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Pinkie News

The Pinkie is currently published fortnightly, on a Friday, while we establish new systems, combine forces with the Hanmer App, and build a more resilient, enduring newspaper that contains more news and local content.

Printed copies of The Pinkie will be available from the Hanmer Springs Four Square on a Monday morning, following the Friday publication date.

In this issue we offer a subscription for local residents who would like a guaranteed copy, delivered to their letterbox, or door. See details on the inside back cover.

For the benefit of both our readers and advertisers, we aim to increase our print run in the near future.

We've got some work to do and we appreciate your patience while we make *The Pinkie* even better.

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Seasons Greetings

Seasons Greetings to you all.

Locals and visitors alike enjoyed last Friday's Christmas Parade, on a picture perfect Hanmer Springs day. Our very own Gavin Martin recorded the occasion with some fantastic photos that may be found at:

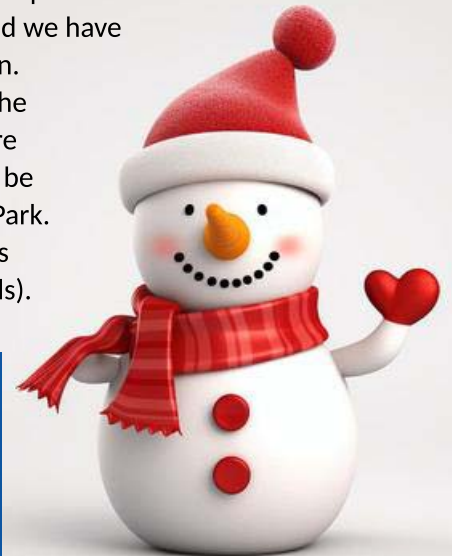
www.gavinmartinphotography.com (click link for online readers).

For those who love to sing Christmas Carols, a traditional Christmas Carol service is being held at the Anglican Church of the Epiphany (33 Jollies Pass Rd) at 8pm on Christmas Eve. There will be a collection for the Christchurch City Mission and supper will be served in the hall afterwards. Even if you aren't church-goers its a great thing to do with the children; to be part of a choir for a night - Christmas Eve!

Wishing you a safe and joyful Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.

Satellite Phones over Holidays

Over the Christmas holiday period there will only be **two** satellite phones in Hanmer Springs, should we have an emergency situation. One phone will be at the Hanmer Medical Centre and the other one will be at the TOP10 Holiday Park. (See opposite/previous page for address details).



extra parkruns for you!

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The deadline for material, including advertising, is Tuesday 5pm unless it is pre-booked in which case our deadline is Wednesday 5pm.

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Making New Zealand - Christmas

"Making New Zealand" was published in 1940. It is a pictorial record of New Zealand's first hundred years. It was commissioned the New Zealand Government and was produced by the Centennial Branch of the Department of Internal Affairs under the direction of the National Historical Committee.

There were 30 volumes printed with each volume dealing with a different aspect of New Zealand's first 100 years. Volume 25 is titled, "Recreation", and writes about the ways we relaxed; conversation, reading, musical evenings, tea and cards, school and church, weddings and christenings, Christmas, picnics, the community hall, the flickering screen, amateur stage etc

Christmas

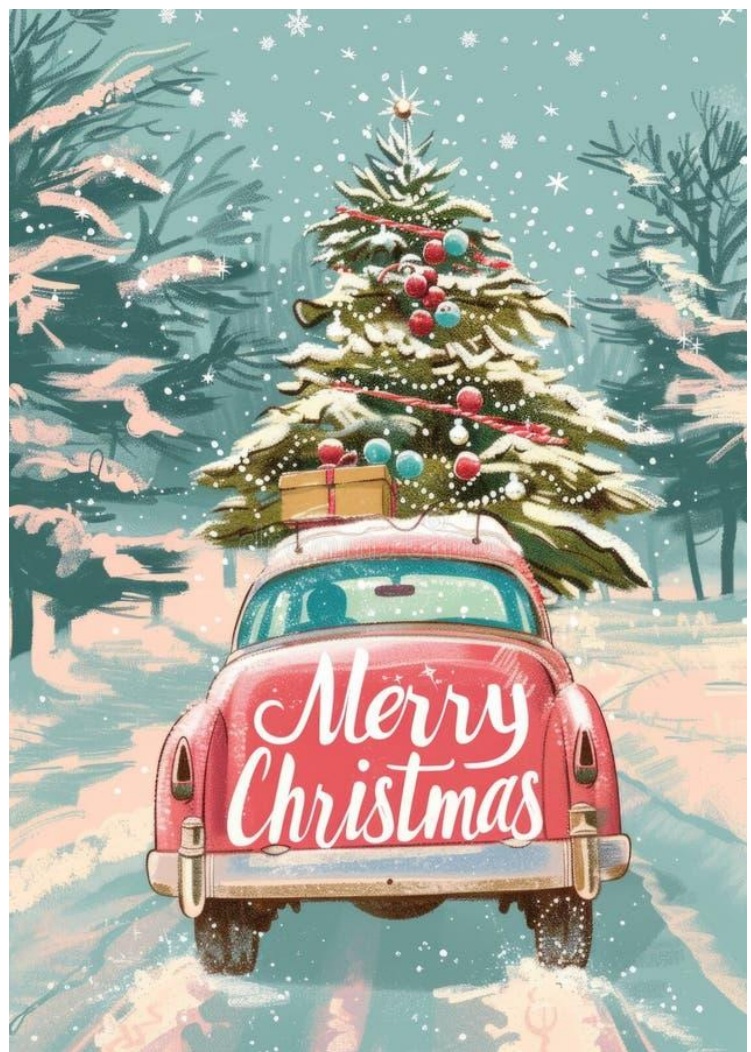
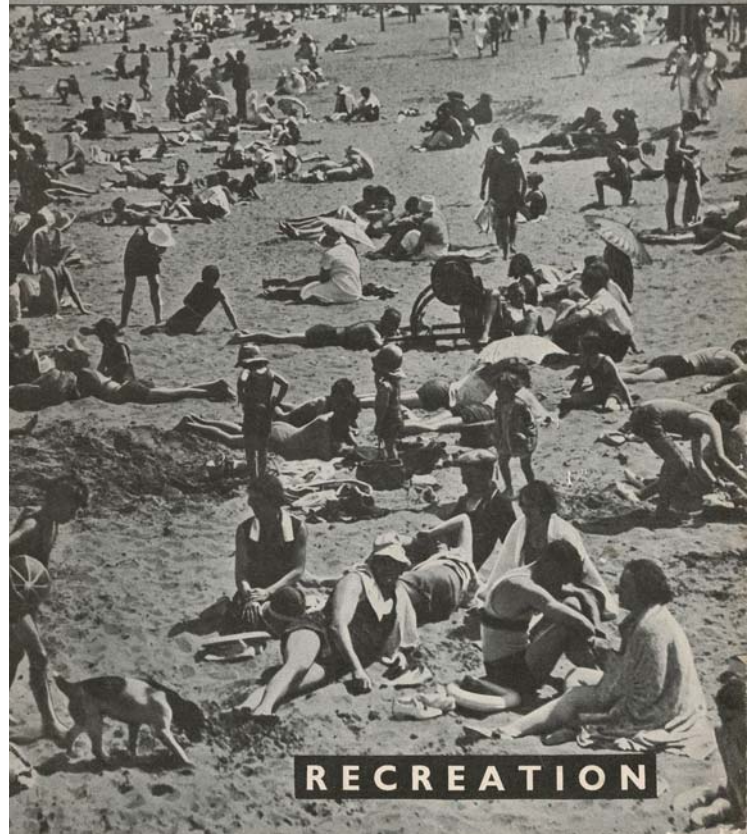
It was a far cry from the Christmas snow of the old land to the bright December sunshine of the new; but the pioneers brought with them the festal spirit of Yuletide. Midsummer it may be in this southern land, but all the old ceremonies—the roast turkey, plum pudding, and sprigs of holly —sanctioned by long usage appeared from the beginning at the colonial Christmas dinner. It was a time for a general holiday. An old colonist from a bush settlement in Canterbury says that families used to combine to celebrate Christmas in grand style. The women would be preparing for a fortnight beforehand, baking bread and cakes and puddings, making butter, and getting game ready—wild ducks and kakas and wood pigeons—for nobody ate mutton at Christmas! As the houses were too small to accommodate all who came, it was usual to lay the table under the trees outside. The older folk would recall past days in the old land; sometimes there was a touch of sadness when the oldest one of all would rise to toast absent friends. But the youngsters were more interested in the future and brushed aside memories of the past.

In the afternoon games would be played. Quoits were always popular: in the bush settlements they used horse-shoes and maul rings for throwing. A cricket match was always played —and the sides were Married V Single. The rules of the game were never taken very seriously and no one worried how many players were on each side. But everyone batted and the score was faithfully kept. Well before sunset the table would be laid again with cold meats and bon-bons, while down the centre the Christmas cakes would be placed. The custom was for each family to bring a cake, usually iced and decorated. After tea a dance would take place, sometimes in the open, sometimes in a neighbouring barn. Last of all supper would be served near to midnight, and the guests would retire to temporary beds made up in every room in the house. For many of the early settlers Christmas was the one holiday of the year, and it was not unusual to keep the merriment going until New Year's Day.

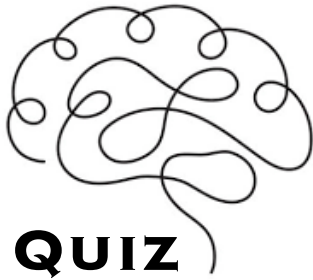
From "Making New Zealand", published in 1940.

MAKING NEW ZEALAND

Vol.2 PICTORIAL SURVEYS OF A CENTURY No.25



TRIVIA



1. In 1969 Richard Cawston made a documentary for the BBC about which famous family?
2. What is the 'perfect score' in a game of Ten Pin bowling?
3. Where on the human body is the zygomatic bone found?
4. What is a popular dessert served in Japan during the summer months?
5. Which country was split into two zones by the Yalta agreement?
6. In Which Year Was the Boeing 747 Put into Regular Service?
7. The Nordic countries (Denmark, Sweden, Norway notably) tend to celebrate Christmas chiefly on which date?
8. What famous character did Edgar Rice Burroughs create?
9. What Type of Fruit Is Depicted on Top of The Men's Singles Trophy at Wimbledon?
10. Which Swimming Stroke Was Introduced into Competition In 1952?
11. In 1995 Which Formula One Driver Signed for McLaren but Couldn't Fit in The Car?
12. What Is the Mark Behind Which Dart Player Must Stand Called?
13. When did the CD begin to appear on the consumer market?
14. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
15. Who wrote, "Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more?"
16. What gifts did the three wise men give to Jesus and his family?
17. The films The King's Speech and The English Patient feature which English actor?
18. What are people who suffer from Alektorophobia afraid of?
19. A "lepidopterist" is someone who studies which type of creature?
20. Hickory trees produce which types of nuts?

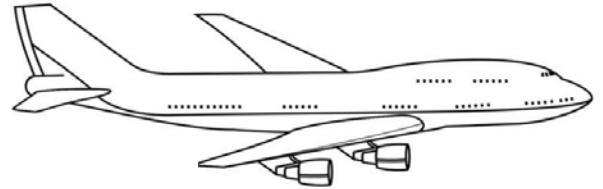
Read this subliminal message ...

I'm really awesome at the Trivia Quiz

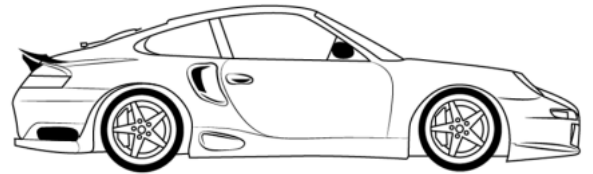
QUIZ FOR THE KIDS

1. What is Mickey Mouses dog called?
2. What is the most spoken language in the world?
3. Which animal can be seen on the Porsche logo?
4. What's the response to "see you later, alligator?"
5. According to the Dr. Seuss book, who stole Christmas?

P.



Colour these ...



A little space for doodling or colouring!



P.

Easy Traditional Christmas Cake (that can pass as pudding too)



Ingredients

- 3 cups sultanas or golden raisins
- 1 1/2 cups raisins roughly chopped
- 1 3/4 cups dates pitted, finely chopped
- 1 cup dried currants sometimes called Zante currants
- 5 candied orange slices finely chopped (my preference, mixed dried citrus peel is more traditional, see notes)
- 2/3 cup candied cherries chopped; I like red, you can use red, green or a mix
- 1/4 cup chopped candied pineapple
- 1/2 cup chopped candied apricots
- 1/2 cup rum or brandy, dry sherry or other alcohol, see notes
- 1 cup unsalted butter softened
- 1 cup brown sugar firmly packed
- 5 eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ground cloves
- 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- 3 Tbsp rum or other alcohol, extra

Instructions

- Combine all the dried fruits with the brandy in a large bowl. Mix very well, then cover and set aside at least overnight. You can soak the fruit for up to a week, stirring and recovering each day.

3 cups sultanas, 1 1/2 cups raisins, 1 3/4 cups dates, 1 cup dried currants, 5 candied orange slices, 2/3 cup candied cherries, 1/4 cup chopped candied pineapple, 1/2 cup chopped candied apricots, 1/2 cup rum
- Preheat your oven. For a regular oven, preheat to 265°F/130°C. For combi steam, set to the same temperature using Combi Steam setting, and no more than 30% steam (low steam). Line the base and sides of a deep 9-inch (22cm) round cake pan with a triple thickness of parchment paper, extending the sides up about 2 inches past the top of the pan.
- Put the butter and brown sugar into the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, or use a large bowl and a hand beater. Mix until well combined but not fluffy.
1 cup unsalted butter, 1 cup brown sugar
- Add the eggs to the butter mixture, one at a time, beating to combine after each addition. The mixture is going to look lumpy and curdled, that's normal.
5 eggs
- Sift the dry ingredients into the butter and egg mix and mix to combine. Tip in the soaked fruit and any remaining liquid, and mix well. I prefer to do this part by hand with a wooden spoon, as the mixer blade has a tendency to squash the fruit.
2 cups all-purpose flour, 1 tsp baking powder, 1 tsp ground cinnamon, 1/2 tsp ground cloves, 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- Scrape the cake mixture into your prepared pan and smooth out the surface. Bake until it's deep brown and firm to the touch; 3 1/2 hours in a conventional oven or 2 hours 45 minutes in combi steam.
- Brush the top of the hot cake with extra brandy, then cover and set aside to cool overnight in the pan. Turn out, brush with more brandy if you want to, then wrap well and store the cake in a cool, dark place for up to 2 months. It's at its best a few weeks after baking, so try to give it that long if you can.

3 Tbsp rum

Letter to the Editor



Letter to the Hanmer Springs Village News

The fire at Bridge Hill has spooked me. It is because the village of Hanmer Springs is a sitting duck for a similar wild fire.

Of course this has been known by the relevant agencies for a while but what is being done about it – apart from realising the truth??

We talk up our lovely village and how it is expanding but is it good expansion and is the expansion assisting in fire proofing ourselves more? I see no evidence of this.

Why are we especially prone to a wild fire? Here are some reasons:

- Our climate and the future of more climatic conditions suitable for fires.
- The village is surrounded by forest including rapidly expanding Douglas fir wildings. The wildings are marching up Mt Isobel and throttling our native Kanuka, broad leafs and beech trees (take a walk up the Mt Isobel track from Pawson's Road or visit the Nature Trail.) What's more the forests are north and west of the village which is great for dry nor westerly winds. The production forests have roads/ firebreaks but not the wildings.
- Subdivisions adjacent to either planted or spreading forest like Conical Hill, upper Chatterton and the new River Springs subdivision which borders a dense row of willows.
- Lack of water and lack of water holes. The Waiau River is not close to the village and is fast flowing. The local rivers now dry up. There are no large designated water tanks or

ponds for the purpose of firefighting – apart from maybe the Chisholm and Woodland ponds.

- There are no firebreaks being made or appearing to be planned for in the district scheme. We are a 'one way in' village, full of dead end cul de sacs and limited west/east roading intersections. All will hamper fire fighting.
- Allowing fire prone activities near the forest and village. Two spring to my mind. If it goes ahead the flyride on Conical Hill (the machinery and metal friction) and DOC allowing freedom camping at the Pawsons Rd entrance. Most fires start with human activity especially of the camping kind. Thank goodness the forestry companies do not allow mechanised activities by the public.
- The central village is known for its exotic oaks and redwoods. Fine but please prune and crown them so they don't get so heavy and big. The avenue trees have been maintained, time to do the others.

It is timely for the Hurunui District Council, ECan and other relevant authorities to plan more around the future of fires. All planning in our village should consider and be decided around this issue. In the meantime do what can be done by removing obvious fire starters like the freedom camp, create fire breaks and more water storage.

I know this is not new but please let's see some physical action.

Pauline Bennett

Sudoku for you!

3	4	5						8
6	1			8	3	5	4	9
7	9			4	5			6
			1	5	7			
				6	4	9		
	7	1	9			4		
		9		2		6		4
	5			1				
2		6				3		

This is an easy/medium one so no answers are needed!

Trivia Answers

1. The Royal Family
2. 300
3. Facial Cheek
4. Kakigori
5. Germany
6. 1970
7. 24th Dec
8. Tarzan
9. Pineapple
10. Butterfly
11. Nigel Mansell
12. The Oche
13. 1982
14. Germany
15. Dr Suess
16. Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense
17. Colin Firth
18. Chickens
19. Butterflies
20. Pecans



KIDS ANSWERS

1. Pluto
2. Mandarin (Chinese)
3. Horse
4. "In a while, crocodile."
5. The Grinch

Thank you! You!

Thanks to the people that organised and participated in the Christmas Parade.



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Unattended work sites

Loose chip

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Julian (021 148 2811) for more information.

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB HANMER SPRINGS

First Tuesday of each month
Fun and fellowship for the more mature.
Call Corry Scrivener (021 045 7666) or
Dennis Hall (021 294 1541) to join, or for more information.

Mount Isobel Paragliding Club

Mount Isobel Paragliding Club

The Mount Isobel Paragliding Club is looking for members (flying or non-flying).
Call Reece (022 366 4477) or
Chris (021 038 2046) for more information

Wednesdays

TRAMPING GROUP

Day tramps in local mountains and surrounding areas. Every Wednesday.
Call Janet (021 103 4303) for information.
Mt Isobel Tramping Group

LOCAL LADIES CATCH-UP

First Wednesday of each month.
Fire and Ice, from 5:30pm.
We are a fun loving, vivacious group and can have from 5-20 meet each month.

HANMER SPRINGS KNITTING GROUP

Wednesday 10am
Hanmer Springs Library
Call Diane (021 315 779)

Thursdays

PILATES CLASS

Thursdays 8:45am and 10:00am
12 Amuri Avenue
Call Corry (021 045 7666)

E-BIKE TOURING GROUP

Thursdays 11:00am (winter hours)
Call June (021 823 824) or
Anne Inglis (021 277 7515) for information.

HANMER SPRINGS BRIDGE CLUB

Thursdays 7:15pm
Anglican Church Hall
Call Joy (027 220 2511) for information.

HANMER SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

Dinner meeting second Thursday of the month. Five Stags at 6:30pm. All welcome.
Email Boio Sarahu-Hothersall at
hanmerspringslionsclub@gmail.com

Saturdays

HANMER FOREST PARKRUN

Saturdays 8am
Brooke Dawson Reserve (off Bath Street)
See parkrun.co.nz for details

Sundays

MORRIS DANCING

Sundays 7pm
Lots of laughs and some added exertion.
Dancers and musicians welcome.
Call John (021 395 022)

CHURCH NOTICES

Saturday Church Services

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, HURUNUI

Saturday Mass 5pm
St Roch's Church
27 Amuri Avenue

Sunday Church Services

ANGLICAN PARISH OF HANMER SPRINGS

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
Sundays 10am
33 Jollies Pass Road
Tea & coffee after Sunday Service
Call Jonathan Gardiner (Warden)
(03 315-7925 or 027 685 9276)

REMNANT CHURCH NEW ZEALAND REMNANT HOUSE

Sundays 10am
Remnant House 108 Rippingale Road
Children's Church & He Brews
Monthly lunches & Evening Service
A Four Square International Church
Call 021 076 7236 for details

VENUES FOR HIRE

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Available for hire for community groups, meetings, worship, retreats etc
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Available for sports groups, weddings, functions etc. Fully equipped kitchen.
Large carpeted function room, changing rooms and showers.
Call Nicola at the Hurunui District Council (03 314-8816)

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Fully equipped kitchen. Spacious and warm carpeted room. Bar facilities.
Call the Golf Club (03 315-7110)

HANMER SPRINGS TENNIS CLUB

Twilight Tennis & Kids Coaching
(During the season)
Call Sarah Currie (021 0826 4577) for more information

New Play Area for Brooke Dawson

Work has started on an accessible, sensory play area at Brooke Dawson Park in Hanmer Springs, with a similar play area for Chisholm Reserve scheduled to get underway.

The accessible and interactive sensory play areas are in response to feedback from the community for a playground that would engage children in a fun and stimulating way with elements that are accessible for children with disabilities, Hurunui District Council Chief Strategy and Community officer Judith Batchelor says.

Stage 1 works at Brooke Dawson Park feature the accessible play area, featuring a 'free-fall', natural playground with bounce bark and natural wood adventure equipment that will be located next to the sensory playground.

Stage 2 will be the installation of sensory play equipment adjacent to the accessible area. Delivery of the three final components for this is expected before Christmas.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$67,601.60 and has been budgeted for in the Long Term Plan, with funding coming from the sale of Council-owned property at 44 Jollies Pass Road.

"The giant chimes, bongos and musical flowers at Brooke Dawson Park are designed to stimulate multiple senses with their tactile surfaces, bright colours and interesting sounds. These tools not only promote creativity but also support developmental skills and social connections through shared play," Batchelor says.

Similar sensory elements will be added to Chisholm Reserve, with an extra \$8,000 plus GST of contestable funding being approved by the Hanmer Springs Community Board for a shade sale to provide protection to children while using the play equipment. The three sensory elements, comprising Musical Flowers, a Play Panel and Chimes, along with a lime chip track, will cost \$20,000 and has been budgeted for in the Long Term Plan.



A Message from Mayor Marie Black



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Whatever the season of Christmas means to you, I hope it brings you peace and harmony. I wish you good health and happiness, and a time to spend with family and friends.

This year I had the privilege to travel to Belgium to commemorate Armistice Day. My plea to all is to make this Christmas a time to focus on the peace and tranquillity we have within our district and be thankful for the many people who strive to make this happen.

**Happy
Christmas from
Mayor Marie
and Dave Black.**



Summer Reading



Summer Reading

Keep your reading skills alive these holidays.

Summer Reading challenge sheets are available at Hurunui District Libraries for children 0-12 years and teens 13-19 years.

Return your completed sheet to your local Hurunui library by Monday 27 January and receive an invitation for your family to the movie night on Thursday 30 January.



Some Christmas Parade photos by Gavin Martin

Hurunui District Council Notice



Christmas and New Year Hanmer Springs - Rubbish, Recycling and Transfer Station Information

Rubbish and Recycling Collections

Over Christmas and New Year, rubbish and recycling collections in Hanmer Springs are as normal on:

- Monday 23 December and
- Monday 30 December

Collection times may vary to usual, so Council rubbish and recycling bags must be out by 8am as the Council will not return to collect bags put out after the crew has been.

Bundles of cardboard are not collected but can be recycled via any transfer station during opening hours.

Household glass bottles are collected in Hanmer Springs providing:

- They are left at the kerbside in a Council-issued recycling container.
- All lids are removed and disposed of
- The glass boxes are not overloaded.
- The glass boxes do not contain any other recycling or rubbish.

Remember to recycle correctly over the festive season and only put the following clean items in the recycling bag (bags containing items which are not accepted, or glass bottles will be stickered and left):

- Paper and cardboard but no wrapping paper
- Food and drink tins and cans
- Plastic bottles, trays and containers numbered 1, 2 and 5 only (no smaller than 100ml or bigger than 4 litres and no lids).

Hanmer Springs Transfer Station

The transfer station will be closed on Wednesday 25 December and Wednesday 1 January, otherwise normal opening hours and times apply.

As the transfer station will be busier than normal, staggering visits, sorting rubbish and recycling and removing lids from glass bottles prior to arrival will help decrease waiting times.

For further details on waste and recycling, visit www.hurunui.govt.nz or call 03 314 8816

Tait Gallery

Tait Gallery will be closed
Sunday 22 December 2024 until
Friday 27 December 2024.

The Gallery will reopen on
Saturday 28 December at 10am.

**We are having a One Day Sale
on 1 January 2025!**

Wishing you all a very happy
Christmas and a healthy and
stress-free 2025

William Taylor

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34 Conical Hill Road, Hanmer Springs



A wee message from Leunig

Mummy was busy on Instagram
When beautiful bubby fell out of the pram
And lay on the path unseen and alone
Wishing that he was loved like a phone.



Leunig

Some Christmas Parade photos by Gavin Martin

When two Year 8 students teamed up in their Term 2 business studies course they created a profitable business venture in 12 weeks with all the proceeds going to the Hanmer Springs Food Forest.



Gina Holland (teacher), Norm Willerton (Menz Shed), Sharnie Inglis, Graham Frith (Grum), Cooper Taylor & Mike Shaxon

In Term 2 the Karearea Class (Year 7 & 8) at Hanmer Springs School studied Business Studies.

Students formed small teams to research and create a business. The aim was to build a profitable business and donate the profits back into the Hanmer Springs Community. They had twelve weeks!

On your marks! Get set! Go!

When Sharnie Inglis and Cooper Taylor teamed up Sharnie wanted to make baking to sell and Cooper wanted to sell his services walking dogs. With no apparent common ground they scratched their heads and came up with a brilliant idea to combine their passion for baking and pet dogs. They decided to make dog treats.

They wrote a business plan, researched recipes, came up with a company name and designed a logo. The next thing to do was pitch the idea to the “Falcons Nest”; a group made up of teachers and home and school members. They needed an initial investment of \$35.00 to get the idea “off the ground”.

The “Falcons Nest” thought Sharnie and Cooper’s presentation was great and they were given the \$35.00 start-up loan they needed.

Sharnie and Cooper then set about making and selling their “Woof Incorporated” dog treats. Their sales channels included Whanau, friends, two school market days, Facebook orders and they also sold the dog treats at the Rustic Cafe.

The treats were very successful with many happy dogs and just as many happy dog owners.

The initial \$35 loan was repaid, “tax” was paid to the School (for ingredients) and Woof Incorporated ended up with an amazing profit of \$617.00.

Sharnie and Cooper had decided to support the Hanmer Springs Food Forest community project. The Food Forest has been running about 3 years and Graham Frith (Grum) kindly donates his time taking school children to the Food Forest to get them involved.

The profit Sharnie and Cooper made was greater than they had ever expected so, together with their teacher Gina Holland, they decided to get a beautiful wooden sign made for the Hanmer Springs Food Forest. They contacted Brett Renall from Woodpecker Signs in Lincoln. Brett gave them a special price to support the community project. Sharnie and Cooper then contacted Mike Shaxon from the Hanmer Menz Shed and asked if they would help install the sign.

The Hanmer Menz Shed did an amazing job installing the sign. The Menz Shed donated their time and materials and they have even added the sign to their annual maintenance list where the sign will be given a new coat of oil each year, to keep it looking good for years to come!

Sharnie is still itching to get into the kitchen so she has promised to make the Menz Shed morning tea for doing such a great job of installing the sign.

What an amazing community project; from start to finish. Thanks to everyone who encouraged and inspired the students. Thanks to those who brought dog treats, and thanks to Brett for making the sign, and the Menz Shed for installing it.

Last Legs

Continued from previous issue ...

By Richard Tapper (reproduced with permission)

It is seven in the evening but the bar is empty and I have to rap on the counter to get someone's attention. I have the place to myself, that is until another foreigner arrives, a female traveler of that indeterminate age somewhere pushing forty. She sits straight on the stool next to me and dumps her key and a handbag on the bar then orders a quart bottle of beer before pushing her hand in my direction to shake. "Angie", she says.

I can't pick per accent. She is not a *Yanqui*.

She is Belgian but with an English mother and she spent half her childhood in India because her mother was a hippie, she tells me.

"Goa?"

And the answer is yes, then when we get to talking about it, I find I knew her mother. It's a scary feeling half way round the world, when I decide to chat up a good looking woman in a bar, only to find out I knew her mother. Even if it was not intimately, it still instantly ages me, but it is not long before we are wrapped in reminiscences of the Indian sub-continent and we find the beers going down easily and there are a hundred names, so many people we both knew. Whatever happened to English Michael, and we assume that Johny Cairo must be dead by now because he was a junkie and where is Octavio the Brazilian and what about Mental and you would never guess who I ran into in Saigon, it was Rangì. And we are gone, back on the road in the good old days, the only difference being is that Angie saw it all through the eyes of a thirteen or fourteen year old girl and I was twenty years older, but I like the way she talks to me as though there is no age difference and it is quite a while since I had any female company and I am enjoying her warmth.

Angie has just arrived on a bus from Asuncion in Paraguay, a bum-numbing fourteen hours on a Paraguayan bus, so she wants to go for a walk and we take a stroll down toward the river and take a seat looking over the port and Angie pulls out a joint. I am not ready for this but since she has lit it, dragged on it and passed it to me, it would be very rude of me not to take a puff. Next thing I am wandering through the streets of some city on the pampas of Argentina, stoned out of my skippy, my sense of direction warped, with this lady on my arm. I want to know why she is in Santa Fe and she tells me she is on her way to Rosario, because that's where Che Guevarra was born and you couldn't be this close and not go.

Angie is starving and I must admit to the sudden onset of hunger so we set out in search of the Syrian Lebanese Social Club which one of the travel guides labels as 'excellent value as long as you can put up with the surly waiters'. It takes us half an hour before we finally track down the address. Two or three times we need to stop for a drink. When we do find the address, sadly the Arab quarter has gone, not a falafel in sight, no humus no tabbouleh, not even a garbanzo, all replaced by the ubiquitous golden arches of that hamburger joint plastered with signs saying 'Me encanta' - I'm loving it. Aaaaarrgggghhh.

We turn back toward the jaded, faded Hotel Gran Espana and into a dining room which can only be described as the Latin equivalent of British Raj.

It is heartwarming to find the surly waiters are still in gainful employment. Praise be, they are here. The maitre'd is condescending at least, despite being spoken to in my best Spanish he thrusts an English menu out like an infringement notice. These are not menus with English translation underneath the Spanish, but dedicated English menus – which means we are unable to translate the translations.

Travelling around you meet a lot of interlingual menu howlers – who could forget the 'battered crap' among the fish options in Saigon or the 'speciality from our cook' in Paris – but the Gran Espana takes the proverbial cake.

People are already shushing us. By now my new friend is starting to get loud, really loud. We decide that 'Beat the Bird' and 'Rolled Over Bird' are probably chicken. The 'Sprouted Pig with Potato Puree Farts' sounds intriguing but I tell her my ego will not allow me to order the 'Little Cock' and immediately wish I hadn't because she shrieks so loudly you can see a straightening of backs around the dining room. Her mirth is redoubled when she decides the offering entitled 'Sprouted Lemons' might help her bust size. The maitre d' angrily tries to quell the hysterical laughter. The Scarlet Woman is by now more than slightly interested in one of the dessert offerings, 'Sambo with Big Nuts'. She begs me to enquire, but it turns out to be chocolate ice cream with crushed nuts. I ask about the "Lamb Cooked in Its Own Juices with Popes" but no amount of enquiry is able to tell me which particular pontiffs share the pot. The maitre d' is very pissed off because he thinks we are laughing at him. In the end I settle on the 'Berlin Lion with Cheese Blow' and ask them to hold the blow – it turns out be one of those gargantuan cuts of steak that I end up with every night in Argentina.



Hanmer Springs School Pinkie Report End of 2024 school year

Percival House Pools afternoon.

On Monday afternoon last week Percival House went to the Thermal Pools as their reward for winning the house competition this term. They had a fun afternoon going down the slides and playing in the lap pool and kids pool. We would like to thank the Thermal Pools and Spa for their continued support of our school.



Lions Christmas Lunch.

On Tuesday afternoon last week the kapa haka group went to perform at the Lions senior citizen Christmas lunch at the Golf Club. We enjoyed sharing our performance with members of our community.

Talent Show.

On Tuesday evening last week we held our annual talent show at school. Teddy started us off with his fantastic dance moves and we had lots of great singing from students. Each class had prepared a song with Rosalind and the Home and School presented teachers and staff with a thank you gift for all of their hard work and dedication over the year. All students were also gifted with a Christmas present from the Home and School. Well done to everyone who entered in the talent show, you gave us all an enjoyable evening. We would like to thank the Home and School for their kindness and generosity and for continually supporting the school so well.

Brooke Dawson Park.

On Friday afternoon last week we went down to the Brooke Dawson Park for our final school picnic. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and we enjoyed playing different games in the park. We had fun on the new playground equipment and played cricket, played parachute games and played soccer. Lots of us had heaps of fun exploring the stream and we paddled in the water. We also made dams and did a spot of fishing! It was a great end to our school year, having fun and playing with our friends out in nature.



School Prizegiving.

On Monday afternoon we had our prize giving which was led by head students Rosie and Theo. The kapa haka group performed and certificates were awarded for most academic, most improved and school values in each class. The Y6 students received their graduation from primary school certificates, as they head into our intermediate school class next year. Cups and certificates for swimming, athletics, citizenship, most improved, maths, Literacy, Kapa Haka, guardianship of the school, the arts and general excellence were awarded. The students who completed their Kārearea Challenge were awarded with their final badges.

Congratulations to everyone who won an award or cup. Our Year 8 leavers were presented with their leaving gift and some gave speeches about their 8 years at our school. Staff were recognised for their long service to the school with some staff receiving 5, 10 or 15 years service plaques. We said goodbye to Miss Holland who is leaving and to Mrs Mancer who is taking maternity leave in 2025. We wish them both the best in their future endeavours.

Our 2025 head students, deputy head students and leaders were also announced. Congratulations to Harrison who is our 2025 head boy, Anika who is our 2025 head girl and Pippa who is the deputy head girl.



We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



Event Calendar



DECEMBER 2024

- 22 Christmas Church Service
"The Truth About Christmas", 10am
Remnant House, 108 Rippingale Road
- 22 Family Service with Christmas Craft, 10am
Anglican Church, 33 Jollies Pass Road
- 24 Community Carol Service, 8pm
Anglican Church, 33 Jollies Pass Road
- 25 Christmas Day
- 25 Hanmer Forest parkrun 8am
(Yes! A parkrun on Christmas Day. Wear your Santa hat)

JANUARY 2025

- 01 Hanmer Forest parkrun 8am
(Yes! A parkrun on New Years Day)
- 21 Pool Party, Hanmer Springs School Pool,
10:30am
- 25 St James Horse Sale

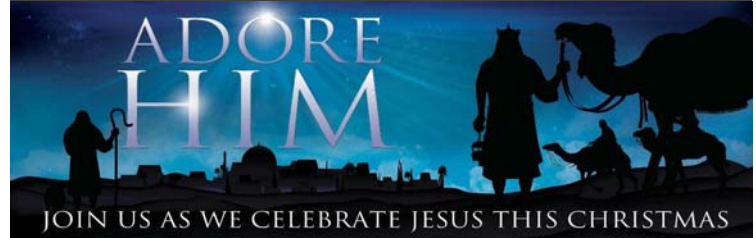
!! Attention Event Organisers !!

Please let us know if you have events coming up within the next few months. Please use this calendar to schedule new events to prevent "clashes".



The pohutukawa tree (*Metrosideros excelsa*) is a beautiful, flowering tree, commonly called the New Zealand Christmas tree.

Christmas Church Services



Remnant Church Christmas Services

Sunday 22 December - "The Truth About Christmas", 10am
Remnant Church is located at 108 Rippingale Road
Christmas treats to follow the service

Hanmer Anglican Community Church Services

Sunday 22 December

Family Service with Christmas Craft - 10am

10am morning service with a Christmas craft for all
Morning tea in the church hall afterwards

Tuesday 24 December

Christmas Eve Community Carol Service - 8pm

Carols + readings (overflow space in the hall)
Collection taken for the Christchurch City Mission
Supper in the church hall afterwards

Wednesday 25 December

Christmas Day - 9am

Christmas Communion



Hanmer Forest parkrun

Hanmer Forest parkrun takes place every Saturday at 8:00am.

Hanmer Forest parkrun is a fun, free event organised by volunteers for the benefit of everyone.

The route is a clockwise lap around Hanmer Forest, starting from the Brooke Dawson Reserve (off Bath Street). The course is mostly flat, with a few small inclines and is a mixture of walking trails, all of which are solid underfoot, suitable for road shoes.

<https://www.parkrun.co.nz/hanmerforest/course/>

Community Notices

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Ann Toomey	021 155 7622
Ken Williams	027 284 7241
Joy Wilson	027 220 2511



Hanmer Springs Golf Results

Saturday 7th December

Gross & Net Medal

Ladies

Gross winner Nicky West 84
Net winner Bev Pool 75

Men

Junior

Gross winner Matthew Morgan 95
Net winner Ian Bekhuis 72

Intermediate

Gross winner Barry Toomey 85
Net winner Greg Samson 71

Senior

Gross winner Jason Hill 74
Net winner Steve Gill 67

Twos

Gordon Simpson
Steve Gill
Brent Berry

Nearest the Pin
Steve Gill

Jackpot twos & Net eagles
Not struck

Saturday 14th December

Christmas Hamper
Stableford

1st Anne Galloway 46 pts
2nd Louise Pearce 45
3rd Jade Sadler 41
4th Barry Toomey 41
5th Brent Berry 40
6th Levi Sadler 40

Twos

Joe Gantley
Brent Berry
Richard Campbell
Murray Pool
Jade Sadler

Net Eagles
Alastair Dunbar
Paul Jones

Jackpot Twos
Brent Berry
Joe Gantley

Nearest the Pin
Adam Jacks
Louise Pearce
Brent Berry
Angela Poole
Barry Toomey



Results kindly
submitted by
Mike Gainsford. [Thanks Mike. Ed]

Hanmer Springs Bridge Club

Results 05/12/2024

1st - R Hothersall & G Baldwin

This was our last playing night for the year. Play restarts Thursday
16 January 2025

Seasons Greetings To Everyone

Results kindly submitted by Joy Wilson. [Thanks Joy. Ed]

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