

NEWSLETTER

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Manawatu

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From the President's Perch

I'm writing this with June just completed. Another busy month.

In June we started our first "Windows 10 for Beginners" class. The second run of this will start at the end of July, followed by classes on Gmail and Google Drive. So our class schedule is pretty busy. Our Tech Help sessions are often fully booked now, which shows their popularity.

We are also involved with a project in Feilding to teach basic computing skills using a Chromebook computer. That is gaining momentum with the arrival of 6 Chromebooks for us to use. This project is intended to take people (Seniors are targeted) with no knowledge and get them up to speed. This project is being run by the Feilding Senior Hub and we are providing the teaching. Kevin and I will be running this and we are both excited to see how it works out. This is a different approach to getting people into the Digital Age and may be useful for us going forward.

We are taking a break over the school holidays (12-23 July). We will be back at it after that.

Remember to contact us if you have any questions, comments or suggestions - we will still check that email inbox.

John Gibsone. **President**



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iPad Learning Group Monthly Meeting

Next Meeting – 7th July

User Group meets at 1.30pm on the first
Wednesday of the month.



Contact: Mike Lawrence Phone 323 2456.

Do you need help with online banking?

First of all, have you seen the demonstration systems at Westpac and BNZ?

They may be helpful for you to 'experiment' on. Visit these websites

Westpac: <https://bank.westpac.co.nz/demo/app.html#login>

BNZ: <https://demo.bnz.co.nz/client/>

Anyway, after some deliberation, we have decided to offer help with using online banking as a one-on-one Tech Help session. This does pose us some privacy concerns as you can imagine, so we have a few guidelines around it, and some other rules as well.

1. Make sure that you have arranged all of the checks with your bank so that you have all of the login/password details so that you can access your accounts - we cannot help with this at all. You can contact your bank by visiting a branch, or perhaps by calling their helpline. The banks all seem very helpful, and may even give you some tuition as well.
2. Make sure that you tell us that you want to look at online banking when you book your session, and which bank you use.
3. Bring your device (or devices) with you. Many online banking actions on your computer will require confirmation on your smartphone.
4. You will need to enter your password - we do not want to see or know your password. We will also get you to 'drive' your device, while we watch and guide you.
5. Make sure that you are happy with us seeing your banking details. We will ensure that nobody else can see it, and we will not divulge any of your information.
6. Have patience with us as we are not up to speed with every bank (yet anyway!).

Please register your interest by emailing us at: seniornet.pnth@gmail.com

Tip!

Scan old printed photos easily with Google's Photo Scan app

Check out this video for easy-to-follow instructions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WlITztx-NM8&list=WL&index=2>



Operatunity: Luck of the Irish

*Frantic fiddling, breath-taking ballads jigs and jollity,
you'll have Ireland in your heart to be sure, to be sure!*

11am Wednesday 28th July, New Life Church

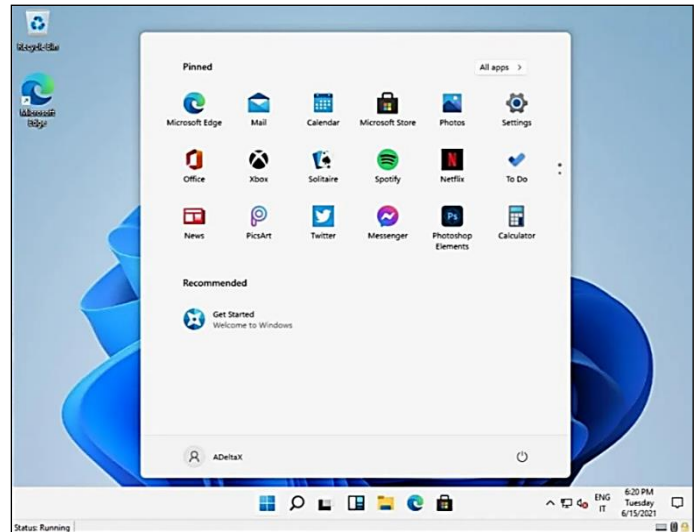
Windows 11



Microsoft has announced Windows 11, the next version of Windows as a free upgrade for eligible Windows 10 PCs. To find whether your Windows 10 PC is eligible to get Windows 11 update, you can run a tool "PC Health Check app" provided by Microsoft.

Windows 11 for general release will be available later this year, October or November in our part of the World. Microsoft says there's no time limit on this, meaning you won't have to upgrade to Windows 11 right away, if you don't want to.

If you choose not update, Microsoft has announced that it will end support for Windows 10 in 2025.



For more details visit:

<https://www.windowscentral.com/windows-11#free>

As with all program changes of this size it is best waiting until Windows offers your computer an update. In this way a lot of early program problems will be sorted.

A Lesson in Grammar !

Is it "complete", "finished" or "completely finished"?

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between these two words - "Complete" or "Finished".

In a recent linguistic competition held in London and attended by, supposedly, the best in the world,

Samdar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner. The final question was: *'How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand?'*

He answered:

"When you marry the right woman, you are **COMPLETE**.

When you marry the wrong woman, you are **FINISHED**.

And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are **COMPLETELY FINISHED!**"

He won a trip around the world and a case of 25-year-old scotch.

From the archives: Value for Money

In 1998 a single SeniorNet subscription renewal was \$35. Allowing for inflation that equates to \$55 today. The current single subscription is still \$35.

Michael Lawrence

SeniorNet Manawatū and the "Chromebook Project"

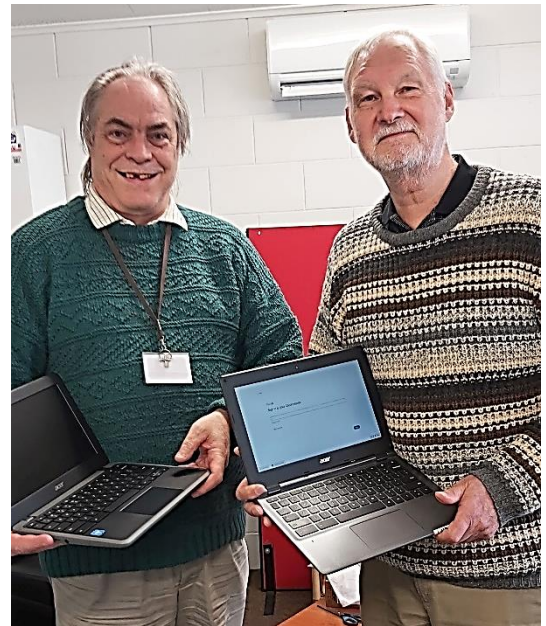
We are involved with a project in Feilding that will introduce people (the main target is Seniors) to computers using Chromebook computers. Chromebooks are small, cheap, laptop computers that don't run Windows, instead they run ChromeOS which is an Operating System that centres around the Chrome Web Browser that many of us use on our systems. ChromeOS is very simple to use, fast and reliable, making it a great environment for people not used to using computers. These systems are very popular in schools.

The Feilding Chromebook project is run by the Feilding Senior Hub, which is managed by the Manchester House Social Services organisation. We have provided advice and will provide instructors (Kevin and John - other volunteers welcomed). The local Lions provided funding for 6 Chromebooks to be used for teaching. The intention is that the participants will purchase their own system during or after the course.

SeniorNet will benefit by (hopefully) gaining new members, and we will get some payment from our Federation for "learner hours".

We are excited by the concept and are looking forward to it getting underway.

The picture shows us with two of the new Chromebooks.



Kevin and John.



Announcing Netsafety Week

The internet has played a big part in keeping people connected over the past year – and that trend isn't slowing down anytime soon – which makes it important that every person knows how to stay safe online. This is why Netsafe is hosting New Zealand's first ever Netsafety Week designed to *Make Aotearoa Safer Online*.

Netsafety Week will take place between 23 and 30 July. There will be a variety of events throughout the country and online webinars that people can participate in, and we are encouraging people, schools and organisation to sign-up and support the week.

Contact: <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/co>



Combat fake news

With a Netsafe survey revealing 52 percent of people have fallen for fake news and misinformation, we know it's important people develop critical online thinking skills.

We have advice that will help people [spot fake news](#) and a trainer to [test knowledge](#).

How to Spot Fake News

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/how-to-spot-fake-news>

Digital Footprint <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/digital-footprint/?utm>



Digital Footprint

We've noticed a trend in people coming to our website to read up on how to protect their digital footprint.

Netsafe has developed advice to help people regardless of their age understand more about why their digital footprint matters and the useful tips they can follow to successfully manage it. Check them out [here](#).

SeniorNet Programme for July	
Wed 7 July	10am Tech Help 10am SeniorNet Office 1:30pm iPad Interest group
Wed 14 July	School Break
Wed 21 July	School Break
Wed 28 July	10am Tech Help 10am SeniorNet Office 1:30pm Monthly Member's Meeting



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