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CELEBRATING KIWIS FAVOURITE FARE

Recently New Zealand Post issued a rather iconic set of stamps which depict a taste of wonderful recipes that have become Kiwi favourites.

Who would have thought that an afternoon tea favourite would be a piece of sponge cake dipped in chocolate sauce and covered with coconut, that a children's party wouldn't be complete without cheerios and fairy bread. Every good Southlander is practically raised on Southland cheese rolls, and we all know that Pavlova is definitely a Kiwi invention.

Lots of family recipes are passed down through families, so there is bound to be a dish on this quirky stamp sheet that every Kiwi knows and loves to eat.

All eighteen stamps are issued as one sheet, so you may not see many of them on your mail, unless the whole set is broken up for postage. They were designed by Kiwi artist Jason Kelly of Christchurch, and originally painted on a wooden panel, put together they make one unusual set of stamps!



DID YOU KNOW

In New Zealand there is no law against having forgeries in your collection, but it is illegal to deal in forgeries. In the United States it is against the law to possess a forged foreign stamp.

The first stamp forgery was found only four months after the first postage stamp came into use. Someone had tried to make a Penny Black! Rowland Hill wrote in his diary in September 1840: "I saw the forged label, it is a miserable thing".



NOVEL TWISTS ON SOME NZ STAMPS

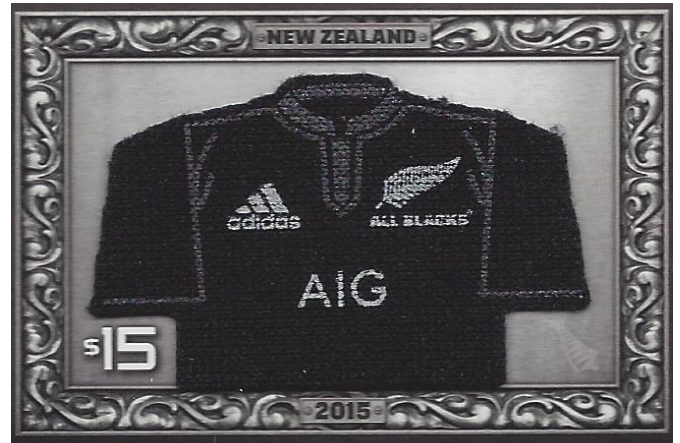


2015 Children's Health

Being sun smart is something all NZ children are aware of, so "Slip slop slap and wrap" shows the importance of being Sun smart! The miniature sheet features a large umbrella that's white and yellow, but on exposing it to the sun's rays it turns purple and green!

2015 All Blacks

In September this year, to honour the legacy that comes with the All Black jersey, a stamp made from real fabric was released to mark the attempt to reclaim the World Cup 2015. It is made from material provided by Adidas, and has all the official logos.



2007 Classic Kiwi

A miniature sheet of twenty stamps, all different, was released with slang sayings shown which are commonly used in New Zealand everyday. The twist here is hidden on a black square on each stamp; if you press with a warm thumb you will see the meaning of the saying.

2006 Gold Rush

A set of stamps marking the gold rush years of 1861 to 1864 has a novel twist on the 45cent stamp. If you press a warm thumb on the gold panning dish you will see four bits of gold come to light.



World Cup 2011

New Zealand's Webb Ellis Cup lenticular stamp gives such incredible depth and dimension that you would swear you were looking at the real thing. The background uses a stylistic interpretation of the Manopare (Hammerhead Shark) and the Koru fern.



STAMPFEST 2015

In conjunction with the Christchurch City Council's annual Kidsfest Festival held during the July school holidays the Christchurch Youth Stamp Club ran stamp collecting sessions for young stamp collectors. We did two sessions where we had workshops and talks on how to soak stamps, how to hinge stamps correctly, how to look after and store your collections and how you can write up your collection for a display or stamp exhibition. We had a couple of quizzes and even managed a short judging session on one of our youth exhibits. Our large boxes of stamps that we continually allow our young collectors to sort through proved extremely popular and everyone went away with a large pile of stamps from the boxes.



Over the two sessions we had twenty young collectors attend. Everyone went home with a goody bag and lots of information about stamp collecting. Those who attended all gave positive feedback and many were very interested in joining our youth stamp club.



TIP OF THE ISSUE

'Peel and Stick' stamps that are becoming more common are a problem when it comes to soaking them off paper as the glue doesn't dissolve in water. Try very warm (not hot) water, it will soften the glue so that the stamp can be picked off the paper, then rub the glue off the stamp between your fingers. This process works for most, although about 10% of the stamps get damaged in the process.

Youth Philatelist of the Year 2015



Congratulations Warrick Wright of Kaiapoi for being awarded the Youth Philatelist of the Year 2015. He is seen above with the three Christchurch Youth Leaders who have helped him in the hobby.



Congratulations to Mr Mike Steel who has recently been presented with the NZPF Award of Service. He is a co-leader of City of Sails Youth Stamp Club and an Executive Member of PYC



PYC Treasurer Anne Bevan enjoying a stamping session with children from Montessori School Silverdale.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

There are four awards, Bronze, Silver-Bronze, Silver and Gold

The Bronze and Silver-Bronze Awards can be examined by a stamp club leader, school teacher, youth group leader or adult stamp collector. The Silver and Gold must be examined by a person approved by the Philatelic Youth Council Executive.

Silver-Bronze

1. The applicant must have been collecting stamps for at least 12 months and must have qualified for the PYC Bronze Achievement Award.
2. The applicant (or a club leader) should write to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland 1140 advising the name and address of a preferred examiner, as well as requesting a Silver-Bronze Achievement Award application form and question paper.
3. The application form and question paper will be sent to the examiner, who will give the ten question paper to the applicant.
4. The applicant should complete the question paper without assistance. There is a time limit of seven days.
5. The examiner should ensure that the applicant has an eight page display of stamps which has been entered into a Society Youth Section or Youth Inter-club competition and received a 60% mark or more, has given a five minute talk on the display, has answered at least five questions on the display and is able to demonstrate an understanding of how to detect watermarks and measure perforations.
6. The completed examiners form and completed question paper should be returned to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland 1140.
7. If the examiner approves the award and the applicant has answered at least 60% of the question paper correctly, the Silver-Bronze Certificate and Silver-Bronze Achievement Award badge will be sent to the examiner or the stamp club leader for presentation at a stamp club meeting.

Silver

1. The applicant must have been collecting stamps for at least two years and must have qualified for the PYC Silver-Bronze Achievement Award.
2. The applicant (or a club leader) should write to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland 1140 advising the name and address of a preferred examiner, as well as requesting a Silver Achievement Award application form and question paper.
3. The application form and question paper will be sent to the examiner, who will give the question paper to the applicant.
4. The applicant should complete the question paper without assistance. There is a time limit of seven days.
5. The examiner should ensure that the applicant has a 16 page display of stamps of National Silver Award standard, has given a 5 to 10 minute talk on the display, has answered at least eight specialised questions on the display and is able to demonstrate an understanding of how to use a stamp catalogue.
6. The completed examiner's form and completed question paper should be returned to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland 1140.
7. If the examiner approves the award and the applicant has answered at least 75% of the question paper correctly, the Silver Certificate and Silver Achievement Award badge will be sent to the examiner or the stamp club leader for presentation at a stamp club meeting.

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