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Remember our ANNUAL PICNIC on Sunday, 21st February 1982.

MTS.

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The Christmas barbecue will be held at Spencer Park on Saturday, December 5th at 1 p.m. Directions to the picnic site will be on the blackboard outside the office. A large barbecue and wood will be provided for members to cook their meat, and Swiss sausages will be on sale. Please bring a contribution towards the salad and the dessert. After lunch there will be a visit from Father Christmas, carol singing and games. Members will be receiving a newsletter with further details. If you would like further information please phone the Secretary tel. Belfast 7165.

Frieda Looser

#### HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Place: Eureka Hall

Date: Sunday 6th December 1981

Time: 11 a.m.

The party will commence at 11a.m. At 11.30 a.m. we have a surprise guest entertainer appearing so be sure be there in plenty of time, this will be followed by a luncheon. In the afternoon we will hear some musical items, play some games and of course Santa Clause will visit us. Ladies a plate. PICNIC:

Our annual picnic will be held on Sunday, 7th February, 1982, at Mr and Mrs Villiger's Farm, Kiwitahi, from 11 a.m.

As usual there will be Drinks, Bratwuerste and Coffee for sale. This time, however, we are unable to obtain the beautiful cakes for afternoon coffee we have become accustomed to over the years. Our Swiss baker, Werner Burri has returned to Switzerland and so our source has disappeared. Perhaps you will bring your own cakes and cookies to enjoy with the coffee.

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

December 6.

Members are reminded of a Christmas Shoot at 10.00 a.m.

February 14 1982 at 10.30 a.m.

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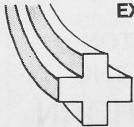
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