

A COMMENT:

The world it appears will never and has never been at peace. It is of course a tragedy, a waste of lives and resources, mankind has fought at wars perhaps on and off for as long as the human race has existed. Currently our attention has been directed away from the Russian Ukraine conflict to the Middle East conflict. What a disaster that the Jewish folk and the Palestinians haven't learnt how to live together in harmony. Why this disharmony leading to brutal fighting has continued ever since the Jewish community was directed to this land following the 2nd WW.

I have tried to have some understanding of the problem, a problem which I would have to conclude is well beyond my understanding. This country is Palestine although the Jews would like it to be Israel. It has been occupied by Arab people, but from 1923 it came under British control at the same time the Jewish tribe had a yearning that this land was Israel with Jerusalem being their spiritual home. During and following the 2nd World War Jews in a search for safety were making their way to this land, which they believed they owned of right, they were at that time able to settle there in peace and safety. Come May 1948 the British mandate was to end, while the British had similar ideas the United States under President Truman decided to recognize Israel as a state. In 1947 the United Nations recommended the partition of Palestine into a Jewish state and an Arab state. One wonders to what extent the people of Palestine (the Arabs) were consulted. Following these eruptions or interventions by world leaders almost at once war was threatened. While originally the Jewish tribe was awarded a certain area as time has moved on that area has increased considerably, taken from the Arab occupancy. There never was a state of Palestine, this land was occupied in ancient times by nomadic tribes of Arab countries. Following the withdraw of British rule in 1948 the area was ruled jointly by Jordan and Egypt, Israel became a state although having to defend itself it was successful in developing land and industry plus building barriers (fences) for protection.

The long-term future certainly is uncertain, the Hamas who occupy the Gaza Strip are determined to annihilate the Jewish population, and the Israel's are determined to annihilate the Hamas. Both sides appear to have at their disposal well-advanced weapons of war.

The population at present time Israel's (Jewish) 7,181 million, Palestinian (Arab) 2,614 million, from historic figures it appears the area has been populated to some degree by Jewish folk for a very long time.

In today's Press that is Wednesday October 25, there is an interesting article written by Ben Kepes headed "The Bleak reality that shapes the Jewish people." A Jew himself he writes as to how fortunate he is to be born a New Zealander and was able to grow up in the most beautiful place in the world. Ben states how the Jewish people have existed for thousands of years. For most of that time have had no country of their own and hence have lived across the four corners of the earth. To quote:

"And so, we have overwhelmingly been an "other". Guests in other countries at the mercy of our hosts and neighbours. Maybe tolerated, maybe assimilated, maybe the butt of jokes but still, at some level, an other." end of quote.

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

Term 4 is well underway and the EOTC adventures have begun! Last week, Te Puketai Rua, our Year 4 and 5 class had 2 days and a night at the Raincliff Scout Camp near Pleasant Point. Their teacher, Ryan Greenslade planned amazing activities and challenges for these lucky tamariki. For some, these activities were very challenging, while for others they were just good fun! It is always great to see new relationships develop, new leaders stand up, independence grow, students overcoming fears, ranging from a fear of heights, sleeping away from home and eating food that someone else other than mum or dad has prepared. Everyone returned home from camp tired but with a real feeling of accomplishment. A big thanks goes out to Ryan, parents and staff who not only made this camp happen, but who made it fun for all - a huge nga mihi nui, thank you for your time and enthusiasm at camp. In week 5, our Ruapuna class (year 6 - 8) are off to Waipara Adventure Centre in Amberley for 3 days. Their teachers, Mrs Kate Moore and Miss Alana McConnell have planned a lot of fun for them including rafting, tree climbing, a giant swing, outdoor cooking and abseiling. They will also be going on a river walk and swimming in the water hole - fun, challenging and exciting experiences for both the children and adults who will attend! In week 7, our 3 junior classes are having a couple of days going on adventures to the Orari Farmyard and into Caroline Bay in Timaru with Miss Cory Blackburn, Mrs Alana Turnbull and Mrs Amy Wynn. The older juniors will also sleepover in their classroom on Thursday night. These couple of fun days and the sleepover will provide an opportunity for our tamariki to develop leadership skills, form new friendships, take on new challenges, and gain outdoor experience in a safe environment and have fun!

We have been preparing for the inter-school Athletics which would have already happened by the time this goes to print. These will take place at Hinds School and involve Mayfield, Hinds, Mt Somers Springburn and Longbeach Schools. This day involves all children in the school from New Entrants to Year 8. The children rotate around a range of different Athletics activities in a group with all the children in their age group across the four schools. In the afternoon relays and races are run. All whanau are very welcome to come and watch for all or some of the day.

This coming Sunday the CPPA (Canterbury Primary Principal Association) will descend on Methven for a couple of days for the annual principals conference. As part of this, schools from the Ōpuke Kahui Ako have made a combined schools kapa haka group and some children from our school will be joining us to welcome tumuaki/principals from across the region. Tamariki from Mayfield, Methven, Our Lady of the Snows, Chertsey and Mt Somers schools have had a couple of practises leading up to this event and are now ready to go. I would like to congratulate all of the learners who are members of this group. A special acknowledgement to Whaea Nin for her hard work with teaching the group and coordinating between the schools and the group and to Miss Jane McCulloch for her continued assistance with logistics. It is a real pleasure to be part of a Kahui Ako that works so hard to achieve so much together - this is what education is all about!

New Enrolments

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Ben writes, given the arc of time, our welcome wherever we are has historically always run out. Jews have shared memory, engrained into their DNA, that comes from the collective trauma of thousands of years of persecution. Quite literally, Jews are painfully aware that a significant proportion of the world wants to kill them.

There are 15 million Jews in the world, and most will know of someone whose family member or neighbour was killed or taken hostage. Jews have always felt to be part of a tribe. A tribe that has huge variances within it and many differences of opinion, but a tribe, nonetheless.

It has been reported that the charter of the Hamas suggests that until all Israel is annihilated, its work will not be done.

For Jews, that isn't simply a charter, it is a clear message that a group wishes every individual Jew to be dead. That is a wish that every Jew has been facing as a people since the dawn of time. As I guess you well know that others have attempted to annihilate the Jewish people and failed.

Until next time Denis

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Hello to all book readers and friends of the Mt Somers Library.

The bookshops are full of exciting new releases, probably because we are nearing Christmas again. The new books appearing on the shelves this month are a real mixture and I hope there is something for everyone.

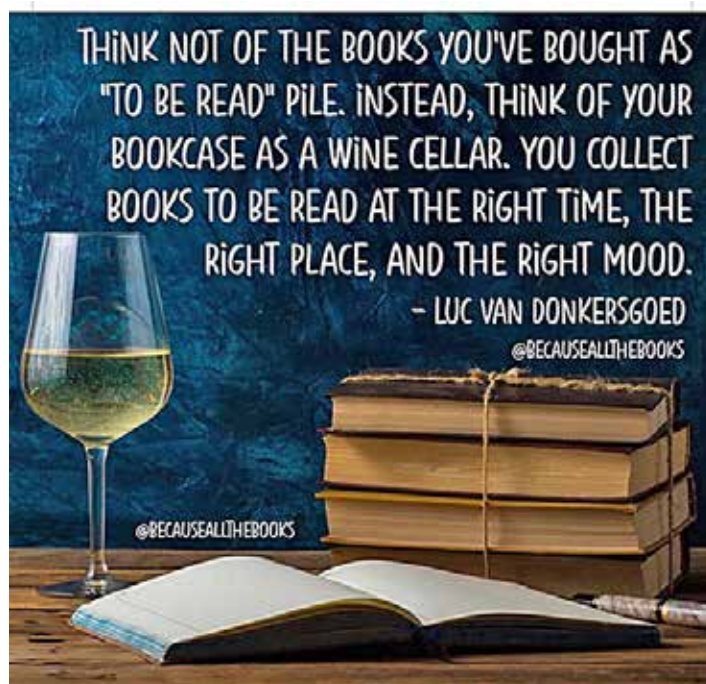
I have already read one.....

'The Princess, a life story' by Wendy Holden. This author has also written 'The Duchess' about Wallis Simpson, and 'The Governess' about the Queen and Princess Margaret's governess. Both books are excellent and have been very popular.

Her latest book 'The Princess' has had quite an impact on me. I thought I knew enough about Lady Di but I got a very different view of her through these pages. The author has captured her unique personality and her desperation for love, brilliantly. And her difficulties with trying to fit into a royal family renown for their reserve and inability to adopt a free and easy atmosphere within their ranks.

I felt truly sorry for her..... heartbreaking really, and it all ended so tragically..... perhaps it would have done so anyway.

A very easy read, and has many layers: a light silly love story which could have been one of her grandmother's tales (Barbara Cartland), right down to a very sad tale of a stuffy formal royal family crushing a free spirit who just loved to be 'blowing in the wind' Highly recommended.



Emma Donahue, another favourite author has 'Learned by Heart' just out.

It is the tale of Eliza Raine and her best friend at boarding school in 1804. Her best friend was none other than Anne Lister.

A TV series called Gentleman Jack was all about Anne Lister, and her amazing life, which was considered to be scandalous in those times. A very popular series with Miss Lister striding her way through the early 1800s in her flowing black capes, top hat, and big boots. She was quite the entrepreneur, business woman and wealthy landowner. She had many female relationships and the first of these was her love affair with Eliza Raine. This book is historical fiction based on fact, in the hands of one very capable author. I look forward to it.

'A Canoe before the Wind' by Vitale Lafaele. This true story is about a young Samoan boy who arrived in NZ with his immigrant family, in the era of dawn raids, racism, and bullying at school. However he rose through this shaky start to become one of the few civilians to pass NZ's elite SAS selection process. After 7 years in the army, he went on to become one of NZ's most distinguished policemen.

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'Soldier Sailor' by Claire Kilroy.

I quote: 'Compelling, mundane and funny, this tale is about the life -and- death business of being a mother and is a huge small book. This is a scorching read'.....Anne Enright.

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 And Audrey Audrain, bestselling author of 'The Push' says... 'a dark and wild ride of redemption, betrayal and friendship between two complex women caught in a tangle of secrets' This definitely sounds like a crime or thriller read.

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Book of the Month – Mt Somers Library

Title: 'Unexpected New Zealand'

Author: Peter Janssen

Publication year: 2021

A review by Elles Smallegoor

If you feel you've seen most of the well-known spots in this country and would like to discover something new during your domestic travels, perhaps Peter Janssen's 'Unexpected New Zealand: The Weirdest and Most Amazing Places to Visit off the Beaten Track in New Zealand' is a book worth borrowing from the library.

The chapters are divided by region and, starting with Northland and ending in Southland, Janssen offers on average about 10 different sights to visit per region, making sure he covers various interests: history, nature, culture, literature, science, engineering, art, immigration, and more. Pretty much every single one of the 237 pages of the book is accompanied by beautiful photographs, which makes this a very rewarding and entertaining read.

A glossary at the back explains Kiwi/Maori words that are likely unknown to foreign tourists, such as "hokey pokey" and "whanau" (p. 238).

Janssen indicates that "many of the places are well known locally but are unknown to a visitor who is frequently short on time" (p. 7). So, for us (mostly) mid-Cantabrians, the sections on Lake Heron and Lake Clearwater, the Blackburn Mine in Mt Somers and the Temuka pottery (p. 174-176) may be less interesting.

But there is something for everyone to discover. I was amazed by the story told by Janssen in the Waikato/King Country chapter about the Te Kauwhata World War 1 reparation wine cask: "At the Treaty of Versailles, the Prime Minister of New Zealand William Massey had hoped to receive 10 million pounds, but ended up with just 500,000 pounds, a collection of captured field guns and 136,000 litres of German wine. Five of the casks were sent to the research station at Te Kauwhata to be bottled or blended with local wine and the casks were then used for storing wine until 1994. [...] In 2001 the empty and rotten barrels were offered to the local Lions Club for sale as firewood. Fortunately, the club had a much smarter idea and pulling the casks apart, used the best of the original timber to build a single good barrel which is on display today by the car park" (of Invivo Wines). (p. 55).

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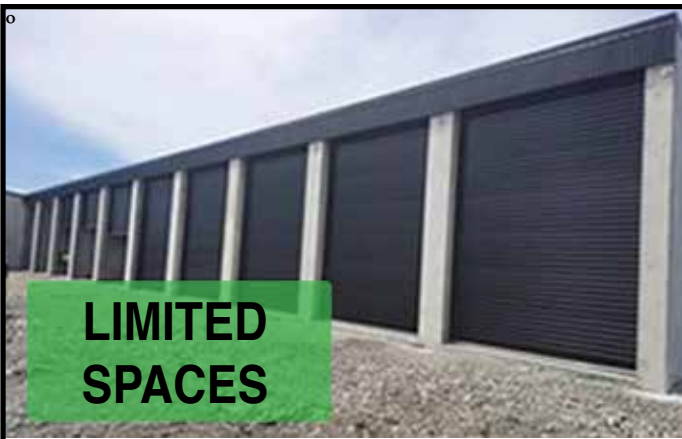
It's great to be back at Playcentre for term 4, we are all enjoying the warmer weather and more opportunity for outside play!

We have some fun things happening this term, including a trip to Peel Forest and music sessions.

We recently had our center AGM, where we plan all the exciting things coming up for the rest of this year, and next. Keep your eyes out for our upcoming fundraiser to win Christmas! This will be a great opportunity to support Mayfield Playcentre and for the winner, have a lot of Christmas stresses taken care of.

We have been embracing spring and have been getting our gardens ready for planting, including some giant veges to enter into the Mayfield A&P show next year.

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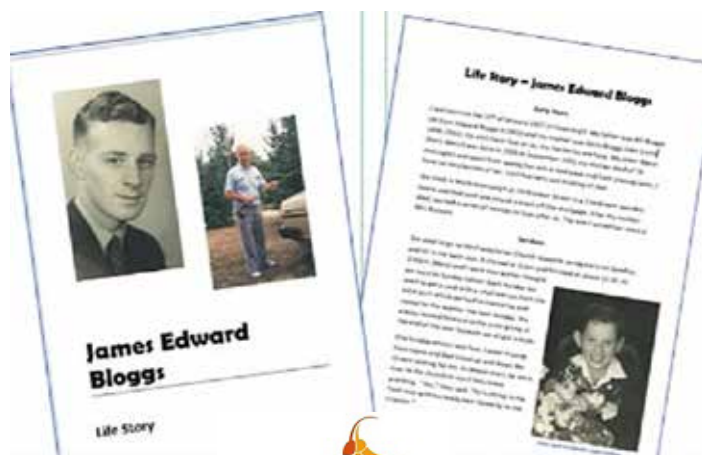
While sharing your own story may seem like blowing your own trumpet - something Kiwis abhor – HMC believes everyone deserves the opportunity to reflect on the events of their life. Christine Wilson, who leads the HMC biography team, says: “The retelling of the stories has a therapeutic element and that can be just as important as the biography itself.” Life stories give clients a chance to look back on their life and reflect on the various people and events that shaped it. It is also an opportunity to record family history for future generations.

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Mt Somers Staveley Playcentre

Our centre is now back into the swing of things with Term 4 and it is sure to be a busy one with lots of fun to cram into the next seven weeks. We have already had Loud Shirt Day, a social meal out to Panthers Rock for the mums, plenty of fun outside and are hoping to make it up to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve soon too. Before we know it we will be having our Christmas Party! We waved goodbye to another five year old, Luca, and his family. They have been a part of Playcentre for a long time and it is sad to see them go! Have a wonderful time at school Luca with all the other ex-Playcentre children! Yes, Playcentre is the perfect place for kids to meet and interact with others that they will then go on to attend school with, it certainly makes the transition easier!

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The recent holidays saw a chance to get into our storage shed and have a good look at our selection of outdoor toys. Some things made the cut, others had seen much better days and some just needed a little TLC. It is now much easier for our tamariki to access all the fun bikes, trikes and other toys we have available, just in time for summer.

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MAYFIELD MT SOMERS ANGLICAN PARISH

What a day we had yesterday! We went up to Christchurch. I had to have some stitches removed after minor surgery the previous week. All went well. We were headed for home at a reasonable time, so I was reckoning on having some time in the garden.

The main south road was frenetic; cars, trucks, campervans, travelling both north and south. Then just before the turn onto the road that leads to Talleys, we had a puncture. Harvey pulled over, nearly completely off the tar seal. He just about took his life in hands getting out of the car, and he thinks the driver's door has suffered somewhat from the slip stream from one of the big trucks. Those big truck and trailer units shift so much air that their passing was just about enough to sweep us off our feet.

We put the tyre changing in the too hard basket, and Harvey rang the A.A. What a drawn out and unsatisfactory process that was. Finally he asked the girl if she would mind looking up Newman's number for him. She thankfully obliged and ten minutes later their truck arrived, the tyre changed and we were on our way home again, probably at least an hour later than we expected to arrive home. During all that time, not one vehicle stopped; they didn't even slow down.

Over the years we have often stopped to offer help, on one occasion towing a vehicle from right out in the country somewhere, into Christchurch. A number of years ago we were travelling home from the south between Oamaru and Timaru, we stopped to change a lady's tyre. She said she had been waiting for

a considerable time for the A.A. and during that time, we were the only ones who had stopped. Harvey had just finished changing the tyre when with a lot of noise a bikey gang roared past, then slowed down, turned around and came back to see if they could help. But nobody stopped for us yesterday!

Recently the Gospel readings set down for Sunday worship have been based on Jesus new commandment to love one another, to help those who are in need of help. In this modern society of ours, has it become everybody for themselves or were we just unlucky that the caring souls were not on the Main South Road yesterday?

Blessings, Annette Eggleston

From the Burial Register: Maureen F Pinfold

ANGLICAN SERVICES

Priest: Rev Annette Eggleston
Holy Communion

Nov 5 10 a.m. St Aidan's, Mt Somers
Nov 19 10 a.m. St Aidan's, Mt Somers
Dec 3 10 a.m. St Aidan's, Mt Somers

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NEWS FROM PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Why Jesus stayed:

'He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the Kingdom of God.' (Acts 1:v 3)

After the resurrection Jesus remained on earth for 40 days before returning to heaven. During these days He appeared to His disciples a number of times. It is recorded that He appeared to them when they were together behind locked doors, and on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, He was also seen by 500 believers at the same time, and no doubt there were many other appearances.

One may well ask: why did Jesus stay for 40 days? One would have thought that following his ordeal on the cross He would have been eager to return to heaven. But no, He stayed 40 days here on earth with His beloved disciples. The disciples lived from day to day with the hope that at any moment Jesus would appear to them and give further proof that He was alive and to speak about the Kingdom of God.

The whole plan of salvation which Christ had worked out through his life, death and resurrection needed to be comprehended by the disciples so that they could continue His work. So He remained with them to speak with them of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.
(From daily Devotions written by Selwyn Hughs)

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Sunday 19th Nov St Johns Methven 10.30am

Rev John Titlow

Sunday 26th Nov Staveley 10.00 am Combined

with St Johns leader Paster Paul Eden

Sunday 3rd Dec St Johns Methven 10.30 am.

Rev Laurence Ennor

Mt Somers Staveley Playcentre Continued

We have been busy organising our Christmas Market for Sunday, 3rd December. It is our first year doing this so we have our fingers crossed for an awesome turn out, beautiful weather and a fun time for all. If a success we hope to be able to continue this each year as something nice for the whole community to enjoy. Pop along to the Village Green on the first Sunday of December for craft stalls, food, a bouncy castle, horse and cart rides and even a car boot sale! (If you would like to park up and have a miniature garage sale right from the boot of your vehicle, please email mtsomers.staveley@playcentre.org.nz, we still have a few spaces available for \$10 per car.)

As always, if you would like to come along and join in the fun at Mt Somers Staveley Playcentre, we are open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am - 12pm, 50 Pattons Road. No obligation to enrol for the first three sessions, just come and see what we are all about. Playcentre is a great way to meet other families in our wonderful Foothills community. Mt Somers Play



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Are you looking for a new challenge in the New Year? Mayfield Hato Hone St John are looking for more volunteers. Volunteering is the heart of Hato Hone St John, with almost 10,000 people from a range of backgrounds and with a variety of ages volunteering across Aotearoa. No matter your age or stage, you are already qualified to give something back and help you community! Ambulance volunteers are trained to work as part of an emergency ambulance crew. They respond to incidents and transport people to a medical facility. There are many benefits of volunteering:

- You make a difference and contribute to your community
- Challenge yourself.
- Be more employable.
- Learn life skills and get new qualifications.
- Be part of a tightknit Hato Hone St John team.
- Meet like-minded people and make lifelong friendships.
- Gain transferable skills like leadership, decision making and learning to perform under pressure.
- A sense of pride from being a volunteer.
- Save lives.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact me or check out the Hato Hone St John website: join.stjohn.org.nz
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The Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust presents – The Time Out Tour with Matt Chisholm!

Feel like you need a fun night out with other rural people? There are still tickets left for Matt Chisholm's Time Out Tour, coming to the Ashburton Hotel on Tuesday November 28th.

Come along to the Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trusts Time Out Tour with Matt Chisholm on Tuesday November 28th at 6.15pm. This is a FREE event and not to be missed. Doors open at 6.15pm with a supper and programme to start at 7.00pm - we look forward to seeing you there.

Matt is going to direct a panel discussion between three engaging and interesting Panellists including Jack Cocks (an Otago High Country Farmer), Tyler Langford (Other half of the Yolo Farmer, and Farmer from Marlborough) and Anna Arrowsmith (Local counsellor and mental health advocate in Mid Canterbury)

You can expect to:

- Hear about how Matt found a way through his mental health challenges.
- Hear about ways rural communities can support each another.
- Hear about what tools he uses to help manage his anxiety and remain mentally fit for life.
- Hear about what tools are out there and how we can help other people struggling.
- Prepare to be entertained along the way.
- Catch up with rural people in your community.

A big thank you to our partners BDO New Zealand, Bayleys Real Estate, Datamars Livestock NZ, Fonterra, Ministry for Primary Industries, and ANZ Aotearoa for supporting the RST to bring the Time Out Tour to regional New Zealand.



Matt Chisholm is back with his NEW TOUR

With the support of the Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust and our proud partners, we have teamed up with Rural Mental Health Advocates Matt Chisholm, Jack Cocks, Tyler Langford and local NZCA Counsellor Anna Arrowsmith to bring you a panel discussion on tools that can be utilised to improve and maintain your mental health.

- 📅 **Date:** Tuesday November 28, 2023
- 🕒 **Time:** 6.15 pm Doors open with a supper
7.00 pm Programme to start
- 📍 **Venue:** Ashburton Hotel, Racecourse Road, Ashburton

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The sun was shining, and we had an amazing time with all sorts of pets on show from lambs and calves to ducks and dogs. Our preschoolers brought their pets along with them to participate in the judging, costume competitions and the grand parade. Those with lambs or calves had a lot of fun with the drinking races as well as the leading competition, and we even had one of our children, Rupert, receive an award for his lamb, Chainsaw! Our children were also very interested in the pest control area of Pet Day where we looked at animals that are considered pests and discussed how they harm our environment and why they need to be eradicated.



We are so fortunate to have a great relationship with Carew Peel Forest School as most of our preschoolers will transition there when they turn 5. It is a wonderful school that shares our values around nature and the importance of a rural curriculum. It was also a great opportunity for our children to experience the school environment prior to their transition and catch up with old preschool pals. We would absolutely love to make this an annual excursion for our tamariki as everyone had a fantastic time. Huge thanks to Carew Peel Forest School for letting us join in!

Peel Forest Preschool is welcoming new families into our preschool community, and we encourage you to come and see our amazing wee spot! We are a community-based centre that is licensed for 18 children and our opening hours are 8.30am – 3.15pm, Monday – Friday. Please get in touch with our manager Casey on (03) 696 3740 or email peelforestpreschool@gmail.com



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