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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.

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Phone Sheree 027 3444 723.

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

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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

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Contact Club Secretary Jackie Mitchell 027 673 2900.

Probus Club: Meets once month at Kaitake Golf Club rooms on the 3rd Friday of every month at 10am - 11.30am. Contact Mike Vickers ph 7527881 or Gwen Jury ph 7527783.

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From the Editor



I have been fortunate to be able to escape what I hoped was the last of the winter weather woes by holidaying in Vietnam and Borneo. As you all hunkered down and endured the incessant cold and wet, I sweltered in 38 degree heat with 98% humidity - practically producing my own rainforest effect!

I was off the grid when the election results came in - away on a deserted island releasing baby turtles into the Sulu Sea and gathering eggs to be incubated in the hatchery - I wonder which exercise will produce the best outcome, election or conservation? Those baby turtles seemed very vulnerable swimming off into the great blue yonder - a very sobering moment. As their heads bobbed up to the surface for air any number of predators were waiting to pick them off and we were willing them on to the safety of the seaweed beds.

Our political environment seems as vulnerable - who knows what New Zealand will look like with the likes of Winny pulling the puppet strings. I think we will all need to come up for air on a regular basis to survive the next political epistle!

I'd like to take this opportunity to give a big shout out to Doug Hislop and Kaitake Community Board members for their ongoing dedication to our local community - they work tirelessly and certainly in recent months working on the community plan for Council - a huge undertaking - so thank you for representing us all and endeavouring to get the best outcome possible for our community.

It's good to have daylight savings back - those extra minutes of light are precious in the evening. Remember too that the beaches are now subject to dog restrictions - hard to figure when it still feels like winter! Speaking of dogs, I couldn't get over how many feral dogs roam through Borneo - you'd think with the concern about diminishing wildlife species, there'd be a drive to rid the country of these ownerless dogs - here we worry if the neighbours dog poops on our lawn!

Kim



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Oakura Arts Trail

The Oakura Arts Trail has preparations well in hand for this year's open studios event. This very popular trail coincides with the Taranaki Powerco Garden Festival / Fringe Festival and is held on the weekends of the 28th and 29th of October and the 4th and 5th of November. Open hours are from 10 to 4pm.

Last year there were over 5000 visits where guests enjoyed seeing the environment where artists work. The artists involved in 2017 are Kris White, Richard Landers, Deborah Hoare, Fay Looney, Linda McFetridge, Margaret Scott, Brenda Cash, Jill Shearer, Linda Barbour, Sally Laing, Rosie Moyes, Suzanne Bloch -Jorgensen, Rob Wright, Susan Imhasley, Brenda Cash, and Steve Molloy. We are excited that three of these artists Linda McFetridge, Rosie Moyes and Sally Laing have returned to be part of the trail this year. Also we are very lucky to have Jill Shearer join our trail, as she is a well-known Taranaki artist who has been painting for over 40 years, specialising in seascapes and the many moods of Taranaki. Jill mainly paints in oils but also uses water colours and acrylics.

Sarah Smither will open her home as a Place of Interest and will be showing recent prints and work from her private collection of Michael Smither. Although he no longer lives in Taranaki, Smither has always been regarded as one of our major and much loved artists who was born and lived in New Plymouth for most of his life.

The Arts Trail Exhibition with a sample of work from all the artists on our trail will be at the Molloy Gallery in the old Tataraimaka Factory. This will be open daily during the festival and is a way to help plan your visit to see the artists involved in the Trail.

Brochures on the trail can be found at all studios, the Information Centre, the Crafty Fox and on the notice board next to the chemist. Look out for the large yellow and the turquoise flags which will help to guide you to the artist studio. For details on the artist and the location of their studios go to www.oakuraartstrail.co.nz or join us on Facebook.

below - Kris White



Kaitake Community Board

Over the last couple of days I've had a real spring in my step, the sun was shining, it was warm and there wasn't much of a breeze, in fact a great get out in the garden time for me. However as I write this today the wet, wet weather has returned yet again, just as I was beginning to think spring had finally sprung and summer was just around the corner. Silly me!

The KCB has been rather busy since last reporting. There has been a lot to do, much of it under the radar of most folk. A major accomplishment has been the final signing off of the community board 30 year plan. It's been a very long journey for us, starting way back in December 2013. We do hope our plan truly encapsulates all of the issues and aspirations we learned about during our travels. And, most of all, we do hope our plan results in positive action in our community. We are indebted to everyone who contributed to the project in some way. The plan and its supporting documents can be accessed on the Council website at:

<http://www.newplymouthnz.com/Council/Council-Documents/Plans-and-Strategies/Community-Board-Plans>

It is pleasing to see that the New Zealand Transport Agency has begun work on the eastern approach to Oakura by upgrading the entrance and approach to Corbett Park. This is just one of the planned upgrades there, with others in the pipeline. In fact there needs to be considerable thought put into a range of issues facing us in the Oakura CBD area. It's unfortunate that Highway 45 intersects the community, but that is a fact of life and we need to explore 'best fit' solutions for pedestrian movements, parking access, and traffic calming measures. The speed at which passing traffic travels through the village demonstrates that far too many drivers don't differentiate between what is a highway and what is a village street. Many obviously view the village stretch as just a line that connects their starting and destination points that they are hell bent on reaching as quickly as they can. By the way, I have had another update from NZTA on the electronic sign who have told me, "The signs have arrived in Hamilton from overseas and Advanced Solutions Limited have got them set up. We should get them delivered to New Plymouth in the next week and a half and then we just need some fine weather to be able to get the technician down for installation and site acceptance testing". So it would appear we are nearly there - fingers crossed.

The other news concerns the installation of a public toilet in the CBD. This has been a particularly frustrating and drawn-out affair, first starting back in 2004.

However the project did gain some legs from the Council's 2011 Oakura Village Recreation and Community Facility Study. Significant community interest was shown in the study for the development of a new toilet in the main street. Many respondents believed toilets were a requirement given the increased activity in the CBD. It was also perceived to be an issue of 'host responsibility' that the main street should have accessible toilets. The study concluded the toilets should be small and in a location as close as possible to the main retail area (between the supermarket and service station).

Following that, as part of the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan deliberations, officers were asked to investigate the feasibility of sites for a public toilet in the Oakura shopping area.

The vexed question of where to site it caused some angst. Council officers consulted widely on the options being considered, which were:

Road reserve on SH45 (between supermarket and service station).

Road reserve near entrance to Oakura Cemetery on Butlers Lane. Private land between supermarket and service station.

In the front car park area of Oakura Community Hall.

Road reserve at the corner of Butlers Lane and SH 45.

The KCB's recommendation followed that of the 2011 Community Study that the toilet be sited somewhere between the supermarket and service station.

The final Council decision back in 2014 was that the toilet be sited on NZTA road reserve land adjacent to the large pohutukawa tree between the service station parking area and the liquor store. This option guaranteed a central shopping area location without significant land purchase costs, as NZTA agreed to the Council installing a toilet on the road reserve. There would be no major directional signage required to find the toilet. An NZTA consultant visited the site and considered the site was safe, with no issue with altering the pavement to accommodate the toilet stormwater sump. Our only concern with this location was if damage was caused in any way to the pohutukawa tree, but an arborist's report concluded that wouldn't be the case. We understand that the toilet construction has gone out to tender and we are ever hopeful something can be achieved this side of the holiday season.

There is a growing community conversation about the possibility of setting up a farmers' market for local residents and visitors. Over the next month or so there is likely to be some further development on this, so watch this space.

Well, that's it for this issue. Ka kite ano.

The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be at the Hampton Hall, Okato on Monday, October 17 at 7pm.

Doug Hislop (752 7324) on behalf of Mike Pillette, Paul Coxhead, Graham Chard and Roy Weaver who is the Council representative on the KCB.



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Thank you New Plymouth electorate for your support in the recent elections, for backing me to be your Member of Parliament for the next three years. It is not something I take for granted and I will repay your trust with hard work for you and our communities.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working locally with these past three terms serving as your MP, working to see some great results on local projects and advocating for the aspirations and needs of Taranaki in Wellington.

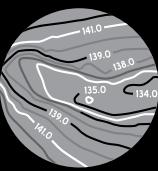
I am energised and excited for these next three years, and look forward to working on major projects we have already begun such as the Mt Messenger bypass project, tourism initiatives, working for more affordable housing, and increasing opportunities for students and young people in Taranaki.

It has truly been a fascinating election and I was very encouraged by the result with nearly half of the country voting for National. That's a strong endorsement of the direction New Zealand is taking. We want to build on the economic success and National will continue working hard to realise the shared goals for New Zealand. The Social Investment philosophy developed by the National-led government means that investment into deeply entrenched issues in order to make a transformational difference, is critically important. We are not satisfied with maintaining welfare dependency. The government is there for people when they need it, but the goal is to help people become independent as best as possible.

We will remain ambitious, and work relentlessly on behalf of all New Zealanders to keep growing the economy, increasing incomes, creating jobs.

We have put ourselves in a position where we can achieve sustained economic success. And that's important because having a strong economy means we can make further progress on some of these most challenging, long-term issues – reducing poverty, supporting the most vulnerable and protecting the environment.

It is important New Zealanders can achieve their potential, individually, as a community and as a nation. We can continue creating a nation of opportunities – and we're determined to grasp them with both hands.



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Until a new Government is formed, we will run a responsible and stable administration abiding by the usual caretaker conventions. MMP is well understood, and the business of government will not grind to a halt. We are able to deal with any pressing issues that arise over the coming weeks.

We do not need to rush this process but, equally, there is no greater priority right now than delivering a strong Government to take New Zealand forward.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if you have any issues or concerns, or ideas and initiatives that you would like to discuss. Let's continue to build this incredible region together.

Jonathan Young



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All these programmes and more are listed in What's On listed on Puke Ariki's website or come in and pick up a quarterly brochure available at all the libraries.

You will notice some changes at Ōākura Library! We are getting a modern self-checkout system, returns shelving and a small help desk pod! But don't worry as we are still a full service community library and Charlie and I will be here to serve you and answer queries as per normal. The self checkout simply offers our patrons another option.

For Halloween kids can craft their own paper masks using " Mini Crafters Masks" as inspiration. "Scaredy-cat, Splat!" is a fun picture book to read aloud!

"Good Dirt" and "Coastal Gardens" are just a few of the useful gardening books available for loan. We have the garden festival brochures available.

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Every kitchen tells a story...

Every Kitchen Tells a Story Fundraiser for Taranaki Hospice share the pleasure of another woman's kitchen by attending the **Kitchen Tour For Hospice**

Sunday October 15th will find 10 private kitchens located around New Plymouth and Oakura open for viewing in this latest fundraiser for Taranaki Hospice. Organised by Barbara Olsen-Henderson of the Bach on Breakwater Café & Restaurant, the kitchens chosen for this tour are diverse in their designs and flavours, including Barbara's colourful bohemian kitchen.

*modern rustic BOHEMIAN french cottage
humble farmhouse YE OLDE WORLDE sleek*

modern ...and more

As well as having their tables set up for a small dinner party, the owners will have displays of the books that have influenced them in their choices – cookbooks and design books.

After 11 years of holding dinners as the annual Bach fundraiser for Hospice, Barbara decided to try something that was easier to organise and a lot of fun to participate in. "I just thought it was time to have a change, - I enjoy house tours myself and always take a girlfriend or two with me when I get the opportunity, so I thought this would appeal and raise lots of lovely money for Hospice. Everyone has been so enthusiastic and helpful and I'm feeling very excited!".

After the kitchen tour which runs from 10am-4pm on the day, Barbara is holding an evening function as well from 5-6.30pm 'Bubbles @ the Bach', where attendees can meet the kitchen owners again and linger over a glass of bubbles with their friends. "I was talking about my idea with a couple of girlfriends, and one said 'I love these tours, but when it's over I just think Ohhh..... I would have liked to sit down over a glass of wine and talk some more with the people I've met during the day'. So I thought – well that's a lovely idea let's do it! And so we are".

At the Bach on Breakwater Restaurant after the kitchen tour, as well as the kitchen owners being present, a big screen will be showing "Every Kitchen Tells a Story", a continuous display of beautiful photographs of the kitchens taken by Mark Dwyer. That way the owners will also get to see all the kitchens. There'll be canapes, a glass of bubbles and the opportunity to browse and buy from a range of vintage and modern cookbooks which have been selected from the extensive Hospice book collection.

Local kitchens open for touring with names withheld for an added surprise.

Hard Work vs Hard Cash

..... (Surf Highway 45) just 2km out of Oakura heading south. Please pull to the left before turning right if there's oncoming traffic

This solid little depression-era farmhouse had been neglected for some years before D***** and M**** purchased it. With the help of D*****'s Parents M*** and V**, they have won the battle with the kikuyu which was up to the window sills and threatening to invade the interior, and have landscaped and renovated the grounds and house on a shoestring budget. Never afraid of hard work, D***** has hoarded every bit of scrap timber, concrete, old windows and doors etc, that were destined for the dump and they've used this pile of treasure to transform

the cottage and the paddock it's set in. Her humble little kitchen is so different from the dingy lean-to they were initially faced with. Sunny and open and very user friendly. M***** (a heavy machinery operator and farmer by trade) has now turned his hand to carpentry, and his newly developed skills can be seen everywhere. Old French doors reveal a pantry displaying (amongst other things), jars of fruit grown on the property from transplanted mature trees. Note the wall paper made from pages of vintage cookbooks! D**** has been involved in publishing a cook book with "Farming Mums NZ", to raise funds for Rural Support Trust and St Johns Ambulance, and copies of these will be on display. (there may be third reprint for Christmas if there's enough demand). You are welcome to look around the house and the garden to see what can be done with a little imagination and a lot of hard graft. She reminds me it's a work in progress! D**** will have home baked gluten free goodies available for morning/afternoon tea. More funds for Hospice.

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Ten beautiful kitchens in New Plymouth and Oakura will be open to the public to raise money for Hospice Taranaki.

The owners will display their favourite cookbooks and design books that have influenced them.

For the hungry types, at selected homes there will be a self-service station (\$5 donation) with hot drinks and a little sweet treat available to nourish and sustain you during your tour.

Plus: "Every Kitchen tells a Story" Video Display by Mark Dwyer

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Upcycled Magic

..... Oakura. Note – the house is hidden down the drive and is NOT the one you see from the street. Five years ago, B***** and A*** built their pole house on a very steep gorse-covered section overlooking the Oakura River and surrounding farmland. B*****'s bohemian kitchen is colourful and full! An old ladder is attached to the ceiling beams and is home to all her pots and pans and the eclectic mix of olden-day utensils she enjoys using in her cooking. Open shelving stores the crockery and the many pottery pieces she made herself when she was a potter in a previous life. Wharf pile 'shorts' are her prep counter, the old Bertrand Road bridge provided the shelving in their snug library and an old treadle sewing machine sacrificed its drawers to hold cutlery in this very colourful kitchen. There are fascinating details everywhere you look, not the least of

which are the light shades and door handles that Alan has made her from all manner of castoffs from the scrap metal yards. This is another cooks kitchen and cook books on B*****'s current passion – vegan/plant-based cooking will inspire anyone who shares this interest. The pizza oven A*** made from the crumbly clay soil under the house, stands outside, sheltered by the pizza hut wood shed. It needs a little mending before this summer's pizza season as it got a little storm-ravaged this winter. It's very cute and they use it a lot when family and friends visit. B***** will have tasty nibbles and a drink to tempt you for morning/afternoon tea here. Proceeds for our Hospice.

Tapuae Treasure

..... on the Tapuae Estate situated between New Plymouth and Oakura. M*** and J*** have spent the past few years developing what was originally dry, steep, borderline farming country, into lush green slopes clad in healthy native bush. As you drive through this development, now and then you'll get a glimpse of some of the jewels studded throughout these beautiful plantings – designer homes privately nestled into hills, each with its own ocean view. Follow the signposts to number 18 and you'll descend into M***'s serenely beautiful, expansive home. Her kitchen is like the rest of her home, quietly understated, modern and with lots of room. Her wonderful pantry houses all the treasures for a dinner party; along with the food supplies, you'll see glassware enough to start a restaurant, exquisite vintage crockery, ample bench space and the sink! No need to have any mess visible when your guests arrive. However, aside from the desirable pantry, the star of M***'s kitchen has to be the view of the coastlines in both directions. It takes your breath away and any words I can write would simply not do it justice. Come and see for yourself.

M*** and J*** will organise parking at the top of the drive, and golf carts to transport you from the top of their driveway to their door. Or those of you with useful legs can simply walk!

French Country Charm

..... Stroll down the driveway and continue on to the right and you'll see Mace Cottage/Foxglove Cottage. - built in 1854, and moved to its current site 30 years ago. R*** has captured the charm of a bygone era with her clever use of antique and vintage pieces – many purchased on a holiday in France some years ago. Although tiny, R***'s kitchenette is filled to the brim with cleverly styled bits and pieces collected over her lifetime. Pots of geraniums line the window sill, old vintage linens drape themselves over the table, and all manner of jars of jams and spices line the shelves. At her lovely table we sat down to lemon tea and lightly toasted French bread and butter with pickles. A delicious accompaniment to our Kitchen Tour conversation. I love it here and you will too! There is so much to see here at Foxglove Cottage. R*** makes clutter desirable! R*** and her daughter Keziah will also have some delicious baking to tempt you if you'd like to purchase a nice cup of tea here as well. Proceeds to Hospice.

Public Trust Reinvented

..... When S***** and P*** stepped inside the old Public Trust Building after purchasing it, they were faced with smashed down internal walls and dirt floors – the beautiful rimu floors having been ripped up and sold off by the previous owner. Where to start.....? From the dirt up!! When you walk in you'll be faced with massive carved timber

internal doors, polished concrete floors clothed in colourful eastern rugs, and walls and pillars built to match those originals lucky enough to have remained. If you tap them you might hear which ones are solid concrete and which are cleverly disguised imposters. S*****'s kitchen is on an upper level with its original roof structure exposed, overlooking a generous modern working area for the chef. To be honest, my main impression of S*****'s kitchen was noticing a lot of knobs on the stoves, and lots of gear hanging above it which I just loved. The juxtaposition of brushed stainless steel benches and the exotic sculptures and works of art that filled the room (and the entire house actually), absolutely filled my senses. Everywhere you look there's something amazing to look at. And apart from the kitchen, you're welcome to look into any room which has the door open. (Check out the original urinals and tiled floors in the bathroom - works of art in themselves. Surprising I know.....)

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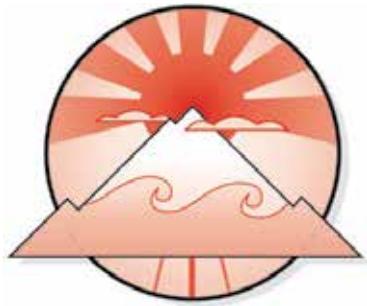
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Oakura School

This term has been so busy! The whole school has been thoroughly involved in a lot of different opportunities, such as three different Cross Country races, Māori Language week, speeches and a very special privilege for some students... Aims Games in Tauranga.

Aims Games is a very competitive sporting tournament that Year 7 & 8 students are able to attend. Oakura School was very proud to send a basketball team, two cross country runners, a sailor, a gymnast and a multi-sporter. The basketball team came 34th out of 67 teams. Our sailor, Reuben, came 14th out of 48 in his fleet. Our cross country runners, Renee and Harry, came 20th and 65th respectively. Caeley, who competed in gym sport, came 16th. We are very happy with how everyone did and their ongoing sportsmanship.

Our year 7 & 8 students have been learning about William Shakespeare and one of his most famous plays, MacBeth, through writing, reading and drama. After studying the play, we put together a short performance about the life of William Shakespeare and two scenes from MacBeth. It was a very worthwhile experience and are all very proud with how our performance went.

Over the past weeks, the Year 7s and 8s have been working on creating a business to gain skills such as; communication, financing and marketing. The year 7 and 8s were split into separate groups and had been given assigned roles/jobs that they had to contribute to their group. On Thursday all the different business groups set up their stalls in front of Room 9, Room 10 and Room 11 and invited all the children and parents of Oakura School to visit the market and buy some items from the stalls. The businesses were; Fizzle Pop (homemade chocolate), Periwinkle Pet Rock Adoption Agency, Gateau Populaire (cake pops), Wiggle Chum Corp. (jelly), Planet Pizza, Just in Case (pencil cases), Butter Llamas (slime), Pick a Mix (hokey pokey, toffee and brownies). The businesses who made games were Left, Right and Centre, Aim of the Game and B.R.O.C.A.R. Busking was done by Owen and Elliot and money was also made from the book sale that was held in Room 11. Overall the different businesses made a profit of over \$1,400 altogether and had all gained skills that would help them in the future.

For the past few weeks, the year 1, 2, 3 and 4s have been focusing on fire safety. This involved a trip to the fire station, as well as procedures on how to evacuate a fire safely. They learnt about the dangers of fire and how quickly fire can spread. Our juniors really enjoyed this experience and we would like to thank the Oakura Fire Station for offering them this opportunity and giving up their time to come to Oakura School.

*By Ella Coates(13) and Amy Parr(12)
below the Aims Games basketball team and bottom the MacBeth actors*

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Coming Events

October

- 16 Term 4 begins
- 18 Ukulele Festival 7pm at TSB Showplace
- 23 Labour Day Holiday

November

- 1 Year 1/2 Ball Skills at Oakura
- 2 Year 3/4 Ball Skills at Oakura
- 13-17 Year 7/8 Camp in Wellington

Student Writing

As my nerves crept in, butterflies in my tummy made me stress out more than I ever had before. All of a sudden the hooter blew and we set off. We went round the corner, parents cheering, my legs pumping, my heart racing and sweat dripping. The hills lurked ahead, it felt as if they were getting bigger and bigger with every step, then I felt icy water circling at my feet, this was the ford. My shoes, heavy with water, were dragging me down. I came out of the ford feeling refreshed. I'm almost there I thought to myself, as the cheering from the crowd grew louder and louder. I crossed the finish line and a huge smile spread across my face. I'd done it!

Lola Crawshaw, Lucy Forsyth and Katana Hull (Aged 9) share their cross country experience.

Cross Country

Over the last two weeks we have had the Omata School Cross Country, and played host to the Coastal Cross Country and the Full-Primary Cross Country. Our Omata students performed admirably and should be proud of the effort they put in. A big thank-you to John and Lynda Matthews for once again allowing their magnificent Waireka property to be used for these events. Also special mention to Carolyn Treeby of Waireka and to Pat Murphy for all their efforts with the organisation and running these events.

Omata Cross Country Results

Girls

- 5 year: 1st Riley-Jean House, 2nd Jenna Joyce, 3rd Amber Haldane.
- 6 year: 1st McKenna Bray, 2nd Paige Henderson, 3rd Ellie Jackson.
- 7 year: 1st Jenaya Collett, 2nd Kyah Boyle, 3rd Ella Phillips
- 8 year: 1st Ella James, 2nd Emma Marchant, 3rd Millie Stonier
- 9 year: 1st=Lola Crawshaw & Amelie Henderson, 3rd Natalie Withers.
- 10 Year: 1st Eva Niedermayr, 2nd Hayley Tewhata, 3rd Charnee Julian.
- 11 Year: 1st Tasmin Reeve, 2nd Charlotte Butler, 3rd Brianna Miller.

12 Year: 1st =Olive Denton-Woolley & Milla Worthington,

3rd Mya Glennie

13 Year: 1st Annie Jones, 2nd Deyontae Colvin

Boys

5 year: 1st Ezrah Bennett, 2nd Colton Simons, 3rd Lennox Hudson-Bool.

6 year: 1st Ryder Perrett, 2nd Reed Perrett, 3rd Lincoln Hudson-Bool

7 year: 1st Leo Joyce, 2nd Jai Meyer, 3rd Indy Gyde.

8 year: 1st Mason Timanus, 2nd Oliver Treadway, 3rd Lucas Alford.

9 Year: 1st Luke Haldane, 2nd Seb Goodin, 3rd Callum Thomson.

10 Year: 1st Toby Denton-Woolley, 2nd Keelan La Master, 3rd Boyd Timanus.

11 Year: 1st Thomas Logan, 2nd Vaydim Noonan

12 Year: 1st Reef Pratt, 2nd Stan Crawshaw, 3rd Elliot Alford.

13 Year: 1st Aidan Dalgleish, 2nd Jason Hart.

Year 4-6 Coastal Cross Country

(Omata, Oakura and Coastal Taranaki School)

Omata Results

9 years and under

Girls - Ella James 8th

Boys - Luke Haldane 2nd, Seb Goodin 9th, Mason Timanus 10th

10 year olds: Girls - Eva Niedermayr 1st,

Emily Parkinson

8th, Melissa

Berridge 10th. Boys

- Keelan La Master

5th, Jack Campbell

7th, Boyd Timanus

8th

11 year olds: Girls

- Charlotte Butler

7th. Boys - Vaydim

Noonan 5th.



**Stuart Bennett
Deputy Principal**



**Greetings to our Coastal, Oakura and Omata Communities**

With just six weeks until NCEA External Examinations the focus of all students needs to be on their learning.

Year 11 - 13 students will have gained a sense of their progress and achievement through the year from the recent school examinations, they now need to work with teachers to use the feedback from exams to develop next-step learning strategies. Parents can also assist children to maximise achievement. Key strategies include:

- Contacting us if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's learning or achievement.
- Ensuring that your children know where they are at with their progress toward their NCEA. Students can check in with their Whanau Teacher to access updated NCEA credit information.
- Help children to develop a study plan for the next 8 weeks (holidays included). Encourage your children to utilise the 'study it' website: <http://www.studyit.org.nz/> and to set aside time each evening (1-2 hours each night) for study and exam preparation.

Year 9 and 10 students also need to be focussing on their learning and achievement. Parents and Whanau can assist junior students with their progress by:

- Discussing with them their course selections for 2018.
- Ensuring that they attend every day on time.
- Making sure students come to school ready to learn with the correct equipment.
- Setting evening routines to ensure students sleep well, are rested for the day ahead and are not spending too much time on-line in the evenings.

Cyber-safety remains a challenge for parents of children from all age groups. As you are aware3 useful information can be found on the Netsafe website www.netsafe.org.nz. It is critical that parents discuss with children the appropriate use of social media and that boundaries are set around access and use of the internet. Children must check what stories they tell on social media by asking themselves... "is this my story to tell?"

Vocational Pathways – Te Waka Huarahi**Star Course – Chainsaw**

This course has helped Callum with his vision to work in the outdoor recreation sector and he is currently in the middle of his application for a level 4 course at Tai Poutini Polytechnic in Greymouth. Well done callum. Great work and good luck for the remainder of your course

Language Department News - Vivent les escargots!

Following numerous requests for snails, finally the day arrived for a taste of these delicacies. This was surprisingly popular this year- obviously, Kiwi kids are more adventurous with food than in the past. Great! so the 30 odd snails got snapped up with an interesting range of expressions, but the verdict was generally: "It was nicer than I expected! Can I have more?" or "I know it is going to be horribly slimy but I want to try."

**New Horizon Aotearoa**

Presentation of Red Cross's Buddy Bench to Spotswood Primary School. On Friday, Red Cross, Bishop's Action Foundation, New Horizons Aotearoa and three Spotswood College programme boys presented their Buddy Bench to Spotswood Primary.



The Buddy Benches are being utilised by primary schools to provide an easy place for students feeling a bit sad to sit and be embraced by their schools' values of compassion and caring

Special Olympics

Nga Mihi Maihoa

Mark Bowden

Principal



It's getting to that time of year again!!!! The athletics season is fast approaching and KAC is gearing up for its 4th season. Wahoo! Registration details will follow but for now:

Meetings will continue to be on Tuesdays at 5pm at Corbett Park
Season dates :-)

31/10/17 – 12/12/17

13/2/18 – 20/3/18

Subs will remain unchanged - yay!

\$50 for 6 year olds and under

\$70 for 7 year olds and older

We will publish competition dates in the near future so that we can plan ahead in terms of transport etc. We are keen to get as many kids competing as possible.

New coaches, volunteers and helpers are always very welcome - if you would like to get involved please get in touch - Tash 0277755440

Please check our Facebook to keep updated.



Oakura Tennis Club

Wahoo, sunshine and some dry courts so we can get out there hitting some tennis balls! The tennis season gets under way this month so the committee has been busy. Our AGM is 8pm Wednesday 18th October at the tennis club, all members are welcome. We held tennis a muster on Thursday 28th September after school for all kids interested in playing this season. After three days of rain the sun shone and it was a brilliant spring day on the courts. Teams will be entered at the start of the term so it's not too late to contact us if you are interested in playing.

The fence strengthening is finally finished and the wind cloth is up so hopefully that means we won't have a windy spring! The school has also planted on the south side so in a few years this will give us further protection.

Juniors wise we have had Sammy Lewis attend the Aims Games for tennis in Tauranga. The Aims Games are a massive sporting event for year 7 and 8 children (bigger numbers than the Olympics) which gives kids the opportunity to play against other top talent from around the country. Sammy had a very close game against the number 2 seed losing 7-5, 6-4, not sure if mum Tash had any finger nails left after watching that match. Sammy really enjoyed playing lots of games against lots of different kids. Daniel his younger brother has also been on court in Wellington at a weekend high performance tennis camp. Sammy and Daniel both have been busy with tournaments around the central region in the last month and will be up and coming in our Saturday competition this season.

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We have lots of juniors signing up for tennis and thanks to Matt Stringer from Blitz Tennis who will be running the coaching sessions again this season. We have good numbers for Saturday competition tennis. We have a lot more males than females which makes it tricky trying to enter a team of 8 with 4 women and 4 men so if there are any female's high school age and above who want to come have a fun time on a Saturday give us a call. We can put you in a team to match your ability whether you want fun or more serious competition.

We have had a visit from Lite Box and are now recycling and have low energy lights and signage around the club house so hopefully we are further reducing our footprint on the planet. Cardio tennis is still popular on Thursday mornings at 9.15am. If you are interested in a workers session in the evenings get in touch. Matt is available for adults coaching sessions in groups or individually and is also a great option for a party with fun games for any ability!

Contact details for juniors are Tash Lewis 027 7755440 or Anne Bridges 0272431766

Coach Matt Stringer 0220458729 or Blitz Tennis at <http://www.blitztennis.co.nz/oakura.html>

Adults session on Wednesdays mornings for beginner/returners to tennis. Membership renewal and Coaching bookings are now available online (visit our website at www.sporty.co.nz/oakuratennis for more information)

Look forwards to seeing you on the courts.

Jackie Keenan

Secretary 0276732900



Opening Day

A mild Taranaki spring afternoon greeted the bowlers for the opening day and start of the Oakura Bowling & Social Club 2017/2018 calendar. It was fantastic to see a number of new bowlers alongside the usual suspects enjoying the camaraderie on the green and afterwards around the club house. As per club tradition, Roy Phillips (club patron) expertly delivered the first jack and Allan Bridgeman (life member) deftly rolled down the opening bowl to start the season.

Big thanks to the green keeping team of Allan Bridgeman and Wayne Robinson for preparing the green and to Rod Smith, Mike Vickers and Bruce Jackson in keeping the surrounds in pristine condition over the winter break.

Club Championships and Interclub Competition



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October bowling action has already seen the start of the Championships Triples and the Saturday afternoon Shield competitions. The Avery and Gilmour Cups midweek interclub rivalry begins late October while the newly formed Oakura Orcas will contest the highly competitive Pennants competition starting on the 7th of October.

Special Offer

The Oakura Bowling Club is offering all first-time bowlers a package deal with the offer of half priced membership fees for the initial year, club polo shirt, use of new coloured club bowls and coaching sessions. For further details contact Steve Muller on 06 7574399.

Club News

Building the playing membership base is an important and challenging issue for any sporting club. The Oakura Bowling Club will introduce two "Jandal" bowls Sunday afternoons where the local community members can try this great game in a relaxed and friendly environment. Details of the afternoons will be confirmed in the next edition of the TOM.

Good bowling to all members for the 2017/2018 and remember the following is "really" what the skips are thinking when they say:

- "Good weight!" = lousy line
- "Good line" = lousy weight
- "Good back bowl" = you were lucky you didn't put it in the ditch
- "That's in their way" = that's in my way
- "That could be a good block" = that bowl is closer to you than it is to the jack
- "You've got another one" = your last bowl was woeful
- "Good effort" = you tried but failed miserably
- "I'd bowl with him any day" = he always buys the first round.

The Underarm Bowler





Hopefully everyone has been getting their fill of spring sunshine over the last couple of weeks (yeh right). The rain has seemed to be relentless there for a long long long while ... Bring on Summer.

We recently held our AGM at the club and elected the new committee. The team looks great again this year so we are good to go on some new plans and some new ideas and remember our Facebook page is a great place to keep up to date with goings on.

With some new members stepping up for committee duty some lifers decided to step back. I have to say it's a bit sad to lose some of our oldest members on the committee - experience is hard earned and we have all appreciated this.

We have some founding members stepping back and some full tour of duty members too. So to celebrate all the amazing effort they have made we had to have a party of course - a great night and a few sore heads!

Over winter we started our new girls surf group. Casey Stevens has done an amazing job getting the girls fit and offering them some consistency in the water. She will be with us for a further three weeks but then heads to Europe for a month. So if you haven't taken advantage of this opportunity make sure you get the last three till summer. Saturday 9am every week.

Stay tuned for our summer programme when finalised we will



Ariana Shewry lucky enough to be on the North Shore Of Oahu, Hawaii

communicate through emails and Facebook.

BC's Team has also been surfing through winter and will also soon take a break as BC heads back to the States for a month. Lessons will resume again once he's back. (there have been a full fleet of BC boards on the beach Thursday nights so if you want to look local talk to BC...)

There has been some amazing little waves on the beach so get the kids down there - its unique to have such good conditions in between the storms.

The boys at Vertigo have been quietly busy over winter keeping us in coffee and warm gear. Make sure you show them your support in return for the support and service they give our community.

No news as yet on the skate park, getting the bureaucracy over the line is proving a challenge. It is very positive though in the same sentence, but the chain is dragging for sure. Hopefully we can update you all very soon.

Paige Hareb is back home briefly. She is sitting right on the requalification threshold and has a couple more contests this year, with some luck going her way she could get back on the Big Tour next year!

It's subs time again you can do this online here, https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/user_home.shtml?session=false&shop=Oakura%20Boardriders%20Club or if any doubts contact Anne Bridges (anne.bridges@xtra.co.nz), or merchandise Jenny Ellington (027 879 7151).

**Brent Anderson, Oakura Boardriders,
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