

Newsletter August 2022

From Sue

Hello everyone,

SeniorNet Kapiti tutors are reviewing Term 4 timetable, prior to finalising. We hope as we get further into Term 3, you will be keen to pick up another workshop or course and that the timetables help each of you to plan your 'winter/spring learning' needs.

Please don't forget to take advantage of ½ price courses and workshops until the end of 2022.

As you may have received **your invitation to celebrate SeniorNet Kapiti 25th Anniversary on 14 September**. Please remember to pop this date into your calendar and, see below for more.....

SeniorNet Kapiti held *Open Days* on Tuesday 26 July at Coastlands, followed by a session on Saturday 30 July, at the Learning Centre. Thank you to all those people who came along to either support SeniorNet Kapiti or to join and start their digital learning path.

OE! Over the last month my grandchildren were in Turkey, Belgium and Paris. Which has given our grandchildren even more energy to travel further afield! Well, this time they are in Marseilles, what a trip they are having! We are still enjoying their summaries of the adventure they are on. Also the great photos they are sharing 'online', so no need to email them these days!

Remember if you're not sure how to set up an online chat, or Facetime, just let SeniorNet Kapiti know, so we can help get you started.

Sue Connor

Chair, SeniorNet Kapiti Inc.

25th Anniversary Celebrations



The 25th Anniversary, will be held at Anzil Restaurant, 111 Main Road, Lindale Village, Paraparaumu.

Starting at 1.30pm with formalities at 2pm. Which will be followed by an afternoon tea to celebrate SeniorNet Kapiti and you, our members and friends.

We're Still Looking for a Secretary – Can you help?

We find that we are in need of a Secretary (or minute taker). You do not need to be a member of the committee, so please get in touch if you have a morning free (9.30am to 12noon) on the second Thursday of each month.

We are also keen to have more volunteers to join us at SeniorNet Kapiti, from making a cuppa for anyone attending classes to helping with class admin tasks. Please get in touch and come along and find out a little more about SeniorNet Kapiti. We have a wonderful team of tutors, who are keen to share their knowledge and enjoy the camaraderie they find at courses and workshops with you are members and of course their fellow tutors.

We'd love to hear from you if you're interested, don't be shy – get in touch with SeniorNet Kapiti to tell us more about yourself.

Office Administrator – wanted for all the right reasons!



Our current Office Administrator has another role within SeniorNet Kapiti. This means that we are in need of an organised and practical person, who can help keep the office running like clockwork! The Office Administrator, will help to pass on their knowledge in this area.

We are happy to be of help when/if needed. Please contact SeniorNet Kapiti to find out more details.

Women's Institute – Waikanae, Scam Session

I was invited to give an overview on SCAMs at the above meeting. It was interesting to attend and discuss the types of SCAMs that are going around currently. These wonderful ladies had heard of quite a few of these SCAMs. Perhaps either from people calling on the phone, texting or even emailing to see if they can 'con' you out of your hard earned money.

Its good to remember to 'stand back, take a breath' and think what is this person after? Then once you've given it a bit of thought, you're ready to choose the right action for you. If you need help in this area, don't hesitate to tell someone, there is no shame in asking for help with people who are trying to SCAM you, a friend or loved one.

NetSafe – Help keep people safe online

The team at Netsafe will be able to help in a variety of ways, so let them help you to stay safe online. Their website is often updated...

5 tips to keep safe online



1 Keep it locked

Get someone to help you set up a PIN or password to protect your phone, laptop and other devices, as well as all your accounts and the information contained in them.



2 Keep it private

Don't share personal information like your address and phone number. Find out how to keep your profiles on social media private so only people you want to see can see what you share.



3 Keep it to yourself

Anything you do online leaves behind what's known as a digital footprint – a record of what you do and say. Think very carefully before you say or post anything as you won't be able to stop other people viewing it – even when you delete it.



4 Keep it real

Sometimes, people pretend to be someone else online. Check anyone who makes friends with you online to see they are who they say they are. If you aren't sure, ask someone you know to help you find out.



5 Keep it honest

The internet is just like real life.

- Be kind
- Be respectful
- Be careful taking or sharing information with people you don't know.

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email help@netsafe.org.nz
for free help.



Grey Power, Wednesday 21 September

SeniorNet Kapiti will be helping members at their regular monthly 'social meeting' to get the best from their devices. We will hold a general session of 'What can I do with my device' which can be from writing a letter to searching on the internet.

As you are all aware the internet has played a big part in keeping people connected over the past year – and that trend helps more and more people keep in touch, stay safe online.

SeniorHangouts Assistance

We are here to help all those interested in [SeniorHangouts](#) to register if they have not yet done so. Anytime you are at SeniorNet Kapiti just ask one of the volunteers to help get you started.

Within SeniorHangouts, there are lots of earlier sessions that have been recorded. It certainly helps you if you have missed a session – its so easy to watch it later.... just log into [SeniorHangouts](#), select the session from the 'Library' tab (you can search for items). More details below...

Term 3 Courses and Workshops

SeniorNet Kapiti Term 3 timetable has been published, so why not book your next [course](#) or [workshop](#) now? Ensure you don't miss out on your next opportunity to do something different. Please call or text Elaine on **021 169 6256** to book your place on a course or workshop.

Please so call Elaine on **021 169 6256** if you **are unable to attend** a class that you have booked. It's difficult to tell people that courses or workshops are fully booked, only to find out that someone hasn't come along. So please let us know.

Covid-19 Status – we are “Open for Business”

Under the traffic light system....

We are now at ORANGE.

The focus of this setting is to make life simple and close to normal but at the same time to retain the things that are most effective at reducing the spread of COVID-19 and protecting people – this is an essential shift from community protective measures to individual responsibility

As we now are at **Orange** you can expect things to be a little different at the Learning Centre;

- Tutors are all fully vaccinated
 - *SeniorNet Kapiti recommends that members keep all their vaccinations up to date*
 - For privacy reasons, **no** vaccination information has been retained by SeniorNet Kapiti
 - Masks are required to be worn in the Learning Centre based on the Traffic Light level at the time – the Lead Tutor is not required to wear a mask when teaching (there will be a 1m distance from participants)
 - Distancing is also one of the protective measures
 - Tutors will continue to be discouraged from handling members devices (laptops, smartphones etc)
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SeniorHangouts is Running – every day



seniorhangouts

Where seniors hangout
with technology

SeniorHangouts is the online learning platform run by SeniorNet.

All current members of SeniorNet Learning Centres in New Zealand are welcome to participate (free).

With the recent launch of the new, integrated [SeniorHangouts website](#), everyone is required to re-register. It's a super-simple process and our members are encouraged to join and participate – it's free to all SeniorNet Kapiti members

If you are interested in what's coming up next week (and every week), please use [this excellent site](#) (*thanks to SeniorNet Manawatu*) which is updated Sunday evening. It also includes direct links to the upcoming sessions – just click and go!

To watch old sessions, go to the [SeniorHangouts website](#), where you can watch previously held sessions in the extensive library on a wide variety of topics that may interest you.

Why not invite one of your friends to a SeniorHangouts session and take the opportunity to meet, talk technology and socialise with other seniors.

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Happy Learning!