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## Safe Holidays

Summer and the Festive Season—all need to extend that little bit of love to keep the friends and whanau safe. Watch for the other people as well. It is good to say that it was not your fault.

As we are short of operating funds, this is just a 4—page newsletter. A challenge to each of you:

Pass It On—see if you can do something for someone that will make them a little happier (something that you would not normally do). Offer to mow your neighbour’s lawn; Bake some extra cookies for a friend; weed your neighbour’s garden; take one of the kids for an adventure walk; Give up your seat on the bus if the bus is full; Make a cup of tea/coffee for your neighbour in the morning; read a book to a child; visit someone who lives alone (invite them over for tea and a biscuit); Ask one of the neighbours who does not have access to an automobile if they would like a ride to town and back; Offer some kindling for an older neighbour who has no means of doing so; Offer to have a bit of kindling at the Centre; offer to look after the neighbour’s garden, pet if they are heading out for a short trip; If you hear that a neighbour's is sick, take over some soup and toast; Offer to look after a neighbour or relative’s children so they can have some free time; pick some flowers for someone you know who lives alone; brainstorm something you can do for your family for someone in the neighbourhood who is in need of some help; Pick up the garbage on your street; Ask a neighbour if they would like you to clean their windows/outside of the house for no charge; Tell five people each day something that is complimentary about them.

“Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my rose.”



(1) use	\$30.00 per session	\$80.00 per session
times or more	\$25.00 per session	\$75.00 per session
g Room	\$17.50 per session	By negotiation

Interested in viewing our meeting/activity rooms, please give me a call (348-0757).

ings must be alcohol and drug free.



ing environment with experienced educators for children 0 - 5 years with all the family home. We currently have **vacancies** for children in the **Rotorua and Taupo areas.**  
 WINZ Subsidies available.  
 Subsidised family care available.  
 20 Hours Free ECE for all 3 and 4 year olds.  
**New Educators Welcome**

**Ph: 0800 250 052 or Mobile 0274453620**  
**Email [office@taurangakindergartens.org.nz](mailto:office@taurangakindergartens.org.nz)**

hatma Gandhi was studying law at the University of London, a professor, whose last name was Peters, him intensely and always displayed animosity him. Because Gandhi never lowered his head when addressed as he expected, there were always "arguments" and situations.  
 Mr. Peters was having lunch at the dining room of the university, and Gandhi came along with his tray and sat next to the professor. The professor said, "Mr. Gandhi, you don't understand. A pig and a bird do not sit together to eat."  
 Gandhi looked at him as a parent would a rude child and replied, "You do not worry professor. I'll fly away," and then he went and sat at another table.  
 The professor, reddened with rage, decided to take revenge on Gandhi. He wrote on a piece of paper, but Gandhi responded brilliantly to all his questions.  
 The professor, unhappy and frustrated, asked him the following question: "If you were walking down the street and found a bag of money and another bag of wisdom, which one would you take?"  
 Hesitating, Gandhi responded, "I would take the money, of course."  
 The professor, smiling sarcastically said, "If you were in my place, would you have taken the wisdom?"  
 Gandhi shrugged indifferently and responded, "I would take what he doesn't have."  
 The professor, by this time was fit to be tied. So great was his anger that he wrote on Gandhi's exam sheet the word "idiot"

## New Course for Teenagers

Linton Park Community Centre is planning a new course for teenagers (13—18) in the next year (starting in February, 2015).

- The thrust of the course will have four aims:
1. Improving the content and impact of their speaking.
  2. Learning about leadership skills.
  3. Doing volunteer work in the community.
  4. Planning your leisure time with others in your group.

This course will have a registration fee of \$10. Applicants will need to apply for inclusion (if a selection will be conducted) - there are scholarships available if the fee is prohibitive.

The course will take place for approximately one hour per week and last for 10 weeks. Class size will be limited to 10 participants.

For further information or application forms please call Rick at 348-0757.

*That until the philosophy which holds that one race is superior and another inferior is finally and permanently discredited and abandoned, until there is no longer any first-class and second-class citizens of any nation; that until the colour of a man's skin is of no more significance than the colour of his eyes; that until the basic human rights are equally guaranteed to all, without regard to race -- until that day, the dreams of lasting peace and world citizenship and the rule of international morality will remain but a fleeting illusion, to be pursued but never attained." Speech by - H.I.M. HAILE SELASSIE I - California 28th February 1964*

ard yet, then it is with great pleas-  
the news. CommUnity Kai have  
with a group of like minded people  
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chen on a Thursday.

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can help in the gardens, creating  
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ve a garden reserved then you will  
out getting ready for the coming  
replenishing the top soil, starting  
c.). We have a few gardens avail-  
who would like to have their own  
757). Gardens with no visible ac-

back for public use.

As we get ready for spring planting, we would like  
to encourage anyone who would like to start some  
seedlings (any type of vegetables) at home and  
bring them to us, we will see that they get to the  
CommUnity Kai people for use in their gardens  
(preparing food for future Thursday evening  
meals). This might be a great family project to do  
with your children. If you use an empty ice cream  
container or even an empty yoghurt container) and  
let the seedling start in the water closet, the seed-  
ling growth can be an exciting experience for the  
child.

Thanks to the generosity of the Bunnings staff, we  
now have two green houses that will assist us that  
much more to complete our dream of having some  
self-sufficient gardens.

Anyone looking for some worm juice, please feel  
welcome to come to the Centre for some of our  
worm juice for \$2 for 2 litres of juice—it is a great  
fertilizer and a kick-starter for seedlings.

in that it is off cuts which are  
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to what is available.

# **Linton Park Music in the Court**

**When: Monday 22nd December  
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Where: Linton Park Community Centre—16 Kam  
Place outside in the basketball court**

**A concert to exhibit the skills of two very ta  
ed youngsters:**

**Isie Hillel (13) Runner-up in 2012 NZ's Got Talen**

**Lee (17) 2013 Smoke Free—best Song Write**

**A range of music: Rock, Opera, Christmas  
ols. 70's & 80's music and originals**

Park Community Centre's last a new Chairperson and Secre- ed from the Trustees. is now the Linton Park Com- Chairperson. Levi is the Senior CommUnity Kai and along with nteers from that organisation, rumental in getting the Thurs- al and soup deliveries for our ing. Levi is a hard working has a very humanitarian out-

ow the Linton Park Community y. Ron is a local General Prac- r community. He has deep felt ne future of our planet and the ommunities are preparing for a ious major issues, environmen- that we need to be working to- ns. These issues need to be local level and involve as many ity as possible.

rk Community Trust looks for- ater level of community partici- ction in 2015.

**200 bicycles and parts to the pro- gramme. We have put over 110 working bikes back into the community.**

**We have about 15 nicely reconditioned kids' bikes suitable for 4—8 year olds— excellent Christmas presents. The price is a koha/donation. (this can be money or volunteer time).**

**What we are looking for is 26 inch mountain bikes. These are in great demand and lots of adults are wanting these for getting to and from work and for recreational purposes. If we can get some donated prior to Christmas, they could well add to someone's Christmas joy.**

**Give us a call (348-0757) or drop them off at 16 Kamahi Place.**

- Hot Water Urns
- RDC garbage bags
- Bikes and bikes parts and to
- Bike helmets
- DIY Tools for male and fema
- Material for covering chairs a
- Bench top oven/grill
- Roasting Dish
- Garden Equipment/tools
- Spray Paint
- CRC
- Board Games
- Rugby Balls
- Basket Balls
- 8 kitchen table chairs
- Lawnmowers

If you have any of these, please bring them to the Linton Park Community Centre (16 Kamahi Place) or call us at 348-0757. Thank you for your generous

### Getting a dog for Christmas?

Considering getting a dog for Christmas, have you thought about it? Dogs are a lifestyle commitment. They can live up to 10 years or more, depending on their size. Are you prepared to take the time for a walk every day, feed it, pay for its vet's bills, and train it? 2) If this is the first time you own a dog, do it wisely. Learn how to walk before you run. If possible, get a puppy before getting a large or energetic dog. 3) Choosing the right dog at home, set boundaries from day one, train daily, get it registered and micro-chipped and ensure it has a safe abode for it. Remember, it is your dog, you are responsible for ALL its life, not just for Christmas or a few months.

Le & Pablo Ramirez - Pablo's Dogs [pablosdogs@gmail.com](mailto:pablosdogs@gmail.com)

### Advertising Rates.

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Articles need to be submitted as an electronic word document. Editing may be required to meet

### Bikes for Christmas



The Linton Park Community Centre Bicycle Programme has a good selection of working kid's bikes. We have used bikes from people in the community who no longer need them; a number of volunteers fix them up and make them fully operational again and looking "fine". We have them available to people in the community on a koha basis (volunteer hours to help around the centre).

If you are interested in a used bike, we have mountain bikes, road racers, adult bikes, kid's bikes. To date we have put close to 200 bikes back into the community. If you would like to come and have a look at what is available, please come to the Centre (Linton Park Community Centre—16 Kamahi Place) in the weekday mornings.

If you would like to know more about this programme, please give us a phone call at 348—0757.

