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Te Kawerongo ō Bulls

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Waitatapia WEAR-A-BULL ARTS

27 August 2026

SHOW STARTS 6PM

Licensed Bar



Te Matapihi, Bulls

BOOK SEATS NOW!

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\$15 Per person seated

\$20 Door sales per person seated

\$50 VIP per person (Limited)

\$380 VIP table seats 8 (Limited)

VIP includes stage side seat, nibbles & refreshments

LIMITED SEATS



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As the Bulls Community Co-ordinator, I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported this year's Art 4 Arts Sake exhibition. It was a fantastic success, with an average of more than 50 visitors every day enjoying the incredible talent on display. We were proud to showcase the work of 16 artists, with a wonderful variety of styles and mediums, ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy. Our macramé and resin art workshops were also a great success, with participants having plenty of fun while learning new creative skills. Did you get along to see it? If not, make sure you put it on your calendar for next year—it really is an exhibition not to be missed!

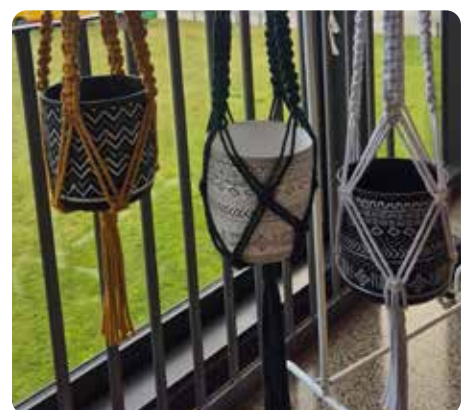
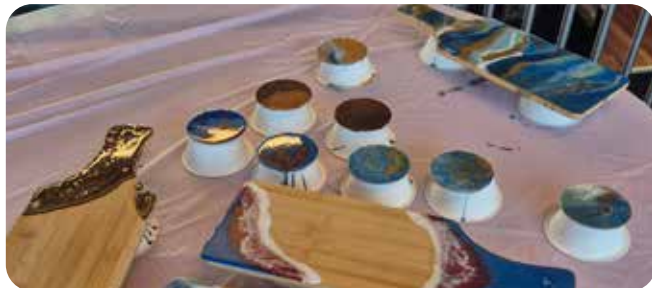
Thank you to Creative Communities and Rangitikei District Council for funding the Art 4 Arts Sake and making this wonderful community event possible. Your support helps us celebrate creativity and provide opportunities for local artists to showcase their talents. I'd also like to give a heartfelt thank you to Paul, Graeme, Max, Holly, Contessa and Jordan for helping me give our art stands a much-needed freshen up—they look absolutely fabulous! A huge thank you as well to the wonderful helpers who rolled up their sleeves to move the heavy stands. You all made the job so much easier, and I truly appreciate every one of you. You're all superstars!

Next up is Wear-a-Bull Arts on 27 August! With 50 competitors entered and the event selling out last year, don't wait to secure your tickets. They are available now from Te Matapihi or Eventfinda. Come along and enjoy an unforgettable evening of creativity, entertainment, and fun—we'd love to see you there!

Until next time, I hope you're all finding at least one thing each day to be thankful for. I know I am. Take care, and I look forward to seeing you around our wonderful community.

Kind regards,

Heidi Macaulay - Community Development Co-ordinator



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JESSICA'S MASSAGE & BEAUTY THERAPY

106 Bridge Street, Bulls

MASSAGE PRICE LIST

Full Body Massage

- 90 Minutes..... \$100.00
- 60 Minutes..... \$65.00

Back and Shoulders Massage

- 60 Minutes..... \$55.00
- 30 Minutes..... \$40.00

Head and Shoulders Massage

- 30 Minutes..... \$35.00

Foot Massage

- 60 Minutes..... \$45.00
- 30 Minutes..... \$35.00

OPENING HOURS!

Monday – Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to 2pm
Sunday: CLOSED



Kia Ora my name is Faletui Uarota Brown, and I am proud to introduce my new business called Jessica's Massage & Beauty Therapy. Before starting my business, I was a stay-at-home mum, taking care of my five-year-old daughter and making sure she got to and from school each day. I learned massage therapy while living in Samoa before moving to New Zealand in 2016. For many years, I dreamed of opening my own massage business, but I was unsure where to start and wondered if people would support it.

This year, I decided to turn that dream into reality. Opening Jessica's Massage & Beauty Therapy has given me the opportunity to use my skills, my talent and passion to help others while earning an income to support my family. It also gives me the flexibility to be there for my daughter while building a business that I truly love. I would like to thank the owner of Kings Barbershop Mamea Seko Kilisi and his beautiful wife for their help, encouragement and support. Without them, I would not have found the space and have the courage to set up my small business.

As a new business owner, I look forward to welcoming members of our communities and providing a warm, relaxing space where people can unwind, relieve stress, and take time to care for their wellbeing. Here at Jessica's Massage and Beauty Therapy, our aim to make you feel relaxed, refreshed and renew.

Please find attached our massage price list with opening hours and business logo. If there is anything else, please let me know. Kind regards, Faletui

THE BULLS RIVER MARKET - FORMERLY SANSON SUNDAY FLEA MARKET

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EVENT CALENDAR

AUGUST

27th – WAITATAPIA WEAR-A-BULL ARTS

29th – BULLS JUNIOR RUGBY TOURNAMENT

TBA – RANGITIKEI TOUGH KIDS

OCTOBER

22nd – SHOCKING PINK FUNDRAISER BREAST CANCER

NOVEMBER

14th – BULLS ANNUAL ROSE & FLOWER SHOW

DECEMBER

5th – BULLS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

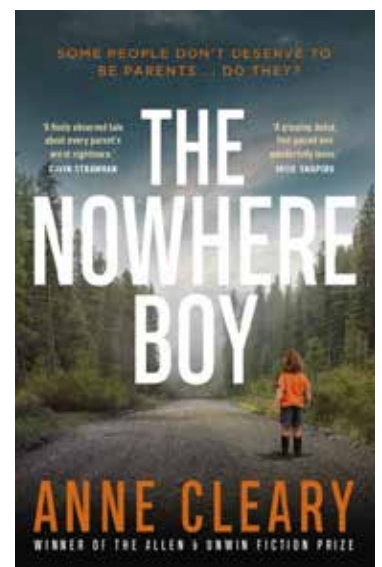
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20th – BULLS FEST-A-BULL

BOOK NEWS

NOWHERE BOY - By Anne Cleary - RRP \$37.99

Three-year-old Oliver, known as Apple Man, vanishes from a remote car park while his young father, Scott, carries fishing gear down to the beach. When he returns, the car is empty. His son has vanished without a trace. Apple Man's mother, Fae, gets the call that shatters her life. Enraged with Scott and drowning in her own guilt as police launch a desperate search across a wild coastline and dense pine forest. Far from the search, a grieving woman convinces herself she's been given a second chance. Tessa has lost three babies. When she encounters a small, abandoned boy, she sees not a crime, but a miracle she cannot surrender. As the hunt intensifies, her fragile fantasy of motherhood begins to unravel. As the pressure continues to mount, everyone involved is forced to confront the same terrifying question: when love becomes possession, how far is too far?



REMINDER – NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE SANDS FORESTS WHILE SALVAGE OPERATIONS UNDERWAY

Ernslaw One is reminding the community that the Sands Forests remain closed to the public while the large-scale storm salvage operation continues.

For everyone's safety, members of the public are asked not to enter the forest at any time, including on weekends, while harvesting work is underway.

The extensive damage caused by the February 2026 storm has created a hazardous working environment. Public access will be reinstated once harvesting has been completed and the forest has been assessed as safe.

The salvage operation, which began following the February storm, is expected to continue until October. Fourteen harvesting crews are currently working across the forest, with up to 200 truck movements each day transporting export, domestic and pulp logs to destinations across the region. This has resulted in increased heavy vehicle traffic accessing State Highway 1 via the High Street intersection.

Ernslaw One thanks the community for its continued patience and cooperation and asks motorists to remain vigilant around logging trucks while the operation is underway.

The company appreciates the public's support as it works to safely recover storm-damaged timber and complete the operation as quickly as possible.



BULLS MEDICAL CENTRE

BULLS MEDICAL CENTRE LTD IS OPEN EVERY SATURDAY FROM 8.00AM TO 11.45AM FOR EMERGENCIES

Congratulations to the Bulls Healthy Bastard Senior B's rugby team, for winning the competition and bringing home the Houlihan Cup on their 150th Jubilee year.

Smear Clinic

Our Cervical Screening Clinic will be held on Friday, 29th August, from 8:15am to 11:30am. If you're due for a cervical screening, please call reception to book an appointment. If you're unsure whether you're due, one of our friendly nurses will be happy to help.

Scabies

Scabies is currently circulating in our community, so please remain vigilant. If you develop an itchy rash or small bumps/pustules, speak to your local pharmacist about treatment options. Scabies is highly contagious, and early diagnosis and treatment can help prevent it from spreading to others.

Coughs, Colds, and Flu

If you are experiencing cold and flu like symptoms. Please help protect those around you by: Staying home where possible - Washing or sanitising your hands regularly Drinking plenty of fluids - Cover your coughs and sneezes - Keep warm and get plenty of rest.

Same-Day Appointments

Our practice has grown significantly, and demand for appointments continues to increase. While we will always do our best to accommodate urgent health concerns, same day appointments cannot always be guaranteed.

We appreciate your patience, kindness, and understanding as we work to provide the best possible care for all of our patients.

Choose well for yourself and your whānau this winter

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Information & tips at healthify.nz	Free health advice, and information any time	Get advice from your pharmacist	Appointment – in person or virtual	Out of hours or urgent treatment	Call 111 in an emergency
Keeping well Coughs, cold, flu Fever Minor injuries Skin issues	Nurses, paramedics and doctors available	Medication Vaccinations (COVID-19 & flu) Consultations	Feeling unwell High fevers & rashes Long term care All vaccinations Injuries	Care if your GP/Doctor isn't available, for injuries or if feeling unwell	Chest pain Difficulty breathing Severe bleeding Severe pain

PĀNUI HAUORA - COMMUNITY HEALTH NEWS

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saygo@acwhanganui.org.nz

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If you have a diagnosis of dementia, or care for someone who does, we encourage you to connect with us.

We understand that changes in memory, thinking, or behaviour can feel overwhelming. You don't have to face it alone—our dementia Navigator is here to listen, answer your questions, and offer support in a way that works for you.

Contact Mary on 022 694 4978

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Phone: 06 322 1466
Mobile: 021 0829 6132
Email: bulls@rka.org.nz

Or pop in and see the team at
30 Wilson Street, Bulls

Welcome back to Term 3. This term started so well at Clifton this week. The children were all excited to be back and to see the enthusiasm on their faces is always a welcome sight. As we always do we started with a wonderful Mihi Whakatau to welcome our new students and staff—As well as Whaea Ange to Te Ruma Karearea, we welcomed John Faaliga, Hazel Rae, Aubree and Casey Mann'Rae and Marama Horomona. A small group of children and staff also visited Bainesse to officially hand Anna Cullen over to her new role. It was a special moment—both wonderful and a little sad—and we wish her all the very best for this exciting next step.

As I write this our Kapahaka group is at the Regent performing as part of Pae Tamariki. We are super proud of what they do and their dedication to this performance. I would like to say a huge thank you to Aroha, Mariana and Sam for their hard work that they all put into this group.

Meanwhile, our Pasifika group is practising with dedication as they prepare to perform at Pasifika Fusion on August 13 in Palmerston North. It is fantastic to have groups representing Clifton School at both of these events, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements.

The rest of the term's events tick along as usual with no let up. Quad sports, soup evenings and open day on Thursday 21 August, all are welcome. Come and see what we do and join in with the students in their learning—they are always keen to show off what they are doing.

You are always welcome to come into the school at anytime, say hello and have a coffee.

Ngā Mihi
Adrian Burn
Clifton School Tumuaki
principal@clifton.school.nz





Bulls School



A Wonderful Celebration of Matariki

What a fantastic way to finish Term 2! Our Matariki celebrations over the final weeks of the term were truly something special, bringing our school and wider community together in the spirit of reflection, connection, and celebration.

From the magical Festival of Lights and Movie Under the Stars to our vibrant Showcase Evening, our school was filled with laughter, music, light, and an incredible sense of community. It was wonderful to see so many whānau, friends, and community members coming together to celebrate Matariki and all that it represents.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, attended our events, volunteered their time, and supported us throughout the celebrations. Your generosity and involvement helped make these occasions so memorable and reminded us of the strength and warmth of our school community.

Matariki is a special time to pause and reflect on those who have gone before us, celebrate the present with those around us, and look forward with hope to the year ahead. We are grateful to have shared these meaningful moments together and look forward to carrying that sense of connection and community into the new term.

Ngā mihi nui to everyone who helped make our Matariki celebrations such a wonderful success.



Welcome Back to Term 3!

We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break. Welcome back to Term 3—we're excited to kick off another action-packed term filled with learning, opportunities, and memorable experiences for our students.

There is plenty to look forward to this term, including:
Pae Tamariki

Learning Conversations – a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, discuss their progress, and be involved in their learning journey.

Year 8 Ski Trip

Scholastic Book Fair

Cluster Cultural Festival

Pasifika Fusion Event

Rangitīkei Tough Kids

The continuation of Quad Sports

We encourage all whānau to stay connected by keeping an eye on our school communications and calendar for important dates and updates throughout the term. Get involved where they can and join us in supporting our students throughout these exciting events. Your partnership makes a real difference to our children's learning and success.

Here's to a fantastic Term 3 full of learning, achievement, and fun!

“Kia Tū, Kia Kaha, Kia Manawanui”
Stand firm, Be Strong, Be your best.

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to Term 3! A huge, warm welcome to all the new faces who have joined our Sanson School whānau (family) this term. It has been wonderful to see everyone back, bringing so much energy and big smiles into our classrooms.

We have been super lucky to start the term with some great weather—albeit a little cold—and our school grounds are buzzing with activity! Our building projects are well underway, and we are getting very close to opening our two new learning areas and main entrance. It's so exciting to watch these spaces take shape for our tamariki (children).

To round out last term, our students took on the Te Kawau Cross Country, and what a fantastic day it was! It was so special to see every single student's grit and determination power them through the course. Every runner gave it their absolute all in extremely cold conditions, and they did Sanson School proud.

We have an action-packed term ahead of us with an incredible array of learning experiences and community events.

Key Dates for Term 3:

- Start of Term 3: Monday 20th July
- Cultural Festival: Week 2
- Football Tournaments (x2): Weeks 3 & 5
- Junior Cricket: Week 4
- Wear-a-bull Arts: Week 6
- Senior Cluster Speech Competition: Week 7
- TK Netball: Week 9
- Wig Wednesday Fundraiser: Week 9
- End of Term 3: Friday 25th September

In between all of these major events, I know there will be an incredible amount of learning, growth, and fun happening inside our learning spaces every single day.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. As always, if you ever have any questions, ideas, or just want to say hello, our door is always open.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Grayson Marsh
Principal – Sanson School





Bragging Breakfast

"BOAST OVER TOAST"

After our first one was such a success, we are excited to bring to you another Business Rangitikei Bragging Breakfast event!

It's time to celebrate the wins, big and small! Join us for a morning of stories and success amongst fellow business owners from across the Rangitikei region.

Want to share your achievements? Talking spots are limited, with each speaker having a three minute time slot, so grab yours early. If you'd prefer to just listen and mingle, come for breakfast and soak up the inspiration!

Enjoy a buffet-style breakfast including tea and coffee, and an opportunity to network with region-wide businesses in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

This is exclusive to paid Business Rangitikei members so don't miss out! Use the QR code below, visit the "Events" section of our website, or get in touch via email to register.

Not sure if you're a current paid member, or want to become one? Email us and we'll help you get set up.

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We meet every Friday in our hall on the corner of Daniell and High Streets. Our doors open at 1pm Start Time 1.45pm. Entertainment starts at 2pm with afternoon tea to follow. We also have lovely raffles and a sales table to enjoy. Our committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm.

We always enjoy the friendship of our members and love having the entertainers each week who always lift our spirits and we all go home after a most enjoyable afternoon looking forward to the next get together every Friday. Come along and enjoy great company and entertaining, not to forget the lovely afternoon tea.

Take Care everyone. Kay O'Brien – 027 471 0889

Bulls School presents

Rangitikei Reads



These books are on a journey!

Take me home, read me, then hide me again for someone else to find.

Let's make reading an adventure across Rangitikei!

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BULLS BOWLING CLUB

HOUSIE

14th & 28th July. 7pm Sharp.
Every two weeks.
All welcome. Supper provided



HAPORI WHĀNUI - COMMUNITY GROUPS

FEILDING ARMY CADETS

Parade nights on Wednesdays during school terms at the Feilding Aerodrome from 6 to 9pm.

For more information contact
simon.dean@cadetforces.org.nz or
brittanybenseman@cadetforces.org.nz

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Clinic dates 2025 - 19th June
Te Matapihi Bulls Community Centre
Criterion Street, Bulls

To book a one hour appointment
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or email **claw@claw.co.nz**

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Amitabha Kadampa Meditation Centre presents Buddha's teachings in a way they can be easily integrated into busy modern life.

Everyone is welcome.
We suggest a donation of \$7



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**We meet at the
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the first Tuesday
of each month
at 11am**



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Contact Lynell Arnott at
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SOUTH RANGITIKEI DOG TRAINING CLUB

Tuesdays at 5.30pm at the
Bulls Scout and Guide Hall on Wilson Street.

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT MARGARET ROBINSON
ON 021 0222 8626



HAPORI WHĀNUI - COMMUNITY GROUPS

THE BULLS TOY LIBRARY

Contact: admin@bullstoylibrary.co.nz. FB: @Bullstoylibrary

St Andrews Anglican Church Hall, 198 Bridge Street, Bulls. Hours: Tues 3pm to 5pm and Sat 9:30am to 11:30am

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BULLS RSA LADIES



Our Committee Meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month in the Bulls RSA Lounge at 1pm. The Wellington, West Coast, Taranaki Districts (WWCT) meeting was a very successful day.

A Date for your Calendar: Levin RSA Women's Section is having a Coffee Day on 20th August for all RSA Members. If anyone is interested please let Liz or Lechelle know as we need to give numbers by the 12th August. We normally meet at the Bulls RSA Car Park and Colin takes the ladies over in the RSA Courtesy Van.

Memberships are due. Fees stay the same at \$10 per person. Our Treasurer Margaret Robinson will accept your Membership with pleasure. We hope you are all staying warm and safe. For further information or enquiries please contact Elizabeth Taylor (Liz) on 027 2298 980 or Lechelle Wilson 027 4443 341

WELCOME TO THE BULLS RSA

55 High Street, Bulls. New members are always welcome.

Come on in and have a look around. Annual Subscription is \$40.

Our opening hours are as follows: Mon closed except for Public Holidays.

Tues-Wed-Thurs 4pm till close. Fri from 3pm. Open Sat & Sun from 2.30pm

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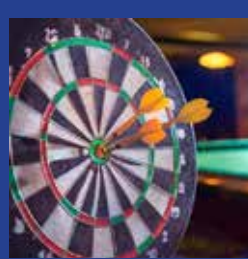
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Civil Defence Emergency Operations Centre to be built in Marton

Recently, Council announced that it would be building an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in Marton next to our High Street offices.

The cost of the project is \$3.2 million, and it led to some questions from people in the Bulls community about why Te Matapihi couldn't be used for this purpose.

Te Matapihi can be used as a Civil Defence Centre for welfare and evacuation purpose during an emergency event however, it's not a purpose built EOC, nor is it an IL4 building. An EOC needs to have it's own off grid water, wastewater, stormwater, power, communications and fuel supply.

For more information on this project visit:
www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/projects/rangitikei-emergency-operations-centre-eoc



Keen to adopt a dog?

Did you know, that Council has a dog adoption programme for lost or unwanted pups?

The programme has been operating for over a year now and has seen many dogs rehomed with loving and responsible owners.

We post adverts of dogs that are up for adoption on our social media channels (Facebook and Instagram), so if you don't follow us on there, give us a like and you can see when dogs become available.

If you see a dog that you would like to adopt, you can register your interest here:

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/dog-adoption

Current council funding rounds

If your project, initiative, event, or idea needs a helping hand, you could be eligible to apply for one of the below funds offered or administered by Council:

- Event Support Scheme - closes Sunday 30 August
- Community Initiatives Fund - closes Sunday 30 August
- Creative Communities Scheme - closes Sunday 25 October
- Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund - closes Wednesday 31 March 2027

For more information, please visit:

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/fundingopportunities





Join Our 8-Week Biggest Loser Challenge!

Notes from our Small Animal Vets

Is your pet carrying a few extra kilos? Being overweight can increase the risk of arthritis, diabetes, heart and respiratory disease, urinary problems, and reduced quality of life in both cats and dogs. The good news is that even a small amount of weight loss can improve your pets mobility, energy levels, and quality of life.

Our 8-Week Biggest Loser Challenge provides the support you need to help your pet lose weight safely. You'll receive four nurse appointments for regular weigh-ins, progress checks, and a personalised weight-loss plan tailored to your pet. Participants will also enjoy a discount on Royal Canin diets.

At the end of the challenge, the pet with the healthiest weight-loss result will win a prize!

Ready to help your pet live a longer, healthier life? Contact our team today to book your pet's initial nurse consultation and secure your place.

Calf rearing

Notes from our Production Vets:

Calf rearing can be enjoyable, rewarding and even profitable. Though infectious scours will quickly remove all the enjoyment and profit from any calf rearing enterprise!

What you need to know:

- There are two main types of scours, nutritional and infectious. Nutritional are usually transient, don't cause the calf to stop drinking and will often resolve on their own. Infectious scours can lead to very sick calves and even deaths.
- Stop spread – identify and isolate sick calves ASAP, disinfect equipment regularly.
- Dehydration is the killer – regardless of the cause, the first line of treatment is always electrolytes.
- Know your enemy – we can test a faecal sample in clinic to identify the main infectious pathogens. This allows us to develop a more tailored treatment plan.
- Zoonosis - Three of the main calf scour pathogens can also cause disease in people! Hygiene is paramount and keep young children and other animals out of the sheds.

Hoof care & Dentals

Notes from our Equine Vets:

Although we've experienced a drier winter than usual, winter still presents unique challenges for your horse's health. Hooves can become brittle during dry spells and then soften quickly after rain, increasing the risk of cracks, infections, and painful abscesses. Pregnant broodmares are especially vulnerable due to the extra weight and pressure placed on their feet as foaling approaches. Regular hoof trimming, routine farrier care, and early attention to any signs of lameness or heat in the hoof are the best ways to prevent problems. Winter is also an ideal time to schedule your horse's dental check. Regular dentistry helps horses chew efficiently, get the most from their feed, maintain healthy body condition, and avoid painful dental disease, ensuring they're ready to head into spring in the best possible health.

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BULLS RUGBY FOOTBALL SPORTS CLUB THE HOULIHAN CUP IS BACK IN BULLS IN THE CLUBS 150TH YEAR!

Bulls Healthy Bastards Senior B team has finished their season on a massive high, winning the Houlihan Cup for the first time since 1995. The final was played at CET Arena 1 in Palmerston North against Te Kawanu premers, who had been relegated from the premier division at the end of round one. The final score 48 Bulls to 20 Te Kawanu. Dr Dave through his Healthy Bastards Helping Hands Charity, has supported this team and the club for around 25 years. He was, as expected, over the moon with the team performance through the season, and even more so on finals day.

Winning the cup places our team at the top of the 'non-premier' division of the Manawatu Rugby Union (Senior B grade) A great reward for a lot of hard work.

The team is expertly coached by Pare Rongokea and Hutch Hutchinson, with the help of a couple of the team old boys, Tave and Vili, who also provided assistance to the manager, Colin Bartlett, on game days.

The team had a few injuries to contend with throughout the season with long time team captain Jesse Richardson sidelined with a foot injury, Fareti Hosea out with a broken thumb from a pre-season game and Nathan Walker out with concussion. Other more minor injuries were managed through the season with players coming and going when they were fit. Fortunately, all our players were fit and fizzing at the business end of the season. The team was ably captained from the side of the scrum, by Caleb Mahu.

The team topped round one of the 'non-premier' grade with five wins from six games, with the one loss grounding the team and showing how they had to work hard to get the wins.

The team hit the ground running in round two with a 66-nil hammering of COB at the Domain of Pain, the only team to beat us in round one. This excellent form continued throughout round two with five wins from five games, with maximum points from each game. Topping the ladder in round two gave us the home semi final.

The semi-final was a hard fought win at the Domain of Pain over a very determined Freyberg team who wanted the win as much as we did. The defence wins, as the saying goes, and our team defended very well.

The win earned us another week with the final at CET Arena. In the week leading up to the final the team and club was inundated with messages and videos of support from far and wide. From past and present players and other club members. A very humbling time for the team.

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On the day at the arena Bulls turned up with two bus loads of players and supporters, many more arriving by car. Nick Bligh and John Hainsworth were two of the 1995 old boys who turned up in the changing room prior to the game to talk to the boys about the importance of the black jersey, that has been a symbol of our club since 1876.

The noise from the supporters was unbelievable throughout the game. The attacking prowess of our electric backs was on display throughout the game, who were presented good ball from the advancing and dominant forward pack who never took a back foot. Te Kawau continued to fight throughout the game and a period of dominance early in the second half was often repelled with the staunch defence by the Bulls boys. The players were stoked with the support that they could hear out on the field. And that exploded when the final whistle was heard, uncontrollable joy and pride that spilled out onto the field for the cup presentation.

Season statistics: 13 games with 12 wins. 90 tries scored with an average of almost 7 tries per game. 580 points scored for and 214 points scored against.

The BULLS HEALTHY BASTARDS SENIOR B team thanks the following sponsors of the club and team.

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Without the support of all these people and businesses our club and teams would not be able to achieve the heights that we aim for.



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The poster features a background image of three young children in Bulls Rugby Club jerseys playing rugby on a grassy field. One child in the foreground is holding a green and white striped rugby ball. The text is overlaid on the image in various fonts and colors, including white, yellow, and blue. There are also several star graphics scattered throughout the design.

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BULLS RUGBY FOOTBALL SPORTS CLUB *BULLS NETBALL*

Saturday saw the last game of the first round with some great results for our teams and a look at where we stand in preparation for the second round starting this week.

We have three out of five teams in the top four meaning semi finals are guaranteed, over the next three weeks those teams are playing for which spot they end up in for the semi final games, all hoping for a 1 vs 4 spot!

Game of the round was our Social team playing our Jnr Development team, was always going to be sad that one of our teams had to lose, but both teams played with pride and fantastic team/club spirit.

A special mention this week to our Bulls Senior team who not only finished top of their grade, were never beaten on the court, had the highest points for and the lowest points against, what an achievement!

RESULTS

- Premiers

Lost 27-35 vs Feilding, PoD Annie

- Seniors

Won 36-7 vs Kia Toa, PoD Regan

- Senior Development

Won 27-17 vs HSOG, PoD Ella

Junior Development

Won 27-20 vs Bulls, PoD Jaylee

- Socials

Lost 20-27 vs Bulls, PoD Amy

Bulls Motel
& HOLIDAY PARK



Recently we have built a large screened fence with the aim of stopping golf balls off the 18th hitting cars parked in the below car park area. Previously we had a row of pines in there for protection, but of course with the storm these have all been taken down and removed. A lot of planting post storm has also taken place around the course.

With all the trees coming down we had some wood that has been turned into firewood. We have great rates so if you are after some firewood from a local please get in touch with us

063221475 normally best time to phone is Wednesday 1.30pm or Saturday 10am-11am.

In August we have the famous "Healthy Bastards" Tournament on 22nd August, 2 person ambrose, entry fee \$45 includes food. Dr Dave is usually playing and having lots of laughs during the day and there is normally a display of his range of underwear after in the clubhouse :-)

Our greenkeeper Matt has been hearing the call of a Kaka bird and he finally got to spot it one of the days he was out working. We have an abundance of lots of native tuis which is so lovely to hear.

We are excited that the Junior Golf Programme is back this year starting in November. We are looking forward to welcoming the children from the schools for these weekly sessions. More information will come closer to the time.

We are also having a group of students from Whanganui Collegiate come out to play and we know they will enjoy our course, it is in fantastic winter shape.

Catch up again next month.



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