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## Oakura Community What's On

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**Kaitake Athletics club:** Meets at Corbett park at 5pm on a Tuesday evenings during term time To register - athletics nz website and search for Kaitake. Contact -Tash 0277755440.

**Kaitake Netball Club** - Sundays 2pm at the Oakura School Tennis Courts. Contact Toni Peacock at thowison@hotmail.com or phone 021 661 912.

**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 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 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.

**Omata Yoga:** Wednesday evenings 5.15 - 6.45pm and 6.45 - 8.15pm. Omata Community Hall \$15 per class casual rate, \$80 for 6 class sessions. Contact Annalisa Facer 027 444 8345

**Oakura Tennis Club:** Thursday 9.15-10.15am Cardio Tennis with Blitz Tennis at Linda Street courts, members and non-members welcome. Contact Club Secretary Jackie Mitchell 027 673 2900.

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**St James Church, Oakura:** Morning worship 10.00am, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

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



# From the Editor



More and more these days I seem to bump into expats from Auckland. They've come to New Plymouth to escape the rat race of a city in crisis.

The most common response to the question 'why New Plymouth' the answer is a google search suggested New Plymouth. And for the most part New

Plymouth has lived up to the hype.

I went online and did my own search and was surprised that our little city out on the limb featured so favourably. There were rankings from 1st to 7th with comments such as 'a hipster town' 'locals are notoriously lovely' 'low crime and affordable' 'has fun festivals' and was rated the best place to raise a family and the 3rd best place to retire. So clearly we appeal to all demographics. And clearly our businesses are promoting local attractions such as local brewed beer from the Three Sisters Brewery who recently featured at the Auckland Food Show - pictured right.

I'm not sure how I feel about others muscling in on our little secret - I'd hate to loose the things we have all enjoyed for decades but I do feel a sense of pride that our province is so desirable. We can all work at making our community a fantastic place for everyone to live. The 'Restore the Kaitake's' group is one such initiative, featured on page 5. Increasing the number of walking tracks and native birds on the Kaitake's is a great asset to our community - keep up the good work.

An elderly friend was telling me she went for a walk on Oakura Beach recently and was confronted by some ferocious dogs who attacked another dog out for a walk - we don't need dogs like this in our community so keep them away from public places if they are yours!

Another gripe I have follows on from the reducing single use bags drive last month. I feel the council is just paying lip service to this and it seems hypocritical to me to be supporting such programmes when weekly rubbish is picked up in single use red bags - shame on you council!

*Kim*



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# Mitch McLachlan, 13



I have been skating for 6 years and I have won national titles every year. I have been selected to skate for the NZ team at Oceanias 20-23 September '18. This is the first year that I am old enough to be selected, I am very proud to represent New Plymouth Roller Skating Club and the New Zealand team in Rotorua.

I am fundraising towards my costs which are approx \$2000 which includes entry fees, accommodation, 2 weekend trainings, inclusive food and uniforms.

If you would like to make a donation you can txt Mum Andie on [027 2468 007](tel:0272468007).

## FUNDRAISING



# Community invited to restore Kaitake's

The return of native birds like kākā and kiwi is motivating community work to restore Kaitake and Oākura.

The Kaitake community is urged to get involved with multi-pronged work, called Restore Kaitake, to rejuvenate native wildlife and habitats in the area. It involves removing possums, stoats and rats from about 8,600 hectares, of private and conservation land including Oākura, the Kaitake Range and down to the coast.

Urban and rural residents are invited to a community open day from 1.30pm to 3.30pm on Sunday 5 August, at Oākura hall. Residents can pick up a subsidised rat trap and box for their backyard, which is child and pet safe, while rural residents can also sign-up to register their interest in expanding trapping for stoats and possums on their property. The child-friendly event is free to attend.

Kaitake's Toby Shanley, Project Manager of Towards a Predator-Free Taranaki, says that together this work could lead to the return of kākā, yellow-crowned kākāriki and kiwi to the Kaitake Range. Longer-term, the Restore Kaitake work aims to restore seabird populations that once would have been abundant across Kaitake.

"If we want to hear and see birds like Kākā and Kiwi in the area again then residents need to get behind this. We need urban and rural residents to get trapping in their back yard to make it successful," Mr Shanley says.

Restore Kaitake is building on intensive predator control by Taranaki Regional Council, as part of Towards a Predator-Free Taranaki; Taranaki Mounga Project, an ambitious conservation project covering Egmont National Park and the protected Ngā Motu/Sugar Loaf Islands; and successful trapping by residents and Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust.

The latest technology and techniques will be used for Restore Kaitake work. This includes; motion sensor cameras on the Kaitake Range, to help understand predator behaviour; remotely monitored traps making predator control easier and more efficient; and a trapping website and app, Trap.NZ, where residents can view predator control in their neighbourhood and record their catches.

A trial to eradicate all possums will also take place on the 8,600 ha, made up of conservation and private land, to help Restore Kaitake. The zero possum trial on the Kaitake Range is part of a possum control operation across Egmont National Park next year using 1080, the most effective tool to control predators in this rugged environment.

To get involved with Restore Kaitake contact Taranaki Regional Council on 0800 736 222 or visit: <https://www.trc.govt.nz/environment/working-together/pf-taranaki2050/#Registration>



The poster features a blue and green geometric pattern background. At the top left is the Taranaki Regional Council logo. At the top right is a circular logo with a green border and the text 'PREDATOR FREE 2050' and 'kia uru ora, return to life'. Below these is the text 'Taranaki Taku Tūrangā - Our Place' and 'Towards a Predator-Free Taranaki'. A white box in the center contains the event details: 'Restore Kaitake Open Day', 'Sunday 5 August, 1.30 - 3.30pm', and 'Oākura Hall'. Below this is a photo of a hand holding a small lizard next to a photo of a kākāriki bird. Text below the photos says 'Find out how residents can support the area's native wildlife and plants to Restore Kaitake.' At the bottom is a blue banner with a white hand cursor icon and the text 'Join: [www.trc.govt.nz](http://www.trc.govt.nz)'.

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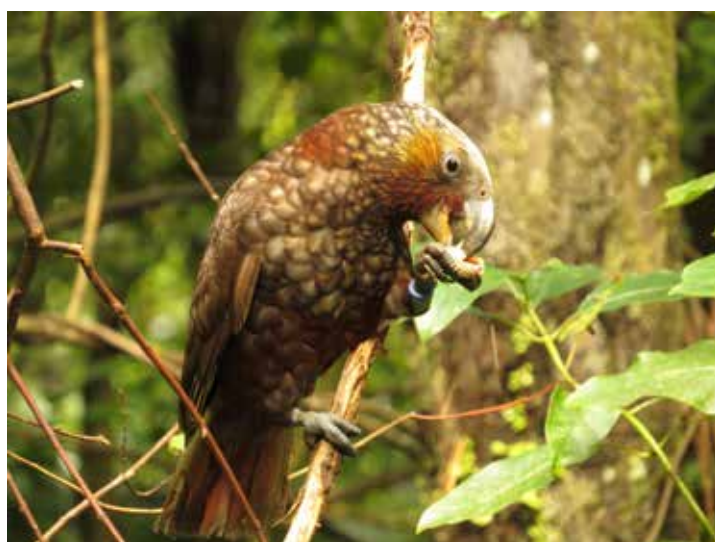
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the year so far, and looking ahead.

We love celebrating our success with our clients, with our community and with our TGM team.

TGM Creative is celebrating a successful year so far, winning several national design awards, welcoming new staff members, as well as several staff on maternity leave celebrating their newest family members.

Highlights include the Redshift Design Awards earlier this year where designers Elle Brennan and Chloe Reid were celebrated with their work for WITT and The New Zealand Chiropractors' Association.

Elle, the designer behind the WITT logo was met with praise for creating a well-received logo that captured the essence of WITT and the region. As for web, in a highly competitive area with 134 entries, Chloe's design stood out, not only taking home a top placing in her category, but receiving the People's Choice Award.

TGM director Andrea Leadbetter is delighted to see two students the company employed from WITT succeeding.

"It is really significant that both these designers are in the early

stages of their careers and are already dealing with significant design projects - producing work which their peers regard as being of extremely high quality."

Along with the wins this year, TGM has been involved in rebranding a number of local businesses, and has continued to supply the region with a range of quality design, print, web and marketing collateral.

As for the rest of 2018 TGM is excited to see what's in store, and in the meantime will continue to add value and creativity to the region.



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# Feel the fear and do it anyway!

## Brave Hearts for Hospice

What do you call a houseful of Taranaki business women all sitting around in their dressing gowns laughing and carrying on? A photoshoot for a fabulous calendar that's what!

When I first had the genius idea of doing a 'Calendar Girls' style calendar as my Hospice fundraiser, I thought it would be fun – and it would require much less work than other fundraisers I've organised. I was right on one count.

On a recent Sunday we all gathered together at my home in Oakura to put our money where our mouths were. Or at least to put our bodies on the line! Everyone had an area of a room they wanted as a backdrop, and many involved something that was a passion for them – a motorbike, a chainsaw, skis, a violin..... mulled wine turned out to be a very popular prop. And then the cameras rolled.

So much laughter, so much makeup, so many nervous jokes about our bodies! (how does my stomach look when I'm scrunched in a chair spinning? – I have to confess I barely gave Hospice a thought when I was angsting about that!) But nerve wracking as the filming was, approaching my business colleagues to star in the calendar was the hardest part for me. I worried that they might think I was some kind of weirdo – and some clearly did – I haven't heard from them in weeks! However the others greeted my request with enthusiasm and excitement - the nerves didn't set in until they hung up the phone. Lucky for me – once they committed to the project there was no turning back. We're not successful business women for nothing – we can do the things that scare us!

Sandi Henderson, photographer extraordinaire – you made the day you gorgeous thing! Your enthusiasm and excitement for the project from the outset was contagious and your talent with the camera has made models of us all.

Paula, Demi, Stacey, Susy and Renee – blessings to you all for your skills with lipstick and hairspray which transformed us into models worthy of being photographed. You girls are artists.

In the end, the day felt just like I imagined it would – with everyone buzzing, laughing, drinking wine and experiencing the adventure together. This is a day we'll remember always. 13 strong women – all from different businesses around Taranaki, all with the willingness to step out of their comfort zones to raise money for our beloved Hospice..

Andrea & Anne, Rachel & Renate, Jan, Jill & Jo, Kim & Kanya, Vicky, Sue & Stacey – I salute you!

“Thank you so much Barbara for your vision, your invitation to be part of such an amazing experience. I too loved it – again making great connections with beautiful women, many that I had never met before – priceless. For me there was much more than Hospice too – friendship, laughter, feeling the fear then pride – we did it! I have no doubt there is a lot more laughter, excitement and partying to come. I wonder if that is just the beginning. And thanks also for opening your incredible home – it's always so distracting for me – a piece of art in itself....Anne”.

The calendar will be published by October in time for Christmas sales. Keep your eyes peeled for details closer to the time.

*By Barbara Henderson-Olsen*



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# Local talent on show

Local students Aster Danenhauer pictured top right and Kim De Vantier pictured bottom right have been chosen to perform with the Taranaki Symphony Orchestras concert on 1st September.

Aster was chosen as one of the finalist at the Concerto Competition run by the orchestra in April and was invited to be one of the student stars to play the movement from her concerto accompanied by the orchestra at Theatre Royal.

Aster (11 years old) plays and performs on the piano at a very high standard especially considering her age says Jocelyn Beath, concert organiser.

Aster started playing piano while living in Salt Lake City, Utah when she was six years old. Since that time she has had a passion for piano and music in general. She has weekly practices with piano teacher Holly Jones and spends around an hour a day practicing at home. Dad Mark says neither him or Aster's mum are particularly musical but they all enjoy music. Aster's grandmother plays the piano. Mark thinks Aster will enjoy performing at the concert and it will showcase the hardwork she has put into the piano. Other than piano she enjoys climbing, karate, and other sports, such as basketball. She loves spending time in the great outdoors and has been hiking and camping her whole life. Aster moved to Oakura with her family in 2015 and has fallen in love with New Zealand.

Kim De Vantier is another local student featuring in the Taranaki Symphony Orchestra and she says she is inspired musically by working on new pieces and getting to explore a wide repertoire of music. It is so rewarding to learn a piece, and after studying it in detail, have it come together in the end for a performance. Whether as part of an orchestra, in an ensemble, or solo, performing is always exhilarating. In the music world, there is always something happening, which she loves because it never becomes boring and it's great to always have something to work on next.

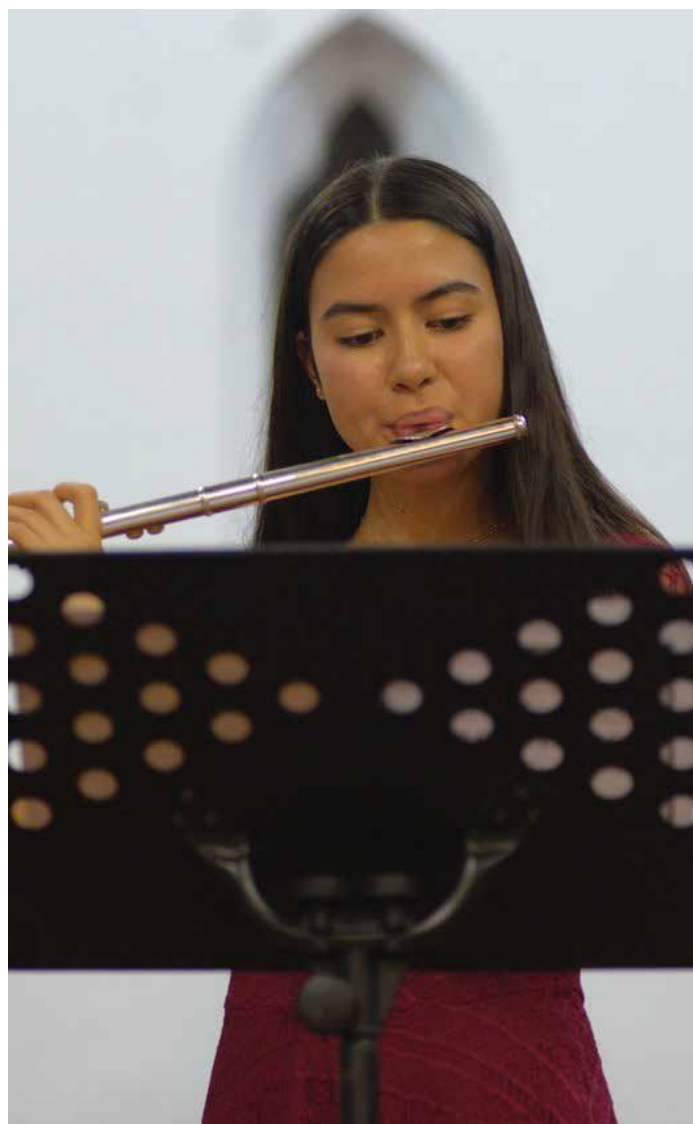
Kim goes on to say she has been studying with her flute teacher Jocelyn Beath for around eight years and is incredibly grateful to her for sharing her knowledge and support. Kim thinks she is an inspiration and amazing mentor to all of her students here in Taranaki.

Since picking up the flute when she was eight, music has become a passion.

Now 9 years later, Kim attends New Plymouth Girls' High School and still loves playing the flute. She is also learning piano and taking part in Youth Orchestra and Concert Band. Kim says "I am excited to see where music will take me in the future. I do my best to practice every day, but the weekends are when I really get into my music and I can work on it almost all day.

My Mum and Dad have always encouraged me to pursue music. I wouldn't be able to do as much as I do without their love and support".

It will be a great night out to see all the students perform so mark it in your calender.





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## No end to the unkind cuts in health

Access to reliable, quality healthcare has been treasured by New Zealanders for generations, so a stream of cuts by stealth in the health sector is very concerning.

In recent weeks there have been cuts for the young, cuts for the old, cuts for people with rare diseases, cuts in mental health and cuts for New Zealanders needing cochlear implants.

Last month we heard that a universally-supported pilot to improve the response of 111 mental health calls has been scrapped for the sake of just \$8 million. Before the election Labour campaigned heavily on mental health, but now in Government it has put the mental health needs of New Zealanders on the backburner while they hold an unnecessary inquiry into the sector: The country's independent Mental Health Commissioner Kevin Allan told the Health Select Committee last year that there was a need for action, not an inquiry.

This decision highlights just how vague the coalition Government's plan is around the health sector and how quick they have been to backtrack on election promises. After campaigning on pumping record amounts into health, they came up badly short when the books were opened for Budget 2018. It beggars belief that Labour spent less in this year's Budget than National spent in last year's Budget. They pledged

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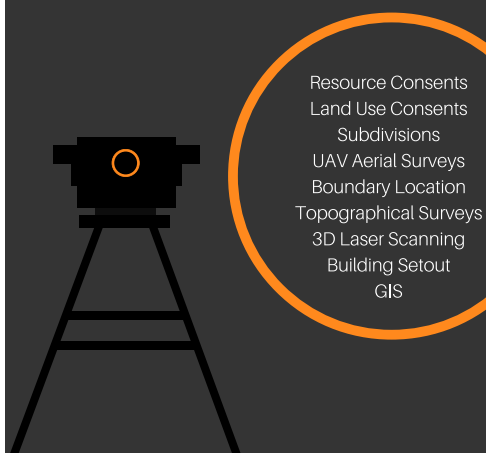
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\$774 million after our National-led Government added \$888 million in new funding in 2017.

There was more bad news to come when Health Minister David Clark dropped the National Health Targets late last month. These targets were tangible measures for not just DHBs but also New Zealanders who were interested to see how their DHB was tracking, and research has proved that hundreds of lives have been saved by having these targets in place.

This decision, which hadn't even been approved by the Government Ministers, will cost lives if the focus and public scrutiny on better, faster healthcare in specific areas is lessened.

But for a Government that claims to care, the decision to cut extra funding for cochlear implants is one of the cruellest.

It's a callous and disgraceful decision which is going to see people lose their hearing when they don't need to. National last year boosted the number of funded cochlear implants for adults, having previously sped up access to implants for children.

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Puke Ariki's robots landed at Ōākura library this past school holidays. Local children of all ages were able to enjoy the novelty of controlling the robots and make them zoom around the library. Puke Ariki have seven different robots that encourage digital interaction and provide an introduction to programming, keep an eye on Puke Ariki's Facebook page for robot pop-up events.

Getting kids to read can sometimes be a struggle, particularly boys. Puke Ariki is hosting Storylines Story Tour – Taranaki, on Wednesday 8 August from 5.30pm – 6.30pm in the Community Lounge. This free seminar is an evening for adults, parents, teachers, librarians and anyone interested in ensuring young people's love of reading is encouraged! Keep this night free to hear authors talk about how to get more young people, especially boys, excited about books.

Happy reading Charlie and Vincenza



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*Emma Wingate enjoying Oakura Library's robot school holiday programme.*

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# Oakura School

## Winter Has Come

Mid-winter has come and gone and now we are on the slow climb back to summer. This means that it's term three at school and it's going to be a

busy one.

For starters, it's our school production. This is held down at the Oakura hall. The script has been written by Raeleen Luckin and Sarah Ashworth, with help from some of our senior students. Raeleen and Sarah have been working very hard to make this upcoming production possible. We are very lucky to have them help with this school event. Year 7 and 8 acting roles and dancing roles have been selected. Across the school, learning dances and lines is under way. We are all really excited about our show and we hope you all come along and watch it and enjoy it as much as we will enjoy performing on stage for you.

The year 7 and 8's have been lucky enough to have been given the opportunity to compete in a range of sports at the Aims Games in Tauranga later this term. One of the sports we are competing in is netball. This team was chosen from two trials. Netball fundraising for this event is already in place and more sausage sizzles and bake sales are planned. As well, we have cross-country competitions coming up and inter-school rugby and netball. As well as keeping fit and active, these opportunities teach students sportsmanship, new skills and winning strategies.

By the time you are reading this, the year 5 and 6's A team would have competed in the Rippa Rugby Tournament final.

This event was held at the Yarrow Stadium on Tuesday the 24th July. Well done to the team that competed. Earlier in the year, the year 7 and 8's took three teams to the year 7 and 8 rippa competition. They did very well and the girls' team just missed out on getting in to the semi final. All the teams worked very hard and represented Oakura school well.

Oakura students are working with DOC and the Taranaki Regional Council to make Oakura predator free. At the moment, the year 5 and 6's are learning about the impact a predator-free village will have on our native bird populations. This is a great initiative for Oakura because it will have a major impact on our birdlife. It is expected that a lot of native birds and wildlife will flourish because our village will be predator free.

Of course, all the children are super-busy working on maths, reading, writing and all the other school subjects that you'd expect. Don't be surprised if you see tired children walking the streets of Oakura!

**By Ella Bolger & Ruby Henwood.**





### August

- 7 Y6 to 'Amazing Race' at Oakura
- 7 3D Conferences -12pm finish
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- 17 Year 7/8 Regional Chess Competition
- 17 Fundraiser: Movie and Pizza Night
- 29 1:45pm Omata Cross Country Ages 5-7
- 30 1pm Omata Cross Country Ages 8-13
- 31-1st Marimba Group to festival in Auckland

### September

- 3 Kaboom Percussion Show 1:45pm
- 4 4-6 Coastal Cross Country 1pm
- 6 Y7/8 Full Primary Cross Country 1pm
- 10-14 Māori Language Week

### Board of Trustees Update

Zone amendment consultation is almost complete. I thank those who have made contact with the school to answer any queries regarding the proposed changes to reduce our zone on the eastern, New Plymouth, boundary. The amended zone will be submitted to the Ministry of Education for final approval after the consultation is complete.

The Omata School zone over the years has been a very effective tool for the BoT to keep our roll numbers steady and our staffing secure. The Omata community continues to grow. Your Board of Trustees is constantly working with the Ministry of Education to find ways of managing this growth. For the Board it is a balance of what we need now, being manageable class sizes, and continuing to grow our school in such a way that is sustainable. It would be nice if we could just pick up the phone and ask for what we needed and know that it would happen, but like all things with the Ministry, there are processes and rules that we all need to follow and this can unfortunately take a little time. In the meantime, please be assured the Board of Trustees are working hard on this and we have contingencies that can be put in place, should we need them at short notice, to keep our class sizes small. If you have any concerns moving forward please make contact with the school.

Hopefully during the next school holidays we will be carrying out re-roofing to parts of the main block, the pool changing sheds, and repairs

to the roofs of rooms 4 and 5. To minimise disruption we would prefer this project be done during the holiday break, but we cannot guarantee that it will not run into term time. We will try to keep any disturbance to a minimum.

**Hamish Logan**  
*Chairman*

### Home and School News

I'd like to start off this term to thank all the parents who volunteered and have helped Ann Shearer with preparation and serving of the Friday lunches. This is a big job that Ann has been running for a number of years and I know this help has taken the pressure off her on the day. The children love the ritual of these lunches each week and of course the amazing baking that is also provided by a bunch of parent bakers. If anyone else is interested in being added to either the lunch or baker rosters please contact the school office who will add you to the current lists.

This term we have been able to help with donations of around \$4500 towards new purchases for the school. Firstly a new climbing net for the playground and as 'digital technology' has been added to the curriculum, we have helped towards a couple of LEGO robotic starter packs that will be used by senior students.

Please remember the 'Omata' umbrellas. These are large and great quality, perfect for this time of year. They are for sale at the office for \$20 each with funds going directly to Home and School.

Omata Umbrellas \$20

Ngā mihi nui

**Karen Brisco**  
*Principal*







## Greetings to our Oakura and Omata Communities.

### Farewell Mark Bowden

The following is a farewell from Mr Bowden from our last newsletter, repeated here for TOM readers.

“Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

As you can imagine writing my last newsletter is a challenging task. When people have asked how I am feeling about leaving a school and a job that I love I have explained that it is with a sense of sad joy that I am moving on.

The sadness reflects the sense of loss I am feeling in fare-welling so many wonderful colleagues and in imagining not being critically part of the growth and development of young people.

The joy is about looking forward to new adventures and to having more time for family and friends and the multitude of projects I have on my to do list.

Life is a journey and at a variety of points along the way there are changes to adapt to and to accommodate - I am at one of those points.

As it is time for change for me so too is it time for change for our school. I am excited that Nicola Ngarewa has been appointed as the new Principal for our school. Nicola's expertise, passion and experience, will move Spotswood College forward as we all embrace the change that is looming through the review of NCEA and the pedagogies and curriculum we may adopt to better meet the needs of our students and our community, I wish Nicola all the best for her tenure as Principal of Spotswood College.

Of course I cannot sign off without acknowledging our students. As you have regularly heard me say; the joy of teaching is to see

young people learn, grow and develop over the five years that they attend secondary school. As adults we sometimes forget just how much is happening between the ages of 13 to 18 - My thanks to you all for your patience as I have talked for too long at assemblies, for the courtesy you have shown me, for your willingness to work with me when things have gone wrong. Thank you for the hard work you have done to meet our school vision of you being equipped with the skills, knowledge and good character to be successful.

I leave you with one last set of ideals:

- Work hard to build strong relationships in all aspects of your life.
- Learn and practice how to view the glass half full rather than half empty.
- Understand that while the flowers and the leaves of a tree may be beautiful it is the roots which hold it firm and strong.
- Similarly for people - good looks and nice things are nothing without the roots of character - integrity, honesty, care, courage, respect and responsibility.
- Believe in yourself and make wise choices based on what you know to be right.
- Work on these aspects of your life and practice them, as they are embedded into your life, success in your endeavours will follow.

I wish you all the very best.

**Mark Bowden**  
**Principal**

**Mark Bowden - Principal 2010 - 2018**



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Well there is no doubt that we are in the throes of winter with the short days. Unfortunately for the majority (myself included) we can only surf in the weekend and hence we become “weekend warriors” but the main thing is that we are getting our dose of saltwater.

During winter there are a few wise and fortunate folk who venture abroad to where the summer never ends and this is exactly where Tom Butland has been. He recently travelled to Indo for a surf camp that was being run by Matty Scoringe who had run the high performance coaching this year for Oakura boardriders. It is safe to say that Tom took on everything he learned and put himself in the spot for some of the best waves of his (and probably most surfers) life.

The skatepark needs an honourable mention given the amount of use it gets. On any given day (including some rather damp days) I see people in there having a lot of fun and pushing their limits. It is great to see that all the effort put in by everyone involved over the years has yielded this amazing skatepark!

Although the club winds down over winter we still have the odd thing going on. On the 31st of August Renee Coffey will be having another open jam night to help raise funds for her album. Everyone is welcome and it is a gold coin donation on entry doors open at 7:30pm. The last jam night was a boomer so come

on down.

The club AGM will be coming up soon so if you are keen to be involved then keep an eye on the Oakura boardriders face book page or contacts are below.

If you have questions about anything to do with the club please see below contacts.

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John Shewry. Fundraising. 0272529190

Colin Webber. Bookings. webzy70@yahoo.com

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anne.bridges@xtra.co.nz

**Eli**

***Bottom photo of Tom Butland getting spat out of an Indo Tube and below the new skate park.***





## A little extract from the history on our club for you all to enjoy

### 1935 Weld Road

The first Kaitake Golf Club was situated on the properties of Mr Dave Harvey and Mrs Les Goodwin on the corner of Weld Road and the Main Road, Oakura. It was a nine hole course, par 36 and was brought into use in 1935.

The course was designed by Frank Quin who was the professional at Ngamotu.

Voluntary labour by enthusiastic members laid out the course and when playable Mr Quin invited Mr DV Sutherland (who is one of our members) to try out the course. There were so happy with the course that they only altered one hole.

Mr Frank Badley was elected as the first President. On Opening Day the headmaster of the Oakura Primary School, Mr Harry Till, was invited to open the course.

The subs were set at \$1 for men, 5 Shillings for ladies and 2/6 for juniors.

The first life member was Mrs Dave Harvey.

Doug Harvey (Dave's son) was the first school boy junior and when he was seven his job was to mow and roll the greens by hand. Luckily each green had its own roller.

"Knocker" White was playing Ted Haskell in a championship match. After nine holes Knocker was 9 holes up. Ted invited

Knocker in for a quick drink – Knocker then lost the next 10 holes and the match.

More to come in future newsletters.

I am happy to report that our membership is growing, especially with the Juniors and Chippers. New members this month are Drew Florence, Kieran Glentworth, Sam Le Gros, Annawee and Andamann Timpoonsap. Please make them feel welcome. A PGA coaching session is going to be held by NZ Golf at our club on Wednesday 1st August. Please let me know on 021 227 8439 if you wish to join us and learn some coaching tips.

A new notice board will be fixed to the wall by the office, please take the time to read notices to be kept informed on club developments.

### Men's Results

An eventful past few weeks due to some fickle winter weather, the men's competition has struggled onwards with a core of hardy members turning up every Saturday nonetheless.

Top Dog has been played in good spirit with the new rule of members being able to choose their partners. We are down to the final two pairings of Joe McKinley and Ian Frame taking on the wily pairing of Raymond (Tubbs) Lewis and Alan Bennett. Tough to pick this one but maybe new member Ian Frame might bring his experience from Royal Wellington and be the dark horse in the final.

Good luck to all finalists.

A couple of "Aces" achieved lately, Geoff Andrews on the 11th and Roger Cloke on the 16th.

The course is in excellent condition and the chatter around the clubhouse is that the greens are near the best they have ever been. Full credit to Dom, Jono and the crew as this is not only helping existing members but also attracting new members who see Kaitake GC become one of the more preferred courses to play in Taranaki.

Starting in early August is the long awaited "Raceway Cycles and Mowers" Shootout competition. This will run for 10 consecutive weeks starting 4th August and final Shootout being played 13th October. With the best 3 rounds out of 10 to be played, it will be a scramble to make the final cut to make sure you enter early and play as many rounds as you can to help your chances.

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### Womens Division News

The Bed, Bath and Beyond raffle has been drawn and Sally Kwon was the lucky winner. Congratulations. Thank you to everyone who supported this raffle and to the 9 Hole Women's Division for supplying it. While the course is looking good and the ground dries out well, the winter conditions can make playing golf very difficult. While a few club days have been cancelled over the past weeks all competitions are on schedule. The women have started their Top Dog competition which runs over a few weeks.

### 9 Hole Update

The Winter Series is continuing with Winter 2 being won by Margaret Mills of Division 1 and Yvonne Hildred of Division 2. The Stableford trophy is getting closer for Raewyn Bishop who managed another good sum of 21 points. Not to be outdone Sandra Wilkes also came in with 21 points. Raewyn collects her second LGU monthly win.

Thursday haggles - Playing Nett Total of the par 3's - winners Val Soffe with 8 and Heather O'Sullivan 9 Pennant Update - After 9 rounds, 3 of which were rained off, the Blue team collected its final point at New Plymouth GC bringing the total to 11 points. However also on 11 were Urenui and Westown. Countback relegated Blue to 3rd Place. Another great effort and well done to both teams. Kaitake continues to make its presence amongst the Taranaki 9 Hole Groups.



### Kaitake Golf Club Chippers

While the regular Sunday Chippers have been well attended with regular players and some new ones wanting to give golf a try, we have been thwarted by the rain resulting in two 'Chippers' days being cancelled. We are scheduled to have the services of Dominic Barson, a local golf professional, to give extra coaching, once a month from August till November.

July is the time for school holidays. We tried something new this time by offering Chippers a chance to play a few holes of golf. Five came the first week and two the second. What fun they had. We will do it again next holidays meanwhile the regular Chippers will continue every second Sunday at 9.00am. 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.



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