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Hanmer Springs Medical Centre
59 Jacks Pass Road
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Tuesday	10am to 2pm
Wednesday	10am to 2pm
Friday	10am to 2pm
Sunday	10am to 2pm



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637 Hanmer Springs Road



Hanmer Springs Community Library

Hanmer Springs Community Library
& Service Centre



Cnr Amuri Avenue
& Cheltenham Street

03 315-7912

hanmer@hurunui.govt.nz

Monday - Friday
12pm - 4pm

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10am - 2pm

Useful Opening Times



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We all love Hanmer Springs ...

The number of weekend and week-day activities in Hanmer Springs is second to none, per capita. For example, this weekend in the village we have the **New Zealand Mountain Film Festival** and the **New Zealand String Quartet** performing.

The *New Zealand Mountain Film Festival* is screening at "Martys", a new venue opposite the Thermal Pools entrance (near Monteiths). For details about the Mountain Film Festival see the advertisement on the inside back cover of this issue of *The Pinkie* (page 19).

The *New Zealand String Quartet* are performing in the Ball Room at the Edit Hotel (formerly "The Heritage") at 6:30pm on Saturday night (Saturday 29 August). If you want to make a night of it go for an early dinner at the Edit too. For full details about the performance, and booking an early dinner, see the advertisement on the inside back cover (page 19) too.

Also, 10-13 September and then again 16-19 September our local theatre group, Amuri Players, perform "**Chicago - The Musical**" in the Memorial Hall. Tickets are available online; search "Chicago" at www.trybooking.com/nz/

I love being part of a small community that love and care for one another. Since visiting the Hanmer Springs Knit and Stitch Group back in May, and writing an article about the group for *The Pinkie*, I have been given the cutest soft toy and I'm thinking he'll become the mascot for *The Pinkie* (see photo lower left).

A couple of weeks back I had the pleasure of coffee with our local Councillor, Tom Davies. Besides Tom's formal duties as a councillor he also teaches mathematics at Hanmer Springs School. Tom has kindly agreed to provide some regular "maths themed" content for us all. I didn't mention my distaste for the Americanisation of the word "mathematics", from *maths*, as we used to call it, to *math*!

Talking about the good old days, my good friend Pita Alexander treats us this week with a walk down memory lane. See Pita's article in this issue of *The Pinkie* titled, "The Good Old Days - Lets Go Back 50 Years". I hope you enjoy this article as much as I did.

The last couple of weeks have presented a mixed bag of weather. We've had some balmy 17-20°C days, and some cold and wet ones too. One thing I have noticed is the days getting longer, which makes me smile. While I love the seasonal variation of Hanmer Springs, and know that winter is a necessary season, I do prefer warmer days; and in winter I love the warmth of a log burner too, should the weather be cold.

On last weeks *Hanmer Forest parkrun* I noticed blossom popping in Dog Creek, and there are daffodils out in my garden too. My good friend Rod and I walked around the Queen Mary grounds the other day and the daffodils are yet to pop there, but when they do it is a fantastic sight that reminds me to be grateful for the folk that established those gardens, and their commendable foresight.

Talking about gardens, the renown *Hurunui Garden Festival* is on 29 October to 1 November. Our local gardeners John & Dot Geen, Jonathan & Sarah Gardiner, Peter Grant & Morag Godfrey-Grant and Hamish & Mary McRae will be busy getting their gardens ready to show. For more details go to www.hurunuigardenfestival.com

Keep being awesome out there! Reece

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CLASSES, FITNESS, CLUBS & MUSIC

Monday

AQUACIZE

Monday 9am
Thermal Pools rear entrance. Informal group.
You will need an aqua stick.
Call Linda (021 223 8188) for more information.

HANMER SPRINGS STITCH GROUP

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

LINE DANCING

Monday 1pm
Memorial Hall
Call Penny (027 240 8321)
Cost: Donation

PILATES CLASS

Monday 5:30pm
12 Amuri Avenue
Call Wendy (027 243 2123)

HANMER SPRINGS BIG BAND

Monday 5:30pm (during school term).
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Cost: Free

Tuesday

TUESDAY WALKERS

Tuesday 9:45am
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TRAMPING GROUP

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Mt Isobel Tramping Group

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HANMER SPRINGS KNITTING GROUP

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

HANMER SINGS

Wednesday 5:30-6:15pm (school term only)
Hanmer Springs Primary School
Call Judy (021 0246 5633)
Cost: Donation

Thursday

PILATES CLASS

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

E-BIKE TOURING GROUP

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

HANMER SPRINGS BRIDGE CLUB

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

HANMER SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

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HANMER SPRINGS ART GROUP

Thursday 5:00-7:00pm
(every 2nd Thursday during school term)
Hanmer Springs Play Centre
Call Ilze (027 241 0832)

Saturday/Sunday

HANMER FOREST PARKRUN

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

MORRIS DANCING

Sunday 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
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REMNANT CHURCH NEW ZEALAND REMNANT HOUSE

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Remnant House 108 Rippingale Road
Children's Church & He Brews
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VENUES FOR HIRE

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"Lost time is never
found again"

Benjamin Franklin

Community Trust & Richard Tapper



The Hanmer Springs Community Trust sincerely thanks the Executors of the Estate of Richard Tapper for the generous bequest of \$5,000 in support of the Health Centre.

We are incredibly grateful for this gift.

Amuri Players

Committee Members Wanted

Amuri Players is seeking volunteers to fill the roles of **Secretary** and **Treasurer** on our committee.

These are rewarding volunteer positions that play an important role in supporting community theatre in Hanmer Springs.

The Secretary is responsible for meeting administration, including agendas and minutes, while the Treasurer oversees the group's finances and financial reporting. Committee meetings are held only a handful of times each year, with some additional involvement during productions.

If you enjoy being part of your community and would like to help keep local theatre thriving, we'd love to hear from you.

For more information or to express your interest, please email amuriplayersinc@gmail.com or call Mel on 021 034 6925.



Aquacize in the Hanmer Springs

There are two Aquacize Classes offered each week in Hanmer Springs; the first is on a Monday at 9am and the second is on a Thursday at 10am, with the duration of each class being around 60 minutes.

Aquacize is a low impact aerobic style workout completed in water. The activity is easy on the joints and uses a foam aqua stick (or noodle) which creates some resistance against the water's natural resistance. Aquacize can help with maintaining and enhancing balance, flexibility and injury recovery. Classes are held at the Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools. Classes are \$4 per session, or free if you have an annual swim pass.

Aquacize is suitable for male and female of all ages. Local Hanmer residents and visitors are welcome. Number of attendees vary from 4 - 20.

Come and give Aquacize a try. It's fun and an opportunity to chat to others and meet new people.

After each class participants often enjoy a coffee together.

If you need an aqua stick (noodle), these can be purchased locally from Hanmer Hardware.



Hanmer Forest parkrun

Last Saturday (22 August 2026) 51 people participated in the 94th Hanmer Forest parkrun, and of those folk more than half (28) were first timers.

The first Hanmer Forest parkrun was held on 7 September 2024 and on that day 211 people participated. Since that day the event has attracted thousands of participants.

The Hanmer Forest parkrun is a significant event for our village and our local businesses, and this should be acknowledged. Parkrun tourism is a real "thing".

Providing there are no cancellations in the coming weeks the 100th Hanmer Forest parkrun will be held on Saturday 3 October 2026 (six weeks away).



"Do not regret growing older, it is a privilege denied to many"

The Stoics

"Sometimes someone unexpected comes into your life outta nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever.

We call these people cops!"



Taken Friday 28 August 2026 - A Rainbow over the Hanmer Basin

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5. Balloon Hut, Kahurangi National Park

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209 High Street, Rangiora

HANMER SPRINGS ART GALLERY

September 2026

The human condition

original illustrations by Barrie Clubb



Barrie is a multi award-winning designer and illustrator. He has a fascination with line and how a few simple marks on a page create a unique look or expression that can trigger an entire story in the mind of the viewer. This exhibition highlights some of his more whimsical illustrations, focusing primarily on people (and teddy bears).



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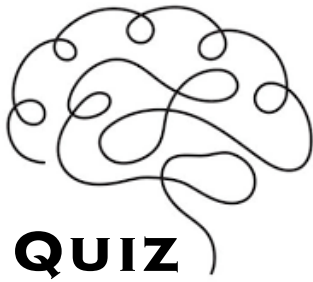
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TRIVIA



1. Which country is bordered to the north by Bolivia and Paraguay?
2. Dying in 1950 at the age of 46, what was the pen name of English novelist and poet Eric Arthur Blair.
3. Later becoming unpopular, comedian Charlie Chaplin helped popularise what style of moustache?
4. Which canine breed is named from the Welsh for "dwarf dog"?
5. What is the Italian name for squid?
6. In music, what note is written on the middle line of the treble clef?
7. From which country does Lego originate?
8. What name was given to an Australasian expeditionary soldier during WWI?
9. What was the name given to part of the Roman Empire now called France?
10. What was John Wayne's real name?
11. Vienna is the capital of which European country?
12. What sort of animal is a Cheviot?
13. Who was Rachel's biblical sister?



14. Which is Australia's largest lake?
15. What was the title of U2's debut album?
16. In which year was Halley's comet last seen from Earth?
17. What semiconductor allows current to only flow in one direction around a circuit?
18. Dendrophilia is a love of what?
19. What fruit is also known as a Chinese gooseberry?
20. Which author created Paddington Bear?

Trivia for the Kids

1. What instrument did ancient people use as a clock?
2. What is the name of the star closest to Earth?
3. The only flying mammal?
4. How many hearts does an octopus have?
5. At what temperature does water boil?

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A subliminal message

I'm really awesome at the Trivia Quiz

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1. Argentina
2. George Orwell
3. Toothbrush moustache
4. Corgi
5. Calamari
6. B
7. Denmark
8. Anzac
9. Gaul
10. Marion Morrison
11. Austria
12. Sheep
13. Leah
14. Lake Eyre
15. Boy
16. 1986
17. Diode
18. Trees
19. Kiwi fruit
20. Michael Bond

KIDS ANSWERS

1. Sundial
2. Sun
3. Bats
4. Three
5. 100°C



Sudoku for you!

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1	4			3		6		
	3	6		8				1
		1	5			3		
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				4				9
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	9		8			1	5	
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This is an easy one so no answers are needed!

“Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness in people.”

Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

“If you don’t sacrifice for your goals, your goals become the sacrifice.”

Plato

To offend a strong man, tell him a lie. To offend a weak man, tell him the truth.

Marcus Aurelius

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He aha ki ngā Tohu Whakaora e Toru?
What are the 3 Steps for Life?



Calling 111
Step one

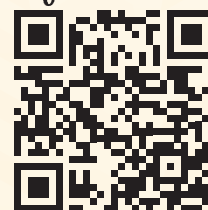


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Using an AED
Step three

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If you are at peace you are
living in the present.

Lao Tzu

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The Good Old Days, Lets Go Back 50 Years - by Pita Alexander

1. The New Zealand population in 1976 was 3,129,384.
2. Landslide victory to National in November 1975 elected Robert Muldoon as Prime Minister.
3. Leader of the Opposition was Bill Rowling.
4. Muldoon cancelled the compulsory contribution superannuation scheme (which in retrospect now looks a big mistake).
5. Treaty of Waitangi Act established.
6. First edition of Murray Ball's cartoon strip called 'Footrot Flats'.
7. Dr WB Sutch was found not guilty of spying for the Soviet Union.
8. 18 year old Monica Blades disappeared - still unresolved.
9. Oil shocks of 1973 still vibrating.
10. Britain reducing as New Zealand's main export partner.
11. Minimum wage for workers was \$1.95/hr (\$78 per week) (\$4,056 per year).
12. Average weekly wage in 1975 was \$95 (\$4,940 per year). My wage at Pyne Gould Guinness Limited's Trust Department in 1972 was \$5,200 per year.
13. Colour TV licence was \$35 per year.
14. New Zealand's second television channel began broadcasting.
15. TV advertising was limited to the weekdays.
16. Popular TV programme: 'Close To Home'.
17. Governor General was Sir Denis Blundell. Blundell was the first New Zealand-born and resident Governor-General.
18. New Zealanders drank 188 litres of milk every year.
19. Betting age dropped from 20 years to 18 years.
20. New Zealanders drank 119 litres of beer per person every year. This is 2.29 litres per week.
21. Jimmy Carter became President of the United States of America. President Gerald Ford lost the election because voters heavily associated him with his 1974 decision to pardon Richard Nixon.
22. The Vice President of the United States of America was Nelson Rockefeller.
23. All Blacks tour of South Africa in defiance of the United Nations' calls for a sporting embargo due to South Africa's racist apartheid policies led to friction arising.
24. Anti nuclear protests escalated in New Zealand. The visits of United States Navy cruisers like the USS Truxtun and USS Long Beach sparked large-scale rallies and waterborne protests by activists in New Zealand ports. A national petition drive opposing nuclear power collected over 333,000 signatures, representing more than 10% of New Zealand's population at the time.
25. Robert Muldoon and Colin Moyle friction. Muldoon accused Moyle in Parliament of having been questioned by the police on suspicion of homosexual activities, which were then illegal in New Zealand. Moyle changed his story several times, then resigned from Parliament, although he was re-elected four years later.
26. Matrimonial Property Act introduced and legally established that marriage is a partnership where non-financial contributions are just as valuable as earning a paycheck. It introduced a presumptive equal division of matrimonial property (like the family home and chattels) upon separation. This legislation also introduced a clear, rules-based framework that did not require proving blame for the breakdown of the marriage.
27. Last sailing of the Rangatira and the end of the ferry service from Lyttelton to Wellington.
28. \$1 in 1976 has the same purchasing power as \$11 in 2026. First MacDonalds Restaurant opened in Porirua.
29. MacDonalds Big Mac: 75 cents
30. Bag of sugar (3 kg): \$1.34
31. Loaf of bread: 30 cents
32. Pint of milk: 8 cents
33. Floating mortgage interest rate: 8% to 10%
34. Typical house price \$20,000 (my house in Bampton Street, Christchurch cost \$23,500 in 1975).
35. Average weekly wage: \$125 per week (\$6,500 per year)
36. Typical house costs: 3.8 to 4.3 times annual income
37. Average house cost: \$24,300
38. Average house rents: \$20 to \$40 per week
39. One litre of petrol: 27 cents. (\$2.93 per litre for 91 octane in July 2026).
40. The average car cost: \$5,000 to \$7,500
41. Hillman Hunter sedan: \$5,850
42. Hillman Hunter estate: \$6,298
43. Average farm gate value of a 19 kg lamb: \$7.20
44. The Apple Computer 1 (Apple-1), an 8-bit personal computer was introduced in 1976.
45. First women to swim Cook Strait was Lynne Cox.
46. John Walker became the first person to run a mile under 3 minutes and 50 seconds.
47. John Walker won the gold medal in the men's 1500-meter event at the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games.
48. Montreal Olympic Games. Twenty-nine countries, mostly African, boycotted the Montreal Games when the International Olympic Committee (IOC) refused to ban New Zealand, following the All Blacks tour of South Africa earlier in the year.
49. Viking 1 landed on Mars on July 20. This was the first spacecraft to successfully land and operate on Mars in history.
50. Concorde Anglo-French supersonic airliner entered service with Air France from Paris-Roissy and British Airways from London Heathrow.
51. The Muppet Show debuted making Kermit and Miss Piggy international superstars.
52. Death of Mao Zedong in China.
53. Watergate issues. Nixon resigned in 1974.
54. Venezuela nationalised its oil industry.
55. Argentina military coup. The subsequent dictatorship lasted until 1983, only collapsing after the country's economic crisis deepened and the military lost the Falklands War (Guerra de las Malvinas) to the United Kingdom in 1982.

A little about Pita Alexander

Pita Alexander started the successful and widely known accounting practise, *Alexanders*, headquartered in Christchurch.

Pita has specialised in agribusiness accounting for more than 50 years. He's keen to share his knowledge on all matters from taxation to succession planning through to acquisitions, mergers and economic growth. Pita is a Hanmer resident. He writes regularly on relevant and interesting matters.

Bridge Club

Bridge is a card game played with a partner against another pair.

Four players are seated at a card table at what is known as North/South & East/West.

The whole pack of cards are dealt out (13 cards each). Bidding is done according to points allocated to the picture cards in your hand to see who or what suit will be played. There is No Trumps and the Four Trump suits are Spade, Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs. There are no jokers or bowers. Games are scored as a "part score", "game" or "small or grand slam".

Each game is called a "hand". Approximately 20 hands are played at each session, with everyone playing each hand. After each game the played hands are put back into boards at specific places. After a set number of hands have been played, the boards & people move round the room according to whatever game we are playing. Therefore each hand will have several results depending on the number playing.

At our club, scoring is done electronically on a tablet at the table, which goes to the master computer.

Results are instant at the end of play.

Club nights are Thursday evening at the Anglican Church Hall play to start by 7.15pm. Visitors are welcome. Please ring 027 2202511 before coming.

We are a small social club with 16 members, and we welcome new members.

We do give lessons usually just four people at a time. These are weekly lessons over about 3 months.

Anyone wishing to learn can ring Joy on 027 2202511.



Tom's Maths Column

Grandad's Toast and Maths in the home.

For years with my own children, and more recently with my grandchildren, I have made "Grandad Toast".

Simply put, I cut number shapes out of a slice of toast. This starts the child on their learning journey with mathematics. First comes the recognition of the numerals with the first being their age. As your child grows you can start cutting two numbers, and " + " and " - " symbols too. Simple arithmetic - great fun!

As your child develops you can introduce fractions too. Quarters, halves and thirds are so easy.

Making maths and numbers fun, and part of every day, takes away the fear of numbers away.



A lot of twaddle about nothing!

Over my lifetime there seems to have been a mass migration of people from the country to the city, and I'm not really sure what all these people now do, in the city, besides pushing paper! It seems that public servants are busy creating forms and most of us, in the real world, fall into the "large paperwork trap".

I'm reminded of a lion, any lion, born to roam; now captured in a pitfall trap. It's dark and they can barely see the light of day. They were made for bigger and better things, like being outdoors! And so were we!

One of the things I have loved about my chosen profession, surveying, is time in the outdoors. As a new graduate, "fieldwork", as we call it, was often a daily occurrence, certainly 3-4 times a week.

Now, with all the paperwork, I seldom get in the field, but when I do you can hear me whistling a happy tune. *I like a pie too, and I recommend one of Pete's pies from the Hanmer Bakery, or a PJ's pie from the PJ's Kiosk located between the Old Post Office and the Banana House, just a short walk from the Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools.*

One of the things I loved about fieldwork was keeping a field note. Keeping a field note means writing a field note; a record of the measurements made which often includes a diagram. A surveyors calibre can be measured by their field notes; clarity, neatness and simplicity; using the fewest number of field note pages!

Field notes are foundational to the surveying profession, and New Zealand's land and title register. In fact field notes are so valuable there is a room full of old field note books at the Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) office in Christchurch; with some dating back to the mid 1800s.

With the adoption of modern surveying instruments field notes today are mostly digital, however, a hand-drawn diagram is still a very useful record of what was found, and what was done.

Most paperwork, these days, is pushed into the digital environment, using a computer or laptop, and what I have noticed is that my handwriting (my fine motor skills) are not as fine as they used to be. Also, on occasion I am required to sign a document and even my signature feels awkward.

Recently I have been doing some fieldwork that has required me to keep a field note and my fine motor skills have returned. I was working 12 hour days which included 10 hours of fieldwork and 2 hours of data processing (on a computer). I did this for four weeks with one rostered day off at around day 14. Now my colleagues are commenting on the neatness of my field notes. I've just stopped and practised my signature too. It's now flowing freely.

I feel like writing a couple of big cheques, just to let that signature really flow!

Have you considered that we maybe raising a nation of children with under-developed fine motor skills.



Community Notices



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 5km 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/>

Hanmer Springs Menzshed



Hanmer Springs Menzshed
Tuesday/Thursdays, 1pm - 3:30pm
(Winter hours)

Queen Mary Hospital Grounds
Beside the old boiler house/large chimney

Thinking About Maths - By Tom

Q. How many 2 digit numbers (eg 19)
contain the number 2?

A. The answer is on the bottom of the back/last page.

If you are defeated by your own anger or
fragile pride, do not blame the person that
provoked you. You were already unstable.

Epictetus

"Mindset is everything"

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JPs in Hanmer Springs

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



Hanmer Springs Golf

Saturday 15 August

Stableford

1st Murray Pool 37 pts
2nd Gordon Thomas 36
3rd Sam Gavin 35
4th Matthew Morgan 35

Twos

Paul Jones
Nearest the Pin
Paul Jones

Jackpot Twos & Net Eagles
Not struck

Saturday 22 August

Ladies

Jessie Sutherland Memorial
1st Bev Pool 38 pts
2nd Boio Sarahu-Hothersall 36
3rd Nicky West 33

Men

Scotty Anderson Memorial
1st Dean Pollock 38 pts
2nd Steve Gill 37
3rd Daniel Conrad 35
4th Joe Gantley 34

Twos- Maree Herlund, Adam
Jacks, Murray Pool,
Brent Berry & Jason Hill

Nearest the Pin
Bio Sarahu- Hothersall

Jackpot Twos & Net Eagles
Not struck

Shot of the day must go to
Matthew Morgan for his first
Hole in One on the second
hole Par 3
Congratulations Matthew

**Club Competition Saturday
29th August
Irish Stableford**

Results kindly submitted by:
Mike Gainsford.



Hanmer Springs School Report.

Seven-a-side tournament.

The Y4-8 students recently went to Hawarden to participate in the 7-a-side tournament. We had a great day with everyone having fun playing the different sports. We played touch rugby, soccer and netball. We played two or three games of each sport, against different schools within the Hurunui. Some teams scored some good goals and tries and won their games, some drew their games, and others lost, but most of all we all tried our best and showed our school values.



Amuri Maths Week.

All students recently completed some Maths artwork for the Amuri Area School Maths Week competition. The theme was 'Maths in Nature' and there were different categories to enter, from maths posters, to maths photography, edible maths, and maths models. We got some great results across the age group categories:

Y1-2 Maths photography - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Piwakawaka class.

Y1-2 Maths models - 1st Anika, Emilia, Freya, Simona and Lola, 2nd Siri, Penny, Zara, Ciara, Tui and Esther.

Y3-4 Maths model - 2nd Ruby, 3rd Grace

Y3-4 Maths poster - 1st Pax, 3rd Harriet

Y5-6 Maths poster - 1st Chloe

Y5-6 Edible maths - 1st Tui, Christie and Shanuli

Y7-8 Maths poster - 1st Eloise, 3rd Bella

We had a Y5/6 and two Y7/8 teams enter the CantaMaths competition in Culverden. They all worked well and our Y7/8 team consisting of Sammy, Aaliya, Elosie and Ethan came equal second.



See the following page for page 2 of the Hanmer Springs School report



Book Week.

Last week we held our Book Week. We had several different activities happening throughout the week and finished with our Book Character Dress-Up Day on Friday. During the week, we had a book-themed Kahoot, a colouring competition, a book discovery time, a guess the reader quiz, and a decorated classroom door competition. There were some great character costumes, and we had a parade around the playground in the morning, where parents voted on the top costumes from each class.



Event Calendar



AUGUST 2026

- 28 Daffodil Day
- 28/29 Mountain Film Festival (see advert)
- 29 New Zealand String Quartet (see advert)

SEPTEMBER 2026

- 06 Father's Day
- 10-13 Chicago (Amuri Players Production)
(see advertisement on right)
- 16-19 Chicago (Amuri Players Production)
(see advertisement on right)
- 25 School Term 3 ends
- 25-27 Spring Challenge, Hanmer Springs**

OCTOBER 2026

- 12 School Term 4 starts
- 26 Labour Day
- 29 Hurunui Garden Festival (29 Oct to 1 Nov)

NOVEMBER 2026

- 13 Canterbury Anniversary Day
- 14 Anglican Church Fete (15th if wet)



A different view of Mt Isobel - looking south

2026 School Dates

Term 3

Monday 20 July to
Friday 25 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October
to Wednesday 16
December



The Soldiers Block



The Soldiers Block is open every Sunday from 10am - 12 noon.

!! 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".

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Eckhart Tolle

Hanmer Springs Transfer Station



Closure for Essential Maintenance.

The Hanmer Springs Transfer Station will be operating with amended opening hours during the week commencing 7 September, to permit essential maintenance works to be undertaken on the compactor. For one week only, the opening hours will be as follows:

- Tuesday 8 September reduced opening hours - 10am to midday.
- Wednesday 9 September - closed.
- Friday 11 September - Open 10am to 2pm.
- Sunday 13 September - Open 10am to 2pm.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



"Over the Back", St James Conservation Area
Taken from an Air New Zealand AKL-CHC flight

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**SAT 29
AUGUST**

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6:30PM

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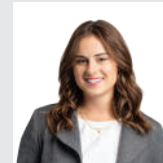
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