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The hunters and gatherers of the river mouth



Lyn Buttimore - an excuse to be lazy.

The weather was absolutely fabulous and the conditions were ideal for lounging about on the riverbank and that seemed to be what most of the fisherpeople were doing!

Lyn Buttimore was thoroughly enjoying herself – her set net was looking after itself while she read her book. She says, "It's just a good excuse to be lazy." Tom Dillon from the Manawatu was making a week of it along with friend June Neale. They said it was a very sociable way to spend the day. People were coming and going all day and it was good to chat to them. Their enthusiasm hadn't waned at all after 40 hours. The chilly bin was out, the coffee

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ELECTION SPECIAL! Check out the candidates and parties and what they have to offer . . . pages 18 to 21.

FROM THE TOM ZONE

Editorial

I hope everyone has had a good look at the proposed CBD upgrade and are happy with the proposed scheme. It has turned into a bun fight with Transit doing a u-turn according to the Kaitake Community Board, so let's hope it can be resolved amicably. If you want to comment on the scheme, you can do this through the Council or you can email us at the TOM at_oakuramessenger@xtra.co.nz

It is exciting to see new businesses opening in Oakura and we wish the Kamp family at the "Snickerdoodle" Bakehouse all the best in their new venture and Tanya Davis with her flower business.

The election is just around the corner and the time has come to cast your very valuable vote. Isn't it our responsibility to vote for what we believe in? It certainly is hard these days to decide who best represents our views so I hope our feature on the local candidates and political parties helps make the choice clearer.

As always we feature some young local talented sports players and artists and I can't help but be impressed with the time, effort and dedication they put in.

It feels like spring when you see the whitebaiters down at the river mouth and I must say their perservence is mammoth.

Lastly, thank you to all the people who contact the TOM in any capacity – it helps us realise what a valuable community service we provide.

Kim Ferens

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from MAYOR PETE

NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT COUNCIL



Hi folks!

It's great to see the design that has been created for completing the streetscape of Oakura's CBD.

Community representatives from Oakura and Council staff have worked hard on designing a streetscape that reflects Oakura's coastal location and enables both pedestrians and drivers safe and easy access to the shops. We're still keen to get feedback to ensure we've got it right before the contract is let. If you want to see the design, check it out online at <u>www.newplymouthnz.com</u>

Work is due to begin on this in February next year and when it is completed by the end of May, the town will have a fresh look that locals can be proud of.

The only fly in the ointment is communication from Transit New Zealand that it does not support the current design. The Council is in negotiations with Transit now in an effort to find a solution to the situation.

On another topic, the trial of a system to manage vehicle access to Oakura Beach seems to be working well so far.

In April this year the Council agreed to a request from the Kaitake Community Board for the slip rail to the beach to be removed, and have the Community Board work closely with Oakura residents to ensure that vehicle use on the beach complies with the Council's bylaws. The system appears to be working well, however the true test will come in summer when demand will increase for vehicle access to the beach.

The bylaw prohibits motor vehicles being driven on Oakura Beach and its foreshore, between the Weld Road river mouth to the west and the Tapuae river mouth to the east, with the exception of:

- Vehicles launching or retrieving a boat (or similar vehicle) to or from the sea.
- Any rescue, police or surf lifesaving club motor vehicle.
- Any motor vehicle used to carry out approved maintenance works on the beach.

The aim of the bylaw is to make the beach as safe as possible for members of the public to use.

We'll continue to monitor how beach access by vehicles is managed, and the safety of beach users, so if you have any comments to make please let me know.

And remember that I'm always happy to hear your comments on any topic, particularly in relation to possible developments that could benefit the community. Feel free to give me a call on 759 6060!

Peter Tennent

Mayor



POLICE REPORT

Well, hello again and how are you all?

I am playing the Virtual NPC and have come to the conclusion that I would struggle to pick the winner in a one-man race. I was very disappointed with the 'Naki – so close! But never mind, better luck next week.

Did you know that there is a species of earthworm in Australia that grows up to 3 metres in length?

Of interest crime-wise, it appears that a group of people drinking in the Oakura School grounds decided to set a small fire there on Friday night. Fortunately, there was no damage, but I would appreciate any information you may have about what went on.

I am still investigating the last fire at the school, which did cause a great deal of damage.

This type of offending is of great concern, perhaps because most locals have a connection to the school in some way or another. Let's all take responsibility for its safety – as you return home from the shops or town, drive up there and have a look to see if there is anybody around and take note of vehicles in the area. While I don't expect or want you to get out of your vehicle, the more traffic up that way the less chance of people thinking they can get away with anything.

Also, Police recently apprehended two young men who thought they had the right to steal another person's wave ski. But thanks to the excellent work of a neighbour, they were unsuccessful.

See, with your help we can catch the bad guys!

In the 17th Century a Boston man was sentenced to two hours in the stocks for obscene behaviour – his crime, kissing his wife in a public place on a Sunday.

Until next time, take care.

Rich

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Join Mayor Pete, councillors and community board members at a series of informal meetings to develop New Plymouth District Council's Community Plan 2006-2016.

The council needs to identify the major issues to be tackled over the next 10 years and make sure they happen.

Please attend one of our community meetings below and tell us what you think will make the most positive impact on life in our district.

> OAKURA HALL 7pm Thursday 15 September

OKATO COMMUNITY HALL 7pm Thursday 22 September

If you can't make these meetings you can still have your say by filling in the online form at www.newplymouthnz.com/communityplan. Alternatively email your ideas to enquiries@npdc.govt.nz or telephone 06 759 6060.

Kaitake Community Board

The sun is shining and I see lots of whitebaiters enjoying a spell of great weather, I have even seen whitebait in the river.

Apart from one concern regarding the CBD upgrade there has been little comment – does this mean everybody likes the proposed plan? Many of you would have read in a recent frontpage newspaper article that Transit has objected to much of the CBD upgrade and no doubt thought this would have been sorted prior to planning. Transit did agree in writing to the CBD plan and have now changed their mind. But discussions are being held.

Consultation is such a big part of what we do now that I am surprised that few take the opportunity to comment. Remember if you want to speak at meetings, please come along. You'll have five minutes speaking time before we attend to the agenda. This is the only time the public can comment during a meeting so make the most of it. We are pretty generous with time but do have to stick to the rules.

I am concerned at the lack of interest in the Board's meetings and need to ask how you rate the need for this forum. The cost of the Board to ratepayers is considerable – is it money well spent or do you take your concerns directly to Council? This does seem to be the case most of the time.

I am very aware we have little input from the Okato area and absolutely none from Omata. While all of us on the Board are happy to take on local concerns, it's very evident that there are either very few or it is being done some other way.

There are some upcoming issues that need people to support. One is the Coastal Reserves Management Plan. There are 12 reserves from Okato to Oakura that are to be included in the Plan. If the future management of these areas are in your interests, then I would suggest that you avail yourself of the information available from the Council. The Board will have discussed this at the meeting on 30 August, but you can still let us know if you have any concerns.

Meantime good whitebaiting and roll on Summer.

YET ANOTHER GENUINE CLIP FROM COUNCIL COMPLAINT FILES

(Not our council, of course. Taranaki people are much smarter) 50% of the walls are damp, 50% have crumbling plaster and 50% are plain filthy.



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MITRE 10 Gardening

Gardening with Rosemary Herb

SEPTEMBER CHECKLIST

Vegetables: Sow lettuce, radishes, carrots, beetroots, silverbeet and peas. Plant out cabbage and cauliflower seedlings. Prepare to plant tomatoes, cucumbers, pumpkin, peppers and sweetcorn next month. Plant main crop potatoes.

Rosemary has noticed that the beautiful warm weather of late has given the vege patch a real healthy start to the season so if you haven't got any veges in yet, rush off to Mitre 10 and buy some punnets of your favourite veges to plant.

Flowers: Topdress spring flowering bulbs with bulb food. Sow seeds of most hardy annuals.

Fruit trees: Plant passionfruit vines in a sheltered site. Apply an all purpose fertiliser like Thrive to strawberry plants.

Lawns: Sow new lawns. Re-sow thin or bare patches on existing lawns.





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The hunters and gatherers of the river mouth

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was on, the talk-back radio was tuned in and the whitebait hadn't turned up!

Rod Smith is enjoying the opportunity retirement has given him to whitebait. Just a couple of hours each day is enough for Rod, with hopefully enough of a catch to make a fritter or two.

James and Dave Marshall were out from New Plymouth, enjoying the magnificent Oakura weather and just relaxing beside the river. The pair had bought their whitebait net on the way out of town so it was time to "brush up on their whitebaiting skills" and relax. Neither had been whitebaiting for five years. The occasional whitebait swimming upstream was enough to keep them hooked! Failing this, they could pop up to Butler's and have a fresh whitebait meal without the hard work.

By Kim Ferens





Local yokel yodellers, Sheryl and Jill were spotted at the Sound of Music Sing A Long at the recent Taranaki Arts Festival.



Just in case you didn't know, this is what it is all about...

James and Dave Marshall - Back into it!



Stiff competition for the whitebaiters came in the form of this seal at the Tapuae River mouth last month - a true hunter gatherer.



Atawhai Nursery

Situated up Carrington Road just before Baker Road, is the Atawhai Nursery. We specialise in New Zealand native plants, with just the odd exotic sneaking its way in.

The Nursery was originally called the Atawhai Tree Farm, but with the shift from the pole harvest for the Regional Council and open-ground growing to a more condensed container area, it has developed into a nursery, hence the name change in recent years.

IDEA Services (previously the IHC Society) own the property and run the nursery as a day-service for people with intellectual disabilities. People come to learn and train in horticulture and are given the opportunity to participate in a hands-on, productive and positive environment. There is a wide range of learning abilities and so it becomes a great way for people to feel part of a hard-working team. The Certificate in Horticulture (level 2) is offered and at present one person has gained their certificate with six more "hooked" on to the NZQA framework and studying towards this achievement.

Recently TVNZ's Mucking In programme came to Oakura and the Atawhai Nursery was proud to be part of this great show. We donated all the rengarenga lilies, and the majority of the garden was planted in natives supplied by the Nursery. It was unfortunate though that the Nursery's contribution of plants was overlooked and there was no mention in the end-of-show credits.



There seems to be some confusion among the general public about the Atawhai Nursery and Atawhai Industries. We are two totally separate identities, not attached or connected in any way. Atawhai Industries did originate from the IHC Services, but in 1985 branched out on their own and formed a trust. They were involved in forestry, but now do mainly section clearing, contract spraying, supported employment, hard-form landscaping and packaging contracts. The Atawhai Nursery does not cross over into any of these areas.

We are a specialist native plant nursery who cater to our local people, landscapers, farmers, property developers, the Councils and retail nurseries. There is a great sense of pride, achievement and job satisfaction. We produce a top quality plant, within a caring and supportive community.

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Snickerdoodles Coffee and Bakeshop opens for business

A truly unique eating experience has recently opened for 'foodies' in Oakura. The Kamp family – Rick, Rebecca, Lynnette and Ron Lawson – have taken their love of American baked goods to the next level by making them for the public to enjoy. The love of baking is a 'family thing' and that's what their business is about – they're extending the fun, friendly environment of their home kitchen into the commercial realm and the community.

So why "Snickerdoodles"? What does it mean? Snickerdoodles are an American sugar cookie, a firm Kamp family favourite and just one of the many goodies available from the bakery. The treats on offer at Snickerdoodles differ from your usual run-of-the-mill scones and muffins. They're more Americanstyle, like fruit pies, cinnamon rolls, danishes and sweet pastries, specialty cakes (carrot, chocolate and cheesecakes), biscuits, biscotti, quiches, sausage rolls and bacon, egg and cheese pies, breads (including croissants, foccacia, ciabata and of course the famous American bagel), caramel popcorn, bagged muesli or muesli and yoghurt combos. You can also get a coffee or tea to accompany your baked goodies. All products are sold as takeaways and the plan is for the opening hours of 6.30am to 3pm to be extended to 6.30pm in the summer for the making of specialty sandwiches for picnics.

The wonderful element of Snickerdoodles is that almost all of the baked goods are made from scratch and the Kamps use as many local ingredients as can be sourced. Pop in and try their delicious goodies. PH: 752 7227 Distribution of the second seco

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Rebecca and Lynnette ready to tempt your taste-buds.

By Kim Ferens



Val Deakin Dance Theatre

Paris Banquet

Imagine a feast of dance with a French flavour! The Dance Theatre's forthcoming dance festival promises just that, especially in the new work Paris Banquet.

Created to music by French composer Jacques Ibert, the ballet is set in Paris in the 1950s. It comes complete with a wonderful range of French characters – the gendarme, restaurant owner and her French poodle, the waiter and waitress from the restaurant, the engaged couple, the dancer, the fashion plate and her photographer friend, office girls, sailors, an onion seller, and a nun and her charges. All these characters tell the story of a few days in the life of Paris – getting to work with a quick coffee, eating, drinking, dancing, getting married, celebrating, going to the ballet, going to the fair, a shipboard cruise, and all with great fun. The costumes, some actually from France, are a delight, with large lovely dresses, gloves and hats of the era.

The dance is a combination of character, classical and everyday movement woven together to make a wonderful tapestry of Parisian life and love. Val Deakin's sparkling choreography brings it all to life.

The cast will be led by American-born ballerina Jane Roseman. She is well-known in New Zealand for her dancing of many dance forms with the Dance Theatre ranging from classical to contemporary and character to jazz. She will be partnered by Peter Rothwell, a long-time partner known for his strong supportive



presence. They lead a cast of 25 that includes some very experienced dancers including Laura Sommerville, Inge Vink, Davina Moffat and Michael Takarangi.

The ballet will be one of the items on the 'menu' for a feast of dance that the Val Deakin Dance Theatre Trust will be presenting at New Plymouth Little Theatre on 30 September, 1 October and 2 October. Other works on the programme will be:

Ancient Aires: a ballet based on historical dance movements set to the music of Respighi. This witty comedy has costumes based on 16th century fashions, and features four women and a troubadour in a humorous take on manners and mores.

Pas de Trois: This dance for three is set to the famous music by Tchaikovsky from Act One of Swan Lake. It is a classical pas de trois featuring lovely tutus and exceptional dancing.

Viva Vivaldi: This is the premiere of this new work, specially created by Val Deakin to two Vivaldi guitar concerti. It features four women in a contemporary dance work about the angel figures, carriers of messages of love, peace and hope, as seen in many art works.

Tickets for the show are family priced and will be available from Mondo Man. For more information, contact the Val Deakin Dance Theatre Trust, 63 Messenger Terrace, Oakura, Taranaki. Phone 06 752 7743.

Chávez Ravine

Ry Cooder

(Perro Verde/Nonesuch/Warner Music)

MUSIC REVIEW by DON JUAN

Chávez Ravine is that most rare of beasts, a concept album that actually works! Recounting the history of a vibrant, predominantly Latino community in fifties Los Angeles that got bulldozed to make way for the Dodger Stadium, guitarist's guitarist Ry Cooder spins a noir tale of political and business intrigue, then weaves in a sub-plot that involves a visiting alien!

If this concept sounds just a bit too clever for its own good, it is certainly not reflected in the music, which covers many moods, but possesses a marvellously organic flow. *Chávez Ravine* successfully draws together the three distinct strands of Cooder's long career; namely the proto-Americana of his early classics ("Paradise & Lunch," "Chicken Skin Music," etc), his mid-period film scores (which include "Paris, Texas" and "Southern Comfort") and his more recent involvement in the promotion of World music. Bear in mind that the latter period included Cooder's pivotal involvement in such gems as "Buena Vista Social Club" and "Talking Timbuktu," albums that brought such great veteran artists as Ibrahim Ferrer, Ruben Gonzalez, Compay Segundo and Ali Farka Toure to the attention of the Western world!

Sadly, Cooder seems less likely to repeat this trick here, with Pachuco vocal elders Lalo Guerrero and Don Tosti both having died since their contributions were recorded. Despite other stunning 'turns' from singer Little Willie G (AKA William Garcia, formerly of legendary sixties 'garage band' Thee Midnighters), Tex-Mex accordion virtuoso Flaco Jiminez, 'sweet' vocalists Juliette and Carla Commagere, and guest pianists Jackie Terrasson and Chucho Valdes, Chávez Ravine is beautifully held together by Cooder (production, vocals, guitars, tres,

bajo sexto and organ), bassists Mike Elizondo and Jared Smith and percussionists Joachim Cooder and Jim Keltner, a classy core band by anybody's standards!

So who really started the Pachuco 'race riots' between the zootsuited Latinos and the US Navy? Why did the people of Chávez Ravine ignore the spaceman's warning? Were there any 'reds under the bed'? Who was that funky Chinese laundryman? Why did a model housing project get shelved and where do J. Edgar Hoover and Frank McCarthy fit into all this? This album, subtitled *A Record by Ry Cooder,* will answer most of these questions, but Chávez Ravine is more likely to be remembered for its superb musical breadth than for – what the late Wailer Peter Tosh called – the "politricks". Having said that, the chicanery does make for a gripping tale!

Heard It On The X Los Super 7

(Telarc/Elite)

With every bit as much variety as the Cooder disc, *Heard It On The X* will please those wanting a less conceptualised take on 'border music'. The third outing by this Tex-Mex supergroup features guest appearances by Delbert McClinton, Lyle Lovett, John Hiatt and Clarence 'Gatemouth' Brown, alongside Los Super 7 regulars like Raul Malo, Rick Trevino and Freddy Fender. The title song by Z.Z. Top provides a thematic anchor for this tribute to the powerful radio stations that influenced the tastes of music lovers on both sides of the border. Norteno music, Western swing, corridos, rock 'n' roll, country, blues and R & B all get an airing here, all driven by a glorious band that includes members of Calexico, Dylan sideman Charlie Sexton and Flaco Jiminez among others.

Space shuttle lands at Puke Ariki!



NASA may have grounded all flights of the space shuttle, but at Puke Ariki visitors have the chance to assume the role of Shuttle Commander, explore the outer limits of the universe and then safely land the world's most famous space vehicle.

Space - A Galaxy of Adventure blasts off on Saturday 27 August and then returns to earth on 24 October. Manager of Mission Control at Puke Ariki, Bill Macnaught, is excited by the trajectory of the latest exhibition.

"After ascending to the rooftop of the world with the Everest exhibition, we decided it was time to take things beyond the

Macnaught.

ionosphere and into the outer reaches of space, mostly unknown to humankind."

Space is designed for the whole family, igniting interest with a highly interactive and entertaining experience that demonstrates the technology of space flight. Visitors will orbit through fascinating astronomical facts that include under-standing the concept of a biosphere and even operating a remote Mars Rover vehicle on alien terrain. Other high-energy exhibits include a flight simulator, firing a rocket that mimics the steering jets on space vehicles and how long it would take a person to run to the moon at top speed.

"Space is considered the last frontier for exploration and with Puke Ariki bringing the technology to the doorstep of the Taranaki imagination, we may just see the inspiration for future astronauts emerging from this exhibition," says Mr

Space - A Galaxy of Adventure (27 August to 24 October 2005) was developed by SciTech Australia and is proudly brought to you by Puke Ariki and New Plymouth District Council.



Introducing Uwe

Local artist and healer Uwe (pronounced "oova") Stahnke fell in love with a girl from New Zealand. So he packed his bags, left his German homeland and moved here. He then fell in love with New Zealand and fifteen years later he now calls Taranaki home.

Uwe's interest in the arts began during his early school years but it has only been in the last decade that he has really begun to explore his creative side. At the moment Uwe works solely in pencil and charcoal, producing highly detailed and realistic portraits. Uwe usually uses black and white photographs as a reference for his drawings. Most of his pieces are A4 size, and although relatively small, one drawing can take many hours or even days of work.



Uwe is finding success through word of mouth, selling to friends and family. He is available for commission so if you have an old photo or image that you would like to see transformed in to art you are welcome to give him a call (see below for details).

Along with his talent for drawing, Uwe also practices natural healing. Over time he has developed his own unique style and technique, which he loosely defines as a form of spiritual life coaching. He uses a combination of methods including hands on healing utilising the body's own natural energy. His holistic approach also involves tarot cards readings. Each session usually costs around \$20 and Uwe prefers to come to your home.

So if you are interested in Uwe's drawings or would like to make an appointment for natural healing, you can contact him at 027 479 4901.

Tammy Lewis



New name for Oakura website



Well, it's amazing how time flies! Oakura Surfhighway45, previously Oakura Westcoast, has now been online for two and a half years, and it is astounding how many people know about it. The saying that "word of mouth spreads faster than most advertising" may be true after all.

For those who haven't yet viewed Oakura Surfhighway45, it is a site not only for Oakura locals, but also for the wider community. It was built to bring people here to enjoy our beautiful area and to inform them of what's on offer.

I want people to be able to look at this site and realise that there are a great variety of things to do and see here, including a great selection of places to eat out or even just one of Taranaki's best beaches to enjoy.

I have three photo galleries that I try to update as often as possible: a gallery on the Oakura area, one covering events within Oakura and now one extending along the Surf Highway to include surfing events. This last is called "Tidal" and features on-the-spot photos of events.

So check out <u>oakurasurfhighway45.co.nz</u> – you may find yourself featured sometime. There is a guest book on the site so please feel free to leave a comment...

Mark Sturgess





The Adventures of KOREAN KELLY

Every country has its oddities and Korea is no exception. In one of my earlier articles, I mentioned a phenomenon known as "fan death", which still fascinates me, so I thought I'd recap on this unusual urban legend and a few other that the Korean people steadfastly believe.

Of all the countries in the world, only Korea believes in fan death, where they think that if you sleep in a sealed room with an electric fan, it will kill you. Everyone believes this, from doctors through to aerodynamic scientists. The theories are far-fetched: that the fan will cause hypothermia by lowering your body temperature, even in the middle of summer with 80% humidity and thirty degree temperatures; that it will suffocate you by creating some weird vortex that sucks the air out of your lungs; or that the fan uses up oxygen and produces carbon dioxide... yes, now the fan seems to have become some type of living, breathing organism! I have tried to argue these claims rationally with Koreans, but am met with anger and complete and utter denial that these claims are anything but true. Hilarious.

Another interesting practice in Korea is that known as tongue cutting. The importance of English here is exemplified in this barbaric and ill-informed surgery, in which the small flap of skin under your tongue is cut so as to give your tongue more maneuverability. Why? So as to tackle those tough sounding English words with more ease of course. Korean people believe that English speaking people have longer tongues, so to become fluent, they also need longer tongues. Again, I try to explain that if this were true, why, when a Korean person grows up in an English speaking country, are they able to speak English as perfectly as a native English speaker? This falls on deaf ears.

Last, but not least is the practice of eating foods according to the seasons and according to their supposed health benefits. Summer weather brings about the practice of eating the hottest, spiciest dishes you can, so as to sweat profusely and drive the heat out of your body, thus making you cooler. An example of this is samgyetang, a small chicken stuffed with rice, ginseng, garlic and Korean dates and served in a steaming broth. An even weirder example is poshintang, or dog meat soup. Dog is supposed to increase virility in men, improve the skin of women and of course combat summer temperatures due to its heat producing qualities. Perhaps just propaganda produced by the dog farming industry, but again, Koreans believe this with zealous pride. Interesting that only Korean scientists are capable of proving such claims.

Rest at ease in little old New Zealand, knowing we are free of such weird urban myths. That is unless a black cat crosses your path, you spill the salt, a fantail flies into your house, the sky is red in the morning, you have peacock feathers in your house, or wear red socks whenever there's a yacht race...

Annyonghi Keseyo

Kelly Ryan

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OAKURA SCHOOL ENROLMENT SCHEME

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office. All students that live within our school zone are entitled to enrol at the school.

The board has determined that one place is available for an out of zone student in term four 2005. For students seeking enrolment within this enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is Wednesday 21 September.

Applications from out of zone students will be processed in the following order of priority:

- 1st priority will be given to applicants who are siblings of current students;
- 2nd priority will be given to applicants who are siblings of former students;
- 3rd priority will be given to applicants who are children of board employees;
- 4^{th} priority will be given to all other applicants.

If the number of out of zone applicants exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on Thursday 22 September. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three days of the ballot being held.

John Ardern BOT Chairperson





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LOCAL TEENAGER'S SPEECH TRIUMPH

Thirteen-year old Shade-Rose Brophy has cleaned up more than six awards at the recent Taranaki Speech and Drama Festival competitions. The competition that was held in July at the TSB Showplace was the 56th annual competition that encourages young competitors to contest highly acclaimed speech awards. Shade-Rose was awarded first place in the Under 14 years Speech Improvisation and first in the Under 14 years Character Sketch. Shade-Rose's character sketch was about a little girl begging for a doll and was acted out using Cockney rhyming slang. Shade-Rose has been taking speech lessons from the age of five and has always been keen to compete in competitions since she was six years old, says her mother Kathleen Brophy. Popular speech and drama teacher Carol Julian from Okato has been traveling to teach Shade-Rose who lives on Oakura's Plymouth Road. Other titles that Shade-Rose won at this year's competitions included; Very Highly Commended Light Verse, Highly Commended Memorised Prose, 3rd Poem by NZ Author, 3rd Prepared Speech; "Diary of Anne Frank". Shade-Rose's other hobbies include surfing and touch rugby, and oneday she hopes to be a presenter or actor on TV.

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Awards flow at Okurukuru

Have you been to Okurukuru lately? If you haven't been in recent weeks, then you're really missing something.

The award winning trio from Okurukuru, left to right -Casey Walker, Tyler Martin and Richard Woofindin.

The gardens on the way in have become more eyecatching and well established with the warmer weather and small changes indoors such as wine barrels and potted plants have added to the ambience.

The restaurant is trialling a dine-out menu. Your dinner can be cooked for you by the award-winning chefs and then delivered to your home or you can pick it up yourself on the way back from work and enjoy a gourmet experience in the comfort of your own home. What's on offer can't be confused with 'take aways' and if you have dinner guests you want to 'wow' but are too nervous to cook for, then Okurukuru's cuisine is sure to impress.

Recently three of the staff won awards at the Culinary Fair competitions in Auckland. Tyler Martin, chef at Okurukuru since it opened, was runner up in the Pacific Rim Fusion Open Class competition with a salmon and mushroom dish with influences from both Asia and New Zealand. This was Tyler's fourth competition and he still finds entering competitions a learning experience and a great opportunity to get ideas from other top chefs.

Chef Richard Wooffindin won the Unique to New Zealand Food and Beer Open Class competition with a duck, potato, kumara, parma ham and tamarillo dish with Mac Beer. Culinary Fair was Richard's first competition and he enjoyed the challenge. He says his father was a good cook and an inspiration to him, plus he likes the variety that cooking offers him.

Casey Walker was first runner up in the New Zealand Junior Food and Beverage Waitress of the Year competition. Casey said the competition was very gruelling with four separate events to compete in. Of the four events, Casey won gold in three: table setting, clearing and crumbing down, wine and beverage service and café beverage. She won a bronze in the classic cocktail event. For Casey the competition was about showing off her flair and product knowledge, and performing in front of an audience without cracking. In the café beverage section the participants had to invent a new coffee or tea and Casey produced a tea called 'Len Lye's Oriental Chai', a plated Red Bush Tea with a wind ward that earned her many "ohs" and "ahs" from the judges. Casey had been practising since May and says her trainer Caroline Medway-Smith - a 'trainer with attitude' - was a huge help (apart from threatening to break her legs if she didn't perform well!).

So do drop in to Okurukuru and enjoy the awardwinning efforts of the team.





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By Kim Ferens



With the population of our community growing, the kindergarten waiting list is looking very healthy indeed. The teachers are often contacted about enrolling children at the kindergarten, so below are some important points to remember if you have a preschooler.

- Children can be enrolled at the kindergarten once they are two years old (but not before). Once your child reaches two years of age, call into the kindergarten to enrol and your child will then go on the waiting list.
- Children can begin at kindergarten once they are three years of age and there is a space available for them.
- If you are new to the area and have a child or children aged between two and five years, then you are welcome to enrol your child at Kaitake Kindergarten.
- All names are placed onto the waiting list in order of age and families will be contacted when a space becomes available. Initially, this may only be a couple of days of attending kindergarten per week and more days will be offered once spaces are available.
- There are two session groups at the Kindergarten, the Beachies and the Alpiners. Each group has thirty children. In addition there is a Wednesday session for four year olds from both groups, which also has thirty children.
- Children on the waiting list are welcome to visit Kaitake Kindergarten and become involved in a session as long as an adult stays with them to supervise. This is encouraged as their attendance date gets closer to help with the transition into the kindergarten environment and routines.
- Once a child is formally attending kindergarten, regular attendance is required to maintain their space and it is best to discuss any foreseeable long-term absences with the teachers.

For more information, please contact Kaitake Kindergarten at 2 McKellar Street in Oakura, phone 7527016 or email kaitakekindergarten@xtra.co.nz

Kaitake Kindergarten Committee

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Fingers of Regal Marlborough salmon, oven baked, placed around saffron baked rice on a rum reduction bollandaise with caper berries \$16.50 Scallops pan seared with orange segments and sweet chilli sauce, resting on a grain cake, topped with a baby paua \$16.50 Chef's bome-made soup of the day,

> served with crusty bread \$10.00

Roulade of veal and sage, wrapped in procuitto di parma ham, placed around a fig compote \$15.00

Maíns

Single bone lamb rack rubbed with fresh rosemary, resting against a fondant baked kumara, fine courgette provencal, drizzled with pan juices \$29.50

Fish of the day, oven baked with lemon, garlic and olive oil, accompanied by wilted greens, baby potatoes, capsicums, olives and cherry tomatoes. \$26.50

A mint roast, medium rare sirloin of beef, with Yorksbire pudding, roast vegetables and roast potatoes, finisbed with pan juices \$29.00

Fettuccini with musbroom and bacon in a mild green peppercorn cream sauce, topped with Welsb rarebit

(available without bacon for vegetarians) \$19.00

Wine

Okurukuru Sugar Loaf Marlborough Chardonnay\$14.00 Okurukuru Sugar Loaf Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc\$17.00 Okurukuru Sugar Loaf Marlborough Pinot Noir\$22.00





Sporting success

Oakura School's Year 5 and 6 rugby and Year 6 netball teams both won their divisions of the Taranaki Interschool Sports competition in August. Both teams played Waitara St Josephs in their final games, showing a high level of skill and sportsmanship.



Year 6 Netball Team - Back row; Louise, India, Eloise, Louise. Front row; Nina, Rachael, Kaye, Anne-Marie, Eilish and Lucy.





Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP)

The PMP programme has been implemented in our junior school this term, with Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4 having two 40-minute sessions a week.

The programme aims to give the children experiences in seeing, hearing, touching, making perceptual judgements and reacting through carefully sequenced activities that they enjoy doing like running, hopping, skipping, jumping, balancing, crawling, climbing, throwing, catching, bowling and sliding, using a variety of common and specially designed equipment. These activities help to develop confidence, problem solving skills, coordination, language skills, fundamental sports skills and memory training. The activities have been shown to improve children's learning and attention spans.

We are very fortunate to have several parents, grandparents and members of the local Probus Club helping our pupils and teachers with this programme.

A date for your diary!

Oakura School Gala - starts 11am on 6 November



Year 5 Rugby Tream - Felix Page, Mason Farrant, Matthew Hau, Joel Bennett, Jeremy Reilly, Jack Thomson, Keegan Bruckner, Patrick Costellloe, Matthew Everest, Thomas McDougall, Cameron Meads, Tai Juneau, Jackson Hine, Dom Squatriti and Niko Mead.









Some neat little pieces of writing from a couple of our Year 2 students.

Colours feel like ...

Bright purple would feel like snuggling up in bed. I am blue. Blue feels like swimming in water. Crimson feels like you are in a rose. Golden feels like you're touching the sun and you're burning yourself.

By Evie Lindsay

Purple, purple makes me cold and colder like the mountain. Red, red burning high like the hot, hot sun.

By Mia West

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Brittany McLean had a bad hair day.

CAN ANYONE IDENTIFY THIS UNHOLY GHOUL WHO GATE-CRASHED THE PARTY? He left a slimey, stinking, green shoe behind on the school steps (size 17),

The princess had a boogey with him and immediately fell in love. Now she desperately wants to find the owner of the shoe.





Phone Jeremy 027 475 0243. Home (06) 752 7142.

Omata School 11th Grade Soccer Team.



THE FANCY DRESS PARTY



Fund raising – phew, that sends shivers down a lot of people's backs. But it has to be done and it has been a big focus this month at the playcentre. Thanks to Melissa Newton, Mel Breeze, Jo Kelly and Lil Logan, just to name a few, for all they did. The Playcentre is now a few hundred dollars better off, or less in debt, more to the point!

Anyway to what matters – children. This month also included the once a term Planning and Evaluation meeting. Again, meetings aren't everyone's favourite past-time, but this one is the really important one as we plan what our children need individually and how the Playcentre can change to help them and everyone as a group. What emerged from this meeting was that a lot of children enjoy music, dance and dressing up to entertain.So a large stage was generously donated by the Oldfield family and now takes pride of place in the Playcentre. Many, if not all of the children are benefitting from it in some way. So planning does work.

The Playcentre is going from strength to strength at the moment, with lots of new families enrolling. The new building definitely helps

with this and everyone is enjoying it. Which brings me to the loss of the main person behind the project. Mandy Robinson, the president and driving force for along time, resigned last month. We thank her for all she has done for the Playcentre.

So the Playcentre is now open Monday and Wednesday 9am to 12am. We always welcome new faces (especially if they have any training behind them or are willing to be trained towards the education diploma, which is free to Playcentre members). Contact Melissa on 752 1056.





Stars in their own right - Kate Newman, Brianna Breeze and Anna Newton.





Jens Packheiser-Hall - a creative moment.

Emily Breeze and Anna Newton take centre stage.

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Discovery of prize balloons

A favourable south-westerly wind meant Oakura residents were the lucky recipients of some prize-filled balloons floating above the village last month. A group of youngsters enjoying the last few days of their school holidays became some of the first to discover one of the balloons that were released from New Plymouth's Churchill Heights. More than 100 red and blue helium-filled balloons were set loose in celebration of ReMAX Team Realty's first birthday in the region.

Twelve year-old Thomas Smith was kicking a soccer ball around with friends at Oakura School when he made the discovery on the playing fields. Excited by the find, yet oblivious to the campaign, Thomas redeemed his voucher at the Devon Street REMAX offices the following day. Following a prize draw whereby recipients had to select a mystery prize envelope from a basket, Thomas took home a Warehouse cash voucher. He has since split the prize equally with his friend Johnny who helped spot the popped winning balloon.

Four other balloons were discovered in the Oakura and Okato districts, mostly on farmland and nearby popular surf spots. Other lucky recipients were Kerry-Anne Cocker of Weld Road, Rolston and Pru Wright of Oakura village and Kelly Luckin of Leith Road.

Oakura Plunket

The local Oakura Plunket committee organises regular coffee mornings on Fridays at the St James Church Hall on the main road in Oakura. These start at 9am and go until about 10.30am, with lots of toys for the children and a cuppa, cake and a chat for the parents.

A warm welcome to all the new faces we have been seeing over this term and also thanks to our regulars, the support is much appreciated. The last coffee morning for this term will be on 23 September and then we will start up again next term on 14 October. So mark it on the calendar and come along with your littlies – we would love to see you there.

The ANZ 5s for Under Fives Appeal was launched in June. This campaign encourages New Zealanders to collect together their 5 cent pieces and take them in to ANZ bank branches in support of their local Plunket. All coins collected will go to Plunket and stay in the region where they were collected. So come on and start collecting those 5 cent pieces and take them in to an ANZ branch in New Plymouth so that our area can benefit from your donation. If you would like further information on this, please phone Catherine Keenan on 752 7034.

Our Annual Appeal night is coming around again on Tuesday 18 October. More about that in the next issue.

Until next time

Catherine Keenan, Oakura Plunket Committee



Election Time -

September the 17th is an opportunity to have a say about who represents your views in parliament. Not all the major parties have candidates in our area, but you still have an effective party vote to use as well. We hope that these messages from the candidate and parties will help you in your decision.

Sarah Brown, The Green Party candidate for New Plymouth

Petrol prices have risen again and look set to continue on the same upward trend as a knock-on effect of the rises in crude oil prices. We in the Green Party believe that there is no sense in pouring money into new roading, when the future is most likely to bring fuel rationing or car-less days. We need more investment in public transport and the sooner we acknowledge this, the more comfortable our future will be.

The cost of meeting our electricity demands will continue to rise as gas and oil increase in price and decrease in availability. Burning coal and damming more rivers to make up the deficit is highly undesirable. We are in a good position right now to move towards sustainable methods of generation and efficient use of energy, all we need is the will to do so.

A party vote for the Green Party allows us to put our policies for the long-term into practice. We are working for a sustainable and healthy tomorrow for people and planet, and have well thought-out policies to bring this vision about. Visit <u>www.greens.org.nz</u> to learn more about Green Party policy and please give us your party vote on 17 September.



Sorting out the candidates & the parties



HON. HARRY DUYNHOVEN MP for New Plymouth

Following the election on 17 September I hope to continue to serve you as New Plymouth's member of parliament.

New Zealand today is a diverse, adventurous, colourful nation creating a bright future for itself. This is extremely obvious in our area from the increased interest in tourism, filmmaking, building and investment, etc.

Clearly Labour is keen to carry on the strengthening of the economy (Taranaki leading the way), the record job growth, the building of quality services and living standards, and the reduction of crime that have been at the heart of our government's programme – and will continue to be.

To that end Labour has released its commitment card with seven pledges for the next term:

- 1. No interest on student loans for New Zealand basedgraduates;
- 2. 7,500 extra cataract operations and 10,000 extra major joint operations;
- 3. A final date for lodging historical Treaty claims of 1 September 2008 and a commitment to finishing all settlements by 2020;
- 4. An increase in the maximum rates rebate to \$500 and increased income eligibility thresholds;



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- 5. \$1,000 kick start for everyone joining KiwiSaver and up to \$10,000 as a grant for couples (\$5,000 for single people) saving to buy their first home
- 6. 5,000 extra Modern Apprentices;
- 7. 250 extra community police on the streets.

This is what Labour offers and with your support, this is what New Zealand will vote for on 17 September.

The ACT Party

Kerry O'Connor

The ACT Party is dynamic, fresh and has a positive vision for New Zealand. ACT's core principles are freedom, choice and responsibility. I believe in ACT, because it is the only party looking to the future of New Zealand as well as what is happening now.

ACT believes that:

- You should have the freedom to build whatever you want on your own property without having to consult local iwi or get resource consent.
- You have the right to choose which school your children go to.
- You, and all New Zealanders, have the right to healthcare when it is needed whether from public or private organisations.
- Welfare should be a safety net and not a hammock.
- People should take personal responsibility for their actions.
- Property rights should be protected.
- People should ask the farmer before stepping onto their property.
- The money you earn belongs to you, not the government.
- Government, and opposition, should be kept accountable.

Under MMP, every Kiwi has two votes this election – a party vote and an electorate vote. This election please stand up for a free and prosperous New Zealand and give your party vote to ACT.



The candidates & the parties

Moira Irving - National Party Candidate New Plymouth

I am a local person, born and bred, and I love living and working in New Plymouth. I don't believe there is a more vibrant community anywhere in the country.

I wish to ensure that we continue to figure nationally as a leading community. We have very strong local government but we also need strong representation at central government level. It is my view that we are not currently getting the level of support and advocacy from the present member of parliament that the electorate deserves and is entitled to.

It is my goal to be a member of parliament who advocates strongly for her local electorate. Let's not be naive and assume that I can always get the right answer, but my goal is to strongly represent my community.

I believe the goals of the National Party reflect the goals of the electorate. Reward people for hard work and effort through lower taxes; minimise government intervention in business; ensure there is support for those who can genuinely not support themselves; provide children with access to quality education and ensure access to quality health services for all.

Let's support individual responsibility and decision making and minimise the nanny state.



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Destiny Party

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More money alone will not help our families. We must restore and uphold traditional family values for the sake of the next generation.

Destiny NZ will protect the institution of

marriage (between one man and one woman) which is the universally tried and proven stable basis for raising children. We will uphold the rule of law and administer justice to create a safe environment for families to live, work and play. We will empower families by fostering a marriage culture and prosper families through lower taxes.

Personally I offer the following in Government:

Tried and proven in business and the community

Loyal to the people of New Zealand and our Nations Founding Values

Passionate about families and the well being of children

Committed to restoring principled politics based on honesty, integrity and honour

HERE'S A LIST OF ALL 22 REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES FOR YOU TO PONDER OVER

● 99 MP Party ● ACT New Zealand ● Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party ● Christian Heritage New Zealand ● Destiny New Zealand • Direct Democracy Party • Jim Anderton's Progressive • Libertarianz • Mâori Party • New Zealand Family Rights Protection Party ● New Zealand First Party ● New Zealand Labour Party ● One New Zealand Party ● OUTDOOR RECREATION NZ ● Te Tawharau ● The Alliance ● The Greens, The Green Party of Aotearoa/New Zealand ● The New Zealand Democratic Party for Social Credit • The New Zealand National Party • The Republic of New Zealand Party ● UNITED FUTURE NEW ZEALAND ● WIN Party



The candidates & the parties

NZ First

This is an election about leadership and the preservation of the Kiwi lifestyle. We need to protect the rights of our citizens:

The right to be safe in our homes and on our streets. It is time to mount a war against lawlessness by doubling our police force and providing them with the tools to do the job.

The right to decide the future shape of our country. It is time to end ad hoc policy-making on immigration and to stop using it as an excuse for failing to train, skill and employ our own people.

The right to decide our own destinies. It is time to end the transfer of New Zealand business to overseas interests and to stop signing up to international agreements that clearly are not in our best interests.

The right to a dignified retirement. New Zealand First's Golden Age Card guarantees superannuation at an increasing rate (to 68% of the net average wage immediately and to 72.5% thereafter), improves affordable access to quality health, elder care and other services, and provides a variety of concessions.

It is an election to cast your vote for New Zealand – give your party vote to New Zealand First



That's it! The rest is up to you - GO VOTE!



"Flower lounging" in Oakura

Looking for flowers for your home, office or special event?

You're bound to be find just want you want "lounging around" in our very own Oakura.

Local designer florist, Tanya Davis has recently established her new business "Flowerlounge". Catering to specialty events, corporate, dinner parties and weddings, Tanya brings many years of floral experience to her fabulous bouquets and arrangements with an extra special twist.

Having worked for many years with some of New Plymouth's renowned florists and as a floral grader at the Taranaki flower markets, Tanya said she felt ready to go out on her own and hence "Flowerlounge" was born.

"I wanted to be able to have the freedom to create arrangements that were a bit different to the norm. In my arrangements, you will find small details like starfish or fruits that give it that little something different", says Tanya.

And where did she get her green fingers from? It seems it runs in the family as Tanya's mum has a knack for floral arranging too. "Mum is keen to help out where she can and she lives nearby, which is great".

Tanya works from her home on Koru Road, where she lives with her husband John and seven-year old son Caleb, and is available to travel for consultations with new and existing clients. "Anything from the simple to the extravagant, I can create and all at affordable prices". Tanya is also supplying the Oakura Four Square with bouquets, but encourages people to call Flowerlounge on **752 7087** if you have any specific requirements she can help with.

fresh fruit and veges deli range

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FOUND ...

A pair of sneakers on the sand at Corbett Park on 21 August. About size 2, grey with a bit of red trim and nearly brand new. Call Debbie on 752 7425



LANETTE





Health Issues from Oakura Pharmacy

Probiotics - the "friendly" bacteria

Probiotics are a range of supplements that contain beneficial or "friendly" bacteria, including Lactobacillus, Acidophilus and Bifidobacterium. These bacteria naturally inhabit our intestines, explains Colleen, but can be "killed off" by prescription drugs, especially antibiotics that are not selective enough and so destroy the essential bacteria as well as the "bad bugs". Long term antacid use or a diet high in refined sugars and low in fibre will also reduce their numbers, adds Colleen.

The first signs of a reduction in essential bacteria can include oral or vaginal thrush, yeast overgrowth (Candida albicans), a persistent nappy rash, bloating and/ or chronic flatulence, warns Catherine. To restore these friendly micro-organisms to the intestines and help prevent further infections, acidophilus yoghurt is often recommended. But don't rely on yoghurt to contain sufficient live bacteria in significant numbers, says Catherine, as yoghurt is a food.

The only way to be sure you are getting the right bacteria in the right concentration is to use supplements. Beyond replacing the good bacteria that antibiotics destroy, these natural supplements contain live bacteria that compete with disease-causing organisms and can have far-reaching positive benefits for immunity and health.

Benefits include:

- Helping reduce or alleviate side effects from antibiotic use.
- Assisting with irritable bowel syndrome and Candida overgrowth.
- Restoring intestinal balance and aiding recovery from gastric infections (vomiting and diarrhoea).
- Preventing or reducing severity of dysentery when travelling in other countries.





Reiki is believed to have begun in Tibet several thousand years ago. Seers in the Orient studied energies and developed a system of sounds and symbols for universal healing energies. Various healing systems, which crossed many different cultures, emerged from this single root system. Unfortunately the original source itself was lost.



Dr Mikao Usui a Japanese Christian eduacator in Ky-oto, Japan rediscovered the root system in the late 1800s. Dr Usui conducted years of study in mona-steries and libraries in the US, China, Tibet and India. Culminating in 21 days of meditation on the sacred Mount Koriyama in nor-thern Japan. Finally the secrets were revealed

to him and he was then able to instruct others in this ancient healing art.

Reiki practitioners channel energy in a particular pattern to heal and harmonise. Unlike other healing therapies based on the premise of a human energy field, Reiki seeks to restore order to the body whose vital energy has become unbalanced.

Reiki energy has several basic effects: it brings about deep relaxation, destroys energy blockages, detoxifies the system, provides new vitality in the form of healing universal life energy, and increases the vibrational frequency of the body.

The laying of hands is used in Reiki therapy also as in spiritual healing. There is a difference though. In spiritual healing, a person with a strong energy field places his or her hands above a particular part of the recipients body in order to release energy into it. So, here the healer is the one who is sending out the energy. In Reiki, however, the healer places the hands above the recipient; however, it is the recipient that draws the energy as needed (mainly unconsciously). Thus, in this case the individual being healed takes an active part in the healing process as opposed to having a passive part in spirtual healing.

Reiki is also a tool for spiritual growth. The attunements provide a means of opening up the practitioners energy system, thus removing blockages, and connecting with higher forces.

Reiki can be used on anything and anyone. From young children who have had a cut knee to the elderly relative who is struggling with old age. Pets and lifestock, plants and seeds. Quantum physics shows us that everything is made of energy and so Reiki can work on anything!

There are four levels to consider. Reiki Level 1, the starting point, gently introduces you to working with energy and aids your system in this, after this workshop you are able to give reiki treatments to yourself and others. Reiki Level 2 is a leap in terms of the strength of energy channeled and allows the practitioner greater healing ability. Reiki Level 3 is for personal development. Finally the Reiki Master Certificate which enables you to teach Reiki.

By Kate Evans





Pouakai History: Plane wreckage found 32 years later

It was a startling discovery for Errol Clince – the shiny white object he had pulled from the wreckage in the Pouakai bush was in fact a human leg bone upon a closer look. Unbeknownst to the twenty-year-old Forest Service Hunter, this was a miraculous discovery that laid to rest the mystery surrounding the disappearance of a small aircraft some 32 years earlier.

Errol had stumbled upon the wreck of the Airspeed Oxford that disappeared without trace on 23 October 1942. It was not until January 1974, while Errol was hunting goats on the Pouakai Rangers, that the plane's wreckage and the remains of all four crew members would to be uncovered.

The Airspeed Oxford had been on a training run that left New Plymouth airport and was undergoing shooting practice at towed targets over the sea when it got lost in heavy cloud, never to be seen again. The bodies of all four crew members; Pilot Officer Rodney Dandy, Sgt Douglas Martyn, Sgt Graham Martin and Sgt Edward Dodson were pulled from the wreckage near the Mangorei Stream on the northern side of the Pouakais more than three decades after they went missing. Much of the main body of the wreckage was still intact, with even the turret and machine gun from the plane undamaged.





Com Sports

Sasha Barleyman

A girl with a goal



Oakura School student Sasha Barleyman has just finished the netball season on a high, having reached the top level for her age in the district – the Kingsway Year 8A Taranaki Representative side. Sasha was selected from approximately 100 girls from all around the province. The selection process involved trialling and participating in a skills day.

Being part of the Taranaki Rep team has meant travelling to Taupo and Wanganui for tournaments. The team had two wins, one draw and one loss in the first tournament and three wins and one loss in the second tournament – very good results for Taranaki.

Sasha plays goal attack (GA) and is very focussed on her netball. She spends part of every day practising goal shooting and fitness training. Mum Bridgit says Sasha is very motivated and performs well under pressure, plus she likes playing in the rain and isn't put off by heavy netballs or the chill factor.

Sasha says she has a lot of fun playing netball, she likes going away to other centres and enjoys making new friends and playing with other skilled players. Her netball hero is Irene Van Dyke because she is such a good player and never gives up.

Sasha has also been a representative player for the Taranaki Indoor Netball Under 13. team and she says that playing indoor netball has helped her outdoor netball too. Sasha plans to go to New Plymouth Girls High School next year and has her mind set on being in the A netball team and eventually in age group rep teams. But netball isn't her only interest, she also plays basketball and her dad Warren says she's a pretty keen cook and good at it too!

By Kim Ferens





Oakura Pony Club

OPENING DAY

We are fast approaching the time of year when ponies and horses around the community are being brought in from their winter slumbers and put back into work to regain their fitness and arena skills. There are a number of new ponies and horses about the village this year as life style block development continues about the village and club members replace their mounts to ride at higher levels. This is a very good opportunity for new residents with children and ponies to visit the club and talk to parents and riding instructors. The club can offer excellent equine knowledge and horsemanship tuition and fun competition at all levels. Some of our senior riders will be departing the pony club scene this year as they prepare for life at university, work opportunities or simply head for greener pastures. We are sorry to see these riders and their mounts, usually well established and successful combinations in the provincial and national championship arenas, depart. You have contributed to the high profile of our club at the very top level and have been great role models for our younger members. Thank you for your efforts.

The pony clubs opening day mounted rally is scheduled for Saturday 24th of September at the pony club grounds and arena 10.30am. This is an important day in the club calendar as new members are welcomed into the club, new mounts are introduced, gear can be checked and parents can get together. It is also a day to establish our full club membership figures for the New Zealand Pony Club Association, so a full muster of members and parent(s) would be appreciated. This day will also involve a tidy up around the arena and clubhouse while riders and mounts are busy with our instructors. Spades and rakes will be the order of the day. There will also be a tea and coffee get together for all afterwards, so a small plate would also be appreciated.

The Pony club's first big event which attracts competitors from around the province will be the Oakura Pony Club Jumping Day, scheduled for Sunday the 16th of October. This is a very popular event in the Taranaki pony club calendar and is to be held at the Waitara Pony Club grounds. Many of our local businesses and families sponsor the prizes for the various classes at this event. We sincerely thank you for your support.

I would also welcome the new members of the committee. Christine McLean is our new rally co-ordinator, and Denise Howe our new club secretary. Denise can be contacted on 752 7737 if you require any information about things pony club.

Graham Rook

OAKURA TENNIS CLUB Opening Day Saturday, September 17th at 1.00pm Everyone bring a plate Refreshments available (beer, wine, soft drinks) Phone Sue Pritt 752 7142 Just in case you hadn't heard . . .





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Lots of fun and great fitness

Starts: Thursday 6th October, 6.30pm Finishes: Thursday 15th December

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Taranaki junior ski racers do well

Six racers aged 7 to12 years competed in the first race of the Mt Ruapehu Rossignol Ski Series held at Turoa Ski area on Saturday 20 August.

The race was a Dual Slalom with skiers having two timed runs that were combined to give the results. In the hotly contested 11 to 12 year-old boys division, Henry Saleman won a Bronze medal, with Thornton Davies fifth and Jamie Hareb sixth. In the 9 to 10 year-old boys division, Tai Juneau won Gold and Jackson Braddock-Pajo won Silver, with just .09 seconds between them.

In the 7 to 8 year-old boys division, Cole Hareb won Gold in his debut race. Another Stratford Mt Club member Meyer Neeson, racing for Turoa, won silver in the 7 to 8 year-old girls division.

The next race in the series is a Banked Slalom to be held at Whakapapa Ski area on 10 September, then a Stubbie Slalom and a Giant Slalom will be held from 25 to 28 September to complete the series.

If there are any other junior ski racers who want to participate, please contact Race Coordinator Clive Saleman on 06 752 7140.



Oakura Boardriders Club

The Year that's been.

The Oakura Boardriders have just had their AGM with the election of new officers for the forthcoming year,

President – Paul Christophers

Secretary – Mike Christiansen

Treasurer – Mark Braddock

Committee

Fiona Turner, Grant Stewart, Greg Page, Paul Lobb, Jan Anderson and Chris Davies

Junior Committee

Paige Hareb, Anita Crawford, Cam Stewart and Tyler Anderson.

This last year has been busy with the Oakura Boardriders involved with assisting and organizing the NZ National Surfing Championships in January here in Taranaki where we had several of our club members perform well in various divisions. Finalists included Chris Davies, John Lovell, Greg Page and Paige Hareb.

After the Nationals there was a Taranaki Longboard competition with Chris Davies, Lyndie Foster-Page and Tyler Anderson making finals. With Chris winning the Open division.

The Club Champs were held at the gap early April. It was great to see so many entries in all the divisions making a real competition of it, even though conditions were marginal at times some good surfing went down with Simon Deken finally winning the open and his comments after that he was more stressed in this local club comp than some of the SNZ comps he goes in, showing

your' local club champs are held in some regard. We had strong entries in all age groups, especially those with advanced years showing we're still out there having fun. Excellent to have new members having a go too, and to see some members back after being missing for the last few years.

A good night was had by all who attended the band night with the 'Boardy boys' rocking down till late and no doubt affecting a few competitors performance the next day...

The April school holidays saw a fair amount of activity also, four of our junior club members (Paige, Tyler, Oliver and Josh.) took part in a coaching camp run by Jason Patterson of the Southern Coast Surf Clinic. From what I have seen and heard it was a huge success with the kids working hard, taking things on board and getting a lot out of it.

This was followed by the Taranaki Rip Curl Grom Search comp held in NP in bitterly cold and marginal conditions with Paige again making finals and also great to see Casey Stevens also making her final which is another excellent result. The Grom Search series is great for surfing in NZ and the kids that compete love it, good on the parents that take them as it is a big

commitment but as is shown our kids that do compete are all up there with several in the top 10 in NZ and Paige dominating the Girls divisions at present.

Straight into the National Secondary School Scholastics Surfing Champs held here in Taranaki and hosted by our club. A few of our members, Tyler Anderson, Paige Hareb, Anita Crawford, Simon Bennett, Keone Campbell, Nick Moses, and Genevieve Smithers were in the Taranaki team. It started with the Powhiri and Mayoral welcome, I heard excellent reports that Paul Christophers made a great first impression with a good speech, also Greg Page stepping into the role of MC at the prize giving doing a fantastic job.

It was a huge mission for a small club but it all came together well with our thanks going to Fiona Turner and Mike Hareb, Mark and Victoria Braddock, Alan Bennett, Paddy Brien, Greg Page, and Chris Davies, who went out of their way to make this event a success. Jan Anderson organised the food tent with great support from a small team who donated baking which was very much enjoyed. Thanks to, Louise Brankin, Debbie Kettlewell, Tarin Page, Teena Bennett, Chrissie Davies, Sheryl Day, Wendy Askew and Rochelle Landers. Many club members helped with cooking on the BBQ, selling food and drinks,



putting up and pulling down the tent in interesting weather conditions. It was great to hear of the younger members helping on the stall also, Connor and Thornton certainly did their bit as did Tyler, Paige, Cam, Damon and Ruben. A gold medal should also go to Chappy Crawford who got up in the dark to

Masters: Mike Hareb, Brent Anderson, Brett Hollis and Glen Johns.



make the judges delicious meals for the day, everyday before she headed off to work. Thanks also to Mike and Ton (Hareb Deken Motors) for the use of the Red Van, sorry about the muffler!

Great results for Club members in the comp were Paige winning the Girls title in her division and Genevieve making her final, Simon his final, Tyler ended up the highest placed of the Taranaki U14's likewise Keone the highest placed of the U16's, hope I didn't miss anyone but good efforts again by our club members.

So a huge effort by many people who helped to make the club some needed funds. This will no doubt go back into numerous purchases, training, and functions for our members.

A few weeks later more of our club Grommets entered the Quiksilver "King of the Groms" held once again on our doorstep in Taranaki. This time taking it down to the dump in Opunake in good sized challenging conditions, nice and sizable for our keen young locals. Entered from our club were Tom Dobson, Nick Moses, Keone Campbell, Oliver Brankin and Tyler Anderson. It was one division for all under 16's only and the winner won a trip to France to surf in the "World King of the Groms" event. Our guys put up a good show with Tyler and Keone making it though to the finals eventually coming 3rd and 4th respectively, with Oliver making the semi finals so an awesome effort against top class competition. (Maybe Jasons training really did help) The finalists surfed 5 heats in big surf so shows fitness is a major factor.

The Club is hosting the Primary School Champs on the 12-13th November so all you kids in Oakura school start practicing and indicate your interest to Mrs Day (Pete) and we'll be looking at a team later in the year.

The Club continues to thrive with good community support and is only what its members make it, if you are keen to join or be more involved feel free to contact a committee member.

I'd like to thank all club members and our sponsors for their support and wish Paul and the new committee great success this year.

Brent Anderson

President 2004-2005



CLUBS AND GROUPS CALENDER

Plunket coffee Mornings:

Friday mornings 9.00 -10.30am at St James Church hall.

Mini Groovers:

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

St John's Omata:

Morning worship 10am 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

St James Church Oakura:

Morning worship 10am 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Kung Fu:

Thursdays 6-7.30pm for 12 years and over. 454 Plymouth Rd, phone Joanna Smith-Holley 752 1016.

Kick Boxing & Self Defence:

Mondays 6-7.30pm, for 12 yrs and over. 454 Plymouth Rd, phone Joanna Smith-Holley 752 1016.

JKA KARATE

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

Senior Citizens:

Meet tuesdays in St James Church lounge for cards and bowls. All welcome, phone 752 7864 for enquiries.

Twilight Bowls:

Thursdays 5pm at the Oakura Bowling and Social Club. All Welcome.



Ian Kurth

A stalwart of the Omata community, Ian Kurth's death has left the area a less rich place. Wife Jean and friend Graeme McDowell share Ian's life with our TOM readers.

Ian was the son of Barclay and Gertie Kurth who arrived in Omata in 1915 and bought a farm on Barrett Road. Ian grew up on his parents' farm, where he spent most of his life milking cows and doing general farm work. He would walk to Omata School each day across the hilly paddocks. Later, for the short duration of his secondary education, Ian ran or biked to New Plymouth Boys High School . His teen years saw him playing football and cricket.

During the Second World War he did herd testing, riding a horse and cart around the district, from farm to farm in time for the next herd's milking. Buckets would be rattling away on the cart and the gramophone would be playing the old 78 records as the horse jogged along.

After marrying Jean, the couple's first farm job was on the Upper Mangorei Road, where they stayed for two years. Other farm jobs were in Tikorangi and Pungarehu before they moved back to the home farm on Barrett Road. During this time Ian became a Harrier and enjoyed many weekly runs across country with others, collecting many prizes for his efforts. He ran marathons and played a part in the athletics club held in Pukekura Park.

When his son John started school at Omata, Ian became a member of the Omata School Committee and served on two Jubilee Committees. In 2003 when he was part of the 150th Jubilee Committee, Ian jokingly said he would be back to help out on the next Jubilee committee! During these years Ian also set up the school's weekly athletics evening, which was popular for many years.

Jean remembers them buying a 94-acre run for winter grazing. It was covered in gorse, blackberry and ragwort and had broken-down fences. Ian and the family spent many long hours clearing the land. Unfortunately, while removing a large concrete water trough, Ian slipped causing the trough to crash on top of his leg. The resulting fracture was 21 inches long. Another close call was when the tractor mower swung around unexpectedly and gashed his upper leg narrowly missing the artery.

Ian became a member of the Omata Dairy Board Committee and moved on with them when they amalgamated with Inglewood. Ian took on hay and silage contracting around the neighbourhood. After retiring from farming Ian worked on the farm supply counter at the Farmer's Co-Op. After a few years



of that he went out on deliveries with orders around the coast, until a heart condition put an end to that.

Not one to sit quietly and let the world go by, lan joined the West End Bowling Club where he was President for two years. He was a keen, long-standing member and he put his heart and soul into the Club. He spent day after day organising working bees, card games, maintenance and growing a Club vegetable garden. He was awarded a Life Membership badge, which he never saw or knew anything about because time had already run out for lan.

He was also a member of the St James Indoor Bowling Club, taking part once a week in the



evenings. As another side-line, lan audited annual accounts for various organisations. Other memberships and roles included I.O.O.F Lodge, Secretary of St John Fellowship, President of Brixton Benedicts, President of The Old Time Dancing Club and he also formed a farm discussion group in the district, which is still going today.

lan also had green fingers. He had one of the finest vege gardens you could possibly find. Ian enjoyed a very active dancing and social life until his health became a worry and he had to give it up. After three weeks in hospital, Ian passed away, just two days before his 79th birthday. Whatever Ian did, he did it to the best of his ability. He was a great honest Kiwi bloke.

Ian was also an active member of the St Johns Brigade and Graeme McDowell explains his involvement . . .

Ian joined the New Plymouth St Johns Brigade in the early 1950s with his father. He left St Johns to concentrate on the farm but rejoined in the early 1970s. In his time in St Johns he was a great worker and held many positions. He was the superintendent of the Division for 2 to 3 years in the 1980s. He was also Duty Officer for the Division, which was a very important position.

He gave many lectures to schools in Taranaki each year. One school always asked for Ian each year to do the First Aid lecture. There are many letters at Ian and Jean's house from schools thanking him very much. Ian also examined the public and organisations for their First Aid certificates. He was played the part of the patient for competitions many times.

Ian helped form the New Plymouth St John Fellowship and held the position of Secretary for five years. In St John, Ian did many public duties for many years. Ian was made a Serving Brother of the Order and in 1989 and 1999 Ian was presented with the New Zealand Commemoration Medal in recognition of his services to New Zealand. It was signed by the Prime Minister and the Governor General.

In July 2004, Ian retired from St John after serving since 1987.



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2 bedrooms. modern. indoor/outdoor flow.

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