



School holiday fun easy with imagination

The summer holidays can feel like they stretch out forever – which is fantastic if you have lots of things to do but difficult if you are scratching for ideas for youngsters.

This month’s edition of *Kaitaia Connect – connecting communities in Te Hiku* features a number of events, activities and a wide range of school holiday programmes in the area, as well as advertised school start dates. See inside for details.

Here are some other fun ideas for school holidays that don’t cost the earth:

1. Visit Kaitaia Library. With its giant tree, the library is great asset in the Far North. To encourage kids into reading, pick a topic and get them to find books on the theme.

2. Have a kids MasterChef competition at home: younger kids can do pizza toppings but older children can use their imagination.

3. Go for a swim. Kaitaia Memorial Pool is open 6am-6.30pm in the holidays, every day but Christmas. Entry is \$3 but free for under-5s, spectators and Gold Card holders.

4. Go for a beach walk to somewhere inaccessible by road. There are plenty of hidden spots – just be sure to check the tide!

5. Catch the bus to somewhere new. As well as its commuter service, the Far North Link bus goes to Doubtless Bay on Tuesdays, Ahipara on Wednesdays and Pukenui on Thursdays from 8 January on. Go to buslink.co.nz for timetables and fares.

6. Do a treasure hunt to find objects by going window shopping, followed by a special morning tea.

7. Go to the movies at Te Ahu Cinemas. Tickets are \$8 for children under 14 and \$13 for adults or \$37 for a family of two adults and two children. Go to kaitaianz.co.nz for times.

8. Visit the Museum @ Te Ahu to learn local history. The museum is open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm from 2 January.

9. Go to the Saturday morning markets in Kaitaia, Mangonui or Doubtless Bay, or the Mangonui Night Markets on Tuesdays.

10. Make a veggie garden with your kids. You can also make a game out of watering.

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Experience counts capturing wedding magic

Weddings are the most important day of a couple’s life, so it is vital to capture the precious moments, according to Adele from Kaitaia’s White Locket Boutique Photography.

She has been photographing weddings for 10 years and says there is nothing quite as special as the raw emotion shared between a marrying couple.

If the wedding photos aren’t good, there is often a lot of regret, Adele says.

“At the end of the day after the wedding, the flowers die, the food’s eaten, the alcohol’s drunk, all you’re left with is the photos that capture everything.”

To get great photos on the day, it is important to have an experienced photographer who knows how to handle anything.

Adele says she has come across plenty of near-disasters during her 10 years of wedding photography, including illness, make-up artists not showing up and a bride’s dress that broke.

“I had to stitch the bride back in,” she says. “Experience comes in when things don’t go to plan.”

Adele now carries around an emergency kit, to help with any eventuality.

She also puts a lot of planning in before the wedding, including a location scout and complimentary timeline planning session.

“We can plan the day so they can get the most out of their photos.”

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Adele from White Locket Boutique Photography knows how to take great wedding photos that record the magic of the day.

es that couples are proud to hang on the walls and share with family and friends.

Adele travels all over New Zealand to photograph weddings, with 80% of current bookings for out-of-town

weddings.

She also offers in-home newborn photography sessions.

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January events

each Monday evening from
7 Jan to 18 Feb except
Northland Anniversary Day.

TUES 1 JAN:

New Year's Day Market:

Food, produce, craft for sale and live music. Waterfront Drive, beside the Mangonui Hotel, Mangonui. 3-7pm.

WEDS 2 JAN:

Far North Rodeo: Great fun day out for all family and friends, part of the National Rodeo Circuit. Kaitaia A&P Showgrounds, State Highway 1, from 8.30am. Adult \$10. Contact Daphne Noho 408-0119, 021-0333-677.

Tomo Berries Summer

Festival: Celebrate the New Year and the summer sun with food, arts, crafts, music, face painting, petting zoo, bouncy castles. Tomo Berries, 3857 Far North Road, Pukenui, 10am-6pm. Free entry, \$10 per stall. Email tomo.orchard@gmail.com.

THURS 3 JAN

Oruru Valley Rodeo: Part of the National Rodeo Circuit, offering top quality, family-friendly entertainment along with outstanding displays of cowboy skill, daring and stockmanship. Peria Saleyards, Oruru Road, 8.30am-3.30pm. Adults \$10, children \$5, family \$25.

SAT 5 JAN

Te Rarawa Rugby Club Touch Tournament: Competition with whānau grade and serious grade. Cash prizes. Held at Ahipara. \$150 entry fee. Kai Stall available all day, hangi for sale (\$10), followed by social evening at the club.

7-11 JAN

Sporty Kids Break-Away Holiday Programme: Multi-sport programme supported by Northland Rugby Union and Touch NZ. Kaitaia Rugby Club, 10am-2pm daily. Free for all children 11-14 years, \$10/day 8-10-year-olds. Email Hayley.a@northlandrugby.co.nz or ph 021-192-8330 to register.

7 JAN-18 FEB

Yoga: Meditative yoga classes,

Coopers Beach, 5-6.15pm. Six weeks for \$60 or \$12 casual. Contact Lucia 021-266-9464.

8-10 JAN

NZ Surf Bros summer holiday programme: Three-day surf programme for children 8+, limited to 12 spots. Ahipara, 2.5 hours a day, \$60. For bookings, contact 021-252-7078 or email surf@nzsurfpros.co.nz.

8-11 JAN

Te Noho Taiao ā ngā rangatahi o Te Rarawa: Marae-based noho for 13 to 18-year-olds who have an interest in science, environmental education, maths and technology. Participants will learn about Te Rarawa's environmental initiatives and will carry out environmental action. Held at Ngāi Tūpoto Marae, Motu-karaka, north Hokianga. Free. Register at tinyurl.com/tenoho.

10-14 JAN

Superheroes Kids Camp: Coopers Beach Christian Youth Camp for boys and girls aged 9-13. Looks at heroes of the Bible and NZ heroes. 154 State Highway 10, Coopers Beach. \$90 with some sponsorship available for 11-13-year-olds. Register at tinyurl.com/heroes19.

SAT 12 JAN

Yoga Nidra workshop: A chance to relax and revive. Held at Coopers Beach, 9.30am-12.30pm. \$30. Contact Lucia 021-266-9464.

14-18 JAN

OSCAR Holiday Programme: Run by Far North Safer Communities Council, Suite 3, 5 Puckey Ave. 9am-3.30pm daily, \$4.50 per hour. Contact Nancy Wiperi, 408-3030, 021-746-759.

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SUN 20 JAN

Taipa Saloon and Stock Car Club: Race day.

Ruth Wyand and the Tribe of One: Live performance by this international blues guitarist. Mangonui Hall.

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SAT 26 JAN

UB40 Collards Express: Bus to UB40 show from Collards Sports Bar, Gaming Lounge & Restaurant in Kaitaia. Tickets \$110 bus and entry or \$20 return bus only. Ph 408-2348.

Kaitaia \$45 Portrait Day: Poihakena Portraits' \$45 sitting fee includes kakahu, moko stamp, taonga for up to five people, 20-minute sitting. Beachcomber Lodge & Backpackers, Commerce St, 10am-4pm. Bookings essential online at tinyurl.com/45kaitaia.

26-27 JAN

Far North ITM Fishing Contest & Auction: Two-day competition with \$40,000 prize pool. Fish auctioned daily with proceeds to local charities. HQ at Eastern Rugby Football Club, Taipa. Tickets \$60 senior or \$10 junior from Far North ITM, Riders Sports Depot, Coopers Beach Sport & Tackle, McCoy & Thomas Hunting & Fishing Kaitaia, Reel Rods, Gasoline Alley Coopers Beach, Taipa Tavern or online: tinyurl.com/dbfish19

SUN 27 JAN

Rust Kumera summer tour: Live rock band, all ages. Ramada Resort Reia Taipa Beach, 3-5.30pm. Free.

MON 28 JAN

Northland/Auckland Anniversary Day Sounds Good with the Nathan Haines Band: Six-piece band play a mix of jazz, soul and funk. Includes artisan food stalls, wine and craft beer. Bring a picnic blanket. Butler Point, Hihi, 3-6pm. Tickets \$83, kids under 12 free. Eventfinder.co.nz or 0800-289-849.

Save the date

3 FEB: The Healing Properties of our Breath workshop (Coopers Beach).

6 FEB: Waitangi Day.

14 FEB: Creating Communication Opportunities workshop (REAP).

16 FEB: Whangape Wharekai Fundraiser (Herekino Tavern); Hospice Remembrance Walk around Lake Ngatu; Parengarenga Harbour Ball (Te Ahu).

23-24 FEB: Kaitaia A&P show. **12-16 MAR:** 90 Mile Beach Snapper Bonanza.

16 MAR: Te Houtaewa Challenge/90 Mile Beach Race (Te Oneroa-a-Tohe).

23 MAR: Mangonui Garden Club's Annual Flower & Vegetable Show; Te Runanga Nui o Te Aupouri Trust AGM.

30 MAR: Annual Mangonui Waterfront Festival.

Term one start dates

TUES 29 JAN

First day of term 1: Kindergartens Far North; Kaitaia Primary School; Kaitaia Abundant Life School.

THURS 31 JAN

First day of term 1: Kaitaia Intermediate; Taipa Area School; Kaingaroa School.

MON 4 FEB

First day of term 1: Broadwood Area School; year 9s at Kaitaia College.

THURS 7 FEB

First day of term 1: Years 10-13 at Kaitaia College.



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HIPPY kids get great start for school



This photo by Rongo Bentson shows young 'graduates' from the 2018 HIPPY programme celebrating their accomplishments.

HIPPY stands for Home Interaction Programme for Parents and Youngsters and is run by Te Rarawa in the Kaitaia area.

It is open to anyone with tamariki aged three to four, who would like to give them the skills for a successful start at school and throughout their education.

HIPPY resources are free and parents are supported by a HIPPY tutor from our community who is doing HIPPY with their child.

It involves just 15 minutes a day at home, five days a week for 30 weeks each year.

To find out more, text Kate on 022-657-6369, ph 0800 TEORANGA or check out [HIPPY-Kaitaia](#) on Facebook.

Regular events

\$5 Fridayz: Hosted by Odee1 and DJK9. Collards Nightclub corner SH1 and Whangatane Dr. 9pm-1am, free entry, courtesy van available.

Āwhina hōiho: Counselling, therapy and emotional learning experiences outdoors with a herd of supportive horses, available through bookings. Email awhinahoiho@xtra.co.nz, ph 408-4241 or see "Āwhina hōiho" on Facebook.

Boxing training: Adult boxing sessions with trainer Kere now available at Kaitaia Boxing Club, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Shop 8, 2 Bank St kaitaia. \$10 lesson or \$20 a week. Contact kbclub2015@gmail.com or call into club 10am or 3.30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays.

Reader giveaway

Congratulations to *Kaitaia Connect* reader Raewyn Pennell who won the Christmas hamper from Kaitaia Community House.

This month's giveaway is a back-to-school or study pack for any age.

To enter, email your name and contact phone number to denise@kfbis.co.nz or pop into Kaitaia Community House at 12 Puckey Ave. Entries close 21 January.

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