



PĀNUI

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Newsletter for the
Northern Coromandel

Photo by Nathan McCauley



The flowering of the majestic Pohutukawa invites us to picnic beneath its branches with a spread of the delights of summer, and with the natural red-flower decorations above to celebrate the magic of midsummer and the Christmas Season.



Tis' the season to be jolly!



With December comes not only Christmas, but Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year, falling on 21st-23rd of the month. This is the time of year when the sun's energy is the strongest, and when it is naturally a good time to acknowledge, appreciate and give thanks. May this issue of our beloved Pānui bring you plenty to enjoy, and may your Christmas and New Year bring many blessings!

Kia ora folks,
It is an honour to be addressing you through the written word, thank you for having me as your editor. I have had great fun creating this December-Jan issue and will continue doing my best to sprinkle a little seasonal magic in the future publications too!



Enjoy your Christmas and summertime celebrations!

Brooke
(new!) 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

You are welcome to send us your community news, notices, and events, job openings, stories, jokes, tips, artwork, recipes, dreams, discoveries, and advertisements. They may not always be used, and they may also be edited for clarity and space.

Please send in Word or Open Office (not PDFs). Or post or drop contributions into CJ.

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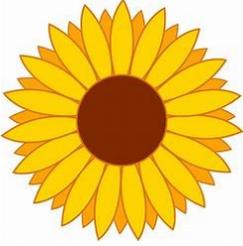
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Colville Junction Summer Closure

Colville Junction will be closed from *Friday 23 December 2022* to *24 January 2023*.

We hope you have a lovely summer break!



COLVILLE YOUTH GROUP

Kia ora whānau,

A huge thank you to all the Youth Group volunteers this term!! Your assistance has made it possible to go to Driving Creek Railway for the first time (and the always popular fishing). We will be offering Youth Group in the first term of 2023 too - activities to be confirmed.

Youth Group is offered free to all Colville Youth aged 6 and older.



Colville Post Centre Christmas & New Year

Friday, 23rd December 2022 to Wednesday, 4th January 2023

Friday, 23 rd December	OPEN	10:00am to 3:00pm
Saturday 24 th December	CLOSED	
Sunday, 25 th December	CLOSED	
Monday, 26 th December, Boxing Day	CLOSED	
Tuesday, 27 th December	CLOSED	
Wednesday, 28th December	OPEN	10:00am to 2:00pm
Thursday, 29 th December	OPEN	10:00am to 2:00pm
Friday, 30 th December	OPEN	10:00am to 3:00pm
Saturday, 31 st December	CLOSED	
Sunday, 1 st January	CLOSED	
Monday, 2 nd January	CLOSED	
Tuesday, 3 rd January	OPEN	10:00am to 2:00pm
Wednesday, 4 th January	OPEN	Normal hours resume



The Colville Project

What great hui we had on the 19th! It's fantastic to see how involved and dedicated the wider community is to this visionary project. Together, we are building an exciting future for our communities. We are grateful for the amazing input and feedback. We are now compiling it to inform the next steps of the planning process.

If you think of anything else you would like to share with the team, please contact us at thecolvilleproject@gmail.com



These photos show a small scale model of the architectural concept for the Colville Project and people gathered around to view it up close.

Port Charles road closure due to road works

The TCDC have a contract in place for the upgrade of Port Charles Road commencing on the 28th of November. Expectations are for work to be finished by the end of February 2023 ceasing from 24th Dec– 9th of Jan.

The work starts by property number 1549, ending at 1629 by the single lane bridge. Due to the narrowness of the road, it will be closed for periods of up to one hour to allow construction to proceed safely. Feel free to make contact to discuss regular movements. Please refrain from parking on the roadside during this time. Thank you. Any queries contact:

Amrit: 027-532-8719.





Announcements and Opportunities



Available Position:
Part-Time Caretaker
at Colville School

If you have expert cleaning skills, are looking for part time work and live in the Colville area this could be a great opportunity for you! We are a well resourced school in a supportive community and are looking for the right candidate to care for our learning areas. The terms and conditions, including base salary, for this position is set by the *School Caretakers', Cleaners' and Canteen Staff Collective Agreement 2022-2024*. The base salary for the Caretaker is \$23.70 per hour which is paid on timesheet only with a minimum of 3 hours per week during term time.

Please contact the School Principal to register your interest and request a copy of the job description at principal@colville.school.nz tel-07 866 6815 mob-021 091 20434.

Applications Close **4pm Monday 5th December**. The role will start on Monday 12th December or by negotiation.



Christmas Brain TEASER

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Congratulations

Ruby and Alex

on their baby girl born
18TH OF NOVEMBER



CLEANER VACANCY

Kia ora Community. We have a vacancy for a cleaner for two hours a week.

For more information contact Anne at assistant@colvillejunction.co.nz or phone 07 8666 920.



The endless talents of the creative Colville community
continue to amaze and delight

As promised - a Fashion Show update! It was a FABULOUS Night!!! Our creative people came out and gave us a spectacular show and nearly \$2000 was raised for The Colville Project’s Wellbeing and Education Centre. Thank you to our audience, participants, and volunteers. There will be lots of photos soon on our website and Facebook page, so do have a look.

Here are our five group winners - Hannah White as the ‘Anemone of the People’, Teuane Tibbo as the Goddess of Spring, Sam Ireland as Uncle Sam (self-designed), Ava Shepherd, our overall grand prize winner, in an inspired lampshade and newspaper tutu, and Vanessa Edelsten as the Lavatory Queen, designed and crafted by Ella Osnat. *Photo by Hans Geberhardt.*



★ YOUTH MUSIC NIGHT

Forager's Kitchen was packed to the brim on Friday 18th for the first *Youth Music Night*. An enthusiastic audience enjoyed heartfelt performances from young musicians— Atutahi, Cameron, Ava and Annie, as well as original songs by Haki and Kepa. ★

A big thank you to the Forager's Kitchen, the Colville Music Club, Nathan McCauley and for all those who came to support the young people on the night. Any youth who want to be part of future performance nights, please contact Maria: youth@colvillejunction.co.nz.



Rebekah Pearson's magnificent creation in Colville's Fashion Show

Top: Annie, Ava, Cameron and Atutahi ready themselves to perform in front of their peers.

Bottom: The Forager's Kitchen packed out with keen audience members



"It was nerve-wracking but it was fun. It was a great opportunity for us and I'm proud of what we achieved. Thanks to Maria for helping us on our journey to fame...
ha ha!"

- Annie



UCLA CONSERVATION UPDATE:

CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

Two members of the Upper Coromandel Landcare Association, alongside Dr Wendy Pond of Manu Waiata, received Mayoral Awards at a special hui in Thames in late October. After decades of environmental work these groups have been acknowledged for their work.

Farmers, fishers, artists, scientists who reside around Moehau who are kaitiaki of 1000s of acres and who provide kai for national and international markets, who research and participate in humane wild animal control using hunting, trapping or cyanide, can consider their rural contribution acknowledged.

Meanwhile the trawlers scrape the Colville channel killing the sea floor and glyphosate shrouds our verges killing off bee sustenance. Our work continues.

May all visitors who read the Pānui over summer days enjoy the beauty and know residents work hard to create ongoing beauty for generations to come.

Reihana Robinson, UCLA Spokesperson



Dr Wendy Pond supporting humane wild animal control at Whitianga demonstration 2021



Kara captured this stunning photo which she said reminded her of “page 6 of the Woman’s Weekly Best Jelly-O creations of 1986.”

Interest Story: An Encounter with an Enormous Jelly Fish

Kara was out for a cooling swim at Port Jackson after a long day mowing lawns when something strange happened.

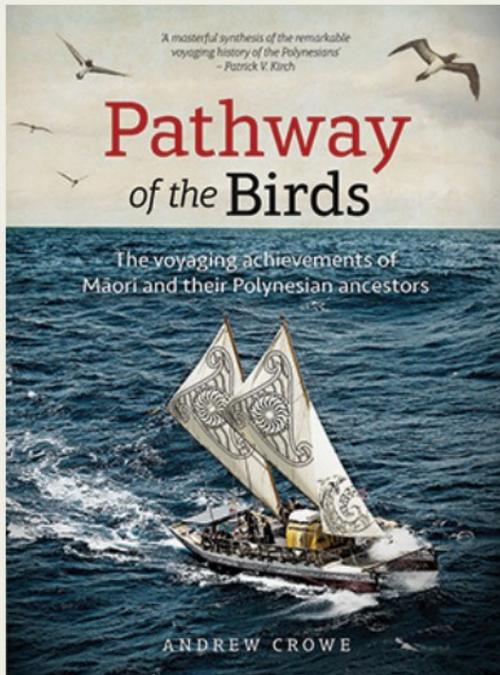
“...I noticed my palms begin to sting first. I put it down to the salt water getting in the tiny cuts on my hands. But not long after my entire body was stinging...When the stinging turned into what felt like razor blade lashings, I had to get out...my poor skin had red welts all over. The stinging lasted for a solid hour of high intensity. After that, it seemed to die off in waves...We went for a walk soon after we recovered. The tide had continued to go out, then, we stumbled upon the culprits. **Several giant jelly fish were presenting themselves magnificently down the beach**...Such incredible and beautiful creatures to stumble upon. We are so blessed to have an environment where these things exist.”

Thank you Kara for sharing your story and photograph with us! Got an interesting local story? Send it our way! panui@colvillejunction.co.nz



**MOEHAU KI TE MOANA
PRESENTS:**

ANDREW CROWE



WINNER OF NEW ZEALAND HERITAGE BOOK AWARD 2019
WINNER OF TWO KA PALAPALA PO'OKELA AWARDS 2019

Meet award-winning author Andrew Crowe as he shares an in-depth presentation on his book "Pathway of the Birds". His book details how Māori and Polynesian ancestors skilfully navigated across the Pacific highlighting their mastery, ingenuity and determination.

Q & A to follow

Free event

Dinner available for purchase

**FORAGER'S KITCHEN
COLVILLE**

**17 FEB 2023
6:30 PM**

Contact Cass for further details: cass@colvillejunction.co.nz



**COLVILLE BAY
PRE-SCHOOL**
Charity Inc.



Te whare ako o te Uumangawhaa o Ngaa Waka

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Nau mai, haere mai children ages 0-6 to our vibrant, community owned, early learning centre on the shores of Tikapa te moana.

A warm welcome to our new tamaiti 'Tangaroa'. We are having fun getting to know you :) Hari huri tau ki a 'Skya' who turns five this month. We will miss you Skya, but we are sure you will be well appreciated on your next learning journey at Coromandel Area School.

I was privileged to attend the 'Natural Phenomena' conference north of Whangarei last weekend. It was a hive of inspiration for ways and techniques to tell our stories, learn, play and thrive in the 'wildwoods'. A reminder of how vital our ngahere time and fore-shore rambles are for our tamariki wellbeing, and kaiako, parents & whanau too. To be led by curiosity, wonder, challenge, awe, and connection with te taiao, the natural world, and to develop our kaitiaki and survival skills in this mutually nurturing relationship.

Every
Wednesday
9-11.30am
we ask for
parent/
whanau
volunteers to
support our
outdoor
adventure
program.



Colville Bay Pres-school tamariki

enjoy a trip to the fore-shore

Nau mai haere mai ki te ako reo Māori 5-6.30pm Mondays at Colville School with Matua Brandon. Class open to all local adults who would like to extend their reo and te ao Māori learning to share with our tamariki.

Transport from Coromandel to Colville Pre-school: Our mini-van runs Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, and will have spaces coming up in 2023 for 3-6yr olds. *20 free hours for 3 year olds + and WINZ subsidies available.*

Open Tuesday - Friday 8.45am – 3pm.

Call or email for more information or to arrange a visit.

Phone: 022 645 3272

seniorteacher@colvillebaypreschool.co.nz

2391 Colville Road (behind Colville School)

[Website: www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz](http://www.colvillebaypreschool.co.nz)





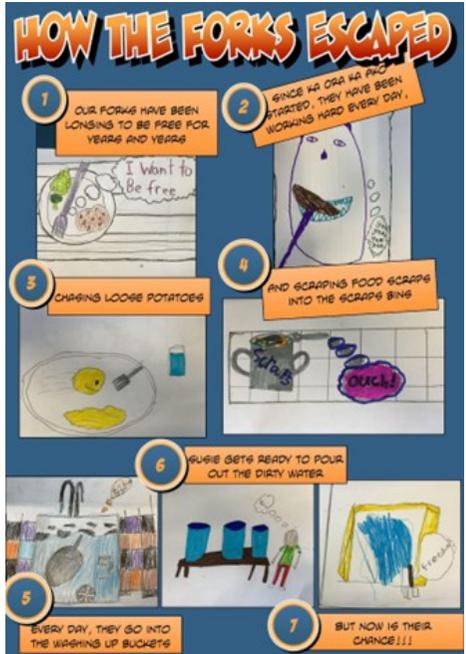
Ako, to Teach and to Learn

Back in the day we had the *Colville Comment*. Some things have changed but the authentic opportunity to share your writing with an audience remains the same. Check out our new student BLOG on the website called [Whakarongo Mai](#). This space gives our learners the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas. Lockie for example, wrote a report on Pet Day and Wint'r makes some very persuasive points around joining Touch Rugby. The big question however is: *Where do all the forks go?* Check out our regular comic strip that gets right to the **point** of the problem! Our BLOG is added to every week to showcase our talented writers.



Ā Mātou Kōrero, Our Story

We have lots to celebrate in our school this year. We would like to thank our community for supporting us in all that we do. Because of your donations at the pizza night our children have books in their library that reflect their interests and culture! Because of your harvest donations our tamariki have delicious kai and energy



to learn. Because of your support with biking skills and donations our students have the equipment and skills to be safe on the road. Thank you Colville! In week 9, on **Thursday 15th December**, we will be holding a *Celebration Hui and Thank You* afternoon tea. Look out for your invite! ***We wish you all the best for 2023 from all the kaiako and ākonga at Colville School!***



Mahamudra Centre Update

These past few years have been full of change. Births, deaths, changes in the way we work, shop, travel and learn. Change can be exciting, but it can also be overwhelming at times.



Colville's own Mahamudra Centre

I recently heard a beautiful definition of resilience, as the ability to be transformed by change. If we can think about ourselves as having no fixed way of being, that we are impermanent, we can greet life and what it presents us without fear. Impermanence is a core teaching of the Buddha.

Meditation is a simple and powerful tool to realise impermanence. It helps us stay calm and build resilience to navigate change gracefully.

We have a full summer programme of retreats and courses, and we really want to encourage and support the Colville community to make the most of the incredible teachers we have here. We have decided to offer a local's discount—20% if you stay onsite and 15% if you stay at home. We hope to see you soon!

Upcoming Retreats

9-11 Dec: *The Power of Loving Kindness*

31 Dec – 1 Jan: *Chenrezig Retreat*

5-15 Jan: *Lam Rim Course & Retreat*

We are also planning a **New Year's Eve light offering**.

We'll begin at 10pm. This is a free event and a lovely way to begin the new year!



Don't forget **Meditation Session** every Wednesday 8:15-8:45am in the Gompa!

As always you are welcome to drop in for a cup of tea, a walk around the stupa or a sit in the Gompa. There is more information about everything on our website:

www.mahamudra.org.nz



COROMANDEL HOMEGROWN MARKET

***Weekly on Fridays from 8am-1pm
in the space opposite
Hike & Bike, Coromandel Town.***

A perfect place to support local quality goods (and purchase unique presents for Christmas) with hand-made crafts, home-grown and made food, physical and spiritual health products, plants for your garden, tarot readings and massage available onsite, and authentic music and crafting activities in the children's space run by Brooke.



COLVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

2299 Colville Rd, RD 4, Coromandel 3584

Phone 07 8666618. Fax 07 8666619 Text number for the clinic is 4448

Mon, Tues & Thurs 9am – 5pm/ Wed 10am - 5pm/ Fri 9am - 4pm

For the after hours service, phone the clinic number 07 866-6618.

The On Call person will be paged by the after hours service.

Please remember - If it's an emergency, dial 111



The year has flown by, as I am sure you all agree, and as summer approaches we are preparing for our busiest time of the year.

Our survey about the changes at the clinic and the services we provide will be mailed out to you soon.

The fantastic news is that we are the first clinic in New Zealand to trial a new pilot with St John. The pilot is aimed at addressing the NZ work force shortage and enables us to remain open and continue serving our community.

The survey will give you some background into these current challenges and how they affect the clinic and also gives you the chance to have important input and feedback into how we can effectively operate in the future. Your views, input and feedback are valued and matter greatly to us so please take time to complete the survey. There will be some designated community drop off locations for paper copies and an online version as well.

We still have a large amount of outstanding accounts. The end of the calendar year is a good time to tidy things up and if you cannot pay off your account in one go, setting up an automatic regular payment (even if it's a small amount) is a good way to pay it off. Please contact us if you require account details to set this up.

Wishing you a happy holiday season and all that you need to be healthy and happy!

**Colville Clinic Team
Colville Community Health Clinic
(07) 8666618**

THE MAJESTIC POHUTUKAWA *Aotearoa's Christmas Tree*

The pohutukawa tree (*Metrosideros excelsa*) with its crimson flower has become symbolic of the joy and festivity of the Christmas Season in Aotearoa. It was first referenced as a "Christmas Tree" in published print in 1857 when "flowers of scarlet pohutukawa" were seen decorating the feast table held by Ngāpuhi leader Eruera Patuone. Since then, it has often been referred to as the "Settler's Christmas Tree" as it has carried over traditions from far off places while staying relevant to the native summer environment of New Zealand.

In Māori tradition, the pohutukawa tree also holds symbolic significance, appearing in legends and stories across time. On the cliff top of Cape Reinga, the northern tip of Aoteatoa, a gnarled pohutukawa can be found holding on against coastal winds. It has become know as "the place of leaping" as it is said that from here the spirits of those passed begin their journey to the traditional homeland of Hawaiki, travelling down the roots of the 800-year old tree and to the realms beyond.

- Written by Brooke Dennehy Lakin



It's time to pull out 'that' tree

Remember this? It's August, the last month of winter, it's still cold and gloomy, and you are driving along a windy road somewhere on the peninsula. You see the most beautiful site: a large tree or many large trees literally covered with bright candy pink flowers and if you stop to look, you will possibly count about 20 tui all in one tree. "Wow" you might say, "isn't that beautiful."

Photo Credit: James Muir

Well, now, all those hundreds of flowers that have been wonderfully pollinated by the bees and the birds have become small red cherries which are scattering the ground underneath the tree, being washed by the rain into lovely pockets of fresh soil. The fertilised seeds will no doubt germinate to create another beautiful exhibition of bright pink within 1-2 years. These trees are tough, the seedlings grow quickly and within a very short period of time they are too hard to pull out and grow into massive trees. It's name is *Prunus campanulate* or *Taiwanese cherry*.



The small red cherries of the *Prunus campanulate*

A very good example of how this species can infiltrate an area can be seen when driving along the 309 road where a few trees are on their way to becoming hundreds. These left unchecked in another ten years will continue to spread, completely transforming the terrain. Even though it might be an abundant nectar source for tui, this tree's ability to dominate will actually destroy our native trees and ecosystems. They might look pretty and be a source of firewood, but these trees are illegal to sell or cultivate and have recently become illegal in the Tasman-Nelson region. For those of us who love this tree, there is another way however, and it is to buy a sterile version of it which is named *Tui Tree* or *Prunus Felix Jury*. This

would still bring the tui into your backyard but without the long term negative consequences. Now is the time, while spring cleaning the garden, to be pulling out these baby trees.

Bittern Monitoring

Paul, our Field Team Manager, has been busy placing out audio recorders in order to monitor the matuku/Australasian bittern. The results of this will be coming in shortly. The data gained from this monitoring helps us work out where nest sites are, which in turn dictates where the predator traps need to be placed. We will keep you updated as to what we find!

Summer Holiday Programme running again in January 2023

We've got a wonderful line up of different events for our Summer Holiday Programme 2023 which will be happening around Coromandel, Colville and Waikawau. This includes— *Seaweed and Seashore Discovery, Clay Critters, Kiwi Night Adventures, Screen Printing Workshops, Outdoor Sketching, Karanga Putiputi and Film Night*. On **Jan 14th** Doug Ashby, aka 'Lizard man', with his rare scaly-skinned reptiles and Annemieke from *Kuaotunu Bird Rescue* will travel to Coromandel to hold informative workshops at the St John Hall. On the **21st of Jan** we have a beginners *Wildlife Photography Workshop* and Dog Training workshops including *Kiwi Avoidance Training* (Ring Kauaeranga Visitor Centre, DOC - Ph: 07 867 9080). These events are one way for MEG to fundraise and advocate for the valuable conservation work that we do and are a great way for us to come together and celebrate nature.

11th of Jan: - Colville Hall: *'Shorebirds: Waders to Highsky flyers'*. Come along to an informative workshop with Keith Woodley from *Pūkoro Kororo Miranda Shorebird Centre*. Join us to learn about these fascinating creatures that feed on our shoreline in the Summer before becoming high flyers of the skies and migrating thousands of kilometers to the other side of the world. The workshop starts in Colville Hall and finishes down at the foreshore so we can see the birds come ashore as the tide comes in. Bring binoculars and your camera so you can watch and learn about animal behaviour and the mysterious language of birds from one of New Zealand's most passionate and qualified shorebird experts. Please contact MEG to book for this event by emailing info@meg.org.nz or ringing **027 663 3031**. For more information about the Summer Holiday Programme please go and check out our 'new' website. Follow us on Facebook @moehauenvironmentgroup, contact us at info@meg.org.nz or make a donation by visiting our website www.meg.org.nz

Have a great month everyone!

COLVILLE STORE



Ph 07 866 6805
colvillegeneralstore@gmail.com

Mon to Sat 8:30pm to 5pm

Sun 10am to 4pm

**Our Summer hours, starting on Boxing Day
until the end of Jan, will be
8.30am—5.30pm daily**

Show your aroha for our local store and shop here today! Thank you Colville Store and the Co-op for all that you do! For more information see page 19.



CHRISTMAS & SUMMER EVENTS

Coromandel Homegrown Christmas Market

**We will have a Christmas Market
on Saturday the 10th instead
of the usual Friday ,
in the opposite Hike & Bike**

This is sure to be a cheerful event
and a great opportunity to find
those last minute Christmas
presents. *See page 12 for more.*



CELTIC FAIR

2 January: 9am - 4pm
Come to enjoy a full day of
entertainment, kids rides, yum-
my food, and over 300 stalls
featuring arts, crafts and great
value shopping.

Entry \$2 per person over 5 years
old, all gate proceeds go to CAS
where the fair is held.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

This years Christmas Carol Singing will
take place on **Friday the 23rd of December**
from **11am onwards** with Brooke
accompanying on guitar. We will gather at
the **Coromandel Homegrown Market**
before heading downtown to spread
summertime joy and Christmas cheer!

If you are interested in being part of this
event, come along on the day, or join us
for two practises at the Hauraki House
theatre, **Sunday, 4pm, December 11th and
18th.** All singers welcome. Any questions
contact: Anne Zealand: 0276882718 or
Brooke Dennehy Lakin: 022 5225324.

**Coromandel
Santa parade
&
Christmas market**
Sunday 4th December 2022

Santa parade - 3pm
Christmas market to follow at the
Coromandel Area School bottom
field.

for float and market stall registration forms
please email Coromandel@playcentre.org.nz
or phone Shevana 02108186834

**Santa's grotto. face painting.
Sausage sizzle. Mussel Fritters.
food stalls & more**



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EPIC-COLLAGE



Coromandel Christmas – Art Exhibition –

Hauraki House – Coromandel Town
December 18th until January 14th 2023

Come to the opening – 5pm Sunday 18th December – All Welcome

– MIX AND MINGLE FROM 5PM – OPENING AT 6PM

ARTISTS EXHIBITING INCLUDE: Bronwynne Cornish; Michael Smither; Gian McGregor; Fatu Feu’u; Wailin Elliott; Tom Elliott; Lindsay Garmsom; Pamela Annsouth; Anneke Borren; Cindy Alger; Fiona Tunnicliffe; Bev Thatcher; Rod MacLeod; Barbara Von Seida; Mike O’Donnell; Allan Beaver; Pete Sephton Caitlin Moloney; Kim Brett; Kevin Brett; Kay Ogilvie; Tracy Johnson; Ian Webster; Jan Kocian; Sam Ireland; Raewyn Penrose; Iain Crichton; Petra Meyboden; Diane Cade; Jan Linklater; Joanne North; Jenny Shearer; Vaughan Udall; Andrew and Jeannie Van Der Putten; Frederick Church; Barbara Peddie; Stuart Spackman; Jenny Currie; Annette Kaye; Bob Drummond.

– THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 10AM UNTIL 4PM DAILY –
– CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY –



COME ALONG AND EXPERIENCE SOME OF NEW ZEALANDS LEADING ARTISTS

A Christmas Quiz

1. How many individual pictures of Pohutukawa flowers or trees feature in this issue of the Pānui?
2. In which country is Santa known as “Sinterklaas”?
3. When Santa comes to visit the children of Colville Bay Pre-school, what present does he like to gift them?
4. How do you say “Merry Christmas” in Te Reo?
5. If Santa called his reindeer in alphabetical order, who would be called on fourth?

First three people to email the editor the correct answers can come and choose a small prize from the “prize box” at Colville Junction.

Competition Rules: Internet use is not permitted for entry, asking others for help however is encouraged.

“Jingle Bells in the Summertime”

See: Music with Brooke—Payhip for more

Driving to the beach,
for a merry Christmas day
Over hills we go, laughing
all the way
Togs and sunscreen on
Making spirits bright
Oh what fun we’ll have
today and on merry
Christmas night, oh!

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is we have
on merry Christmas day,
hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is we have
on merry Christmas day!

Soon we will be home, for
a merry Christmas night
Stories and songs to hear
under fairy lights
Food and drink for all
Making spirits bright
Oh what fun we had today
and on merry Christmas
night, oh!



Kia ora Family/Whanau and Friends of the Colville Community,

It is the time of the year for spending precious time with our whanau and friends and celebrating how much we mean to each other. Unfortunately, for some children it can also mean risks around their sexual safety. There are simple strategies described briefly below (web link for further info) that can be put in place that will build on protective factors contributing to the prevention of sexual abuse.



Touching Rules keep us all safe

We use the proper names for our body parts. We can ask for a hug when we want one and can say no when we don't. We are each the boss of our own bodies. We all have the right to say no to unwelcome touching, play fighting or any other physical activity or conversation that makes us feel uncomfortable. We never have to keep a secret about touching that makes us feel scared or unhappy. We respect each other's privacy when getting changed, washing ourselves and toileting. Wherever there are children, we use "The 3 touching rules for private parts": It's ok to touch your own, it's not ok to touch someone else's, and it's not ok for someone else to touch yours.

Safer babysitting

It is estimated that around half of sexual abuse of children is done by (male and female) teenagers, and some will offend while babysitting. Ask for references from your babysitter, check in with other people they have babysat for. Spend some time watching the person interacting with your child. Keep an eye out for unsafe behaviour. Let the baby-sitter know your family touching rules and expectations for videos and online activities.

Staying away from home

Before the sleep over make sure that your child clearly understands personal boundaries and touching rules. Sleep overs are safest when your child can bath, toilet and dress themselves. Meet the caregivers of your child's friend before they stay the night. Communicate your expectations around videos and online activities with your child and any supervising adults.

Partying

If adults are partying, particularly if there is alcohol and or drugs involved, it is safest if children are being cared for in a safe home. If they are at the party, ensure that there are two safe sober adults caring for the children. For further safety message to keep tamariki safe from sexual abuse

refer to www.capsauraki.co.nz

Safe kids, thriving families.

Season's Greetings from the Right2bSafe

Project (Protecting children from Sexual Abuse)



Where to Get Help:

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| Immediate danger: | Police 111 |
| Child/Tamariki at risk: | Oranga Tamariki 0508 326 459 |
| Concern, support, advice: | CAPS Hauraki Free call 05082277 28 |
| Safe to Talk: | National Sexual Harm Helpline 0800 044 334 |
| Safe Network: | Support for people with concerning or harmful sexual behaviour: 09 377 9898 help@safenet.org.nz |

Committee of Management newsletter DEC 2022: To the Colville Cooperative Society membership and the wider Colville community

The **Colville General Store** is a community-owned asset run by the community for the benefit of the community. The Store is the heart of Colville.

Imagine if the Store was lost, what would happen to Colville village and area.

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The General Store is facing many stresses and challenges. We are in very difficult trading conditions, as many businesses will know, and we need the support and patience of the members of the Cooperative and the wider community to keep our Store alive and serving the community.

Some of the challenges:

- # **Overheads and Compliance costs** have gone up dramatically in the half last decade— we pay Health & Food certification for compliance, it now costs us \$1000 per staff member to become a registered manager for alcohol, tobacco, gas sales.
- # **Transport costs** and fuel costs have risen. Product costs have increased. Wages have increased.
- # **Supply Chain issues**—we have major problems getting certain product lines, broken order and delivery requests making it worse as well as a difficulty supplying requested specialist products.
- # **Staffing issues and shortages**— We are endeavoring to pay all our staff at least the living wage but we need increased sales to enable us to do that. Getting enough staff is often an issue as well.
- # **Annual sales have not increased to cover rising costs** — Flat annual sales with rapidly increasing costs squeeze our margins which cannot be increased too high to cover all costs as the corollary engender a decrease in sales; good margins are essential for a healthy business.
- # **If we lost the Store**, our food, fuel and so much more would mean a 30km drive to Coromandel. Above all, the Store provides a service—it's the hub of our village, without it, there is no hub, no village, no jobs; which equates to more travel time, more fuel costs etc. and no guarantee that it would be that much cheaper anyway. It would be the end of Colville as we know and love it.

The value of the Cooperative and the Store:

- # **The Store is the commercial and social hub of Colville village**— if we lose it we lose the heart of Colville. It is a landmark destination that helps other businesses and social groups in our area, supporting local artists and artisan makers.
- # **The Store returns \$4400 in wages** to the community each week— In 2012 the Store was paying \$2900 per week. We are doing our best to pay a minimum of the living wage to our employees. Many of our younger people get their first work experience and support at the Colville Store.
- # **A community-owned and responsive Store** is far better than relying on businesses and suppliers in other towns. The petrol and gas supplies are essential for both locals and tourists.
- # **The Store, Gallery and Cafe** provides an outlet for local artisan producers.
- # **The Cooperative** has given birth to and supported Colville organisations such as the Colville Social Services Collective (now Colville Junction) the Colville Cafe (through its many changes) and the Arts Gallery.



The Colville community has an asset – the Store – that is an iconic attraction in the northern Coromandel, its presence supports other businesses. It saves individual transport costs and time that would be major issues without the store. So, we are asking the membership and wider community to look at the big picture, to help maintain our hub, our village by supporting the Cooperative and the Store in the difficult trading times ahead, to have patience with the challenges we are all facing and understand how important the Store is to Colville.



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Tues 20 

January

SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS—refer to TCDC website 



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December-January

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Regular events

WHAT'S ON IN NORTHERN COROMANDEL?

Check Summer Schedules for ongoing events

- Mondays** Te Reo-Te Ao with Matua Brendon @ Colville School 5 - 6.30pm
- Tuesdays** Yoga with Kate @ Colville Hall 10am.
- Tuesdays** On the Mat (Judo) for Children & Youth @ Colville Hall 3.00 - 3.45pm
- Wednesdays** Meditation @ Mahamudra Centre 8:15- 8:45am (except during retreats)
- Wednesdays** Colville Bay Pre-school's Outdoor Adventure Programme (see pg 10)
- Thursdays** Enliven (Social Programme for Older People) 10am - 2pm
- Fridays** Coromandel Homegrown Market 8am-1pm (see page 12)
- Sundays** 1st Sun of the Month Tennis Club working bee 2 - 4pm

December

- Sun 4 Dec** Santa Parade and Christmas Market (Pg16)
- Fri 9– Sun 11** *The Power of Loving Kindness* meditation retreat at Mahamudra (Pg12)
- Thurs 15 Dec** Celebration Hui and Thank You afternoon tea at Colville School (Pg11)
- Fri 23 Dec** Colville Junction closes, reopening 24th of January 2023
- Sat 31-Sun 1** *Chenrezig Retreat* at Mahamudra Centre (Pg12)
- Sun 31 Dec** *New Year's Eve Light Offering* at Mahamudra Centre, 10pm onwards (Pg12)
- Fri 23 Dec** *Christmas Carols in Coromandel Town* (Pg 16)

January

- Mon 2 Jan** Celtic Fair—Coromandel Area School field (Pg 16)
- Wed 11 Jan** *Shorebirds: Waders to Highsky flyers* with Keith Woodley @Colville Hall (Pg 14)
- Sat 14—18** *Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition* (Pg17)
- Thurs 5-15 Jan** *Lam Rim Course & Retreat* at Mahamudra Centre
- Sat 21 Jan** *Wildlife Photography Worksop & Kiwi Avoidance Training* (Pg 15)
- Fri 24 Jan** Colville Junction reopens after the Christmas break

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- 111 Fire ambulance, police emergencies needing immediate assistance
- 105 Police for reporting incidents not requiring immediate response
- 0800 CRIMESTOPPERS 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
- 0508 828 865 Suicide Crisis Helpline
- 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*)
- 0800 764 766 National Poison Centre
- 07 8666618 Colville Community Health Centre
- 07 8666 815 Colville School
- 07 8666805 Colville General Store
- 07 8668 319 Colville Bay Pre-school
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