

**LATEST EMAILS BETWEEN DENISE  
IN HUKANUI/HAMUA WI –  
Our New Zealand Link WI  
AND JULIA IN BASLOW WI**



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Subject: Sunflowers

To: **Julia Warne**

Local girl at Mangamaire (5 mins down the road from here) planted 3,000 sunflower seeds with a hand push sewer. She is a very good photographer and wanted families to come and take photos in the flowers. Had hay bales and a couple of little seats to sit on in amongst the blooms. Had to keep an eye out on the bees though!! Nothing like the height of your flowers! Mine is doing well and nearly out. Charged \$5 per adult and sold a stem for \$5. This morning over 200 people had visited!! Also had a coffee cart there which did a roaring trade. Nice day in the mid 20s. Abbie also does photography work for a NZ magazine called 'The Shepherdess' - based as you can tell on farming women and their families. Will look forward to seeing the flowers in a magazine.



Anyway Laura and Ollie came over, so we had a lovely visit. Jymahl's family have come over this arvo to camp down the end of their block by the river. They have done it for a couple of years now. Tents etc. Just for one night though! We have borrowed a couple of small tents for Ayla and Jymahl and another cousin of Jymahl's and her two little ones. Liv and Huddy will stay inside!! They take our 3 kayaks down and have a great time. Probably about 12 adults plus 6 younger ones and two teenagers. Teenagers will struggle to get reception down there!!!

We are shearing lambs tomorrow and Monday which is also Wellington Anniversary Day holiday, no rest for the wicked here!!

Keeping an eye on the Omicron cases which have surfaced first time for NZ in Palmerston North!!!! I was over there yesterday looking after Ollie. I haven't been to the large shopping mall over there all year, but frequent Mitre 10 Mega and garden centre!

Now I see that Samoa has 15 cases, all from a chartered flight from Brisbane. I guess all Samoans trying to get home and see their families, well they will be taking some presents that nobody wants if they are not careful.

OK, tis all for now, time to feed the dogs and get my head around some baking for tomorrow. Liv is baking too. Will do a large roast of pork overnight so I don't have flies around tomorrow. Monday will be a chicken dish and I will cook them tomorrow night too!

Keep safe and well. Love to you,  
Denise x x