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BUG OUT

On the topic of bugs, the blockbuster science exhibition [Bug Lab](#) is soon to be available at Auckland Zoo. Developed by New Zealand's world-famous museum, Te Papa, with the Academy Award© winning Weta Workshop. "Bug Lab is an experience created by bugs to show humans their genius traits." Sir Richard Taylor, Weta Workshop.



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Towns and cities across Aotearoa baked in a long, hot, hot, summer. Temperature record books began to break from early December, with scorching days rising into the low 30s. Lots of Kiwis took to the beach for a white sandy Christmas!

But not everything is sunny, fun and festive. Many regions have total fire bans, water restrictions, and plenty of folk are going to hospital for dehydration or heat-related ailments. And there's lots of bugs! The hot summer is perfect breeding conditions and homes (and tents!) are reporting an explosion in insect numbers. Check out Stuff's [How hot has it got](#) for the record breakers.

Of course, it wouldn't be a typical Kiwi summer without some extreme swings in the weather, and many holidays were cut short by flooding, huge storms and heavy rain.

MOST ISOLATED SCHOOL IN NZ



Can you imagine what it would be like to have just 13 kids in your entire school?? For the kids at Haast Primary School it's reality.

Of the 240 people who call Haast home there's one policeman, 13 students at the only school, one electrician (who is trying to retire) and no plumber. Take a look at the NZ Herald's profile: [A blast from the Haast - NZ's most isolated town](#)

SAND JUMPING

Impressive duo Kelsie Wills and Shaunna Polley have been named as the first Kiwi Beach Volleyball team to compete at the Commonwealth Games. Beach volleyball is making a debut at the Gold Coast games this April.

At the conclusion of the 2010 Commonwealth Games, New Zealand has earned 144 gold medals, 204 silver medals and 262 bronze medals. In the all-time medal tally New Zealand is ranked 5th behind Australia, England, Canada and India.

CELEBRATING WAITANGI

- February is back to school time for lots of Kiwi kids. A public holiday in the first week helps ease people back into reality! Tuesday 6 February is Waitangi Day. New Zealanders celebrate Waitangi Day in different ways. For some people it is just a day off work, but others like to celebrate it as a significant day in New Zealand's history.
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi) was signed by more than 40 chiefs on 6 February 1840. These chiefs signed the Māori copy of the Treaty at Waitangi, copies were then taken all around the country, and about 540 chiefs from many other places signed by the end of 1840.
- Over recent decades more than \$1 billion has been paid in settlements to iwi / hapu (tribes / community) for breaches of the treaty. For the who's who and where see this map of Iwi - Tribes of New Zealand.
- The New Zealand Government announced that Waitangi Day would be a national holiday from 1974. It was called New Zealand Day at that time. In 1976 the Waitangi Day Act was passed to change the name back to Waitangi Day.

No pip squeak She's just 150cm tall, and weighs only 53kg - but 'no pipsqueak' Pip Patterson is one hefty weightlifter. Pip is aiming to lift more than double her body weight at April's Commonwealth Games. [Click here for Radio New Zealand's story](#)

LET'S DO THIS - WAITANGI!

Kiwi Prime Minister Jacinda Adern spent five days in Northland over Waitangi Day this year. Ms Adern says Waitangi is about more than just one day - it is about the Crown's relationship with Northland.

"I want to make full use of the time when people are gathered there to meet together as a government that wants to form strong, open transparent relationships, this is a fresh start for us."



Remember to visit kiwikidsabroad.com for more Tamariki news!

FRESH START

Jacinda Adern and her partner Clarke Gayford will become parents in June. Jacinda will be the first New Zealand PM and the first Western leader to give birth during her time in office. But Jacinda won't be the first mum to hold the top job worldwide. Pakistan's former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto had her first child in 1990 while in office.

A TRIP TO NGARUAWAHIA.

Ngaruawahia is home to the Māori king Tūheitia Pahi, and is the capital of Māoridom. The name Ngāruawāhia means "the opened food pits", which derives from a great feast in the 17th century.

The town has around 5,000 residents and is located about 20 kilometres (12ish miles) outside of Hamilton in Te Ika-a-Māui (the North Island).

The official residence of the Māori king is Tūrongo House at Tūrangawaewae marae in the town. The marae opens to the public during the annual traditional Turangawaewae Waka Regatta. Take a look at these Waikato tamariki (children) having a tonne of fun racing on their awa (river). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VicBWAESAzg> While you're there - do you know where the North Island gets its real name from? Listen to these kids from Solway Primary School talk about [The Fish of Maui - Te Ika-a-Māui](#).

STRONG WOOL - STRONG WAHINE!!

Nine hours shearing sheep! Kerri-Jo Te Huia is the first woman in more than thirty years to attempt a world record for shearing ewes over nine hours. Each sheep is big, wriggly, and really woolly! Take a look at one tough lady from Te Kuiti who takes counting sheep to a totally new level! A whopping 452 ewes were on the end of Kerri's shears over the nine hours. Baaamazing!

[Kiwi woman shears her way to world record](#)



FLOODS, FIRE, FAMINES, AND FIGHTS!

More than 600 NZ Navy sailors are having a bad day at work. Watch video here: ['Worst day ever' training](#)



OUR CHANGING FACE

New Zealand's culture is changing - quickly! Our schools, work places and in every part of Aotearoa is much more diverse than ten years ago. Two hundred and thirteen different ethnic groups now live in Aotearoa. One in eight New Zealanders is an Asian. A little over ten years ago (in 2006) it was one in 11.

Auckland now has a population of about 1.4 million and with more than 40 per cent ethnic migrants - is an officially 'super diverse' city.

TE RĀO WAITANGI QUIZ

Waitangi Day is all about coming together to celebrate Aotearoa as a nation. How much do you know about the history of New Zealand's national day?

Check out <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/politics/treaty/treaty-faqs/> for handy hints!

1. What region of Aotearoa is Waitangi in?
 - a) Canterbury
 - b) Otago
 - c) Northland
 - d) Bay of Plenty
2. In what decade was Waitangi Day legally known as New Zealand Day?
 - a) 1920s
 - b) 1950s
 - c) 1970s
 - d) 2000s
3. How many Māori chiefs signed the English-language version of the Treaty?
 - a) none
 - b) 4
 - c) 39
 - d) 102
4. How many times did chief Hone Heke cut down the flagpole in Kororareka (Russell)?
 - a) Never
 - b) Once
 - c) Four times
 - d) Ten times
5. In what year were women first permitted to speak at official Waitangi Day celebrations at Te Tii Marae?
 - a) 1934
 - b) 1974
 - c) 1998
 - d) 2014



QUESTION TIME?

WHERE IN NEW ZEALAND
IS MT OWEN?

EVER HEARD OF THE WORD
'BACKCOUNTRY'? WHAT DO
YOU THINK IT MEANS?



EPIC IMAGES

Specialist caving photographer Neil Silverwood took to the depths of Mt Owen. His epic travels in snow, ice and all things freezing took him to top honours at New Zealand Geographic's Photographer of the Year competition. Check out some truly ka rawa (awesome) photography here:

<https://www.nzgeo.com/photography/photographer-of-the-year-2017/>

Answers:
1: C 2: C 3: C 4: C 5: D