



BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH DISTRICT 9940



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15 February 2018

TODAY

President Ross Foubister welcomed Mark Kibblewhite Principal of Arakura School. Kirsten Reid Associate Principal of Ngaio School, Gwyn Narraway a volunteer reader, Joy Durant of the RC of Port Nicholson and Terry Pinfold.

Denys Pinfold asked a Rotary question to which no one had a correct answer and the fish remained in the fridge.

The theme of today's meeting was learning to read with some teachers present from schools where some of our members go each week to encourage pupils with their reading and also Joy Durant who sources the Rotary Dictionary and now the Rotary Atlas. We have given dictionaries in the past to pupils taking part in the reading in schools program and the Rotary Atlas could possibly be used for this too. In some cases the Rotary Dictionary has been the first book a child has



JOY DURANT

Weekly Meeting Thursday
Wellington Bridge Club
17 Tinakori Road
Noon for 12:25 PM

22 February 2018
Scholarship Presentation

Reflection	David Young
Introduce Speaker	Tony Fryer
Vote of Thanks	David Pickering
Parting Thought	Morris Robertsom
Attendance	Lionel Nunns
Fellowship	Rory O'Connor
Tables	Bob Laybourn
AV	Maurice Scott

29 February 2018
Dr Richard Stein,
gastroenterologist.

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possessed.

Apologies and guests advise
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by Noon Wednesday.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

John Bonallack

An author's perspective on boys learning to read.



Tony Fryer introduced John Bonallack who has been a primary teacher for 30 years, edited the school journal for 10 years and taught in South Pacific islands with NZ Aid.

John said that to get boys interested in reading it helped to select books that would appeal to boys. Adventure stories are good for this especially if they feature boys the same age or a little older than the reader, if the main character becomes a hero and if he and gains adult approval. Non fiction can also be good because boys like to know stuff.

Other points he made were that if the experience is easy, fun and a success boys will read. Short sentences are good. Boys starting to read can not process a sentence until they get to a full stop. He also emphasised the importance of reading to children even after they have learnt to read themselves.

John told us about books he has written for young readers. These have been self published to keep costs down and he sells these directly to schools. They must meet a need because schools buy them.



KIRSTEN REID

A question and answer session went on for some time and it was obvious that members know how important reading is and were interested in how to encourage it.

Kirsten Reid from Ngaio School thanked the members who came to her school for reading in schools. She said they were making a real difference.

Mark Kibblewhite from Arakura School said we are saving lives by giving children a love of reading.

David Pickering moved a vote of thanks to John Bonallack.

From Monday's Board meeting

Scheduled lunch meetings for 29 March and 26 April will not be held. Their proximity to public holidays may have meant a low attendance.

The Board will meet again at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday 21 February in connection with the Revitalisation Project.

Approval was given to notify a proposed new member. Details will be sent to members shortly.

BULLETIN

Morris Robertson will produce the Bulletin for the next two weeks.
Please keep him informed

PARTING THOUGHT

The ability to read gives access to knowledge but not always the ability to use that knowledge wisely, as illustrated by the following quote.

Knowledge is knowing that tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

-from Morris Robertson

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