

LATEST EMAILS BETWEEN DENISE IN HUKANUI/HAMUA WI & JULIA IN BASLOW WI

Sunday 4 September 2022 from Denise to Julia

Good morning dear Julia,

Just checking in to make sure all is ok with you over there.

Haven't heard anymore on the news about the drought in the UK – Pakistan tops everything at present. How they go from terrible drought to destruction with flooding is so very hard. They are a resilient people, but this is too much.

We had a lot of rain over July and August and we are still getting it now, but not as bad thank goodness.

You will be getting together next week for institute I think, we are meeting on Wednesday.

Tararua Federation had its ½ yearly meeting last Friday and Elaine scooped the pool in competitions as usual!!! She made little knitted tv slippers and a beanie to be donated to a local school and also her flowers won too. She placed in the cooking.

Commonwealth Games are over, so Birmingham will be business as usual and I guess schools/universities are starting to return again.

So, will leave you at this. Hope you are well.

Love to you, **Denise xx**

Friday 16 September 2022 from Julia to Denise

Dear Denise and all you Hukanui-Hamua WI Darlings

Good to hear from you and many congratulations to Elaine on her well-deserved successes. She is such a talented lady.

You are right, the weather worldwide is changing causing suffering for so many people. A new catastrophe occurs and then news of others, still ongoing, disappears from the headlines. As individuals we are doing what we can but it seems so little in the face of the challenges. Local food banks are now running out of supplies as donors are themselves struggling with increased energy costs and inflation across the board.

Our young people are returning to school and University, whereas your school holidays/terms are different. I remember you saying that children start school on the 5th birthday. Here they start in September of the school year when they will turn 5, those with July and August birthdays have only just turned 4, which seems so young. But they seem to survive.

Attached you will find Jane's report of recent activities. This month's speaker was particularly good, visiting us for a second time.

Lots of love to you all, **Julia and all the Baslow WI Darlings xx**

