



EASTERN SOUTHLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

The children are our future! It's a well-loved cliché around the world because it's absolutely true. The hopes and dreams we have for our communities are only as strong as the children and young people who continue to believe in them long after we're gone.

This month is all about supporting our young people. It's about empowering and encouraging them to not only be the community builders of tomorrow, but also the best versions of themselves. It's listening to their perspective and remembering that it's not just about what we can teach them, but also what lessons they can teach us. After all, the recipe for creating healthy, happy children includes a lot of the same ingredients for building safer, more resilient, and connected communities.

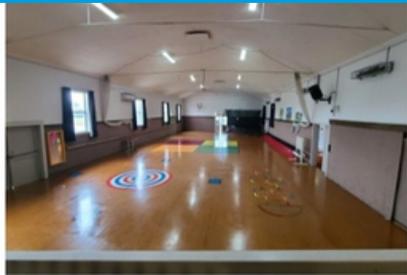


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**READ ON TO SEE WHAT
THE BUNKER ARE DOING
WITH LOCAL RANGITAHU**

REACH OUT | LOOK OUT | HELP OUT

THE BUNKER 45 River Street,
Mataura
Mataura Youth Centre Trust
There are lots of new things happening down at The Bunker. Roller Skating Disco's are almost ready to start. Mataura Boxing Gym is under construction and nearly completed. Dates for both of these programs will be advertised on The Bunker facebook page.



Friday Night Family Fun

23rd May & 6 June
6-8.30pm
Everyone Welcome

GEMMA O'NEILL
(ACTIVE SOUTHLAND) &
NICKY COATS
(THE BUNKER) READY TO ROLL



What's happening at The Bunker in Mataura?

The Bunker is the physical space run by The Mataura Youth Centre Trust. They offer programmes and activities for Tamariki and the youth community.

The Bunker, working alongside Active Southland, will soon be ready to operate an indoor Roller-Skating Disco Rink, They have re-finished the hall floor, purchased 40 sets of roller skates, 50 sets of protection wear, installed a sound and light system, handrails and storage seating, and have installed storage for the skates and gear. This will be free to attend and will be open on Saturday afternoons.



We have had help from the William Pike Challenge participants at Māruawai College Junior Campus. This great team has helped Neighbourhood Support by putting together our brochures which we distribute into the community. We are very grateful as this helps us hugely.

Here is a little background about the programme from Deputy Principal, Amy Christie:

At Māruawai College Junior Campus, 55 Year 7 and 8 students are participating in the William Pike Challenge. This programme challenges students to try new things, experience our outdoors and give back to their community. They also work on their own passion project. This is where they learn and new skill or sport. They have to log 20 hours of each activity before achieving their award. They also give back to their community by participating in 20 hours of community service.

So far we have had student do a street and litter clean, and many have helped with various community events so far this year.



CAN I BORROW A CUP OF SUGAR?



INGREDIENTS

- MALT BISCUITS - 250 G
- FRUIT PUFF STYLE LOLLIES - 190 G
- BUTTER, MELTED - 100 G
- CAN OF SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK - 1/2
- DESICCATED COCONUT - 1/2 - 3/4 CUP

METHOD

1. CRUSH OR PROCESS THE BISCUITS TO FINE CRUMBS AND PLACE IN A MIXING BOWL.
2. CUT THE FRUIT PUFF LOLLIES INTO THIRDS AND ADD TO THE BOWL, ALONG WITH THE MELTED BUTTER AND CONDENSED MILK. MIX AS BEST YOU CAN, THEN TURN ONTO A CLEAN BOARD OR SHEET OF BAKING PAPER AND FORM INTO A LOG.
3. ROLL THE LOG IN COCONUT, AND REFRIGERATE FOR SEVERAL HOURS UNTIL FIRM. SERVE IN SLICES.

WE HAD A LOVELY LUNCH WITH THE FABULOUS RESIDENTS OF ELM LANE THIS MONTH. THEY HAD THE GREATEST NUMBER OF SIGNUPS FOR A STREET OVER NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR. WE COULDN'T COORDINATE A BBQ BEFORE THE WEATHER BEAT US, SO WERE HOSTED BY ISABEL AT HER HOME

Baking Connections: Bringing Young People into the Kitchen and the Community
There's something magical about the smell of something baking – it fills a home with warmth, comfort, and a sense of togetherness. That's why getting young people into the kitchen isn't just about teaching them practical skills – it's about creating moments to connect, share, and give back.

It's a chance to spark creativity, build confidence, and learn the value of patience and teamwork. But the magic doesn't stop at the kitchen door.
Why not turn baking into a community act of kindness? Share the joy by packaging up goodies to drop off with a neighbour, a friend, or someone who could use a little lift. It's a small gesture that can make a big impact – and young bakers get to see how something they made with their own hands can brighten someone else's day.
So roll up your sleeves, preheat the oven, and let's bake up some connection – one batch at a time.



Food
BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER



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BECOME A NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORTER TODAY!

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CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY



If you would like me to come chat to your community group, school PTA or a neighbour's group please contact me, I'm happy to come for a casual chat or as your speaker.

JOIN NOW

Share the QR Code, this directs the user straight to CommBase making it even easier to join.



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WE HAVE A HAD A GREAT RESPONSE TO OUR RECENT MAILBOX DROPS INTO STREETS WHERE WE DON'T HAVE VERY MANY MEMBERS OR WHERE THERE HAS BEEN AN INCIDENT EITHER A BURGLARY OR CAR THEFT REPORTED.

REMEMBER, AS MEMBERS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT, WE EMAIL YOU DIRECT IF THERE HAS BEEN A REPORT IN YOUR STREET OR AREA, FROM THE WEEKLY POLICE REPORT WE RECEIVE. IF YOU DON'T HEAR FROM US THEN THIS IS GOOD THING.

CREATING SAFE, RESILIENT, AND CONNECTED COMMUNITIES.

KIA HAUMARU, KIA KAHA, KIA KOTAHI HOKI NGA

“Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart.”

— Winnie the Pooh
(A.A. Milne)



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