

Great-Nana sends Greetings to her Great-Grandchildren

*Great-Nana has celebrated 92 Christmases
— ‘Oíauē, she says*



Alice Hunt's
Story

**A BIG THANK YOU TO
ALL THOSE WHO HELPED
ME ASSEMBLE THIS
BOOK. YOU WERE MY
EYES AND MY HELPFUL
MENTORS**

**THIS BOOK IS
DEDICATED TO YOU**

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Nana's 90th Birthday, 2015

‘Oiaue

‘oiaue — Interjection expressing surprise, astonishment, pity, regret, disappointment or annoyance.

Pronounced Oy-A-Weh

When Great-Nana was a girl she heard her mother, grandmother and aunts, all born in Samoa, using this expression — Oiaue!

The tone of their voices gave the meaning to this useful word (five vowels, no consonants). Tongans use the same word, and the Maori version is auē

‘Oiaue

Christmas is near

‘Oiaue

I need gifts for my great-grandchildren! What can I do?

I am so old

‘Oiaue

I should have thought about this before

‘Oiaue

I am cross with myself

‘Oiaue

Perhaps I can write a book about them all

Yes, yes,

Sixteen plus six young people, two pages for each —
and a few extra

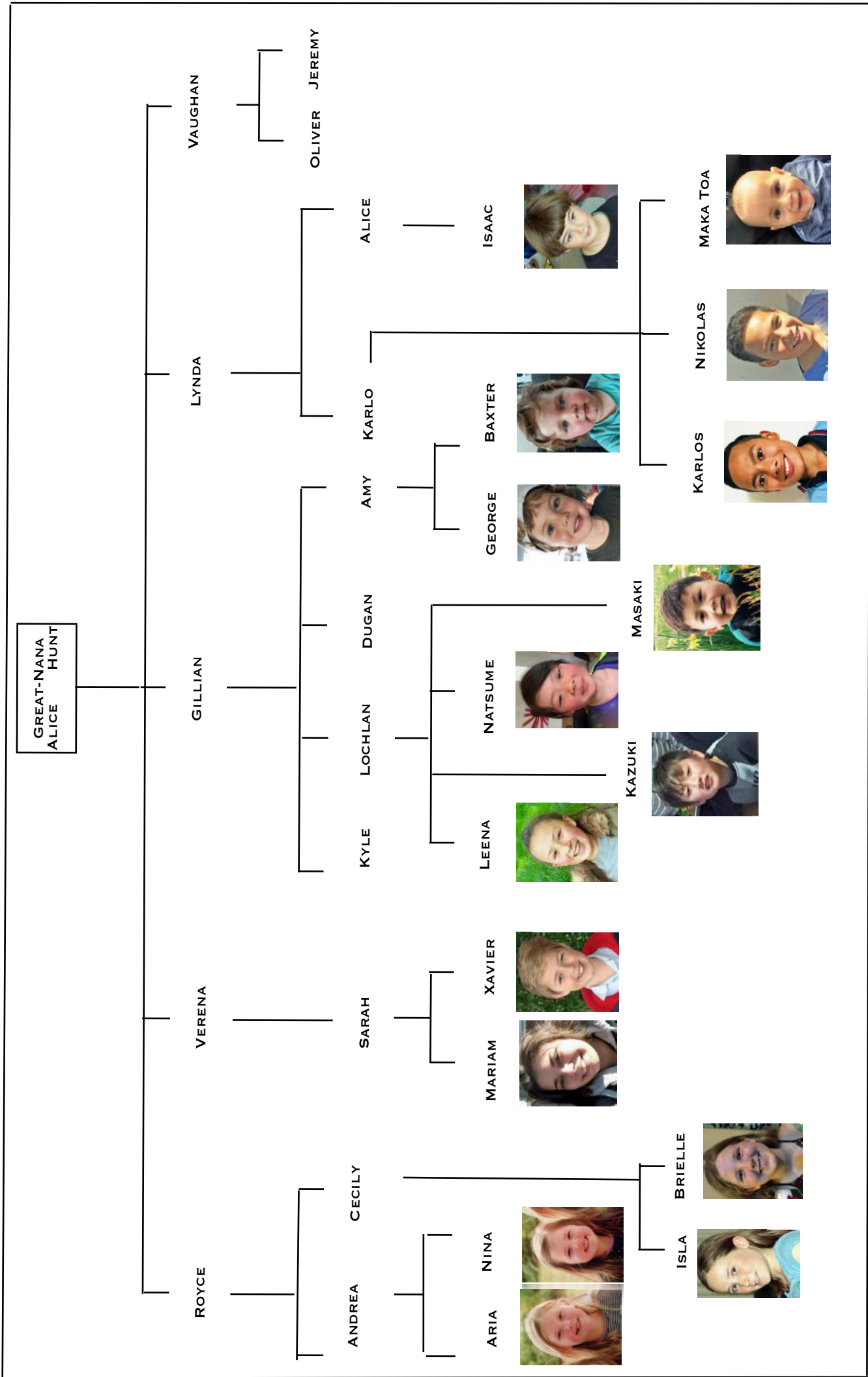
Think, gather, copy, paste, proof-read, check again

‘Oiaue

So much work, but I have many helpers
At last it is done, so off to the printer it goes

Welcome to Christmas 2017

‘Oiaue



A simplified Family Tree

Great-Nana
sends Greetings
to her
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For Christmas 2017



Aria

Aria May Askin

Born in Tauranga 19 October 2009

Now lives with her parents and sister in Picton

In 2018 will continue to attend Waikawa Bay School, Year 4

Enjoys swimming, surf-lifesaving and netball

Loves art, playing the piano, kapa haka, singing (appropriately named!), her rabbits, riding her bike, playing soccer with Mum in the front yard, making pancakes on Saturday morning

Aria thinks it's funny when she surprises Mum and Dad by saying it's "Opposite day" - an excuse to get away with cheeky behaviour!

Aria's Joke

"Why did the chicken spread
peanut butter on the road?
Because it wanted it to cross the
traffic jam!"





A patient big sister!



Aria dressed for trick or treating on Halloween



Aria's piano recital



Aria learning how to paddle on a surf board during her weekly Surf Life-saving lessons at White's Bay.



Nina

Nina Askin

Born in Blenheim 19 June 2013, her family lives in Picton

Currently at Picton Kindergarten and will start at Waikawa Bay School in 2018

Loves swimming, riding her bike and does ballet at a dance school in Blenheim once a week. She's going to be dancing in a musical performance of Shrek (a ballet!) at the beginning of December





Nina and Aniya dressed and ready for their kindergarten Kapahaka performance.



Nina's artwork



Nina with "Fiona", the lead female in "Shrek" the musical.



Nina dressed as a Garden Fairy - ready to go on stage!



Isla

Isla Keely Morgan

Born 10 December 2005 in Wellington

Isla's parents and her sister live in Kilbirnie

In 2018 will be attending Evans Bay Intermediate School (EBIS), Year 8

Plays football, floorball, tumbling

Enjoys acrobatics, playing on or using her cell phone, watching YouTube tutorials

Isla recently scored very highly in an international maths test

Isla's Joke

Q: Why were the teacher's eyes crossed?

A: She couldn't control her pupils!



Indoor football — Isla with ball in centre.



Isla and Brielle November 2017



Brielle

Brielle Ada Morgan

Born 18 February 2008 in Wellington

Brielle's family lives in Kilbirnie

In 2018 will be at Lyall Bay School, Year 6

Plays football and floorball

Enjoys reading, playing Minecraft and watching Minecraft YouTube clips

Brielle loves animals, swimming and bouncing on the trampoline when it is wet

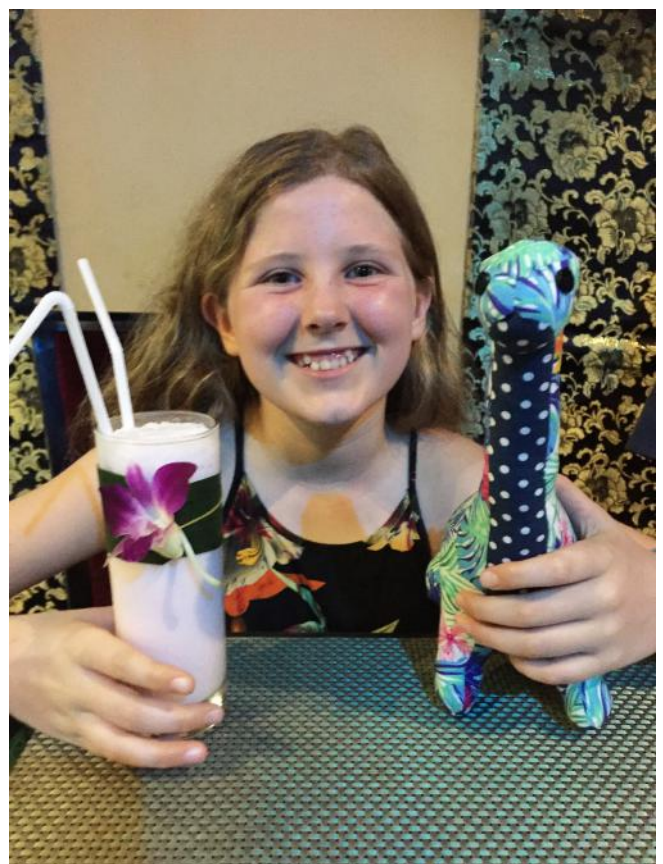
Brielle's Joke

Question: What kind of sea creature
likes phones best?

Answer: A shellfish because they like
taking shellfies.



Indoor football
Brielle in blue





Mariam

Mariam Haynes-Khalifa

Born 3 July 1997, in Greymouth, while parents were living in Franz Josef

Now lives in Rolleston, Christchurch, and will be 21 next year

Nationality of father — Egyptian

Family visited Egypt in 2001 to meet grandparents and relations

Mariam attended Lincoln College, then gained National Certificate of Agriculture. This knowledge is put to good use on her grandparents' lifestyle block which has a flock of Dorper sheep and young cattle raised from calves

Currently working at The Warehouse distribution centre

Considering studying next year, still deciding about that

Enjoys socialising and taking Misty her dog out and about

Enjoys going to art galleries and exhibitions



Mariam, with
lamb



Mariam, and mother Sarah



Mariam, the artist





Xavier

Xavier Joseph Gawith

Born in Taumaranui 10 April 2007

Nationality of father — Maori — Mike is affiliated with Ngati Tuwharetoa and Te Ati Haunui a Paparangi

Will be attending Rolleston School in 2018, Year 6

Plays touch rugby, enjoys swimming and plays golf on Saturdays. He is enjoying being a member of Weedons Golf Course and will be playing in a tournament in December

Recently read — The Hobbit, and JK Rowling books

Xavier is learning to play the drums and loves listening to different kinds of music

Xavier's Joke

Knock Knock
Who's There?
Doctor
Doctor Who?

Doctor Who



After a 'mud run'



The golfer — left-handed like his mother and grandfather!



Touch rugby

Xavier and Kazuki,
second cousins, both
born 10 April 2007



Rugby Player of the Day



Supporting the Crusaders



Leena

Leena Amelia Wada Macdonald

Born in Palmerston North, 30 January 2005

Mother's heritage — Japanese, and family has lived in Japan at times
Japanese is spoken in their home
Leena is fluent in spoken and written Japanese

In 2018 Leena will be attending Palmerston North Girls' High School, Year 9

Good at inventing games for her brothers and sister

Enjoys sketching, cooking, reading and singing along to pop music at home





Leena is ready for her Japanese dance at City Library



Mt. Lees walk on Fathers Day



Leena's entry for an Environmental Poster Competition in Japan



Kazuki

Kazuki Ryan Wada Macdonald

Born in Palmerston North, 10 April 2007

Mother's heritage — Japanese, and family has lived in Japan at times
Japanese is spoken in their home

In 2018 Kazuki will attend Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School, Year 7

Plays rugby in winter — received team player award for the season
Summer soccer (plays for Hokowhitu Football Club)
He played cricket and futsal (indoor soccer) in 2017
Inter-school cross country running, Manawatu Strider 5km running challenge
and Interschool Athletics (high jump)

Plays a variety of sports and enjoys watching sports on TV

Kazuki has been a road patroller and a School Councillor in 2017

Kazuki's joke

What did the cake say to the knife?
You wanna piece of me?



Kazuki's painting for Environmental Poster Competition in Japan



Running events



Favourite meal



Kazuki and Xavier,
second cousins,
both born 10 April 2007



Natsume

Natsume Alicia Suisana Wada Macdonald

Born at home in Auckland, 15 November 2008

Heritage of mother— Japanese, and family has lived in Japan at times

Japanese is spoken in their home

In 2018 she will continue at Hokowhitu School, Year 5

She has interests in a variety of sports as well as performing arts.
She won a colouring competition for Farmers and an Environmental Poster Competition in Japan.

She enjoys making jokes and has lots of friends waiting for her arrival at school every day, often about five of them waving at the gate.

Natsume played badminton this year and received 'most improved player' award from Sports Manawatu

Hobbies: Science and crafting

Natsume's Joke

What do you call a deer with no eyes?
No idea.



Ninth birthday



Natsume winning a prize for a colouring in competition



Natsume's painting for Environmental Competition in Japan — she won the prize



Masaki

Masaki Baxter Luge Wada Macdonald

Born in Japan, 18 April 2011

Heritage of mother — Japanese

Masaki's first language was Japanese, but after returning to New Zealand he now understands, but seldom speaks Japanese

Now lives in Palmerston North with his parents, brother and two sisters

In 2018 Masaki will be in Year 3 at Hokowhitu School

Plays ripper rugby in winter — he received the team player award

Masaki enjoyed playing field hockey and soccer in 2017. He trains with his big brother Kazuki every day before and after school so is getting better and better

Hobbies: Drawing pictures and playing sports (soccer mostly), building Lego from instruction guides

Masaki's Joke

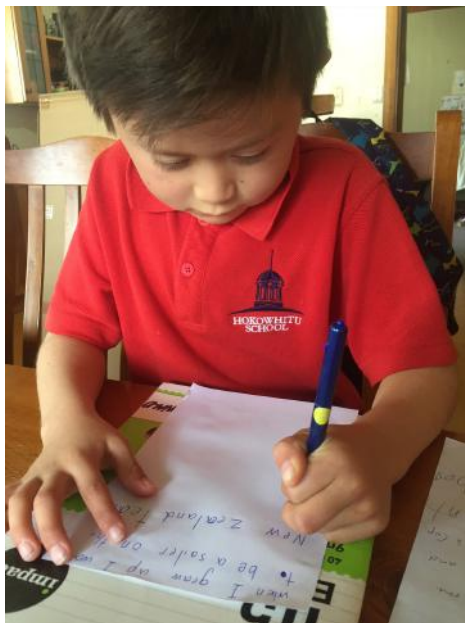
Are you smart? What is $1+1$? - "two"

What is $2+2$? - "four"

What is $3+3$? - "six"

What was the first question?

"Are you smart?"



Doing his homework— short story (left handed)
When I grow up I want to be a sailor on the New Zealand Team



Showing his hula-hoop skill in his classroom



Masaki is checking to see if he is able to score a try



Kazuki on Office Duty at Hokowhitu School



At Te Manawa, looking at James B. Fleck's jewellery collection



Kyle, Lochlan, Amy and Dugan, 1990



Leena, Kazuki,
Natsume and Masaki,
2017

Both photos taken in
the driveway of
10 Stewart Crescent



Karlos

Karlos Matani Mila Schaaf

Born in Auckland 18 June 2004

Now lives in Auckland

Heritage of father — Tongan

Heritage of of mother — Tongan/palangi

In 2018 will be attending Mt Albert Grammar School,
Year 9

Plays football (soccer), 'Player of the Year' for his team

Enjoys gaming, especially Call of Duty

Loves KFC

Karlos's joke

What did the chicken nugget say to
the deep fryer?... Nothing because
it's a chicken nugget ...



Soccer trophy



Lodge weekend on Mt Ruapehu



At home at Mangere Bridge



Nikolas

Nikolas David Mila Schaaf

Born in Auckland, 24 September 2005

Now lives in Auckland

Heritage of father — Tongan

Heritage of of mother — Tongan/palangi

In 2018 will be attending Waikowhai Intermediate School,
Year 8

Plays rugby league and softball

Enjoys Ps4 games, and board games

Likes McDonalds

Nikolas's Joke

Q: Why do the French like eating
snails?

A: Because they don't like eating fast
food



Family
photos—
birthday,
disco and
beach



Brothers



Maka Toa

Maka Toa James Mila Schaaf

Born 28 November 2016 in Wellington

Now lives in Auckland

Heritage of father — Tongan

Heritage of of mother — Tongan/palangi



Newborn baby brother





Everyone loves Maka Toa



George

George Sullivan Buisson

Born in Wellington 5 November 2011

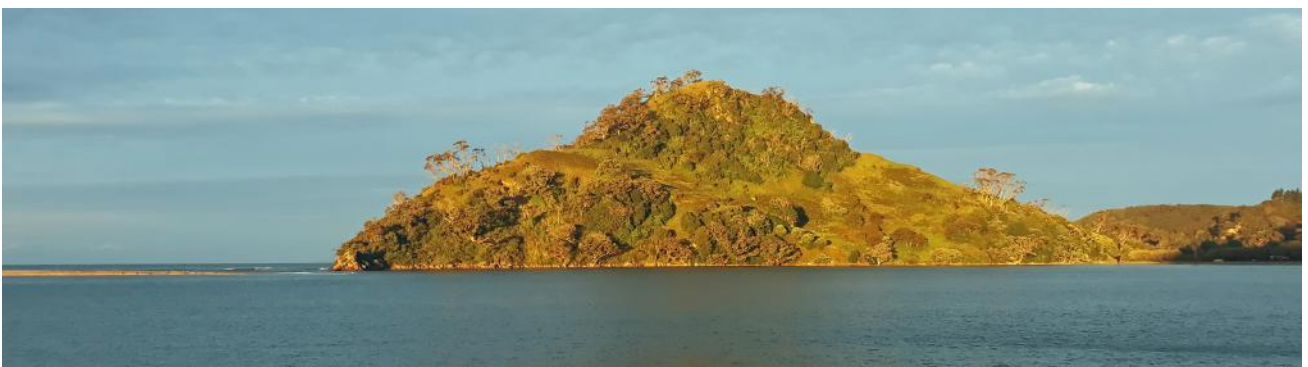
Now lives in Whangarei with parents Amy and Paul and brother Baxter

In 2018 will be attending Manaia Kindy, then Primary school Year 1

Enjoys bike riding, running races, trampoline

Interested in reading books together with adults, playing with Lego, monster trucks, digging and moving dirt, stones and sand, playing with their dog 'Bud'

Loves eating cherry tomatoes, strawberries, and crackers with sweet chilli sauce and cheese



Pataua Mountain from their beach house



On the terrace, outside
their home, the beach their
playground



George is five years old



Boating with Dad



Baxter

Baxter Ray Buisson

Born in Wellington, 18 March 2015

Now lives in Whangarei with parents Amy and Paul and bother George

Attends Whangarei Heads Playcentre

Likes riding balance bike, running races, jumping on trampoline ("trampabline")

Enjoys playing with their dog 'Bud', playing with water or in the water, reading books together, cushion fights, cuddles, playing whatever games George is playing

Favourite fun games – when Mummy pretends he is a delicious sausage roll and eats him, and hiding under cushions when it's time for bed



Rainy bush walk



Carpenters at work!



Smile!



The explorers



Baxter's turn in the boat



Isaac

Isaac Mila Helton Shields

Born in Auckland 28 March 2011

Now lives in Miramar, Wellington

Mother's heritage — Tongan

In 2018 Isaac will be attending Miramar North School, Wellington, Year 3

Plays soccer. and has been to Junior Surf Lifesaving Club. Is a good swimmer, and has always been attracted to water and beaches

Enjoys science experiments, making things with sellotape and card, listening to music and reading non-fiction books

A fan of Star Wars

Isaac's Joke —

Knock, Knock,
Who's there?
Boo
Boo who?



Isaac in the river, Dad watching.

But Wait —
There's More

There are families in Wellington
and in Ipswich, Queensland,
Australia, who join the 'Hunts'.

Alice Hunt is married to John
Desmond O'Keefe now, and Des
(‘Pop’) has five great-grandchildren.

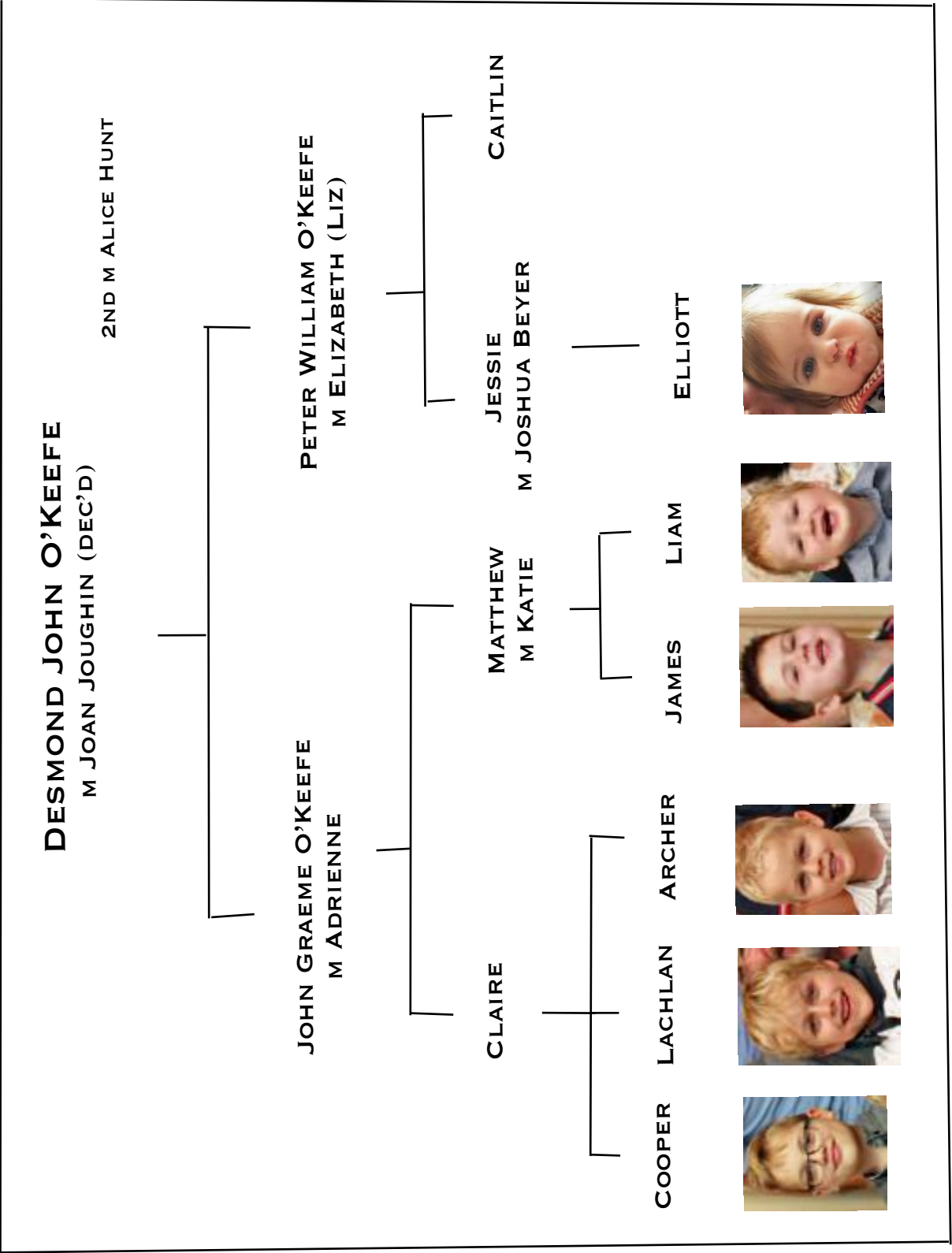
So here is something about them.....



The Ipswich O'Keefes, 2017
 Back: Matthew, Katie, Claire
 Front: Cooper, Lachlan, John, Liam, Adrienne, Archer, James



Family group photo taken on 90th birthday of Des O'Keefe (May 2017)
 John, Josh holding Elliott, Jessie, David, Vicki and Mitchell Hopping (cousins), Caitlin, Peter, Adrienne
 (in front) Des, Alice and Liz



A Simplified Family Tree



Just enough room for Great-Nana's
joke —

When the time came to adjust the
clocks for daylight saving, the
caretakers at Stonehenge had a busy
night moving all the stones forward
one hour!

Oiaue!

