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Kaupokonui & Districts Beach Society Newsletter

Sad discovery made by Laurence at the end of May while taking his morning walk down the beach, only to find eight dead sperm whales. Sadly, over the next few days the number of deaths accumulated to twelve. Security was put in place with patrols set up at various locations both day and night.

Sue and Laurence were kept busy providing food, hot drinks and showers for the multitude of workers on site. Representatives from Doc, Maori Wardens, and the iwi were all present working hard to extract blubber, oil and sacred bones from the jaws, which also meant they all had to endure a decaying stench over this time.

It is still not known why this group of whales (mostly male) ended up on the beach, despite scientists taking samples and tests.



Although the whale clean-up has finished at the beach, please note there is a "Raahui" in place from the Kapuni Stream to Otakeho Stream. This is because there is a high possibility of contamination due to the decay and breakdown of the whales. Please no fishing or collecting of shellfish until further notice. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for further updates of when this will be lifted.

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Camp Work Update.....

The office and kitchen area are all looking homely and inviting thanks to Sue and Laurence's homely touches, with flowerpots and the erection of a new brush wind break.

Work will soon start on tar-sealing the driveway right up to the office which will avoid dust for anyone camping on the edge of the driveway. Additionally, the camps property committee are about to start on upgrading the camp managers accommodation.

The beach committee enjoys providing camping facilities for your enjoyment. We look forward to hearing any feedback or suggestions on how we can enhance this special place.



Thank You Damien

Laurence has a big smile on his face thanks to Damien at the Hawera Stihl shop who has generously donated a hedge trimmer and a small chainsaw to the campground. These tools have been on the wish list for some time and as the committee runs on a shoestring budget these generous acts are all very much appreciated!

A word from Camp Managers....

You may notice the top sites have been lengthened slightly and there is an increase in caravan plug in's.

"We want to emphasize the need for communication in the camp and ask that "Even if you are regulars, please check in with us at the office and let us know your intended duration of stay and it is preferred that all fees are paid up front."

The shop has proven to be popular with the introduction of new good quality fish bites along with chicken nibbles, sausages and already popular hot chips. We also have pies, coffee - to go and drinks and ice creams! Bring the kids for a walk down the beach and enjoy a snack!

Winter Shop Hours – 10am – 6pm



Don't forget to like the Kaupokonui beach Facebook Page to keep up to date with all the activities going on at camp. Feel free to share any photos of you and your family enjoying the campsite or the beach.

Back in March....



The hunt was run in two heats - Under 5's were walked up the beach and the eggs scattered on the sand, while the bigger kids got to search through the driftwood.



Kaupokonui Beach hosted an Easter egg hunt in March. Organised by NZME, and all made possible thanks to our generous sponsors for this event, Johnny Neil Builders and Tito Transport. A big thanks to Aurora School who organised a sausage sizzle for this and the Manaia Lions who generously supplied a Bouncy Castle for the kids. Thanks, Sweet Aggie for being available with your delicious coffee. A huge turnout, and lot of fun had by all!