

NEWSLETTER

March 2009

Righto, I thought, I'll get the first Newsletter of the year done – and there it is, at the top of the page **March** what on earth happened to January and February!!!

Fantails certainly hoped that Santa Clause was very kind to you and the New Year celebrations went off well. I have been blessed with the gift of wonderful people both locally and overseas. Unfortunately, recently I have had to say goodbye to some wonderful young people that have been staying with me for some time. Two from Argentina and one from South Africa – isn't life great when you can still gain knowledge from the young. We spent many an evening laughing, and poor Eduardo trying to understand our funny New Zealand sayings and words.

After three months a couple from England has just left Tui Cottage. What a great smorgasbord of education I have been given.

So with such a varied array of overseas guests from France, Italy, Canada, America and the above, no wonder I am surprised that we are in March already!

Dare I mention summertime.....? *Sigh*. We keep being teased with a little sunshine and then we're in winter clothes. Maybe tomorrow..... Still at least at Fantails, the sun still shines.

Recipe of the Month

ZUCCHINI SLICE

475 grams zucchini

1 large onion

3-4 rashers bacon

1 cup grated cheese

1 cup self raising flour

¼ to ½ cup milk

4 or 5 eggs

Salt and pepper

Grate the zucchini coarsely, chop onion, bacon. Combine altogether with beaten eggs, milk salt and pepper and cheese and flour.

Bake in large flat dish for 30 to 40 minutes in moderate oven (180)

This recipe is lovely served with a BBQ (for those that have sunshine)

It can also accompany a nice hot meal. Great if there are leftovers for watching a movie.

Heather's Handy Hint

This is a reliable method of removing stains from varnished wood.

3 tablespoons raw linseed oil

3 tablespoons vinegar

3 tablespoons turpentine

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl. Apply sparingly to a cloth and rub over the stains until they disappear. Finish by rubbing the area with a piece of kitchen paper.

I trust this newsletter finds everybody fit and well as it leaves us. We look forward to catching up soon.

Take Care,

Heather