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Happy Birthday Lorne Campbell

It was Lorne's Birthday on Monday (June 28th) so can I take this opportunity to wish him a happy Birthday on behalf of all of here at HopeWhangarei.

Hope Tikipunga Challenge 2021

Over the past two years we have had a challenge to support Family Works (Presbyterian Support) 2019 – Pajamas, 2020 - beanies, scarves and booties. Well in 2021 it is knee rugs, throws, and cuddlies. We will have a morning tea *this coming Tuesday 6th July* at Hope Tikipunga and invite a representative from Family Works to come along and receive the projects. There are several ways you can contribute; crochet a small rug, knit Peggy squares and sew together, polar fleece is a good option, and patchwork throws are popular. Or, you might like to donate some wool for someone to use. For more details, please contact Kaye, Rae or Helen McGregor 027 437 3016.

Essential Health and Safety notice: COVID-19 Level 1

With Wellington at COVID alert level 2 and Australia wrestling with outbreaks in most states and the suspension of the cross Tasman no quarantine travel bubble, it is essential that we remain vigilant. We are at COVID level 1. So regularly wash hands, avoid touching your face, and sign in using the QR code and COVID tracer app or on paper.

We still have a few COVID tracer diaries in the church foyer if you don't have a smart phone. *Please stay home if you are unwell.* Get in touch with health professionals and get tested if you have any of the COVID symptom. Respect people's desire to socially distance and avoid contact. Bumping elbows is as much a greeting as shaking hands. Some of our folk work in positions where they have to take extra care to avoid COVID. We would also encourage people to get the COVID vaccine when you are able.

Zoom service

We will be having a Zoom component to our service on Sunday. If you are unable to come to church in person this is a great way to worship with us and stay connected.

The **10.00am** combined service at HOPECENTRAL will be streamed on zoom.

The link to the service is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89285364673>

If you are using the zoom app on your mobile device then the meeting ID is: 89285364673

If you are going to dial in using a landline the phone number is 09 884 6780

And when prompted put in the **meeting ID: 89285364673**

We must apologise for the internet issues last week. Hopefully it was a one off glitch.

Holy Ground campsite: upgrade of camp house

HopeWhangarei has some close associations with the Holy Ground Camp Site, our new Council member Neil Croucher is the chairperson of the camp committee and shares with us the upgrade of the camp house and a possibility of people to help with the painting. He writes...

Holy Ground Camp House Upgrade Project. Parua Bay.

After 3 weeks the camp house upgrade is going well. Thank you for all those who have been praying and a thank you to those who have donated time of financial gifts to the project. John Schruers, Joseph Aoina and his family, as well as Doug and Luke who are John's work team have been working very hard to get things to where we are at the moment.

As with any old building much more than expected was found lurking behind the walls and below the floors which has meant more work and more costs. The good news is that through having to uncover most of the internal walls we will be able to complete the majority of the wall and ceiling insulation work, some of which was not planned to be done until next year. We are all very excited by the changes in the living, bathroom and office spaces which will allow for more a more open plan feel and look. There is even a small deck which will now become one of the entrance ways to the house.

There is a plan to extend the deck round the corner of the lounge area but we do not have the funds to do this at the moment. Therefore if there is anybody who feels they could give a financial donation to this specific part of the project that would be great as we could get the work done this time round.

Otherwise I would just like to give a heads up that in about 2 or 3 weeks' time we will be looking for a team of volunteers to help with the painting phase of the project. Please can you think about whether you could offer some time to this. I will give more detailed notice of the painting working bees once we know the exact timeline.

Contact Neil at neil.croucher@xtra.co.nz

Blessing

A prayer and a promise as we move into the third year of our journey together...

Oh, that we might know the LORD!

Let us press on to know him.

He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn
or the coming of rains in early spring."

*Nā kia mōhio tātou, kia whai atu tātou kia mōhio ai ki a Ihowa;
ko tōna putanga tūturu tonu,
koia anō kei tō te ata,
ko tōna taenga mai ki a tātou rite tonu ki tō te ua,
ka rite ki to muri ua e mākūkū ai te whenua.*

-Hosea/ Hōhea 6:3

Howard Carter

SENIOR MINISTER

HOPEWHANGĀREI

29th June 2021