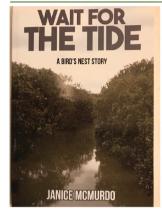


DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

3rd December - Wainui School Christmas in the Country 6th December - KCPC Flower arranging workshop 6th December - Waitoki Church Service 6th December - SPV Christmas Carol Service 12th December - SPV Hibiscus Concert Band 12th December - Waitoki Village Xmas Markets 13th December - Waitoki Church Carols and BBQ 15th December - SPV Heritage Society Coffee Morning 5th-21st December - SPV Christmas Decoration Display

If you have a date for the community calendar? Get in touch with: contact, the newsletter, editor@amail.com and make sure it's in for the next edition of The Wainui and Waitoki Watch.



### KAUKAPAKAPA LIBRARY

SUNDAY 17th JANUARY 9am to 1pm MEET AUTHOR JANICE MCMURDO

Linked to her earlier work 'The Bird's Nest', author Janice McMurdo's second novel is also set around the Kaipara Harbour and South Head Peninsula, an area where she grew up. Depicting life in New Zealand in the 1930's, the characters Stefan, Lindy and Jeannie portray that with perseverance and resilience it is possible to overcome adversity.

Janice draws on both her memories of the Kaipara area and her study of hypnotherapy for her inspiration, and writes in an easy, natural way which makes you want to keep turning the pages. Come along to the Library, meet Janice and find out more. Kaukapakapa Library is open in conjunction with the Kaukapakapa Village Market. For more details, contact Megan Paterson, threehorses@xtra.co.nz, 021 959017

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From the team at The Wainui & Waitoki Watch, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

#### COMING UP AT WAITOKI COMMUNITY CHURCH

News from Waitoki and Wainui Community Churches

We are feeling very privileged to be able to be meeting together again when many church groups around the world are still locked down because of the pandemic. Remaining at Alert Level 1 means that we meet with the precautions of

sanitising and scanning or sianina-in on entry.

In an event initiated by one of the young people in the Waitoki Church we made some lovely blocks of craft soap last month, which we are now selling to raise funds for refugee support.

The Waitoki Coffee Mornina Group has had its last meeting for the year and

sadly we have farewelled and thanked our leader Lyn Bernard who organised events through 2020. We are still hopeful that we can relaunch next vear with new leadership

Waitoki Community Church meets at 11.00am on the first Sunday of each month. Our next family service, which will be Advent-themed, is on Sunday 6 December. Then on Sunday 13 December we will have a community BBQ and carols at the Waitoki Church. There is an open invitation, and folk from Wainui and Kaukapakapa will be joining in.

Hands-on Church in the Wainui Hall meets at 11.00am on the third Sunday of each month. The last meeting for 2020 was in November.

There will be no services in January and we relaunch in 2021 at 11.00am 7 February at the Waitoki Community Church, and 11.00am 21 February at Wainui Community Hall. Contact Andrew Gamman 021 168 2808.

SILVERDALE & DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY (INC) &

## SILVERDALE PIONEER VILLAGE

## CHRISTMAS AT THE SILVERDALE PIONEER VILLAGE

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN THE VILLAGE every Saturday and Sunday 5th-21st December 10 am – 3 pm

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE in the Old Weslevan Chapel at 7 pm on Sunday 6th December. All Welcome, Free entry / Gold coin donation appreciated. To secure your seat contact us at:pioneervillage 1968@gmail.com

HIBISCUS CONCERT BAND The band play all your Christmas favourites under the Old Oak Tree at 11 am on Saturday 12th December. All Welcome, Free entry/Gold coin donation appreciated

HERITAGE SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING Tuesday December 15th. 10.30 am, Bring along your items of historical interest to discuss over coffee in the Old Parsonage. All Welcome Free entry, Gold coin donation appreciated.

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DECEMBER 2020

YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWSLÉTTER

#### WAITOKI SCHOOL GARDEN TOUR

There never seems to be the right words to express how grateful we are for the amazing effort and contributions that go into an event like our Garden Tour. 'Thank You' does not feel sufficient for the appreciation we have, but a few special mentions need to be made.







#### A big thank-you to Looie James and Harcourts Cooper and Co for their sponsorship as well as;

- Scott at Anpure Group/Blue Loos
- Shannon & Andy Ironside of Good
- Tammy & Jamie Eden of New World Albany
- Julie Leslie for her plant donations
- Dave Peebles for his Bromeliad Raffle
- The Kruger Family for their electrical goods Raffle Karen Franklin and Janice Edmond
- for initiating the Garden Tour idea. all our amazing Garden Hosts who opened their garden to us all. Your
- aardens were beautiful. To our BOT, Teachers and School Admin team they work all week making school a great place for our kids and still without fail want to help us on the weekend. We are very

lucky to have staff and BOT members like we have Donna Wallace & Melissa Neville

- for all the lunch Catering Sonya Cooper and team from our Waitoki collective (keep an eye on our school web page for our new E-commerce site)
- Our School pupils who all took ownership of the aardens at school and helped care for

BUT our biggest Thank You is to you! If you joined us for our inaugural Waitoki Garden Tour, we WAITOKI hope you enjoyed your day, because we enjoyed having you. It was a real pleasure We have seen some comments on a few community pages popping up. Thank you for those kind words, they have not gone unnoticed.



The season of giving is upon us and once again my Christmas wish is that we all put more thought Sustainable & Resilient Living into gifts for our loved ones and the effect

rampant consumerism and packaging has on our planet. It is relatively easy to spend plenty of money in a short space of time and cross everyone off your gift list quickly. The real challenge lies in being considerate to others tastes, needs and wants and meeting these in a sustainable way.



The best presents I have ever received have really come from the heart. They have been from family and friends that know me well and have been incredibly thoughtful. So, just like the presents I have most enjoyed receiving, my gift giving this Christmas will centre around the homemade, homegrown and experiences to create lasting memories in keeping with my family and friends' interests.

And for the loved one that has everything they need combined with a social conscience? I am going straight to Heifer International, a charity that seeks to end hunger and poverty by supporting communities through sustainable farming methods and mentorship. The aift of a flock of chicks or goat can provide the impetus required to help families earn a living income whilst building inclusive, resilient communities. can present that in a homemade card with a photograph of the animal on the front and a "Merry Christmas/ Thank You" in the interior, including a summary of the benefits and the country in which the aid will be provided.

Christmas is just around the corner but it's not too late to dust off your recipe books or resurrect a craft project. These efforts will provide the wow factor, reduce environmental waste, support sustainable practices and keep hard-earned cash in your pocket.

Waitōtara is closed now for the summer break. You can follow us on facebook/waitotarasrl Contact Robyn on 09 421 1807



