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From the Editor



I recently walked around the lake at Rotokare, Eltham and was struck by how many birds I could hear and see. I wondered to myself if this was how all our native forest used to be.

Rotokare is a predator free environment and it takes considerable effort to keep it that way but the results are so worth it. I can hardly

describe the joy of watching and hearing saddle back birds, tomtits, robins, tuis and fantails swoop around the trees and sing as you walk through the bush.

This brings me back to Oakura and the great work the Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust is doing on the Kaitakes with their trapping of predators. Read an update from them on the next page. Their aim is to return the Kaitakes to a place of prolific native species. I wonder if one day we could designate the area domestic predator free too.

Letter to the Editor

Oakura would be well served if the proposed McKie 'Paddocks' development was achieved by simply swapping the Kaitake Golf Club land with the similarly sized McKie land. Housing developed on the current golf course would then fit well with the district plan intent with good linkages to various networks, and connect sensibly to the beach and reserves. The golf fraternity could achieve a contemporary sustainable course with supporting housing on the associated 'Future Urban Design' zoned land.

The golf course placement would conserve the much valued rural aspect between the state highway and the national park. The original 'Paddocks' property owners and their developer would maintain the rural aspect intent of the original subdivision. And, all the parties: Council, community, and developer could achieve the ideal environmental outcomes over a manageable and affordable time line. This comprehensive form of development would require visionary leadership from all the parties..... and every one could win. I have my fingers crossed !

*Paul Goldsmith.
Architect*

Paul Goldsmith has a good idea in his letter to the editor about moving the threat from domestic predators further away, see this page. BTW are also involved in a predator eradication programme as are our schools. Obviously the good intent and will is there to return our natural resources to a more healthy state and I believe we can achieve an area of prolific bird song and native diversity if we all work hard together - it will be worth it.

Lastly a huge shout out to our retiring postie's Bruce and Deb - thank you for doing such a great job of delivering mail parcels and the TOM to all our households. A warm welcome to our new postie Manuel too.

Kim



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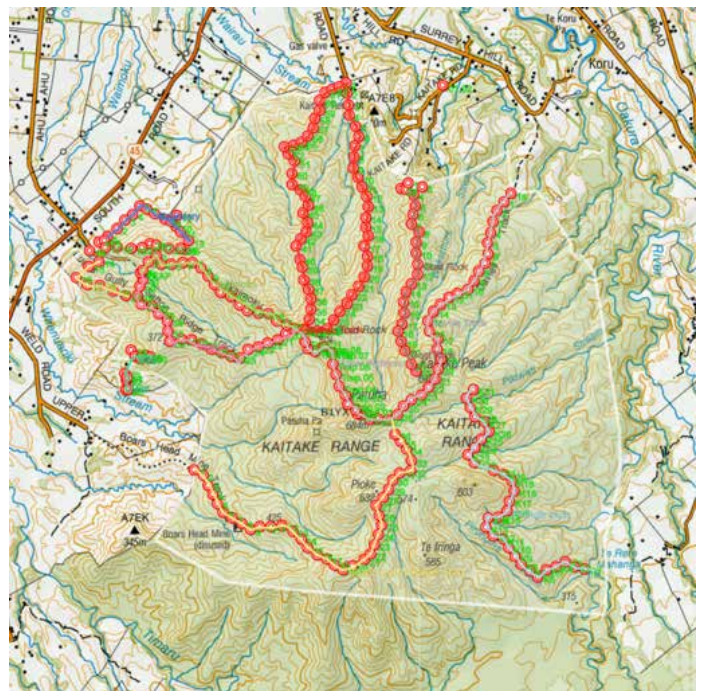
CONSERVATION TRUST

The Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust has been very busy over the last year. In collaboration with the Taranaki Mounga Project and the TSB Community trust we have been able to extend our Stoat trapping network considerably. We have now have 278 stoat traps installed as can be seen on the trapping network map. The team of volunteers has grown extensively and the trap lines are starting to take shape as loop walks with a team of 4-6 volunteers or families sharing the role of monitoring their adopted trap line on a weekly basis on some lines and less frequently on the less accessible lines. This means most volunteers are in the bush every 4-6 weeks cleaning out the traps and re-baiting. In the last 10 months we have removed 1092 predators, including 5 ferrets, 24 stoats, 5 weasels and 1044 rats! Thanks to the efforts of the Taranaki Mounga Project, the Oakura community and these volunteers, the reintroduction of species not seen on the Kaitakes for some years, eg KIWI, now may become a reality. We firmly believe we are making a difference.

It has been great to have schools assist us with the installation of traps with groups from New Plymouth Boys High School and also Francis Douglas assisting us on working Bees. The trapping network proposed by the Taranaki Mounga Project is slightly larger than we currently service so if you want to be involved contact us or come to our AGM!

Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust TRAPNZ report 2018/2019

Year and month	Ferret	Hedgehog	Rat	Stoat	Weasel	Other	Total
May-18	0	0	46	0	0	0	46
Jun-18	0	0	107	2	0	0	109
Jul-18	2	0	95	2	0	2	101
Aug-18	0	0	143	3	1	0	147
Sep-18	0	2	133	0	1	0	136
Oct-18	0	0	75	0	0	0	75
Nov-18	0	1	55	2	0	1	59
Dec-18	0	1	96	2	1	0	100
Jan-19	3	0	99	3	0	2	107
Feb-19	0	3	67	2	0	0	72
Mar-19	0	1	77	5	1	1	85
Apr-19	0	0	51	3	1	0	55
Total	5	8	1,044	24	5	5	1,092



AGM

Wednesday 15th May, 7pm

Venue; Butlers Reef Back Bar

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Chairperson

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Kaitake Community Board

As I write this column the warm autumn weather (in spite of a few chilly evenings) is still with us. It is quite unusual for it to have lasted so long, and no doubt all the local school kids (and their parents) really enjoyed the recent school holiday weather. However, at some stage, a wintry blast will arrive and put an end to what has been a quite superb summer and autumn season.

On ANZAC Day I attended, along with many others, the Okato Parade and Service. It is always a sobering experience for me, providing space for much personal reflection. Both my father and father-in-law served in World War Two. The service, which was organised and led very well indeed by Graham and Karen Chard, attracted a large crowd of all ages to remember those who had made the ultimate sacrifice for us all. Three different things stood out for me. First, the only World War Two veteran from the community left to recall, and show respect for his friends who never returned was Ray Rook. Many who used to march and attend similar parades have now dwindled away. Second, was the number of young people present. Mums and dads and their kids. What a far cry from the '70's and '80's when the protest movement of the day engaged with the community in such a way that no young folk would bother to turn up if it wasn't to protest. Third, the words spoken during the different addresses given during the service struck a chord with me. There was the obvious connection made between how the soldiers, both those who returned and those that didn't, fought for our freedom. It is worth reflecting that the freedom they actually fought for was the freedom to participate in our society today without fear or

favour. We must never lose that freedom, and certainly not allow that freedom to disappear through disinterest or neglect. That certainly wasn't the case in Okato where much positive reflection was shared by those present. I do believe ANZAC Day is fully ingrained in our culture and has become (and will remain) a tradition of remembrance for all New Zealanders and all age groups.

We own a dog - maybe he owns us!. His name is Buster, many of you will know him, some even are his FaceBook friends. We spend a lot of time with Buster on the beach, in Matekai Park and on the various trails in and around the village. So we have first-hand knowledge of a recurring issue being brought to the community board's attention. That is residents' irritation with those dog owners who walk their dogs or allow them to roam around the village streets but fail to clean up after their animal defecates on the beach, the footpath or on a verge in front of someone's house.

We are very lucky to live in such a dog-friendly place. It's a great environment for a family pet and there are some pretty special dogs living here but there are some important responsibilities for owners as well. There is a Council Bylaw covering this particular issue. It states: The owner of any dog that defecates in a public place or on land or premises other than that occupied by the owner shall immediately remove the faeces from that place and dispose of it in a sanitary manner into a suitable receptacle. Bear in mind for those few miscreants who take little notice of this rule and have scant regard for their neighbours the council has the power to levy a \$300 fine and will do so on the identification of the owner of any four-legged transgressor.

As reported last month one of the many projects to protect our natural biodiversity the community board has been involved with from its inception is the Restore Oakura urban biodiversity project. Sam Mortenson is doing a fantastic job in enthusing and mobilising everyone to get involved in the backyard trapping scheme. What is really important as the colder weather arrives and rodents are on the move is to ensure your back yard traps are set and constantly monitored.

Finally, here is an update on this summer's Corbett Park freedom camping numbers. Last summer there were 93 over-night vehicles, this year there have been 1,607 overnights made up of 1,353 non self-contained vehicles and 254 self-contained ones. The community board has passed this information on to the council.



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Well, that's it for this TOM issue.

The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be held at the Hempton Hall, Okato at 7pm on Monday 27 May.

Ka kite ano
Doug Hislop (752 7324 and douglashislop@gmail.com) on behalf of Mike Pilette, Paul Coxhead, Graham Chard and Roy Weaver who is the Councillor representative on the KCB.

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Rural - the heartland

New Zealand has a unique makeup compared with other nations, with our vast open spaces and small rural communities. These communities are essential to our economy as they are the driving force behind our primary sector, which contributes over \$45b annually in exports and feeds over 40 million people globally. In order for our primary sector to contribute we need our rural communities to be thriving. This means they need access to quality healthcare and other essential services to ensure they are viable as well as desirable places to live.

Since the Labour-led Government has come into power we've seen a prolonged assault on these areas with anti-regional policies making things tough. Rural health is a major concern. It's hard to get people to commit to living in isolated areas if they're not comfortable with the available resources.

As one example, the Government has denied funding for Rural Health Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand (RHAANZ), an organisation that plays a valuable and vital role in addressing mental health needs. Mental health is a significant issue in rural areas as farmers are forced to deal with all kinds of uncertainties around unfavourable weather, cash flow, swings in the prices of New Zealand's exports of farm commodities – let alone the aspersions that are too often cast on their environmental stewardship by people who know nothing of the demands and benefits of farming.

The impact of vocational education reforms on Industry Training Organisations could also see St John's rural ambulance services get the cut, meaning that these areas become even more isolated from quality healthcare.

The roll on effects of all these decisions, as well as other anti-farming policies are starting to permeate through our tightknit rural communities, and their local economies are starting to slow. These decisions impact more than just farmers, the local dairy has fewer customers, the local school's roll starts to decrease, and the local pub has fewer patrons as people leave the community. National realises the importance of supporting our small rural communities as well as our big cities. We hold every rural seat in Parliament bar one, and we are proud to represent rural communities.

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The Big Red Truck

Hi everyone, we hope that you enjoyed the Easter break and school holidays.

Once again we have a group of keen firefighters heading off to Auckland to conquer the SkyTower challenge on May 18th. 1000 firefighters, 1103 steps, 51 floors with each firefighter wearing 20kg of gear! Last year 1.2 million dollars was raised by the event for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand.

This year FF Fergus Robertson returns to the event in an attempt to smash his previous time, he is joined by the fearless RFF Lizzie Beveridge as well as QFF Ross Bennett and FF Mark Town who clearly have no idea what they are getting themselves into. FF Sheldon Pritchard joins the team as moral support and to lend his sage wisdom (which he incidentally forgot to use when breaking his leg earlier in the month during a "grown man riding a child's toy" incident).

The team wish to thank everyone who joined in at Butlers Reef for the BINGO evening to help raise funds for the event. You can also donate at this link: <http://bit.ly/oakuraVFB>

With holidays over and kids back at school, darker evenings and wetter roads, we ask that you please be careful around our community, especially schools and shops. Our local rate of call outs for road accidents is declining which is great news - let's keep it that way and ensure that we continue to look out for each other on the roads.

Until next time, that's all from the crew on the Big Red Truck.

Welcome Postie Manuel

Hi, to the residents of Oakura. It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself to you all as the new postie. My name is Manuel Luque. Some of you may know me from the Oakura school teaching sports to your children or the football camps I ran or even at the holiday park where I ran some summer holiday programmes. A bit of a change for me but a change that still allows me to be involved with the community (including my coaching as MSL Active) which my family and I have been part of over the last 10 years.

I am looking forward to meeting you all, whether it is delivering your mail or bringing your parcel. Equally, please be patient with me (just in case I do get it wrong on occasion).

I'd like to thank Bruce and Deb for being wonderful trainers and showing me the ropes (their knowledge of the area is remarkable). I wish them every enjoyment in their retirement (but I will be contacting them every now and then when I get stuck). With that in mind, once I have settled into the role, I will be looking for people to assist in the delivery and cover holidays. So if you are keen please get in touch. Finally, please remember it really does help the postie if your number can be clearly seen on your post box and it's not hidden behind foliage. See you all soon and around the village.

Manuel

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Farewell and thanks

After 9 years of delivering mail and courier parcels in Oakura, it is time to hand over the contract to another local resident, Manuel Luque.

It has been a great lifestyle job and a real pleasure getting to know so many of you personally and we will miss this contact (some of you daily!), with you, not to mention seeing those gorgeous babies growing into special little people. I have to add, it has impressed us how friendly and polite the children in this village are. Well done parents and Oakura primary school and the other childhood educators.

Good luck to you Manuel, I'm sure everyone will forgive the odd wrong mail (it won't be like its never happened before, we've been known to make the ODD mistake ourselves, apologies for that).

I would like to point out, it is law to deliver mail to the address, not the addressee, so please if you have shifted a few times and some of your mail is still addressed to your old residence it's in your own interest to notify the senders.

We will still be living in this awesome village so its just cheerio from us and not goodbye.

P.S. Thankyou for the chocolates etc that many of you have given us at Christmas time and a special thank you to Margaret Patterson for those incredible Christmas cakes you have baked for us.

See you around

Deb and Bruce Jackson

Pictured below left to right Bruce and Deb Jackson and Manuel Luque



Oakura Probus Celebrates 25 Years

Oakura Probus recently celebrated their 25 year anniversary. The club held an event with refreshments, speeches and a cake at the Oakura Bowling Club and founding member Norton Moller gave an entertaining and informative speech as presented here:

"President Brenda (Ryan) has asked me as a founding member of our club if I would speak for a few minutes on the history of the club. My first reaction was that this will be a severe memory challenge but fortunately I have always been a magpie in keeping records and so this request has turned out to be a rewarding exercise as I have been able to find several papers which have enabled me to recall many happy times as I travelled down memory lane.

Coral and I and our family came to Oakura in the early 1970's. The late Dona and Jo Brash and the late Bill and Dawn Marshall had also settled in Oakura about this time or a little later. We had all known each other before coming to Oakura.

In the years that followed, the six of us would in the winter months often meet together and watch the rugby. As well as the rugby and the inevitable criticism of the referees, we would always solve the world's problems.

At one such get together about August/September 1993 we discussed the number of retired or semi retired people who now lived in the Oakura district and did not have any activity that gave them the opportunity to meet together.

Bill had been a member of the Inglewood Rotary Club and I had been a member of the NP Rotary Club so we were both aware of the recent introduction and development of Probus Clubs by Rotary Clubs.

At this time Don Brash and I still had work commitments while Bill who was semi retired was prepared to lead the charge for the setting up of a combined Probus Club if we would support him. In the period from August/September 1993 until 18 March 1994 we worked with Stuart Hayton and Don Holyoake of the NP Rotary Club until the Combined Probus Club of Oakura was declared a provisional club on 18 March 1994."

TOM reported on the club's 10 year anniversary 15 years ago as detailed below and this represents what the club has achieved in those 10 years:

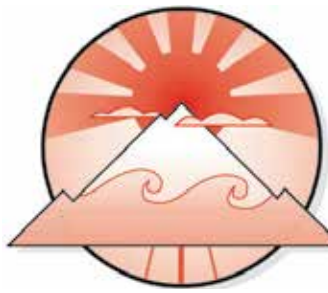
The Oakura branch of Probus celebrated 10 years of inauguration recently. A special luncheon was held in the Legends Lounge at Yarrows Stadium. Over 100 members turned out to toast the success of the Club. Personable President Bill Marshall paid tribute to past presidents and especially Stuart Hayton, now 94 years old who founded the Oakura Probus in 1994. Stuart was unable to attend the event, and other members who have died. Bill, one of the founding members was presented with the first life member badge and presidential chain. A cake decorated by Kay Horo also marked the event. Entertainment at the lunch was provided by member Kathy Dobson who played the keyboard. Other members kept the crowd entertained with jokes and witticisms.

The Oakura Probus was the first Probus group to combine men and women in one club. It is largely a social club for retirees. In fact the criteria to join the Oakura Probus is to be retired, over 60 years old and affiliated with Surf Highway 45 (or a coaster!). Stuart Hayton along with other villagers felt there was need for a club where males and females could get together so through the Rotary Club, began the Oakura Probus. The group began with 74 members and today has 120 members with a waiting list. Monthly meetings are held at the Oakura Hall, usually with a guest speaker. "Cameos" or brief talks are given by members on their history are also popular. A mid winter lunch is arranged to perk up the winter blues. This year a four day bus trip to the Waiairapa has proved popular with 42 'probusees' enjoying the experience. The main focus of the club is about providing companionship and camaraderie and it certainly appears to be accomplishing its mission by the number of members it boasts. Other activities Probus is involved in, has been the reading programme at Oakura School.

I think it is a wonderful achievement for the club to be celebrating 25 years and I personally think the club's decision to include women in a combined club has contributed hugely to its success. I'm not sure if I'll still be doing the TOM in another 10 years but I am pretty certain the Probus Club of Oakura will still be around!

Kim Ferens





Oakura School

Last term our whole school inquiry focus was 'Superheroes'. In the Junior School we learnt about the qualities that make us super and unique and discussed our own personal superheroes and what makes them super to us. To

celebrate our learning over the term, we held a superhero dress-up day on the last day. It was lots of fun showing our year 7/8 buddies and year 5/6 friends our costumes. They gave us lots of cheers during our parade. What a super way to end the term! From The Junior team

Ngā mihi

Lynne Hepworth Principal



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May

- 7 Home and School Annual Meeting 3:15
- 7-10 Year 6 Tamarind Swim Safety at the Aquatic Centre
- 8 Year 1/2 Movement Madness with Oakura @ Omata
1pm start
- 9 Year 3/4 Movement Madness with Oakura @ Omata
1pm start
- 21 Year 8 to Young Leaders' Conference in Palmerston North
- 24 Scholastic Book Fair 8:30-3:30pm at Omata Reception
- 27 Scholastic Book Fair 8:30-3:30pm at Omata Reception

June

- 3 Queen's Birthday holiday
- 5 Y1-6 NZ Playhouse Show 'Tortoise and the Hare'

BoT Update

A heart-felt thank you to Hamish Logan who has stepped down from his role as Chairman of the Omata School Board of Trustees, a position he has held for the last nine years. Thank you for all your hard work and wisdom Hamish. The recent glowing ERO report is testament to the hard work of Hamish, the BoT, Karen and the staff. Well done team!

As the new chairperson for your Board of Trustees (BoT), I'm delighted to take up this role, as I am both passionate about holistic education and have a desire to contribute in making our school even better! You may know me from working with your children in the orchard and running the weekly garden club – a role that keeps me present and on the ground and is a good balance to the big picture thinking that is required at the board level.

On another note, you may be aware of the significant changes proposed by the 'Tomorrow's School Report'. These changes are likely to affect the BoT structure and the schooling system in a 'transformational' way. This review is timely, in that New Zealand's education system performance is tailing in some areas in comparison to other countries, and with our children's future being a very different one to thirty years ago - when Tomorrow's Schools was rolled out. Consequently the Omata School BoT has put forward a submission expressing the areas we support and areas we feel require further clarification. You can find more information on the proposed changes at www.coversation.education.govt.nz

Bena Denton Omata BoT Chairperson

(Mum to Olive now at Spotswood College and Toby Rm 6)

What's on Top?

Even with reducing the size of our zone last year, we began this year with the largest starting roll ever, with a number of new entrants still to come in through the year. It is always a balancing act to have our classes small enough to maximise learning, while making the best use of property. The Board are actively seeking a new classroom space to be provided by the Ministry of Education and are hoping to have it ready to meet the increase. You can help us with future predictions by letting Bronnie, at our office, know when a family in your area moves in or has pre-school

children. We have a pre-enrolment list that predicts the next five years, so it is never too soon to enrol!

'Ngā Kaitiaki o te Ngāhere', Guardians of the Bush, has been our rich topic the last half of this term and will continue into the first half of next term. Having an extensive native bush area as part of our school grounds is a real asset to the community and for students to take part in authentic learning. Every two years we have a rich topic like this involving our bush environment. Also each class maintains regular contact with the orchard through an on-going sustainability foci where they take responsibility for a particular area of orchard maintenance. Hasn't the orchard matured this year! Hard to believe the whole area was developed from a lawned space only 18 months ago. Well done to our team of parent volunteers and our students in the Garden Club who continue to develop new plantings and help manage what the classes are unable to keep up with. Students have been part of the 'Predator Free Taranaki' programme with Emily Roberts from the Taranaki Regional Council and some of our senior students have been taking part in the 'Impact' programme run by Sustainable Taranaki volunteering their time to help protect our environment.

The annual Omata Triathlon event was brilliant with a large number of spectators and enthusiastic athletes. The 'slide-in' to the finish line is always a highlight. Thanks so much to all the parents and extended whānau who came along to support students as they gave it their all. The swimming season was most successful. We were able to have daily lessons and the community certainly made the most of the balmy evenings and weekends. Thanks so much to Rachael Alford and the team of parents who kept the pool in tip-top condition all season. Beach Ed at Oakura was an extension of the swim and water safety skills that we feel are so important for our students. Winter sports are just around the corner. I urge parents to pass on the message of fair play to their children. We promote competitive play within a supportive atmosphere; where players, spectators and coaches encourage each other to do their very best on the court or field. The children came up with a Fair Play guide for students, coaches and supporters a few years ago. We promote involvement as a positive choice that teaches important lessons; appreciation of differences, dealing with winning and losing, growing confidence, building friendships, self discipline, patience, persistence, teamwork, developing fitness and physical skills to name a few.

Ngā mihi nui Karen Brisco Principal

Below - room 3 find out about being predator free





Term one has flown by as time does when you are having fun.

Communication with our community is very important. Every 3 weeks we publish a newsletter which is emailed out to all parents and students.

We encourage you to go to access our parent portal on KAMAR and download our school app. We also have various social media sites to keep you informed - Facebook and Instagram.

It is important for the school to keep an up-to-date record of parents' and caregivers' contact information in case we need to make contact with you. Please access the Portal and check that your contact details are correct, i.e. home phone number, mobile number, home address and email address. If changes are required, please email tbo@spotswoodcollege.school.nz so that we can update the system with your correct information.

From April to June we will be carrying out an extensive review on our school uniform. We have a survey that has been devised by a group of students and staff who will be collecting student, staff, family and wider community voice during this time. If our community supports the continuation of uniform we will be asking for a range of uniform story boards to be considered. It is envisioned that we would have a decision made by July and a plan will be clearly communicated to roll out what this will look like for 2020. It is important to note that if a new uniform is the preferred option then this will be phased in over a period of time with each new yearly intake of students starting in 2020. This transition phase will ensure current students are able to continue to wear the uniform as it currently is.

Staff News

At 80 years young, property legend Brian Sowman has retired. We whole heartedly thank him for everything he has done for our community and wish him all the very best.

Our Director of International Studies, Gloria Holland will also be leaving us at the end of the term. Gloria has worked at Spotswood College for 27 years and we wish her all the best. Our new Director of International Students is Carol Curtin who comes to us from WITT where she has been a Programme Manager for the last 4 years.

We also welcome Dean Redshaw to our learning community, as our new Farm Manager.

Community At The Heart Of Who We Are

Community Connect Courses

Spotswood College recently hosted a community event that brought together a mix of people of our community from educational institutions and businesses in order to connect and strengthen ideas around future focused education. We talked about the need for schools and communities to have authentic partnerships, challenges and solutions that we work together on and working smarter together not harder in isolation. Students have been busy volunteering their time and services around the community:

- Working at the Weet Bix Triathlon event from early morning hours to the afternoon.
- Coaching primary and intermediate students.
- Getting involved in community projects like Predator Free NZ. Spotswood College proudly supporting our community!

Global Citizenship

Spotswood College recently hosted students and staff from Kyotango in Japan. Exchanges such as these are always a wonderful cross cultural experience from which all involved grow and develop.

Accepting Diversity, Rejecting Hate

As part of our stand with Christchurch and our country in accepting diversity and rejecting hate, Learning Advisory groups have been working on projects of support for those affected by the tragedy. This included a fabric wall of messages of love which was presented at the NP vigil.

Al salam Alaikum. Peace be upon you. And peace be upon all of us. Because they are us, we, as a nation, we mourn them. We will, surround [them] with aroha, manaakitanga and all that makes us, us. Our hearts are heavy but our spirit is strong. Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern Address to Parliament Tuesday 19th March.

Cultural and Sporting Success

Congratulations to our volleyball teams who competed in the National Volleyball competition with our boys team placing in the top 10 Division 1 in the country with Keegan Joe been named one of the top players of the National Tournament. A special thank you to the coaches, managers and the supporters.

Congratulations also to our athletics team that travelled away to the TSSA Athletics competition, returning with a strong line of 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings.

Congratulations to Darcy Howard-Ross and Leo Howard (red) who both won gold at the Secondary School Wrestling Champs in Auckland!

Congratulations to Josh Houghton Year 9 for winning the 85cc class of the 2nd round of the North Island Champs!

Congratulations to our Senior Mixed Rogaine team who placed first and Junior/Senior Triathlon teams who both placed first.

Nicola Ngarewa Principal



Presidents News:

Still plenty happening on the golf course whether it be competitions or agility runs. We had an Agility Fun Run held here last Sunday run by the Okato Lions Club. Unfortunately the weather turned away so many people but the hardy ones that did turn up had a really fun and challenging course. Thank you so much to Bill Honeyfield and Callum Mahy and

the Lions club member who did all the set up and organising the event. Also to all the volunteers from Kaitake members your help was very much appreciated. This was still a very successful day and Okato Lions hope to run this again next year but change the date for summer time to guarantee fine weather.

We also have a huge turnout for the 4 Day 4 Course Vets Tournament held here last week with 62 couples from 52 clubs around New Zealand. We had a great turn out of camper vans/ caravans packed at our course and weather was great with a slight breeze. Great day had by all. A big thankyou once again to the ladies who catered for all these people.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers for all the work being done on the course to tidy up all the debris from the removal of the pine trees. Also would like to thank the wonderful ladies that have been supplying the helpers with awesome morning and afternoon tea. Very much appreciated.

Womens Division News

If you haven't been out to golf these last few weeks you are in for a big surprise. The old pine trees have been felled leaving the course looking quite different. The contractors removed any useful logs leaving volunteers to remove the debris. What a great job they have done. The Club are selling bags of pine cones \$5 per bag or 5 for \$20. Talk to Denise in the office. Now the bulk of the tree felling is done and cleared the competitions are back on track.

National results include the Aotearoa Cup and Coronation Medal, both won by Deborah Johnson. Mary Pettigrew won the Vets Trophy. The 3day nett comp, Bronze 1 J Ross r/up D Jones.

Easter Raffle

Once again the Easter raffle was very popular. Thank you to everyone who donated items that made up four generous prizes. The winners were Lorraine Julian (1st), Jenny Ross (2nd), Anne Murdoch (3rd) and Joy Greenlees 4th.

Looking ahead to the end of the year, the Women's Committee have decided to contact all ex women members to come for morning tea and a chance to catch up with old friends. If you would like your name to be included phone Andrea 7514234 / 0273587001 or phone Denise in the office.

The Women's Committee extend a warm welcome to women wanting to join a club to play golf regularly or prospective players just wishing to give golf a try. If you want to talk to anyone about joining or learning to play golf, feel free to phone Andrea Jarrold on 7514234 or 0273587001 or talk to Denise in the office.

Club Captain Report:

Kaitake 1 Pennants were put out on the Quarter Finals with a two hole playoff. Strokeplay champs have now started and hope to see plenty of our members enter this tournament and will be

on for the next three weeks.

Congratulations to Ralph Ellicock for winning the Hybrids and Irons Trophy.

Four of our members went to Queenstown and played at the Mt Michael Golfing Classic and came second in the teams event out of a 100 entries. The boys came third with their French theme on the first day. **(Pictured below)**

Two Ball Best Ball coming up 25th & 26th May which is being held over two days instead of the one day event.

The Fergusons Boys Brodie and Fletcher were picked to represent the Junior Development Squad under 19 and played against Wellington, Hawkes Bay and Manawatu/Whanganui. The Taranaki team won the tournament. Well done to the boys and congratulations to the team.

Kaitake Golf Club Chippers

Chippers Day is Sunday 12th May 2019 and every fortnight after that. We do realise this is Mothers Day so maybe Dads can take kids to golf and let mum have a long lie in. Look forward to you all coming back and hopefully some new chippers as well. See you all then.

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.



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KAYAK FISHING CLUB

This years Kayak Fishing Classic, was a real classic with perfect weather for both days. There were 189 entries and once again some great fish landed. A big well done to all entrants especially all the Oakura locals who entered.

The big winners were, trevally, Charles Dinnis - John Dory, Blair Whiting - Blue Cod, Regan Phipps - Kingfish, Zak Mocket a junior angler landed a 17 kg kingfish.

Peter Stevens - Tuna, Mike Reid - Kahawai, Grant King all the way from Melbourne - Gurnard, Rob Mallasch - Snapper 10.035kgs. Once again the top three Snapper were all over 20 lbs.

The Grand Slam top angler was won by Paul Rountree from Auckland who also weighed in two large Hapuka although not part of the comp these two huge fish were a great catch and a great challenge to land on a kayak.

Garry

Photos, below: Steve Tap from Viking Kayaks enjoying the perfect conditions, 15 year old Zak Mocket with his kingfish and right Paul Rountree with his two Hapuka.



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Collins Trophy

The highly regarded and fiercely contested Collins Trophy competition will be played at Oakura on the 4th, 5th and 12th

of May starting at 1pm. The format is a round-robin 2x4x2 pairs completion with each game consisting of 6 ends last apx 1 hour. Past President, Mark Collins, donated and sponsored the trophy with the concept that the teams consist of both a senior player with a junior and/or non-player. The competition is open to all club members and any new bowlers who may want to try this great game. For further details contact Steve Muller on 0211695863.

Champion of Champion Results

The Oakura championship pairs combination of Peter Radich and Peter Murdoch were defeated in their first game by a talented New Plymouth team 20 – 6. The singles and triples champs of champs are still to be played with the expectations of Oakura resting on the shoulders of Jim Priest (senior) and Kurt Smith (junior) in the singles and the trio of Peter Radich, Peter Murdoch and Ray Haslip in the triples. Good bowling guys.

Interclub Tournaments

Oakura has finished equal top in the Thursday Wanderers Shield. Inclement weather washed out the last round of the competition with Oakura and Waitara both holding a 66% winning margin. It was Oakura's 7th win from the past 10 years. A fantastic achievement and congratulations to all bowlers who played throughout the tournament.

Oakura had two teams entered in the 2-day 2x4x2 pairs tournament held at Paritutu over Easter. Steve Muller and Alan Bridgeman won their section on Saturday but could not carry their winning form into the top section on Sunday. They won their first game but they could not handle the shift of venue to the indoor stadium (due to rain) where they suffered surprising losses in the next 2 games. Kurt Smith and Wayne Robinson also qualified for the top section but suffered the same fate winning their first on the grass but losing both indoor games.

Club News

The Professional Bowling Association will again have a chapter in New Plymouth with all bowling to be played at the Paritutu Bowling Club indoor stadium. The qualifiers for the various competitions will be played over 1st 2nd & 3rd of June, 27th & 28th of July and the 10th & 11th of August. It is a great opportunity to see some of New Plymouths best bowlers in action playing a format that is entertaining and full of action.

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The Wednesday evening Pickleball sessions are 7.30 - 9.00pm. Beginners always welcome. All levels of playing skills can be matched with others of similar level. Lots of cheers and laughter during Wednesday evening session for good shots, bad shots and ones where the ball just goes wonky.

Thursday mornings we play 9.30 - 11.00am. Several of us come regularly and are honing our skills. Beginners always welcome, as that's where we all started out. Several overseas summer visitors have joined us, but they will soon be leaving for their own summers.

If you don't already know about Pickleball you soon will. It's the fastest growing sport (destined for the Olympics some day?) — a cross between badminton, tennis and table tennis. The ball is lightweight plastic with holes in it and the paddle has a short handle and a solid surface. The rules are simple to learn.

All the equipment for you to play is provided. While we are still paying off a loan for the equipment and have Hall rental costs, the fee is \$5 per session or \$5 to do both sessions in the same week. It's free if you are trying it out for the first time. The fee is expected to drop once the equipment costs have been paid off. Grab a friend and join either a morning or evening session.

Find out current information and playing tips on our facebook page: Pickleball Oakura. Also unforeseen cancellations will be posted there. Questions, phone Elayne on 0279377173





The weather has just kept on being kind to the fishermen and the surfers with warm water still continuing which has made the surfing enjoyable

Ariana Shewry has just headed off to Indonesia and has a contest in Krui South Sumatra coming up the end of April, wishing her all the best.

Tom Butland is the other club member having some success winning the U18 division at the South Island champs just before Easter and is currently leading the Surfing NZ U16 ratings .

With Summer coming to an end the Club won't be open every Friday night until next summer but we still have training and some social events planned so keep an eye on the Facebook, Instagram and your email for up coming news and regular updates...

Brent Anderson for Oakura Boardriders.
President, Luke Florence 027 493 0819
Bookings, Colin Webb webzy70@yahoo.com 021936602

Pictured below the U12 boys and bottom, the club champs

with plenty of swell and great conditions.

The Oakura Boardriders champs for 2019 were held the weekend before Easter with senior divisions being held at Stent Road on the Saturday in solid conditions, being quite challenging at times and then the Junior divisions held on Oakura Beach on the Sunday with great waves for the day letting the younger kids have a great day.

With around 40 senior competitors it made for some good rivalry and plenty of surfing to get through with approximately the same amount of Juniors it was a big couple of days of surfing, Results below and congratulations to Jeremy Curd and Ariana Shewry on taking out the prized Open divisions.

Results:

U10 Boys: 1st – Caden Watts, 2nd- Kohen Hareb-Hine, 3rd – George Webber, 4th- Joel

U12 Boys: 1st- Kai Shearer, 2nd- Gabe Brebner, 3rd- Adam Sousa, 4th- Drew Florence

U14 Boys: 1st- Owen Ellington, 2nd – Kalani Watts, 3rd- Nate Florence, 4th- Kai Shearer

U16 Boys: 1st- Kalani Watts, 2nd- Nate Florence, 3rd- Owen Ellington, 4th – Koah Shewry

Mens Masters: 1st- Jeremy 'Snuffy' Curd, 2nd- Paul McFetridge 3rd – Matt Peacock, 4th- Rick Christiansen

Mens Grand Masters: 1st- Brian 'BC' Clark, 2nd- Steve Roberts 3rd- Dorrien Andrews, 4th- Vince Fenning

Legends: 1st- John Quilter, 2nd- Mark 'Wilko' Wilkinson, 3rd- Brent Anderson, 4th – Mike Hareb

Mens Open: 1st- Jeremy "Snuffy" Curd, 2nd- Manu Schafer

3rd- Luke Florence, 4th- Paul McFetridge Girls U12: 1st- Chloe Fenning, 2nd- Solae Hareb-Hine, 3rd- Ava Curd

Girls U14: 1st- Ariana Schafer, 2nd- Skylar McFetridge, 3rd- Kate McQuaid

Girls U16: 1st- Skylar McFetridge, 2nd- Ariana Schafer, 3rd- Kate McQuaid

Womens Open: 1st- Ariana Shewry, 2nd- Rachel Schafer, 3rd – Casey Stevens, 4th – Rosalind McFetridge

Paige Hareb has had a tough start to the World Surf League tour, waves have been very average on the Gold Coast and then at Bells Beach and not ideal for Paige , she will be looking at putting the first two results behind her and hoping for better moving on.





Another surf season done and dusted

Taranaki Anniversary Weekend saw the finish of our voluntary weekend patrols. If you are swimming now please always check the conditions first and parents please always watch your children.

We have had 26 of our Oceans team travel to the Mount to compete in the four day competition. We had great bunch of kids who competed hard and performed well. Special mention to Ellie Dinnison winning Gold in the u14 Girls Flags. We had a lot of quarter and semi-final appearances which is a great effort amongst such a large group of talented athletes from all over New Zealand.

Congratulations to the following who made Ocean finals, a great achievement!

Ben Helms u11 Boys Surf Race Final
Eva Martin u12 Girls Diamond Final
Hayley Tewhata u12 Girls Board Final
Ruby Newton u13 Girls Sprint Final
Tiani Kensington u13 Girls Sprint Final, u13 Girls Flags
Ellie Dinnison u14 Girls Flags
Eva Martin, Hayley Tewhata, Libby Robison u12 Girls Board Relay Final

Two weeks later our senior team also headed over to the Mount to compete at the TSB NZ Surf Lifesaving Champs. Another great competition, again amongst some amazing athletes from all over NZ. NPOB competed well and competitively, some were even sick whilst doing so.

Congratulations to the following who made TSB National Finals! Great results.

Jack Feaver u16 Men 2km Beach Fun Final
Yannika Harrop u16 Women Ironperson Final, U16 Women Surf Final, U16 Women Run Swim Run Final
Jordan Grylls, u19 Women Beach Sprint Final, u19 Women Beach Flags
Yannkia Harrop, Evette Albers, Holly Horo, Ellie Dinnison u16 Women Beach Relay Final.



Our last National event of the year was the BP IRB Nationals 6-7 April held at Waikouaiti, Dunedin. The cold starts (4 degrees) not effecting our small team who came in 7th overall! A big thanks to Jack Cleland and Jackson Corlett who joined the team at the end of the season and headed down as patients.

Mikey Watts & Lachie Stevens u22 Mens Assembly Rescue 2nd, u22 Mens Single Rescue 2nd, u22 Mens Tube Rescue 1st.
Tessa Lilley & Zoe Honeyfield, u20 Womens Mass Rescue 3rd, u20 Single Rescue 4th.

That's it for the season now. Enjoy the winter everyone!

See you all at the AGM Friday 26 July, 6pm at the clubrooms.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for what is happening over the winter months.



Oakura Community What's On

5 Elements Fitness: 5 Elements Fitness: Bootcamps and Kickboxing fitness classes: Weekdays 5-6 pm, Tataraimaka Hall. For more details contact Barney 027 7527 076, barney@5efitness.com or visit www.5efitness.com

Body Transformer: 2 x ladies group sessions at 6pm every Tuesday & Thursday evening from my home studio in Koru Rd, Oakura. 2 x 1 hour sessions at Oakura Hall 6am on Monday & Wednesday. Boxfit class 6am Friday morning. ph Joe on 021 110 1215

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

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: 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.

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 10.00am, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

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

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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