



# Hibiscus Coast Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren Inc.

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## Newsletter – April 2019

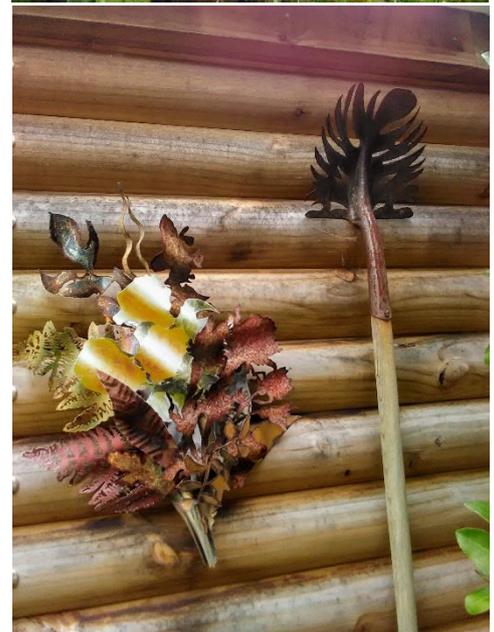
Hello everyone,

Well here we are already in April, school holidays are upon us – where DOES the time go?!

It has been a beautiful summer, sometimes far too hot & even a tad strange with the weather on occasion but overall a pleasant-enough few months. If you're anything like me, you have welcomed the slightly cooler weather & saying goodbye to daylight savings! We have enjoyed some lovely outings or times spent in each other's company which has been very special indeed. What comes to mind when thinking of summer was our lovely Garden Walk – I've included a few pictures for you so you can see what we got up to 😊 My favourite spot without a doubt was when we got to the Moa tracks & around to her nest – & then we saw her! Haha it really was quite neat!

It was lovely to spend this time with those that could make it, & for anyone that couldn't this time, we are planning more little adventures so we hope you can join us then 😊





With said adventures though does come the funding side, & although we are set for a while after July 1<sup>st</sup>, up until then we will be doing a bit of fundraising & looking at ways to build up the kitty a bit to get us through. Do bear with us in the next 3 months while we do this, & please if you would keep in mind any funding requests you require might need a bit of a workaround until we get through this tight spot. We will of course endeavour to help in any way, we might just need to find another way to skin the cat as Bjorn says 😊

In keeping with that theme, in our last Monthly Meeting we tabled a few ideas that had been brought forward to help ease the load. We had discussions around setting up a *Givealittle* page, as well as including a *Donation Button* on our website. We did a bit of too-ing & fro-ing on this topic but the conclusion is simply that we need to source some funds, so we are moving ahead with this initiative. We will utilise our current standing in the community to promote the two options & also to the wider community in the hope that they have some pennies to send our way. I will be working on this in the next week & hope to have that up & running shortly. I do also have more funding applications to get under way to secure the shortfall from the 25k Lotteries Grant we did receive (post July 1<sup>st</sup>) so let's just say its head down/bum up as my mother would say!

As per my email / text around securing the Days Takings from the Op Shop on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> April (amount TBA) we are also close to having an arrangement made with Bunnings Silverdale & Rotary Satellite Club of Orewa-Millwater to hold a Sausage Sizzle Day (date TBA), complete with an amazing raffle donated by Bunnings, & a collections bucket on site that day also (thanks Shirley for that reminder!). This event runs the whole day & we are very fortunate to have the Rotarians to support us & willing to do the lion's share – Bob & Shirley were first to offer their time to help on the day & we thank you very much. I'm glad to have the extra Rotarian help as I don't want you both to feel obligated to stay the entire day! If anyone else interested in cooking a few bangers or selling a couple of raffle tickets on the day, please feel free to get in touch as it would be great to have more of our gran's present throughout, or just stop in to check out the raffle & purchase a banger. Absolutely no pressure, just a fun day & hope to make a few dollars 😊

As you know we did attend the Orewa Sandcastle Competition on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March & tried a bit of fundraising there too. Unfortunately, those efforts were not successful in that respect (& I state publicly that, sigh, Bjorn was right grrr) however it was fundamentally an outreach exercise & we did reach another 2 families that day, so I'm very pleased to say a success in that regard! 😊

We have some grandparents that are now members of SeniorNet which is proving very beneficial already. One of our Matakana grans reports that her tutor is amazing & very knowledgeable, she enjoyed her 2 hour Libre Office (which is very tricky to use) computer session very much & is already learning – excellent news. To remind you, SeniorNet is open to receive members in both Silverdale & Warkworth & we have committed to covering the \$35 membership fee for any current HBCGPG members that would like to join. Here is a link to their websites:

Silverdale: <http://www.seniornet-hbc.org.nz/>

Warkworth: <http://seniornetwarkworth.org.nz/>

Well worth a look folks, they really are very good!! They have basic courses, workshops & one-on-one options for phones, iPads or tablets & computers (Apple or Android for all of those), & the Help Centre is available too:

***The Help Centre is open 9 am to 3 pm Mon to Thurs & 9am to noon Fridays. If you would like to talk to someone about the society, or need questions about your computer answered, please ring the Silverdale Centre on 09 426 1509 & we will do what we can. Or if you wish, call in & meet us. Tea & coffee is always on.***

Which brings me to a close for this newsletter but please remember we do have the Chelsea Sugar Works Tour coming up in the (not-too-near) future but it IS going ahead, & our Mid-Winter Christmas Party is our next big get-together – that's at the end of June!

Please take care everyone. We will see you or chat to you sometime soon. Happy holiday's!

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Please do take a look at the group's website when you've got some time, we've got some lovely stuff on there 😊  
<https://hbcgpg.weebly.com/>

Take care of yourselves. Love to you all & your grandie's too.

Donna

