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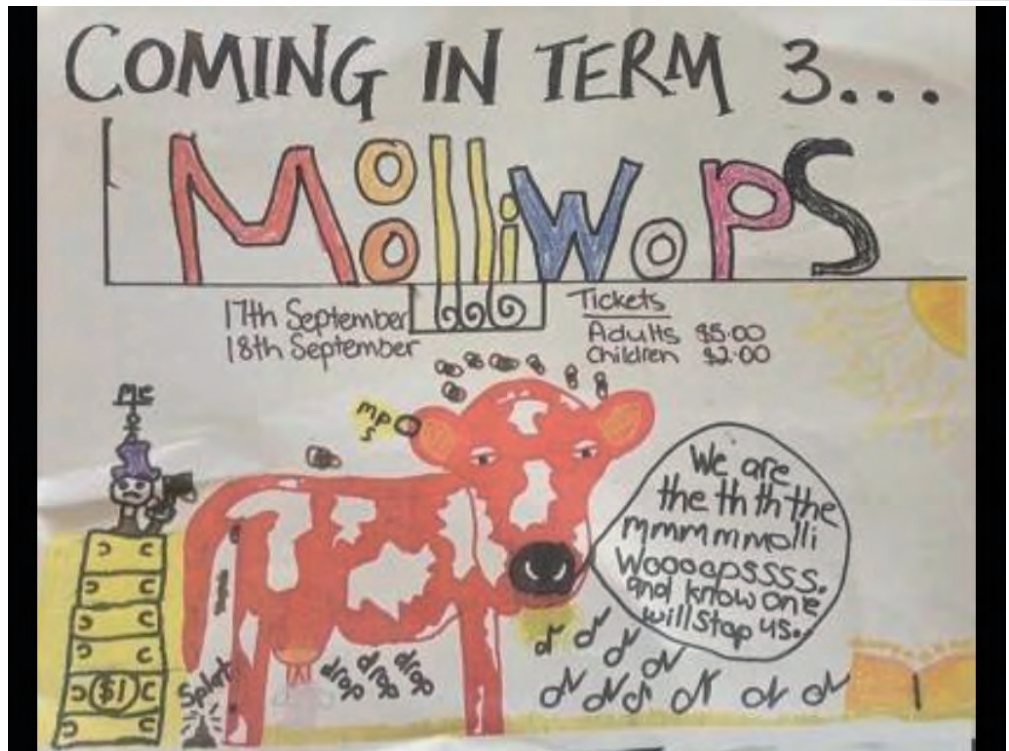
September 2014

## ... to Oratia District School

Congratulations to Caitlin Feasey, a year 3 student and winner of the poster competition advertising our school's upcoming production.

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## Fire Brigade News

RFF Louisa Mullins

Again the brigade has been kept busy with 7 callouts since the last newsletter, including responding to a large building fire off Henderson Valley Road at Auckland film Studios earlier this month. Last weekend the brigade assisted Titirangi Volunteer Fire Brigade hold a open day at their station, which attracted between 100-200 people young and old look through the fire appliances & station in just over 1 hour well done.

### Fire Calls

12 Jul 2014 21:04	Fire inside wall	SCENIC DR WAIATARUA
13 Jul 2014 20:18	Car Fire	SCENIC DR HENDERSON VALLEY
31 Jul 2014 00:05	Building Fire	HENDERSON VALLEY RD HENDERSON
02 Aug 2014 22:47	MVA Car down bank	PIHA RD, PIHA
04 Aug 2014 17:06	MVA Car into bank	WEST COAST RD ORATIA
14 Aug 2014 02:54	Fire Alarm Sounding	QUINNS RD WAIATARUA
14 Aug 2014 20:34	Trees Down over road	SCENIC DRIVE WAIATARUA

### Fire Safety Advice

Emergency Planning for Pets - In the event of a fire or other emergency situation, it pays to have preparations in place for your pet where possible.

Here are some tips to add to your family's escape planning.

- Ensure your dog or cat is micro-chipped. In the event you're separated in an emergency situation this will increase your chances of being reunited
- Keep a recent photo of your pet with you. If you're separated it will help to have a photo to take to shelters
- Make sure your pets' vaccinations are up to date in case they need to be placed in a pet boarding facility. Most facilities will not accept a pet that is behind in vaccinations
- When preparing your earthquake or emergency 'go' bag, consider including items for your pets such as water, a small amount of food, any medication your pet may be on, litter or newspaper, and a blanket
- If your animal sustains burns the best form of immediate first aid is sponging with cold water until proper veterinary care is available. Remember - get out, stay out and never re-enter a house that's on fire, not even for pets.

### Waiaatarua Fire Brigade Contacts:

Phone 111 for any Fire or Emergency.

Otherwise please call Chief Fire Officer Helen Longley (814 9855), Deputy Chief Fire Officer Gareth Mullins (814 9282), Station Officer Ian Ford (814 8871), Station Officer Kevin Healy (814 9505)

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 \* Cancer Society fundraiser show & supper  
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## Hello Waiatarua!

Shocking times in Waiatarua. Nah, not really; just a huge smack of lightening to one of the communications masts this week which woke many of us at around 2am with the thunder rolling around the hills. Quite an incredible experience with the shock waves causing what must have been all of the water in the clouds above to be rinsed out and dumped as the most intense rainfall I think I've ever witnessed. Then about twenty seconds later - silence. It was like a giant bag of water had burst open above us. The Waiatarua Fire brigade were out minutes later to the tower in question after its fire alarm was triggered but a false alarm.

I trust many of you had your say on the Shape Auckland local board plans. The WRRRA submitted for better bus services after we had not been consulted by Auckland Transport and heard other areas like Titirangi and Laingholm were getting improved services. Then to their surprise on 4 August everyone on the morning bus from Waiatarua was turfed off at New Lynn and told to find other buses to complete their journeys. AT have deleted the portion of all Waiatarua buses between New Lynn to/from City. In addition every service winds around the back of Glen Eden rather than going direct from Parrs Cross to Glen Eden, making the trip longer. There has been an improvement though; there is now a new bus from New Lynn arriving in Waiatarua around 4:20pm each week day. This increases the number of buses from 2 to 3 a day; 150% better!!! Still some teething problems as bus drivers are still working out the new route and the new timetable suggests that Forest Hill is somewhere between Oratia and New Lynn. Yeah, right.

An election reminder; you will be able to vote at the Waiatarua Committee Hall, 911 West Coast Road, just above the intersection of West Coast and Forest Hill Roads. See you there!

Peter Casey, President WRRRA  
 president@waiatarua.org.nz

## From The Library

Jeanette Ziesler

A Selection Of Some Of The New Books At Waiatarua Library:

“**Life Drawing**”. This novel chronicles the marriage of two artists, who move to the country to focus on their art and each other. The delicate workings of a marriage, a previous betrayal, and a new neighbour all combine to make this compelling read. Robin Black draws the reader in and holds you to the end.

“**The Corners Of The Globe**”. Set in 1919, this is Robert Goddard’s 2nd novel in the Wide World Trilogy. It is possibly, even more thrilling than the 1st, with espionage, murder, treachery occurring while the victors of the war barter for the spoils. Maintaining peace comes at a price.

“**On The Hoof**”. This is for all those who enjoy reading stories about NZ and ‘heartland’ history. Ruth Entwistle Low spent time with the old drovers collecting their stories of life on the road moving stock throughout the country.

“**We Are All Called To Rise**”. Laura McBride has based this novel on a real life event. In a single moment four people leading completely different lives and unknown to each other are required to make a decision that will link them, give them courage and save the life of a young boy.

“**Shifting Colours**”. Starting in the 1960’s in South Africa with racial tensions rising, a black maid is given the chance to send her young daughter to England with her employers. Seeing this as a chance for the girl to have opportunities in life that SA will never offer the mother agrees. This story, by Fiona Sussman, tells of the consequences of a life lived by a girl away from her country and family and what happens when she answers the deep need to return to her homeland.

Enjoy your books.

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## From The Editor

Robyn O'Sullivan

Off the top of my head and having had a Pollyanna moment, I can think of three things to be grateful for this September.

The elections are coming up on the 20th September and haven't we had fun in the build-up. Remember, if you get out and vote you are then officially allowed to moan and whine for the next three years about how the country has turned to custard because the party you voted did not get in. If you choose not to exercise your voting rights...nay, privileges...then you will just have to suck it up with lips pressed firmly together until 2017. Much better to get out and vote, methinks!

And if you have a dram of the good stuff flowing through your veins, you'll be thinking of those men in kilts on the 18th September having the most important referendum of their generation. Will it be YES or NO to becoming an independent country? Really hoping for the former but quietly suspect the hoi polloi will believe the scaremongering and go the other way. C'mon Scotland!

And if the weather doesn't warm up this month, it's ok with me. I have been retro double-glazed (not everywhere, it wasn't me who won the lotto), have had the squirry insulation pumped into the garage walls (working extremely well) and had a solartube installed in the hallway so we can see each other as we pass.

Life is good!

Dear Editor

*Let me reassure the community that they are NOT "bereft of any amateur theatre", as quoted in your last report.*

*2014 is the first year since 2004, when Waiatarua's drama group was revived, that the now Waiatarua Performing Arts Trust (WPAT) has not put together a production for the community to enjoy. Most years there have been two productions, in recent years more often just the one.*

*The truth of the matter is that the relatively small core group of organisers are having a little "rest" due to other commitments e.g. involvement in additional, voluntary, community groups - including supporting alternative West Auckland drama groups who have supported us in the past.*

*Readers, please know you DO still have an active drama group in Waiatarua. We are already in the planning stages for the first play in 2015.*

*Perhaps this is an opportune time to invite people to contact WPAT if they would like to join our small core group, to create a larger core group. Thank you to those few we have heard from recently. We can promise you fun, genuine camaraderie and a wonderful sense of satisfaction.*

*Robin Essex, publicity department WPAT.*

## Garden Group

Eileen Powell

It is great to see daffodils flowering at present and brightening up parks, roadsides and gardens. They are so easy to grow, just plant the bulbs and wait for the show in August.

Our September visit is to Eden Gardens where the Tulip Festival will be in full swing. This is a fabulous place to visit as at this time of the year, camellias, magnolias and vireyas are also at their peak.

Ring Eileen on 814 9298 for further information.

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