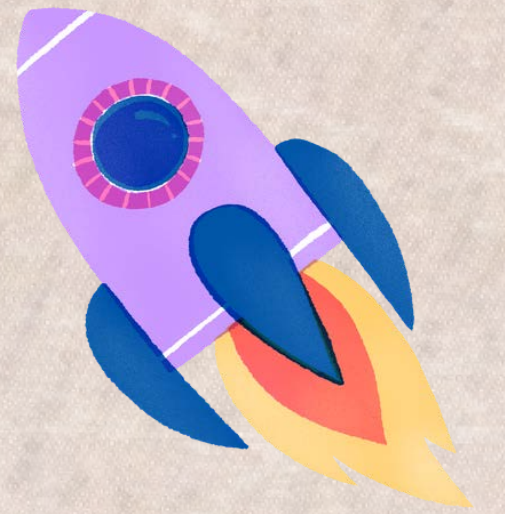


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THE WAITAKERE

GAZETTE

KIWI'S IN SPACE BY CONNOR FUIAVA - THE POD



It was a very hot day in a place where there was barely any warm weather at that time, Auckland, New Zealand. NASA — National Aeronautics and Space Administration — made an agreement with the New Zealand government, to launch their own space corporation, the NZAE [New Zealand Astronaut Exploration] A group of heroes that will explore to the ends of our galaxy. But first they needed native kiwi Astronauts.

The first step NZAE had to do was put word around New Zealand to find the people that would make history. Then after a month or 2, people started coming in but none of them were fit to float on those grounds. When all hope was nearly lost, 3 came in who were actually worthy to take a place in the rocket. Connor, Leia, and Josiah, the three siblings. They were perfect, they were native, passed all the tests, and were the only ones who knew how to make a rocket launch. They said when they were little, their Mum and Dad got a simulator where you pilot Rockets into unknown parts of space and playing that simulator, they broke world records.

When NZAE got their pilots, they forgot the most important things, a base, and a Rocket. They only at the time, had a garage, but that was all going to change through the next 16 months. At first, they got the best builders New Zealand could offer. After 6 months, NZAE HQ was 2/5ths of the way done but disaster struck when it hit 2020; Covid19. Workers started disappearing, and sooner or later, construction just stopped. But there was still hope because the Prime Minister said. "We are now at level 2." So, construction was back and the NZAE base was completed. With the main office, cafeteria, and even a basketball court.

Now that NZAE has their HQ, pilots, and equipment. They still needed one more thing, the most important thing actually, a Rocket. NZAE had to make a Rocket ship and on top of that, NASA said that they only had 15 months left before NASA stopped bringing the supplies in. They had to hurry. NZAE's workers were tired, hungry, and wanted to go home after months of work. But one worker, working like there was no tomorrow and was the biggest part of making a Rocket in 14 months! His name? Oscar, a man with endless stamina, an attitude of never giving up, and delicious food.

Now NZAE had everything they possibly needed, it was time to take off. BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! "Today's the day." Connor said nervously.

"We got this!" Leia yelled.

"First kiwis ever," Josiah proudly bragged.

The pilots got ready as the engines became warm. Once the clock hit 12 it was time. "Fuiavas, we are ready to lift off as soon as you are."

"Ready as you are." Leia said. When the Fuiavas walked into the Rocket, the spotlight was shining, and the pressure was on. As the three sat on the seats, the countdown started. 3 2 1.

"We have a lift off!" Connor yelled with relief. "We're not done yet!" Josiah said as the sun went flashing before his eyes. THUMP! As Rocket, hit some turbulence, and their left wing was blown off! "Left wing is gone!"

Leia yelled while Connor was sweating in fear. The Rocket barely made it out of the atmosphere with a blown off left wing, one engine nearly gone. They departed ways with one half of the rocket and made their way to the Moon.

"Captain how much longer till we hit the Moon?" Connor pondered.

"About 12 hours, because of your shortage of an engine and a wing." "Copy that."

With bunches of time to spare, they had nothing to do. Connor sat there keeping an eye on things, while Josiah and Leia dozed off into the wonders of space. "Guys wake up we can't use too much of our oxygen." "Where are we." Asked Leia

"Close." BOOM!

"What the hell was that." Josiah said as the lights went flick, flick, flick.

"All the powers off!" Leia screamed.

"Don't worry I'll just talk to the Cap-. Oh no." Connor said as he just realized there was no power, no communication, and no nothing. The three looked outside, at a gigantic meteorite stuck in their left side. So, it was just them and a floating spaceship.

Sitting there, Josiah had the idea of his life. "Wait, we have spare tanks of oxygen so we can go outside and try fix it!" Josiah said smartly using his big brain. They quickly floated to the tanks trying not to use any more oxygen. Once they got there, they suited up into their EMU's and went outside. "Ok, so here's what we're going to do, we're going to work together to get the meteorite out and fix it." "Don't stress or you'll waste your oxygen." Josiah said slowly. The Fuiava trio worked together but they didn't know something was going to happen.

As Connor was getting the meteorite out, something moved inside it. Once they pried it open it exploded into a supernatural creature.

"Hello." Connor said instantly regretting what he said because it came flying towards him!

"Run Connor!" Josiah and Leia screamed, and so Connor ran in fear, but he wasn't moving because he was in space! BOOM! Connor was hit by the beast in the arm. With oxygen running low, and an injured arm what could Connor possible do? He couldn't move not just because he was in space, but because he was paralyzed in fear.

While Connor was losing air, Josiah and Leia couldn't just stay there. Josiah swung Leia towards the creature and using her dancing skills, she kicked the creature and took Connor inside still swinging. But they didn't think it through because Josiah was still outside. But since they cracked meteorite out, they had power. Leia turned the power on while Josiah duelled the beast outside. Josiah looked through the window for a sign to say they were ready. Josiah tackled the beast, trying to give Leia time.

The beast was thick and hard, but Josiah held himself together and kicked the beast off him, flying away.

"Come on you piece of junk." Leia said, smacking the controls. Surprisingly, the engine roared, and the wing flapped warming itself up in the cold air of space. While Leia was taking care of Connor, and piloting the ship, Josiah was getting slapped in the face by a supernatural creature. "Hurry up Leia." Josiah yelled.

"I am!" Leia yelled back as the engines finally went boiling hot as Josiah did his final kick and flew back inside. Leia accelerated the engines, and Josiah closed the door leaving the beast to burn in the engine's arms.

"Captain, Captain are you there?" Josiah asked.

"Yes, but where did you guys go?!"

"We got hit by an asteroid, and it had a little surprise in it. But we're back on course to the moon." The captain went silent. "Captain?"

"I'm sorry to say, but the crew has made a choice for you to come back home."

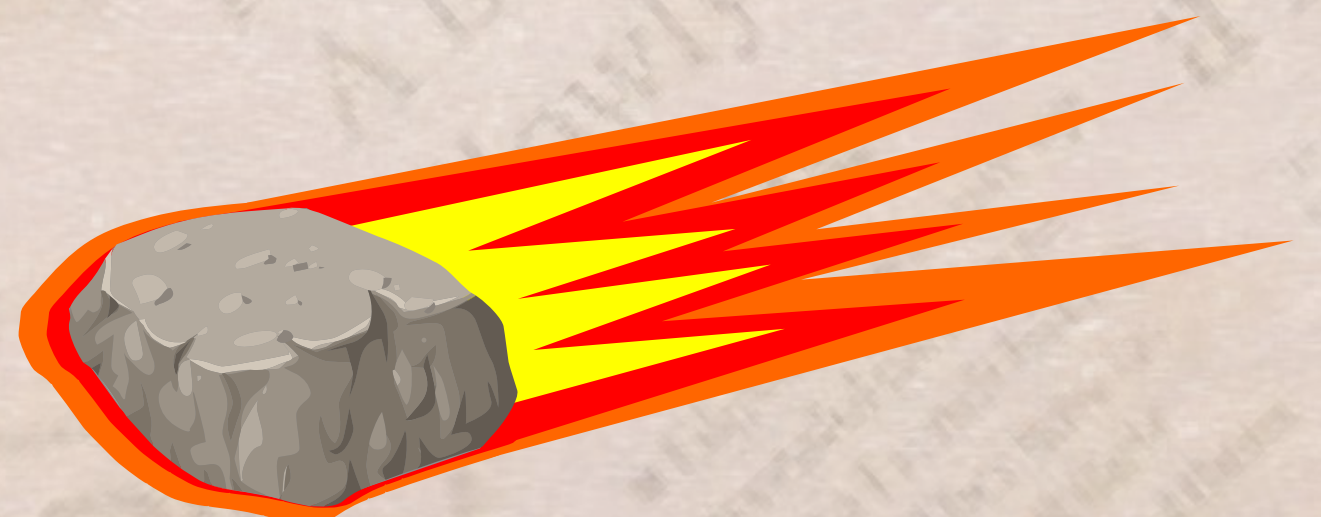
"What?!" Josiah was furious.

"We can't let you go any further." "Why?!" "Because. You've only seen a little piece of space. On the first trip to the moon, Neil Armstrong and his crew got hit by an asteroid and got attacked like you and nearly didn't make it to the moon." "So come back home. Captain's orders."

So, Josiah and Leia took care of Connor, and lead the way back home. Leia looked at Josiah sitting next to Connor. Leia went over to him and spoke. "Get some sleep, you'll need it." Josiah slept and Leia sat there until their last hour came, and they took the controls and prepared for landing. The controls wobbled, and the water wiggled as they entered the atmosphere.

"We're coming in hot!" Josiah said at the last second.

They landed and gave the signal away and were taken care of but even though they didn't make it, they still became the start of a kiwi legend.



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SPACE EXPLORATION BY HUGO GOFFIN - THE POD

Gravity was poor, the space in the rocket ship was small. Jones was in the control room until he heard a beep, the sound was coming from the radius tracker. There might be a ninth planet (not including dwarf planets). According to the radius tracker. Three hundred metres away there was a non-living planet. Jones and his work friend Derik glanced at the stars.

"A few minutes left until mission 91,"

Derik whispered to Jones. When mission ninety-one started Jones went out of a large compartment in the rocket ship. With an astronaut suit on he started exploring the new planet.

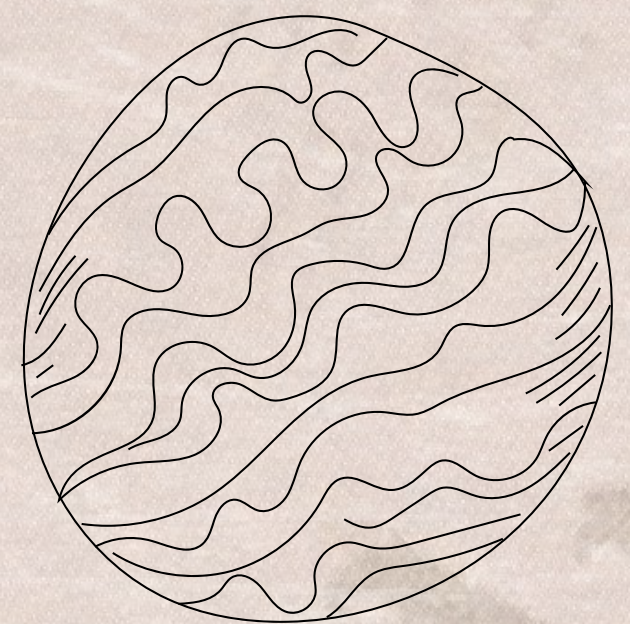
A quarter of the way into exploring the planet there had been no signs of living animals. Just like the space team suspected. But suddenly a creature came out of the hard rock ground. It looked like an alien-type creature. It had dark blue scales and sharp talons that probably explained why it could travel through the tough ground super easily. Once Jones had found all of the creature's strengths and weaknesses the — 'thing' started chasing him. Jones had to act fast since he was not strong enough to run with a heavy suit on. Right then he noticed a fuel pack and a bright blue button on the front of the pack. If he manages to press the button he might escape from the danger.

Luckily, Jones pushed the button and overcame the stress just when the 'thing' was right next to him. Beep, whoosh, Jones flew into the dull sky, until the fuel ran out deserting him in a small, dark cave. At least it will act like a shelter for him, and a shield. Quietly depressed, Jones started to think of a solution to get back to the rocket. Somehow, he had to get back to the ship with the monster surrounding the rocket and while pain inflicted his body from all the bruises and scrapes from the crash. Jones slowly made his way back confidently without any encounters with the monster. He needed this luck to occur more than once.

Jones was half away from his destination, and he could see the rocket ship — barely in the background. So, he ran until the ground shook. He knew it was the monster, so he prepared for an attack. Suddenly, the ground below Jones exploded and then he saw it — the monster.

With its blue scales attached to his back the monster felt more vicious than ever. It swung its gigantic tail at him. Jones dodged the attack and managed to get through the monster, but it was not over yet. The monster burrowed through the ground and stood in front of Jones again. This time the monster spat out some acid, he ran around the puddles of spit and made it outside the rocket ship.

When he entered, he quickly ran into the control room and set the rocket to fly away from the nightmare planet. After lift off Jones updated the information on to the mission manual. He created a name for the planet and a description about it too, and wrote it in the notebook he keeps in bedside stand. He wrote sitting on his bed and fell asleep a few minutes after.





The Running Pumpkin

ALEX WAS A NICE BOY. HE HAD JUST BEEN TO THE CANDY STORE TO GET SOME TREATS FOR HALLOWEEN. THEN HE SAW A VERY CREEPY PUMPKIN AND HE KNEW HE HAD TO GET IT FOR HIS HOUSE. THE BLACK HOLES FOR EYES AND THAT CROOKED SMILE THAT MADE YOU SQUEAL, HELPED WITH THE SCARES IT BROUGHT. THE PUMPKIN WAS TERRIFYING, THE TEETH IT BARED SENT CHILLS DOWN YOUR SPINE AND MADE YOUR BLOOD BOIL. BUT THIS PUMPKIN WAS NO DECORATION, IT HAD BEEN CURSED MANY YEARS AGO AND NOW IT GREW HUNGRY. IT LEAPT OUT OF THE BAG SCREAMING AND WAILING. ALEX RAN! THE PUMPKIN CHASED ALEX AND HE RAN INTO THE WOODS BECAUSE HE WAS SCARED.

BY ASLAN SHINE



THE CROOKED LADY

It is October 31st, the day of Halloween when spirits come through the veil and the worst of nightmares are brought to the surface. Pain is the route of what most people will experience, and fear is comparable to life itself on this day. The simple-minded people like John Maysbury have nothing to lose except their mortgaged house and their 401k. But terrors still lurk in the endless void for people like him.

His daughter Halie has been experiencing nightmares lately, but these are no ordinary nightmares as they have been happening for the past 20 years, every Halloween since she watched her best friend die – in that abandoned house. She was six. The memories still haunt her of being in the house. But that was then, this is now. It was Halloween and tonight she would see the ghost of her best friend wherever she looked. With that same blank look that haunted her since that terrifying day.

The night grew silent as Halie watched the clock turn to seven, then eight, all without seeing her friend Emily's face, as she was pulled by her ankles back into that house. The fraying of the old rope that kept her pinned there. But finally at last she didn't have to worry about the trauma from seeing that gruesome sight. The day was almost ending even though she often saw Emily during the night, she was grateful that tonight may be different. And then she heard the old rickety rope, and she turned around...

She was there, but not screaming anymore, she had somehow removed the rope and was standing, staring, waiting. Her stare was still blank, but she was talking.

"You did this to me Halie"

"BBBBut but I didn't mean to, I am so sorry. That was supposed to be a quick shortcut to my house, how would I know that evil man would be there," said Halie.

"You still went down that alley and brought me with you, you are the reason I am dead!" and with a gargled scream she ran at Halie and decided to show her how it felt!

CRACK!

By Aslan Shine

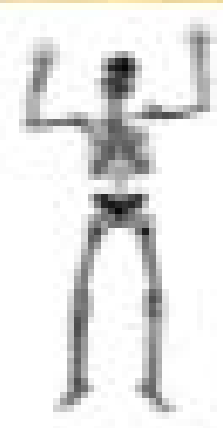


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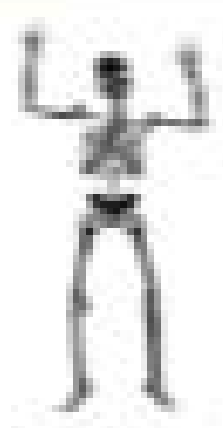
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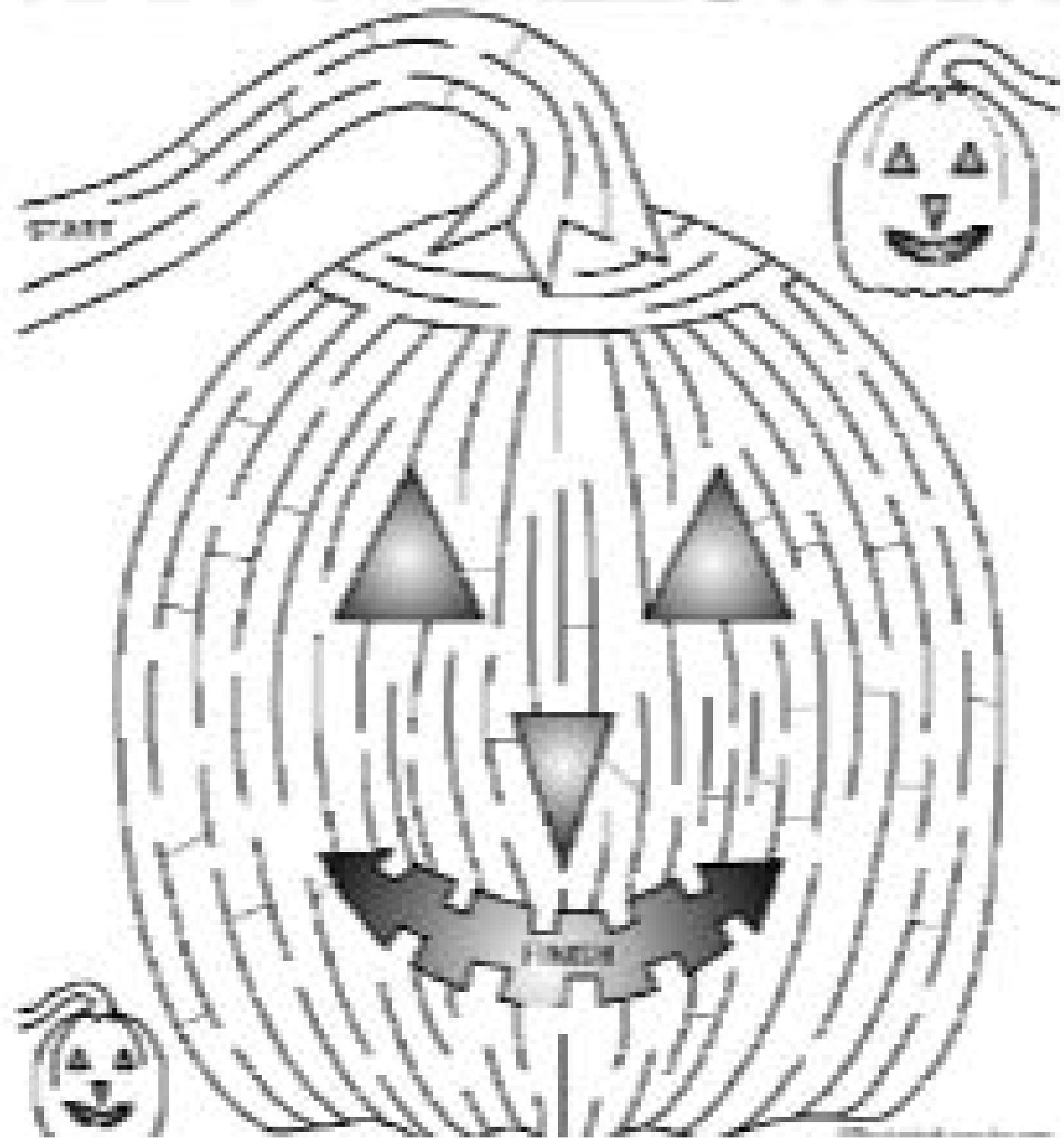
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HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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Jokes page

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Cow go
Cow go who?
No, Cow go moo!

Why don't you give
Elsa a balloon?
Because she'll just
let it go

Knock knock
Who's there?
Cash
Cash who?
No thanks but I'd
love a peanut

What did the ocean
say to the pirate?
Nothing, it just waved

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Ice cream
Ice cream who?
Icecream so you can
hear me

How does Darth
Vadar prefer his
toast?
On the dark side

Why do Sharks swim
in salt water?
Because pepper water
makes them sneeze

By: ELISE



All blacks

The all blacks came second in the Rugby World Cup final. They played South Arrica and lost 11-12. If you don't know who the all blacks are they are our national team for rugby in New Zealand.

The all black got the first ever red card in a final.

The red card went to Sam Cane which is our captain, he high tackled one of the South African players.

We also got one yellow card for landing on the player Bonggi legs.



THE RUGBY WORLD CUP

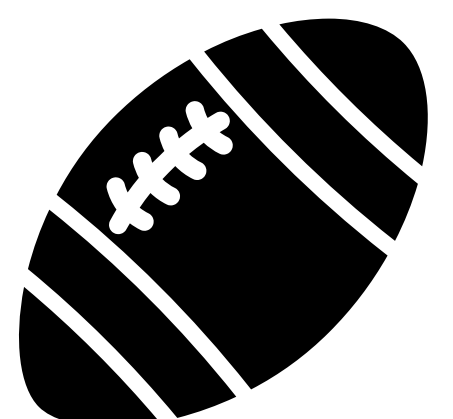
2023

The Rugby World Cup 2023 took place in France, Europe. It went for 51 days from the 8th of September to the 29th of October. The competition is between 20 teams including some of the best: Ireland, New Zealand, France, South Africa that's to name a few. Hundreds of thousands of people went to watch the teams play in France. Supporters from all over the world not only went to France but watched from their homes.

Our New Zealand team The All Blacks did amazingly well, coming 2nd place next to the Springboks (South Africa) who came out 1st place. The final game included suspense and excitement as well as some odd calls. Overall, the top 4 teams were: Argentina, England, New Zealand, and South Africa (in order). The quarter finals, semifinals, and the final were all nailbiters where there was never a dull moment!

The Rugby World Cup winner for 2023 is South Africa. Led by Coach Jacques Nienaber and Captain Siya Kolisi. Some of the best games in the world cup have to be when New Zealand beat Ireland in the quarter finals, the 96-17 score that the All Blacks got over Italy, when Argentina beat Wales. There are so many more. The All Blacks did very well in this Rugby World Cup!!

By Belle Porter



WAITAKERE GAZETTE ADVICE COLUMN



By Jess Adams

What can I do if I see someone not showing the waitakere way?

It depends what they are doing, if it's something mean, make sure they know then make sure to tell a teacher or a peer support mentor if it's at breaktimes. If they are breaking school rules tell them to stop, but if they continue to do it tell a teacher.

What can I do if someone isn't doing what their meant to be doing in class on the devices?

Tell them to stop and ask if they know what they are meant to be doing. If they don't, make sure they ask a classmate who knows or the teacher. If they continue to muck around on the device make sure you tell your classroom teacher.

There is a box in the library entrance for you to put your suggestions in!

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What can I do if I'm being pressured into doing something I don't feel is right?

If someone is pressuring you, always know you don't have to do it! You could tell them to stop, but if they don't stop telling you what to do, you can tell a teacher or adult you trust.

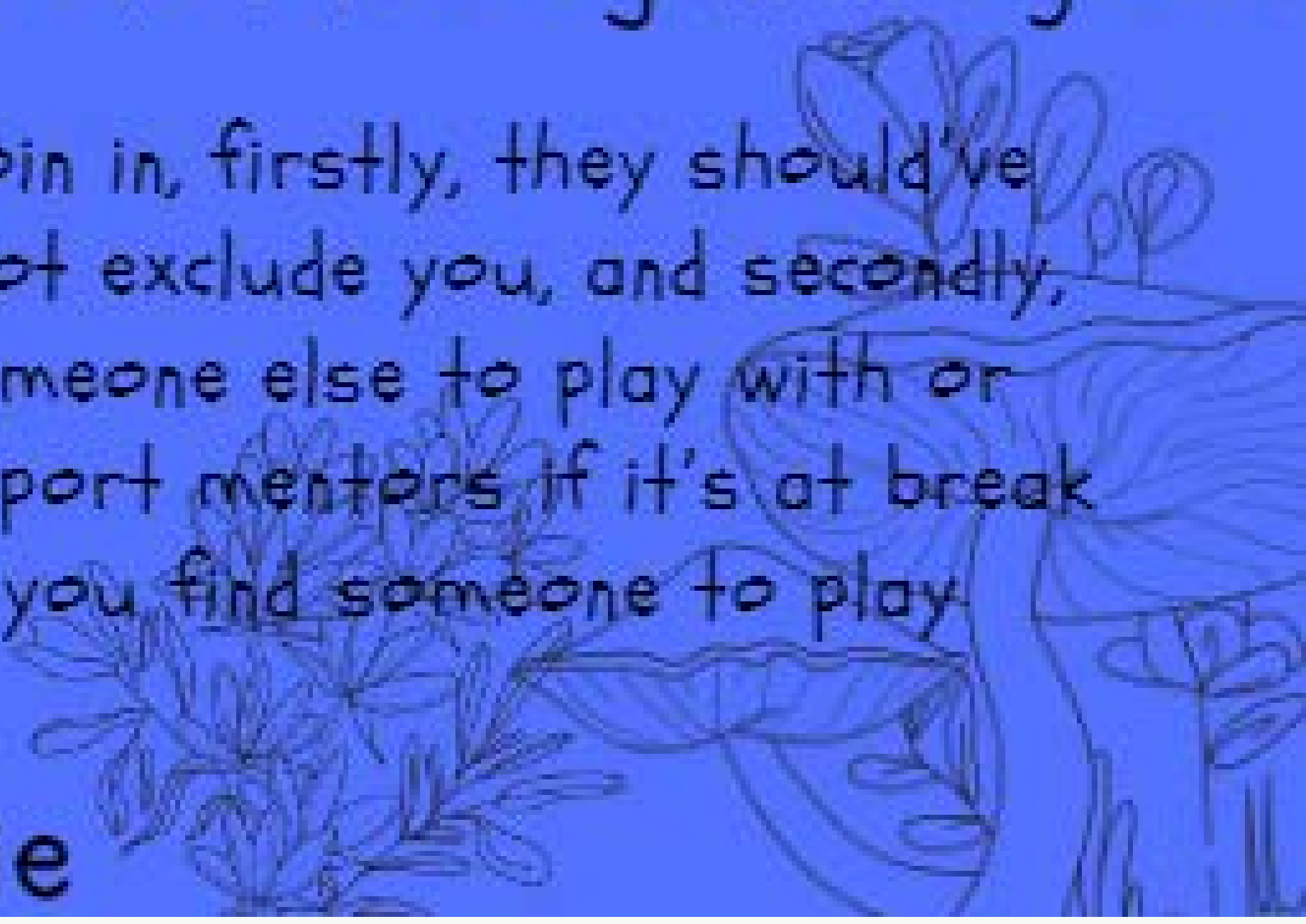
What should I do if I see someone in the classroom at break time.

If you see someone in the class at lunch or morning tea, and there isn't a teacher there, you could tell them they should go outside, but if they don't listen or if they don't want to leave, go get a peer support mentor or duty teacher.

What can I do if no one lets me join in a game?

If no one lets you join in, firstly, they should've let you join in, and not exclude you, and secondly, you could go find someone else to play with or talk to the peer support mentors if it's at break times. They can help you find someone to play with.

By Liz Beattie



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**Use Respectful language
& actions in all
environments and
interactions**

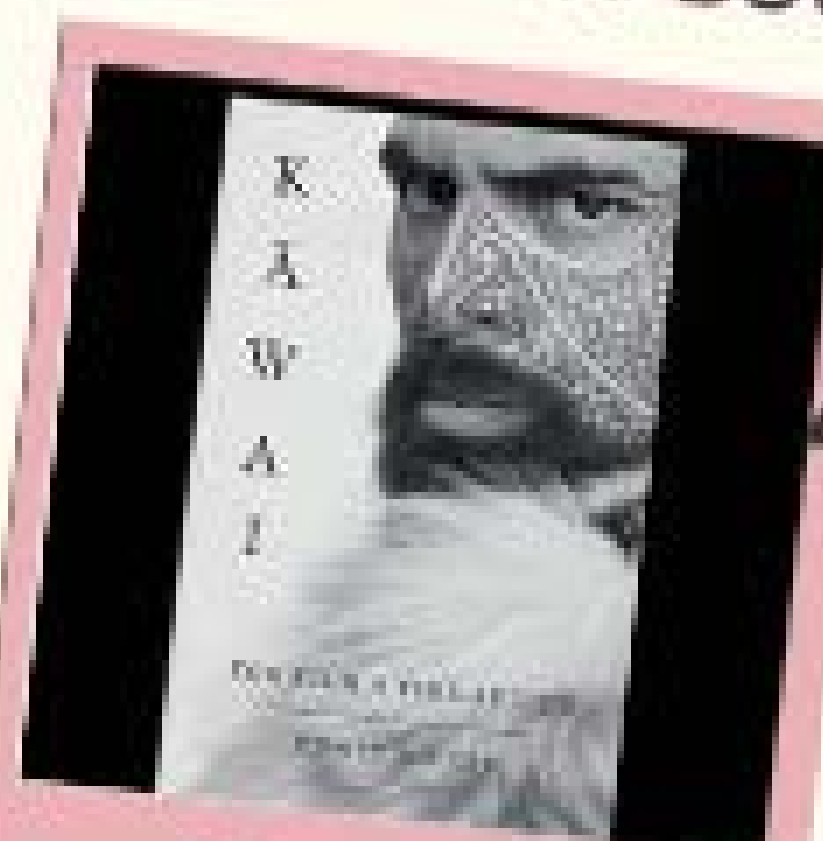
**This means to be kind
and helpful, no matter
where you are or what
you're doing. How do
you think you could
show respect in and out
of school?**

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RHYS HODGE



HODGE'S FAV BOOK



KAWAI

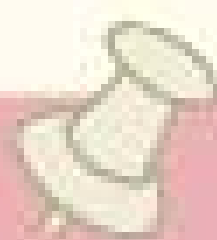


ABOUT HODGE

Mr Hodge has been teaching for 10 years now. His favorite subject to teach is Math, and he claims he loves teaching all age levels (but we all know that's a lie). When he was younger he wanted to be an Astronaut, Archaeologist and a Movie Director. But he still loves his job and finds it very rewarding seeing the progress his students made.

HODGE'S FAVE HOBBY:

USING HIS TELESCOPE TO LOOK INTO THE NIGHT SKY



FUN FACTS:

HODGE DOESN'T HAVE A PET. BUT IF HE DID HE WOULD HAVE A CAT OR A DOG


HIS FAVOURITE FOOD IS: PASTA AND SAUSAGES

THIS DOESN'T REALLY COUNT AS A FACT BUT: HODGE IS A REALLY FUN TEACHER AND THATS WHY KIDS LOVE HIM

WHAT'S UP?

WAITAKERE GAZETTE

Week 5:
Year 7&8 camp.



Week 6:
After school Night
market on Friday,
and Junior athletics
day on
Wednesday. Also
a teacher only day
on Monday




Week 7:
Choir Festival
on
Wednesday.



Week 8:
Senior athletics day on
Wednesday



Week 9:
Monday AMPT day and
Thursday year 7&8 HLC day



Week 10:
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Junior Puzzle

Page

What has to be broken before you can use it?

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- Begonia
- Camation
- Daisy
- Gladiola
- Lily
- Magnolia
- Orchid
- Rose
- Snapdragon
- Tulip
- Violet

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Word Search Puzzle

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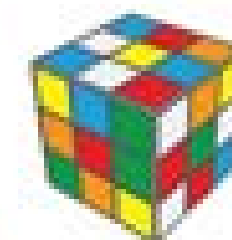
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