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**OUR MONTHLY
MEETING**
will be held on
FRIDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER
at St Andrew's Church Centre
Cnr Ridge Rd & Vincent St
Howick
commencing at 10am.
All Members & Visitors are
welcome.
(Attendance is usually over 100).

The main entrance is in Vincent St. There is parking on the street, in the grounds and for the disabled, above the main entrance.

GUEST SPEAKER
Alison Derbyshire & Jackie Allen
from St Kentigerns College

"Updates on the use of computers for teaching in schools".

MINI SPEAKER

Brian Erikson
"Having a Picnik with Picasa"

Reminder: Next month (October) the Mini Speaker will be replaced by the **Annual General Meeting**

FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings to you.

Remember back in your schooldays the times you were told – "open a new page and write at least 2 paragraphs about 'My holidays'" or in later years those assignments? I felt the same when I opened a new MS Word page for this month's column – complete brain freeze.

It reminded me of a ballad, much beloved by parlour baritones of the 1800s, 'The Lost Chord' - the first verse began: "Seated one day at the organ, I was weary and ill at ease, and my fingers wandered idly over the mighty keys...."

My version could be: "Seated today at the keyboard, with my frozen feet and knees, my fingers slithered coldly over the laptop keys..." The result of that action would be more out of tune than with a musical keyboard.

Talking of words, a recent Sunday paper reports that amongst the 400 new entries in the 12th edition of the *Concise Oxford English Dictionary* are textspeak, cyberbullying, retweet (to repost another Twitter user's message). This latest edition has also added further meanings for existing words, such as friend and follower. My spell check doesn't like those first 3 new words I used.

I hope you've noticed the available spaces in several of our courses for this term. If you feel the content of any course hasn't "jelled" with you, 3 help methods are available – retake the course at no further cost, bring your problem to a 'Practice & Help' session or phone or email the relevant "Problem Helper" on the back page of the Newsletter. Help isn't too far away.

Keep well (& warm)
Tricia

TO JOG YOUR MEMORY

Have you renewed your subscription for the 2011 – 2012 financial year? \$30 each or \$50 per couple.



WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING MEMBER(S) who joined since the August Newsletter was distributed



Thelma Haslip	Margot Van Den Brink	Connie Siermens
Donald Legg	Dawn Costello	Mary Graves
Charlie Wallace	Raymond & Jeanie Wong	Reg Harris
Fiona Rauba	Valerie Dickinson	Georgina Williams

Rejoined: Julie Sobieki Mary Rae McKeown

It is important that you wear your Name Badge to all **Courses, Meetings and Practise/Help Sessions**

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP DRAW

The draw – by computer – is made at the meeting and to participate you must be a financial member (Green Name Badge) and be in attendance at the time.

At the 5th August Meeting six names were called but none of these members were in attendance. Better Luck next month.

Practice and Help

Sessions will be held in our Training Room
12 Ben Lomond Crescent, Pakuranga
on the following days.

FRIDAY, 9 September
from 9.30am to 11.30am

WEDNESDAY, 21 September
from 1pm to 3pm.

Please arrive at least 1/2hr before we close to enable you query to be completed.



NOTES ON COURSES

by **Doug Mackay** – Ph 274 7083
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I have had to cancel a Skype Workshop as well as an Internet & Email Course through lack of numbers. Members are urged to enrol in courses/workshops especially the four CORE subjects (in order) before continuing on to the other ones as the knowledge learnt here helps you to continue on to the other courses/workshops. So enrol and have a go.

The dates of the Workshops (run by the Students of St Kentigerns College) were not able to be advertised in the August Newsletter, but they are listed below with the vacancies. There is a Timetable kept on the Notice Board at the Training Room and Booking Slips are held there too.

I am holding money for course notes for members who were unable to participate in a course e.g. when a Course/Workshop was cancelled. I have a list of these people so if you are one of these please indicate this on the Booking Slip when completing and sending it to me.

VACANCIES

TTP 5 & 12 Sept at 10am (New on Schedule)	7
TTP Mon 26 Sept & 3 Oct at 1pm	8
Word 1, 2007, wed at 9.30am 7,14,21Sept	5
Windows Wed 31Aug & 7 Sept at 1pm	2
Email & Internet 23 August	CANCELLED
Email & Internet Tues 20/27 Sept at 1pm	8
Word 2, 2007. Mon 5,12,19 Sept at 1pm	8
Genealogy Tues 6,13 Sept at 1pm	7
CD Burning Thurs 15 Sept at 10am	8
Power Point 1 & 8 Sept at 1pm	8
Notebook Basics, Mon 29/8 at 10am	3
iPods & iTunes Thurs 15 Sept at 1pm	8
Facebook Fri 9 Sept at 1pm	8
Facebook Fri 15 Sept at 1pm	8
Skype 18 August	CANCELLED
Skype, Wed 5 Oct at 10am	8
TradeMe Fri 2 Sept at 1pm	5
TradeMe Tues 4 October at 1pm	8



**WEBMASTER'S REPORT
by Lance Marr**

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Have you browsed our Website lately?

www.seniornetpakuranga.org.nz

If you have any problems viewing it or questions to ask, don't hesitate to contact me.

**REVIEW by Sheryn Shadbolt
of LAST MONTH'S SPEAKERS**

Jo Philips of TelstraClear is the account Manager for Seniornet New Customers.

Currently TelstraClear are offering Seniornet Members a package which includes a Senior-Friendly Phone for free if they take a 2 yr plan including home phone & Broadband. This package includes NZ calls at 19cents plus free Doro Phone + Free Mobile charges for 2 years + Free 500 texts per year. The phone has BIG print, BIG buttons, easy to Read & Use. Interested email to use is Seniornet@telstraclear.co.nz.

Our Main speaker was Darryl Coughey from PB Technologies who was keeping us uptodate with the changes in Technology. The differences between a Desk computer/Laptop/Notebook/NetBook & Ipad for usage & capabilities was very useful to know. What suits your lifestyle??

What to look for when purchasing. Check the screen size, Processor speed, Memory(Ram), Battery life, How many USB ports for adding other items like printers or external backups. External Hard Drives. 2.5: is Battery Powered, 3.5" uses Power Source.

Backup Software suggested as reliable & Easy to use was Acronis at \$70.00. This backs up ALL Programs plus Documents whereas other software usually only backs up Documents & should your machine fail it can not restore the Software. You would have to do a full re-installation. Solid State Hard Drives(SSD) were mentioned at \$300 for 80gb – Very Fast & stores info in a different way. Faster Boot up of computer, Loads Programmes in seconds, Faster File Searches. Handles multiple programmes seamlessly. 3 times faster than usual Hard Drive.

All-In- One computers what about them? Harder to fix or change Hard Drive or Processor Card as all in the screen.

A great Review of market changes.

Thanks Darryl

**MEMBERS FREE COLUMN
FOR ADVERTISING**

*This column is for you to use. If you have anything at all that you want to advertise, whether it be an item for sale, to buy, or just keeping us all informed of some information, then let the Editor know **before the 15th of the month** to enable your item to go into the next newsletter.*

Contact Shirley – phone 274 7083
email doug.mackay@xtra.co.nz.

FOR SALE

DELL 17" Flat Screen Monitor and Compaq Keyboard.

I will sell both for \$100.00 if anyone is interested.

Contact Cliff Graves 09 5345246 or by e-mail

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**Feedback from a very satisfied customer
regarding our Computer Man.**

I cannot say how pleased I was with the prompt, and from my perspective, efficient way in which Rein resolved my problem.

I would like to thank you both for your help and recommend Rein to any future people who have a problem beyond their expertise.

Thank you both again,



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