



## **SeniorNet Whakatane Term 4 News**

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 Whakatane, directly behind the Tennis Club; in the back of the building. There is plenty of parking and disabled access.

Classes are held Monday to Friday. We have changed to Winter Hours this Term starting our day at 10am. There are two time slots each day, 10.am to 12 noon and 1.30 to 3.30pm. On Fridays there are Smartphone and iPhone classes, starting at 10am. Term 4 starts on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

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](http://seniornetwhakatane.nz) where you will be able to view what is coming up and sign up for courses. We are also on Facebook.

Term 4 all our new computers are up and running for the new courses. In this term we will be teaching Windows 10, iPads, Android Tablets, Using Word Creatively, Make your Own Photo Book, Windows Media Player (Music) Accessing TV On Demand and the Windows 10 new update and Smartphones.

In May 3 of the SeniorNet Committee went to the SeniorNet Federation Symposium in Hamilton. Here we learnt that our SeniorNet is on par with other Senior Net's throughout the country. We are tracking well and providing good courses. It is always good to mix with like-minded people and bounce ideas off each other. An enjoyable time was had.

One of the interesting guest speakers were two lawyers from Hamilton. Speaking on our Digital Legacies. This is things like Facebook, google accounts and any other cloud based accounts. To close these down without the correct password can be very difficult. Google requires a copy of your ID, address, proof of death, a copy of probate and also an email between you and the deceased. Much easier to have the password. It is clearly wise to write down your passwords and advise someone you trust where to find them. This should not include sensitive information like your Internet Banking passwords. This was the legal advice given.

In the last few weeks some people have been flooded with email spams, offering us winnings of thousands of dollars, from shops like Briscoes New World, Pak N Save, Countdown and Trade Me. If you check the email address that it is coming from, you will find that is from overseas and very suspicious. Marking it as spasm does help a little, but as the email address changes every time, it is extremely hard to stop. The NZ Government have a website called CertNZ, where you can report spasm and also see what spasm is currently going around. They do try to stop the spasm. This is a safe site.