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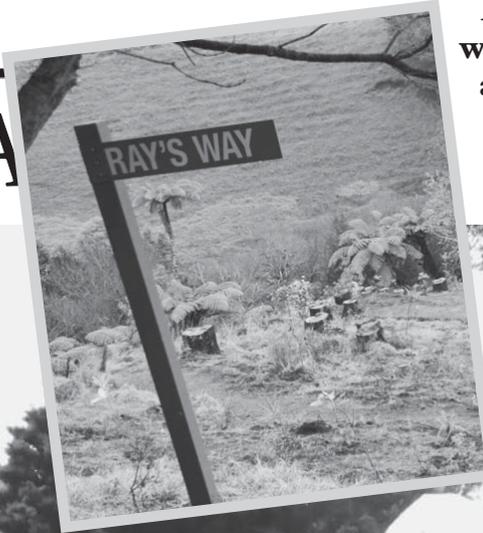
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I've been doing a bit of "spring cleaning" lately and while I know it's not spring, the urge has been strong!



My spring cleaning has involved my inbox. I am sick and tired of getting emails, newsletters and sales pitches from businesses that have gathered my information and bombard me with junk. I have been busy unsubscribing to everything! Seriously I must have had tens of hundreds of the dust collectors and now I only have one or two that I can't seem to unsubscribe to. Mostly it was my own fault; I always fell into the trap of giving out my email address when I made purchases even when it wasn't compulsory – wotif, bookabach, ticketeck, etc., etc. I have decided to be much cannier with my cyber address – enough is enough.

I spent multiple minute's everyday either deleting or glancing at useless and irrelevant information. And it feels good to be free! Still get spam but at least I don't get promo's.

Not so long ago I asked the mail delivery people to stop giving me circulars too. I'd walk in from the letterbox and dump it straight in the wheelie bin, so now I'm free of that nuisance as well.

I've tried to get rid of unwanted posts and advertisements on Facebook too, but that's proving to be a challenge – seems you have to take the good with the bad there.

I often marvel how all these technological advancements are meant to make our lives freer and easier but somehow we have just created different forms of entrapment.

A thumbs up to DOC for the speedy rescue of an injured hawk outside my house recently.

An even bigger thumbs up to community members all over Taranaki who are protesting against the sale of synthetic high products being sold in dairies and the like. To me this is more powerful than any form of legislation that the government can impose.

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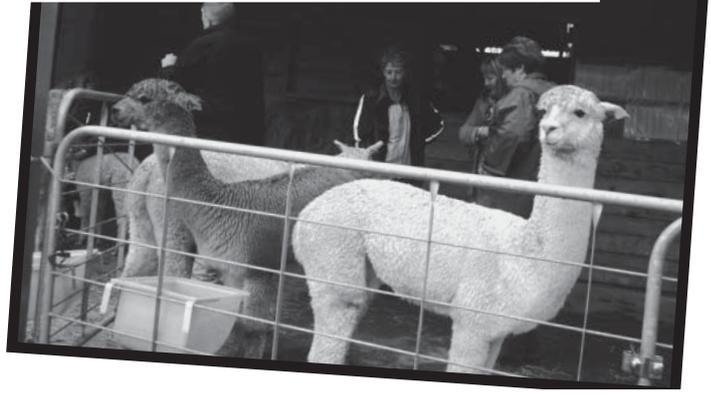


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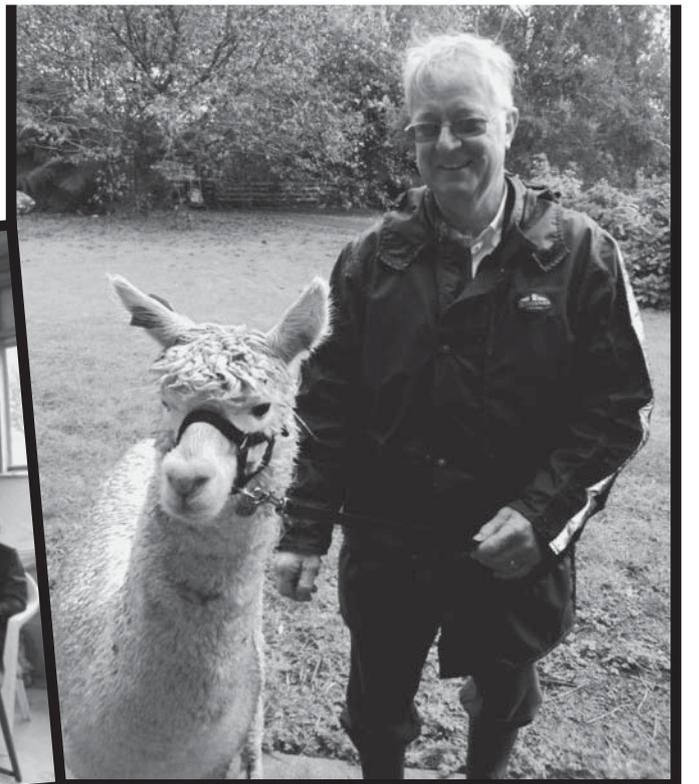
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# National Backs a Thriving Rural Sector that is Innovative and Resourceful

*Jonathan Young MP*

Recently Mystery Creek hosted the Fieldays, the largest agricultural event in the Southern Hemisphere, which also serves as a timely reminder of the importance of the primary sector to our economy and a great opportunity to see what New Zealanders with their “can do” attitude can achieve through innovation. I know that many of those that streamed through the gates were “townies” and I hope that while they were eyeing up the latest off-road and recreational vehicles they gained an appreciation of what the rural sector means to New Zealand.

When the rural sector succeeds, New Zealand succeeds - a successful primary sector is a key part of National’s plan to create more real jobs, raise incomes, and build a more competitive and productive economy.

Water is our liquid gold and New Zealand’s most valuable resource, giving us a competitive advantage over other countries in farming. That’s why we’ve created a company to manage an initial investment of \$80 million to help develop important regional water infrastructure. This



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company has been formed using some of the \$400 million allocated from the Government’s Future Investment Fund. Better management of water and increasing irrigation could see a further 420,000 hectares of irrigated land become available. This would create thousands of new jobs and boost exports by \$4 billion a year.

New Zealand’s freshwater resources are precious, particularly to our rural communities. The recent drought has shown us that while there is no shortage of water in New Zealand, we must do a better job of storing water to use when it’s needed most.

A recent Ministry for Primary Industries report confirmed the rural sector will continue to grow, but the challenge is to develop greater resilience – to protect the sector’s ability to continue to produce and export, as well as to add value. The Primary Growth Partnership helps us do this. We’ve just celebrated three years of Government and industry commitment of \$658 million of multi-year funding – that’s money for 13 projects benefitting the wider economy by more than \$7 billion per year from 2025. This brings the Government’s total cross-portfolio funding for science, innovation and research up to \$1.36 billion – an increase of 28 per cent over the past four years.

We’re also cutting red tape to further simplify the Resource Management Act, supporting rural families, and ensuring rural children are getting support to reach their potential. We’re improving rural infrastructure – \$300 million is earmarked to roll out faster broadband to hard-to-reach rural communities and schools and we’re spending \$12 billion over 10 years to improve state highways.

National and rural New Zealand share a proud history. We will continue working to boost agriculture and improve the infrastructure and public services that rural families rely on. We will also continue to marvel at those individuals who “think outside the square” and who produce the many back yard inventions from their farm shed on display at Fieldays.

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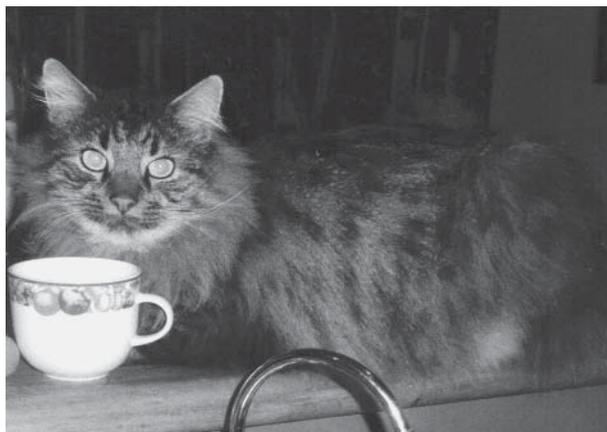
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Skippy would be 6 years old and was last seen wearing a black collar with diamantes. Skippy is a de-sexed male and has a "Victorian" chip.

Skippy is long haired and is a tabby. Mother was a tortoiseshell so he has some brown. He is a big cat.

Skippy belongs to the Muggeridge's, 3 Rahui View, Oakura. Ph 752 1321.

He has probably settled himself in another home after leaving home in a violent storm at the time and possibly could not find his way home.

We would love to have him back.

**Puke Ariki**  
MUSEUM LIBRARIES TOURIST INFORMATION

**Oakura Library**

We hosted Missie Moffat for our music month event. She was soon surrounded by curious children on their school lunch break. Missie engaged the children and encouraged them to sing along.

We are hosting our school holiday programme on Wednesday 17th July at 10am-11am. Join us for story time and a craft.

All welcome but bookings essential. On Friday 5th July, Levity Beet, award-winning songwriter and storyteller will be here at the library from 10am to 11am. All welcome. It will be an ideal session for preschoolers.

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# TOM Sports



## Kaitake Golf Club

Winter is here as we move towards the shortest day. The long dry summer is a mere memory but golfers are not daunted in any way. Members are getting out contesting for programmed competitions. As the Mens and Womens Taranaki Pennant competition comes to an end and Sundays are freed up, the Match Committee is planning some mixed social events for members and potential members. If you'd like to give golf a try by joining in one of these days, please phone Jacqui on 752 7665 for more information.

### WOMEN'S DIVISION

#### Mid week Women's Results

M Neilsen was the winner of the Askew Cup and M Scott the Fougere Cup

27 Hole Silver Division Nett winner R Robins, runner-up J Ross. 27 Hole Bronze Division Nett was won by L Regan with M Scott runner-up.

36 Hole Strokeplay Silver division Nett winner R Robins, J Prater runner-up. F Rowe won the Gross and T McEl-downey runner-up. Bronze Division Nett winner was B Adamson. M Neilsen won the Gross after a play-off with J Greenlees, being runner-up.

The Grandmother Trophy was won by B Adamson with J Reid runner-up.

Kaitake Midweek women challenged Hawera for the Taplin Cup but Hawera retained the honour.

The next competition scheduled for the Midweek division is Top Dog.

### Weekend Women's results

The Nancy McCormick 36 hole competition was won by L. Agnew and S. Richardson and the Monnie Hannan Trophy by D. Jones and S. Richardson.

Ladies Trophy winner S Richardson and R Hawker runner-up

36 hole stroke play championship winners were R Hawker, Silver division and J Farrant Bronze Division

Congratulations to all our winners.

Kaitake Weekend Womens pennant team played Inglewood and Manukorihi during the month of May both of which were lost but with 4 matches to go the team are sitting second equal. There is still everything to play for with the next match against Patea at Kaitake on Sunday 16th June

### MEN'S RESULTS

The Men are well into their Top Dog Competition with semi finals and finals due to be played over the next few weeks.

### FIREWOOD

With winter approaching now is the time to gather firewood. Kaitake Golf Club is selling firewood now. An average trailer load, (6 x4) is \$80 and can be delivered for \$20 extra. Please phone the Office to order.

### SPONSORSHIP

Kaitake Golf Club appreciates the generous support Sponsorship brings to the club. Anyone who may be interested in becoming a Sponsor can contact Stuart Skene on 7510355 or Andrea Jarrold on 7514234.

More information on Kaitake Golf Club can be found on the website [www.kaitakegolf.co.nz](http://www.kaitakegolf.co.nz).

*Andrea Jarrold, Club President*

## Kaitake Rugby Take on Opunake

A great game was played by everyone – no subs against a full strength Opunake team.

Sammy Lewis bursts through Opunake's defence.



Jago with his prized player of the day trophy.

Back row left to right: Rocco, Jago Robertson, Oliver Day, Fenton McArthur, Theo Keenan. Next row: Carter, Tom, Sammy Lewis, Hunter Robinson.



## GETTING WET



# Oakura Boardriders

Early May saw the annual inter club challenge between Taranaki Boardrider's clubs. This year it was held at Back Beach in unfortunately small conditions that deteriorated with the tide and intermittent rain.

We had trouble getting a team together and after a lot of shuffling of surfers managed to come up with some hardy souls: Brian Clark, Tyler Anderson, Glen Johns, Luke Florence, Hamish Christopher's, Dwayne Mataa, Ariana Shewry, and Felix Ferris.

There were some good battles with our best placing surfers being Tyler Anderson and Glen Johns who received a hit to the head from his board and a sizeable egg - all for a good cause though! Other solid results saw us place 2nd equal so a good showing in tough conditions.

1st Place – NPSRC

2nd = Oakura Boardriders

2nd = Christian Surfers

4th Place – Waitara Boardriders

5th Place – Opunake Boardriders

The NPSRC held a novelty contest on June 16th called the "The Long and Short" which was for SUP's, longboards and knee boards. A good showing was made by OBC members Paul 'Browneye' Christophers and Hamish Christophers in big onshore challenging Fitzroy conditions. It was a fun day by all accounts with some competitors failing to get out the back in their heats due to the relentless conditions. Hamish took out the knee board division.



Brian Clark.



Tyler Anderson.

### RESULTS

**SUP** – 1. Jamie Andrews; 2. Troy Reid; 3. Steve; 4. Ron Brons; 5. Kevin Hosking.

**LB** – 1. Jamie Andrews; 2. Sam Bound; 3. Nam Northcott.

**Kneelos** – 1. Hamish Christophers; 2. Cameron; 3. Steve Croton; 4. Maukino.

The Club is presently going through the process of negotiating with the council over buying the club rooms. There is a lot to be considered with this prospect; one being a strong membership and active involvement. Members and community support is always welcome so contact a committee member and join or get involved, you are most welcome.

Upcoming events are as below; event dates are posted by Surfing Taranaki on their Facebook page and are changeable due to conditions on the day.

**1.** Growcott Memorial contest is still waiting on the first perfect day at Stent Rd.

**2.** The Winter Series is now called NZ Home Loan Series. It comprises five competitions starting in July going through to November. All are being held on the high tide at Fitzroy. \$20 entry fee for the entire series.

Divisions are: Men's Open, Women's Open, U18, U16, U14. If there are lots of girls they will do another age group for the girls as well.

This is a great series to keep on top of your surfing throughout the winter months, dates to come.

**3.** OBC Mid-Winter dinner July.

If you have any queries on upcoming events or joining the Oakura Boardrider's Club please contact:

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# Meet the Local . . .

TOM MAGAZINE EDITOR RICHARD CORRY



**WHAT IS YOUR JOB?** I am the local police officer for the Oakura/Okato area and my area of responsibility extends from the Oakura River to Bayly Road. I have been in the police for 14 years, the last six have been based out the coast, prior to that I was stationed in New Plymouth. I have done two short stints in Auckland and one in Wairau. I am a member of New Plymouth's Personnel Protection Team and as such have got to work with a number of dignitaries when they have visited our beautiful province.

**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** As part of my job I live behind the Police Station located in Okato opposite Coastal Taranaki School.

**FAMILY?** I am married and my wife and I have three wonderful children one girl and two boys, one dog, two cats, eight chickens, two rabbits and at the moment one sheep but he is only a visitor the others are all permanent.

**WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR JOB?** The best part about my job is the people I meet and the wonderful community in which I work. After eight years working in New Plymouth with short stints in Auckland predominately dealing with the not so good side of people it was a breath of fresh air when I started out the coast.

**WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU HATE ABOUT YOUR JOB?** There a number of things that are not so great about my job and by far the worst is having the job of informing people that they have lost a loved one, and as such there is always a lump in my throat when I hear the fire alarm go off. Another down side to my job is that I tend to see the worst in people or deal with people when they are at their lowest. Police in general don't tend to get invites to BBQs when things are going well, more likely scenario is that I get called when there's been an assault and even after being called I'm not always welcome.

**FAVOURITE PAST TIME?** I enjoy sport mostly rugby and have been involved with Coastal Rugby Club since moving out here and are currently coaching the Coastal B's. I also had the pleasure some years back now of helping coach the mighty Kaitake Senior rugby team.

**TWO THINGS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?** I would like to travel within New Zealand. Grow old and watch my children succeed.

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# TOM Embraces Community Interaction on Social Media

We all know we are fortunate to live in a place with a strong sense of community. I was reading in the paper the other day about a scheme to get neighbours to talk to one another, to create a sense of community. We already have it in Oakura/Omata hence why TOM-Oakura is so popular in a declining print media environment.

The TOM team is making it easier for everyone to connect with one another through an interactive site.

I can see the potential for having a site that the community can have their own say on especially since TOM-Oakura only comes out once a month. We certainly live in an 'instant' society these days. The interactive TOM site will be more up to the minute than the current print medium. TOM has been on Facebook for several years now.

## HOW WILL IT WORK?

Connect to the **TOM** interactive space <http://thetom.co.nz> (The site will be up and running nearer the end of July).

Click on "contribute" and follow the page instructions.

The contribution will be edited and then posted on the site – DONE!

**Businesses and community groups** will find the site especially useful for promoting products/services and events.

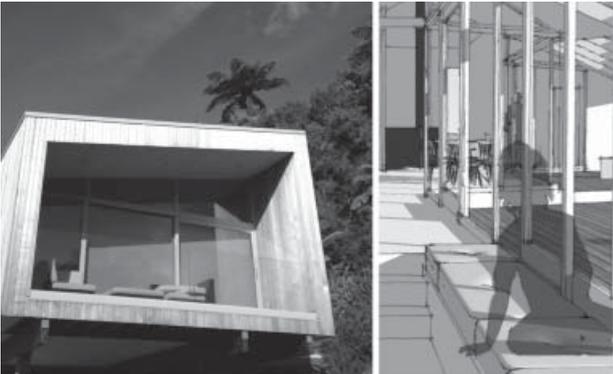
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This is easily fixed by maintaining muscle tissue – don't let it disappear. Lift weights and get stronger. No amount of dieting or fat loss will give you a tight, toned, yummy body and a fast metabolism comes from strong, well maintained muscles.

The added bonus is that a strong woman stands with better posture, has better self esteem and has a belief in herself that only comes from a physically strong body.

From a medical viewpoint, all women must lift weights simply because one in three women will get osteoporosis after the age of 60. Thin bones break and cause the quality of a woman's life to disappear. Lifting heavy things makes muscle stronger and strong muscle pulls on bone making it strong too. Osteoporosis can be prevented and regardless of how old you are or how weak your bones have become, lifting heavy weights will make your bones and muscles strong again and reverse any signs of osteoporosis.

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By Estelle Williams

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## oakura school news

# Oakura School Environment Centre Working Bee

On Sunday 16th June Oakura School had a working bee to plant 1000 trees for our new Enviro Centre, which we won funding for from the Tremendous School Makeover competition. Even though it was a drizzly day, we had a fantastic turn out and would like to thank everyone involved.

The Mayor Harry Duynhoven was there to close the event and Ruud Kleinpaste was the MC. The Kapa Haka group, along with the students that were there, welcomed everybody in, and then we started planting.

After all the trees were planted, The Mazda Foundation kindly sponsored a sausage sizzle for the hot and hungry workers.

Thank you to everyone who came and helped make the day a part of Oakura School history!

*By Sian Tran-Lawrence (age 13) and Tessa Keenan (age 12)*



From left: Kara Wells, Jackie Procter, Taneal Jones, Emily Waite and Poppy Mitchell lend a helping hand at the Enviro Centre planting.



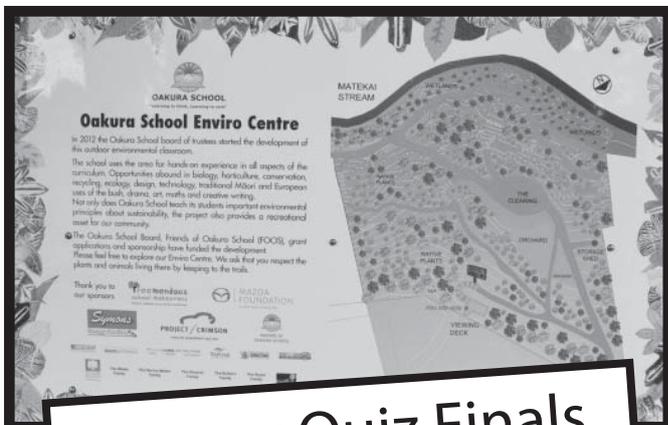
Damp, but keen parents ready to go to work.



Principal Lynne Hepworth and parent Nienke Dashorst enjoying the wet weather.



Happy sausage munchers.



## Literacy Quiz Finals

Earlier in the year, we were very fortunate to have one of our two literacy quiz teams win the Taranaki/Wanganui regional literacy quiz for the first time in Oakura history. They have recently made their way down to compete in the National Championships in Wellington. The team consists of Tessa Keenan, Ben Silk, Lachie White and George Clarke. They faced all of the winning regional teams from New Zealand in a literacy quiz, including books and poems, with Wayne Mills as Quizmaster. Our team did fantastically well, making the school very proud by coming 9th out of 13 teams.

*By Sian Tran-Lawrence (age 13) and Tessa Keenan (age 12)*

# The Koru Landing

AND A NEW AUDITORIUM BUILT BY MR PRITT

Recently, we had the official Koru Landing opening. Classes were clustered around the new auditorium to thank all of the helpers who made this landing possible. The helpers included Jeremy Pritt, head pupils, BOT and FOOS committee members and architect Helen Peters. Our beautiful new landing is a safe environment for older children to play in, however it has also been very popular with the younger children. Mrs Peters and Mr Pritt worked very hard to ensure it was a child friendly environment for any age to play in and enjoy. The landing consists of raised walk ways, leaf shaped platforms resting at the top of a special koru design on the ground made from concrete with paua shells and stones pressed in. A path off the side leads to a new auditorium built kindly by Mr Pritt, who spent many days working hard on finishing this for our students to use. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!

By Siani Tran-Lawrence (age 13)

**Right, above: Our new Koru Landing, made from the ideas of students and put together by Helen Peters.**

**Right, below: The new auditorium.**



## Free High Visibility Vests from JRI Ltd

JRI Limited (John Rae Insurance), has teamed up with the local police and Road Safety Taranaki to launch the 'Safety@School' project which is designed to encourage children to stay safe around roads.

As part of the new 'Safety@School' project which was launched on [facebook.com/John.Rae.Insurance](https://www.facebook.com/John.Rae.Insurance), the local insurance broking company has spent over \$10,000 so far on the project and is supplying schools and kindergartens throughout Taranaki with free high visibility vests to wear whilst out on school trips. Over the next three to five years John Rae Insurance is aiming to supply free high visibility vests to every school and kindergarten in Taranaki.

Oakura School has taken up the offer and staff from John Rae Insurance visited the Primary School to hand out 60 of the high visibility vests and explain the importance of wearing them when walking outside of school.

Oakura School Principal, Lynne Hepworth said: "This project is a great idea and will be of great benefit to our junior classes. Road safety is a vital part of what we do and to get the support and understanding of local businesses like this is how our community is able to thrive."

John Rae, business owner said: "We are always keen to support the community in any way possible and as a parent and grandparent this feels like a great opportunity to do something which is extremely beneficial to many schools. School trips are crucial for children's development but with various health and safety concerns this is often not possible. The vests will ensure the children can be identified in a crowd and seen by drivers at a distance."

Statistics released by the Ministry of Transport said there were 237 crashes on the roads in Taranaki in 2011 and pedestrians aged less than 25 years and those over 65 years are at the greatest risk of injury. Based on these statistics the police are keen to support this initiative and promote road safety. George White said: "We believe that with the right messages and resources we can lower these statistics and work towards a safer environment for the children of Taranaki."

JRI, a full-service commercial and general insurance brokerage, handling all types of business and personal insurance, works with people on a daily basis in Taranaki who require motor vehicle insurance and one of the biggest causes of accidents on the road is the lack of visibility of pedestrians and cyclists.

Marion Webby of Roadsafe Taranaki said: "I applaud John and his team for stepping up and helping promote road safety in the community. The Safe System approach to road safety recognises that people make mistakes, people are vulnerable, we need to share responsibility and we need to improve the safety of all parts of the system. JRI, through this project is addressing three of the four key areas in the Safer Journeys, New Zealand's road safety strategy to 2020. Children and teachers using the footpath are also using the road network, so slow down, be considerate and remember children can be unpredictable so be ready to stop."



**Modelling the groovy new high visibility vest from JRI Ltd are, left to right: Zach Phillips-Lim, Cerys Hancock and Gemma Wright.**

## COMING EVENTS

### July

29 Term 3 Begins

30 BOT Meeting

### August

12 Show in hall 'Big Bad Wolf'

14 3D Conferences -School Finishes at 12 noon

15 3D Conferences -School Finishes at 12 noon



## Fabric Painting

Famous New Zealand artist Ralf Hotere inspired students to paint works of art on fabric squares. Rei Hendry, our specialist art teacher, who knew Ralf and has a great fondness for his work, told stories which helped students to design their own 'barcodes' based on Ralf's artwork. Classes will spend the rest of the term turning their individual artworks into lasting fabric designs. Thank you very much to Justine Crawshaw who used old sheets to make all 150 canvases ready for the students to paint onto.



Annabel Jones is painting a barcode to represent her day.

## Black Sox and BMX

As part of our 'In Motion' rich topic this term, we had Jarrad Martin, captain of the world champion NZ Softball team and also Matt Cameron, NZ BMX champion, come and speak to our assembly. We thank them for giving up their time so generously and helping our students understand what it takes to be successful.

Karen Brisco



Omata School welcomes the Black Sox and BMX champions.

## Early Education, Play and Socialising

Omata School playgroup extends a warm welcome to all parents in the district to come along and enjoy some fun and games at the weekly group session held in Omata Hall.

The thriving group of toddlers and their mums, along with coordinator Rachel, spend an hour or so together every Thursday morning with various play equipment and activities set out for the children. Mums (dads and grandparents are very welcome too) get to know each other and the affiliation is often a long term one with the children going on to attend Omata School.

The benefits of attending the playgroup are many. The children become familiar with the school before they attend at



Solving puzzles with Mum.



## New Plymouth Boys' High School

We are well into the second term and internal assessments are underway. For those of you reading this who sat School Certificate (external assessment) the idea that exams are important in June may seem rather foreign.....not so for the teenagers of today where they can accrue credits throughout the year. The basics of any summative assessment remain the same – good study habits. Perhaps a more important skill is time management. Many of the boys you see below are our top academics as well as excelling in other areas. At Boys' High we believe in a balanced or holistic education where boys have more than just academic opportunities. To succeed in academia for these boys requires careful time management.

We have introduced a "Learning Matters" course which as well as teaching numeracy and computer skills, highlights the art of planning and managing time. The course is also about 'meta-cognition' (thinking about thinking) which includes good study habits and learning how to learn. The course is very popular with the boys.



Dress up and dolls – a time honoured girl tradition.

Doesn't matter if it's big boys or little boys  
– where there's a car ...!



five and they make friendships before school making the integration into school much smoother. The play activities are not structured so the children can free range from physical activities to quiet play, water play, craft activities, role play and also enjoy one on one time with mum. The school also offers an early childhood programme where the four year olds in the group get a book bag and every two weeks exchange readers and early literacy activities. It is aimed at making a positive transition into school.

In these winter months the hall is heated and is very cosy and when the weather makes it possible outside play is another alternative. At the end of the session morning tea is shared and everyone goes home happy.

The school must be doing something right – the playgroup has been going nearly 20 years!

Weekly sessions are 9-11am every Thursday. For more information contact Rachel Alford on 751 1975.

By Kim Ferens



... But craft is for everyone.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING BOYS FOR THEIR SUCCESS.

### SUPER 8 CULTURAL FESTIVAL:

**Oratory:** senior 1st Jake McComb, junior 3rd Jerome McSweeney-Novak

**Debating:** junior 3rd Aiden Smith, Finn Greig, and Josh McCormack

**Music (Solo):** senior 3rd Adrian Robb

**Art:** senior 3rd Cory Murray, junior 2nd Logan Burns

**Exchange with San Nicolas de Myra, Santiago, Chile:**

The following hosted visiting students: Jamie Houghton, Matt Currill, Jack Powell, Robbie and Ben Foulkes, Anton Baas, Tony Dediou, Liam Aitchison, Timothy Andrews, and James Murphy.

### SPORT

**Surfing:** *Kneeboard* - Maukino Skelton. Selected to represent NZ at World Championships in Tahiti in July.

*NZSS Hillary Challenge* - combined NPBHS/NPGHS won 8th title. William Adlam, Hamish Sturmer, Matt Furze, Tom Spencer and 4 NPGHS students.

**Golf:** Fletcher Broderick won best gross at TSS Championships.

### TSS Cycling:

*Junior sprint:* Josh Turner 1st.

*Senior sprint:* Max Hardie-Boys 1st, Ethan Tate 2nd, Thomas Lawley 3rd.

*Junior criterium:* Josh Turner 1st.

*Senior criterium:* Max Hardie-Boys 1st, Ethan Tate 2nd, Thomas Lawley 3rd.

*Teams pursuit:* NPBHS 1st.

### TSS Indoor Bowls:

*Fours team 3rd:* Maikara Pahau (skip), Adam Busing and Ryan Potroz.

*Player of the Tournament:* Maikara Pahau.

### Taranaki Surf Lifesaving Awards:

*Top Open Male Taranaki Champion:* 1st Javon McCallum.

*Top Under 19 Male Taranaki Champion:* 1st Adam Beavis, 2nd= Mitchell Owen and Michael Watts.

*Top Under 16 Male Taranaki Champion:* 1st Talor Owen, 3rd= Javon McCallum and Thomas Cole.

*Top 13 Year Old Boy (McLean Cup):* 1st Daniel Barron, 2nd Brodie Lilley, 3rd Jack Dingle.

*Top 12 Year Old Boy (John Dent Trophy):*

1st Reef Robinson, 2nd Bodie Malley.

Michael McMenamin  
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## OAKURA CLUBS & GROUPS

### 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

Tuesday mornings 10.00am, Oakura Hall. Gold coin donation.

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

### NP Toastmasters Club

Meet every 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of the month, 5.30pm at Bellringer Pavillion. Everyone welcome.

### 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.

### Playcentre

Playcentre, Donnelly Street.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to noon.

Visitors welcome by appointment. Ph Bridget on 06-752 7223.

### 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 class on Saturday morning from 9am to 9:30am. Beginners' ballet/dance class from 9:30am to 10:15am. Oakura Hall. Ph Val Deakin, or Jane Roseman on 06 752 7743.

### Volkswagen Club

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 hall 7.30 - 9.00pm. Running during the school terms - Tuesday nights. Some gear available - beginners welcome. Ten classes \$120 Casual \$14. M. 027 715 6188. P. 75 27 050. E. keithplummer@clear.net.nz

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