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Newsletter for the Northern Coromandel

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Colville school tamariki show off their awesome clay creations after a visit to *Driving Creek Railway*. To read more about their adventures and activities, see *page 10*.

Kia ora community, The delightful days of autumn are upon us, when the sun is still warming the earth, and fruits are falling abundantly. There is plenty to enjoy in this month's issue of the Panui. You can read about the wonderful creative community events that have recently unfolded, and begin to look forward to a few exciting and worthwhile opportunities popping up around the peninsula soon. I sincerely hope you find what you are looking for! All the best Brooke, Pānui Editor

PĀNUI NOTICE

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



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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Kia ora koutou katoa.

I hope you're all well and enjoying the beautiful sunshine we've had this year.



What a difference from last summer! As I write it is the oneyear anniversary of Cyclone Gabrielle. I wish to express our immense gratitude for all the support we've received from funders on behalf of the community to enhance resilience for future events.

- In the immediate wake of the cyclone we received a call from Community Waikato offering funding from the Tindall Foundation. Incredible responsiveness to community need!
- ◆ Following persistence on the part of our Manager's Assistant, Anne, who applied to a number of funders, we were very fortunate to receive funding from the *Ministry for Primary Industries* for three community generators to enable the Colville clinic and school to remain open and to set up a community response center as and when required.
- ◆ We also received funding from the TCDC Mayoral Disaster Relief Social Recovery Fund. This has funded a range of things for the community. For example, in April we hope to offer a workshop on food resilience. We will have more information on this in the next Pānui. We're delighted to have been able to purchase a community projector for use in the Colville Hall with this funding. Which, with funding from Creative NZ for a screen, means we're set up to do a winter mini short film festival!

So much to look forward to! The *Colville Creative Pop-Up* has returned with many exciting workshops to come (see page 8 for more details). We also have *Youth Group* this term – with lovely beach days planned for our tamariki,



including a *Children's Day Celebration* on the second Sunday in March – for more information please go to page 5. Hope you enjoy your month ahead!

- 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





Come join us for a beach afternoon

Bring togs, sunblock and your whole whanau:-)

Bay (by the boat ramp)



For more information: Call 027 571 2581





Colville SafeKids Campaign

This months messages for the Colville SafeKids campaign are:

- 1. Keep an eye on what your kids see online: Monitoring your children's online activities is crucial for protecting them from inappropriate and harmful content, potential threats, cyberbullying, and online predators.
- 2. If you see and hear something that doesn't sound right, seek anonymous advice: Safe to Talk - Sexual Harm Helpline 0800 044 334 / text 4334 or CAPS Hauraki 07 868 8644 "Trust your gut! Ask, "What if I'm right?" rather than, "What if I'm wrong?"





Colville Youth Group

Kia ora Community,

We're celebrating the golden weather with Youth Group this term! Youth Group will be enjoying beach afternoons (weather permitting). These will be on a Wednesday after school except for Day celebration the *Children's* which we will have on the second Sunday of March at Waitete Bay from 3-5pm - BBQ and games provided.

Information about Youth Group will be put out through the school newsletter or contract Dani (the Youth Coordinator) Group vouthgroup@colvillejunction.co.nz 027 571 3589. Colville

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I am looking for a flatmate or flatmates for a house 5 minutes from Colville.

- 2 bedrooms available.
- Fully furnished house with great wifi.

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Thank you. - Emily Campbell



Natasha Norton will be holding a two day Mosaic workshop. You will have the option to take your creation home or have it become part of a community art project.



Sat 23rd and Sun 24th of March, 10-3pm , Free at the Colville Cafe. Limited to 10 people, with morning and afternoon tea provided.

Text Peri to book, on 02041462352







Kia ora koutou,

Writing this month's Panui, I'm remembering back to last year when Cyclone Gabrielle paid us a visit. What a different year we have had, the sun has been shining, a few days of rain here and there have meant the gardens are lush, grass is growing and the visitors are back. How very different it has been. There are reminders, like our roads, but they are slowly but surely being repaired.

This month, I would like to ask if anyone would like to support our fundraising efforts by donating items for our raffles. Honey, art prints, pottery, arts and crafts items - anything that will motivate visitors to our

Health Centre to dig deep for those \$2 coins to put in the jar. Drop your items at the Health Centre with a note for

Nicole explaining what it's for. Thank you. Te Tara o Te Whai - Hauraki Locality would like to return to Colville to present their Community Plan, they would like to get feedback and perspectives from the community. We will let the community know

the date and details as soon as it is confirmed. This is where you get to have your say about having a local service. We look forward to seeing a great turn out.

The Coromandel Family Health team are here at Colville Community Health Centre, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week, 8.30am until 4.30pm. You can phone for an appointment on the original Clinic number: 07 866 6618. A big thank you to the team for providing this essential service for our community. Ngā mihi nui, - Colville Community

Cofville Creative

Health Trust



We're delighted to be offering a range of workshops :

- March 23rd & 24th: Mosaic workshop with Natasha Norton
- ♦ May 1st, 15th & 16th: Screen printing with Pete Sephton. He will be working with the school on the 1st and 15th, and adult workshop on 16th. For more information please contact the coordinators: creative@colvillejunction.co.nz



Another busy February at The Colville Project

We welcomed Robyn Vinten as a new Trustee, and began her induction. Robyn brings a great range of skills and experience to our team. Nau mai e Robyn, we look forward to working together with you.

Our weed control programme, which started in January, continued in February. Thanks go to Richard Webster and his team for great work in continuing to address the moth plant issue. It was also great to see another neighbour valuing this work, and engaging the team to address the moth plant on their property. It's this collective approach which enables weed control programmes to be most effective.

Another long-standing offer was raised with the donation of two water tanks to TCP by long-time project supporters, Chris and Kay Ogilvie. The installation of these water tanks will assist with project development and with risk management mitigation for emergency events such as fire. Chris and Kay - ngā mihi mahana ki a korua.



Our recruitment drive for Funding and Marketing Support Persons closed. We were heartened and pleasantly overwhelmed bv the number of applications submitted. Thanks to everyone who put their name into the hat - what an awesome response! Applications came from across Aotearoa/NZ, a sign that the Project is gaining momentum across

the wider Waikato and motu. At the time of writing we are still shortlisting. We hope to be able introduce to new team members in the next Pānui.

Our various subcommittees and support persons continued to work behind the scenes on our formal housing land strategy, our management plan, concept design and in achieving the professional technical reports we require.

If you would like to donate, affirm previous/new offers of assistance or get involved in any way, please contact Katie:

admin@thecolvilleproject.nz

Ngā mihi, The Colville Project Team.





Ngākau Mahaki- Kind Ngākau Manaaki- Inclusive Ngākau Iti- Respectful

Whakarongo Mai Listen to Me

Week 3 Term 1 2024

We started the Colville School year with a *Whānau Fun Camp*. It was a very special time for everyone and we would like to make it one of our Colville traditions. Reconnecting and strengthening our relationships at the start of the year is fun and it makes the academic learning even more powerful.



Colville kids explore the wonders of Driving Creek Railway

On our first day, we visited *Driving Creek Railway* and then stayed overnight

at school. This was followed by a fun day at Otautu. Read our students' writing below to find out more. Each week our Y7 and 8 students publish their own magazine called *Whakarongo Mai Listen to me*. The learning focus for our writers this week has been to include additional detail and using open ended questions for interviews.



"On Thursday, Colville school went to Driving Creek! There were three groups of students, one group was going on the train, the second group was doing pottery and the third group was doing conservation". -Lockie

During school camp we played whole school hide and seek. All of the staff

members were seekers and all of the students were hiders. Most of the rounds lasted ten minutes, five minutes for the students to hide and five minutes for the staff members to try and find us. My favourite thing about playing hide and seek was having a quiet chat with the person I was hiding with. I asked George & Susie what they thought and I also asked them if they had any tips.

"I love running around and my tip to is never let Kimberly find you," George said.



"My favourite thing was watching all the parents have so much fun finding the children. They were very impressed with the Colville kids' hiding skills. My top tip is train a sniffer dog and let them do all of the hard work," Susie said.

-Natalia.

We went to the beach while we were on the school camp. We played 'duck, duck, goose'. Then we finally got to go swimming. It was so refreshing to just jump in, but we had to be behind the adults when we walked in the water then we stayed in front of them for our safety. I asked a couple students what they liked most and what they did at the beach.

"I went swimming then I jumped on



Colville tamariki enjoy the sand and water

the kayak and went off. Me and my friends dug a huge hole," said Kallem.

"Running around in the sand, and going home for the weekend," said Emile. - Wint'r

My favourite activity was conservation because I love the bush, that's why I chose to write about bush walk. On the bush walk there was a creepy looking cave that was used for gold mining in the 1900's. The cave isn't used for gold mining anymore, instead it open for people to go look at the long legged cave weta that live in the cave. When my group went in the cave everybody was screaming their heads off because they thought the weta were gonna jump at them. I thought that the weta were really cool and I knew they weren't gonna do anything! It is actually rare to see the weta because they are endangered. When I got back to school I interviewed some of the kids, this is what I asked them and what they said. "What did you think of the weta?" Callen said: "The weta were great." "What did you like about the weta?" Osborn said: "I liked that one of the weta jumped on him." - Lockie



COLVILLE BAY PRE-SCHOOL

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Te koohungahunga o te Uumangawhaa o Ngaa Waka



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

Tēnā koutou katoa,
Nestled between te moana me te
ngahere, and with families who
whakapapa back many generations
here, our connections and relationships
with the local environment and wider
whaanau are a huge part of the early
learning journey for our tamariki here
at Colville Bay Pre-school.

'Mokopuna are enveloped in their ancestral cloak, a cloak of love and empathy' / 'Ko te



whatipuranga teenei o te mana i te whenua, te mana tuurangawaewae, me te mana toi whenua o te tangata.' (He Anga Marau Koohungahunga / Early Learning Curriculum Frame work, Ministry of Education, Aotearoa, NZ, 2017).



Colville Bay Pre-school tamariki enjoy the wonders of the foreshore

Did you know that you, the families of our centre & community own and govern this Pre-school? Like to come share your special skills: art carpentry, Puurakau/local science. waaiata, stories or Taakaro/games? Or join the Governance Committee involved in planning for the future of our Pre-school? Talk with our kaiako or committee members and let us know how you would like to be involved. All welcome at our monthly management meetings: next one Thursday 7th March 3.30pm at Preschool.



Working Bee: Saturday, 2nd March, 10am



Nau mai, Haere mai: to spruce up our playground and gardens. Huge thank you to the families who have been popping in to help with odd jobs: plastering, painting, carpentry, sewing and staying for a play: we really appreciate you: "Kei runga noa atu koe!/ you're the best! (Tainui Kiiwaha/ local colloquialism)

Our centre is Charity registered. If you would like to make a donation the details are - Kiwibank: Colville Bay Preschool Inc: 38-9005-0803508-02, reference 'donation'.

SPACES AVAILABLE

We currently have spaces available at Preschool for children ages 6mth- 6yrs old. 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 and WINZ subsidies available.* Contact Esther.

Colville Bay Preschool, 2391 Colville Bay Road
Ph: 022 645 3272 Email:
seniorteacher@colvillebaypreschool.co.nz
www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz

COROMANDEL TOWN FRIDAY MARKET

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

MEG Updates



Matuku

Can you help our matuku-hūrepo/ Australasian bittern? They disguise themselves remarkably well for big wetland birds that stand nearly 70cm tall! Have you seen one in our local wetlands or heard the males distinctive "booming"? The population is nationally critical, only one step away from extinction, and they need our help to survive. MEG have recorded

male matuku booming in several of the wetlands in northern Coromandel, like the Waikawau wetland where we



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conduct preda- Imogen Warren tor control for rats, cats, stoats and ferrets. A recent peninsula-wide survey coordinated by Predator Free Hauraki Coromandel Community Trust (PFHCCT) has recorded several populations of booming males looking for females in wetlands across Hauraki Coromandel. What we don't know is how successful the breeding will be with unknown numbers of females,

starving chicks, reports of and of matuku decreasing numbers recorded at stronghold sites like the Whangamarino wetland. MEG team members attended a recent where we were challenged to think of ways that we could all decrease the threats to our wetland taonga. Wavs we can help are doing things like restoring a wetland area, helping to trap predators around the edge of wetlands, reducing disturbance by people or stock inside wetlands, or driving slowly when you're passing any wetlands.

Get your dog Kiwi Avoidance Trained

Saturday 9th of March, Papa Aroha

Book your dogs in now to get them Kiwi Avoidance Trained. https://www.kiwiavoidancetraining.nz/tohook.

Flipper Fun 2nd March

This year's theme for *Seaweek* is "Ko au te moana, ko te moana ko au – I am the sea, the sea is me". We are partnering with the *Coromandel Dolphins* and are offering a great opportunity for kids to learn how to snorkel. Details are on our facebook page https://www.facebook.com/moehauenvironmentaroup/

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{As recommended by Dr Kate Armstrong}

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There free bus service running from Coromandel to Thames 4 days a week which will finish on *Monday 18 March 2024*. The service runs on **Mondays, Wednesdays,**



Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are free, *but booking is essential*. The vans hold up to 11 passengers, so please make sure to book your place ahead of time. To book, 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	4.30 _{pm}	Text Thames Taxis 027 341 3013



In the month of March, we hope to be open most days.

If you are thinking of coming up,
it's best to phone or text first, in case we are having an away day.

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March

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To the beautiful Anna and Beth...
Thank you so much for the amazing evening of
music we had here last month.

Keep an eye out for upcoming performances we hope to have play this month.

Also, I want to say thank you so much to our amazing Ramona from Romania. All the best on your amazing travels and adventures ahead.

Part of the team but our family too

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MARCH 2024

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WHAT'S ON IN NORTHERN COROMANDEL?

Regular events

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat Free bus running from 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

Fridays Coromandel Town Friday market, 8:30 until 1pm (pg13)

March

Sat 2nd MEG's Flipper Fun snorkelling for kids (pg14)

Sat 2nd Working Bee, 10am @ Colville Preshool

Thurs 7th Colville Bay Pre-school monthly management meeting

3.30pm @ Colville Preschool (pg12)

Sat 9th Kiwi Avoidance Training @ Papa Aroha (pg14)

Sun 10th Colville Junction presents *Children's Day Celebration BBQ*

from 3pm-5pm @ Waitete Bay (pg5)

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

23rd-24th Creative Pop-up Mosaic workshop with Natasha Norton

10am-3pm @ Colville Café (pg7)

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

0508 828 865 Suicide Crisis Helpline

07 8666 815 Colville School

0800 764 766

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)

National Poison Centre

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

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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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