

Waitoa Wonderland

Last Wednesday, about 20 Year 0 to 5 students from Springdale School visited the Waitoa Community Church to view their annual 'Christmas Joy' display.

The exhibit has been a regular Christmas event for about 20 years, in a church that was built well over 100 years ago.

Visiting the church has become something of a Christmas tradition for the school, and after wandering through the eclectic display, they were treated to juice and biscuits. Members of the church had put together a scrap book that encompassed many areas of interest that would appeal to the young visitors, like various super heroes and Christmas itself, but also

reflected the sort things that many who attend the rural school would see daily like farm machinery and animals.

"We also used to get visits from the nearby Waitoa school before it closed," said Dianne Hight, who is involved with the church.

The scrapbook was presented to two student representatives and when it was time to go Diane and her team received a rousing thank you from the group.

The display was only open to the public for a few days, but Dianne says if anyone is interested in seeing it, they can contact her on 0274 817 643, to organise a time to visit.



ABOVE LEFT: From left: Zayne and Miguel receiving a scrapbook from Dianne Hight (background) during their visit to the Waitoa Community Church last week.

ABOVE RIGHT: From left: Sophie, Thanuja, Vishwa, Amba, Keirah and Izzy.

BELLOW LEFT: From left: Zayne, Miguel, Jack, Carlos, Adalynn, Courtney and Willow with Whaea Aimee in the background. BELOW RIGHT: From left: Zyrarah, Addison, Jaxon, Madden, Leyton, Azril and Nica.

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ABOVE: The Waitoa Community Church members who hosted the young visitors from Springdale School. From left: Irene Hopper with James, Laurie Wells, Dianne Hight and Evelyn Kite.