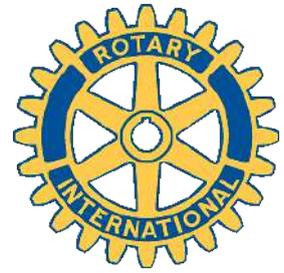




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From our school visit to Ruawai Primary School

Apologies: Jeff (on leave), Margaret, Ben, Bill.

Visitors: Nina Massey

Birthdays: John Bishop 24th **In Rotary:** None

Notices:

Calling our walking encyclopaedias (encyclopaedia? encyclopaediae?) and anyone who would enjoy a fun night out, utilising their knowledge in two quiz nights.

First up is a Community Trivia Night at the Dargaville Club on Thursday September 26, in support of Mental Health Week. Teams of 4-6 (they don't have to be Rotarians but it would be nice to enter a team with enough Rotarians to justify the name) are required with an entry cost of \$30 per team. There is a "significant cash prize" at stake. **Call Viv asap on 021 217 3346 if you are interested.**

Also, the annual **District Rotary Quiz is coming up at Warkworth on October 5.** Teams of up to six must include at least four Rotarians. Team cost of \$30 may be paid by our club? Also there is a door charge of \$15 per head, which includes snacks and a light dinner. These events have been a lot of fun in the past and our club has performed extremely well at them. **Again, call Viv 021 217 3346 if interested.**



School visits are among our most stimulating activities, giving us on-the-ground justification for our strong emphasis on youth. And today Ruawai Primary School did just that.

Following morning tea and a welcome to the five teacher, 115 student school by acting boss, Deputy Principal Janiece McPherson, student leaders escorted on three separate tours.

One exploring the spacious grounds and learning about the shed full of bikes – courtesy of Bikes in Schools programme – which along with helmets are loaned to the children to use on the cycle track weaving around the school. Also the extensive play equipment, chicken (real chooks) run and the vegetable gardens. The second visited classrooms where our student escorts explained some of the activities, while the third took in the school hall where we were proudly shown the three house banners – Kiwi Tui and Fantail - and introduced to the



school’s core values of “ Respect, Resilience and Responsibility”. They also explained in-school systems to encourage their adoption. A notable feature of all tours was the enthusiasm and pride with which our articulate school leader guides promoted their school, rather than just showing us around.

We were then entertained in the hall by the whole school performing a number of items, including two in Te Reo which were written by a school staffer and emphasized the school, its children and the association with icons like Toka Toka and the NW River.

We also heard from budding young orator, Sapphire, who showed the style that gained her speech on speeding second place in the school’s competitions.

For our part, President Peter gave the children a very brief outline of Rotary and our youth activities before handing over to Clara to personify this.

A very satisfactory visit concluded with Peter presenting koha of \$450 to the school.

Ruawai School has a new full-time principal starting next term in Wayne Steele, currently at Tangowahine.



Next Week, Sept 25

Next week is our Club Assembly which provides one of the few opportunities to discuss things as a whole club so a good attendance would be appreciated. To help get through a full programme discussions may begin during the meal. Please try to be on time.

Stewards: Stuart Sterling, Neil Clements

COMING EVENTS

2/10 Frank Jackson - ROMAC. A very successful on-going Rotary charity which our club regularly supports. Hear about outstanding achievements by gifted doctors and surgeons.

9/10 (Still subject to confirmation): Occupational Therapists Keri McCabe and Trena Mitcheson. How common physical ailments can be remediated with therapeutic assistance.

16/10 DHS Head Prefects Jordan Hutchings and Marnie Jones. Highs, lows and aspirations

23/10 Janet and Ray Curle - "The Wild Side" - transforming the Arapohue Bus Camp into a centre for recovering drug/alcohol addicts

30/10 Site visit to DHS Building Academy where 2 houses are being built for sale. Meet at the school 11.30, then lunch at school cafe with Hospitality Academy. Access via Kauri Street.

6/11 Peter Garelja - exploring my Croatian roots - family and places my parents and grandparents told me of.

13/11 Corine Leach - Teacher of Japanese - and cultural visit to Japan with students

Please lodge an apology or notify extras to BILL 021 106 3635 by the evening before. PLEASE also arrange a substitute if you are rostered for a job and cannot do it.