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- 1 Former Beatle John Lennon went to live with his Aunt _____ when he was about 5 years old and she became his parental guardian. (4)
- 3 This Central Otago town is renowned for its stonefruit, particularly the apricots. (8)
- 9 (9 across) and (16 across) is a mediaeval chivalric tale of an illicit romance between a Cornish knight and an Irish princess. (7)
- 10 This is how you spell the letter H. (5)
- 11 When something has been _____ out, it has been distributed, allotted or dished out. (5)
- 12 This island in Auckland's Hauraki Gulf lies about 5km northeast of Motutapu Island. (6)

- 14 The R. _____ *Thompson* is a tall sailing ship based in the Bay of Islands that takes young people on 7 day development voyages. (6)
- 16 (see 9 across) (6)
- 19 Cuban socialist leader who overthrew a dictator in 1959 and established a Marxist socialist state in Cuba. (6)
- 21 A brief introductory passage to a piece of popular music. (5)
- 24 Borrowed from French, this word means *goodbye* or *farewell*. (5)
- 25 To make space or clear a passage so that someone or something can pass. (4,3)
- 26 A dull-witted or stupid person. (8)
- 27 See 23 Down

Down

- 1 Known from the *Lord of the Rings* movies, the *Hobbiton* Movie Set is located on a farm near this town in the Waikato. (8)
- 2 If something is _____ it is in a state of slight wetness or dampness. (5)
- 4 An informal North American term for a person's behaviour or disposition, meaning stubborn, bad-tempered or mean. (6)
- 5/17 The nickname for the New Zealand men's and women's national field hockey teams. (5,6)
- 6 This word can be another name both for *Vitamin A* and for *rosin oil*. (7)
- 7 The larvae of this native beetle, *Prionoplus reticularis*, have a long history as a food for Māori either eaten raw or cooked in

- a hāngī. (4)
- 8 Heavy, filling and usually starchy food. (6)
- 13 A group of organisms sharing a specific genetic constitution. (8)
- 15 The part of the skull that encloses the brain. (7)
- 17 See 5
- 18 During World War 2, this German field marshal was given the nickname *The Desert Fox*. (6)
- 20 See 23
- 22 New Zealand's only aluminium smelter is located at _____ Point near Bluff. (5)
- 23/20/27 On 15 April 1885, the first sod was turned to launch the construction of the central section of the North Island _____ (4,5,4)