

## Carnival Flair In The Air

Okato hosted its first carnival on the weekend of Saturday, 20 March 2010 at the Okato Primary School site.

Initiated by two locals, Mel Abbott and Teresa Goodin, who were approached by the Regeneration Taranaki Tour Group and the idea grew from a community action plan into the carnival, along with many other initiatives.

Teresa explains that Regeneration is about "connecting people and making the space feel alive." There is a lot of history in this area and it creates a good community space for everyone.

The Regeneration Tour is part of the National Enviro Schools initiative, and firstly Mel and Teresa were excited about the opportunity to have some hands on deck at the unattended, existing Primary School site and set to tidying the space.



*Above: Dee Turner creating a solar oven.*

*Below: Andy Beardmore received lots of smiles from happy children who got the opportunity to ride her ponies.*

*Right: Xoki Perkins with her winning entry to the Bike Art Competition, titled Intergalactic Space Explorer & Time Machine.*

*Below left: Danu Fraser takes a moment to reflect before she tries out the new slide in the recently refurbished children's play area at the old Okato Primary School.*

*(Photos by Carmin Rodgers)*



With the Ministry of Education giving permission, it was time to provide some TLC and both women, along with many helpers, set to tidying the school grounds. This took many days of labour with working bees cleaning glass from inside and outside of the classrooms, collecting litter from the grounds along with leaf litter and a small bit of weeding. The rooms were aired and vacuumed in preparation for the event. Kerry Butler and Paul McFetridge spent

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## cover story

many hours restoring the playground, shovelling many loads of new bark around the newly built slide — stainless steel for this was sponsored by Goodin Contracting — and the sandpit was also restored.

Part of the project also involved the planting of new vegetable and herb beds outside existing classrooms.

The preparation for an event like this is sometimes quite incomprehensible for those not involved, and all those who did participate in the setting up of such an event should be commended for this.

Mel and Teresa tell me that they wanted to "bring the community together, build on relationships, especially for our children to know who the locals are."

"It is also about creating opportunities and creating industry. We should be able to sustain ourselves within the community, and be able to buy local produce," says Mel.

This day definitely encouraged these beliefs. As the flyer outlined, it was open for anyone wishing to sell produce, promote their business, fundraise for school camps, etc. or demonstrate their artistic abilities in the way of music, art or dance.

Many people commented how much they enjoyed being 'in their own space' and the positive vibe it created.

The carnival was also a stepping stone to discuss how we could use the school in the future and to ascertain the public's opinion on how we could utilise and/or restore the Primary School site. These ideas and initiatives are covered in the vision story by Kerry Lilley.

Mel and Teresa would like to thank the Taranaki Environment Centre, particularly Peter Heard and the Taranaki Regeneration Tour Crew, for all of their help with preparations on the day. Thank you to the following for sponsorship and donations: Positive Futures Trust, TSB Realty Okato, Seed Coastal Organics, Okato Four

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A community meeting about the Okato Primary School site future will be held in Room 10 (Okato Primary), April 21st, 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

By Milly Carr

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# DOC National Sea Week

On 10 March 2010, Richard Carr and Angel Fischer took part in the Department of Conservation's (DOC) Fish for the Future Day. This was part of a national promotion, Sea Week, an initiative to raise awareness about sustainability issues surrounding the marine environment.

The day at Opunake Beach involved primary school children from two of the local schools, ranging in levels from Year 1 to Year 6. Richard and Angel ran an activity that addressed the gathering of kaimoana, with particular focus on paua, kina, mussels and seaweed. The children were split into five groups and were rotated through five different activities. The activities all related to sustainability of our resources in our marine environment, including making Blue Penguin nesting boxes, learning to surf cast, the effects fishing has on our environment and surf life-saving activities.

The day kicked off with a talk and accompanying slides, given by a DOC employee who had recently travelled to the Auckland Islands in the sub- Antarctic to take a census on the native fauna, including Yellow-eyed Penguins. What a fantastically remote and wild island. Apparently the trip down from Bluff on a specialised sailing vessel took 51 hours, with 49 of those hours spent doing 'abdominal exercises' by several of the crew. The islands are incredible, so wild (the wind there has to be experienced to be believed), yet so beautiful. DOC administers the islands and landing on them is strictly controlled. This was such an interesting talk and it was fascinating to get an insight into this unique environment.

With the assistance of a DOC employee from the Mount Taranaki Visitor Centre, for the rest of the day Angel and Richard took groups of up to 20 children through an activity that included a talk about the meaning of sustainability, how it relates to us gathering kaimoana from the coastline, the effects on the food chain and society through overfishing, the regulations in place that promote sustainability, and best practice techniques when gathering. A question and answer session followed and an exploratory walk through the rock pools trying to find kaimoana, which proved elusive but was fun none the less. Just as well DOC weren't relying on all of us to provide kaimoana for lunch, and had come prepared with sausages to put on the barbecue.

Everyone had a fantastic day and just about everyone learned something new. Angel and Richard were very impressed at the depth of knowledge displayed by the children, who could see



Enthusiastic volunteers for National Seaweed Week.

that the actions taken in the present, particularly through poaching, can have huge ramifications on the environment, which could ultimately lead to bans on gathering food in the future.

This is a future that none of us who enjoy gathering a feed would want to contemplate, and with this initiative by DOC, we would like to think that the future will be in good hands. If these young children are anything to go by, I am sure it will.

Thank you to DOC for a day that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

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# Warea Rocks!

Heifer Park, Warea, Saturday 20 March 2010, was the place to be! From one o'clock in the afternoon, 'til the early hours of Sunday morning, Warea rocked! A festival of principally local Taranaki music, Warea Rock has been held annually for the past three years.

But Warea Rock 2010 is only part of a story that began when Warea Bowling Club, which had existed for as many years as anyone could remember, folded due to dwindling patronage. For a number of years, the building and grounds lay abandoned and deteriorating, while some of the younger locals watched with a measure of sadness. Then three years ago, Brian (Brim) Doyle and Michael and Brian Lawn (whose fathers had been Warea Bowling Club members), together with Vincent (Willy) Kalin and Mark (Foxy) Fox (whose fathers had bowled at Okato), had an inspiration. Why not re-open the club in a new guise that would appeal to post-bowling generations, and would honour those old bowlers at the same time? Happily, their proposal to the domain board was met favourably. The idea of establishing a croquet club struck a chord and the idea was cemented during a visit to a New Plymouth croquet club.

By now, the property was a mess! The club rooms' paintwork was faded and peeling, the interior was musty and unkempt and the grass, including that of the green, had grown to about 7ft high. The domain board agreed to pay for painting and a new lawn mower but the remaining clean-up and maintenance costs, together with the time and effort it would take, were up to the proposed users of the facility. Accordingly, some serious work began. One day when some of the group were pulling weeds, old Jack Brophy passed by. He asked what was going on and on hearing the story, asked if he could become a member. With that, the club was born.

The second part of the story begins with Warea Rock 2010. Two previous festivals have raised enough funds for the clean-up and the graft has been done. The rooms are clean and fresh and the exterior paint work is newly completed. The grounds have been tamed and the green freshly mown. Not least, there is a new, painted sign welcoming one and all to Heifer Park. The defunct bowling club has been transformed into a thriving community facility again.

Today's festival, with tickets costing \$10 prior to the day or \$15 at the gate, is principally to say, "Thank you!" to the community and the project workers and to reward them with a good time. The weather, though grey and threatening rain is not overly cold, and it is uncharacteristically still, for Warea. We park our car in the designated paddock and wade towards the venue, just as those heifers for whom the park was named must have done, and an old-time country carnival scene opens up before us. Tiny babies are snuggled into their mums or dads in papoose pouches, toddlers and preschoolers dart excitedly



*Fun for parents and children alike.*



*Helping to rock Warea are Alan Ramsay on harmonica with Mike Gordon of 'The Flies'.*



*Relaxing on a hay bale are friends, Nora Fox and Eileen Aylward.*

about or whirl in circles, and teens in teeny clothing stroll in groups. Meanwhile, mums and dads, grannies and grandads sit on hay bales, at picnic tables, on portable chairs or on rugs on the ground, under an expansive marquee or give-away umbrellas. People mingle, listen to the music, dance, chat, eat and drink, or just observe one another. Meanwhile inside the building, the bar is doing a brisk trade and cheerful voices and enticing aromas emanate from the kitchen. An all-day barbecue does a brisk trade in mutton and pork sammies, and sausages with sauce rolled up in bread, there is a licensed bar, an EFTPOS facility, a courtesy van and free overnight camping facilities.

Alan Ramsay has organised the bands and there is something for everyone. Popular local, Alan Manu, kicks off and is followed by Morgana and her band, Painted Black, and Bruce and Tiffany McDonald. Born Again is next, followed by Tim Hall and Ryland Sheard. The Flies are a highlight and get the crowd on their feet, then Tihikura Hohaia from Parihaka introduces some local history and te reo Maori into his solo performance. The final act is an ACDC covers band from Wellington, Sniper Alley. Despite some technical sound problems, they are hugely entertaining. By 12.30am when we head for home, MC Leonce Doyle, fittingly attired in black jacket with black, knee length boots over black pants, is still dancing like a dervish.

"What a brilliant day!" we glow. It had been a great day for the croquet club too. The event, which had taken three months or so to organise, had entertained over 350 people. This will be poured back into the facility.

"I'm really proud of all the workers for what they did and how they looked after everything — I lift my hat up to them!" said Leonce a day or two later. "It was a relief when it was all over though," she sighed.

"So will you do it again next year?" I asked.

"Probably — nah, we'll be there!" she grinned. And so, I hope, will I, because Warea rocks!

*By Kerry Lilley*

*Photos by Kerry Lilley and Barbara Kalin*

# Taranaki Surf Film Festival, April 10-17

It's not every year that Taranaki sees such awesome women's surfing as the Women's Pro Tour will bring to Fitzroy. So, we figured Surf Film Festivals are de rigueur in Hawaii, San Diego, Bali and even Yallingup, why not the 'Naki?

Arthouse Cinema, in conjunction with Seasons Cheapskates, announces 20 surf films at the refurbished Mayfair Cinema in New Plymouth! That's a week of brand new surf flicks never before screened or sold in NZ.

There will be four pumping films screened every day at the Mayfair during the surf film festival, April 10-17 2010. There are five women's surf movies that feature really good stories of real women surfing. We have the New Zealand premiere of *Sea of Darkness*, the tale of the original surfers discovering the Mentawis, Sumatra, and G-land, and how it all turned quickly to custard once they turned to drug smuggling to fund their 'Lost Boy' lifestyles. We feature several art-surf films made by surfers specifically to promote the beauty of the ocean, the grace of surfing, and the preservation of the earth (*The Thread, The Present*).

There has never been such a feast of surf films in New Zealand and we are stoked to include *No More Heroes*, an unreleased skate film from Super 8 footage of the skating craze as it swept New Zealand. Grommits are not forgotten with the inclusion of Billabong's *Still Filthy*, and the more contentious elements in modern surfing are dealt with in the documentaries *Bra Boys*, *Bustin' Down The Door*, and the Kelly Slater/Andy Irons face-off, *Fly in the Champagne*. Northshore Hawaii features in *The Arena*, or just pure stoke with no agro in *Finding Aloha*. *The first woman to surf Mavericks is interviewed in One Winter Story*. We meet the *Hana Surf Girls*, a film so new it premiered only this February and the disc is still being pressed by the makers.

We're also showing *Lost Prophets*, *Chasing Dora*, *Shaped...* make your own Alia surfboard; watch Rob Machado get lost in Indo for six months in his film, which took several awards at the *X-Dance Action Sports Film Festival* only this February. And that's not all. Short films and promos have been thrown in by the good Californians who want us to have our own annual surf festival. Thanks, Yanks! We will tuck these in around the movies for you to enjoy.

All in all a really stoked, amping and briny surf film festival. Where do you get a programme? Available online at [www.arthousecinema.co.nz](http://www.arthousecinema.co.nz) or from a surf shop near you. All tickets are for sale at the Mayfair (73a Devon St West, New Plymouth, above Matinee) or from our sponsors, Seasons Cheapskates (corner Leach and Gover Sts, New Plymouth). Adult tickets \$15, children (under 12) \$7.50, or see five great movies for only \$11 each with our Boho Card, available from Matinee or directly from Arthouse at the Mayfair.

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## Okato Pool Season 2010

Wow! Another fantastic season comes to an end. It doesn't seem that long ago that we had our opening in last years' Labour Weekend. We opened that weekend with a pool temperature of 23-24 degrees and throughout the season the temperatures remained fairly constant at 26 degrees.

We held our first block course of Learn to Swim lessons in November, where we had some very dedicated swimmers (and the instructor) braving the elements during the first couple of days but completed with some awesome results. After the festive season, the Learn to Swim team were back in action with fully booked classes and many excited preschoolers keen to master the 'rocket ship'. With many successes in January there was a demand to carry on with more lessons in February. Once again we were fully booked. With the growing interest in our Learn to Swim programme, we are already planning our next course of lessons in November.

Aqua aerobics twice a week became the talk of the town and showed in its popularity. Lots of exercising bodies enjoyed those evening classes.

Our new sunshade is a great asset for the pool. Not only is it a great focal point, it also provides cooling relief from the sun's harsh rays and protects our young swimmers in the paddling area.

The inflatable has been popular, being jumped upon, slid down and fallen off by hundreds of energetic children, and the odd adult too!

Our most successful day was the National Children's Fun Day, and a huge thank you to Sherrie Dombroski and Caroline Charteris who put endless hours towards making the day the success it was.

The Okato Swimming Club swam twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, during our season. There are a lot of up and coming swimmers racing up and down the pool, also enjoying their race nights.

Coastal Taranaki School have again utilised our community pool and are taking seriously the need for our children to learn to swim. It was always a pleasure to see such happy faces learning and having so much fun.

The New Plymouth District Council and the many of us who have the pleasure of keeping your community pool safe and ticking over, look forward to another great summer and the 2010/11 pool season.

So, until Labour Weekend ...

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## Children's Day Celebration In Okato

Sunday, 7 March marked Children's Day and with this the Okato Pool hosted a special event, which was organised by Caroline Charteris and Sherrie Dombroski (staff members).

The Okato Pool staff organised a fun day in the last school holidays and, following its success, Caroline approached Mike Roberts (Pool Operation Manager, Aquatic Centre) with the idea of holding another one.

Mike's response was positive and he agreed to assist by printing flyers, donating sausages and providing hydroslide vouchers as spot prizes.

The day was fantastic with beautiful weather conditions and the accessibility of our wonderful local pool, and many people made the most of the opportunity to go along to join in with the celebration and fun day.

The atmosphere was busy and had a carnival feel about it, the pool buzzing with children, beach umbrellas and balloons dotted about the place, and the smell of cooking sausages wafting through the air.

Not long after arriving, the inflatable bouncy castle was erected and more fun began. Spot prizes were awarded throughout the day and a lolly scramble was also provided.

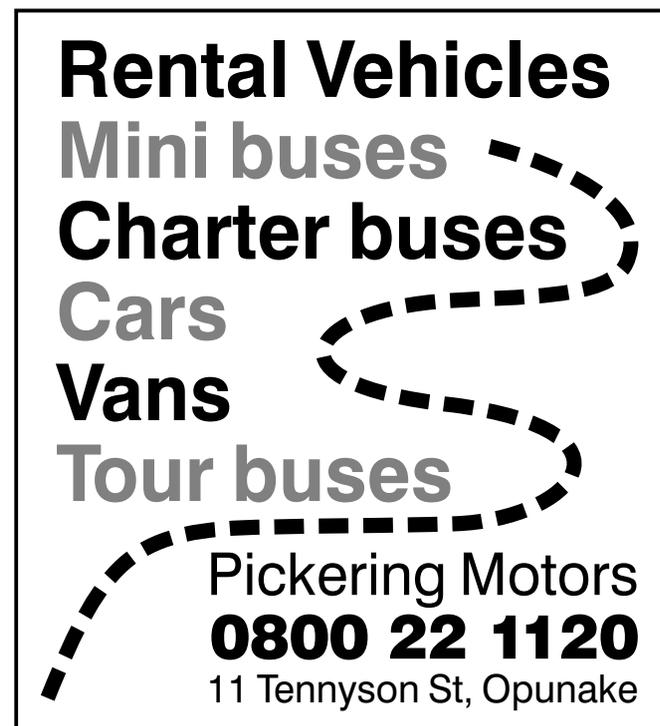
Sherrie Dombroski was overwhelmed by the positive response from local businesses that supported the day and sponsored spot prizes. A huge thank you to Stony River Hotel, Okato Service Station, Brian Hill Builders, Bruce Barron Builders, Okato Vet Clinic, FBT, Okato Four Square and Oakura Pharmacy.

The pool staff were impressed with the support from the local community. "It was the people who attended that made the day the success it was. We really didn't expect such a big crowd," said Caroline.

With approximately 250 people attending, who wouldn't be happy with that.

I asked one of the children, Jarod Brophy, what he thought of the day. "It has been great. It was really good on the inflatable and there are so many kids here".

By Milly Carr



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On 17 March students and teachers from Coastal Taranaki School went to Puniho Pa to attend a treaty signing. The treaty was for the Government to officially start negotiations with Taranaki iwi to settle past grievances, e.g. land confiscations.

Approximately 200 people showed up, including Pita Sharples. Unfortunately John Key did not attend but five schools did. Everyone from Coastal Taranaki School did their part by cleaning, preparing and looking after the babies. Gordon Phillips and Sonny Taingahue-Rongonui helped make a delicious hangi. We would like to thank everyone who attended and helped prepare for such a big event. This was a very historical occasion and we are proud to have been part of it and support our whanau at Puniho.

Naku iti

By Atalya Fakavamoeanga



Pita Sharples and New Plymouth Mayor, Peter Tennant join other attendees for the treaty signing.



Out comes the steaming hangi feast.

### Swimming Sports

The junior school held their swimming sports on 12 March. They had a wonderful day. Emma Van der Poel competed in three races and came second in one race and third in the other two. She had an awesome day. For a reward Emma got to go up to Hamilton to see her cousins.

On 11 March we had the senior swimming sports. Stephen Gibson did really well. He competed in every race. Stephen and five other swimmers will go to the Mountain to Surf Competition in Opunake and Stephen is also competing in the TSSSA one.

Thank you to Karla Ralph, Ray Hayward and Mel Zimmerman for organising these events.

By Lisa Appert (Year 7 reporter) and Holly Van der Poel (Year 8 reporter)



Matti Charnley paddling hard.



Nicola Simpson paddling a canoe for her whanau group — Whenua.

### Bodyboarder Takes Top Prize

River Stone, Chase Yeats and Jordan Hart competed in the Back Beach TSSSA School Surf and Bodyboarding Competition.

The day started off fine, but soon became really windy and freezing. Winning bodyboarder, River Stone, said that the water was like ice and he “got an ice cream headache” every time he ducked under.

Results:

River Stone — first in the bodyboarding section.

Chase Yeats — fourth in the semi-finals.

Jordan Hart — fourth in the semi-finals as well.

The top two riders from the semi-finals were sent through to the finals.

By Brianna Williams (Year 8 reporter)

# Edible Gardens

for Coastal Taranaki School Students



Using our sustainability funding from AWE, Sandi Hickey and Rowan Oldfield led a working bee to get our raised planter beds ready for classes to use. The aim is to enable students to learn about growing vegetables organically, harvesting and, where possible, preparing them.

The school is looking for donations of any old pieces of carpet to act as weed matting for this area. If you have anything available please contact Rowan Oldfield or Sandi Hickey on 06-752 4022. Thank you.

*Written by Sharleen Burrows (photos by Nathaniel Davy and Trent Brophy).*

# Fast Coastal Kid

Joseph Davy went to the Taranaki athletics finals event at Inglewood. All of the top athletes from Taranaki schools went to compete.

He placed third in the 200m and placed second in the 100m by four-hundredths of a second! According to the records Joseph Davy is now the second fastest kid in his age group in Taranaki.

*By Sheldon Brown and Trent Brophy*

# Bowls Success

On 24 March Hamish Kape, Jordan Linn and Joseph Doyle went to Stratford Avon Bowling Club to play TSSSA outdoor bowls. They had great success with Hamish coming second in the singles, and Jordan and Joseph winning the pairs. They will all represent Coastal Taranaki School and Taranaki at the regionals in Wellington, and if they qualify they get to go to Dunedin for the nationals. We wish them the best of luck for Wellington and hopefully Dunedin.

*By Stephen Gibson and Beni Kalin*

# Relay 4 Life

Coastal Cruisers was the name of our Coastal Taranaki School team for the Relay 4 Life. About 20 people from our school, including adults, participated in this event. We talked to Kgystern Manual about this event. We asked her a few questions and here's what she said:

*What was the main reason for you to form a team for the relay 4 life?*

My daughter Siobhan and her friends wanted to do it. Also since I have had cancer it was a good opportunity to give something back to the cancer society.

*How many laps did the team do?*

We don't know, we weren't counting this year.

*What did you enjoy the most?*

Being with the kids and having the whole team for the whole time was good.

*How many times have you done the relay?*

This was the third time altogether.

*How much money did you raise?*

\$800.

*By Brianna Williams and Clare Henderson (Year 8 reporters)*



*Our students at the relay (from bottom left): Jessica Gibson, Hazel Baker, (top), Siobhan Manuel, Shearyn Adlam (top), Karlee Smith and Billie Cameron.*



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# Okato Playcentre

## Healthy Kids

We have been focusing on healthy lifestyles this term. Being rather clever parents, we devised a wily strategy for getting our children to eat their veges. The idea was that the kids would grow their own veges, pick and prepare them for morning teas, and in all the excitement they would wolf them down and forget they were yucky. Other sly tricks involved helping kids to make their own fritters with a selection of grated veges to choose from, and leaving biscuits completely off the menu. We can claim only a modest success rate overall as the kids were on to us from the start, but fortunately they felt sorry for us and did munch away on quite a few vegetables!

Fruit fits in the yummy category for most kids, but we did jazz it up a bit just for fun. Threading fruit onto skewers for morning teas has been popular (with used skewers quickly binned before sword fights ensued!). We also had a fruit juicing morning, which had wee ones lining up for "more, more!"

Creating a food pyramid with the children has helped tackle the theory side. We had lots of fun with obstacle courses on the playground, and Sport Taranaki has been in to show us some good physical activities to do with the kids. We also enjoyed a swim and picnic together at Okato Pool. Still to come is our trike-athon – we will tell you all about it in the next TOM.



*Orlando Davidson (front) and Logan Komene sampling their freshly squeezed fruit and veg juice.*

## Marathon Mums!

In keeping with our healthy lifestyles focus this term, five of us mums entered in the Bayleys Mountain to Surf Marathon, to walk or run half the course each. It was a really hot day but a good downhill course, so we all managed to complete our half-marathons with quite respectable times and personal bests.

In retrospect, the marathon itself seemed relatively easy in comparison to some of the training sessions that went before it. Ideally a fast one to two hour walk/run would be done most days for a few weeks leading up to the event. Now some days there is just no opportunity to leave your children with others so you need to find a way to train with your children in tow. I know we all found it difficult to get enough child-free time for serious training. Imagine this typical scenario:

Training with Kids in Tow

Goal: Do a 5km walk with 2 year old in buggy, 4 year old on push bike.

Contingency Measures: Snacks and toys on board.

Reality: 2km along, snacks finished, toys overboard, biker out of energy, one screaming, one grizzling.

End Result: 2 year old in rugby hold under one arm, 4 year old in buggy, bike dangling from buggy handle, mum pushing all one-handed for 2km walk home.

It was great having a group of us at Playcentre preparing for the event. We met for walks, compared training times and training frustrations, and motivated each other. I'm sure our

children all benefited from watching us getting enthusiastic about exercise too. Now I'm sure the fit five would rather remain nameless, but it's much more fun to do them in, so well done to Emily Davidson, Debbie Fisher, Shelley Hooker, Kerryn Moffitt, and our President Rachel Douglas!

All welcome to Playcentre. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.30am to 12.30pm. For 0-6 years.

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## TOM Babies



*Left to right: Jacob McEldowney, Ryan Burmeister and Liam Hooker.*

Jacob Grayson McEldowney was born on 10 October 2009, five weeks and two days early by emergency c-section, weighing 5lb 5oz. Jacob is the first baby for Dale McEldowney and Carla Adlam. They live in Okato where Dale manages the family farm.

Liam David Hooker was born on 11 October 2009 weighing 9lb 10oz. Liam is the first baby for David Hooker (Fred) and Brenda Carr. David and Brenda lease a dairy farm in Okato milking 120 cows and have a small contracting business emptying effluent ponds.

Ryan James Max Burmeister was born on 19 January 2010, four weeks early, weighing 5lb 11oz. Ryan is the first child for Ben Burmeister and Deborah Carr. Ben manages the family farm on Stent Rd and Deborah works as an accountant in New Plymouth.

Jacob and Liam have become good friends, being born a day apart and spending six days in hospital — both were born by emergency c-section.

We're sure Jacob and Liam will get into a lot of mischief when they're older with the help of Liam's little cousin, Ryan.

Carla and Brenda enjoyed being in hospital together, not only to pass the time but to help each other adjust to motherhood.



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### Playcentre

Main Road, Okato (over the Stony Bridge). Tuesday and Thursday, 9.30 - 12.30pm. Contact Rachel 752 4463.

### Playgroup

St Luke's Hall, Main Road Okato. Wednesday morning, 10am - 12 noon. Contact Vanessa 752 4431 or Danelle 752 4916.

### Plunket

Meet bi-monthly at Jaclyn Fisher's home. Contact Jaclyn 752 4872.

### Okato Fire Brigade

Weekly. Monday night trainings, 7pm - 9pm. Contact Barry Harvey 752 4568.

### Historical Society

Meets quarterly in the Community Trust Hall. Contact Iris Putt 752 4182.

### St Patrick's Church, Okato

Daily mass 8.30am. Saturday evening mass 7pm. Inquiries to Steak Goodin 752 8160 or Nora Fox 752 4062.

### St Paul's Church

10am services. Congregate first and third Sunday of the month. Contact Jan Putt 752 4188.

### New Zeal Church

Service 10.30am, Sundays at St Luke's Hall. Contact Angela and Kevin McFetridge 752 4993.

### Okato Co-operating Parish Women's Fellowship

Meet bi-monthly, first Wednesday of the month in St Luke's lounge, 1pm. Contact Lorraine Whittle 752 4359.

### Care and Craft

Get together Thursday fortnight at St Luke's lounge. 10.30am - 2.30pm. Contact Thea Fisher 752 4290.

### Highway 45 Craft

Meet weekly on Monday mornings 10am - 12noon at members' houses. Contact Iris Putt 752 4182.

### Tumahu Rural Women

Meet every second Wednesday of the month, 1pm at alternate members' houses. Contact Joyce Downes 753 4122.

### Tumahu Golf Club

Roly Harvey 752 4314. Sunday: Mens golf day, Tuesday: womens golf day. Every 2nd Wednesday of the month: mixed golf.

### JKA Karate, Okato

Monday and Wednesday 6pm - 7.30pm in Coastal Taranaki School Gymnasium. Contact Nicci 752 4529 or 027 259 6223.

### Squash Club

Monday evening club night. Contact Steve Kelly 027 2333 229.

### Tennis Club

Contact Maree Moffitt 752 8107 or Raewyn Lawn 752 4466.

### Okato Bowling Club

Club day held every Sunday at 9.30am onwards. President Bruce Peacock 752 4538, Secretary Fiona Liddall 752 4509, Convenor Cheryl Neilson 752 4218.

### Okato Lions

Contact Merv Hooker, ph 752 4086.

### Okato Pool

Learn to Swim - Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5.15 - 6pm. Swim Club: Swimming Training - 6 till 7 - 7.30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more inquiries contact Fiona Lacey 752 4535.

### St Peter's Guild

Meet fourth Friday of each month. Contact Angela Montgomery 752 7738.

### Probus

Meet every third Friday at the Oakura Golf Club. Contact Margaret Hodges 752 1371.

### Coastal Garden Circle

Meet every third Monday of the month. Contact Rae Hooker 752 4086.

### Pony Club

Contact Carey Brophy, 752 4458.

Please contact Milly 752 4425 for any additional listings or amendments.