - 2pm

Thursdays Colville Creative Pop Up @ Colville Café 9am-3pm (restarting 22 Feb.)

Fridays Coromandel Town Friday market, 8:30 until 1pm (pg9)

February

Thurs 22nd Crafternoon Tea with Teaune - Masquerade Mask workshop

10am-3pm @ Colville Café (pg7)

Unspecified MEG 'ginger bashes' (pg14)

March

Fri 22nd Te Tiriti o Waitangi Workshop, 9am- 4pm, @ Colville Public Hall (pg4)

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

0508 828 865 Suicide Crisis Helpline 0800 764 766 National Poison Centre

07 8666 815 Colville School

Fire ambulance, police emergencies needing immediate assistance Police for reporting incidents not requiring immediate response

0800 CRIME STOPPERS for reporting crime (anonymous)

0800 611116 for medical advice or information 24/7 0800 044 334 National Sexual Harm Helpline (Text 4334)

0508 326 459 Sexual Harm - Child/Tamariki at risk

0800 543 354 Lifeline (Whatever the issue, here to listen)

0800 111 757 Depression Helpline: free text 4202

0800 688 5463 Outline (all-ages rainbow mental health organisation support line)

0800 376 633 Youthline (free counselling services for young people)

07 8666618 Colville Community Health Centre

07 8666805 Colville General Store 022 645 3272 Colville Bay Pre-school

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