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To Our Valued Customers,

The end of March came around far too soon and with stock taking and end of year financials, we never got around to writing a newsletter. This month has been just as busy but we'll give this another shot and see if I can finish it!

Last Sunday, 260 people, including myself and more than 10 others from Opotiki, took part in the inaugural Coast to Country 100km cycle ride. It was a fantastic day weather-wise with the ride taking us from Whakatane to Mt Maunganui via the Old Coach Road off the end of the Matata straights. Opotiki was well represented in the medals with Catherine Pask the first woman in her age group. (No, I'm not telling which group!) Ian Jefferies was the oldest male in the 40km ride at 78 – That's impressive! Then there was the rocket man, Denis Lindesay, who was the oldest to complete the 100km in just over 3 hours at the very spritely age of 76. Congratulations you two "senior" cyclists - you're an inspiration.

There are 3 stages to life: Youth, middle age and "you're looking good".

Balloons, Balloons, Balloons

We just received a large number of latex, foil and the new stretchy plastic "bubble" helium balloons for a number of special occasions. For the kids we have awesome licenced balloons in Cars, Toy Story, Tinkerbell, Thomas The Tank Engine, Mickey and Minnie Mouse and many more. Some of these are a "double bubble" which has a smaller balloon inside the larger outer one. They inflate to a very smooth, round surface much like a beach ball and will float for 2-4 weeks. And the best bit is you can reuse them, when they do eventually go down. For the ageing population there are celebration balloons that are a great way to give them that something different. Come in and check out the catalogue showing the vast array of balloons available. There really is something for every occasion.



Age is a matter of mind. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Paint Specials

We started selling paint over 28 years ago and we are still with the same company. Their range of industrial and household paints is extensive and top quality. On the industrial range we stock metal primers in red and grey/green and etch primers in red, grey and black. There is a range of equipment enamels covering a number of the common tractor colours plus 2-pot mix paints for the industrial and marine requirements.

If it's a floor you're doing we have polyurethane for the timber floors and paving paint for the concrete floors and steps. Fence stain and timber colour are another popular part of the range and are priced very competitively.

Pot belly and log fires that require a heat resistant paint to make them look good again is also in stock. Sandpaper, masking tape, drop sheets, thinners, turps, paint brushes and rollers are all part of the range we carry to make your next painting job go that much better.

Don't forget the airless sprayer when painting your fence or house roof. To paint the average house roof is about 1 ½ hours. Once you've used it you wouldn't go back to a brush or roller.

*Cleaning the house while your kids are growing up
is like shovelling the path before it's stopped snowing.*

Husqvarna - Taming The Wild

This Autumn promotion has the latest product releases, special pricing and add-ons like up to \$200 worth of Swazi clothing free with selected chainsaws. As mentioned in the last newsletter the Autotune saws are gaining momentum and in this promo the range has increased. The advantages are many including optimum power right throughout the rev range, better fuel economy, less downtime and its ability to self-adjust the carburettor to suit varying conditions such as altitude, temperature, humidity or a dirty air filter. Another plus is being able to programme

your name and the saws serial number into the Autotune modules fitted to the new 555 AT and the 562XP AT. We have just purchased the diagnostic software to enable us to do this. This is extremely useful if the saw is stolen as it is easy to check. With the new software we can also access a huge amount of information such as total running time, number of times the saw has been started, max. revs the saw did on the last run, max. temperature the carburettor reached and even the percentage of time the saw spent in each rev range such as idle, part throttle and full throttle. If you want to try before you buy, we've just put the brand new 555 AT into our hire fleet so come on in and check them out.



Thought For The Month:

"My boy," said a father to his son, "treat everybody with politeness, even those who may be rude to you; for remember, you show courtesy to others, not because they are gentlemen, but because you are a gentleman."

Have a great month. All the best from your friendly team at

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