



## APRIL 2020

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

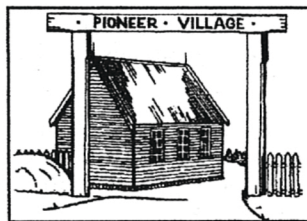
- 4th April - Waitoki Hall Family Film & Food Night  
 5th April - Waitoki Hands On Family Service  
 5th April - Waitotara Intro to Permaculture  
 9th April - Waitoki Coffee Group Meet  
 9th April - Term One Ends - Wainui/Waitoki School  
 10th April - Good Friday  
 11th & 12th April - Silverdale Pioneer Village Easter Activities  
 11th April - Waitoki Village Market  
 19th April - Wainui Hands On Family Service  
 21st April - Silverdale Pioneer Village Heritage Society Coffee Morning  
 10th May - Waitotara - Chainsaws for Beginners  
 2nd & 16th May - Waitotara - Waiwera Stream Restoration

ALL EVENTS were correct at time of print but due to COVID-19 please check on upcoming events prior to the dates to ensure they are still going ahead.  
 If you have a date for the community calendar? Get in touch with: contact.the.newsletter.editor@gmail.com and make sure it's in for the next edition of The Wainui and Waitoki Watch.

### THE SILVERDALE PIONEER VILLAGE

Due to Covid-19 Virus the Silverdale Pioneer has had to cancel easter events and is now closed until further notice.

Silverdale & Districts Historical Society (Inc) & Silverdale Pioneer Village  
 P.O. Box 27 Orewa 0946  
 Ph: (09) 426 8272  
 e-mail: pioneer.village1968@gmail.com  
 Website: www.silverdalemuseum.org.nz



The Team at Wainui and Waitoki Watch would like to wish you all a happy and safe Easter.



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## Look what's happening at the WAITOKI COMMUNITY CHURCH

The *Waitoki Coffee Morning Group* meets at the Waitoki Church on the second Thursday of the month 10.00am to 12 noon for informative speakers and outings. All welcome. Please bring something for morning tea and \$2 for coffee. In April there will be a guest speaker from Age Concern. In May a health advisor from Arthritis Foundation will be our guest. Contact: Lyn Bernard 09 420 2948.

**Waitoki Knitting Group** is currently knitting knee rugs for seniors in our community in preparation for the cold winter to come. All welcome. For details contact Lyn Bernard 09 420 2948.  
**HANDS-ON CHURCH** meets at the Waitoki

Church at 11.00am on the first Sunday of the month. On 5 April we will have a family Palm Sunday celebration. As always the programme includes fresh coffee and muffins. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Andrew Gamman 021 168 2808.

**Hands-on Church starting at Wainui Community Hall** Hands-on Church is started a branch in Wainui in March. The next meeting will be at 11.00am on the 19 April in the Wainui Community Hall. Thereafter it will meet there on the third Sunday of each month. Contact: Andrew Gamman 021 168 2808

## Waitoki Village Market

Saturday 11th April 2019

Waitoki Hall, Kahikatea Flat Rd / 8.30 till 1pm

Support your community; all proceeds from the Market go back to our local community.

Want to know what's going on in the local community? Find out at the next Waitoki Village Market Day

Come and chat, meet your neighbours, and find out what is going on in your community. There are a variety of groups; exercise, craft, martial arts, indoor bowls, find out from the locals in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

Gather and Gossip, have a massage, pick up baked goods, plants, essential oils, locally crafted gifts, homemade and preloved bargains, preserves, and more at the Waitoki Hall, Kahikatea Flat Rd. 8.30 till 1pm Saturday 11th of April.

Future market dates: 11th April, 13th June, 8th Aug, 10th Oct, 12th Dec

New stall holders welcome, contact Gill 420 3301 or email waitokihall@gmail.com



# THE Wainui & Waitoki WATCH



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YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



**Wainui School**  
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### Wainui Primary School – from Garden to Table

In just their 3rd year of being part of the national Garden to Table programme, with TV personality Al Brown as their inspiration, Wainui Primary School pupils took part in the recent Louvres by Design Pumpkin Competition and have produced some amazing specimens, shown here with most of the growers.



Founded in 1879 (the original schoolroom is now in MOTAT), Wainui Primary strongly promotes the principles of caring for the environment and 'using what you have' – which match well with the school's charter and key competencies of the New Zealand school curriculum. A maturing kitchen garden plays a vital part of the way in which the pupils have developed the Garden to Table initiative; from seed or seedling to valuable end product. Starting with a minimal budget for the project, the school grew and sold produce on stalls and then reinvested the proceeds into improving the garden and also updating the kitchen used by the pupils. In addition to growing garden produce such as purple carrots and chillies, pupils also use the kitchen for baking and to make preserves. In times of plenty, parents donate fruit such as figs and quinces, and also many of the ingredients used by pupils in cooking. The kitchen garden (see right) and the home-growing initiatives are supported strongly by parents, grandparents and local businesses, without whose help the project would struggle. School caretaker Richard Lee is closely involved in an ongoing basis with the design and layout of the kitchen garden, which is continually being updated and improved. Pupils receive tuition on how to make their own compost and seed mix successfully, in which they grow the produce before harvesting, preparing and sharing the food.

Little goes to waste and the school is justifiably proud of its very small waste footprint.

As with all schools, the additional funding needed is managed through selling the produce on stalls and through other proactive projects. Generous donations come from many supporters; especially local businesses and families of pupils and past pupils. The success of this community support is evidenced by the addition of bee hives for honey and three hens for eggs.

Fruit trees are now part of the school garden, too. A recent grant means that the school will soon be able to add wicking beds, which are very efficient in providing moisture for growing plants. Here again school caretaker Richard will be leading the initiative, with many willing parents and grandparents helping make the raised beds. A gardening specialist, Abby Cottingham, has recently come on board to share her wide knowledge of medicinal plants.

For a nominal annual fee, the Garden to Table programme provides a great deal of support and also runs an annual competition – in which Wainui Primary won the Best Emerging School prize for their first year in 2018. As well as growing produce that is good for eating, and teaching pupils about the environment, Wainui Primary School is also very good at planting the seeds of learning and developing its pupils' appreciation of their place in the wider community.



Part of the Wainui Primary School kitchen garden

"A special mention to Sandy Tucker who has been our kitchen expert from the very start of our Garden to Table journey. Sandy uses her kitchen expertise to help the children turn the produce from the garden into yummy treats for all the children to enjoy.

As you would imagine the Garden to Table programme costs a significant amount to run. While Wainui School has been so lucky to have received so many donations from families and businesses, they are always looking for further donations. If you think you can help please contact the school office on (09) 420 5127."