

SeniorNet Whakatane Term 2 News

SeniorNet is for all ages; but primarily intended for Seniors 40 plus.

We had the pleasure of helping out members of the public with their Census online; this was a great experience and a first for SeniorNet. We partnered with Statistics NZ and offered our services free. We found it successful and rewarding despite the late notice.

We are here to help with all digital devices including Smartphones and iPhones.

The tutors are all experienced volunteers, who give their time freely.

We are situated at 36 Goulstone Road directly behind the Tennis Courts.

Classes are held Monday to Friday. To join the club, the cost is \$30.00 per calendar year. The costs of classes vary but are at a low cost. Most classes last 2 hours.

Check us out at seniornetwhakatane.nz where you will be able to view what is coming up and sign up for courses. We are also on Facebook.

Term Two starts on March the 19th. We will be covering, W10 and Internet Banking, this is run by staff from our local Westpac and is free to anyone, you do not have to be a member, just give us a call on 308 0564.

We also will be having our very successful iPad and Android Tablet classes, this appears to be the way most people are going, Tablets and iPads are so much more portable.

We have added 4 Tips and Tricks classes, 2 of each part, these classes are just \$5.00 and are one offs, just 2 and half hours. Part 1 will cover Snap Assist: have more than one screen open at once, Kodi: free Media player, Photo Story: Create audio visual presentations out of your photos. Part 2 will cover Super Anti Spyware and Ccleaner, Phone Companion, Microsoft Account Two Step Verification.

Our Terms are 4 weeks and we don't operate in the school holidays.

Our Smartphone and iPhone Groups: Smartphones are on the First and Third Friday of the month, and iPhones on the Second and Fourth Friday of the month.

On the last Friday of the month we have a Friday Forum at 2.00pm, where anyone can come along to meet the tutors and hear our guest speakers. The next Friday Forum will be on March the 23rd, (not 30th March) our guest speaker will be speaking on Manage My Health, an App that you can download to your computer or phone to order prescriptions, book doctor's appointment, and view results of tests etc.

We also have created a book exchange; you may take a book or add a book. No need to return the same book, pass it on if you wish. We do not check this book exchange, it runs by itself. No magazines please.

A few statistics about smartphones to ponder:

- More than half the world now uses a smartphone
- Almost two-thirds of the world's population now has a mobile Phone
- More than half of the world's web traffic now comes from mobile phones
- More than half of all mobile connections around the world are now broadband

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