

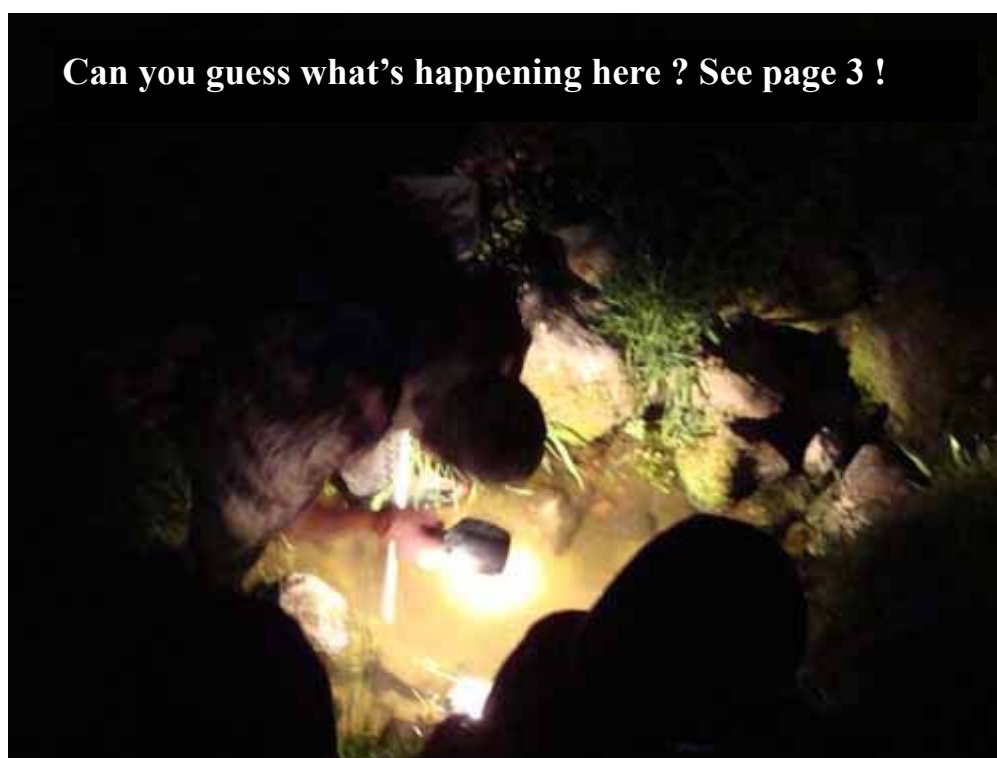


**2009 Newsletter**

**Term 1**

**February 2009**

*Tauranga Branch of NZ association of Gifted Children*



**Can you guess what's happening here ? See page 3 !**

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## **Calendar**

Sunday 1st March 2009 — AGM at Te Puna Quarry Park, 2:30 pm

13 – 15<sup>th</sup> March — Gifted Conference, Rotorua see [www.giftedconference2009.org](http://www.giftedconference2009.org)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 5pm — NZAGC AGM at the Glenholme School, 149 Ranolf Street, Rotorua.

We are still hoping to have an orienteering / GPS / Geocaching day, probably including a BYO picnic & family fun up at Summer Hills (Papamoa Hills Recreation Park). More info coming shortly.

## President's Report

I wish you all the very best for 2009. I hope you are having a good restful holiday. No doubt it will be an interesting year as we face the global issues together. A year ago we were fighting for the preservation of the environment. This year we face our future quite differently. On a personal level - this year sees our family move into our new home and we look forward to home schooling Yvonne too.

This newsletter will be very short this time as we would like to inform you of activities planned in the coming months.

Currently the committee is working hard on finding accommodation and travel for our group to visit Wellington in the second week of the April School holidays. If you have any suggestions, special recommendations or if you have a bus drivers license, we would love to hear from you.

In March, we intend to visit the Te Puna Quarry park while the weather holds and combine pleasure with our AGM so that we can report back to National Council for their AGM on the 15<sup>th</sup> March.

I would like to step down as president, so if any of you could see yourself in this role, or if anyone would like to "job share" it with me, please contact me. Other positions available include National Rep (A meeting on line with National members once a month) and Fundraising. In fact, if you feel you would like to help out – but do not want a specific role – we would love to hear from you too.

I would like to encourage you to attend the Gifted Conference from the 13 – 15<sup>th</sup> March at the Distinction Hotel in Rotorua. Further details on [www.giftedconference2009.org](http://www.giftedconference2009.org)  
The exciting keynote speaker is THE Francoys Gange, whom I'm sure he needs no further introduction.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm there will be the NZAGC AGM at the Glenholme School – 149 Ranolf Street, Rotorua. I would like to encourage you all to attend. It is inspiring to hear what other regions of the NZAGC are up to. Perhaps a few members could carpool?

The beach day on 25th January was very successful. There were 3 new families and the good thing was that they all had children of similar ages and they all got on so well together that they had coffee together afterwards. Yay, that is what Explorers is all about!

**Ingrid Booyen**  
**President – Explorers – Tauranga Branch.**

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# Reminder

**Please don't forget that your 2009  
subscription is now overdue.**

**For those of you who have already  
paid - thank you!!!!**

## BBQ & Creek Walk

Tanya & Wayne kindly invited the Explorers group to a BBQ at their house when the Spring Camp had to be cancelled. After a wonderful meal we donned jackets, found our torches and tramped down to a creek following sheep trails. Just the walk in the dark was exciting, but then at the creek we discovered crayfish and eels. There were also thousands of insects, but everyone was too fascinated by the water creatures to complain. We were most surprised when even the youngest in our group didn't flag. Thank you Tanya & Wayne for arranging a brilliant event at such short notice.



## Pre-Xmas get together in Rotary Park



**Hey, I found one!!!**



*Editor's Note:*

*If you would like high resolution copies of any photos in this newsletter please email me at [julieian-brown@hotmail.com](mailto:julieian-brown@hotmail.com) and put Explorers in subject.*

*Also I would appreciate other peoples photos of events for inclusion in the next newsletter.*

## Kids Korner

### **Birthdays**

Kids—we haven't forgotten about your Birthdays. It's just that we'll be acknowledging birthdays in a different way this year. Keep an eye out!!!

Good luck to all children for the new school year, especially those starting at a new school. Take up as many opportunities as you can and try new things and experiences. Enjoy!!!!

### **Vacant Space**

**Kids, This space is awaiting your input!!**

# Marinenz.org.nz

## Introducing a whole new way to see the ocean



MarineNZ is a new conservation and education website that was launched in August 2007. The site features literally hundreds of underwater photos, videos and documents. It also has lots of resources for teachers and students, and interviews with people working in marine conservation. Our aim is to inform, to educate, and to inspire marine conservation projects around New Zealand.

The site is split up into the following areas:

- \* Marine News: the latest in marine news, both from New Zealand and around the world
- \* The Undersea World: Info on NZ's marine reserves, people in marine conservation and other feature stories
- \* The Science: Looks at biodiversity, marine protected areas, research and monitoring methods
- \* Resources: Features three archives - image, video and documents. You will be amazed!
- \* Education: Key resources and activities for students of all ages
- \* How To: Suggestions for marine conservation projects, contacts for more info
- \* About Us: Outlines the aim of the site and the team behind it.

MarineNZ is owned and managed by Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust (formerly known as Nga Maunga ki te Moana Conservation Trust). The Trust is the driving force behind two established marine conservation programs - Experiencing Marine Reserves and Whitebait Connection.

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## Makes you think!!!!

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

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In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... 'goodnight, sleep tight.'

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!

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<b>National Rep.</b>	Vacancies to be filled. Please help us if you can!!! Call Ingrid for more details.

[www.giftedchildren.org.nz/tauranga](http://www.giftedchildren.org.nz/tauranga)

# A.G.M.

**Tauranga Explorers Club  
AGM will be held at  
Te Puna Quarry Park**

**Sunday 1st March 2009**

**Please come along with  
the kids and we'll  
combine business with  
pleasure.**

**Meet by the Old Digger  
at 2:30pm**

Any questions please  
contact Ingrid 576 0760

**ALL WELCOME**

*The objective of NZAGC is to foster the educational and social development of gifted children through the achievement of a climate in which giftedness is recognized, understood and accepted as a valuable human attribute and in which the special needs of the gifted children are met fully, effectively and with generosity.*