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## Hello Members,

Well the weather has been great and I have often come in from outside tired from pulling weeds which tend to grow super fast in the Spring, hence the newsletter information for Nita has taken me a while to compile.

### IT'S CHRISTMAS IN JUST 7 WEEKS

To get us into the Christmas Spirit we are having a Luncheon at Aratapu Tavern 7<sup>th</sup> December at midday \$18.00 includes a glass of fruit punch, Buffet Christmas Meal and Dessert. Shane and Bev have some fun quizzes to keep us amused so bring your big smiles and Christmas fun, and there will be a Christmas Hamper raffle

We will be leaving the Learning Centre at 11.45am and we can carpool. If you wish to take a ride with a committee member please advise when paying your \$18.00. You will need to book and **pay** for this luncheon by **November 16<sup>th</sup>** so that we can let Shirley at Aratapu Tavern know how many are coming.

We hope to have a great Christmas breakup for our SeniorNet so your committee looks forward to seeing you all.

The Learning year is coming to an end as most of you are getting busy and it is hard to commit to lessons. However if you do want some extra tuition with mailmerge or cardmaking get in touch with Francie and we may be able to have a couple of Workshops. When you speak to Francie don't forget to let her know what Programme you are working in – Microsoft Office 2000, 2002/3 or 2007, as these all work differently.

If you are looking for something different to serve for Christmas Dinner, why not try surfing the net? Just go to Google and type in 'Christmas recipes', you might spend quite a lot of time imagining what each recipe might be like but it is fun to include something different sometimes.

I look forward to meeting with you on November 16<sup>th</sup>,

Regards till next time **Heather**

### Lottery Grants

The Lottery Grants Board funded SeniorNet Research which was commissioned by the SeniorNet Federation has now been published. A copy of the final report is available on the [www.seniornet.co.nz](http://www.seniornet.co.nz) site. There is a click through tab on the home page "Research Report".

The report confirms the Federation and its Learning Centres provide an extremely valuable service to the community of New Zealand with the quality teaching it performs and sets out a platform on which to move forward with.

Your committee are working through this rather long report to make sure that we meet the standards of all SeniorNets and use suggestions to further enhance our Learning

.Welcome to our new members

Marie Howard, Marie Howard, Grace Tui, Dot McKee, Elizabeth Worthington.

#### Disclaimer

From time to time some of our members voluntarily give help and advice to other members on matters relating to computers, associated equipment and software. This includes information contained in this newsletter. This help or advice is taken solely at the recipient's risk and imposes no responsibility or liability of any kind, either on those providing such help or advice, the newsletter editor, or on SeniorNet Dargaville Inc.



**SOCIAL DAY**  
Monday November 16  
At 1.00pm



There will be an overview on Windows 7  
And discussion about this new Operating System that new computers  
are now loaded with  
Come and share your computer experiences good and bad  
Have a cuppa and chat  
Check out any new courses with Francie  
Martin will advise and help with problems  
Don't forget to  
**PAY FOR YOUR XMAS LUNCHEON** which will be at Aratapu



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The handbook is strong on the computer and networking aspects of genealogy.

Your Family's History for just \$15.00 plus postage is a 40 page, A5 booklet, containing 11,000 words and 24 illustrations. It is available from the Ngaio Press website

[www.ngaiopress.com/familyhistory.htm](http://www.ngaiopress.com/familyhistory.htm)

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### MS Win 7

The Following article appeared in the NZ Herald's review of MS Win 7 recently and for all those who are thinking about updating their computers, this certainly gives confidence to go ahead with the newest version of Windows.

"I have been using it on my latest PC for about four months now and can confirm that it is a vast improvement over Vista and also a smoother experience than WinXP, with some nice extra's. The reality is that no one seems enthralled with Vista and time is running out when Microsoft will stop supporting security upgrades and bugfixes for XP. Installation of the evaluation copy (full version) was very straight forward and it detected and loaded all the necessary drivers for hard disks, printers, monitors, CD/DVD drives etc. I had no problem setting up for multiple monitors and can verify the boot time is much reduced – it loads even faster than XP. While there is a small learning curve associated with getting the most out of the new features, I think most users will be pleasantly surprised" Thank you to Larry Hurst for providing this

### Course Co-ordinators Report.

The year seems to have flown by and we have seen many of you coming to the centre for courses. Now would be the time to consider what courses you would like to do next year. Currently three courses are running.

Welcome to our 4 new members. It is good to see them settling in to classes.

Please remember that 16<sup>th</sup> November is our last Social Day this year and that Payment for our Christmas Dinner should be paid by that date.

Our final day for the camera group is November 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. You do not have to have done the camera course – this is for anyone interested in photography. We are all amateurs and are open to any new ideas. Everyone welcome.

Hope to see you all at the Social Day.

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**Mum, Can I have a dog for Christmas ?**

No you can have turkey like everyone else !

**What did the big cracker say to the little cracker ?**

My pop is bigger than yours !

**We had grandma for Christmas dinner ?**

Really, we had turkey !

**Whats happens if you eat the Christmas decorations ?**

You get tinsel-itus !



**You will need to book and pay for the Christmas luncheon  
by November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Payment Slip send to Faye Bakulich, 7 McKay Cres, Dargaville 0310.**

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