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From two bins to four!



A step-change is coming to the way New Plymouth District residents' rubbish is collected as NPDC ramps up its journey towards Zero Waste 2040.

The family of kerbside bins is growing, and from mid-August NPDC will start delivering landfill and food scraps bins to all properties in the collection area, replacing the red rubbish bags. The new four-bin service begins on the week starting 30 September.

"We'll be going suburb by suburb with the bin deliveries so don't worry if you haven't got your bins in the first few weeks – they'll be coming," says NPDC Manager Resource Recovery Kimberley Hope.

"The deliveries will be between mid-August and mid-September so please wait until Wednesday 18 September to contact us at NPDC if you don't have your new bins." About \$21 million was set aside for the Zero Waste 2040 journey, including the kerbside collection changes, by councillors in 2018 after the idea proved popular with the public in the Long-Term Plan process and attracted more than 3,000 supporting submissions.

The landfill and food scraps bins will help our community work towards Zero Waste by cutting down the amount of waste that goes to the landfill. Currently, about 40 per cent of residential rubbish bags is food waste, but the food scraps collection will enable that waste to be turned into useful compost.

When the new collection starts on 30 September, the food scraps bin will be collected weekly. The landfill, recycling and glass bins will be collected every fortnight: glass and landfill bins one week, recycling the next.

Households should keep using their red bags until Friday 27 September. After that, any leftover bags can be taken to the Civic Centre in New Plymouth or your local library for reuse by community groups or recycling.

From the Editor



I love plastic and I hate plastic! But either way we can all agree that plastic is one of the big baddies in the environment at the moment. As I consider how to diminish its use in my day to day life I ponder where it came from and why?

Plastic is a universal product found all over the world - in wealthy and in poor countries and every sector of society has enjoyed the benefits that the production of plastic has brought about - military, medical, automotive, domestic, recreational, sporting, computing to name but a few.

Plastic was developed in the early part of last century to save our natural resources. The early plastics or polymers were made out of plant based substances but this wasn't seen as sustainable so a synthetic polymer was developed. Oh the irony... And the world took to plastic like we took to the industrial revolution. So plastic hasn't been the all round saviour it was designed to be just as the industrial revolution left a nasty after taste in the mouth. We humans have such a limited grasp of the long term repercussions of our actions.

I think it would be fair to say we couldn't live without plastic. It is also true that we can reduce how we use it. When you see the devastation at Franz Josef from the dispersal of a rubbish tip into the environment and the tonnes of plastic waste that hasn't broken down in years, it makes you stop and think about how we use plastic and how we dispose of it. We have all adapted to not using single use plastic bags and we can all do more. Those plastic drink bottles; those plastic bottles with sauces and cleaners; those fruit and vegetables in plastic; those individual serve foods, those convenience foods and of course takeaways, synthetic clothing, footwear, household items..... the list goes on but little by little we can change.

Kim

A big job!

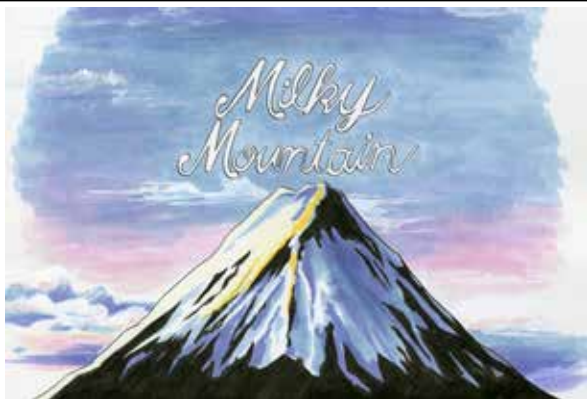
"We don't want piles of excess plastic bags going into the landfill bin. You could either use them one by one as a bin liner, or get them back to us so we can make sure they have a useful second life," says Ms Hope.

The red plastic bags won't be picked up at the kerbside after 27 September.

More information about bin delivery dates and how to use the new collection system is online at newplymouthnz.com/NewBins. Also, a collection calendar and information booklet will be delivered with the bins.



Samurai Summer Reunion



A new art exhibition shines light on the days of *The Last Samurai*, a momentous event that saw Hollywood descend on Taranaki over the summer of 2003. This is the time Oakura remembers as *The Samurai Summer*.

Govett-Brewster Art Gallery's 2018 International Artist in Residence Yuichiro Tamura of Kyoto, Japan opens his exhibition *Milky Mountain* on Saturday 10 August, through to mid-November. As part of his project, Tamura spoke with many people who had a role to play in the film, including set builders, land owners and business owners from Oakura and along Surf Hwy45.

That summer, a couple came to Taranaki from Auckland with a food caravan to feed *The Last Samurai* film extras. The couple, Sophie and Ken Kurota, loved New Plymouth so much they stayed on and set up the well-known restaurant Sushi Ninja.

All the talk about that time stirred nostalgia and sparked the idea to reconnect the people involved in the film and who lived through the 'Samurai Summer'. Sophie and Ken will host a reunion dinner at Sushi Ninja on the exhibition opening weekend (details below).

Yuichiro Tamura will be at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery for his exhibition opening and will give a talk on Saturday 10 August at 11am. The *Last Samurai* film will play on the big screen in the Len Lye Centre Cinema at 2pm. For more info, go to govettbrewster.com.

Artist and curator talk Yuichiro Tamura

Sat 10 Aug | 11 am Free | Galleries 2 - 4 | Govett-Brewster Art Gallery

Join Govett-Brewster International Artist in Residence Yuichiro Tamura and curator Sarah Wall for a walk and talk through Tamura's new exhibition *Milky Mountain*, followed by a film screening and discussion.

Exhibition film *The Last Samurai*

Sat 10 Aug | 2 pm | R13 Len Lye Centre Cinema | Free | Booking essential

An American military advisor embraces the Samurai culture he was hired to destroy after he is captured in battle. Screened in association with the exhibition Yuichiro Tamura: *Milky Mountain* JP/US/NZ, 2003, 154 min., Dir. Edward Zwick

Exhibition Opening

Sat 10 Aug | 6 - 8 pm | Free

Join the exhibiting artists, supporters and the Govett-Brewster team in officially opening and celebrating the new suite of exhibition. Light refreshments will be served.

Samurai Summer Reunion

Sunday 11 August | 6 pm

Sushi Ninja | 89 Devon Street East New Plymouth

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The Best Mac n Cheese? YOU get to decide!

Devon Intermediate School is holding a Mac n Cheese Throw Down fundraiser, asking the public to vote for the best tasting dish. Oakura girls Helena Rollins and Isabelle McLorinan attend Devon and are excited about the upcoming fundraiser. Isabelle remarked, "It's good to see a different type of fundraiser which might help inspire people to support our school."

Local restaurants Monica's Eatery, Local's Café, Deluxe Diner, Polpetta, Voodoo Vinnie's and many others are keen to compete to see who has the best tasting mac n cheese. The public will vote for "People's Choice" and there will be local celebrity judges who will determine best tasting traditional and modern takes on the pasta dish. Fonterra has stepped up as an event sponsor and is providing cheese to the restaurants to cook with.

Karyn Grant of Monica's Eatery is enthusiastic to participate. "We think this fundraiser can bring the community together, and what better way than with macaroni and cheese!"

Devon Intermediate School is raising money for sunshades to cover an outdoor education space. Debra Young is the Deputy Principal and thinks the fundraiser has great potential. "I would love to see the Mac n Cheese Throw Down become an annual event. We are very grateful to the wonderful Parent Link committee who are working tirelessly to make this a successful and enjoyable evening!"

"I think it's cool that we get to vote for the best mac n cheese so then I'd know which restaurant I'd go to for more," says Helena. "My mum makes a really good mac n cheese with a creamy sauce, but she can't enter."

Elaine Rollins and Oakura local who's on the Devon Parent Link Committee, grinned when she heard what Helena said, "Maybe at next year's fundraiser we can have a family entry and I'll enter my mac n cheese!"

Devon Intermediate Mac n Cheese Throw Down Fundraiser
24 August 2019 5.00-7.00pm
Devon School Hall, \$20 Adults, \$10 Children under 13, \$45 Family of four (max 2 adults)
For tickets, call the Devon office 06-758-5266; or check out the school's Facebook page.

Devon Intermediate Fundraiser Mac 'n Cheese Throwdown



TASTE AND VOTE!

You get to taste samples from top restaurants and cast your vote for the best MacnCheese in Taranaki!

5-7pm Saturday 24 August 2019, Devon School Hall
Tickets available at Devon Intermediate School 06 758 5266

Cash or Internet banking only
\$20 per Adult, \$10 children under 13
\$45 Family of four (max 2 adults)

Proceeds go towards fundraising for outdoor classroom shades



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The spirit of fundraising

Emma Eager and Neve Hudson (both year 7 students) ran a pyjama day fundraiser at Oakura School which they proposed and organised themselves - this was done at the end of term 2. They raised over \$500 and have used this to purchase new pyjamas and books to donate to the local representative. Local Lumino dentist (Kerry Hamilton Dental) kindly donated some toothbrushes and toothpaste.



The girls went shopping themselves and made sure to hit Farmers during a sale – they selected a set of summer and winter PJs for boys and girls from the age of 3-14 where possible...they ended up with about 32 pairs of PJs. They had decided to spend \$420 on PJs and \$100 on books so they then chose a range of books from Whitcoulls such as Harry Potter, David Walliams, Dr Seuss and the Mr Men. They selected it all themselves.

The fundraiser came about because Emma's nana did a similar thing at her work in the Waikato after hearing that items like pyjamas and toothpaste were very useful and needed items in these circumstances.

Teena Bennett had this to say about the fundraiser. "Kia ora Koutou, it was such a pleasure to meet fundraisers Emma Eager and Neve Hudson. While I was impressed with their initiative, it was their awareness and concern for other kids that was so special. My role encompasses the support and training of foster parents, ordinary people who have the same concern and passion to support tamariki who enter care. Many of the people I meet are whanau/kin caregivers like Grandparents raising their Grandchildren. The majority of the gifts will go to this group as they receive very little financial or other support. I've already heard back from some very grateful recipients. Nga mihi nui."

You can find more information about fostering kids at: <http://www.fosteringkids.org.nz/>

Pictured with Emma and Neve is Teena Bennett who is the Northwest Regional Coordinator of Fostering Kids NZ



Henry's Heroes SPCA Fundraiser Quiz Night★

Where: Butlers Reef, Oakura
When: Tuesday 1 October 2019

Time: 6.30 pm

Bring: Gold coins for raffles

Entry fee: \$10 per person

Maximum of 8 people per team

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"We adopted Henry from the SPCA nearly 16 years ago and sadly he recently passed away. This fundraiser is in memory of our special doggie."

Last month we were fortunate to have a visit from Coco Flash and Erica for Rainbow Storytime (pictured below).

They sang songs with the children, danced and shared stories about inclusiveness and being true to yourself.

In picture book 'Perfectly Norman' by Tom Percival "Norman had always been perfectly normal. That was until the day he grew a pair of wings!" Does Norman have the courage to celebrate his difference? As the temperature drops it's a great time to curl up with a good book. View our suggested 'Great Winter Reads' for adults, teens and children on the Puke Ariki website.

New at Ōākura Library:

'Ripe Recipes: A Third Helping' is a brand new cookbook full of inspiring dishes! The broccoli brussel sprouts salad and pumpkin cheesecake are firm favourites and impressive dinner party fare.

Popular young adult novel 'The Hate U Give' was made into a movie and we have the DVD. I've read the book and seen the movie. It's very powerful, contemporary multi-award winning novel. Also new to our shelves is New Zealand author Maxine Alterio's latest novel 'The Gulf Between' - a haunting story about the choices we make with an ending you won't see coming.

Please note that our public computers will be unavailable on Tuesday 13th August as we changeover to upgraded PCs and printing facilities. Our WIFI, however, will still be on.

Come in and see us during the last week of August and let us know your views on our libraries and how they can meet the needs of our communities in the future.

Libraries are places for lifelong learning, creative recreation, connection and growing knowledge and understanding, so make sure you come in to Ōākura library or visit the Puke Ariki website to have your say.

Happy reading!

Charlie and Vincenza



The Big Red Truck

There's some new faces at the station. Welcome to our new recruits, Kate Basher, Neil Mardon, Craig Williams and Rebecca McDonald. It's great to have more members of our community get involved.

After a wet July it seems that winter has well and truly settled in so it's a great time to remind everyone of a little home safety rhyme, it's an easy one to remember, keep things 'a metre from the heater'. For those Americans in the village that's 1.09 yards, sure it doesn't rhyme but we wouldn't want to see a fire caused by a cultural/mathematical misunderstanding.

Fire crews recently attended a major blaze that was started by an electric blanket. Be sure to check your blankets before you bring them out for the winter, look for broken or exposed wiring, always store rolled and not folded as this can break the wires, and never sleep with them switched on as there is such a thing as being too hot in the sack.

Stay safe and warm!

The crew from the Big Red Truck



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Benefit rise under Labour

I have been watching with concern the rising number of people on jobseeker benefits in New Plymouth.

Since taking office, the Labour-led Government's policies have seen huge increases in the unemployment rate in New Plymouth District. The 'Jobseeker Benefit' is for people who can work but aren't. Between September 2017 and June 2019, the number of people on jobseeker benefits in New Plymouth electorate rose by over 16 per cent.

This is a sign of fewer people moving into work, living better lives and sharing in the economy of New Plymouth. The Government continues to claim the economy is strong, so why is the local unemployment rate rising?

National's priority has consistently been to incentivise people into work as that is proven to be the best route out of poverty into a strong and successful future.

Letting Kiwis languish on benefits is neither kind nor caring. Benefits are a vital safety net, not a long-term solution for people struggling with the rising cost of living.

We've got plenty of innovative and willing employers in the New Plymouth electorate who want to employ people and keep growing their businesses, but this Labour-led Government just isn't aspirational for Kiwis who could have a brighter future in employment.

National's social investment approach was helping Kiwis to upskill, giving them individualised plans and achieving results. The strategy was about investing money into people who are struggling to enable them to become self-reliant. This Government has no plan on how to move more Kiwis into work.

New Zealanders can't afford this Government.

Jonathan Young, MP for New Plymouth, National Party
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Climate change

'Climate change' was on the agenda at the July NPDC meeting, not the official agenda but one imposed by the public, calling the council to declare a state of emergency on climate change. I later watched a video, as recommended by one of the speakers. It showed the mean climate figures used to show our planet was in a state of warming, was Al Gore's 1951-1980 baseline. Out of our whole planet's history a mere 29 years was the baseline! I could now see why people found it difficult to get their head around the science. We just haven't been recording temperature well enough or long enough.



At that same council meeting a very passionate high school student told the council, "Show us that you seriously think it is an issue." I drive a car, as most people do and purchase carbon offsets." I wondered why he didn't walk, bike or use a bus if he seriously thought climate change was an issue. It shocked me that there was even such a thing as being able to buy your way out of the damage you believe you have done to the planet by driving a car. Then there is the whole issue of Martin Mlynarczyk from NASA coming out at the end of 2018 telling us about our sun "We see a cooling trend... it could soon set a space age record for cold." That made me wonder if our planet had been through cycles of heating and cooling over hundreds of years and that the present extremes in our climate may not be as entirely under our control as we like to think. It will be interesting to watch the data come out of the next 10 years.

Personally the climate change rhetoric is too narrow for me. Here in New Zealand we live a very long way from anywhere and air flights are the usual mode to get in and out of our country and not just a short flight, but long hauls. That is a lot of carbon emissions. Under the Paris agreement, aviation and shipping are not included in the national emissions count. Not counting some of the emissions, and being able to purchase offsets, makes me question the sustainability of the approach that is being made.

Oh don't get me wrong, I believe there is a great importance in taking care of our planet, for me it is just not about making the emissions books balance. Also the push in reducing fossil fuel burning is creating a boom in electric vehicles. Jeff Desjardins from the Business Insider reveals that just a 1% increase in these battery driven vehicles requires a further 70,000 tons of lithium, which in turn increases the need for mining. You win on one environmental issue and lose on another.

The sustainability philosophy, as defined by Google is "The pursuit of global environmental, economic and social sustainability" makes more sense to me.

At the end of the day if a major climatic event happened (because of man's doing or not) the question that is more important to have answered is 'how resilient is your community?' Research findings after the Christchurch earthquake found that pre-existing community connectedness was the best indication on how well communities coped after a disaster.

Walk to school, talk to the people on your way, pick up a bit of rubbish and put it in the recycle bin, plant a strawberry plant and give some to your neighbour, you never know you just might get some strawberry jam.

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Louise James

iderm clinic for Oakura

After four years of living in Oakura and practicing Dermatology in New Plymouth, Dr. Lisa Connelly is delighted to bring her practice, Integrative Dermatology, to 4 Butlers Lane, Oakura. Dr. Connelly is a specialist Dermatologist certified in NZ and USA. Lisa and local aesthetician Lee Newton bring the most up to date medical and aesthetic treatments for all conditions related to skin, hair and nails.

As neighbours Lisa and Lee chatted over many a coffee about working together and offering patients the best of modern Dermatology while combining it with excellent skin care regimes. Two months ago this dream became a reality with the opening of Integrative Dermatology here in Oakura.

Our goal is to integrate all the aspects of skin care under one roof. We approach skin conditions in a personalised manner by focusing on the individual patient rather than their disease. We delve much more than skin deep to find the root cause of diseases while also providing treatment solutions.

Lisa's personalised approach to skin care is shown in her excellent results when treating acne and sun damage. With the use of medical grade peels and complementary skin care regimes provided by Lee, together they achieve excellent results in the treatment of sun spots, fine lines, keratosis, blemishes and acne lesions. Our peels require minimal recovery times and deliver results within days.

In addition, Dr. Connelly treats acne, angiomas, eczema, hair loss, moles, nail disorders, sun damage, photoaging, skin cancer, psoriasis and rashes in general. We also provide botox, and fillers, while Lee provides the facials and skin care regimes complementary to prescription dermatologic care.



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From birth to those in their 90s, Dr. Connelly treats patients of all ages. As one of only a handful of similarly trained specialist in NZ, Dr Connelly is also a certified paediatric dermatologist having completed extra training in all skin, hair and nail conditions specific to children and young adults.

Book your consultation with Lisa today and meet our welcoming Oakura staff from reception to nursing to administration you are likely to find a local familiar face. Introductory specials on Thalgo M Ceutic facials are now available at 50% off. Come in and meet with Lee for a free 15 min consultation to see if M Ceutic is right for you. This regime is excellent for treating fine lines, enlarged pores and mild acne.

Referrals are appreciated but not necessary and Dr. Connelly is a Southern Cross affiliated provider. Appointments can be made via email info@iderm.co.nz or 0279779119. More information is available at www.iderm.co.nz or like us on Facebook at Integrative Dermatology.

Hello Oakura!

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Kaitake Community Board

Like everyone, the Kaitake Community Board members live in busy times and life often seems to consist of only a quick succession of busy unconnected moments. However, our recent activities have been carried out at truly headlong pace. I refer to all effort that the KCB (along with many others) has had to put in to oppose the private plan change application to alter the NPDC District Plan. The application wants to rezone an operating dairy farm on rural land into residential land to develop a large tract subdivision of nearly 400 house lots. There were many concerns about the application so here is a historical background of why the community got to that position and how it got there.

For many years Oakura has been recognised as a 'residential growth hot spot' as seaside communities invariably are. To that end, your elected members, working in tandem with Council officers and the local community spent 100's of hours planning the most appropriate way forward for the village to grow as organically as possible. This work started with the NPDC Coastal Strategy, developed back in 2004/06. Its purpose was to set a guiding image or picture of what the community wanted the coastal environment to look like in 20 years. The strategy brought together knowledge from local communities, such as Oakura, of their landscape and their visions for its future. We still acknowledge the work of the Council in developing the Strategy - it remains a visionary and meaningful piece of work.

In conjunction with this overarching policy, the Oakura Structure Plan was developed. Its purpose was to specifically drill down deeper and identify, then integrate the protection, use, management and development of land and resources in our community over 20 years. The Oakura community participated significantly in the development of that plan and provided substantial input. The Coastal Strategy was the anchor to which the Oakura Structure Plan was firmly attached.

Many residents at the time were very supportive of these quite forward thinking pieces of work. Even then, well over a decade ago now, there was little doubt that the area would continue to be a lifestyle preference because of the sense of place, environmental amenity values, good infrastructure (e.g. school, pub, sports clubs etc.), opportunities for social interaction between like-minded families and so on. In other words, a great place to put one's roots down. Locals knew the community would go on attracting newcomers for those reasons and they would most likely follow the then developing trend of being in the higher income bracket, working outside the local community, and preferring larger single-family lots or lifestyle blocks.

There were in-fill housing opportunities within the existing village but in the end, further greenfields land would be needed. The basic issue about the future consumption of rural land for residential development became a common conversation in the community. Most recognised that such development would be irreversible - the land would never be 'undeveloped.' Another conversation piece was what were the appropriate development strategies that would inform the 'where' the 'how' and the 'when' and at what speed suburbanisation should happen. Sorting out those issues would be a key factor, as would be the design and build of the very necessary infrastructure supporting the way ahead. (e.g. sewerage connections, water supply, roading, street lighting, footpaths parking, cemetery, local business etc.).

Back then many of the councillors believed that Oakura was developing as a bedroom suburb and there was little wrong with that. The fact that Oakura is a community in its own right was being lost so it became most important that sense of place planning was understood and followed. As a result, and after a couple more election cycles, the relevance of the Coastal Strategy and Structure Plan was clearly diluted, as other matters became more topical and influential in the Council chamber.

So a plan was put in place to go back to the community and ask those living in it to tell us what was important to them. The Oakura Focus Group played a very significant role in this regard. The KCB handled the community consultation part of the exercise, but it was the focus group that listened to the local 'voice' and set about teasing out possible best practice solutions to some pretty complex and challenging issues. The values of the community have a huge impact on driving best practice solutions so local input was a huge benefit. The most beneficial aspect being the debate that occurred throughout that process and ensuring that all issues are fully investigated. As you will know the outcome of all that effort was the Oakura Community Engagement Plan 2014/16 and the subsequent Kaitake Community Plan 2017. The clear indications from all those documents is that residential subdivision should be staged in small chunks and the area for that is on the seaward side of State Highway 45. It also should be noted that there is around 11 hectares of land within the village footprint, or adjacent to it already zoned residential.

After these projects, the focus group has continued to work in conjunction with Council planners on residential land supply issues as they have developed the new draft District Plan. It is going to be available for public consultation in a month or so and we suggest all residents should have a good look at it and submit on any aspect they feel it is necessary to do so.

To finish, with the local body elections this year if you are considering standing here is the link to the answers to all those questions you may want ask.
<https://www.newplymouthnz.com/-/media/NPDC/Documents/Council/About%20NPDC/Elections%20FAQs.ashx>

Well, that's it for this TOM issue. The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be held in the Omata Hall on Monday 19 August at 7pm.
Ka kite ano Doug Hislop (752 7324 and douglashislop@gmail.com) on behalf of Mike Pillette, Paul Coxhead, Graham Chard and Roy Weaver who is the Councillor representative on the KCB.

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Term Three

We're already sure that this term is going to be outstanding! All the children are prepared for a fantastic term of learning. There are new subjects to learn, new activities to participate in and

plenty of opportunity to share our work as the term progresses.

Recently the Gecko and Penguin classes went down to a local restaurant by the waterfront called Black Sands. They were taught how to make traditional Napoli pizza with the owners Monika and Martin. The children say they all had a great time and learnt to roll dough, add toppings, cook the pizza and, most importantly, eat it! They were really lucky to have this experience in the last week of Term 2.

This term, the year 5 and 6's are learning how to stay safe on the road as they learn their new subject - cycle safety. This means learning how to look for cars when riding, the signals used by cyclists and the general road rules. Also our year 6 netball team has done so well that they have made it into the semi-finals for the inter school competition. This is coming up soon and we wish them the best of luck.

Currently in the year 7 and 8 block, we have been preparing for a new term in which we will have the opportunity to choose which classes we attend. Beginning with performance arts, we got to select out of Comedy, Plays, Music, and Dance. During this period we have the chance to explore and create different forms of entertainment. In another area of curriculum, visual art, we chose from Zentangle with Mrs Knapp, printmaking/sewing with Mrs Ramsay and Surrealism with Mr Smith. Also, on the physical side of things we have the Oakura school cross country event coming up some time in week 6, which we're sure lots of our students are really excited about.

So, you can see that the kids of Oakura School are already in action. This term is filled with many cool experiences for us to take part in. We have sports, academic learning, performance art and much, much more coming our way. After a great rest in the holidays, we are out and about and excited to learn!

Catherine (12) and Jaeden (13)



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- 9 Year7/8 Sports and activity exchange with Puketapu
- 14 3D Conferences -early finish
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- 19 Kaitake Community Board Meeting in Omata Hall
- 7pm
- 22 Omata Hall Committee Meeting 1:30pm
- 23 'Trash Test Dummies' Show Year 5-8 at Theatre Royal
- 11am

September

- 5 Omata Cross Country Ages 5-7years 1:30pm
- 6 Omata Cross Country Ages 8-13years 1pm at Waireka
- 9 AIMS Games Week Y7/8
- 10 Coastal Cross Country Years 4-6 1pm at Waireka
- 11 Interschool Cross Country Years 7-8 1pm at

Waireka Home and School News

After nearly three years this is my final Newslink as the outgoing Chairperson. Due to increased work and personal commitments, I stepped down earlier this term. I will still be involved in a lesser capacity as a committee member.

Kelly Phillips will be taking over as Chair. She has already proved a valuable asset as the driving force behind this terms new eco-fundraiser. This has been a popular addition and we look forward to receiving our eco products in Term 3.

We had our first Friday lunches a couple of weeks ago and both children and parents commented on how much the American hotdogs were enjoyed. We are hoping to run 3-4 lunches next term and would be grateful if anyone is able to commit to one of these Fridays for prep, serving or to go on the baking roster. If you are interested in knowing more about the Home & School please contact a member of the present committee or attend our next meeting in the staffroom Tuesday 30th July 3.15pm. Happy holidays to you all.

Sophie Flemming

Whats' on Top?

Tēnā koutou e hoa mā
We have had a wonderful bush rich topic, 'Ngā Kaitiaki o te Ngāhere', enjoying visits and visitors around the theme of keeping our school native bush and all of Taranaki 'Predator Free'. Next term the Omata area becomes a target for this 'Taranaki Taku Tūrangā' project and we will be hosting a weekend community information session in the hall.

How are you going with negotiating the complex world of cyber safety and managing children's use of devices? I don't

think any of our parents will have been surprised by the plea to keep under 3's off devices completely and limit time for older children. As usual the key is getting the right balance, as there are all sorts of possible health and development risks. Common sense has always told us that children need a variety of physical and cognitive play. Too much of one thing will be limiting their well-rounded development. Pre-schoolers need to enhance their motor, visual and spatial skills which are essential for healthy growth. The practice of handing a device to a child who is having a tantrum is alarming! This is no substitute for learning how to interact and control strong emotions. Setting up your expectations around devices from a very early age is important and will alleviate the 'battles' you may face as children get older.

Just as you demonstrate your own values to children by how you act and how you respond to challenges, you can also role model how you manage your devices. Devices have no place at the dinner table or in the bedroom and we put them down when we have guests or are talking. Setting these simple examples, will make a huge difference when your child turns into a teenager. It will be the norm.

At the other extreme, we do not want our children to miss out on connecting with our fascinating world through devices. They can chat to grandparents on Skype or FaceTime, play games, create, learn, read and socialise. We just have to make sure that they get the balance right and know how to safely manage themselves and their identity online.

Remember social media requires all users to be at least 13 years to access their services; this includes Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter and Instagram. WhatsApp users now need to be at least 16. We have a copy of John Parson's book, 'Keeping your Children Safe Online' available for parents to read from our Parent Library in reception.

We appreciate the hard mahi that all our families do to ensure their children get an amazing and rich childhood.

Ngā mihi nui
Karen Brisco Principal





Spotswood College is proud to be a leading school of modern and innovative learning. We have a clear vision of a 21st century learning environment where learning has a purpose, is planned with students and is pursued through relevant and authentic contexts. This means every student will have a personalised programme of learning that meets their individual needs, interests and passions.

State of the art technologies support and enhance learning. Learning opportunities include a wide range of cultural, arts, sporting, community connect, socially conscious and entrepreneurial activities.

The New Zealand curriculum drives our teaching and learning and results in programmes that provide wide coverage of all learning areas and allows learners to gain the full range of qualifications. With our students consistently achieving above the national average in the NCEA national qualifications, we are also able to offer connectivity to a range of tertiary programme, apprenticeships, internships, entrepreneurship and employment.

The culture of our school is built on a 'whānau,' 'family' like environment creating a safe and inclusive learning environment where students gain a sense of belonging. Powerful partnerships with families and the wider community is a key aspect of our learning community.

We are confident that our young people will be well equipped with 21st century skills to be positioned to be amongst the entrepreneurs, designers, innovators, academics do-ers, shakers, movers and leaders to build a better world for tomorrow. Gain some insight into our exciting world of learning by viewing: Website, Prospectus, Junior Curriculum

Students at the Centre of Learning Powerful Learning

Learning continues to look a lot like fun as senior engineering and physics students are tasked with designing attraction rides to present and test at Rainbows End.

A junior inquiry group whose aim is to reduce fuel emissions are testing their cycle track prototypes with students from Te Waka Manaaki, gaining some valuable feedback as they bring their design concepts to life.

Accelerated Programmes

Senior students have taken part in an accelerated program where they worked alongside surgeons and nurses to perform mock operations like knee surgery. This opportunity gave our young people the chance to have an authentic experience in the medical field.

Community At The Heart Of Who We Are Primary and Intermediate School Visits

During the last few weeks we have been fortunate enough to have hosted students from Puketapu, Highlands, Devon, Omata and Oakura. These young people took part in a range of taster courses that was designed to give them some insight into our future focused learning programmes at Spotswood College. Staff enjoyed working alongside these young people to better connect and strengthen relationships.

48 Hour Film Festival

Four Spotswood College teams took part in the 48 Hour Film Festival where they had to plan, film and produce a 5 minute short film. Each team was given a genre to follow and a set of techniques that needed to be included. The team Flamingo Films, consisting of Maruata Ngarewa-Cribb, Deon Corbett and Summah Watawari-Peka (*pictured below*) have made it into the regional finals at the Mayfair Theatre on July 26.

Cultural And Sporting Success

Congratulations to our volleyball teams who won 1st and 3rd Division at the Tournament held in Whanganui.

Congratulations to Erin Metcalfe who has been selected as part of the New Zealand swim team to compete at the 2019 Australian State Championships in Canberra.

Congratulations to the TSSSA Badminton students.

Novice

Junior Boys' Singles - 1st place - Jacky Li

Junior Girls' Singles - 3rd place - Jezmah Gardiner-Fleming

Junior Girls' Doubles - 1st place - Jezmah Gardiner-Fleming and Swanna Walbrecq

Senior Boys' Singles - 2nd Place - Arron Hockly

Senior Girls' Doubles - 1st place - Shavannah Jordan and Summer Price

Competitive

Junior Boys' Singles - 2nd place - Jayden Leece

Junior Boys' Doubles - 2nd place - Jayden Leece and Jacky Li

Senior Boys' Doubles - 2nd place - Taj Wasim and Abu Sharique

Nicola Ngarewa Principal





Presidents News

We have revamped the pond on the 16th Hole and have planted 100 local wetland plants to beautify this area. There is talk of another pond on the 6th Hole as at the moment there is a build-up of water and we need to take advantage of the water available.

Kaitake Golf Club course has just been rated by the NZGA and our course rating and slope indexes have all been updated. The course rating has just increased slightly so affects a few of our members handicaps. This is usually done every 5 years. It is with sad news that one of our long life members Bun Honeyfield passed away recently.

Womens Division News

Kaitake Ladies golf competitions continue with Top Dog currently being played. The winter weather and winter ailments have meant numbers have been down and some days have had to be cancelled completely. We are looking forward to some settled weather so we can get everyone back on course enjoying the game we love.

Planning for our 72 hole tournament being held 31st October and 1st November is progressing. Entry forms will be available soon with an early bird incentive being offered this year. As always, any ladies interested in trying out golf are welcome to come along and join us. You can play 9 holes or 18 holes or even just come along and give golf a go. Weekend ladies play 9.30 on Saturday mornings and Midweek ladies play 9.30am Tuesday's and Thursday's. (9.30 start between 1 June and end of August). Call in, or phone and chat to Denise in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Feel free to phone Andrea Jarrold on 7514234 or 0273587001 or talk to Denise in the office.

Club Captain Report:

Top Dog has just finished with Roger Cloke and Ian Johnson being the final winners with Clay Jordan and Frank Regan being runners up. Well done to them all. We are in the middle stage of matchplay and things progressing nicely with the weather being kind to the boys at the moment. Good luck to the semi finalists.

New Members Welcome

New golfers are encouraged to give "golf a go" there is still plenty more days of golf to go and beautiful weather at the moment so come take advantage of this weather and get out into the fresh air and enjoy a leisurely walk and great exercise round the golf course.

Age between 19-35 years of year - This is a good opportunity to join at a very special rate. Already many have taken advantage of the new \$10 rate per years of age membership fee to become a full playing member. For example if you are 22 the membership fee will be \$220 per year.

Kaitake Golf Club Chippers (Under 12 yrs old)

Next Chippers Day will be Sunday 11th August and every fortnight after that. Kim Woodward and Dom Squatriti along with Paul Haskell and Andrew Seale ex professional are usually there helping with the kids. Very much appreciate all the help and encouragement they give the kids.

Dominic Barson golf professional tries to come one Sunday each month courtesy of the Taranaki Golf Association and offers additional coaching. We have so many keen chippers out there and it is so awesome that they are joining up for this year. New players are always very welcome. Chippers ages range from 5 – 12 years. Just bring them along with flat soled footwear, a hat and perhaps a drink. Clubs, balls and coaching are provided. It costs \$40 to join as a member for the year allowing the children access to the course at any time as long as they are under supervision.

If any adults have young chippers thinking of playing golf please be aware that they can come along free of charge with any fee paying adult. We have chippers clubs here that they are more than welcome to borrow and have a go at playing golf. We need to try and promote the young kids of today to come join our club and get involved.

Pine Cones For Sale

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06 7527 665 or

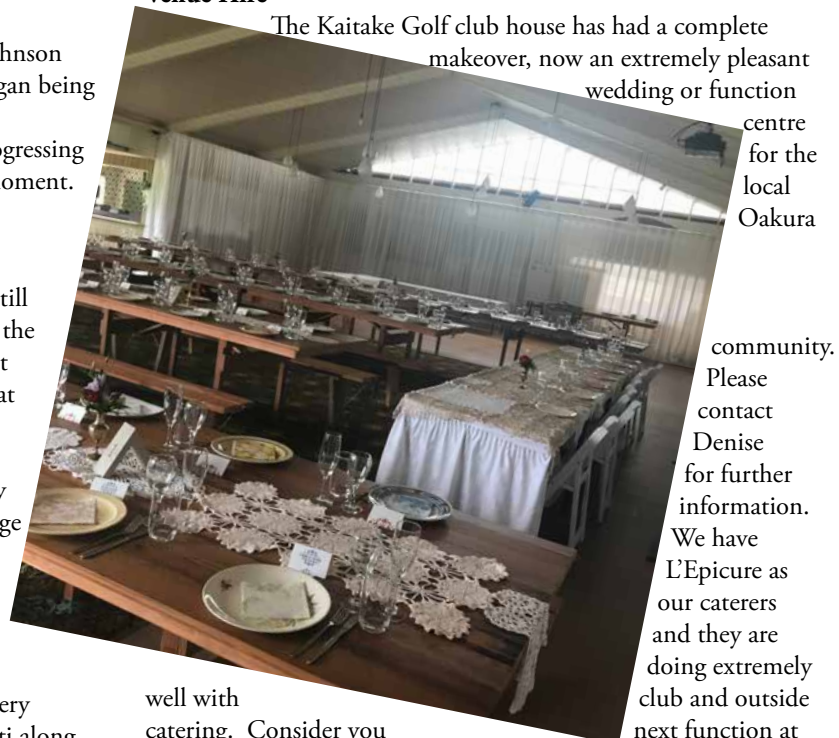
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Volunteers Welcome

Kaitake Golf Club your local club, situated on the Main south Road, 1 Km south of Oakura Village is keen to acquire more local volunteers. And you DON'T have to be a golf member to be a volunteer. If you would like to share you past skills or just be that helping hand, the club would love to offer you that breath of outdoor fresh air and the close companionship of other likeminded mates. There are numerous tasks and projects that the club performs weekly, so whether you're skilled or not, you would be most welcome to come along and help out as little or as much as you would like.

Venue Hire



The Kaitake Golf club house has had a complete makeover, now an extremely pleasant wedding or function centre for the local Oakura

community. Please contact Denise for further information. We have L'Epicure as our caterers and they are doing extremely well with catering. Consider you club and outside next function at and screen which is

well with catering. Consider you Kaitake Golf Club. We have a projector available for powerpoint presentations etc. Great venue for any type of function. Contact Denise 06 7527665 or email kaitakegolf@xtra.co.nz



Oakura Tennis

Wow tennis fans got some exciting tennis watching Wimbledon final with Novak finally taking the trophy over my favourite Roger 13-12 in the 5th set tie breaker! Simona Halep triumphed over Serena Williams.

competition experience to get some experience. We played Rotokare, Huatoki, and Pukekura in a summer round and have just completed the winter round. Oakura came 2nd on 27 points to 1st place Pukekura on 32 points. Thanks to Roseanne for her organisation.

Chris Davies

L to R: Derry Northcott, Chris Davies, Anne Bridges, Roseanne Donovan, Abigail Poole, Milou Barrett, Rachel Volcani. Absent Karley Maetzig

The coaching staff from Blitz Tennis are taking a break over the winter months so there is no coaching or cardio tennis this term. Registrations for junior coaching will open in September to start in the fourth term. The mild weather and lack of snow has seen plenty of locals still hitting the courts and our ladies 8 competition has just wrapped up for the season. Our tennis club AGM will be held in September. Keep making the most of the mild weather.

Jackie Keenan - secretary

A group of local ladies have been playing in a ladies 8s competition. Our team consisted of a mix of experienced players with some newbies to competition. It was a great way for those without



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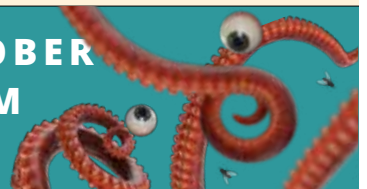
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Kia ora everybody
Well there's nothing like a great run of good weather and swell in the middle of winter. As we go to press we have a 2.5m @20sec swell pulsating the coast which has had a few people scrambling for the horizon while others make the most of the magic waves on offer. There were eye witnesses to a few club members getting some bombs and cover ups at maxing Stent, ka pai to you Hamo, Manu and Pres.

Our mid-winter party went off on the 22nd of June, everyone really came in hot with awesome 80's costumes and night of ripping up the dancefloor with Jonesey's delicious beers flowing. What a treat.

We are looking at having a retro surf comp in spring for a bit of fun and get out there on the surf craft that seems to gather dust rather than shoot the curl as they should do. This comp will join the Club champs and MC longboard comp as a triple crown event so stay tuned for this lil ripper in the competition calendar.

July's committee meeting was amazing and a little reminder - it is that time of the year for our AGM in August. Always a good turnout of people to see how the club is tracking and what we have planned for the future. Also, the committee gets chosen for the year ahead so anyone that wants to contribute to the club and has some fantastic ideas come on down.

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Above Steve Roberts ready to party, below Kuta, Mentawai madness.



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Dancing in the Dark: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays till November. Contact Glenys Farrant 0277530120

Functional Crosstraining by Nakifit: Saturdays 7.40am. Ph 021 297 5465 or nakifit@gmail.com

Inferno 45: 4 X Bootcamp fitness Monday & Wednesday 6am, Tuesday & Friday 9:30am. Boxfit class Friday 6am. All 1 hour sessions. Oakura Hall. Contact Graeme on 021 536 990.

Indoor Bowls: Mondays 7.30pm at Oakura Hall. Contact Marvin Clough ph 7527531.

JKA Karate: Tuesdays at Oakura Hall 5.30-6.30pm. Thursdays at Oakura Hall 6.00-7.00pm. Contact Jim Hoskin 752 7337.

Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust: Contact Pete Morgan - morgpt@xtra.co.nz or phone 027 3725 182

Move It or Lose It - fitness classes: Oakura Hall, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9.30am, Contact Gloria 752 7442.

Oakura Bowling and Social Club: Bowling tournaments begin September through to April with both mid-week and weekend games. For information contact Steve Muller on 06 757 4399.

Oakura Meditation Group: - Mondays 8.10pm 37a Donnelly St, ph 0272037215, email kate@shineyoga.co.nz

Oakura Playcentre: 14 Donnelly St, Oakura. Sessions run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am-noon during school terms. Visitors welcome. Ph Kate Garner on 021-254 4769.

Oakura Pony Club: Contact Marlies Butland Delfos ph 0274595962.

Oakura Pool Club: Meets every Wednesday evening 7pm at Butlers Reef over winter. Phone Sheree 027 3444 723.

Oakura Sunday School - St James church: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday 10am. Contact stjamesoakura@gmail.com

Oakura Tennis Club: Cardio Tennis and coaching recommencing in term 4. Contact Club Secretary Jackie Mitchell 027 673 2900.

Oakura Yoga: - Shine Yoga Studio, 37a Donnelly St, www.shineyoga.co.nz for days and times, ph 0272037215.

Okato and District Historical Society: Houses a large collection of local family histories and photos in the Okato Community Trust Hall, Cumming Street, Okato. Open to public every Wednesday 10 am to mid day or by appointment. Phone Anne Bolton 7524499 or Meg Cardiff 7524566.

Okato Lions Club: continues to have activities in Oakura, as well as Okato. Meet on the first Wednesday each month, except January, at the Hempton Hall, Okato at 7.00pm, and we do appreciate enquiries from people seeking membership or assistance for funding, projects etc. Contact John Hislop Ph 06 7579696

Okato Squash: Club nights on Mondays from 6.30pm, everyone welcome. Contact okatosquash1@gmail.com for further information.

Omata Playgroup: Meets every Thursday, 9.00am at the Omata Community Hall. Ring 751 2308 for next session date. All parents and pre-schoolers welcome.

Pickleball Oakura: Come along and give Pickleball a go. Oakura Hall Thursday mornings 9.30am and Wednesday evenings 7.30pm. Contact Elayne Kessler at ekesslernz@hotmail.com or ph 0279377173

Probus Club: Meets once month at Oakura Bowling club rooms on the 3rd Friday of every month at 10am - 11.30am. Contact Brenda Ryan ph 7511633.

St James Church, Oakura: Morning worship 10am, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

St Paul Carthew Street Okato: Morning worship 10am 1st and 3rd of each month. Sunday school available. Hall hire contact Lesley 7524545. Tuesday Plunket. Pew for you Thursday church open to community no service, quiet candle reflection. 6pm-7pm Winter hours.

St Patrick's Church: Cummings St, Okato, weekly Saturday evening Vigil Mass 6.00 pm

Tai Chi Classes - every Monday 9-10 am at the Oakura Town Hall. Gentle, slow movements with breathing and Qigong exercises also. Contact Judi 027 2682601 or taranakitaichichuan@gmail.com or just come along.

Val Deakin Dance School: Oakura Hall. and the Dance Centre in New Plymouth Phone 7527743 or email val@valdeakindance.org.nz



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