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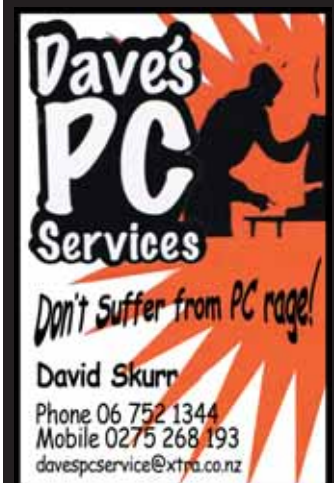
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EDITORIAL

What a sensational summer we have had so far! There is no better place than Oakura when the sun is shining. I hope you have been out enjoying it as much as I have and wasn't the New Year's Day Carnival a great showcase for our little piece of paradise – well done to the organisers.



The New Year is usually a time for reflection and a thought or two about what the year ahead might hold and I'm not one for setting resolutions or having life plans but as I stare down the barrel of half a century I just have to wonder where it has gone!

When we are kids we just can't wait to grow up and be an adult but when we get to an age considered 'adult' we don't actually feel adult. You wonder when you'll feel wise and knowledgeable then you have kids and they look to you as the wise one.

Then your body starts letting you down and your kids have grown up and tell you everything they know and you don't so once again you wonder when it is you get to be wise and knowledgeable!

Somewhere along the line your own parents have died or aged and are now dependent on you so you get to be the wise and knowledgeable one for your parents instead of your kids. You are the one guiding them through the technological wonderland and trying to keep them safe, giving them real estate advice and trying to alleviate their financial worries. And occasionally your kids come home seeking some wise and knowledgeable advice that you actually, surprisingly do have.

They dump their stuff in your home (what they consider their home) they eat your food and leave again safe in the knowledge that their place in the family is secure.

Fifty years on you are wondering what is safe and secure but I finish with a thought that's not new but sums it up for me – we haven't lived in a better time than today. Let's get out this year and get wiser, more knowledgeable, be friendlier, more helpful, and more active and have more fun!

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Horse Manure Problem

Summer is a great time for exercising horses – but what the animals leave behind must be cleared away by horse owners.

In early January, New Plymouth District Council received a complaint of about 16 deposits of horse droppings left on the pavement along Oakura's Wairau Road.

"Most horse owners know they're required to clean up their horse droppings in a reasonable time period, but a handful don't do it," says Manager Customer and Regulatory Services Mary-Anne Priest.

Under the bylaw, the owner or the person with custody or care of a horse must remove droppings from public places within a reasonable time period (no longer than two hours afterward).

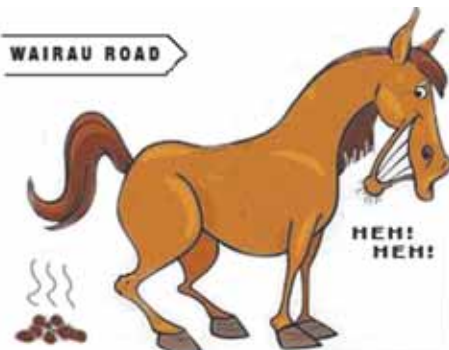
Also, they must be removed immediately from any public place if the droppings are around or near the vehicle the horse was transported in.

"We realise that it can be impractical for horse riders to remove droppings immediately, which is why there's a two-hour time limit," says Mrs Priest.

"Horse riders should make sure to remove their horse's droppings from public spaces as soon as they can so that others don't have to deal with it.

"We ask the public to give horse riders time to come back to remove any horse-doo but if a problem is still there after a few hours, please give us a call on 759 6060– if possible, with the name or description of the rider so that we can follow it up."

The community is also encouraged to educate riders about the bylaw. "Some riders genuinely don't know about the bylaw so any polite comments to bring them up to speed could be worthwhile."



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Kaitake Community Board

I write this as a very welcome, wetting rain is descending on a pretty much parched landscape. I hope there is enough in it for the farming community. We have been experiencing particularly glorious summer weather during the past weeks, enabling the community and visitors to enjoy what our district has to offer but this day of rain is most welcome. There have been a myriad of things to enjoy during the festive season and I'm sure we are in for many more long fine spells over the next couple of months so everyone can get out and about and enjoy our superb environment in whatever way they wish.

The Community Board has been involved in a number of 'behind the scenes' issues during the holiday period. There are always some community matters that require attention and they don't disappear during the holidays. In fact they tend to multiply during the festive season as we host a far larger population in our community. Now that many folk are back at work the council begins its countdown to the final production of its Long Term Plan - the driver for the strategic direction of our district for the next ten year period. The Community Board certainly urges all residents to take an interest in the Long Term Plan and make submissions on any content in the draft that they view as important. There is much more to local government than rates and one of the best ways for community engagement is through the Long Term Plan process.

All this is happening while we are in the throes of a by-election for two of the seats¹⁴ on Council. To paraphrase a previous councillor, and deputy mayor, Lyn Bublitz's statements in a recent newspaper article, "being a councillor is a demanding and difficult job and one not always appreciated by voters. Heavily scrutinised by the media, councillors can be publicly vilified and individually mocked for their collective decisions. They sit through hundreds of hours of meetings, make black and white calls on issues that are many shades of grey and spend their nights reading endless reports, recommendations and strategies with the overarching aim of making their district a better place to be." I applaud those who have put their hand up for a place at the council table and wish them well in their endeavours to convince the public to vote for them. As the two resigning councillors were from the New Plymouth Ward, only the voters in that ward are eligible to vote in the by-election.

On the local front there are some processes underway that could substantially impact on our community in future years. First is the replacement of the skate park in Shearer Reserve. The skate park has proved an important community hub for our young people for the past 20 years but due to its foundations being undermined by bank erosion of the Wairau Stream it has to be shifted. The KCB has been working closely with Council's Parks' Team and a representative group of locals and skateboard aficionados to arrive at a 'best fit' solution. To consult with the wider community there is to be a public meeting at the Oakura Hall on Thursday 12 February where everyone's questions, concerns and ideas can be heard and addressed. More information can be sourced from the Council's website.

Another issue that the KCB and interested locals have been working on for the past 15 years or so is to extend the beach track and cycle way to Fort St George. To that end we have now reached a point where there is an opportunity to either formally open, or relocate a section of the unformed Coast Road between Lower Timaru Road and Greenwood Road for that purpose. A report (many years in development) has now been completed by council officers and has been included in the current meeting round. By the time you read this it will have been an agenda item at the KCB's meeting (Monday 19 January) and discussed at the Monitoring Committee (Tuesday 3 February) and a final decision will be made at the full Council Meeting (Tuesday 24 February). It must be pointed out that if the recommendation is passed by Council then while the proposal would be safeguarded no further action is likely until it is included in the Long Term Plan. More information can be sourced from the Council's website.

By the time you are reading this the Oakura Focus Group will have held its first workshop for 2015. The focus group was formed last year to provide local input into the implementation of the Oakura Structure plan and address the basic issue of the future consumption of rural land for residential development. As the area continues to attract newcomers for the lifestyle we all enjoy there is a need for a blueprint for future development rather than just leaving it all to the developers. Having the appropriate planning strategies that inform the 'how' and at what speed suburbanisation happens is a key factor, as is the design and build of the very necessary infrastructure supporting it (e.g. sewerage connections, water supply, roading, street lighting, footpaths parking, cemetery, local business etc.).

Oakura is a community in its own right, not just a more distant and dormitory suburb for New Plymouth, so to retain that important sense of place and village atmosphere, planning is the key. The focus group therefore has an important role to play to ensure the local 'voice' is heard in the development of best practice solutions to some complex and challenging issues. The values of the community have a huge impact on driving best practice of that outcome. Best practice highlights the benefit of involvement in any community development process. The most beneficial aspect being the debate that occurs throughout that process and also ensuring that all issues are fully investigated.

Finally a big shout out to the hard working committee that organised the very successful New Year's Day Carnival. The countless hours put in by the small group to pull together such a successful carnival certainly paid off and the weather came to the party too! It makes one proud to be part of a community that works together in such a positive and rewarding way.

Well that's it for this issue. The next meeting of the Community Board will be held at NPBH Surf Club at 4.30 pm on Monday 2 March. Don't forget to regularly check the KCB Face Book page so you can keep up with current issues as they unfold.

Ka kite ano.

Doug Hislop (752 7324) on behalf of Keith Plummer, Mike Pillette, Paul Coxhead and and Richard Jordan who is the Council representative on the KCB.

Looking Ahead in 2015

JONATHAN YOUNG

I'm looking forward to another busy year as the Government focuses on locking in the hard-won gains New Zealanders have made under National. I want this country to seize the many opportunities available over the next few years to get more jobs and higher wages to support New Zealanders and their families.

We begin 2015 in good shape. The economy is in its fifth year of expansion and economic growth is expected to average around three per cent over the next four years, better than the Euro area, United States, United Kingdom, Japan, and Canada.

Employment is growing, with 72,000 more people employed than a year ago, and an additional 153,000 people are expected to be in work by mid-2019.

The average full-time wage is expected to rise by \$8000 to around \$64,000 by mid-2019. Unemployment, currently down to 5.4 per cent, is expected to fall to 4.5 per cent by 2018.

Interest rates are staying lower for longer, and household disposable income is increasing faster than inflation – rising nine per cent in real terms over the past four years. It is forecast to increase another nine per cent over the next four years.

Our positive performance and outlook in an unpredictable world led one international bank economist to call New Zealand “the rock star economy”.

However, our goal isn't to be a rock star. It's to be rock solid. We want stable, sustainable growth over the long term to support New Zealanders and their families.

We'll continue to do this by spending taxpayers' money wisely and responsibly managing the country's finances – just like you'd expect us to.

We'll continue to build a more competitive and productive economy because that's the best way to create more jobs and increase your wages.

We'll continue to work at delivering better public services. These include lifting educational achievement and up skilling our workforce, providing better and more convenient healthcare, getting more people off welfare and into work, supporting the vulnerable, and making our communities safer.

We'll also continue to support the rebuilding of Christchurch because we pledged we would stand with our second-largest city, and we are.

This is a remarkable country and there are many opportunities for us all.

After a refreshing break with family and friends I'm looking forward to getting stuck in and continuing to build the brighter future our community and all New Zealanders deserve.



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The Golem and the Djinni by Helene Wecker

This is an adult fairytale, original in its subject matter, but a serious novel. The author blends elements of ancient Jewish and Arab folklore and transports them to late 19th century New York City.

A Golem is a clay creature who is made into the form of a woman. She is intelligent, curious and strong. Djinni is a mythical fire creature released from a copper flask who appears as a man. He bores easily.

Each face separate challenges as they negotiate their humanity and a new life. They can't give themselves away. They don't need to eat or sleep so they have a lot of time on their hands. What I loved most about this novel is that the host of characters were so believable and well-developed. It's a beautifully written debut novel.

Heavenly Hirani's School of Laughing Yoga by Sarah-Kate Lynch.

Annie Jordan is a middle-aged women going through a tough time. Her husband is going to India on business and she decides to go along.

Reluctantly at first she begins to explore the city in all its craziness and then finds more and more that she likes what she sees. I loved the part about when she goes to the Taj Mahal.

Sarah-Kate made Mumbai come alive for me. Some great lessons hidden in this gem of a novel. A great summer read.

The Collected Works of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin.

A.J. is a grieving widower who happens to own a bookshop. He's lonely and cranky but then a precocious two year old is left on his doorstep.

He adopts Maya and learns to love and live again. This poignant novel is a celebration of life, love and books. Bibliophiles especially will connect with this engaging and multi-layered novel.

Crackerjacks 2015: Mark your calendar for pre-school story time beginning Thursday 19th February 2015 at 10am. No booking needed.

Charlie and Vincenza

SPORTS

KAYAK FISHING CLUB

Despite the great Christmas weather the fishing has not been that good. It's as if the fish know that every man and his dog will be out chasing them over the holiday period!

The good news is its getting better and by mid February the snapper will have finished spawning and will move in close to shore and start feeding again.

The blue water is now close to shore and the tuna have arrived and the kayakers have started to catch them. These fish are amazing to catch from a kayak as they put up a great fight.

The Taranaki Kayak Classic is getting close and should be another great event and should be close to a sell out.

Entry forms are available from Heydon Priest and Oakura Holiday Park, Hunting and Fishing and Canoe and Kayak stores as well as online at kayakfishingclassic.org.nz.

This year the McDonald Real Estate auction is raising

money for Coastguard Taranaki so please come along and join in the fun and bid for some fresh fish and help a great cause. We have some great giveaways for the public with a DJ, competitions, the Tasman Toyota BBQ, smoked fish demos from Bradley smokers etc. Bring the kids and watch the big fish being weighed in. The Classic is on the weekend of 28/29th March with the weigh in from 4 p.m. and auction at 5 p.m. The venue is as usual, Butlers Reef Hotel.

Garry



Auckland angler Rob Sharky Wright with a 20lb snapper from last year's kayak classic.





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Kaitake Golf Club News

Happy New Year and welcome to the 2015 golfing season. On behalf of the board, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the new members who have joined Kaitake Golf Club recently.

Many members and visitors are making the most of this fabulous weather and playing golf. The 2015 Men's programme has already started with the Summer Cup. Opening Day for the Midweek 18 hole Women is Tuesday 3 February when they play for the Summer Cup. The Weekend 18 / 9 hole Women start the year on Saturday 14th February with the Garcia Trophy Challenge. The Midweek 9 Hole Women start the year on Tuesday 3 February playing Stableford.

BEACHCOMBERS TOURNAMENT

The first big tournament for 2015, The Beachcombers, attracted 101 players. Once the drizzle passed, the day turned into a scorcher and was enjoyed by all. Winners included.

Senior Men's Division – 1st Gross D. Baird; 1st Nett C. Jordon; 1st Stableford P. Madgewick.

Intermediate men's Division – 1st Gross W. O'Donnell; 1st Nett P. Day; 1st Stableford D. Hayman.

Junior Men's Division – 1st Gross G. Jans; 1st Nett R. Billing; 1st Stableford A. Bennett

Women's Division – 1st Gross F. Rowe; 1st Nett N. Mancer; 1st Stableford J. Ross.

Congratulations go to Frank Regan who scored a 'Hole in One' on the 16th. This added a bit more fun to an already exciting day. Well done.

This year the Beachcombers Tournament was generously sponsored by the Butlers Reef Hotel in Oakura

2015 TWILIGHT GOLF

The weather is certainly favouring golf this year. Twilight continues to attract good numbers of players. Tee off between 3.00 – 6.00pm

Two Divisions - players and non-players. Barbecue and bar facilities are available.

JUNIOR GOLF

On Sunday 18th January, eight promising young golfers joined Elliott Gunn the new Kaitake Junior Convenor, for the first Chippers golfing session of the year. Elliott will run a session every second Sunday. The next day following this issue of the TOM will be 15th February at 10.30am.

The new junior membership in 2015 for Chippers is \$40 per annum. This includes regular free coaching supported by Taranaki Golf and access to the course with an adult. Chippers range from 5 – 15 years and are beginner golfers. For any further information please contact the office on 752 7665

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF GOLF SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2015

Keep this date free!

Preparation is well under way for the 80th celebration. Registrations are coming in so it's time to get your registration in too, either by posting to the Golf Club or phoning Raewyn Hawker on 7513391. If you are talking to friends that may have belonged to the golf club at some point ask them if they have received an invitation and if they haven't please contact Raewyn with their name, address, phone number and email address if they have one.

The Jubilee Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Abraham's Funeral Directors for their generous sponsorship of the invitations and posters. We appreciate the support that has enabled us to contact members and so many ex-members to join in this special celebration.

Current fundraising efforts include the raffles and the sale of:

Kaitake Golf Club Shoe Bags \$20.00;

Ladies Club Visors \$20.00;

Commemorative club shirts are available at the office.

Janice Farrant is still looking for photographs to scan so they can be shown on the day. If you can email them to Janice she can add them to the file. If they are in hard copy and you are willing to lend them to Janice for a short time she will scan and return them. This will ensure the Club has an electronic record of its history for the future

Janice can be contacted on 752 7845 or e-mail farrant@slingshot.co.nz

Andrea Jarrold, President

(More golfing overleaf)

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No Pro, but Definitely a Legend

– BERT SEAMARK

As Kaitake Golf Club gets ready to celebrate its 80th year and a long and varied history, one of its oldest members reminisces about his involvement over the years – Bert Seamark, 82 years. Bert's involvement began 50 years ago when he became a member of the Weld Rd club. Bert lived in Omata and when the 9 hole course at Weld Rd was no longer suitable he got together with Tom Priest from the Omata Store to find another location for a golf course. Bert says it was Tom Priest's enthusiasm that got another golf course established on the Berridge farm at Tapuae. The Berridge farm was a sheep farm so the course had to be started from scratch. Old newspaper clippings tell of a group of golfers and non-golfers with Tom Priest as their president trying to utilise an old cowshed as the first clubhouse and develop a 18 hole course, none of which seemed viable so an old farmhouse down by the river was the clubhouse and Bert remembers if you stamped your feet inside you'd have likely have gone through the floorboards. 18 holes were not viable either! The Tapuae course can be best described as "9 rough holes" but the picturesque site and it's locality to New Plymouth saw its membership climb to around 400 members. The course was played down to the sea and up the river and over the hills so clearly was a good challenge!



The Tapuae Golf Course,

Another newspaper article reports that within three years at Tapuae the future looked bright for the club but a more permanent solution was needed so Tom Priest and Garth Deken were given the job of looking at properties from around Omata (Hurford Rd, Koru Rd, Plymouth Rd) with nothing suitable found for a golf course. Bert recalls the club had \$3000 in the bank but this figure may have been lower (\$800). Duncan Kitchen owned a 110 acre farm on the Main Rd and was agreeable to sell it to the golf club for \$500 an acre. Whatever the amount in the bank, it was well short of the \$55000 purchase price and the \$12000 deposit needed. The committee of Tom Priest, Bob Richardson and Bert were determined to raise the money and a concerted fundraising effort was started with many housie evenings, raffles and other less legal activities undertaken. The rest was raised with debentures.

Bert says the best thing they ever did in the early 70's was to decide to build a brand new clubhouse rather than move on an old building. It is still suitable for purpose today. Many volunteers helped build the clubhouse at a cost of \$11000. Many more volunteers helped lay out the course with help from Denny Sutherland and Sunny Lahood. Sunny had laid out

the Inglewood course. For two years the club ran sheep on the course in exchange for a mortgage with Duncan Kitchen. Half of the proceeds of wool and meat went to Duncan. Duncan had run jersey cows on his farm hence there were no shearing facilities for the 300 sheep so they were 'droven' along the main road to Timaru Rd. The new golf course was opened in 1972 by Mr Thompson, local MP even though the clubhouse was not quite finished.

To complete the course to an 18 hole golf course, property was bought off the Telford family for the 8th fairway and off the Bell family for the 15th fairway.

In the late 70's spare land at the northern end of the course was excess to requirements and 23 sections sold. The sale of this land resulted in the mortgage on the club being paid off. Bert and his wife Jessie bought one of the sections and still reside there today. Jessie still plays golf but Bert no longer plays and rates himself as a social golfer but with 50 years playing under his belt- that makes him a legend!

In its heyday Bert thinks there would have been more than 600 members at the club with many members here during the 'think big' projects.

All the other features of a golf course were taken care of with a watering system installed; a green keeper employed and shed built for carts.

Bert thinks the appeal of the course was the protection of the Kaitake Ranges which protected them from the southerly wind. Many members enjoyed the drive out from New Plymouth and of course the social side of playing golf. The sense of community was strong with everyone playing with friends and neighbours.

Another way the club was raising funds was to plant waste land in 1800 pine trees made possible by a grant from the Forestry Dept. Unfortunately Mother Nature had other ideas and in 1988 sent Cyclone Bola along to wipe out the crop along with many other local features. The club was able to salvage a few trees to make posts to raise a small amount of money. Duncan & Davies experts provided advice on the planting of pohutakawa's and banksia's.

As with all clubs in the modern era, membership is declining and Bert thinks having both parents working, working weekends and not so many retired people in Oakura anymore, has contributed to people not having the time to commit to a club. There is stiff competition also from the many golf courses around Taranaki and all of them face challenges in the future.

Bert has great pride in looking back on a job well done by helping establish a beautiful golf course at Kaitake, by seeing things through and the legacy left to generations of golfers is secure so long as people want to play golf. The club house is suitable not just for golfers but also as a venue for social occasions and this maybe another bow in the bag to keep our golf course going for many years to come.

By Kim Ferens

Fay and Harry Looney showing some golfing style at Tapuae.



Oakura Hair Boutique Brings Pizzazz to Oakura

Oakura Hair Boutique is going from strength to strength. Since they opened midway through last year the boutique has increased their opening hours, trebled the number of stylists working and increased the floor space to fit in more workstations. The interior has undergone a vibrant colour change and now features an interesting array of black and white photography.

Rachel Kruger, owner and manager of Oakura Hair Boutique says she is very excited to be able to offer a high calibre of hair stylists to the community and she says she feels very lucky to have such talent in her boutique. Gone are the days when small villages meant out of date hair do's! You can now get the very latest styles, colours and cuts without the hassle of parking meters, parking and traffic problems. Rachel says all her stylists have an affiliation with the coast and are very happy to be working in the coastal environment.

Rachel: I just love all aspects of hairdressing, learning new techniques, colour work, cutting, it's all so much fun! I also love looking after my amazing team. I am so lucky to have such talented, experienced staff, they are all amazing!

Meet the team:

Chantelle: Coming from managing Rodney Wayne it's exciting to be part of a boutique salon growing so fast. I love meeting new local people and have really enjoyed seeing my loyal clients out here.

Angela: My clients satisfaction is the most important to me, I love seeing my clients leave the salon happy and feeling fabulous.

Hayley: I only work a few hours now around my children but I love coming to work! I pride myself on listening to clients wishes. I really like doing transformation restyles.

Shearyn: This is the second year of my apprenticeship and I have learnt so much already. I really like assisting the other girls and making sure the salon is flowing well. I love giving clients a beautiful massage while they have a deep treatment on their hair.

By Kim Ferens

Rachel having a consult with a client.



Angela doing a fine job on the scissors.



Chantelle busy at the basin.



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GETTING WET



Oakura Boardriders

Hope everyone has been enjoying the summer with some great weather and family friendly beach days.

As you will have noted the club has been undergoing some major renovations thanks to some funding from the NZ Community Trust which has been well received. The club was long overdue a freshen up and when completed in the next few months will be in good shape for the years to come.

While on this note some thanks must go to all those that have given their time. Special thanks to John Shewry the club president who has done a lot of the organising, Luke Florence builders, Glen Johns Kitchen Designs and special thanks to Paul Cunningham and Cunningham Construction for sponsoring the scaffolding. There have been lots of other members giving their time which goes a long way to making the club what it is.

The weekend of January 10-11 saw the running of the Oakura Boardriders Mike Christiansen Memorial Longboard Contest. This turned into a great day that Mike would have been proud of - a good turnout of old and younger crew and held right out front of the clubrooms - fine weather, fun waves and plenty of humour. The format

consisted of a points system with everyone using the same boards. The four identical boards have been obtained thanks to NZCT and Vertigo Surfshop. The inaugural winner was Chris Davies sealing his win in the final seconds and taking out the fantastic glass trophy donated by Richard Landers of 'The Glass Gallery' on Croyden Rd. This contest will become a regular on the Oakura Boardriders Calendar.

Results, Chris Davies 1st, Rick Christiansen 2nd, Brian Clark 3rd, Hamish Christophers 4th.

The Surfing NZ Nationals have been held at Piha from Jan 11-17th. Tyler Anderson and Tom Butland from Oakura were competing with Tom making the U14 boys final and placing 3rd. This is a great achievement for Tom who is only 11 and will build his confidence for the future. In typical Piha conditions the surf was average to marginal with the low tide proving challenging and some serious luck required to find your waves. Waitara Surfer Zhana Hutchinson also made the semi finals of the Open Womens and the finals of the U18 girls placing 4th. The Farr Brothers and the Kettle brothers from New Plymouth also posted some good solid results. It's great to see some Taranaki surfers flying the flag.

Oakura held the first round of the Surfing Taranaki Microgroms series. After having to be cancelled on the Saturday due to bad weather, Sunday saw good conditions and the crew mobilised and ran the contest off much to the delight of all the kids. The contest was followed by a lunch and prize giving in the clubrooms. The kids carry their points to the next contests, one at Waitara, Opunake and New Plymouth. At the final contest overall series

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champions will be crowned.

Thanks to all the sponsors for the Oakura contest. Without the sponsors and all the volunteers' support, these events are a lot harder to run.

Stay tuned for updates on the upcoming Microgroms contests and the club champs held Taranaki Anniversary weekend in March and remember the best way to do this is "Like" our Facebook page.

On a final note, Paige Hareb has started her contest season in a bid to requalify for the Womens Championship Tour and is contesting the qualifying series. As the TOM goes to press she is competing on Hainan Island off China and unfortunately drew Ella Williams another Kiwi on the series. Paige beat her and finished Ella's run in this contest so Paige is into the semi finals. The next contest is the Australian Open at Manly. We certainly wish her good luck for the year.

Brent Anderson, Oakura Boardriders Club.

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New Plymouth Old Boys Surf Life Saving Camp

Between Christmas and New Year you may have noticed a bit of activity down on the beach as New Plymouth Old Boys Surf Club athletes were put through their paces during four days of sun, sand, and surf life saving. Our elite and up and coming athletes lived and breathed four days of surf life saving, camped in the club house, built strong relationships and were put through their paces by a selection of specialist coaches.

This is the second year that NPOB has run this camp and it is proving to be a great success in terms of team building and surf life saving skill development. The focus of the camp is on fun, first and foremost, interspersed with challenging training sessions that develop competition strategies, skills and techniques preparing our athletes for national surf life saving events including Ocean Athletes, for our juniors, and Surf Life Saving Nationals, for our senior athletes.

Parents and Club Members came together to feed, train and entertain 25 surf life savers ranging in age from 11 to 19. The BBQ was fired up and a production line of good quality food was prepared by parents to keep hungry bodies fuelled up. Club stalwarts Ross Lilley and Deano Spicer led a team of coaches including Laurie Fever, Elle Stevens, Ayla Dunlop Barrett and Dylan Dunlop Barrett to train beach sprints, flags, surf swimming, body surfing and boarding. All of our athletes benefited from great competition and excellent skill development. To top it all off Beauden Barrett led a game of touch rugby which was appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Our local surf life saving club is really enjoying positive development in our younger ranks at present and this camp is one of many initiatives that is contributing to this. We are looking forward to a great season of surf sport and to the ongoing development of our clubs future, our young athletes who are enjoying and benefiting from this camp, Sunday morning Club Day and local surf life saving carnivals.

NPOB Surf life Saving Club athletes stand out at the central region championships in Hawke's Bay Talented New Plymouth Old Boys surf lifesaver Jack

Dingle was one of the stand-out performers amongst the 200 athletes at the central region championships at Waimarama Beach, Hawke's Bay, last Saturday. Dingle won three golds in the under-16 men's competition - in the board race, surf race and ironman. On the sand, Ella Hughes won gold in the under-16 women's beach flags, the other individual gold was won by Jenna Barrett in the under-19 women's surf race. NPOB Surf Life Saving Club annual fundraising raffle NPOB is a vibrant and successful club that provides fantastic service to the local community based on a significant amount of voluntary effort and at the same time offers meaningful opportunities of development for hundreds of young people every year

The most significant costs of the club are equipment, coaching, facility improvement and other operational costs. Our annual fundraising raffle really helps out in a big way towards these costs.

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3RD PRIZE - *Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 Lite Tablet.*

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HOME STRETCH:
New Plymouth Old Boys surf lifesaver Jack Dingle heads for the finish line.



New Year's Day Carnival

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The strong dressmaking and tailoring culture created at Jenny's Sewing School is a result of the high quality tutoring provided by the Head Tutor Jenny Imrie, and more recently, Jan Hardie Boys.

Jan is a former student of Jenny's. She has been mentored into the role of tutor to assist with the demand for the day and evening classes on offer. Jan's love of dressmaking and tailoring, her patience, and her background in teaching is a perfect combination.

Students of all ages come, some as beginners, or some

Classes are limited to 10 students per class. Students provide their own sewing machines but spare machines are available if required. Nine classes in total are run each week including mornings, afternoons and evening. Students enrol for a school term of which there are four per year.

Jenny has run sewing classes in New Plymouth and Wellington over the last 30 years, having originally trained at Wellington Polytechnic.

She had a wide variety of experience in the fashion industry as a Children's Wear Designer, Bridal Dressmaker and as a Patternmaking Tutor at Taranaki Polytechnics Fashion Design Course, prior to teaching sewing at CC Wards Ltd.

Jenny then set up her own business at Spotlight, followed by the move to the more spacious WITT location two and a half years ago. Jenny and Jan provide a relaxed, friendly atmosphere in which to learn to sew.

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who may have sewing skills but are feeling a bit rusty and others who have experience but want to update and extend their sewing skills. Jenny offers the opportunity to develop confidence in the basic or advanced dressmaking skills required to ensure the completion of a professionally finished garment.

Everybody works at their own individual pace on a garment of their own choice. Classes become a very creative and social mix of people who all have a passion for fashion.

Many students have passed through Jenny's classes including Belinda Hunt, Shirley Taylor, Keri Wanoa and Greer Sharrock Osborne who now has a successful design career based in New York.

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Jan left and Jenny right, getting creative at WITT.

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Taranaki's Rocky Shore

In December Puke Ariki hosted a book launch of *Taranaki's Rocky Shore* by Chris Paulin and Paddy Ryan.

Present at the launch was Chris Paulin and George Mason from the George Mason Charitable Trust. It is thanks to George Mason's trust along with OMV NZ Ltd who enable books such as *Taranaki's Rocky Shore* to be researched and printed - a class set will be available in every school.

Also present at the launch was Kelvin Day, Puke Ariki curator and councilor Lyn Bublitz. In his introduction Lyn made mention of the wonderful work George Mason enables through his scholarship schemes for researchers to delve into Taranaki issues.

Taranaki's Rocky Shore is a guide to the intertidal plants and animals who live along our West coast. Chris Paulin describes our rocky shore as a wonderful habitat with diverse niches right along the coast. He says our open coast is exposed to strong prevailing winds and rugged wave action. There is perhaps fewer species here because of this but life is still plentiful with 120 species of a probable 2000 species found in the Kawaroa area alone documented in the book.

The book *Taranaki's Rocky Shore* is a great resource for all families to own especially those who visit the seashore regularly. With the help of the wonderful images in the book and descriptions, any child could embrace the first essence of science, through observations, inquisitiveness, drawings and recordings. For adults the book is a great way



Chris Paulin, left and George Mason, right.

to identify, confirm and broaden their knowledge of what is right on the doorstep.

Next time you are at the beach look along the high tide line and see how many of the resilient creatures, whether they be plant or animal you can identify. Think back to when you were a child and try and work out if there has been an increase or decrease in the species.

Chris Paulin is a marine biologist with five books to his name and numerous other publications. He is a macro photographer and past curator of Te Papa's fish collection. Paddy Ryan lives in Colorado and is a diver, photographer and adjunct Professor teaching ecology. He is the author of ten books.

Taranaki's Rocky Shore is available from the Information Centre in Puke Ariki.

By Kim Ferens



Chris signing autographs for George.



The book launch at Puke Ariki.




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Spotswood College

The beginning of the new school year is an exciting time as students move into a new level of learning and its inherent challenges and opportunities. The next step is learning strategies which have been identified through internal and external assessments which have been communicated through school reports and NCEA Records of Learning. Setting goals and identifying areas requiring development is motivational; it is always encouraging as students begin the year refreshed and determined to achieve their personal bests.

Beginning high school for the first time is one of life's key transition points. Starting high school is not only a new learning adventure but it is also the beginning of a major developmental stage in a young person's life. Adolescence is a hugely busy time of life as the young person (and their parents) grapples with rapid physical, social, emotional and intellectual change.

At Spotswood College we work hard to support students and their families through this change. Year 9 students in 2015 have been part of an extensive transition programme that began in July 2014 and will continue through terms I and II of 2015. Year 13 students attended a two day Peer Support Programme in early December 2014 and will attend another two day training workshop at Vertical Horizons Camp in the first week of school. The Year 13 students will then mentor and coach the Year 9 students to assist them in their change from Year 8 to Year 9.

The challenges of adolescence are what makes secondary teaching such an exciting job. Young people grow, learn and mature so quickly it is a privilege to be part of the journey and to see our vision of "Developing young people of good character with the skills and knowledge to contribute to our 21st Century Global Village" come to fruition.

2015 PLANNING:

NCEA results are out and we are looking forward to seeing how our students have achieved. Our results at Spotswood College have continually improved over recent years. We are confident that our 2014 results will follow the pattern of ongoing improvement. These results are used to assist us plan programmes and initiatives for 2015.

Key focus areas for this year will include:

Continuing to develop our E TŪ programme which centres on two key statements . . .

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Students co-construct with staff the practical outworking of these value statements and identify expectations and positive behaviours that exemplify E TŪ in action.

Using the E TŪ structures of the Whanau Group and IDPs (Individual Development Plans) we want to build even stronger learning partnerships with Parents and families.

We want to develop further our use of data to improve outcomes for young people. Part of this focus area will involve a literacy project with our contributing schools to improve literacy teaching across the learning levels and age groups in all of the schools.

Improving teaching practice through regular professional conversations will occur through teacher inquiries and community of practice groups.

With assistance from Professional Learning Development (PLD) providers and the expertise which exists within our school we are looking forward to our own learning and development during 2015.

PROPERTY UPDATE:

The Ministry of Education have signalled that our current gymnasium will be replaced with a brand new facility. The process of getting to this point has been extremely frustrating but with this news we are now looking forward. Our Special Needs Unit will also be replaced and our S Block significantly upgraded; further developments are yet to be confirmed. This is great news to be heading into 2015 with!

DATES:

3 February, Tuesday –
Year 9, 11, 12 & 13 attend.

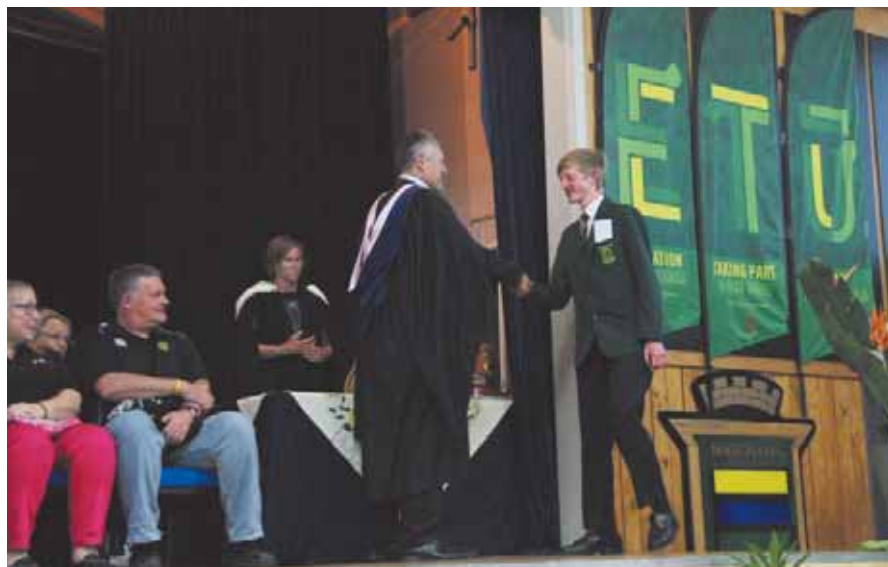
4 February, Wednesday –
All students attend.
(first day for Year 10).

5 February, Thursday –
All students attend.

6 February, Friday –
Waitangi Day.

It is not too late to enrol students for 2015. Please contact the school office to make an enrolment appointment.

Mark Bowden, Principal



Deputy Principal Chris Lapworth presenting Luke Abbott with his prize.



New Plymouth Boys' High School

One of the truisms of effective education is that the teacher makes a difference. All parents have seen the impact a teacher can have on the child in the primary sector . . . the same is true at secondary school. Students may be attracted to a certain subject, but they become totally engaged with the subject when they are with an effective teacher. Unfortunately the opposite is true too.

What makes an effective teacher? Quite often we think that a teacher is effective if he/she is popular . . . I call this teacher the “personality teacher”. He/she is entertaining; usually with a great sense of humour, and the students enjoy being in his/her class. The power of the teacher’s personality attracts the students and thus the students say he or she is a great teacher. The personality teacher though can be disorganised and rely too much on his/her interactive and social skills. We also say that a teacher is effective if they get great pass rates in assessments . . . I call this the “result teacher”. He/she is well-organised and prepares students well for exams. The result teacher though can be boring in presentation and leave little to the students’ initiative. They often do not promote a love of learning.

The answer lies somewhere in the middle where students are engaged, keen to learn and it can be shown that they have improved in their ability at the subject.

In fact it is very common in education to have fashionable thinking that swings from one extreme to the other. At the moment there is an emphasis on “standards” and achieving national standards. In the secondary sector the present drive is to get high pass-rates in NCEA and schools can be compared on their percentage pass-rates. If taken to the extreme, the emphasis on assessment ironically leads to little time for education and the assessment drives the curriculum – the subject is taught to what is being assessed. The pressure on schools is to have a high pass rate and we are seeing schools offering subjects that will give the students easy “credits” to ensure high pass rates . . . a school with high pass rates must be doing well according to public perception. In a competitive model, schools are very tempted to ensure high pass rates and will promote this under the guise of meeting the needs of the students.

Education comes from the word “educare” – to draw out. We know that education and effective teaching is a lot more than pass-rates with an undue emphasis on assessment. To be an effective educator the teacher is not the “sage on the stage” but the “guide on the side”. What is interesting at the moment is that there is also an emphasis by our Government on the promotion of great teachers to help others. This idea of collaboration is set though within a competitive

model. The theory is that we should be thinking about the education of all our Taranaki children, rather than individual schools competing against each other – that some children miss out because they are not being taught by effective teachers. The idea of collaboration is a good one but for this idea to succeed, there needs to be less competition. Schools can be perceived as highly effective (especially high pass-rates) but this says nothing about effective teaching and learning or meeting the needs of the students.

One of the things that we can be very proud of in Taranaki is the collaborative move towards vocational pathways and meeting the needs of students who do not cope with mainstream education. The modern term for these students is “priority learners”. We have a highly effective alternative education model with an aim to assist disengaged students to reintegrate and succeed in the mainstream schools. The schools also have joined together and have begun a collaborative approach to assist priority learners. Last year a group of students built a bach (and sold it) gaining NCEA credits in the process. This year there will be two baches built. This model is meeting the needs of the students as well as teaching values such as discipline (attending school and working with the teachers), hard work, punctuality, pride in achievements . . . it has also brought the local community into education and assisting the students. This model also offers these students a pathway to future employment. I was delighted to hear speeches from various employers encouraging the students and giving them good tips on what employers want. At the very core are values such as turning up on time, showing respect and working hard.

Values in education are paramount. Schools and parents want their children to succeed and in the end the road to success is quite simple to understand but not necessarily easy to do. The formula for success is that you do everything you do to the best of your ability. If you do your best at everything, it will become a habit. If the basics are done to the best of one’s ability (doing the dishes, tidying the bedroom, cleaning the shoes . . .) one will do the same at work, sport, artistic endeavours and leadership. This is where the effective teachers make their impact. They model success. They care for the students and want the students to succeed. They want to draw out the talents individuals have. This in the end has little to do with high pass rates but more about each child achieving his/her potential.

The emphasis must be on ensuring the students are engaged in their studies. The values of integrity and respect are integral to any educational endeavour. I am particularly delighted with the ways IT can be used as a teaching tool and as a means of communicating with parents. In our school every parent receives a two-weekly report on how engaged his/her son is in his schooling and parents and teachers working together with a common goal is highly effective. Certainly saying that my child has received a good education is a lot more than high pass rates. I wish you a successful 2015.

Michael McMenamin, Headmaster

COMING EVENTS

February

- 12 Information Evening
5:30-7:30pm
- 24 R6 Swimming Display
Kawaroa 1-2pm
- 27 Omata Triathlon

March

- 3 Swimming Displays
R2/3 11:10-12:15
R1 1:30
R5 2:00
R4 2:30

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Ann Thompson leads a small team of parents who spend Friday mornings cooking and then serving school lunches. Ann has a growing repertoire of dishes, from sushi and butter chicken to the macaroni cheese she is seen here preparing. Weekly parent bakers take turns at providing home cooked muffins, slices or biscuits for sale and gluten free options have now become regular items on the menu. Many parents enjoy having a day off each week from making up school lunch boxes and children enjoy the treat of a hot cooked meal.

Thanks Ann and the team for a job well done.



Ann cooking up some delicious food for the Omata School children.



BOT UPDATE

Congratulations to our wonderful team of young actors, cast and crew for the production of Aladdin in December. What a great way to finish the year showcasing the great depth of talent that is Omata School. Students from year one right through to year eight showed great confidence and stage presence entertaining everyone from start to finish. Well done!

The school decile rating has gone up from 8 to 10. Unfortunately this means there will be a funding cut for next year on our operational budget. The starting roll of 151 puts the school in a strong position for 2015.

At the last board meeting Karen tabled a report on the National Standards data. This measurement along with all other forms of assessment and analysis shows us the high standard our children have achieved over the year. We should all be very proud of them.

Pat Murphy has stepped down as DP after nine years. The board acknowledges the huge part that Pat has played in that management role within the school.

Rachel Alford and her team will have had the pool running over the holidays, many thanks for your efforts over the summer months.

Hamish Logan, Chairman

2014 PRIZE-GIVING

Congratulations to our 2014 cup winners below and to all our leaving Year 8's beginning their first high school year, we wish you all the very best for the future.

Community Cup for Arts and Culture:
Willow Smith.

Home and School Cup for Sporting Excellence:
Joe Wagstaff.

Staff Cup for Responsibility:
Joshua Gilmour.

Principal's Cup for Leadership:
Kiara Farmer.

Board of Trustees' Cup for Academic Excellence:
Chris Hobson and Joe Wagstaff.



Left to right Josh Gilmour - Staff Cup for Responsibility, Joe Wagstaff - Home and School Cup for Sporting Excellence and Board of Trustees' Cup for Academic Excellence, Chris Hobson - Board of Trustees' Cup for Academic Excellence, Kiara Farmer - Principal's Cup for Leadership, Willow Smith - Community Cup for Arts and Culture.

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Arden Place-Shearer Drive Street Party

A much quieter than normal street party for Arden Place, Shearer Drive community was held on Sunday 7th December. Unfortunately the weather was a somewhat misty, drizzle which may have kept a few at home. Father Christmas showed up bringing Christmas cheer and lollies for the children which they appreciated. Once again it was lovely to meet the new residents who came along to mix with us all. A barbecue, BYO was the order of the day which everyone enjoyed.



The happy party goers.

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OAKURA COMMUNITY - WHAT'S ON
PHONE 0800 THE TOM FOR ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO YOUR LISTING

Hurford - Omata - Oakura Rural Women. Meet 2nd Wednesday each month at 1.00pm. New members welcome. Contact Jean Kurth 751 2274.

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.

Mini Groovers. Music and movement for preschoolers! Tuesdays 10am during school terms, now at St James' Hall (opp. Oakura Hall). Gold coin donation. Contact Maryanne on 06-2811197.

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

Oakura Playcentre. 14 Donnelly St, Oakura. Sessions run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am-noon during school terms. Visitors welcome. Ph Maryanne on 06-2811197.

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.

Oakura Tennis Club
Monday 9am-2pm - Ladies Midweek Competition.
Tuesday 3pm-5pm - Junior Coaching.
Wednesday 3pm-5pm - Junior Coaching / Hot Shots Tennis.
6pm-7.30pm - Ladies practice night.
Thursday 5.30pm-7.30pm - A Grade players practice.
Friday 4pm-8pm - Junior Interclub competition.
Saturday 9am-4pm - Soffe Cup and A grade Competition.
Contact Club Secretary, Jackie Mitchell on 06- 752701.

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. Pre-school dance classes are from 9:30 to 10 am and the Beginners' Ballet dance class from 10 am to 10:45 am.

Vigor Fitness. Tuesday and Thursdays 10am – Outdoor Pure Grit Training. Phone Anneka Carlson 021 404 642.


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 Monday and Thursday 9.15am. Everyone welcome. Contact Kate Evans 027 203 7215.


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