

## **Club Notes:**

Apology

- 1. David Foris reported that \$9,000 had been sent to the Victory School in Vanuatu and a District Grant application has been filed for completing their boundary fence/wall.
- 2. Next week we will have a **Monster Raffle** to raise funds for **Blue September**. Please bring some extra dollars (as well as your partner) for this.

**Members**— If you are <u>unable to attend</u> a meeting <u>please</u> contact **Barry Denton** by <u>6pm</u> the previous <u>Sunday night</u>.

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## Speaker

Dan Allen-Gordon -

<u>Graeme Dingle Foundation</u> programmes use elements of the great outdoors, inspirational classroom leaders and world-class mentors to help young people, from age 5 to 18, keep on track,





develop confidence, build resilience and self-belief, set goals for the future, and contribute positively to society.

The Foundation runs four different, age-related programmes:

**Kiwi Can** is an energy-packed primary school programme, aimed at children aged 5 to 12 years. It teaches values such as integrity and respect, helps build resilience and delivers fun-filled learning to schools all around the country. Kiwi Can is the <u>first step of a journey</u> that takes young people through Graeme Dingle Foundation programmes at different stages in their schooling. It sets a foundation of values and life skills that the students take with them through school and into later life. Each student visits a Kiwi Can class once a week to enjoy a positive, uplifting environment that encourages self belief and confidence.

The **Stars** programme strengthens young people for that tricky transition into <u>secondary school</u>, through training and supporting older students to mentor and walk alongside the new Year 9's. Stars is the next step of a students journey as they move on into secondary school. It's a 12-month mentoring programme that supports, motivates and positively reinforces Year 9 students during their first year at secondary school.

**Project K** kicks in at a time when young people need it most. Designed for Year 10's, this programme builds confidence, teaches life skills, promotes good health and encourages a positive attitude. Project K impacts on a young person at an instrumental time in their lives. It focuses on building self-confidence, life skills and a healthy lifestyle through an array of outdoor activities, challenges, interaction with other young people and a positive relationship with a mentor.

**Career Navigator** helps by assisting New Zealand's young people with valuable information, options and guidance around work and life choices. The purpose is to support young people to aim high to achieve their career goals. Career Navigator is the last step before students leave school, enter the world and embark on their career journey. This programme helps students navigate their way through the endless career opportunities presented to them. They get real world experience in fields in which they are interested in and an idea of what their future career path may look like.

Dan gave examples of how young people have benefited from attending these programmes. You can read their **stories** <u>here</u>.

# Five Minute Talk from Sandra Haigh

Sandra shared with us three books she greatly admired

The first novel – <u>The Tale of Genji</u>, a classic work of Japanese literature written in the early 11th century by the noblewoman and lady-in-waiting Murasaki Shikibu. The original manuscript was made in "concertina" or orihon style: several sheets of paper pasted together and folded alternately in one direction then the other. The work is a unique depiction of the lifestyles of high courtiers of the time.

The <u>Gutenberg Bible</u> was the earliest major book printed using mass-produced movable metal type in Europe. It marked the start of the "Gutenberg Revolution" and the age of printed books in the West. The artistic book was printed in the 1450s by Johannes Gutenberg in Mainz, in present-day Germany. About 50 of the original 180 copies have survived.

The <u>Book of Kells</u>, sometimes known as the Book of Columba) is an illuminated manuscript Gospel book in Latin, containing the four Gospels of the New Testament . It was created in a Columban monastery in either Scotland, England, or Ireland and is believed to have been created c. 800 AD. It is a masterwork of Western calligraphy and represents the pinnacle of Insular illumination. The manuscript takes its name from the Abbey of Kells, which was its home for centuries.

#### The Katikati Community Breakfast

The biggest challenges for many Katikati families during the recent Covid lockdown have been identified as food poverty and mental health. A new initiative by the **Katikati Community Centre** aims to address this by hosting a <u>weekly drop-in breakfast</u>, starting later this month, providing food, companionship and access to support services. It will take place at the Baptist Church, adjacent to the Food Bank.

The aim is to:

- Draw in up to about 40 people who are isolated, lonely (e.g. the homeless) and probably hungry
- Provide some healthy food and an opportunity for companionship
- Identify needs and connect people with support e.g. foodbank, budgeting & counselling services

The organising committee includes representatives of the Community Centre, Reach Out Trust, Christian Foodbank, Taiao and Rotary (John Bothwell is on the planning committee). Further information and requests for in-kind and financial assistance will be provided in the 'Advertiser' and a flyer.

It is proposed that the Club provide financial assistance from funds raised in our weekly raffle.

### Parting Thought from Sandra Haigh

Before you go on a journey be sure to know the stars

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