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

From: **Denise Gavin**

Date: Fri, Aug 20, 2021 at 9:50 PM

Subject: Re: Finley chatting

To: Julia Warne



A quillow by Candy Rain

Oh the tea party sounded fabulous. I bet you were all so happy to be together again.

Our Fijian son (Rupeni lived with us for 6 years) rang last night from Hamilton. His family are all in Fiji and what a mess it is over there. His sister was vaccinated (Fiji Govt – no jab, no job!). She and her husband and two girls all got covid. She had mild symptoms, but husband was very sick. So Rupeni is going to get a jab today!

Yes, we just need to lockdown for a couple of weeks I think to let the cases all come to light, then we can move on again.

Oh you will be looking forward to seeing the girls. Uniforms are a good leveler I think, especially in girls' schools. Also, they don't have to decide what to wear each day!! They will be looking forward to spending time with you too and no doubt being spoiled just a little!!

Will have a look at the website pictures and seeing your happy faces.

Might even send Jane's report to our Home & Country magazine. You can just feel the delight oozing from the page!

OK. Have a good weekend. We had a good frost last night, beautiful day in store

Love to you Denise xx

From: Denise Gavin

Date: Wed, Aug 4, 2021 at 2:57 AM

Subject: Hukanui-Hamua

To: Julia Warne

Hello there Julia and the Baslow Darlings.

Well, we had our August meeting today. Was here before we knew it! I had gathered some photos of our Margaret, taken over the years so it was nice to remember her in happy institute days and be a part of the meeting.

Nine of us there at Christine's home on the outskirts of Masterton. We had a cuppa and the meeting and then I had asked for crafts to be brought along if members were working on something.

Well, we were treated to a wonderful mixture.

Pat is making a quillow for her grandson and it is also for a Craft Show competition in October. Margaret Simpson was making knitted TV slippers.



Gladys had made a gorgeous baby's jersey. She thought the wool was flecked, but when she knitted it up, there was a definite striped pattern to it, so she had to unwind the skein so she could match the front and back, then the sleeves!!!

Sue always says that she isn't crafty, but she was wearing a lovely cardigan that she had knitted – said not to ask how long it took her – so we didn't!!

Val is knitting large peggy squares to make a rug.

Elaine had some exquisite items. A beautiful Christmas decoration made from diamond shapes of fabric glued on to cardboard and into a star. Another patchwork ball, kind of Cathedral Windows with a bell inside for a baby's ball. The outside of a Scotty Dog, yet to be stuffed and the bottom layers of a hexagonal pincushion. Elaine was given a small book of little patchwork articles and has made them all from this book!

I took along the baby's cardigan I am making. It is a Puerperium pattern. Meant for babies newborn to 6 weeks. An open cardigan with buttons down the side. Knitted a couple of them and then paid for the larger pattern, called Beyond Puerperium!

Some nice weather here at present, but other parts of NZ have been hit with winds and lots of rain. Not warm though – 9 deg today!

All for now, keep well and enjoy your summer weather.

Love to you all,

from Denise and the Hukanui-Hamua Darlings x x x