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Duncan King



## Staveley Ice Rink update

Now we are getting some warm weather it feels like Ice Skating has become a distant memory, But we are working hard behind the scenes.

We had a bit of a stress when the earthquake hit the other day, but not a crack so we are happy about that!

Over the next few months the team is working on reporting for all the amazing funding we have gotten. Also applying for more funding for a new bridge. We are hoping all going well we will have a new bridge for next winter. We are also working on the very cool rusted steel sponsorship signs we didn't manage to get up this year.

We hope to work with the curling club and start a Business House Curling night next year!

How much fun would that be? We will keep you posted on how this is going to work early next year. But to be able to have the amount of teams needed to run this, we need more Curling Stones. So we have set up a new Fundraising project! \$500 for a set of 2 Curling Stones with your name engraved on the Stone. Pop onto our website to donate, or email us at [staveleyicerink@gmail.com](mailto:staveleyicerink@gmail.com) with the name you want on the stones and we can send an invoice that you can get 33% Tax back.

Update on Skates, Karl & Allen managed to buy more Skate a few weeks ago, so we will have plenty for next season!

Now with this flash new rink, we are happy to say we are 99% sure we will be opening on the 1st of June 2024 (You heard it here first!) For 3 months. A massive thank you to the whole community for getting us where we are today!

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## A COMMENT:

World rugby appears to be the conversation of the present time, and a great subject, that is until we start learning of concussion which I would rate as the worst injury that can be a result of this seriously followed sport. There are of course injuries in all manner of sports, and when I watch on TV the cycling and skateboard activities, I just marvel that there aren't a lot more very serious injuries. My sport many years ago was that of mountaineering, with other members of the Nelson Alpine Club I was able to climb many of the peaks about Nelson and the Nelson lakes national Park. As I was involved in dairy farming in those times most of the climbs were winter climbs, on the lesser peaks this was not a problem except for the fact of shorter days. On numerous occasions we would tramp up Lake Rotoiti in

the evening to be ready for a good start the next day, while we had torch's we would use carbide lamps the most, I hope my carbide lamp is still in the shed at the farm, I must search for it, polish it well and place it on a sideboard in my dwelling. I do have my two ice axes and crampons, plus my antiquated mountain pack, the sort of thing no trumper would carry today. Some day I will sort the many 35mm slides I have and get them presented in a better more modern manner.

So much for my mountaineering days of the 1960's. I have occupied myself with reading which I spend time often late into the night working at as well as the time I spend in cafes and restaurants when I take a book to read. Some months back I acquired a book titled 'A Small Town in Ukraine' written by Bernard Wasserstein. Following the title, he writes 'The place we came from,'  
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the place we went back to.' The Small town is Krakowiec, pronounced Krah-KOV-yets. Eastern Europe is not an easy area to read about and to learn of, in fact following the story so far has been hard work with having to refer to earlier pages from time to time, names have changed and changed back, but I have found it worth pursuing and really very good reading. As an example, the Ukraine city we know of today as Lviv was called Lwow by the Poles who ruled it before 1772 and again in the interwar period. The Austrian who governed it from 1772 to 1918 called it Lemberg as did its German occupiers between 1941 and 1944. Then in official documents during much of its history, the name appears in Latin form, Leopoldis. The variations continue but the author has been kind and generally used the present day more English names such as Warsaw and Cracow, these names make more sense than the Polish equivalents.

Krakowiec is the small town near the Polish border on a lake and forty-five Km from Lviv. Over the centuries it has had a very troubled life with political problems and religious differences. A dominance of Jews who were often successful particularly in commerce but then were suppressed by other powers. Of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the entire area was vastly affected by first WW1 then by WW2. Many Jews escaped to America in the 1930's between the wars, others to Palestine.

The entire Ukraine area appears to have prospered since the collapse of the Soviet Union, what has now occurred is not dissimilar to what has happened from time to time over the period from the 1700's. It is a sad story, a land that could be doing so well yet the neighbouring power seems fit to invade. What justification is beyond my understanding, surely there would be a better way. In this enlightened age war can hardly be justified, it is but man-made suffering and a cruel waste of people's resources.

I will read the hundred or so of the pages remaining in this well researched and written book, I guess it will offer very little comfort if any. Wouldn't it be great if Mr. Putin could decide to withdraw his troops and set about to help rebuild this fertile land, a land that could well be the breadbasket of the world, or at least to part of the world, as it is since November 2022 some eight million Ukrainians have fled the country, many passing through Krakowiec into Poland. I will add two photos copied from this book.

*Until next time Denis*



*Refugees passing through Krakovets into Poland.*



*Krakowiec coat of arms: the three types of carp in the lake or the three historic communities of the town.*

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Someone mentioned to me this week that it is only 12 weeks till Christmas!! I haven't checked on the calendar, I don't want to know. It seems that it is only 12 weeks since the last one. However if you are a book giver at Christmastime, perhaps some of our new books will give you some ideas.....

## 'Adventures with Emilie' by Victoria Bruce.

In 2021 Victoria quit her corporate job and took her seven year old daughter Emilie and embarked on the 3000 km challenge of the Te Araroa trail which covers the length of Aotearoa.

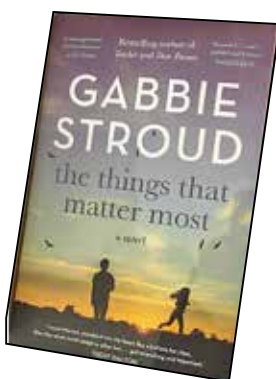
This is a story of how a mother and daughter faced the challenges of living with nature and each other in extreme circumstances, at the same time as experiencing our stunning wild beautiful country in all its moods. A must read for all the trampers and walkers amongst us, after all the trail is in our own backyard.

And it seems to me that at seven years old it is a big ask to expect Emilie to tramp 3000 kms. I think I need to read this book.

## 'The Things That Matter Most' by Gabbie Stroud.

This very readable novel is set around St Margaret's Primary School and it's teachers, and a couple of the students. And it had me hooked!

This author really had me thinking about what goes on behind the scenes of any school, and the lives that entwine within the four walls. I kept thinking about my own primary school teachers who I just saw as the person in the front of the class, telling us stuff we really didn't care



too much about. They certainly weren't real people with real lives. I recommend this book as a moving and compelling novel about teachers and their students in this day and age. Very thought provoking.

## 'The Book of Fire' by Christy Letteri.

This author also wrote the book, 'The Beekeeper of Aleppo' which was a bestseller and is also in the library.

This book is set in a tiny Greek village which is destroyed by fire through greed and indifference. 'The Book of Fire' not only explores the damage wrought by human folly and the cost of survival in our changing world, but also - and ultimately- our powers of redemption and renewal.

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**Carl Hayman's book, 'Head On'** is the latest memoir to join our non fiction shelves. It is the story of rugby, dementia, and the hidden cost of success.

Described by Phil Gifford as 'startlingly honest', this is an absorbing story of rugby at the highest level over the last twenty years.

At the same time it is a compelling read and essential book for our sport as administrators struggle to protect our young players from the tragic consequences of repeated head knocks and lasting physical damage.

Not since John Kirwan's book 'All Blacks Don't Cry' has there been a more revealing NZ rugby tale about the pressures on the modern athlete.

**'Restless Dolly Maunder' by Kate Grenville.** This author has several books in the library, and one I have lent on permanent loan called 'One Life' about Kate's mother Nance.

This latest book is about her grandmother Dolly, and the changing roles of women in society. It is excellent. It made me realise my age when reading about boiling up the copper for washing clothes and making butter in the family laundry or wash house, from the separated milk from the house cow. I can remember my mother doing these chores ... vaguely. I loved reading about it all. Highly recommended.

These books will be available from early October, or you could reserve them.

A reminder about care of our books: we have noticed a few of our books have obviously seen some moisture on their travels..... wet hands, tea, coffee?????. Whatever..... if this happens while a book is in your care, please replace it! Even if the book looks OK, it isn't. It will eventually cause stains and mould to appear. And no one wants to read a tatty stained book. We take pride in our beautiful books so please keep them that way.

Thank you as always to our duty volunteers, and especially to Pam who has been filling in for those who can't make it on a particular day.

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## Book of the Month – Mt Somers Library

**Title: ‘Old God’s Time’**

**Author: Sebastian Barry**

**Publication year: 2023**

**A review by Elles Smallegoor**

Not knowing any works by Irish playwright, poet and novelist Sebastian Barry, I took his latest novel ‘Old God’s Time’ home with me, thinking after reading the blurb on the back of the book that it would be a fairly straightforward literary crime detective. However, when I started reading I was brought back to my student days, most particularly to a course on Modernism, in which we all took up the challenge to read James Joyce’s ‘Ulysses’. It was exhilarating and immensely frustrating at the same time. I had read nothing of the sort and felt unmoored by Joyce’s stream-of-consciousness technique. Barry’s work offers much more guidance than Joyce’s and yet, throughout the book, you cannot get rid of the feeling of being disoriented and adrift at sea, not knowing when or if a lifeboat will come and rescue you, or whether that is the point at all.

Barry’s main character, 66-year-old retired policeman Tom Kettle, feels equally lost at times. We gradually learn he suffered abuse at a Catholic orphanage, and this childhood trauma is exacerbated by the devastating loss of first his beloved wife June (who has her own history of sexual abuse at the hands of a Catholic priest), and then his daughter Winnie and his son Joe. Having left the national police force, he now enjoys a quiet life in his wicker chair on the Irish coast, but his memory is failing him. He sometimes wonders whether dementia is starting to creep in. One moment he is having a cup of tea with Winnie, chatting away. The next, he realises she is buried in the cemetery next door. He sees children outside but they disappear like ghosts. Or is it that his brain is finally allowed to process all the suffering he has been through? And that it is too much, affecting his sense of self and reality? As a narrator through which to make sense of the plot line, Tom Kettle is completely unreliable.

This plot line begins when his former colleagues ask him for help in convicting some “fecking priests” who are under renewed investigation for historical sex offences (p. 17). The reader would expect the usual type of crime story: retired experienced policeman reluctantly joins a younger team of investigators and they all successfully solve the crime case in the end. But nothing of the sort happens in Barry’s novel. The visit stirs

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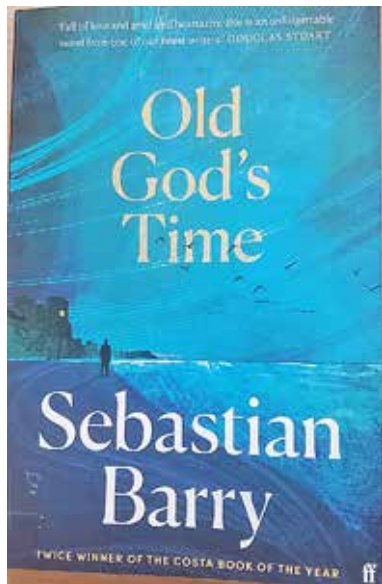
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traumatic memories, and then memories in general, both happy and sad. As Tom sits in his chair and literally stares at the sea, the reader dives into a symbolic sea of his thoughts: "What a thing to bring to your old friend's door. A new peril of cold cases that he had never foreseen. Enough time goes by and it is as if old things never happened. Things once fresh, immediate, terrible, receding away into old God's time, like the walkers walking so far along Killiney Strand that, as you watch them, there is a moment when they are only a black peck, and then they're gone." (p. 166).



But Barry is skillful in playing with the reader's patience and curiosity and never totally leaves the "who-dunnit?" question underlying all detective stories. Just when Tom's meandering thoughts become frustrating (they can go on for a few pages), he adds a sentence that suddenly grabs attention: "Could he ever truly tell Jack Fleming what had happened on that mountain?" (p. 166). One of the offending priests was found murdered at the bottom of a mountain cliff. Tom clearly knows more. Or is he the killer? Suddenly, we are alert, reading on to put the puzzle together. What really happened?

'Old God's Time' is forensic in nature. While the investigation of crime forms its base, it also offers up a multi-layered probing of life itself, of ageing (both physically and mentally), of memory, of the redeeming force of love and moral justice, and of the nature of time and reality. The book conjures up many questions, but we may not always find clear-cut answers.

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## The Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust – TIME OUT TOUR WITH MATT CHISHOLM 2023

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His next stop at the Ashburton Hotel on Tuesday 28 November doors open at 6.15pm. This event will start with a supper, please secure your free tickets.

The Mid Canterbury version of the Time out Tour will be different to others, as we host three panellists, who along with Matt will share and discuss their experiences and tools for getting through times of adversity and stress. Our panellists include Otago high country Farmer Jack Cocks, Marlborough Farmer Tyler Langford (the other half of the YOLO farmer!) and local NZCA Counsellor Anna Arrowsmith.

Audiences are loving the tour, and Matt has already visited rural communities in Southland, Stewart Island, the Bay of Plenty, and across the top of the South Island since 2022. The tour is giving rural people a chance to catch up with one another and hear about Matt's personal experience of mental health struggles, and the Time Out Tour gives him a chance to share with rural communities how he found a way through. Make sure you register for this free event today!

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In previous generations, it was commonplace for people to be cared for and pass away at home, but nowadays, death often occurs in a hospital or rest-home setting. We have become less familiar with death and dying, which can make it more difficult when we inevitably have to face it among our family and friends. One of the ways HMC builds this resilience is with their programme of community education events which are held three or four times a year. Everyone is welcome to attend these sessions free of charge. Topics range from matters related to death and dying, funerals, cultural understandings of death, grief, caring and carers, and more.

The sessions usually feature a range of speakers with varied viewpoints and experiences and there are opportunities for questions and discussion. Recent events include dealing with grief and the real-life experience of carers looking after their loved ones.

Outreach Coordinator Fiona Giles says "These events are so valuable for opening up the conversation on topics that people often shy away from. Hospice aims to encourage open and honest discussion on matters relating to death and dying. Being able to talk openly also gives us all the opportunity to share any worries, fears or wishes that we have. We have received feedback that people are glad they attended and that they learned something new."

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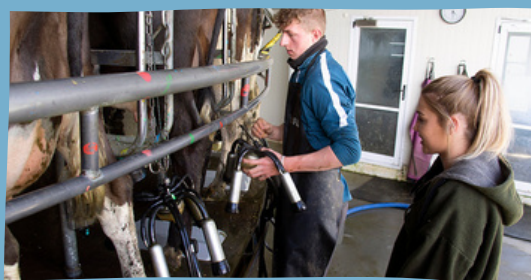
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HMC's next event is "Cultural Perspectives of Death and Dying" on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October, 7:00 – 8:30pm at the Hospice Base, 70 Havelock Street, Ashburton. Speakers from a range of cultural backgrounds will give an overview on how death and dying is viewed in their culture. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. This is a free event, open to adults of all ages and backgrounds.

Keep an eye on the HMC facebook page for more information and speaker details.

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## Mt Somers Rugby Club



The season is now over for another year both the Senior and JAB teams had an very good season..Thank you to all the Players, Coaches and supporters for your support through out the season.

Our 70th Jubilee went well and enjoyed by all who attended.

We have some Jubilee Handles still for sale \$20 each. If you would like one please contact Colleen Stanley 0274975868.

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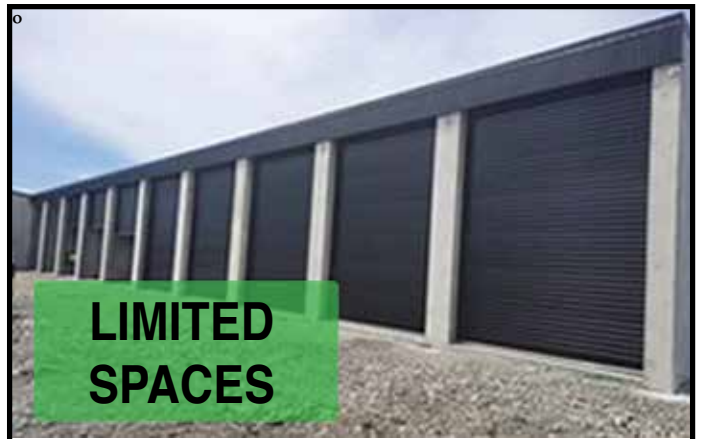
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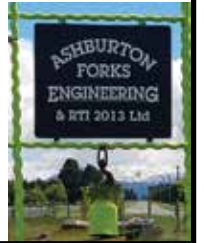
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## Mayfield and Districts Lions Report September Meeting

The September tea meeting speaker was Mr Micheal Barker who spoke of the 50 years of Barkers of Geraldine. He spoke about the progress from the humble beginnings of his father in 1969, producing fruit wines, to branching out into fruit fillings for food service, and then producing jams, chutneys, sauces and syrups. Barkers became one of the leading suppliers of fruit products in New Zealand and Australia . In 2018 the Barker family sold a majority stake to the family owned French company Andros but Michael retained a significant shareholding himself and continues to run the

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Our meal for the evening was prepared and served by the ladies from Mt Somers Swimming Club as a fund raiser for their group.

The annual schools speech competition is in progress between Mt Somers Springburn and Mayfield Schools.

The winners of both year groups coming from Mt Somers.

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In flight an eagle tilts its wings depending on the conditions it is flying in. Should it tilt its wings downward in a storm or as a storm approaches it will be dashed to the ground, but if its wings are tilted upward, it will rise, making the storm bear it up beyond its fury. The tilt of the wings decides life or death.

Knowing and understanding what God is about when we are placed in dark and difficult circumstances enables us to tilt our wings in the right direction. When things are falling apart and nothing seems to be going right, we tilt our wings heavenward and say: 'Lord, I know that you are working all things for my good, and through this situation You will make me more like Jesus than I have ever been before. Therefore, I will rise with You to see the whole thing from Your point of view.' If we can do this, we can then soar into new heights with Christ and come out into quiet peace and greater usefulness.

For further reading may I suggest Isaiah 40: 21 – 31 *The book of Isaiah* is named after a great prophet who lived in Jerusalem in the latter part of the eight century BC. You may of course read the entire book of Isaiah although rather lengthy, may I suggest a modern translation e.g., the NIV (New International Version)

Regards Denis

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**WORSHIP SERVICES October 2023**

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Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct Methven 10.30 At All Saints

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct St Johns Methven 10.30am Rev

John Titlow – Spring flower service

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct Trinity Mayfield 10.00 am**

**Combined with St Johns leader Paster Paul Eden**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October St Johns Methven 10.30 am.**

**Rev Martin Stewart, Parish AGM to follow service, shared lunch.**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November St Johns Methven 10.30 am

Rev Laurence Ennor

## MAYFIELD MT SOMERS ANGLICAN PARISH

What an amazing week this has been, the second to last one in September. Again, as has been the pattern over the last few weeks, strong, tiring, nor'west winds. Then just for some variety, an earthquake centered close to us and now thank goodness beautiful refreshing rain. I was starting to despair, as I watched the parts of the garden shriveling up. But of course what has brought respite to our paddocks and gardens has caused much hardship in Southland and Central Otago, with heavy rainfall causing severe flooding.

Our younger daughter, who with her husband has been farming at Mabel Bush, not far from Invercargill for nearly thirty years tells us that this is the wettest they have seen the paddocks at the back of their farm, in all that time. Our older daughter lives in Riversdale and works in Gore, so she has been in the thick of it too. The Mataura River has been known to flood Riversdale. But they are all safe so that is a blessing.

I spent some time the day before the rain started planting quite a few vege seeds, so I'm grateful that the seed beds will be damp for several more days if the weather man is correct in his predictions. I guess there are times though when we wonder to ourselves which will be the next place in New Zealand, or indeed the world, to be affected by weather extremes.

We are pleased to have Marion and Gerald back with us after their latest big OE. Marion you have been sorely missed not only in our own parish but also in the Ashburton Parish!

Just 3 months now to Christmas. I suppose it won't be long before we will start to see in our shops, goods displayed in readiness and to remind us to start spending money.

Enjoy the respite from those horrible winds. Blessings, Annette Eggleston

### ANGLICAN SERVICES

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Oct 15 10 a.m. St Aidan's, Mt Somers

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## Introducing the teaching team at Peel Forest Preschool

Peel Forest Preschool is a community-based centre that is licenced for 18 children with a teaching team of three qualified kaiako and one part time administrator/relief teacher. We are so lucky to have teachers from a range of different backgrounds who all bring something unique and special to our centre. We would love to introduce you to our amazing team and invite you to get in touch if you have any questions or would like to come and see what we are all about.

*Casey Phillips – Centre Manager*

Kia ora, I am the new Centre Manager/Teacher at Peel Forest Preschool. I studied Early Childhood Education because I am fascinated by how all children learn, develop, and think differently to one another, and how we, as educators, play a vital role in children's learning journeys. My background is in both Montessori and child-led learning through free play, and I feel that my teaching style incorporates both philosophies. I am passionate about te ao Māori and value the importance of this within our ECE curriculum, Te Whāriki. I strongly believe that the quality of education and care a child receives in early life is indispensable in bringing out that child's potential.

I am an active person which is why Peel Forest appealed to me. Outside of work you will often find me travelling or in nature – hiking, mountain biking, skiing, or camping. I feel that my passion for, and background in, adventure, fun and exploration means that I can inspire and empower children, as well as adults, to explore, understand, and learn about the world around them.

*Abbey Mackenzie – Head Teacher*

Abbey is a Primary trained teacher that has always specialised in Music and Performing Arts. In 2011 she opened her own Preschool that specialised in Music and Movement in Lincoln. After 10 years of running her own Centre, she felt it was time for a change. Abbey's passion is child development through music and movement as well as a love for

farming and the outdoors. Peel

Forest Preschool is a teacher's dream teaching environment and Abbey loves her role as head teacher and being able to teach and provide wonderful learning opportunities every day for these amazing children. Peel Forest Preschool has daily Music and Movement sessions with Abbey which include singing, dancing, instruments, action songs, rakau, and so much more. The children absolutely love these sessions and often come along with special requests for their favourite song or dance.

*Debs Reardon - Teacher*

Kia ora. I live in Geraldine with my husband Simeon and our four tamariki. My love for teaching was sparked by a visit

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to a medical centre in the Philippines where I was inspired by a small school on site there, making a life changing impact through education. Since then, I have completed a Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Primary) and have been back to the Philippines where we adopted our daughter two years ago. I have a love for languages, and I am currently learning te reo Māori and Tagalog. I also enjoy tramping in the mountains, surfing, and being in nature, which is why I enjoy working here at Peel Forest Preschool where I get to combine my love for teaching and exploring our rural environment with our wonderful tamariki!

Lisa Jackson – Administrator/Reliever

Lisa is our amazing part-time administrator and reliever who steps in wherever she is needed. Lisa has years of experience at the local primary school and loves to be involved with the Peel Forest families that she knows. The children absolutely adore Lisa, and her friendly, caring nature is an asset to the Peel Forest teaching team.

Peel Forest Preschool is welcoming new families into our preschool community, and we encourage you to come and see our amazing wee spot! Our opening hours are 8.30am – 3.15pm, Monday – Friday. Please get in touch with our new manager Casey on (03) 696 3740 or email [peelforestpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:peelforestpreschool@gmail.com)



Teachers from L-R: Debs, Abbey, Lisa, and Casey with some of the children at Peel Forest Preschool.



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- Time:** 6.15 pm Doors open with a supper  
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# Mt Somers Staveley Playcentre

Another month has flown by and we are now closed for the school holidays. We will be back for Term 4 on Tuesday 10th October. Come and join us!

The children enjoyed another excursion to Chipmunks in Timaru, a great place for them to test their skills, climbing and exploring in a fun and safe environment. We've also been enjoying the warmer weather we had been having by getting outside and making the most of it, plenty of time in the sandpit, on the swings and even some attempts at kite flying! Our AGM was held on the 11th of September. We had a great turnout and are looking forward to what the next year will bring, there are plenty of plans in the pipeline!

Make sure to mark Sunday 3rd December on your calendars - we are organising a community Christmas Market on the Village Green as a fundraiser with something for everyone! There will be craft stalls, a bouncy castle, face painting, ice cream and more! We are even planning a car boot sale so if you have some things you'd like to sell you can park up your vehicle and have a mini garage sale right from the boot. For more information on that or becoming a stall holder at the market, email [mtsomers.staveley@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:mtsomers.staveley@playcentre.org.nz)



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## Mayfield Playcentre

We have been busy at Mayfield Playcentre this month, celebrating messy play! Messy play is lots of fun, as well as giving our Tamariki wonderful sensory experiences, free range with creativity and cooperation with each other. We have enjoyed all sorts of slime potions, painting with feet and cars, powdered paints, and pouring and measuring activities to name just a few.

This month we also would like to show our appreciation and thanks to some local companies and organisations that have supported our centre with donations of funds and equipment. These mean so much and make a huge difference to the centre and the parents who fundraise and work so hard to give our kids the best Playcentre experience possible!

Thank you to the Mayfield Lions who have generously donated \$1000! This is a huge boost for us and greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Redmonds for supplying a huge new piece of carpet for our inside play area, and Tinwald Canva for the binding. It has been well used already, and we are doing our best to keep the paint and play dough off it! Thank you to Balance Agri Nutrients who generously donated \$800, and John Antcliffe for making it happen. This is amazing and will go a long way!

Thank you to ACL for donating a load of sand to top up our sandpit, and Sloane Excavation for delivering it. The sandpit is hugely popular in our centre and to have it filled up is great.

Lastly a big Thank You to Blue, a wonderful creative playcentre grandparent! Blue makes childrens animal swings and has donated a Zebra swing for our centre. The kids love it and having something unique and handmade is extra special.

Thank you all so much, we are blown away with the generosity of our community



# Kia ora, Talofa, Mālō e lelei, Namaste, Ni Hao, Bula, Hola, and Namaste - greetings everyone.

On Thursday the 21st of September we held our Variety Concert as a celebration of all the learning we have done around The Arts and Culture this past term. Here at Mayfield School our diverse community provides a wealth of opportunities for our tamariki, whanau, and community to learn from, and with. The richness and opportunities of the diverse cultures within our classrooms enrich our lives in countless ways. Taking the time to learn about another culture helps our students learn early the importance of respecting other people's beliefs and practices. It also helps our children to understand cultural diversity and to better get along with others as they celebrate their differences.

It helps us challenge stereotypes, break down prejudices, and build bridges of understanding across communities and that is exactly what our celebration did. Whanau came along dressed in traditional clothes, some even performed for us! As each class took to the stage, the audience was taken on a journey as our children showcased the



learning they had done on the many different cultures from around the world. We visited Ireland, Chile, Tonga, the Philippines, Fiji, India and New Zealand. There was dancing, singing, acting, ukulele and drum playing, and sharing of art work and props that the children had made. The board, staff and our Home and School group also performed items which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Having our community come together was fun, entertaining and a true celebration of all the neat things happening here at Mayfield School. Our whole school participated in the Opuke Cultural Festival held at Rakaia School on Thursday the 7th of September which involved all the schools from our Kahui Ako. It was a beautiful day and the weather was glorious, so much so we all had to apply lashings of sunscreen as it was so hot! Sitting here, looking at the freshly snow covered mountains, it's hard to believe that that was only a couple of weeks ago!

Presently, we are on our term break and teachers are taking some time to recharge before preparing for the term ahead. We are looking forward to opening up the Lismore classroom to cater for our growing number of students. We will have Mrs Amy Wynn teaching Monday and Tuesday, and Miss Alana McConnell will teach Wednesday to Friday. This class will cater for some of our older Year 1 students and some of our younger Year 2 students.

In term 4 we have athletics, and our EOTC camps, sleep overs and excursions happening. Our main topic focus is technology with the context being 'A Christmas Market'. We also have reports and all our end of year activities and celebrations to plan and prepare for. So it is gearing up to be another busy term ahead. We look forward to welcoming all tamariki and staff back to school on Monday the 9th of October.

## New Enrolments

Here at Mayfield School we welcome all visitors and anyone wishing to enrol their children. We also welcome children of any age to be pre-enrolled. If you would like your child to attend our wonderful school please pop in to see me or email me at [principal@mayfield-school.nz](mailto:principal@mayfield-school.nz) or phone 03 3036214

We would love to welcome you here. Nga mihi mahana kia koutou - warm greetings.

Aroha Stewart  
(Tumuaki/Principal)



# Walk Mt Barossa & Lake Clearwater 13 September 2023

Fabulous day for outdoor activities. Six ladies enjoyed the lake walk and eight ladies walked on the Mt Barossa.



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