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Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the RSA, Elliot Street, starting at 09-45am.

Next meeting is on **Thursday 13th October**

The Speaker will be **Faris HAMAMA** from **NCQ**

TECHNOLOGY. NCQ technology provide computer hardware, PCs and peripherals to both the private and public sector of New Zealand. They are situated at 1 Broadway, Papakura.



CHAIRMAN'S NOTEPAD

This month the Franklin Positive Aging Expo was held in Pukekohe. Your committee organised a stall there and were busy all day fielding questions from prospective members.

The new iMac and the Perspex PC attracted a lot of attention. Thank you to those committee members who assisted on the stand.

On Saturday 1st October we are holding an Open Day. It your chance to come to the Learning Centre between 9.30 and 2.30 and ask those things that are puzzling you. We would love to see you there.

Our website now has the course registrations for Term 4 on the What's On page. Please look at this and support the club by registering early for the courses. Also note that there is a full range of revision tutorials listed for the whole of Term 4. These are a great way of refreshing your memory on a subject

See you at the general meeting in the RSA on Thursday October 13

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Course Enrolments—Term 4

By now you should have received by email or snail mail the schedule of courses planned for Term 4. Please enrol early if you wish to be on a course. We would prefer that you apply on line by going to our web page www.seniornetpapakura.org.nz. When the website opens, in the **Index** panel, at the top right, click on **What's On!** To enrol for a course, under 'Course Registrations' click the red **here now**. Fill in the Course Registration form.

IMPORTANT!!! Do not forget to click **SUBMIT**.

CLOSING DATE for enrolments is Friday October 7th

If you have not received confirmation of your enrolment and a request for payment on the first day of the course, by 2 weeks before the course is due to start please email the Learning Centre at: seniornet.pap@xtra.co.nz or phone 296 7263 and leave a message. We will follow up with a response.

Lorraine

Course Coordinator

WINNERS OF LAST MEETINGS

RAFFLE:

First prize: Les YEATS

Second: Margaret LLEWELYN

Third: Isabel SEFTOM



"If somebody has a bad heart, they can plug this jack in at night as they go to bed and it will monitor their heart throughout the night. And the next morning, when they wake up dead, there'll be a record."

--Mark S. Fowler, FCC Chairman



Welcome to our new members who have joined since the last issue:

Frances Van-Lier Margaret Nikiel
Glenda McPhee Les Yeats Violet Mitchiner
Denis Kelly

To our members who are unwell at the moment a cheery hello, and our sincerest condolences to those who have recently lost someone near and dear to them.



Thanks to all the contributors.

In the words of Dean Martin—*Keep those cards and letters rolling in.*



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Special Interests Groups & Workshops

CAMERA & PHOTO WORKSHOP GROUP

Thursday 20th October 2011
Meets at 9:30am to 11.30

Followed at 11:30am to Noon for specialist subjects
For all camera users, digital or film. Bring your camera and its manual.

GRAPHICS GROUP

Monday 17th October 2011 at 2:00pm

Bring along any problems you are having with any graphics software programme. Put the problem piece on a flash drive and we will see what we can do.

Why not come along and find out more?

GENEALOGY GROUP

Tuesday 4th October 2011 at 1-00pm

Bring along your queries on your ancestors. There is to be individual research in the classrooms with help available.

APPLE MAC GROUP

This is part of the SeniorNet Papakura organization, and meets on 1st, 3rd & 4th Thursdays of the month, from 9am - 11.30am at the Learning Centre, Old Courthouse building, Wood Street, Papakura. Whether you are a new user, beginner or advanced you are welcome to attend our group and share your Mac experience. If you wish to know more you can contact John Rose - jrose@ix.net.nz.

TUTORIALS & OPEN WORKSHOPS

Drop Box. Wednesday 28th September at 1.00pm. Tony Bourne

WORKSHOP/CLINIC

Having a problem with your Laptop, CPU or a particular program?

We will run a clinic from 1.00 to 3.30 on the last 4 Wednesdays of this Term.

No registration required - Starting Wednesday 14th Sept: also on Sept 21, Sept 28 and Oct 5.

WEDNESDAY REVISION TUTORIALS - Term 4

The aim of these tutorials is to refresh your memory on those things you learnt and have forgotten! **ALL THESE TUTORIALS WILL BE HELD ON A WEDNESDAY at 1.00PM**

Bring along your Course notes and questions for us to answer. There will be no course notes, therefore - no charge.

MS WORD 27 OCTOBER

MS EXCEL 2 NOVEMBER

GOOGLE 9 NOVEMBER - There is more to Google than just a search engine.

ALL THINGS GRAPHICAL 16 NOVEMBER - Covering all the GRAPHICS courses we offer.

EMAIL 23 NOVEMBER - Including Outlook Express and Windows Live Mail

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTING 30 NOVEMBER - Includes Windows XP, Vista and Win 7

To enrol for any of these TUTORIALS go to the SeniorNet Papakura website — www.seniornetpapakura.org.nz — Go to the What's On? link and under Tutorials click the relevant [here](#) link. Then fill in the form and click [submit](#).

WONDERFUL ENGLISH FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Cocktail lounge , Norway :

**LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO
HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR**

On the main road to Mombasa, leaving
Nairobi :

**TAKE NOTICE: WHEN THIS SIGN IS
UNDER WATER, THIS ROAD IS
IMPASSABLE.**

Hotel, Japan :

**YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE AD-
VANTAGE OF THE CHAMBERMAID.**

A laundry in Rome :

**LADIES, LEAVE YOUR CLOTHES
HERE AND SPEND THE AFTER-
NOON HAVING A GOOD TIME**

Sign in an Alabama Motel:

**WIVES FIRST NAMES TO BE REGIS-
TERED AT CHECK-IN, EVEN IF
SOMEBODY ELSE'S WIFE**

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LINK TO SENIORNET SPECIALS



**Don't forget to regularly check the
Federation website to find out
what's going on in the rest of New
Zealand and for the latest in
special offers go to this site—**

[http://www.seniornet.org.nz/
specials.asp](http://www.seniornet.org.nz/specials.asp)

Photo Print Calendar

*(Came across this by accident – downloaded and found it easy to
use and can be useful – Tony B)*

Photo Print Calendar is a
powerful tool for creating
common wall calendars.
You can use your own
images as main picture for
every single month. Photo
Print Calendar is
international and allows
users to format the view of
days and weeks in different local ways. The easy to use
interface gives access to all options and allows creating your
own calendar in a few minutes. Nice December tool, even
for creating personal (Christmas) gifts. [http://www.photo-
freeware.net/photo-print-calendar.php](http://www.photo-freeware.net/photo-print-calendar.php)



Passwords:

First of all it's darn near impossible to remember passwords if you create strong, complex passwords. Therefore it is recommended you use a password manager like LastPass. Not only will LastPass generate complex and strong passwords for you - it will remember them and even fill in the web forms for you. All you need to remember is one password – the master password and symbols. So do yourself a favour download and install Lastpass at <http://lastpass.com/index.php> – it's free, and you can forget about the aging gray matter and rely on LastPass instead. Even if your computer crashes – your passwords are stored on a secure server, encrypted, and only accessible with your master password.

**"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."
--Department of Social Services, Greenville , South Carolina**

[Microsoft Unveils Windows 8 at BUILD Conference](#)

After months of waiting, developers have finally got their first peek at Microsoft's next operating system (OS), Windows 8. The major difference between Windows 8 and any other version of Windows, for that matter, is that it embraces tablet computing and tablet technology from the ground up.

According to Microsoft Windows president Stephen Sinofsky, the new design is intended to completely change how people think of Microsoft's ubiquitous OS.

"We reimagined Windows," Sinofsky said. "From the chipset to the user experience, Windows 8 brings a new range of capabilities without compromise."

Upon taking a closer look at the changes, the most obvious update has to do with Windows 8's interface.

Rather than take previous desktop versions of the OS as an inspiration, it's clear with Windows 8 that many of the design elements have been borrowed from the Windows Phone 7 platform found on smartphones. The most obvious example of this trans-hardware sharing is the inclusion of the Metro interface, which uses separate blocks called Live Tiles for navigation.

Live Tiles are touch sensitive and, when clicked upon, immediately display information associated with email, social networking, instant messaging and other services. Of course, such a system is ideal for tablet devices.

For its part, Microsoft doesn't appear at all ashamed that it's borrowing so heavily from its mobile platform for a new PC OS.

"Windows 8 introduces a new Metro-style interface built for touch, which shows information important to you, embodies simplicity, and gives you control... The Metro style UI is equally at home with a mouse and keyboard".

Although it's not yet known when Windows 8 will ship, Microsoft's ability to shed light on so much of the OS' navigation system has fuelled rumours that it could be ready for early 2012.

(Source: [Infopackets.com](#))

[Google adds weather to Google Maps](#)

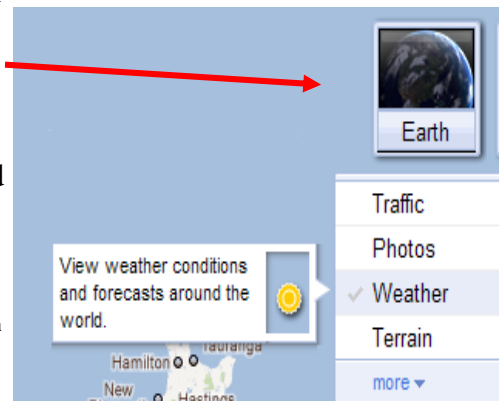
Google has embedded a weather layer to its Google Maps tool, thanks to partnerships with weather.com and the US Naval Research Lab.

Users will be able to access instant weather reports for any city in the globe, including temperature readings and four-day forecasts.

To access the tool, go to [Google Maps](#) and hover over the icon in the top right-hand corner. Then click on weather, and you get something like below and a map of the country. Zoom to the city

you want and click on it.

This one was created on Saturday 24th September.



Weather

°C | °F km/h | mph | m/s

17°C Manukau, New Zealand	17°C Hamilton, New Zealand
17°C Auckland, New Zealand	17°C North Shore, New Zealand
17°C Papakura, New Zealand	17°C Mount Roskill, New Zealand
17°C Te Atatu Peninsula, New Zea	17°C Kawhia, New Zealand
17°C Dannemora, New Zealand	

[weather.com](#)



A handy little site. What will they think of next?



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Partnering up to improve the safety of senior road users

SeniorNet and the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) have partnered up to improve the safety of senior road users. The NZTA has developed some new online resources and felt that SeniorNets' community learning network would be a great way to raise awareness of them.

For many older people driving is a key to their independence, and many of them rely on their cars to get around – for shopping, appointments or visiting friends and family.

While older drivers don't have as many crashes as younger drivers, if they do crash they are more at risk of being seriously injured or killed. This is due to increasing physical fragility.

The NZTA's new education resources for senior road users include the Staying Safe online toolkit at www.nzta.govt.nz/traffic/senior-road-users.

This website section has been designed for older drivers and provides interactive activities and information to help older drivers improve safety for themselves. They're designed to help people maintain their independence while also staying safe on the road.

The information includes:

- ✦ an online self assessment quiz that provides some guidance to senior road users to help them self-examine and compare their own ability with the requirements for safe-driving
- ✦ brief video clips of how to keep safe in the following driving situations:
 - Safe driving rules
 - Flush medians
 - Roundabouts
 - Traffic lights
 - Motorways
 - Open road driving
- ✦ information on how to choose a safe vehicle
- ✦ information on safe alternatives to driving including walking and cycling.

The website has simple usability, there are instructions on how to make the font larger online and navigation has been designed to be straightforward

Staying Safe workshops

The NZTA has also launched some Staying Safe workshop materials available to any organisation that wants to provide a refresher road safety workshop for senior road users. I'll be talking to Learning Centres more about this through the year at our Regional Meetings.

The Staying Safe course content and supporting material are designed to help organisations provide classroom-based road safety refresher workshops for senior road users.

More information for organisations interested in running workshops is available at www.nzta.govt.nz/traffic/senior-road-users/staying-safe.html.

There is no direct funding from NZTA to run these courses but the resources can be used free of charge if charges for Staying Safe workshops are for your time, the venue, refreshments, photocopying etc, and not for profit.

Grant Sidaway
Executive Officer
The Federation Of NZ SeniorNet Societies Inc.

Good sites—well worth a look.



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"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."

--Mariah Carey

If you want to have anything included in the next newsletter, the closing date for copy is 21st October 2011.



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