

Teen back in school after tumour

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A Manawatu girl is back at school catching up with friends and class work after having a mandarin-sized tumour removed from her spine.

Sanson teenager Hannah Devlin, 13, has faced a hard-fought recovery after being crippled by the tumour, which was discovered in February.

Mum Michele Devlin said the benign, non-cancerous, bone tumour was found just as she was starting at Feilding High School.

“The tumour was the size of a mandarin and was pressing on the spinal cord, damaging nerves and restricting messages from the brain to the legs,” she said.

Hannah underwent a seven-hour surgery at Starship Children’s Hospital to remove the tumour, before recovering at the Wilson Centre in Auckland.

She still has intense nerve pain and uses crutches to help her mobility, but she had recovered enough to start the new school term at Feilding High six weeks ago.

“I was really excited to come back and see all my friends and catch up with everything,” Hannah said.

All of her classmates have been great, although a few didn’t quite understand how long her road to recovery would be.

“They think it’s a quick fix: hospital, surgery and back.”

She said at the Wilson Centre there had been five other teenage girls in treatment who had supported each other.

“It was nice to hang out with people who understand everything isn’t fine, who had their own problems.”

Michele Devlin said the school had been incredibly supportive of

Hannah Devlin, 13, is back at Feilding High School and beginning to make strides in her recovery after a tumour on her spine crippled her in February.

PHOTO: PAUL MITCHELL

Hannah.

A new couch has been added to the school’s learning centre for her to rest on whenever she was tired, or during PE and her free period.

“If I’m really tired and sore I’ll just have a sit but if I’m feeling okay I’ll do some homework and catch up.”

Hannah said it was a big change going from nine hours of

physiotherapy a week to just one day a week once she came home.

“I felt like I just wasn’t getting fixed, which really brought down my motivation, I was just sitting at home feeling grumpy with myself.”

But now she was going to the gym twice a week, thanks to a one-year membership donated to her by Feilding gym Evolve Fitness.

She said, combined with her physio, it’d really helped her recovery.

Hannah’s now able to walk a bit without her crutches, but still needs them to help with her balance.

“I couldn’t even walk from my bed to the kitchen at the Wilson Centre without a big walking frame.”

As far as Hannah’s come there

was still a ways to go, Michelle Devlin said.

On Wednesday they were heading back to Auckland for a check up on her progress in terms of pain and mobility, and in August Hannah will be getting a CT scan to see if the tumour was growing back. “That’ll be quite scary, but she’s walking well and her motivation is really good thanks to help from the school and the gym.”

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FROM THE EDITOR

There may not have been any dames or knights bestowed upon our region this year, but those who have been recognised in the Queen's Birthday honours are no less worthy of our respect. Many of the people who were honoured are individuals who have worked tirelessly to make their communities better places to live. These people often go unheralded, so it is important that we take the opportunity to shine a light on their contributions to society. One of these unsung heroes is Marton's George London, who was awarded a Queen's Service Medal for his contribution to the community. George has impressive record, which includes volunteer work for St John Ambulance and the Community Patrol, involvement in the rebuild of four vacant buildings in Marton, and support for the Arahina Training Centre and Edale Home. That he continues to do this work despite having a quadruple bypass is a testament to his dedication to helping others.

Jonathon Howe

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An array of arts and crafts will be on offer at the Feilding Craft & Vintage Market at Manfeild between 9am - 4pm on Friday and Saturday.

2 FINE WINE

The Last of the Summer Wine stage show continues at the Feilding Little Theatre Players until June 18.

3 MATARIKI PRIDE

A Matariki event in Feilding's Manchester Square between 10.45am and 2pm will be a celebration of community, whanau, Maori culture and kai.

4 SOUL SESSIONS

Thomas Stowers and Friends are bringing their Motown and Old Skool showcase to Taihape's Gretna Hotel on June 11. \$15 presale tickets or \$20 door sales. Doors open at 8pm

5 MARKET DAY

The next Taihape Playcentre Community Market Days will be held on June 11 at St David's Presbyterian Church Hall between 10am and 1pm.

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Feilding firefighter wins climb prize

THOMAS HEATON

Scaling more than 1000 steps carrying about 25 kilograms of extra weight each while panting through masks is what Feilding volunteer firefighters are prepared to do for leukaemia.

With their different motivations in mind as they scaled the Sky Tower in Auckland, all four Feilding firefighters reached the top in about 30 minutes or less.

Crew member Paula Phillipson took out the top spot in her category, the female grand masters, scaling the tower in just 30 minutes, 30 seconds.

But Phillipson insisted it was a team effort.

“It’s a team medal, because we trained all together,” Phillipson said.

They were four of 850 firefighters, including some from Australia and the United States, who travelled to Auckland to compete.

It was Phillipson’s first time scaling the country’s tallest building, with her son joining her from Perth.

She said she did it for her father who died of blood cancer three years ago.

In the lead-up to the event, the group organised events and raised funds. The team raised just over \$7000 for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand, contributing to the more than \$1 million in

total.

Geoff Bates said it was his first time doing the event, and the fundraising, and he would do it again.

They hoped to raise a further

\$10,000 next year, Bates said.

“It’s a good fundraiser, it’s good to give something back.”

The firefighters made use of Palmerston North’s FMG building in preparation for the event.

They would do a little more training, too. “We did a fair amount, we’ll do more next year,” he said.

Josh Bish, 19, managed to scale the Sky Tower in about 16

minutes. He was just beaten by fellow firefighter Ben Locton.

"In between 20 and 30 minutes, you’re doing pretty well,” Bish said. The fastest time of the day was 8 minutes, 45 seconds.

Feilding's volunteer firefighters, from left, Paula Phillipson, Debbie Bates, Geoff Bates, Josh Bish and Ben Locton, who took part in the Sky Tower Challenge.

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Out & About

Relay for Life

More than 300 Feilding Intermediate pupils ran, walked and skipped around an improvised circuit during the school's Relay for Life on June 2. The event was a fundraiser for The Cancer Society and Child Cancer Foundation. Photographer **Warwick Smith** was there to capture the fun and hijinks.

Breaking out the black and pink outfits are Paris de Malmanche, 12, left, and Kelly Martin, 12.

Sam Greenway, 11, boldly stood for boys embracing pink, in the Feilding Intermediate School Relay For Life.

Long running stalwarts, from left, Levi Reay, Matthew Fellingham, and Zephyr Mark, all 12, were doing all or most of the 12 hour relay. Matthew said running 12 hours in bare feet was no problem, as he was a "country boy".

Keeping in step and sharing shoes are Meagan Karatea, 12, left, and Hette Morritt, 12, during the Feilding Intermediate School Relay For Life on June 2.

Taylor Wilson, 12, braves the heat of a onesie for her run. To her left is Alyssa Viner, 12.

On their 287th lap are, Jonty White, 11, and Thomas Blackley, 12.

Shady pink rabbits Akhira Mackey, 12, left, and Hannah Lover, 12, had fun.

Pounding the pavement

KAROLINE TUCKEY

Feilding Intermediate School kids were running rings around their teachers on June 2, but for a good cause. The whole school took part in a Relay for Life event, held to support the Cancer Society and Child Cancer Foundation.

Deputy principal Selina O’Leary said wet weather recently ruled the field out for their big day, but a 260-metre course was marked out on paths surrounding the school buildings.

Most pupils joined in for half-hour shifts of running or walking, with at least one person from each class required to be on the course, from 8am to 8pm.

However, a small handful volun-

teered to keep moving for the whole 12 hours.

“There’s some skipping, running backwards ... there’s a few onesies going round, they are having lots of fun,” O’Leary said.

“They wanted to get behind it. Many have families that have been impacted, we’ve heard some really powerful stories.”

The children have collected sponsorship to support their chosen causes, with the half-hour shift runners collecting more money the more laps they do.

Year 8 pupil Levi Reay was among the 12-hour participants. By lunchtime – four hours in, he was going strong, and had no blisters, he said.

“It’s not that bad, it’s fun.”

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A pregnant woman who was leaving a Manawatu supermarket after allegedly shoplifting was hit by a car and sent to hospital.

The woman was hit outside Feilding Countdown on Tuesday after allegedly shoplifting \$107 worth of meat.

A police spokesperson said she had run straight out in front of a car in front of the supermarket. She was in Palmerston North Hospital on Tuesday night for observation and was discharged by Wednesday morning. Police said she would likely be charged with shoplifting.

THOMAS HEATON

While some may consider plumbing to be a man’s occupation, Halcombe’s Jade Winter has been proving them all wrong.

Winter, 20, won the lower North Island World Skill’s regional competition and will next be competing at the national event in Hamilton.

If Winter goes on to win the national competition in September, she will be chosen to represent New Zealand, as part of the Tool Blacks, at the international World Skills competition in Abu Dhabi next year.

Winter said she picked up the trade half way through her final year of school when she saw an advertisement for an apprenticeship.

“I was really over school and told [my boss] I would work for him for free,” Winter said.

She went on to full-time work and eventually started her apprenticeship. She is now working with Pettersson Plumbing in Feilding.

“I was really over school and told [my boss] I would work for him for free.”

Jade Winter

It was only at the most recent competition in Petone that she saw another female plumber.

“We’ll be the first females to go to nationals for plumbing.

“It’s a pretty male-dominated job,

Halcombe plumbing apprentice Jade Winter has won the lower North Island competition for selection to compete in World Skills and will head to Hamilton for the national competition.

PHOTO: WARWICK SMITH/ FAIRFAX NZ

they’re all good.”

And when some of her peers give her a hard time, she gives it straight back, Winter said.

“I’m not sure what they’ve got planned up for the nationals.”

Winter will continue practising in order to have the best possible chance of heading overseas.

She said she hoped to get a bit of time off to practice specific skills for the competitions.

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Community work earns London a QSM

PAUL MITCHELL

Not even a quadruple bypass surgery was enough to stop Marton's George London from serving his community.

The stalwart's many years of service to the Rangitikei community was recognised this week with a Queen's Service Medal (QSM) during the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Among London's credentials has been volunteer work for St John Ambulance, driving its heath shuttle, and the Marton Community Patrol, of which is he the chairman.

He was involved in Project Marton's main street upgrades, voluntarily rebuilding four vacant buildings in 2002, and has supported Bird Rescue Wanganui, the Arahina Training Centre and Edale Home.

He also helped repair the offices for Truancy Attendance Officer Piki Katene.

London underwent the bypass surgery in 2014 but it was not long before he launched straight back into his voluntary roles.

He said he had always felt he should be a positive part of the community, but never expected to receive such an honour for his service.

"It took a while to sink in. It's a strange feeling. Sometimes I feel like there's people out there doing more, who deserve it more."

Marton's George London has been awarded a Queen's Service Medal for his work in the community.

PHOTO: MURRAY WILSON/FAIRFAX NZ

In his native England he organised regular darts marathons to raise money for the mentally disabled.

And when he moved to New Zealand in 1999, he was keen to continue this type of community-minded work.

London and his wife open their home to people in need and have fostered 11 children since 1999. They also regularly cook meals or provide a places to stay for the elderly and people who are struggling financially.

"We'll sort out a meal or two for them, and invite them to stay if they need it," he said.

"If I see someone struggling I have a compulsion to help out, and my wife's the same."

London said he did not have any plans to celebrate the medal, but he was sure his family would be planning something.

"My family didn't know [beforehand].

"I left it as a surprise on the day."

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Random game’s profits to help those in need

EMILY BEAUMONT

Turning an idea into a reality with the creation of his Random Board Game has resulted in Michael Andrews helping youth in more ways than one.

A game for all ages, Andrews had a “lightbulb moment” while helping his dairy farming mates in Northland do their herd testing four years ago.

“I would place the testing samples into trays and I noted that the 36 places could be divided into 4 sections of 9 holes each so I tried to create some pattern but of course it was totally random.”

His head spinning with numbers and colours, Andrews went straight from the dairy shed to the drawing blocks and after some tweaking of prototypes, the Random Board Game was born.

Launched at Ronald McDonald House in February, Random is a board game for 2-4 individual players or teams and all ages.

“You may be a champion at chess or a master of Monopoly but Random will bring you to your knees and a 5-year-old might walk all over you.”

Schools are embracing the game, citing the concept a valuable learning tool for new entrants math understanding.

A member of Lions and Rotary clubs, the entire retail portion from games purchased after the first 5000 sales goes to the local club to raise funds for youth projects in their area, he said.

“I didn’t want to earn money from it, I’ve got a house and car.

“It’s so liberating giving money away. I get this incredible satisfaction from it.”

The profit from the first 5000 games has been earmarked for the

Schools are embracing the game, citing the concept a valuable learning tool for new entrants’ math understanding.

Ronald McDonald House.

Thirty-two years ago, Andrew’s wife at the time gave birth to premature twins.

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Now all these years later, Andrews is being thanked for creating a board game that provides such a welcome distraction for patients and their families.

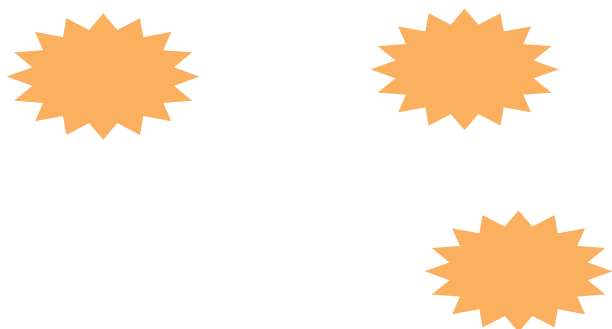
“They lose themselves in the game because they become so competitive.”

So even if the true meaning of random is “lacking any defined plan” there is a definite plan as to how the game will help service clubs, youth projects and those in need.

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Songs reflect life during war

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Farewell Zealandia: Forgotten Kiwi Songs of WWI, which opened last week, presents the recordings of 19 songs, the stories behind them and the lives of their writers.

The exhibition from Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science and History, also explores the role music played in the social fabric of New Zealand at the time, both as a form of entertainment and as a vehicle for communicating ideals, aspirations and feelings about the war.

National Army Museum director Tracy Puklowski said: “We are delighted to have this unique exhibition in Waiouru, which gives an insight into the use of music as a way to express the personal experiences of the First World War”.

Sheet music illustrations feature prominently in the exhibition and were carefully chosen says Tony Rasmussen, of Te Manawa, where the exhibition was developed.

“The illustrations are important,” said Rasmussen.

“The covers are a visual record providing clues about the context in which the song was written. Nikau palms are strongly suggestive of New Zealand bush, while the Southern Alps, kiwi and

Southern Cross star constellation also feature on sheet music covers and link strongly to New Zealand identity at that time.”

The developers worked closely with Wellington-based Musical Heritage New Zealand, and particularly its historian David Dell, to select the pieces, which are held in their archives.

Dell that there were about 500 pieces of New Zealand music from the WWI period.

Music at the time, he said, was very much for both personal and social enjoyment.

The songs often had local importance that may not have extended far beyond their own home districts, he said.

The songs have become a touchstone for the experiences of New Zealander in their immediate communities of the time.

“One wish the songwriters would have had when they were alive was to have their songs played by an orchestra. Now, after 100 years, we’re finally granting that wish.”

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Rangitikei District mayor Andy Watson will stand for mayor again in this year’s election.

Watson to seek re-election as mayor

EMILY BEAUMONT

Rangitikei’s mayor Andy Watson has reached a “relatively easy” decision to stand for mayor again at this year’s elections.

Watson was elected to lead the council in 2013, beating out the incumbent mayor Chalky Leary.

“The drive for me is the number of major projects I’ve initiated that I’d like to see through, and the district is faced with fairly major challenges around earthquake infrastructure,” said Watson.

Citing a number of big issues that council has to deal with including their decision to build a facility at Memorial Park and the future of Taihape’s Town Hall, Watson said working with the region’s people was hugely satisfying.

“It is an honour and privilege to hold the position of mayor.

“A lot of the job as mayor is about relationship building within the community.

“The drive for me is the number of major projects I’ve initiated that I’d like to see through.”
Andy Watson

“I think I’ve made some breakthroughs with some of these relationships and I’d like to continue that,” he said.

Watson said he was proud of healthy discussions during his term that had resulted in moving policy work forward, which had enabled growth.

“People that disagree with either my position or council’s have to accept I’ve tried pretty hard to engage.”

Unsure of his opposition for the role, Watson said he was encouraging people to stand and even more so to vote.



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Out & About

Elizabeth Cottrell and Ruiha Steedman enjoy a catch up over a cuppa.

Coffee and playgroup

A coffee and playgroup group has kicked off at Moawhango Hall on Tuesday mornings between 10am-12pm. Anybody and everybody is welcome and just asked to please take either a piece of firewood or a gold coin donation. Emily Beaumont went along for a look.

Jacqui and Charlie Cottrell keep warm by the fire.

Gus Moore takes a break from the toys.

Sister act, Holly and Maisy Churchward tuck into sausage rolls.

Building blocks keep Caleb Kennett entertained.

TAIHAPE WHAT'S ON...

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Greens in great order for weekend of golf

Fine weather greeted the players all weekend with the greens in superb condition and several challenging pin placements.

The ball still flew well and the greens held but most players suffered with 3 putts on the third and fifth holes if they were above the hole.

This subdued the scoring. On Sunday Alan Thomas led the field in on 40 points with a 3 over the card 74.

Thomas birdied 2, 9 & 17 but ruined a good score with a ball lost in the tree on 13.

Brother Gary Thomas was runner up on 38 which included a two on the 6th.

Kerry Wells and Denis Robertson scored 35. Matt Thomas (4 birdies), Jim Mickleson and Briany Bristol all managed 34.

Dave Pollard 33. On Queens Birthday Monday the annual President's vs Club Captain's teams contested the Glenn Trophy.

For the first time this century the President's Team with Briany Bristol at the helm won with an average of 31.4 to 30.6 in a surprisingly low scoring contest.

Kerry Wells was on fire with his short game chipping superbly for 40 points and 74 off the stick.

Wells birdied 2 & 9 dominating his Whyte Cup match and with partner Denis Robertson progressed to the sec-

“Alan Thomas led the field in on 40 points with a 3 over the card 74.”

ond round at the expense of Duane Dick and Jim Fannin.

Chris George and Duane Dick scored 37 taking home 2 items of poultry for their trouble.

On 36 was Ross Martin, 35 Alan Thomas, 33 Gary Cleaver.

Twos: Briany Bristol (14), Alan Thomas (6 & 12).

The Zones Team fronts up this weekend in their first round match against the competitive Rangatira Team.

Taihape win despite strong effort from tough Ruapehu side

Last Saturday Taihape were at home against a resurgent Ruapehu side who had found some form heading into the second round and were looking for revenge after suffering a heavy defeat to Taihape first up in April.

Taihape were boosted by the return of their skipper Tremaine Gilbert and from the kick off both teams were playing a fast and physical end to end game of footy which saw tried scored tit for tat and a score of 19-10 to the home side at the break.

Following half time Taihape were keen to lift intensity and the pace of the game which the bigger Ruapehu side couldn't match and the lead was stretched to 26-10 early on after a well taken try by the captain and conversion by Taylor Transom.

Another two tries to Taihape and one to Ruapehu had the referee

blowing the final whistle with the end result at 33-17 with the boys holding onto the challenge shield and also remaining top of the standings.

Tremaine Gilbert was outstanding once again and second five Cyrus Paringatai had a great match along with young lock Hoani Woodhead.

Next week we travel to Wanganui to take on the red hot Marist team which will be our biggest challenge thus far.

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Street BBQ next week - all invited.

Sitting in the comfort of Peggy and Lil's Cafe in Marton, looking out over beautiful Marton Park, enjoying a bowl of steaming hot homemade soup, plump with chicken and vegetables and a chunky French bread, is the perfect way to welcome winter.

Awhina Downs is the new owner of the Follett St cafe, and in the three months she's been greeting, baking and serving her many customers, she's been humbled by the wonderful people she's met.

"When people appreciate what you do, it makes you really happy. It's so delightful meeting people who enjoy coming into your place, relaxing and relishing the food that you cook."

While Awhina has many years experience under her apron in hospitality and food, her learning continues. For the first time she's putting all that knowledge into her own business.

The mother of four sons, aged 9 to 18 years, has spent the past 10 years focused on raising her sons as a single parent.

Getting back into the workforce has had its moments. While juggling home, family and business may be hard work, she says that getting out and working again is wonderful and she's thankful that she employed Bernadine McIver to share the load and journey.

They're a great duo, with so much in common, including having a passion for food and people. Bernadine too, has much experience in the industry, and has just returned to the workforce after caring for her sick husband.

Very much a local, Awhina was raised in Rata and went to Rangitikei College. While completing her hospitality, travel and tourism diplomas, she worked for Tom Tasker in his restaurant at the old Railway Hotel at Marton junction.

Once qualified, her first restaurant job was at the Mission in Hawke's Bay, followed by The Peak Restaurant in Havelock North then down to the deep South working at Olivers in Clyde and Queenstown's Skyline Restaurant.

Since then, keeping four growing lads fed and regularly hosting dinner parties at home has kept her creative flair alive. She's delighting

The quaint and cosy cafe in Follett St.

in sharing food with her own customers now.

"The atmosphere that food creates really excites me."

Regulars to Peggy and Lil's Cafe include the walkers, swimmers and yummy mummies on their daily rounds. They come to mingle, catch up and enjoy their regular favourites such as the date scones,

pesto gem muffins, croissants or their daily fix of Havana coffee.

Awhina and Bernadine bake and prepare their generous and wholesome home style food on site, from pies and pastries, to big hearted sandwiches and baking, and there's always soup on the go.

Creating surprises for their customers has become an

The great view of Marton Park from Peggy and Lil's Cafe.

anticipated event, so much so, customers bring in freshly harvested seasonal produce from their gardens for Awhina and Bernadine to create something special.

"How lucky are we! We've made quince and custard muffins, poached quince and relishes, a beautiful rich chocolate beetroot

cake, and feijoa muffins and shortcake. Sharing food this way is magic."

People pop in, for relaxed catch ups or business lunches and on Saturdays the rugby action across the street on Marton Park brings in the parents, while the rugby kids have a treat with Peggy and Lil's twisty fries.

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“Budget Day has been reduced to a showcase for the Finance Minister to brag about how well things are going.”
Gordon Campbell

Budgets no longer what they used to be

GORDON CAMPBELL
Talking Politics

Budget Day used to be the one date in the calendar year when the public got told the state of the nation’s books, and how the next year’s revenues would be generated. It could mean happy (or bad) news. Labour’s Black Budget of 1958 for instance, has become a notorious milestone in New Zealand’s political history, and ditto for National’s Mother of All Budgets in 1991. Until quite recently, the media would run stories about this mysterious document being printed in secrecy, and photos of the Finance Minister striding purposefully along the corridors to where its contents would be

unveiled. It’s not done that way any more. For weeks beforehand, the Government dripfeeds the Budget so that maximum public relations mileage can be extracted from each item, and criticism pre-empted. Budget Day has been reduced to a showcase for the Finance Minister to brag about how well things are going. Ironically, the Treasury forecasts on which that optimism is based are now treated with healthy scepticism, and routinely re-adjusted at quarterly and half-yearly intervals. Last week’s Budget outlook then, was typically upbeat. GDP is growing. Surpluses are being piled up. Jobs are being created. The average wage is rising – helped aloft by soaring chief executive salaries and the culling of jobs for the middle-class. Treasury added its own rosy assumptions that immigration

will somehow fall from the current 70,000 a year to 12,000 over the next four years, and that dairy prices will bounce back significantly over the same period. This year’s modest \$1.6 billion of new investment is set to be dwarfed however, by the \$2-\$3 billion programme of tax cuts being mooted by the Prime Minister for election year, 2017. On past performance, tax cuts largely get frittered away on consumer spending, and will heighten the gaps in income inequality that this Budget either acknowledged with token amounts, or not at all. Unsurprisingly, the worrying news was buried in the fine print. Reportedly, unemployment will be at 5.6 per cent next year – with 146,000 out of work – and remain above 5 per cent in 2018. Real wages are forecast to rise by less than 1 per cent this year, and to fall by 0.3 per cent the

following year. By 2020, the share that wages comprise of the nation’s wealth will have fallen by 1.3 per cent, leaving each person an estimated \$400 on average worse off than they are currently. Looking ahead, the claimed need for frugality in social spending will be upended by the tax cut binge planned for election year. Ultimately, the Budget forecasts themselves confess to being virtually meaningless. The Government is, for instance, about to release a Defence White Paper setting out military replacement costs reliably estimated at \$11 billion over the next decade. Yet the Budget projections entirely omitted those looming costs. Buried on page 73 in the Budget Economic and Fiscal Update was this deceptively bland paragraph: “Changes to NZDF

operating and/or capital funding may be made over the forecast period to achieve the Defence White Paper settings.” That fact not only renders the Budget forecasts and projections virtually obsolete upon delivery, but – given the massive amounts involved – it also makes talk of tax cuts in 2017 seem irresponsible.

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‘Potentially risky’ level crossing surveyed

NICHOLAS MCBRIDE

A Marton level crossing identified by train drivers as potentially risky will be the subject of a survey by KiwiRail.

The survey will be for motorists who use Williamsons Line in Marton and is part of an effort to improve safety at level crossings in rural areas.

Marton was one of two sites chosen in the country. It was selected for several reasons, including the road having a high-speed approach, being in a rural area and the crossing being identified by train drivers as a ‘poten-

tial risk’. The other site is in Featherston.

KiwiRail professional head of signals and telecommunications John Skilton said crash data showed the main cause of collisions was inattention and failure to stop. Recent research had also shown that some motorists in rural areas became complacent on roads with which they are familiar.

“We are keen to explore how we can change motorists’ behaviour to stop and look for trains at level crossings, rather than approaching crossings assuming that a train will not be coming.

“**Train timetables change, there are sometimes maintenance vehicles running on the tracks and motorists should always check that it is safe to cross before they do so.**”

- John Skilton

“Train timetables change, there are sometimes maintenance vehicles running on the tracks and motorists should always check that it is safe to cross before they do so.”

This month KiwiRail will send a survey to some motorists who use Williamsons Line, asking 10

questions about their thoughts and behaviour as they approach the level crossing. Skilton said collisions between trains and other vehicles at level crossings had been steadily falling. But almost half of all collisions occur at crossings with either give way or stop signs. These were typically

found in rural areas.

Later in the research project, the signs on the approaches to the level crossings at both sites will be replaced by ones that will light up when a vehicle approaches.

The same people who took part in the first survey will then be asked to answer more questions.

“We are grateful for the support of the public, Rangitikei District Council and the NZ Transport Agency for assisting us with this important survey that is designed to ultimately improve public safety by reducing collisions at level crossings,” Skilton said.

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Manawatu stock sales

Feilding Store Stock Sale Friday June 3

The store sheep sale began with a very strong tone as buyers, sensing in-lamb ewe numbers may be below market requirements this year, climbed into the in-lamb ewe offering with gusto. The first pen up – 475, scanned in lamb with twins, four year old Romney ewes from Taihape’s Maata-Kotahi – sold for \$144 and they were followed with 249, scanned at 175 per cent, five year old romney ewes from KM & GM Hunt, Pahiatua, selling for \$140. t

The action did not let up as the sale moved into the store male lamb section and the very first pen immediately leaped above last week’s levels when Ranui Holdings, Maxwell, sold 150 woolly wethers for \$102. The day’s top price was \$103.50 for 106 shorn cryptorchids from K Devane, Taihape, and Rini Trust, Taihape, matched the \$102 when they sold 192 cryptorchids. Store male lamb sale prices improved above last week by around \$5/head for the better males and, in the medium male lamb pens, sale prices frequently improved by more than that amount. Buyers from the eastern side of the North Island were particularly strong and especially for the longer term male lambs, predicting a shortage of lambs later in the winter trading season. Ewe lambs could not attract the same attention and sold at around a 15c cents/kg discount to their brothers although 125 nearly prime ewe lambs from “Braestone”, Mt Bruce, sold to Hawkes Bay for \$92.50.

The cattle sale kicked off with the most in-calf cows and heifers offered so far this winter and they sold to good demand.

The older steers were roughly steady with a few pens clearing \$3/kg. The Wigglesworth Partnership, Marton, sold 17 red south

devon and 5 black south devon steers for \$2.86/kg which was \$1690 and \$1715 respectively. The rising two year steers firmed for the traditional steers on offer with a large line of 53 angus and angus/hereford cross steers from Ratanui Developments, Halcombe, selling for \$1510 (\$3.05) being notable. 34 useful angus/hereford cross weaner steers from Totara Hills, Tikokino, sold for \$955 (\$3.31) which was good on the day but a little off the weaner fair prices.

Bull numbers continue to be less than market demand but bull buyers closely consult their calculators so prices only change slowly. Most of the indicator friesian bulls sold around the \$3/kg level like the 7 friesian bulls from AO Bell, Taihape, selling for \$1490 (\$3.04) and the friesian weaner bulls were not very heavy or old. Some lines of beef cross weaner bulls were heavier and the weaner bull market did lift.

Heifers were mostly only average cattle overall apart from a good line of top 17 charolais cross rising two year heifers from KJS Trust, Waipukurau, that sold for \$1370 (\$2.73). Totara Hills, Tikokino, sold 15 angus/hereford cross weaner heifers for \$835 (\$2.97) in a similar scenario to the weaner steers.

The cattle sale was bigger than advertised but was generally solid without the surprising highs of the sheep sale.

Sheep (12,530): ewes (1,524); SIL (1,200), \$67-\$144; lambs (11,006); 36-40 kg, \$89.50-\$103.50, \$2.48-\$2.77, lift; 31-35 kg, \$71-\$96, \$2.32-\$2.87, lift; 26-30 kg, \$64-\$83.50, \$2.40-\$2.78, lift.

Cattle (1,665): steers; R3 yr (265), 383-598 kg, \$1190-\$1715, \$2.74-\$3.13, steady; R2 yr (329), 238-591 kg, \$705-\$1510, \$2.63-\$3.26, firm; weaners (151), 137-288 kg, \$550-\$955, \$3.23-\$4.11; bulls; R2 & 3 yr (71), 360-501 kg, \$960-\$1490,

A busy Feilding sale yards.

\$2.66-\$3.08, lift; weaners (167), 98-314 kg, \$410-\$945, \$3.14-\$4.27; heifers; R2 & 3 yr (262), 202-501 kg, \$485-\$1370, \$2.40-\$3.02, firm; weaners (197), 130-281 kg, \$300-\$835, \$2.30-\$3.42; cows & heifers VIC (223), 335-538 kg, \$590-\$1170, \$1.76-\$2.43.

Rongotea Sale June 1

A good yarding of prime cattle today brought out a strong buying bench with prices steady to last week’s Rongotea sale.

Hereford 2 year bulls 755kg made \$2110 (\$2.79) and 635kg made \$1700 (\$2.67).

Angus cross 2 year steers 490kg made \$1325 (\$2.70), 406kg made \$1035 (\$2.54) and white face steers 395kg made \$1160 (\$2.93).

Angus cross 2 year heifers 474kg made \$1270 (\$2.67), white face heifers 402kg made \$1040 (\$2.58) and 380kg-398kg made up to \$960 (\$2.40-\$2.44).

Friesian yearling bulls 152kg-202kg made up to \$730 (\$3.52-\$3.97), white face bulls 172kg made \$635 (\$3.28) and cross bred bulls 190kg-222kg made up to \$555 (\$2.30-\$2.91).

White face yearling heifers 311kg made \$800 (\$2.56), 205kg-225kg made up to \$560 (\$2.26-\$2.48) and 136kg-170kg made up to \$490 (\$2.83-\$3.29). Friesian heifers 230kg-304kg made up to \$625 (\$2.05-\$2.39).

Autumn born friesian bulls

96kg made \$545 (\$5.64) and white face bulls 130kg made \$460 (\$3.53).

Friesian boner cows 555kg made \$1020 (\$1.83), 438kg-465kg made up to \$710 (\$1.52-\$1.59) and cross bred boner cows 510kg made \$890 (\$1.74). Jersey boner cows 345kg-389kg made up to \$565 (\$1.39-\$1.45).

Well grown mixed sex lambs made \$90-\$104 and longer term lambs made \$50-\$85.

Weaner pigs made \$50-\$65 depending on quality and size.

Good friesian bull calves made \$180-\$240, mediums made \$140-\$170 and smaller bulls made \$100-\$120.

Good white face bull calves made \$240-\$300 and smaller bulls made \$180-\$230.

Good white face heifer calves made \$200-\$280 with smaller heifers making \$100-\$170.

Feilding Prime Stock Sale Monday May 30

In spite of over 4200 lambs being put up for sale, the market for both prime and store lambs enjoyed a slight rise above last week’s levels. It is becoming increasingly obvious that there are not big numbers of lambs around and many of the lambs coming forward.

A difficult growing season combined with a serious facial eczema outbreak has taken a toll on

this season’s lamb crop.

The top sale price was a very impressive \$151 for 7 big woolly blackface lambs from DJ & JA Hebden with Andy Smith selling 13 big shorn lambs for \$138 to be the runner-up on the day. A large part of the lamb entry were not what came even close to being “mud fat” but the store lambs also sold to rising demand and at higher levels than last Friday’s store sale. Lamb schedules are improving but this sale is easily keeping pace.

Ewe entries dropped again and not even 1000 were offered today. Plenty of ewes are only grazing ewes, having been hammered by the same problems as the lambs, but there are always buyers willing to try and improve them and the ewe market was firm across all weight ranges.

The majority of the prime beef steers and heifers entered were medium weight, local trade type cattle. The steers were firm but many of the lighter heifers were in-calf and did not attract enthusiastic bidding. Those beef heifers offered were as firm as the steers.

Even though the cow yarding was much fewer than last week, the cow prices dropped in comparison with last week.

Bulls covered the usual wide range with buyers operating in their own niches.

Sheep (5,209): lambs (4,228); prime (3,829), 40-70 kg, \$88-\$151, \$2.10-\$2.35, lift; store (399), 27-36 kg, \$65-\$94, \$2.40-\$2.60, lift; ewes (904); good, heavy, 26-28 kg, \$77-\$85, \$2.95-\$3.05, firm; medium, 21-25 kg, \$58-\$75.50, \$2.75-\$3.00, firm; lighter, 16-20 kg, \$40-\$57, \$2.50-\$2.85, firm; 2ths (63), \$80-\$88; male sheep (14), \$40-\$50.

Cattle (359): steers (8); 390-537 kg, \$1029-\$1471, \$2.64-\$2.74, lift; heifers (67); 354-560 kg, \$666-\$1495, \$1.88-\$2.70, steady; lesser sorts, 324-360 kg, \$471-\$554, \$1.40-\$1.70; cows (280); good, heavy, 508-645 kg, \$1031-\$1251, \$1.94-\$2.07, ease; boners, 362-578 kg, \$582-\$1069, \$1.46-\$1.88, ease; lesser sorts, 395-410 kg, \$537-\$561, \$1.36-\$1.37; bulls (6), 320-840 kg, \$752-\$2251, \$2.14-\$2.90.

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A compelling, creepy trip to tickle town

LIAM MAGUREN

If anyone were to find a cyber-thriller lurking inside a story about online competitive tickling, it'd be David Farrier – the David Attenborough of K' Rd. He and co-director Dylan Reeve were presented a seemingly innocuous string that, when pulled, led to an investigative journalist's El Dorado. So they pulled it. And pinched it. And wiggled it. And tugged it. And, much like being strapped down to a tickle chair, things quickly go from chuckle-worthy weirdness to uncomfortably intense.

It all kicks off when the company behind Farrier's discovery of a tickling ring, Jane O'Brien Media, replies to his inquiries with crude homophobic slurs. Given the potentially homoerotic content O'Brien uploads, the irony is hilarious, though the joke stops when Farrier and Reeve are threatened with legal action. This rabbit hole leads to something truly sinister when the victims of this cyberbully speak out.

As dots are connected and historical ties show themselves, *Tickled* traces the outline of an empire that has stayed dormant for decades. Wisely, the film takes time to separate Jane O'Brien Media from the innocent members of the tickle fetish community, introducing

Tickled (M)

Directors: David Farrier, Dylan Reeve
Starring: David Farrier
92 mins
★★★★

audiences to this wider world (you might cringe, or you might discover something about yourself).

When the film reaches a section about MMA, however, its previously growing momentum is somewhat halted. It's not exactly an unnecessary addition to the film, but it does go over things that had already been covered, making it feel like a footnote that's been given its own chapter.

But this doesn't derail *Tickled*. It's funny, it's compelling, and – as Farrier loquaciously states – “it's actually [bleep] creepy as [bleep]”. This weird weave of tones remains sturdy throughout the warped journey before turning into something profoundly sad with the film's final reveal.

Special credit goes to cinematographer Dominic Fryer, who shot every environment, document, squirm and nipple beautifully.

Dylan Reeve and David Farrier investigate the murky world of “competitive endurance tickling” in *Tickled*.

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HE POU Aroha Community Cenotaph: Discover Your Connection 9am – 6pm, Feilding Public Library – 60 Stafford Street.
DANCING WITH the Feilding Stars: 6.30pm – 7.30pm, Feilding Civic Centre – 84 Aorangi St. Dress Rehearsal, Thursday, June 9 – \$20, Premier Night, Friday June 10 – \$60
LAST OF The Summer Wine: 8pm – 10pm, Feilding Little Theatre – Stafford Street. Dinner and Show – \$38.00, Show – \$20.00, Matinee – \$30.00, Matinee Gold Card Holders – \$25
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SATURDAY 11
TRACKDAY XPERIENCE: 8am – 5pm, Manfeild – South Street.
FEILDING CRAFT & Vintage Market: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Manfeild – South Street.
HE POU Aroha Community Cenotaph: Discover Your Connection 9am – 4pm, Feilding Public Library – 60 Stafford Street.
LAST OF The Summer Wine: 8pm – 10pm, Feilding Little Theatre – Stafford Street. Dinner and Show – \$38, Show – \$20, Matinee – \$30, Matinee Gold Card Holders – \$25
ASHHURST MID WINTER XMAS

MARKET: Village Valley Centre, Guildford St, Ashhurst, 10am – 1pm, cash only, free entry. Contact ashhurstcommunitymarket@gmail.com, 027 918 4855.

SUNDAY 12
VICTORIA MOTORCYCLE Club: Round 2. 8am – 5pm, Manfeild – South Street.VMCC 2016 Bridgestone Motorcycle Racing Series 8am – 5pm, Manfeild – South Street.
LAST OF The Summer Wine: 3.30pm – 6pm, Feilding Little Theatre – Stafford Street. Dinner and Show – \$38, Show – \$20, Matinee – \$30, Matinee Gold Card Holders – \$25
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CLOVERLEA & PALMY FARMERS Market: 7am – 1pm, Cloverlea Tavern carpark, 301 Tremaine Ave. Fresh fruit and vegetables, plants, rewena, doughnuts, fried bread, hot food, clothing, collectibles, electronics and more. Enquiries Erana 027 441 0208 or 356 9345.
SANSON SUNDAY Market: 7.30am – 2pm, Main Rd, Sanson. Fresh fruit & veges, plants, garden items, food, collectibles, clothing, books, tools, crafts etc. Enquiries Mike 027 450 5646.
FEILDING SPIRITUAL & Awareness Centre: 10.30am, Feilding & District Caledonian Society Hall, 55 Weld St, Feilding. All welcome.
MANAWATU MICROLIGHT Club: Flying lessons, Taonui Airfield, Feilding. Enquiries 323 9861 (Sundays).

MONDAY 13
MAINLY MUSIC for Preschoolers: Feilding Baptist Church, Bowen St, 9.30am – 10.30am. Enquiries Sandy 328 8558.
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Craft & Vintage Market stall-holder Ing-Marie Shallcrass from Nelson’s Global Soaps shows off the company’s beer soap.

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30 years of craft fair in Feilding

The country’s largest indoor craft market takes place just down the road.
In its 30th year, organiser Heather Philip says Feilding’s annual two-day Craft & Vintage Market brings together under the one roof many of the country’s best craft artists.
“It’s a destination event, with stall holders from the top of the North Island to the bottom of the South. It attracts thousands of visitors, many by bus from all over the North Island.”
The market has expanded from

20 stalls when it opened in Feilding’s Civic Centre three decades ago, to more than 200.
“Until we moved into our bigger venue, there was a two to four year waiting list to get in. Manfeild has opened it up for more craft artists, and that will eventually see this market take 300 stalls.”
Heather says it now boasts “the cream of NZ crafts”.
“Customers say it’s amazing. It has ‘wow’ factor, and visitors can easily spend five hours shopping here.”
Among the stalls is a large

blacksmith truck complete with forge, a colourful Gypsy vardo or caravan, handmade soaps, a vintage chair upholsterer, Anita’s Vintage Eiderdowns, Retro Radio from Dannevirke that refurbishes old style wooden cabinet radios with FM and Bluetooth, and an on-site cafe.
This year, the market is also the subject of a documentary film, with footage being shot over the two days. The Craft & vintage Market is open this Friday and Saturday from 9am – 4pm. Entry is \$5, with under-12s free.

friendship. Wheelchair accessible, all welcome, 2pm, Roslyn Library, 8 Kipling St. Enquiries Elizabeth 355 3233.

TUESDAY 14
HE POU Aroha Community Cenotaph: Discover Your Connection 9am – 6pm, Feilding Public Library – 60 Stafford Street.
ZUMBA: 6pm – 7pm, Feilding Civic Centre – 84 Aorangi St. Per Session – \$7.50

SENIOR MEN’S Cooking Classes: June 14 and 21st 11.30am -1.30pm. St John The Evangelist Church, Feilding. Limited spaces available \$10. To book, phone Cynthia on 3543804 ext. 700 or email admin@sgmanawatu.org.nz.
MINDFULNESS MEDITATION: Non-sectarian group meditation with Dr Douglas Osto (PhD) 6 – 7 pm, Theosophical Society 304 Church St. Entry \$5, unwaged gold coin koha. Enquiries Anthea 353 6221/ pn@theosophy.org.nz

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What's On

Secondary choirs for Big Sing

The city's biggest choral event takes over the Regent on Broadway next Wednesday. 19 choirs involving nearly 700 singers from 10 secondary schools are involved in adjudicated recital sessions that culminate in a grand evening gala concert.

It's the annual Big Sing. Acting coordinator for the NZ Choral Federation regional Secondary Schools Choirs Festival, Roy Tankersley says the event is well supported by local schools.

"New entrants include Waiopahu College from Levin, and Palmerston North's Queen Elizabeth College."

Regular entrants Palmerston North's Boys' and Girls' High Schools have entered four choirs each. Among them is Boys' High's Pasifika Singing Group taking part for the first time.

Freyberg High, St Peter's College, Feilding High and Masterton's St Matthew's Collegiate have entered two choirs each. Directed by a

student, St Matthew's senior mixed voice choir has 71 members. Longburn Adventist College, Marton's Nga Tawa Diocesan School, and Dannevirke High School have entered single choirs alongside a 101-voice choir from Wairarapa's Rathkeale College.

Each choir presents a varied 10-minute recital programme during sessions at 10am and at 2pm. Each choir is encouraged to include at least one New Zealand composition.

Adjudicator is Dunedin composer and and choral clinician, Anthony Ritchie, who will be helping select finalists from the 10 other regional competitions for the Big Sing National Finale in Dunedin in August.

Each choir will present an item at the 7pm evening gala and prizegiving in the Regent on Broadway. Adult admission to morning and afternoon sessions is \$5 with Gala Concert tickets \$18. School students are free.

Members of last year's Regional Big Sing winners, the OK Chorale from Palmerston North Boys' High.

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TUESDAY 14

MARCHING: Fun, fitness, friendship for ex marchers wanting to get back into marching, or anyone wanting to try it out, 6 - 8pm. Enquiries Jennie 358 0585/ 027 3680 383, gnbssupremes@gmail.com
MODEL RAILWAY Club: Papaioea Pl clubrooms, 7pm. British OO gauge exhibition layout to run stock on. New members welcome. Enquiries 354 1208/ 022 068 1821.

CAN YOU SING?: Can you harmonise? Confident singers wanted for all-women's chorus. Fun, music and friendship with the Manawatu Overtones, Milson Combined Church Hall, 7pm. Enquiries Jenni 356 8585 (A/H)/ Linda 358 5883.

WEDNESDAY 15

HE POU Aroha Community Cenotaph: Discover Your Connection 9am - 6pm, Feilding Public Library - 60 Stafford Street.
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welcome. Enquiries Shalome 021 157 3135/ John 323 6828/ Lucia 021 065 3667.

TRAVELLING TO ITALY?: Beginners Italian classes, QEC, 6.30 - 8.30pm. Enquiries QEC/ Bev on 027 278 3120.

BIG SING: Regional Secondary Schools Choirs Festival - 19 choirs from 10 schools. Recital Sessions 10am & 2pm, admission \$5; Gala Concert 7pm, admission \$18 - school students free. Regent on Broadway, Enquiries Roy Tankersley 355 3908.

THURSDAY 16

HE POU Aroha Community Cenotaph: Discover Your Connection 9am - 6pm, Feilding Public Library - 60 Stafford Street.
ZUMBA: 6pm - 7pm, Feilding Civic Centre - 84 Aorangi St. Per Session - \$7.50
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ONGOING EVENTS

FEILDING ART Centre:, 104

Manchester St: Tuesdays Have-a-Go groups - beginners and advanced welcome from 10am to 12pm. BYO art materials. Coffee and tea supplied. Enquires 06 3232323.

MANAWATU POTTERY Society: Feilding Railway Station, Aorangi St, Feilding. Come along to create your own ceramic works of art. Wednesdays 5.30pm to 8.30pm, and the first and third Saturdays of each month 10am-4pm. All welcome. Contact: Shalome 021 157 3135, John 323 6828, Lucia 021 065 3667.

FEILDING SPINNERS: Tuesdays 10.30am to 2.30pm at Life Point Church, 116 Derby Street. Contact Melissa 328 8707.

FEILDING BADMINTON Club: Open every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm, through to September 20. Contact Marion 323 5806

SENIOR GAMES: Including Rummikub, Crib and Scrabble, cup of tea provided, Feilding Library, Thursdays 1pm - 3pm, Fridays 10am-12pm.

PIZZA WHEEL: In conjunction with LIANZA Book Awards and Hell's Pizza, read seven books and earn a

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KOROWAI LESSONS: Maori Feather Cloak lessons, Thursdays from 6pm.

COACHHOUSE MUSEUM: open 7 days, 10 am - 4 pm. 'Smoko session' every Thursday 10am, 121 South St, Feilding.

THE ATC COMMUNITY MARKET: Runs the first Saturday of each month in the town square in Feilding, 9am-1pm. Anyone wanting a stall needs to contact Lynne on 021 606 423 or 06 323 0604.

FAMILY FRIENDLY dancing lessons: available for children aged 3-13 years at Taonui School Hall in Feilding. Tap, ballet, jazz and musical theatre, For more info contact: Miss Dale, 0274 786 087 or email; thegapco@vodafone.co.nz

FEILDING TAEKWON-DO Academy: Tuesday and Thursday, Manchester Street School Hall, 6pm till 7.30pm. Ages 10 and up.

BOWLS, JOHNSTON Park: 1pm Wednesdays and Saturday. Phone 323 5259. Need flat sole footwear.

FEILDING TOY Library: Open 10.30am - 11.30am Wednesday and Saturday, 65 Stafford St.

FEILDING UKULELE Groups: Monday 5.30pm beginners, Tuesday 5.30pm advanced, Phone Trish 323 8575

ZUMBA CLASSES: Every Tuesday and Thursday 6 - 7pm. Civic Centre. Ph 0275230556

FEILDING PLAYCENTRE: 254a Kimbolton Rd, open Monday - Friday. Phone 323 6100 for times.

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NEWBIES: New People to Feilding, second Wednesday every month 10.30am @ KR's Cafe Feilding.. More info contact Jill 3233901.

MAINLY MUSIC: For Preschoolers at Feilding Baptist Church 9.30am to 10.30am (in school terms). Every Monday starting 15th Feb. Contact Sandy Ph 3288558.

COUNTRY MUSIC GROUP: Every 2nd Friday of the month, next 12 Feb at St Johns Ambulance Hall Bowen Street Feilding. Contact John DeBugh 0272 903103.

UKULADIES: Ukulele playing Group 4.30pm Tuesdays Phone Trish 3238575

YOGA CLASS: Tuesday 5.30pm. All welcome, Knox Church Hall North Street. Enquiries Jill 06 323 6094.

MONDAY CARDS: Euchre 1pm - 3pm Community Trust conference room, contact Coral 323 1955

ST BRIGID'S Indoor Bowling Club: St Johns Hall, Camden St, each Tuesday, 7.15pm. Enquiries to Jeanette 3237062.

STEP 'N' THYME: Leisure Marching Team, practice 1pm - 2.30pm at Newbury Hall, Ex Marchers or new ladies welcome, Enquiries Val 354 802

FEILDING BADMINTON CLUB: Tuesdays, juniors 6pm to 7.30pm, seniors 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Contact David 0212401150

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Comic cast enjoyed by large audience

Review

Play: Last of the Summer Wine
Writer: Roy Clarke
Director: Peter Doherty
Feilding Little Theatre: till June 18
Reviewer: Joan Ford

The laughter rolled out with gentle frequency from the audience throughout *The Last of the Summer Wine*, a comedy that was especially written and adapted for the stage by the original writer of the well-known television series, Roy Clarke.

The well-timed antics of Foggy (Phil White), Compo (Tony Vincent) and Clegg (Dan Mateer) – three retired Yorkshiremen, with unlimited pranks, unbecoming behaviour and endless speculation about others was the key to the classic British TV series having such a long run on our screens.

Two factors played a dominant part at Feilding on the opening night; the first was the confident and very capable cast, making every moment count when they took the stage to tell their story.

The second factor was a large audience sitting back in the warmth and enjoying the delightful characters brought to life on

The cast of Last of the Summer Wine during a dress rehearsal.

stage by a skilled cast that were well costumed.

The comedy is set at the home of Clegg, who has reluctantly agreed to host a soiree, which will allow his friend Foggy the oppor-

tunity to further his relationship with a woman named Constance (Caroline Sherwill).

Foggy is determined that scruffy Compo must not know about the evening.

It is of no matter to Foggy that Constance is already engaged, and has been for 14 years to local policeman Gifford Bewmont (Luke McIndoe).

Not only is she engaged, her

chaperone for the evening is her aunt, the formidable Nora Batty (Val Ottaway).

The main ingredient was timing, not only with delivery of words, but all the sight gags, and they were plentiful in this production.

A bookcase, the kitchen servery, a wheelbarrow, a kilt, two raincoats, a wristwatch being caught up in a bra to name a few, were all used to good effect, and of course Compo was going to turn up, welcome or not!

Compo is not the only unexpected guest that arrives to wreck Foggy's plans.

You will leave the theatre with a lingering and pleasant taste of summer wine.

The show will continue until June 18 and there is a 4pm matinee on June 12 with high tea.

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The creators of *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows* have basically just remade the 1991 TMNT movie *The Secret of The Ooze* while ripping off a few decent moments from Christopher Nolan’s Batman franchise to fill in any gaps.

Shadows shows Turtles still have power

Movie review

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows (PG, 112 mins)
Directed by David Green
★★★★
Reviewed by Graeme Tuckett.

You really don’t ever want to start reading too much into a film like *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2* (which is also known by the pointlessly pretentious and wordy *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows*), conforming nicely to a long-held theory of mine that I just thought up this minute; that anything with a full colon or more than six syllables in the title is generally rubbish.

For those of you who haven’t been paying attention to comic-book culture in the last 30-odd years, the TMNTs are a quartet of genetically mutated turtles who live in New York’s underground.

They eat pizza, have a giant rat for a mentor and a complicated relationship with a young woman journalist named April O’Neill.

The characters first turned up in 1984, that is about 30 years before anyone I shared last Sunday’s pre-view screening with was even born – as a wildly smart and funny comic-book parody of the whole “superhero” genre.

But, a good parody often has the legs to outdistance its intended target. And so it was that Kevin Eastman’s and Peter Laird’s underground and vaguely punkish comic-strip became a mainstream merchandising behemoth that has so far yielded multiple long-running TV and film series, a billion lunch-boxes and t-shirts and now two more feature-length films.

The 21st century reboot, released a mere two years back was – and not

many people over the age of 12 agree with me on this – a hell of a lot of fun.

It seemed to me then that *TMNT1* was exactly the film the original comic-books deserved.

It was surprisingly brutal, cheeky, genuinely funny at times (“Look out! He’s doing his Batman voice...”), overwhelmingly optimistic and unashamedly silly.

Re-visiting the franchise only two years later is obviously pretty fraught. A decent screenplay doesn’t just happen overnight and new characters take time to develop and mature.

So, wisely, producer Michael Bay – coming off the turgid and fascistic *13 Hours* and back working with characters more in tune with his

own maturity and sensibilities – and director David Green (*Earth to Echo*) have dispensed with anything new or original and basically just remade the 1991 TMNT movie *The Secret of The Ooze*, while ripping off a few decent moments from Christopher Nolan’s Batman franchise to fill in any gaps.

There are references to classic films (*Taxi Driver*? Really?), a few more plot holes than there should be and some admirably committed and good natured performances from Megan Fox, Will Arnett, Laura Linney and other assorted human beings on screen.

Listen, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2* is a review-proof film.

If you want to see it, you couldn’t care less what I think and that’s exactly as it should be.

But, if you’re in charge of a couple of young’uns and you’re unsure, relax.

It’s chaotic, loud as hell and often nonsensical. But it’s also fun, spectacular and essentially good-natured.

If I got asked tomorrow to take another bunch of kids to it, I’d be happy enough to sit through it again.

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HUNT FOR THE WILDERPEOPLE

(PG) 101 mins NZ Comedy (Contains violence, coarse language and some scenes may disturb children)

A national manhunt is ordered for a rebellious kid and his foster uncle who go missing in the wild New Zealand bush.

Thur 10.30am, Fri 10.30am 8.20pm,
Sat 10.30am 6pm, Sun 3.30pm
Mon 10.30am 6pm, Tues 10.30am 8.20pm, Wed 1pm

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: OUT OF THE SHADOWS

(PG) 112 mins Action/Adventure/Comedy (Contains violence & scary scenes)

The Turtles return to save the city from a dangerous threat.

Thurs 3.30pm 6pm, Fri 3.30pm, Sat 3.30pm, Sun 1pm
Mon 3.30pm, Tues 3.30pm 6pm, Wed 3.30pm

THE NICE GUYS

(R16) 116 mins Action/Comedy/Crime (Contains violence, nudity, sex scenes & offensive language)

A private eye investigates the apparent suicide of a fading porn star in 1970s Los Angeles and uncovers a conspiracy. Starring Ryan Gosling & Russell Crowe.

Thurs 1pm 8.20pm, Fri 1pm 6pm, Sat 8.20pm, Sun 8.20pm
Mon 1pm 8.20pm, Tues 1pm, Wed 8.30pm

EDDIE THE EAGLE

(PG) 106 mins Biography/Comedy/Drama (Contains coarse language & sexual references)

The story of Eddie Edwards, the notoriously tenacious British underdog ski jumper who charmed the world at the 1988 Winter Olympics. Back for one session only

Wed 10.30am

ANGRY BIRDS

(G) 97 mins Animation/Action/Comedy

Find out why the birds are so angry. When an island populated by happy, flightless birds is visited by mysterious green piggies, it’s up to three unlikely outcasts – Red, Chuck and Bomb – to figure out what the pigs are up to.

Sat 1pm, Sun 10.30am

OUR LITTLE SISTER

(PG) 127 mins Comedy/Drama/Japanese (Sub-titles)

A story that revolves around three sisters who live in their grandmother’s home and the arrival of their thirteen-year-old half sister.

Thur 12.40pm 6.20pm, Fri 12.40pm 5.50pm, Sat 12.40pm 6.20pm,
Sun 12.40pm 6.20pm

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THE GREENSTONE

(M) 122 mins NZ Drama (Contains drug use & offensive language)

Jade, a young South African woman travels to NZ to find her father. Left a greenstone koru by her mother she’s told her father has the other half of the twin set. Her road journey leads into more trouble and surprise encounters and she is left wondering if she will ever find the truth about her father.

Final Week, Thur 3.20pm, Fri 3.20pm, Sat 3.20pm, Sun 3.20pm
Mon 3.20pm, Tues 3.20pm, Wed 3.20pm

ME BEFORE YOU

Starting Thursday 16 June

(PG) 110 mins Drama (Contains coarse language & sexual references)

Will Traynor knows his motorcycle accident took away his desire to live. He knows everything feels very small and rather joyless now and he knows exactly how he’s going to put a stop to that. What Will doesn’t know is that Lou is about to burst into his world in a riot of colour. And neither of them knows they’re going to change each other for all time.

FINDING DORY

Starting Thursday 23 June

(PG) 103 mins Animation/Adventure/Comedy

The friendly-but-forgetful blue tang fish reunites with her loved ones, and everyone learns a few things about the real meaning of family along the way.

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Crafty artists’ work on show

PAUL MITCHELL

A group of crafty Feilding women have opened an exhibition of their work at the Feilding Arts Centre.

The “Friday Medley” exhibition started on Tuesday and features a range of work from the Feilding and District Art Society’s (Fadas) Friday morning group.

Exhibition co-ordinator Lynn Heath said the group started in a patchwork and quilting class. They liked each other so much they decided to continue meeting up after the class was over.

The exhibition showcases work from eight of the group’s members, ranging from quilts and woollen clothes to craft projects made of recycled plastic and “paper tole” pictures.

Paper tole is a collage-like process where different elements of the picture are layered to give a 3-D visual effect.

Heath said some of the works would be for sale, but some had already been claimed. “Some of the work has been borrowed back from family members they’ve been given to,” she said.

“The exhibition’s mainly just showing people what we do, and if people have like interests they’re welcome to join us.”

Friday morning group exhibitor Del Gibb said it was a pleasure seeing what had come out of the group, and she enjoyed working with such a talented group of women.”

■ The Friday Medley exhibition is on at the Feilding Arts Centre, 104 Manchester St, June 7-25.

Exhibitor Del Gibb with one of her works on show at the Feilding Art Society exhibition. PHOTO: PAUL MITCHELL/FAIRFAX NZ

Online bid to honour soldiers

PAUL MITCHELL

Feilding residents can contribute to a major Auckland Museum project, Online Cenotaph, at the Feilding Library.

The community-driven project, which goes for three months, calls for those with documents, letters, photographs, medals, diaries or other verified information of past or present Kiwi servicemen and women.

The information is entered into a digitisation machine that uploads the particulars to more than 140,000 personnel records currently online.

Feilding Public Library assistant Vicki Larson booked the travelling service after attending a digital library forum in Wellington and hoped the opportunity would be well-utilised by Feilding residents.

Larson said the digitisation kiosk came down from Auckland Museum, which has five or six of the machines travelling around the country.

The kiosk in Feilding has just been through Levin.

“It was well used down there, hopefully it will be just as well used here.”

The kiosk had been in town for just under a week, and was already attracting interest, Larson said.

The contributions people have made to the project, from all over the country, can be viewed at the kiosk or online.

But if you want to add something yourself you have to go in to the library.

At the kiosk you enter your connection’s name and the war they served in and you can contribute to their file.

Photos and documents can either be uploaded from a USB or scanned at the machine.

Larson thought the project was a wonderful idea and would contribute photos her father took on a hospital ship during World War I.

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Performers during the Feilding Music Society's June Concert. PHOTO: SUPPLIED.

Enjoyment on offer at FMS June Concert

About 100 people attended the June Concert, in which invited guests provided a variety of very enjoyable musical items.

It began with the Screaming Memes – action songs by six 4-8 year olds – *I'll Be There* and *It's a Hard Knock Life*.

Ray Su (Year 9 at PNBHS) then played *Little Prayers of Jesus* and the *Song of the Gondoliers* on the piano.

We were further delighted when Anei Matou and The Selfish Shell-

fish were sung by the North Street School Choir.

The Palmerston North Recorder Society gave us three numbers – *Bergeret Sans Roche*, *Alman* and *Il Estoit Une Fillette*.

Ten year old Mirryn McCready, suitably attired, sang *Castle on a Cloud* and *A Spoonful of Sugar*.

The sextet of Debbie Donkin, Andrew Mock, Logan Peck, Nina Peck, Glen Vivian and Ben Woolston largely unaccompanied, sang three interesting songs – *You are the New Day*, Vincent (van Gogh) and *Greensleeves*.

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Ashhurst market into winter recess

MAY 20 MEETING

Final arrangements were tended to for two members to attend the upcoming Conference in Wellington in June. A collection for our National South Pacific Fund (funds collected from all NZ WI's go to help women in Vanuatu and Fiji) related to our speaker Garth Stevenson. Conference report next month

Competition Results: Floral Art – A Vegetable Creation 1st = J Gillam/J Marshall. Garden Gem 1st J Marshall, 2nd = N Miller/ B Miller, 3rd J Gillam. Cooking – 4 Coconut biscuits 1st = J Marshall/ B Miller, 2nd N Miller, 3 rd D Knight.

BY HELEN KING, LEAP

The monthly Ashhurst Community Market promises to be a bit festive this month. There's a Midwinter Christmas theme along with a move from the Village Green, indoors to the warmth and shelter of the Village Valley Centre.

Local Ashhurst and Pohangina sellers will be out in force alongside several special guest businesses from around Manawatu.

Numerous crafts, plants, art, local produce and food stalls, as well as prizes and giveaways, should keep shoppers happy with live music from local band Ukebox. There's also a wishing tree where non perishable food items can be donated to the local foodbank, and a play area to keep the kids busy courtesy of Ashhurst Playcentre.

The market on the second Saturday of the month, is organised by the Local Society for the Economy of Ashhurst and Pohangina,(LEAP), which was formed in September 2015.

LEAP's mission is to promote the sustainability, diversity and resilience of the economy in the greater Ashhurst and Pohangina region.

The monthly market is a flagship event focused on showcasing and promoting the best of local crafts and produce by offering shoppers a chance to discover and support some of the amazing small businesses in our dynamic, talented area.

Regularly attracting around 20 sellers, the market supports local community fundraising projects, and provides a relaxing atmosphere and social opportunity for the Ashhurst and Pohangina

Winter has driven the Ashhurst Community Market from its regular site on the Village Green indoors to the Village Valley Centre this Saturday.

PHOTO MARGI MITCALFE/SUPPLIED

community.

LEAP has recently introduced a local currency – LOAVES (Local Origin Ashhurst Voluntary Exchange System) into community circulation with the aim of building social and economic community connections. Many market sellers are adopting LOAVES as part of their businesses, and are reporting high community interest and curiosity.

So, for the last time until spring, the mid-winter Christmas market is on this Saturday June 11 between 10am – 1pm.

Entry is free.

LEAP is looking for expressions of interest from Manawatu sellers for this market. Contact Helen King on ashhurstcommunitymarket@gmail.com or 027 918 4855 for more information, and visit our Facebook page for the latest news.

Anyone interested in finding out more about LEAP is welcome to attend the AGM on Wednesday June 22, 7:30pm in the Ashhurst Playcentre, 118 Stanford Street, Ashhurst.

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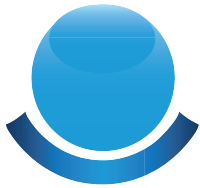
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A month of prayer begins

GEORGIA FORRESTER

The Manawatu Muslim community will come together in solidarity over the next month to pray and fast for Ramadan.

Ramadan takes place in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and runs for the duration of the lunar month. During that time, Muslims fast between sunrise and sunset.

Manawatu Muslim Association president Zulfiqar Butt said it was a special month for all members of the Muslim community.

“It’s about caring for everyone, it’s about sacrifice, it’s praying together.

“It’s a special month for the Muslims all over the world.”

Ramadan officially began on Monday when the first sighting of the new moon was made.

Between 200 and 300 Muslim community members were expected to pray together at Palmerston North’s Islamic Centre on Tuesday.

“In this month we get more and more people to come together in prayer.”

Men and women of all ages gathered together to pray each day. Numbers varied, but typically about 150 people gathered on weekdays at the centre, and up to 300 people on the weekend.

Massey University and Feilding also had Islamic Centres

Taimoor Butt, 6, waits during prayers at the Manawatu Muslim Association Islamic Centre at the start of Ramadan.

PHOTO: WARWICK SMITH/FAIRFAX NZ

where members of the Muslim community in Manawatu would likely come together, he said.

“It’s quite a gathering and celebration.”

Charity is also considered to be a big part of the month, and many members choose to donate more than usual.

During Ramadan Muslims will typically wake up early, before sunrise, and have a small meal. Fasting takes place during daylight hours and ends after sunset and prayer, when a community meal is served.

The meals were often put on by alternating community members. On Tuesday night, people were treated to lamb

korma and chickpea curry with rice, he said.

The Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand (FIANZ) president Hazim Arafah said it was great to see Muslim communities around New Zealand coming together to commemorate the month.

At the end of the month, Eid Al-Fitr takes place – one of the biggest celebrations on the Muslim calendar.

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The Poulton family are using the crowdfunding Million Metres project to help plant along a stream at their farm near Dannevirke.

Crowdfunding
bid to save
our waterways

NICHOLAS MCBRIDE

A crowdfunding campaign is trying to save the country’s waterways one metre at a time, including 1250m in Dannevirke.

The Million Metres project is the country’s first conservation-focused crowdfunding platform.

Project manager Georgina Hart said they had the “modest target” of covering 1 million metres of waterways with riparian planting.

Riparian planting filters toxic runoff and prevents sediment washing into water.

About 1250m of that will be at Dannevirke sheep and beef farmer John Poulton’s farm.

Poulton said he recalled growing up when he could swim in streams and now wanted to make sure his daughters could grow up with that experience as well.

“We can’t take it for granted any more that they will be able to keep swimming in the streams here, or that their children will be able to. The water isn’t as clean as it used to be. It’s more polluted and we know it could get more polluted in the future if we don’t do something about it now.”

He aims to plant about 3700 native trees along 1250m of stream bank this winter. The work will cost \$44,000.

The family had invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in fencing the stock out of streams and were now looking to tackle planting at a

“The water isn’t as clean as it used to be.”

John Poulton
sheep and beef farmer

stream that ran into the Manawatu River.

“We know the Manawatu has huge water quality issues and that what we do on our farm impacts the whole catchment.”

Hart said the Million Metres project was part of the Sustainable Business Network made up of 500 members around the country.

“As a country we should be getting behind our farmers, community groups and individuals that want to plant their streams but don’t have the funding to do so.

“When a group has not achieved the funding they need to do their planting or just can’t afford to do it, we say we have an option to help.”

Hart said crowdfunding was an open concept.

They made sure anyone using their crowdfunding worked with them or their partners to make sure planting was done correctly and money was spent appropriately.

It did not apply to dairy farming.

Supporters can go online at millionmetres.org.nz and fund their own metre of planting for \$35.

School sleeps rough to aid cyclone victims

KAROLINE TUCKEY

A ‘cyclone’ is about to hit Waituna West school. The rural Manawatu school’s staff and students plan to sleep out on the school field on June 9, no matter the weather, to recreate what could happen after a destructive cyclone. The senior class will map the approach of the storm, the school will shelter safely, and everyone will help build emergency shelters in the playground before dark. Principal Glen Richardson

said the project grew from a visit he made to Kubulau School in Fiji, with disaster relief organisation Byond. The isolated school was devastated by Cyclone Winston on February 7, and the rebuild is yet to begin. Richardson said after seeing the situation first-hand in April he hoped Manawatu schools could help. “It’s horrendous, the principal said on the first big gust of wind the roof went on her house, and she ran [outside]; on the second gust the whole back wall went,

and in less than a minute everything had gone, even the piles were blown into the bush.” “All their library books got wet, they’ve got hardly any stationery, very limited text books for the teachers to teach out of, no power, and no windows.” The school closed its boarding facilities so classes could operate in the buildings that were still sound. “When it hit, the kids managed to get to a concrete classroom and huddled up in one corner. The roof went, but they stayed there huddled up,” Richardson said.

More than 40 people were killed, but fortunately none from the Kubulau district. Despite the difficult circumstances, all students had returned to school, Richardson said. Though many were still distressed. Pupils at Waituna West School have been writing to the Fijian children. They are collecting sponsorship for the sleepout day to send the funds to help them.

■ To support the Waituna West School project for Kubulau, email principal@waitunawest.school.nz

Waituna West School children are preparing to sleep outside.

WILKES – Arron, Hayley and big brother Hunter are proud to announce the safe arrival of our baby girl. Kensi Vivienne June Wilkes was born on 12 February 2016 weighing 7lb 15oz. Special thanks to our midwife Megan Holloway and student midwife Olivia Porter.



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Students learn of mice and munchkins

CARLY THOMAS

Students at Bulls School got a taste of being munchkins and mice during a Royal New Zealand Ballet workshop where they pointed and pranced their way down an imaginary yellow brick road.

More than 50 students were put through their paces by RNZB dance educator Pagan Dorgan with some of the sequences lifted directly from the companies current production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

Teacher and organiser of the day Shannon Skelton said this was particularly exciting as a group would be going to the RNZB’s performance of the show in Palmerston North this week.

“Everything the kids are doing is linked directly into the ballet, so it makes it more real for them when they see it.”

Skelton said most of the students had never had dance experience, so the workshops were a way of broadening their horizons.

“It’s about fun and the enjoyment of moving.”

Pagan Dorgan

Dorgan said dance and movement were important things for kids to experience.

“It’s about fun and the enjoyment of moving.

“People have pre-conceived ideas about ballet and I like to change that.

Lauren Walker and Lily Kirkby do their best mouse pose with RNZB dance educator Pagan Dorgan.

PHOTO: MURRAY WILSON/FAIRFAX NZ

“Ballet is just organised movement and my feeling is that most people are not going to become professional dancers so you teach with that approach.”

Students aged from 5 to 13 years did one hour workshops

where they had a taste of mime and ballet with a little bit of Michael Jackson thrown in for the intermediate level.

They also got to learn about some of the aspects of putting a large-scale production like *The*

Wizard of Oz on the stage, which Dorgan said could fuel other interests in the kids.

“I had one boy that wanted to know all about the lighting and another student who was really interested in the music. So, you

don’t know just what things are being sparked.”

The RNZB’s nationwide tour is a world premiere of *The Wizard of Oz* led by artistic director and choreographer, Francesco Ventriglia.

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Backyard banter

Surviving winter with small children

If seasons had emotions, winter would be the moody one, writes **Erin Reilly**.

One second it's blowing a gale, the next it's bucketing down, then just as the sun comes out it gets dark at 4:30pm. Add kids with cabin fever to the equation and you've got yourself a couple of months of hard yakka.

My first-born is only five months old but already he's big enough to require solid entertainment. Boredom turns him into a demon child, and it's only going to get worse as he gets older.

Winter is just on the horizon and parents all over the country are dreading the thought of keeping small humans entertained when they can't go outside.

Wait. They can't go outside? Why not? And here's my first tip: aim to get outside at least once a day during winter, even if it's just to walk to the letterbox.

Hardworking parents need fresh air, and inquisitive children need to play in the rain, jump in

puddles and slip over in mud. It's part of being a kid. Put on a pair of gumboots and a raincoat and you're good to go.

The TV can be a very appealing babysitter when it's raining cats and dogs outside. How about limiting screen time to just an hour or so a day and encouraging your kids to use their hands instead? Painting, Lego tower building competitions, making robots out of Weetbix boxes and toilet rolls . . . getting hands-on with your kids will teach them that entertainment can be made out of anything, not just the telly.

My brother and I loved to make forts when we were younger, and I can't wait for the day I make one with my own son. Fort building doesn't require many props either – just the couch or dining table, maybe a few chairs, and a sheet or blanket. Go the whole hog and have a picnic dinner fort-style with the whole family if you're

You don't have to stay cooped up inside just because it's winter.

feeling limber enough to climb under the dining table with your kids.

Speaking of picnics, eating outdoors doesn't have to be limited to sunshine. Mum took me to the beach in the pouring rain when I was younger. We stopped

in at a fish and chip shop on the way and ordered two separate packs of fried goodness. When we got to the beach we tore holes in the tops of our food parcels and munched on our lunch inside the car. I loved eating from my own packet of food rather than

opening it right up and competing for the deliciousness with other hands and mouths.

Your local library or other community groups might have regular kid-friendly events – and many of them are free (or very reasonably priced) too. Check out your local council's website or ask your neighbours on neighbourly.co.nz.

Winter doesn't have to be all doom and gloom when it comes to entertaining your children. And if all else fails, there's nothing wrong with the occasional Disney movie.

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Your health

What is good for the thyroid?

I'm interested in the role nutrition plays in the health of the thyroid gland. What is good for the thyroid and what isn't? I have thyroid conditions in our family, so I'm interested in dietary factors. Thanks Diana.

Hi Diana. The main function of the thyroid hormones is to convert the calories in food into useable energy for the body. If thyroid hormone levels drop below normal levels, metabolism inside cells slows down and energy levels drop. If thyroid hormone levels become too high, metabolism and all body processes speed up. The thyroid gland requires numerous nutrients to produce thyroid hormones:

IODINE
This is mostly available in the diet in foods such as seafood, seaweed and good quality salt. With many people now avoiding table salt (having rock salt or sea

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salt instead), and soils in New Zealand being deficient in iodine, we are seeing a re-emergence of iodine deficiency and even goitre (enlargement of the thyroid gland) in New Zealand school-children.

SELENIUM
A trace element that is essential for the body in small amounts, selenium is a component of the enzyme that converts the inactive thyroid hormone to the active form. Selenium too, is not present in New Zealand soils and if a nutrient isn't in the soil, it cannot be in the food. Selenium is found in Brazil nuts.
Besides iodine and selenium,

The main function of the thyroid hormones is to convert the calories in food into useable energy for the body.

thyroid function can also be affected by a number of nutrients, including iron, zinc, copper, and vitamin A. Deficiencies in any of these nutrients have been shown to increase the risk of hypothyroidism.
Substances that suppress thyroid function through

interfering with iodine uptake are known as goitregens. Soy is a commonly consumed goitrogenic food. Cooking or fermenting these foods destroys most of their goitrogenic qualities.

I find myself overeating when I get stressed at work, do you

have any tips to prevent this? Thanks, Adele.

Hi Adele. For a host of reasons, people can find themselves looking for feel good factors in food.

If you find yourself gazing into the pantry or fridge thinking to yourself I want something but I don't know what that something is – you are often searching for soul food not physical food, particularly if you ate a main meal not long before your quest! Many people link food to comfort, not a form of nourishment and they can no longer identify other sources where they can obtain this feeling of comfort they are after.

When you to pause to think about it, food cannot comfort you. It cannot hug you or thank you for your efforts. Many people created a story a long time ago that food is comfort and this can hold them in a pattern of unresourceful eating.

Mindfulness is crucial when eating.

Of course there will be times when you eat food that has little nourishment in it, but if you find yourself looking for “soul food” at the office at a particular time ask yourself the question, what do I really want and is this really about food?

NEW ZEALAND CROSSWORD

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Across
5. Bring together (5)
8/10. Only New Zealander to have won a medal at the Winter Olympics, in 1992 (8,8)
9. Question (5)
10. See 8
11. Sports match between local rivals (5)
14. Secret agent (3)
16. Woman (Maori) (6)
17. Whole (6)
18. Pale (3)
20. Horse (5)
24. Important person (colloq) (3,5)
25. Start (5)
26. Splendour (8)
27. Coastal town north of Wellington (5)

Down
1. Observe (5)
2. Rebuff (5)
3. Shop assistant (5)
4. Slumbering (6)
6. Sicken (8)
7. Native bird known to Maori as matata (8)
12. Most distant (8)
13. Humorous rhyme (8)
14. Stitch (3)
15. Desire (3)
19. Bird house (6)
21. Pigs (5)
22/23. MP for Mount Albert, 1981-2009 (5,5)

THE TOP 10

1. What is the title of a 2014 film about flatmates who are vampires in Wellington?
2. What was named after 16th century German botanist Leonhart Fuchs?
3. Is the island of Zealand part of Denmark or the Netherlands?
4. Who wrote The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde?
5. In The Day of the Jackal, which French president is an assassin's target?
6. What nationality was Adolf Hitler?
7. In which century was the lawn mower invented?
8. What type of pastry is used for profiteroles?
9. Complete this quote by Maurice Chevalier: "I prefer old age to . . ."
10. Which theme song from Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves, was a UK No.1 for 16 weeks, and a hit worldwide?

NZ CROSSWORD

Across: 5. Unity, 8/10. Anneise Coburger, 9. Query, 11. Derby, 14. Spy, 16. Wahine, 17. Entire, 18. Wan, 20. Steed, 24. Big wheel, 25. Begln, 26. Grandeur, 27. Clark.
Down: 1. Watch, 2. Snubs, 3. Clerk, 4. Asleep, 6. Nauseate, 7. Fembird, 12. Farthest, 13. Limerick, 14. Sew, 15. Yen, 19. Avary, 21. Swine, 22/23. Helen Clark.

TOP 10

1. What We Do In The Shadows, 2. The fuchsia, 3. Denmark, 4. Robert Louis Stevenson, 5. General de Gaulle, 6. Austrian, 7. The 19th (1830), 8. Choux, 9. The alternative, 10. Everything I Do, I Do It For You.

SUDOKU

Fill the grid so every row, column and every 3x3 box contains 1-9

JUNIOR CROSSWORD

Across
1. Between first and third (6)
3. Too (4)
7. On (4)
8. A lot of something (6)
10. Get better after being ill (7)
13. Imaginary line around the equator (7)
16. A digging tool (6)
17. A container for cut flowers (4)
18. A water hole (4)
19. Nearly (6)

Down
1. Bitter-tasting (4)
2. Shut (6)
4. Lengthy (4)
5. Life-supporting gas (6)
6. Against the law (7)
9. Bunch of flowers (7)
11. A puzzle with many pieces (6)
12. A root vegetable (6)
14. Sheep's fleece (4)
15. Finest (4)

SUDOKU

Across: 1. Second, 3. Also, 7. Upon, 8. Plenty, 10. Re-cover, 13. Equator, 16. Shovel, 17. Vase, 18. Well, 19. Almost.
Down: 1. Sour, 2. Closed, 4. Long, 5. Oxygen, 6. Illegal, 9. Bouquet, 11. Jigsaw, 12. Potato, 14. Wool, 15. Best.

ANSWERS ARE INCLUDED ON THIS PAGE

The end of birthday presents is nigh

ROB STOCK
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GOLDEN RULES

- Make up your own party rules
- Persuading others can take months
- Make birthdays celebrations, not gift-fests.

I admitted in print to my failed schemes to limit excessive present-giving at my 7-year-old's recent birthday party. I'm pleased I did, because it got me a heart-warming response from a reader who succeeded where I failed.

She doesn't want me to use her name, but what she told me was gold, and I have her permission to share it.

"I read your article about birthday presents yesterday," she began.

"I totally agree. The birthday present game has got way out of control. I talked to both my kids after their birthdays last year and planted the seed of no presents this year.

"We looked at who we could donate money to instead. My son picked Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) and my daughter the SPCA. The invitation said no presents, but if you would like to give a donation that would be great.

"The parents were very

generous and we were able to donate over \$250 to BBBS and a similar amount to the SPCA. It has been a great learning experience for my children, making a true difference," she said.

"The party was a lot less stressful and my children were a lot less overwhelmed and we weren't surrounded by more stuff. Everyone won."

I had proposed something similar, but my plan, introduced on the eve of sending out 20-odd invitations (a large number I know, but my girl had just changed class at school) got voted down in family council.

My scheming was based on my belief that kids (mine included) have too much stuff already, and that I'd like to start a revolution ending with parties being free of guests bringing presents.

Call me mean (some of you did), but not the dads I spoke to at the party, who would have been happy with my scheme, which I have not given up on entirely.

I rang the correspondent I quoted above to get her tips.

I had, she told me, come up

Birthdays can be great without present overload.

PHOTO: GRENNADIY POZNAYAKOV/123RF

with a good plan, but my execution was poor.

What I needed to do was to plant the seed, and then return to it in the months before the next family birthday party season begins.

"I say persevere," my friendly reader urged. "Lots of warning and chat beforehand worked well for us."

She gave me a few more tips.

Let the kids choose the charity themselves, something they love.

"The party was a lot less stressful and my children were a lot less overwhelmed and we weren't surrounded by more stuff. Everyone won."

A reader shares the success of a gift-less party.

The choice of Big Brothers Big Sisters, a charity which helps children succeed, is one whose aims are close to the hearts of children.

And, when money is raised, take it in to the charity in person. When her family did it, the charity staff made a lovely fuss of the kids, making concrete the good thing they had done.

She also shares with me a firm rejection of "party bags", which I refuse to have any part of.

I intend to follow every word of her advice.

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Midweek meatballs

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CHEESY MEATBALLS WITH THYME POTATO MASH & CHERRY TOMATO SPINACH SALAD

Thyme potato mash

600g potatoes, peeled and diced 2cm
1 tablespoon butter
3-4 tablespoons milk
2-3 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme leaves

Cheesy meatballs

450g beef mince
½ cup dried wholemeal breadcrumbs
1 carrot, grated
1 courgette, grated
1 egg
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon tomato sauce
½ teaspoon salt

1 cup grated colby cheese

Cherry tomato spinach salad

2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
½ teaspoon runny honey
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 punnet cherry tomatoes
1 apple
2-3 handfuls baby spinach leaves

Preheat oven to 220C. Bring a large pot of salted water to the boil. Line an oven tray with baking paper. Cook potatoes in pot of boiling water for 12-15 minutes until soft. Drain, return to pot with butter, milk and thyme and mash until smooth. Place all cheesy meatball ingredients (except cheese) in a large bowl, season with pepper and mix well to combine. Use a heaped tablespoon measure and damp hands to roll into

Adding chopped, fresh thyme leaves to mashed potato really adds the x-factor.

large golf ball-sized balls. Place on prepared tray and gently press the top of each ball to flatten slightly. Sprinkle cheese over each ball. Bake for 10 minutes. Turn grill to high and grill for about 2 minutes until cheese is golden brown, checking regularly to avoid burning. While meatballs are cooking prepare the salad. Whisk vinegar, mustard, honey and olive oil together in a bowl; cut cherry tomatoes in half; dice apple 1cm; place all in bowl with dressing and spinach leaves and toss to coat.
To serve Divide thyme potato mash and cherry tomato spinach salad between plates and serve cheesy meatballs on the side.

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Manawatu do the double at CHL

GEORGE HEAGNEY

It was another year of Manawatu dominance at the Central Hockey League.

The Manawatu men stitched up yet another CHL title at the twin at the weekend and the Manawatu women made up for finishing second last year by also winning the title.

The Manawatu men went through the round-robin unbeaten, with wins over Horowhenua 4-1, Taranaki 8-1, Hawke's Bay 4-2 and Wanganui 5-0.

Manawatu coach Tony Brougham said Hawke's Bay was the hardest game, but was pleased with the way they had dominated everyone.

"The guys had some set plays and they followed them really well," he said. "When we actually did them, it worked a treat.

"There's some experienced guys out there too, which makes a difference."

Manawatu's Mac Wilcox, right, and Joshua Rainey of Wanganui bear down on the ball in their Central hockey League game at the twin turfs on Sunday.

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Four games in a weekend took its toll, but Brougham said they didn't want to play negative

hockey in the last game against Wanganui.

"We just set out to try and hold

the ball more than they did, because we were tired after [Sunday morning's] game."

The Manawatu women beat Western Central 6-2 and Hawke's Bay 4-2, then beat Mid Central 7-4 in the final. They were meant to play Mid Central on Sunday morning, but the result wouldn't have affected who was in the final so they canned it.

Manawatu captain Tara Pickering said they had to keep pushing for goals in the final.

"In that first half we had lots of opportunities, but it just wasn't dropping; they weren't quite going in," she said. "We just had to stay in it.

"If we kept up, the opportunities would come and they would go in."

Manawatu was boosted by veteran Black Stick Kayla Whitelock making herself available, but had a strong team with former internationals Pickering and Sheree Horvath.

In the women's competition, Rangitikei and Horowhenua combined to create Mid Central, and Wanganui and Taranaki combined to form Western Central.

Big win for Feilding

GEORGE HEAGNEY

The Feilding High School first XV started the Central North Island competition with a 38-0 thrashing of Francis Douglas Memorial College at New Plymouth on Saturday.

Coming off their 43-0 win over Wanganui High School 10 days ago, Feilding were too good for Francis Douglas, who were missing a couple of their top players after losing to rivals New Plymouth Boys' High School during the week.

Feilding's defence didn't let anything through and their backs were too much for Francis Douglas to handle.

Francis Douglas were going backwards in the scrums, but kept deciding to take scrums when awarded free kicks.

With the game televised on Sky, fullback Vilimoni Koroi was named the man of the match on television, but it was first five-eighth Cody Edwards who was their best, kicking and directing play well.

Koroi scored one try and had a hand in a couple of others.

Flanker Jack Kinder and wing Mosese Dawai both scored doubles, with both of Dawai's long-range efforts. Lock Ben Weeks played well.

MIGHTY MIDGET GRADE UNDER 6

SOUTH AFRICA 19 vs IRELAND 15; POD: Campbell Banner & Koby Gordon-Crosby. Tries: Ava Peart, Thomas Peart, Campbell Banner, Liam Murphy, Oliver Greenfield, Callum Linton, Robbie Jamieson, Toby Wishnowsky, Finn Wishnowsky, Darragh Baines, Braxton Jacobs, Seb Wheeler, Qunitin Love, ENGLAND 15 vs NAMIBIA 15, POD: Juan Goodyer & Taj Neha. Tries: Cameron McAlley, Max Varney, Richie Dunwell, Lane Coleman, Johnny McKinnon, Deakin Pearson, Hunta Buick, Stevie Buick, Taj Neha, Chase Ngataki-Karehana, Hunter Jacques. USA 19 vs CANADA 15; POD: Jesse Johnstone & Josh Reynolds. Tries: Jesse Johnstone, Reuben Taua'i, Charlotte Baker, Cailan Black, Keane O'Fee, Angus Howie, Halo Fitzsimons, Jamie Waugh, Fraser Richards, Cohen Clifton, Callum McLeod, Josh Reynolds, Taurite-Lee Hati-Moeau. ROMANIA 10 vs TONGA 7; POD: Jackson Manley & Ramaroa Tangatatai-Corbett. Tries: MacKenzie

Marsh, Tristan Casey, Regan Kelly, Lachie Nicholas, Ben Campbell, Ramaroa Tangatatai-Corbett, Lachlan Heap. SCOTLAND 15 vs FIJI 15; POD: Lochie Batt & Tainui Te Oka. Tries: Manu Bristow, Lochie Batt, Toby Cribb, Vann Sherwill, Joshua Stroud, Liam Findlayson, Sam Clare, Jed Clare, Ruby Bailey, Tilly Giesen Ethan-John Verster George Gilbertson, Tyler Briggs, Frankie Lynch, Tainui Te Oka. ITALY 13 vs JAPAN 10; POD: Eli Joel & Carter Walters. Tries: Levi Martin, Bruno Anderson, Joseph Beazer, Elijah Taunoa, Cooper Taura, Eli Joel, Zion Heemi, Warner Kay, Carter Walters,

UNDER 7

WALES 15 vs ARGENTINA 15; POD: James Price & Kirsten Sandbrook. Tries: Ryan Long, James Price, Eleanor Jones, Devon Wheeler, Max Worboys, Izaya Snook, Tom Gilbertson, Kirsten Sandbrook, Braxton Abbott, Luke Buckman, Ben Carr, James Oldfield. SAMOA 19 vs FRANCE 14; POD: Finn Dundas & Scotty Etherington. Tries: Finn Dundas, Kyanah Gifford, George Thurston, John Tait, Turongo Tane, Jahsious-Cypress Corbett, Cole Broadbent, Scotty Etherington, Kooper

Vartha, Oakly Davis. ALL BLACKS 17 vs AUSTRALIA 15; POD: Tai Stokes & Lachlan Taylor. Tries: Alaska Hunphrey, Liam Sheridan, Rian Hocken, Tai Stokes, Lochie Bowie, Lachie Matakai, Luke Symonds, Flynn Payton, Cameron Smith, Lachlan Taylor, Hunter Taylor, Hamish Pryor.

MIDGET GRADE UNDER 8

EAST COAST 8 VS WHANGANUI 5; Players of the day: Thornton Humphrey and Sam Emmett. Tries: Elan Hinks (2), Holly McIntyre (2), Dante Brown (2), Hugo Early, Mac Kowalewski,Tyler Scott (2), Will Managh (2), Charlie Price. TARANAKI 11 VS KING COUNTRY 10; Players of the day: Alex Janes and Harlem Wahanui-Te-Mari: Tries: Alex Janes (3), Archie Giesen (2), Lachlan Mulder (2), Jayden Matakai, Jesse Pateman, Jayden Holdaway, Levi Tane, Aiden Curtis (5), Harlem Wahanui-Te-Mari (2), Leo Narqasima, Monty Whale, Carter McCabe. WELLINGTON 14 VS HAWKES BAY 7; Players of the Day: Tumai Burton and Issac Hallett: Tries: Conan McNabb (5), Tumai Burton (5), Tezni Hati-Moeau (3), Tautahi Hati-

Moeau, Issac Hallet (3), Brooklyn Riwai (2), Kris Kauika, Rocca Beazer.

UNDER 9

MANAWATU 11 VS WAIKATO 7; Players of the day: Joshua Edwards and Wairaku Kereama: Tries: Kailen Ellmers (5), Bryson King (3), Wade Roberstson (2), Vao Ofa, Hunter Thurston (3), Ben Fraser (2), Kayden Reynolds, Blake Hagen. WAIRARAPA 7 VS COUNTIES 2; Players of the day: Kyle England and Aston Scott: Tries: Aston Scott (2), Drew Carter (2), Noah Inu, Kellan Heap, Riley Taylor, Lincoln Lees (2). POVERTY BAY 14 VS AUCKLAND 8; Players of the day: Hunter Carr and Logan Clare: Tries: Dreauss McMillan (5), Jock Rutherford (3), Logan Clare (2), Theo Kernick-Harvey (2), Brodie Hura Speers, Caleb Hatzen, Tyrese Martin (4), Hunter Carr (3), Kaleb McKay.

UNDER 10

FSMR HURRICANES 50 vs MARIST BLACK 20; Player of the day: Joseph Tahere Tries: Joseph Tahere (1), Bodhi Fenwick (2), Flynn McMillan (1), Jack Pettersson (2), Kaire Kirikiri (2), Riley Anderson (2). FSMR CHIEFS 10 vs RAHUI 12; Player of the day: Tyrese

Taunoa. Tries: Hunter Oldfield (1), Shaun Law (1), Tyrese Taunoa (1), Joshua Te Whatu (1), Ben Hocken (1), James (5). FSMR HIGHLANDERS 12 vs BUFFALO BULLS 7; Player of the day: Henry Richards. Tries: Marshall Buckman (2), James Sandbrook (4). Nick Chapman (2), Hugo Rutherford (1), Johnny Pratt (2). FSMR CRUSADERS 85 vs PNHSOB 20: Player of the Day: Noah Jensen Tries: Cory Tuimana (1), Noah Cribb (1), Noah Jensen (1), Kai Alcock (3), Kotahi Cribb (1), Tyrese Tane (2), Harrison Fergus (2), Jake Eames (4), Henri Vos (2). FSMR BLUES: Had a bye.

UNDER 11

FSMR LIONS 0 vs KIA TOA 35; FSMR CHEETAHS 31 vs TE KAWAU 39; FSMR STORMERS 12 vs FREYBERG 47.

UNDER 12

FSMR SHARKS 30 vs MARIST GREEN 17; Player of the day: Tyler Walters. FSMR BULLS 19 vs KIA TOA SHARKS 22; Player of the day: Atonino Vao.

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Former All Blacks loose forward Mike Brewer is confident players like Sam Cane will step up in the absence of Richie McCaw.

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Brewer gives Wales no winning hope

SHAUN EADE

Former All Black Mike Brewer believes rain is the only chance Wales have in keeping the score tight against the All Blacks.

The 32-test loose forward, who also had stints as assistant coach of Scotland and head coach of English side Sale, gave the Welsh no chance of handing the All Blacks their first home loss since they fell 32-29 to the Springboks in Hamilton in 2009.

Brewer said the Welsh will struggle to match the speed of the Kiwis.

“If it is raining they might be able to stay in the game, but if not they will struggle,” he said.

“It is really the pace of the game that will catch them out. They are going to go from Pro12 rugby to international rugby and that is a big step up.”

He was not concerned about the All Blacks’ ability to replace veterans like Richie McCaw, Dan Carter and Conrad Smith.

“That is the luxury we have in New Zealand,” Brewer said.

“When we had the great John Kirwan everybody was saying ‘What are going to do when he goes?’, but he was soon replaced.

“The same thing happened with Jonah [Lomu].

“It won’t be long until Richie and Dan are gone and people will be saying ‘We did not really miss them anyway’. There is always one, two, three, four or five players ready to step in and fill their boots.”

But he said we will not know for sure of their replacements are at the same level until they are tested under pressure.

“It is not going to be until they get into the nitty gritty of a tough test match that that experience is going to be either found or found wanting,” he said.

“The environment will be the same, but it is going to be very much when they get on the field and they get into a close test when we will see what decisions will be made by the captain and by the senior players.”

While Kieran Read, Sam Cane and Jerome Kaino are the likely starters for the first test, Brewer also gave the tick of approval to possible debutants Elliot Dixon, Ardie Savea and Liam Squire.

But there was one other player he believed was up to the standard of that group.

“For me the unluckiest player was the boy [Brad] Shields. I thought that he has been playing pretty well. For me it would have been a toss up between him a Squire, but Squire is a bit more known as a No 8.”

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Melanie 021 298 9823

7 ROOTS ST FEILDING
First home or investment - snap it up!
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FGR432

I'm Sold!

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12 MACMILLAN PL FEILDING
1st home or investment - Won't last!
SOLD! - I NEED ANOTHER!
\$209,000
Catherine 027 492 0258

872A REID LINE EAST HIWINUI
Contoured 3.16 acre Hiwinui lifestyle
Viewing by Appointment
\$159,000
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42B CARGILL AVE FEILDING
New carpet,fenced rearyard,garden shed
SOLD! - I NEED ANOTHER!
\$149,000
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ROOTS AND PHARAZYN ST FEILDING
Large residential sections for sale
Viewing by Appointment
\$115,000 - \$145,000
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FGM154

33 QUAIL AVE FEILDING
7098m2 lifestyle section - Mt Taylor
Viewing by Appointment
\$125,000
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6 HARPER MEWS FEILDING
Best lifestyle section ever 3944m2
Viewing by Appointment
\$110,000
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6 KNORP ST HALCOMBE
2,023m2 section with country views
Viewing by Appointment
\$42,000
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34 MILL ST MARTON
Established and affordable section
Viewing by Appointment
\$25,000
Kevin 027 448 1956



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JUST MOVE IN & ENJOY!

FAMILY ENTERTAINER - SPACE FOR EVERYONE!

159 DENBIGH STREET, FEILDING

- * Stylishly renovated inside & out, top to bottom, for you to enjoy
- * Brand new modern kitchen, bonus of 2nd toilet, heatpump too
- * Easy care grounds, huge deck flows off the rear of the home
- * Sitting on a 444m2 (subject to title) section with carport & great fencing

\$285,000

OPEN SUNDAY 1:45-2:15PM

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26 DUKE STREET, FEILDING

- * 400m2 family entertainer - you won't even know you have kids in the house
- * Well heated with 2 log fires, heatpump & HRV system, tonnes of storage space
- * Expansive deck/patio areas, brand new in-ground salt water pool to enjoy
- * Tucked away on private rear section, handy location & fantastic shedding!

\$499,000

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** \$239,000 **

** NEW LISTING **

37 MAKINO ROAD, FEILDING

- * Solid brick 110m2 3 bedroom home, sitting on a 716m2 fenced section
- * Open plan lounge, dining & kitchen, bonus of dishwasher too
- * Recently insulated underfloor and in the ceiling, gas heating
- * Single garage with extra workshop space, handy location to Schools

\$239,000

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19 FIONA CRESCENT, FEILDING

- * Solid & reliable, with room to improve & add your own touches here
- * 220m2 home with 3 double bedrooms & 1 single bedroom (or office)
- * Open plan spacious living areas, master with ensuite & walk-in robe
- * 824m2 section, room to park extra vehicles too, lovely location

\$369,000

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