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Award winning felt and silk creations from two talented local ladies.

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EDITORIAL

Voting or elections seem to be the topic of most interest of late. Possibly the biggest surprise was Brexit. For me it hadn't even come up on



my radar till the polls opened and I think the reason is the media had also let this issue slip under the radar here in New Zealand - after all it was going to be a clear win to David Cameron's "stay" campaign - a non event. We now know differently and the UK has a new Prime Minister to boot! By far one of the best plot lines for any horror movie. Actually I'm saving my best plot line for a horror movie for the US elections - whoever gets in - Hillary or Donald - it will be horrific.

Locally of course our own tame circus of council elections will be a very dull affair. Those councillors with the highest profiles will get elected and life will go on. A recent discussion around this subject with some friends elicited the comment that the hope was that some of the Maori nominees got elected on their merits and I couldn't agree more. It would be good to think those elected were there because they have merit and not just an axe to grind.

I must say I am rather peeved with the recycling bins and in particular the green bin. The other week when it was blowing a gale the bins are not suitable for wind of any kind. Being full with plastic, paper and cardboard they simply blow over. I have spent days picking up my neighbours rubbish. Surely the council can provide a solution to this. Every ditch, hedge and drain now has rubbish stuck in it and is an eye sore. Oakura School recently picked up rubbish at Tapuae Beach, no doubt much of it blown there from our wheelie bins.

Kim

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The author of the humorous novel "The Hundred-Year-Old man who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared" has just published "Hitman Anders and the Meaning of it All". It's available to borrow.

Some very interesting historical fiction titles: "The Words in My Hand" is the "re-imagined true story of Helena Jans, a Dutch maid in 17th-century Amsterdam," who becomes Rene Descartes' mistress. It is a well written, playful novel that really brings that era to life.

"Midnight Watch" is the fictionalised story of the Californian, a ship that saw the Titanic's distress flares but didn't go to their aid until it was too late. This novel cleverly explores this tragedy.

"Orphan Number 8" is the "fascinating story of a woman who must choose between revenge and mercy when she encounters the doctor who subjected her to dangerous medical experiments in a New York City Jewish orphanage years before." Hard to imagine that this is based on real events.

"Fever at Dawn" author Peter Gardos wrote this novel based on the original letters written by his parents, both Holocaust survivors. "This is a love story of enduring hope and joy in the aftermath of a dark chapter in the world's history".

Some great exploration and travel books suggestions are: "Tracks" by Robyn Davidson, "Wild by Nature" by Sarah Marquis and "Going South" by Colin Hogg.

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6 AUGUST

Artist performer and Guitar Professor at the Val de Bièvre Conservatorium of l'Haÿ-Les-Roses in France, Ingrid Riollot has been performing classical guitar concert since 2001 in several countries as soloist and chamber formation with cello, flute, singer. She gives conferences, teaches in masterclasses all over the world, Germany, England, Greece, Roumania, Switzerland, Spain and has been invited to famous musical festivals such as Nancyphonies, Guitares en Cormatinois, Rencontres Internationales de la gui-tare de Vandoeuvre-Lès-Nancy. *http://www.ingridriollot.com/*



MAREK PASIECZNY + JANE CURRY

6 SEPTEMBER

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On 1 July our new Raising Healthy Kids target came into force. It aims to get 95 per cent of children, who are





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identified as obese in our free B4 school health checks, referred to a health professional for support to improve their family's lifestyle through better nutrition and more physical activity, by 2017.

That's just part of our programme to give children the best possible start in life. We are also helping more children to succeed at school through a record \$11 billion investment in education.

As a result of that investment the proportion of 18-year olds achieving an NCEA level 2 qualification has increased from 68 per cent in 2008 to over 84 per cent. The improvement has been even better for Māori and Pasifika students.

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We are ambitious for New Zealand families, and back them to succeed. We have a busy work programme ahead of us and National will continue working hard to build the brighter future we all want for ourselves and our country.





COVER FEATURE

Awards and Innovations

Local felter Susan Imhasly and her felting twin sister Sabin - together called Twinfelt have been winning regional and national awards with their awe inspiring felt and silk creations.

Sabin won the Wearable Art and Sentosa Silk Award at the 2016 National Fibre Festival with "A Peacock's Beauty" - a silk and wool dress glamorous enough for any celebrity.

Susan entered the Fashion and Fibre Art exhibition called 'Fiberworks' at the Percy Thomson Gallery in Stratford. With her silk and wool scarf called "Waterplant Scarf" she won the Accessory Award, with her felted wool cape called "Butterfly Cape" she won the First Time Entrant Award and with her felted wool cushion called "Simplicity" she won the Black and Coloured Award. It's not hard to see why these creations are award winners - they are all so original, so well constructed and so eye-catching.

Susan says she is inspired by our natural environment walking along the beach and seeing the organic shapes and forms, the trees with their fungus growths and obviously butterflies with their often simple palette of colours. The girls creations are functional, with each piece able to be worn and enjoyed or used in the home.

There are hours of work in each creation from the planning and experimenting to putting it all together. Susan is moving into more abstract designs but again nothing is left to chance - each piece is thoroughly planned and Susan says if people looking at the pieces can express what they see in one word then she knows she has successfully put together something abstract in an expressive way. I must say Susan is very clever at doing this - her works invoke very strong feelings and the quality of each piece is extraordinary.

Susan opens her studio to the public for the Oakura Arts Trail coming up in October, where her creations can be viewed and purchased. She also offers small group classes for people who want to learn the art of felting, she books these to suit - you might want to make slippers, scarves, flowers, hats, mats, hangings.



Never one to sit back on her laurels, Susan is busy setting up an online shop to reach a world wide audience and also is working collaboratively with her husband to create acoustic felt panels for modern homes. These felt panels will hang on the wall and look like abstract artworks but in fact absorb excess noise and enhance the living environment. There is plenty on the horizon to keep this innovator busy!

Contact Susan, 294A Surrey Hill Road, phone: 027 976 65 86, http://www.twinfelt.com http://www.facebook.com/twinfelt

by Kim Ferens





"Waterplant Scarf."

"Simplicity" cushion.



"Seaweed Scarves" inspired by Oakura Beach.



SPORTS



WINTER INTERCLUB TOURNAMENTS

The Oakura team of Alan Bridgeman, Jim Priest, Brian Wickham, Collin Roberts, Roy Phillips and Peter Murdoch hold a commanding lead in the Wednesday fours interclub competition being played at the Paritutu indoor bowls stadium. After seven rounds they are two games clear of their closest rival and are well on their way to making it eight titles from ten years.

The Paritutu (under 10 years) Thursday night completion has also started with a first up win for the Oakura team of Steve Muller, Adam Collins, Bruce Jackson, Kevin Fleming, Bob Anderson and Kurt Smith. The boys are seeking back to back titles and are looking forward to defending their crown against some very talented opposition.

The Oakura Bowling Club has punched above its weight

with both their nominated teams reaching the final of the NZ Bowls sponsored TigerTurf Winter league competition played at the Inglewood Bowling Club. The team of Steve Muller, Wayne Robinson and Jim Priest edged out the trio of Bruce Jackson, Andy Shear and Adam Collins in a close and thrilling game. In reaching the final both Oakura teams have qualified to represent Taranaki in the TigerTurf Northern Regional Final being played at the historic Wanganui Bowling Club later in the month. The winner of the Regional Final will advance to the New Zealand TigerTurf grand final being played at the Epsom Bowling Club in Auckland.

CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to Kevin Gray who has succeeded Bob Anderson as the new club president. Kevin has had extensive experience with the administration with Bowls Taranaki and will be a great asset for the club.

Thumbs up to the Paritutu Bowling Club for providing a world class facility in their indoor bowling stadium complex. Playing bowls during the harsh winters of Taranaki is greatly appreciated by all the winter bowlers.

The club opening day has been scheduled for Saturday 10th September. If there are any experienced or new bowlers living in Oakura area that want to join the club or try this great game please contact Steve Muller (match convenor) on 06 7574399 for further information.

The Underarm Bowler









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GETTING WET Oakura Boardriders

This being the quiet time for club activities as winter sets in with some snow finally falling on the ski fields which the industry will be thankful for no doubt. The mountain club is yet to see anything close to skiable and from where I'm sitting it looks like we will be in for a light winter on our mountain, although early days yet.

The warmer than average winter has been a boon for the surfers with warmer than normal water temperatures, some great sandbanks on the beach with some cooperating weather that has seen some great surf to be had, and in between some great kite surfing so everyone is happy.

Some lucky people are enjoying winter get away's - Europe, Indonesia, Hawaii, Australia, with the world becoming more and more volatile there is always risk, but that is what brings reward so we are told. One of my sons was in Nice, not 500m from the sad events that took place, in all the places he could be at that time it shows there is no telling where life will lead you, safe thankfully!

The New Plymouth Surf Riders in conjunction with Beach Street Surf Shop, CSA Surfboards, Escape Coffee and Urban Studio Realty are running a winter contest series call the '2016 Super 8 Series' with the first event being held on July 9. Our local super grommet Tom Butland had a



Super 8 Series Finalists Event 1 – Left to right: Daniel Farr 1st, Tom Butland 3rd, Jamie Andrews 2nd, Kane Rowson 4th.





NPBHS team.

good start to the series with a 3rd placing - stay tuned to our Facebook page for the next round with the date still to be announced. A huge shout out to the NPBHS surfing team that travelled to Gisborne for the Secondary Schools surfing champs under the watchful eye of their teachers come coaches come chaperones, Titch Turner and Kane Rowson. The boys took out the team title against Gisborne Boys High, Tauraunga Boys High, and Campion College. They were also lucky enough to get to surf all over Poverty Bay thanks to the teachers with a visit to Mahia, a first for some and memorable stock route tubes on the last morning making a memorable trip.

Individual results were:

U14 boys: Tom Butland 2nd, Hunter Peterson 4th.

U16 boys: Sam Dingle 1st, Lucca Lind 2nd.

U18 boys: Isaac Kettle 3rd

Taranaki had a visit from some high profile members of the Billabong surf team with world tour surfers Joel Parkinson and Jack Freestone amongst them. They stayed at the Ahu Ahu Villas and were seen enjoying our coastal surf breaks, although conditions were average, Taranaki left a positive lasting impression. A bit of communication with the Boardriders Club could have made this memorable for the local grommets but for whatever reasons this was not to be. Pictures will surface in various publications in the near future no doubt.

The wheels are still turning on clubrooms renovations, downstairs space (still to be announced) and the skatepark upgrade that is still trying to tick all the boxes required and secure the funding, hopefully this will be completed and in use this summer...

Enjoy winter but looking forward to those longer days and warmer weather . . .

Brent Anderson, Oakura Boardriders, President; Luke Florence, 027 493 0819 Secretary; Paul Lobb, 027 244 4297



oakura school news

A group of students, teachers and parents from Oakura School assisted the New Plymouth District Council recently with the planting of approximately 1500 plants at Weld Road. With the help of many hands this task was completed quickly, helping to keep our environment beautiful.



Weld Road planting.

A group of our year 7 & 8 students have been working with Emily from the Taranaki Regional Council on Project Hotspot. This has involved students learning more about four threatened species: little blue penguins, reef heron, orca whale and the New Zealand fur seal. Recently they had a field trip to the marine reserve at Tapuae to carry out several scientific investigations. They did a predator search - looking for dog and penguin prints; a coastal blitz and a litter survey. They were amazed at the amount of plastic found on this half kilometre stretch of coast that is not frequented by people. They found two bags of plastic rubbish that had washed ashore. Their next step is to educate others about the risks that this plastic rubbish causes to our wildlife and coastal environment.



Project Hotspot work at Tapuae Marine Reserve.



Showroom, corner Eliot & Molesworth Sts, New Plymouth

Lynne Hepworth, Principal

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omata school news

COMING UP

August

- 10 3D conferences 1-6:30pm; school closes 12pm
- 11 3D conferences 1-6:30pm; school closes 12pm
- 16 Quiz Night @ Good Home -camp fundraiser
- 19 LEAD 2016

September

- 5 Mobile Library 1:30
- 8 Y1-3 Omata Cross Country 1:30pm start
- 9 Y4-8 Omata Cross Country 1pm start

BOT UPDATE

Last term we have had Board of Trustees elections. First I would like to thank the three outgoing members, Tracey Lusk, Andrew Crawshaw and Joss Hobson that stood down, for their long and committed service to the school and community. Your vision for the future and ability to keep the ethos of 'children first' has and will have an impact on our school for years to come.

On behalf of the staff, school and the wider community along with the Board of Trustees, a huge thank you for your time and effort.

Thank you to all those who took part in our recent Board of Trustees election. We had a great voter turn out showing us the passion our parents have for the school and education of our children. I would like to pass on my congratulations to new and returning Board members: Bena Denton-Woolley, Rachel Campbell, Blair Withers, Bridget Eldershaw, Stuart Bennett and Karen Brisco. I look forward to working alongside you all.

Hamish Logan

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

This term we got the recipe book underway. Thank you to those that have already sent in their recipes and a huge thank you to Tania Kilian for taking on this task. I'm sure with all the contributions, we can make it very successful. The paperwork has arrived for the art calendars, so I am sure we will see some beautiful artwork rolling out of the classrooms next term.

The students have certainly been enjoying their hot lunches since the cold weather has made itself felt. Thanks to Ann, Elsa and our team of bakers. Everyone loves their Friday treat. (exhausted parents included)

Rachel Alford



•••• while Louis Hickson reaches for the stars with his lego spacecraft.



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Spotswood College

Greetings to our Coastal, Oakura and Omata communities

It is exciting to be back at school after having completed my Term II Sabbatical. The opportunity to travel and to visit other schools has been a professionally encouraging and rewarding experience.

Secondary education in New Zealand has undergone significant change over the past 10 - 15 years. We have all recognised that education has had to move away from an industrial model to a far more individualised approach. Educators and politicians have clearly understood that change has been required to equip young people to thrive in our constantly changing, information dominated, global society.

It has been hugely encouraging to discover that Spotswood College is amongst the leaders in defining and setting this new vision and in implementing the pedagogical and systemic change it requires.

As learners, our staff have thought deeply and reflected upon best practice strategies that have originated from academic research as well as their own professional inquiries. Our achievement data demonstrates that our innovations are constantly improving outcomes for our students.

My special thanks to Mr Knapton and Mr Shaw, who along with Mr Lapworth and Mrs Cast, maintained, if not accelerated, our projects and programmes toward our goal of continual improvement.

A focus of Term III will be on planning for 2017. Students will work with parents and whanau teachers to select courses for next year and staff will be undertaking curriculum and course reviews.

KEY DATES FOR TERM III INCLUDE:-

11 August –	Open Evening (7.00p.m.) for prospective Year 8 students and their families.
16 August –	University Course Planning. '
19 August –	LEAD Conference.
24 August –	Lingo Festival (Wellington) for Language students.
	NZ Secondary Schools Winter Tournament Week.
5 – 9 September –	Y11 – 13 Exam Week and course completion/catch-up.

18 – 20 September – Santiago School visit.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Cascade Price - 3rd place Individual Emergency grade - St John Youth National competition.

Amirah Osama - 3rd place Upstand - "Be The Change NZ" Script for an Anti-bullying campaign.

Catriona Oates and Mikaela Phillips-Nassif - Taranaki regional winners - NSSCC Secondary Schools Challenge.

Sherwood Matheson, Campbell Parker and Riley Smith who were placed 2nd in the Taranaki Regional Rockquest competition.

Jacques McCallum-Lind also did well in the Rockquest as he was placed 2nd - Best Musicianship - Guitar & vocals and Best Song.

Aidan Zittersteijn who was North Taranaki Indoor Bowls District - NZ Junior singles district elimination winner.

Jack Cochran, Tane Whitehead and Te Rangihuatau Hikaka for making the Taranaki Rangatahi Under 15 Rugby League Team.

Well done to Tane Whitehead, Te Rangihuatau Hikaka, Gerald McGuigan, Neme Faga and Ford Lambert for making the Under 15 Taranaki Rugby League Team.

Jaxon Madden who made the Taranaki Age Group Team -NZ Age Group Championships.

Well done Maeghan Boshier, Janelle Boshier, Jasmine Ngatai and Abe Evetts for coming 1st in the Division 3 Manawatu Special Olympics Basketball Tournament.

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE SENIOR ORATORY

Year 11 Speech	Year 12 Persuasive Speech
1st Katie Pullen.	1st Tamia Kane.
2nd Nadia Hill.	2nd Sam Raumati.
3rd Tori Pittwood.	3rd Equal Laura Robinson.
HC Caitlin Brown.	3rd Equal Rebecca Spindler.
HC Moka Shino.	
Year 12 Monologue	Year13 Literary Seminar
1st Sophie Willis.	1st Georgia Kyffin.
2nd Cascade Price.	2nd Montana Bennett.
3rd Equal Mostyn Lee.	3rd Equal Shiann Jolly.
3rd Equal Blake Tanner.	3rd Equal Reus Reyes.

HC Jewelz Peters. As always if you have any queries regarding our school please do not hesitate to contact me.

3rd Equal Anya Wangsuwan.

Ngā Mihi Maioha.

HC Reihana Conaglen.

Mark Bowden, Principal





Harcourts Real Estate TEAM TARANAKI SUPPORTS OAKURA, COASTAL & NEW PLYMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Recently Harcourts Real Estate invited all 6 - 8 year old local students to join in a colouring in competition.

Each child at Oakura school was given a Harcourts colouring book plus a box of crayons by Pat McFetridge and Denise Ries W o o d h e a d (Harcourts Oakura & Coastal property specialists).



Kohen Hareb Hine won the Oakura school colouring in competition and Stella Henwood was runner up. Both received movie tickets presented to them by Pat and Denise. The individual children's art work was amazing, just fantastic and the judges found it extremely hard to choose. A great effort to all you budding artists – well done.

The over-all winner of all schools plus second and third placings were given a large monetary donation to the respective schools.

Thank you Oakura school teachers students and parents who supported our competition and we hope that fun and anticipation was had by all.

This article was contributed by Pat McFetridge and Denise Ries Woodhead Oakura Property Specialists for Harcourts Real Estate, Licensed Agent REAA 2008.



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OAKURA COMMUNITY - WHAT'S ON

5 Elements Fitness: Bootcamps and MMA fitness classes: Weekdays 5-6 pm, Saturday 8-9 am, Tataraimaka Hall. For more details contact Barney 027 7527 076, barney@5efitness.com or visit www.5efitness.com

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

Indoor Bowls. Mondays 7.30pm at Oakura Hall. Ring Mike Vickers 752 7881.

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

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 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 Robin King ph 751 0300.

Oakura Pool Club. Meets every Wednesday evening 7pm @ Butlers Reef over winter. Phone Chip 027 621 4999 or 752 1004.

Okato Squash. Club nights on Mondays from 7pm, everyone welcome, phone Darryl Gibson, Ph 06 752 4804.

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.

OMG Oakura Meditation Group - meets on the first Thursday of the month at St James Hall 7pm, all welcome call Kate 0272037215.

Oakura Tennis Club

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

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Probus Club. Meets once month at Kaitake Golf Club rooms on the 3rd Friday of every month at 10am - 11.30am. Contact Barry Goble 752 7254, or Betty West 752 7816.

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

St John's, Omata. Morning worship 10.00am, 2nd Sunday of the month.

Val Deakin Dance School. Oakura Hall. Monday afternoons, Preschool dance classes 3:30 - 4pm. Beginners' Ballet dance class 4 - 4.45pm. Contact Val on 752 7743. Also classes for pre-schoolers to adults in ballet, jazz, tap, modern and ballroom (beginners to advanced) at the Dance Centre in New Plymouth.

Next term there will be a new six week session of folk dance classes on a Thursday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the Dance Centre starting on Thursday, July 28. The class will learn some varied folk dances from Russia, Israel, Scotland, Greece and Turkey - and others too! Come along for some fun, no partners required, just flat shoes and comfortable clothing. For more information phone 7527743 or email val@valdeakindance.org.nz

Volkswagen Club. Regular events range from car rallies, the YMCA climbing wall, camping, BBQ get togethers and sharing good family times and knowledge. Contact President: kirk@taranakivw.co.nz and Secretary: bryan@taranakivw.co.nz

Yoga Classes. Oakura Church Hall, Wed at 9.15am, Fri at 6am, (call Kate to book your class), Fri at 9.15am. Everyone welcome. Contact Kate Evans 027 203 7215.

Zumba Fitness. Each Wednesday during school terms - 6.30pm to 7.30pm, Oakura Hall - everyone welcome, \$5 entry. Ph Ange on 021 222 9683 for enquiries.

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