

TOM okato

CTS Go-cart Challenge

"Drivers,
let's get
ready to
roll...."

On 25 May a challenge went down out the front of Coastal Taranaki School (CTS). This was the first time CTS has had a challenge quite like this.

This was all in our whanau groups. If you don't know what whanau is, it's when Years 0-13 are divided evenly into four different colours. The whanau colours are: Whenua (green), Awa (blue), Moana (white) and Maunga (red).

The overall winners of the race were Awa.

All groups had to build and race their own go-carts and dress their support crew in their team colours.

We would like to thank Ruth O'Connor for making this day happen.

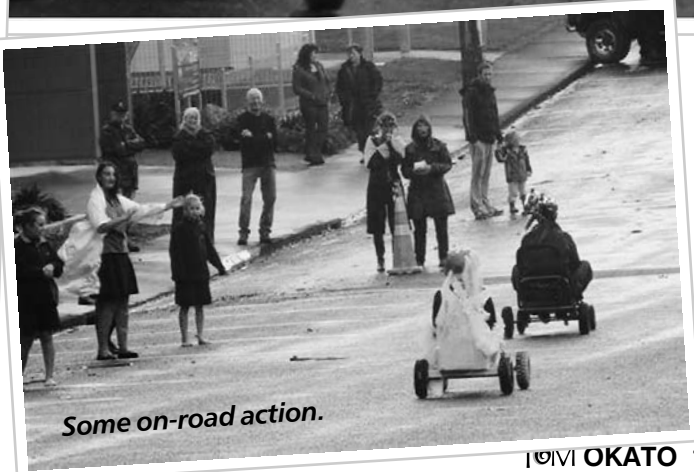
Brianna Williams, Yr 8

Maunga supporters.

Jag Yates racing a Whenua opponent.

Matt Charnley steering Kade Van der Hayden.

*Ruth O'Connor
racing for
Moana.*



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Wellyboots Walk for Oxfam

The advertisement said, "Sometimes, maybe just once in a lifetime, you get the chance to achieve something really great; a chance to prove something to yourself and a chance to do something for others. Oxfam Trailwalker is your chance." Debbie Aylward, Jacky Kopu, Liesje and Sue Doyle recently took up the challenge.

Oxfam is an international organisation that supports efforts to lift some of the world's poorest people out of poverty and Oxfam Trailwalker is one of their fundraising efforts. It began in Hong Kong in 1981 and has grown into a worldwide sporting challenge. In fact, the event encompasses two challenges: that of raising \$2000 for Oxfam's work, and that of walking 100km in 36 hours, as a team of four. This year 350 teams — almost 1500 people — walked or ran the distance at Taupo.

Raising a minimum of \$2000 is a condition of entry, and this seemed almost as daunting to the team as the walk itself. But they needn't have worried; locals are not slow to open their wallets when it comes to a good cause. Shirley and Frog Goodin and Maria and Hugo Van de Poel commissioned them to do paint jobs, PGG Wrightson, Stony River Hotel, Cape Egmont Boat Club and Okato Lions provided sponsorship, individuals made donations and Wellyboots topped up the fund by running raffles. "Actually, it was quite fun," says Jacky.

Next, they needed to gather the equipment they would need during training and for the event itself. Karla and Steve Ralph provided walking poles and Smiths Shoes donated socks and gave discounts on shoes. The team also needed packs and thermals and headlights. "We have shares in Kathmandu now," Jacky quips, laughing.

Rallying the support of family and friends was important, and the caring and moral support they gave during training and the walk itself was hugely appreciated. Rallying a support team for the event itself was essential. Oxfam's preparation guide said that they would be the walking team's "saving grace and secret weapon" and that, the teammates assure me, was just what Catherine Doyle, Frank Hofmans, Helen Morgan, Hook Doyle, Hugo and Maria Van der Poel, Kgystern Manuel and Rangi Morgan turned out to be.

Last, but by no means least, there was the matter of training for the tough, physical challenge to attend to. The friends have walked together for exercise for years, and have set themselves challenges such as half marathons and marathons before. This was just another step, they felt, and one that was even more worthwhile because of its potential to benefit other people. Although they were walking fit they were not yet fit for walking 100km non-stop, so they walked at every opportunity and during the weekends they walked some more — on road and off road for 20–25km. They walked even further during the month prior to the event. A reward for doing these team walks was the café stops at the end. "Lahar is always a good place and we have had lots of great breakfasts there after training," the women tell me. But there were other cafes too. Many others!

April 10 soon came around and the Wellyboots walkers, together with seven of their eight-strong support team, gathered nervously at the starting line in Taupo's main centre. There, 1500 walking participants warmed up with a Les Mills aerobics session and while Jacky put in her best effort, her teammates fell about laughing. "She should have been an instructor," they reckon.



The team.

At 7am sharp and prepared for the worst, Wellyboots began its journey. Debbie was already carrying a foot injury incurred during a training walk up to the Kaitake trig and back, and she knew she would have to survive the distance on guts and Panadol. They needn't have worried; conditions were good, they had done the preparation and none of the group was short on mental fortitude!

The walk was challenging and varied — farmland, steep hills, flats, bush, a quarry, forestry roads, farm tracks, established walkways and a few sections developed especially for Trailwalker. "There was a lot of horse sh.. around, and a couple of stinker hills," Jacky volunteers. At times, they wished that the hills would lie down, and that someone would turn on the heaters and the lights, but not for one moment did they want to give up.

For the most part, they walked in pairs not far apart, but seven times they checked in together at official checkpoints. Each checkpoint was hosted and there was a competition to be the best. They were all great, but Wellyboots' vote had to go to the group who welcomed and warmed each and every team with a rousing haka of affirmation and encouragement. "They did it so well," Jacky says with feeling. But the best thing about the checkpoints was the opportunity to meet up with their support crew, who followed their progress on the trail, enabled them to travel lightly by carrying extra water, minor medical supplies and extra clothing, plied them with food, and handed out copious encouragement and good cheer. "They were awesome," the walkers agree. "They had an impeccable game plan, knew what they were doing, were at the checkpoints on time, were organised, and gave us everything we needed and more."

There was lots of talking along the way, a lot of it revolving around their training. "There was a lot of stirring, and a lot of sh... was flung," they grin.

At Huka Falls, they encountered a possum. Sue nearly had a heart attack when it looked her in the eye but when she ran, it ran. It appeared the reaction was mutual. A certain incident during team training was so embarrassing that it's not allowed to be repeated here. It involved the older members of the team "doing something quite stupid" while Liesje, the youngest, "just stood back and watched it all unfold." It became a mantra for the entire walk. With her eyesight already challenged, Jacky became uncharacteristically quiet during the dark hours. A highlight, especially for Liesje, was when somewhere between the second and third checkpoints, her partner, Rangī, turned up to support the team. "You should have seen the look on Liesje's face," says Sue. Towards the end of the race, they would laugh at anything to lighten it up. Coming into the last 3km of the walk and tired to the bone, they found themselves

walking by the lake, with two cars carrying their supporters travelling with them. The team was reunited, in effect, and it was a fitting way to finish.

After 21 hours and 3 minutes, Debbie, Jacky, Liesje and Sue crossed the finish line together. "How did you feel?" I ask.

"The feeling was, simply, relief," says one member.

"And also a sense of achievement," says another.

"And a real sense of pride," adds a third.

"It brought tears to our eyes," says Sue, her own eyes shining.

"And we did it in such good time," adds Jacky proudly. "We had planned on 24 hours!"

"Well, we had worked hard to do it," says Debbie. "We were buzzing for days!"

That there had not been a cross word between them throughout the walk speaks as much about the friendship and camaraderie the women have developed as a team as it does about their individual tolerance and intestinal fortitude. But there's more, Liesje and her Mum created something they will share forever — that of a bond won as mother and daughter through their hard won accomplishment.

The team walked 100km and (because of a fallen tree on the trail) 100m more. Karla Ralph and her team of 2009 walked only 100km, they glow smugly!

Story by Kerry Lilley

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Okato, Centre of the Universe

It certainly felt like the centre of the universe with the energy, vibes and action happening everywhere, when we (myself, husband and 2 year old) arrived for our week 'back home' in time for the Okato Carnival and Regeneration tour. What a buzzing day with the farmers' market, local stalls, and artists in all forms, as well as bouncy castles, horse rides, face painting, drama, karate displays, and much more. To top off Carnival Day there was beautiful local music, finishing with a three-piece jazz band which transported us into the balmy evening, relaxing on the grass.

When I'm asked what is so special about Okato, and explain it, most people want to move there. Lahar Café offering the best 'coffee with atmosphere' around, incredible artists on your doorstep, perfect surfing days and stunning mountain views are only the tip of the iceberg of special things about Okato. Growing vegetables is a common theme with exceptional soil making it hard not to reap huge rewards. Village Health and its amazing array of therapies, two excellent yoga teachers in town, Seed Organics, as well as the good old Kiwi fish and chip shop — which they say is going to be back in business soon — what more could you want in a small rural town?

But there is more. Behind all those doors are all types of interesting people whom you occasionally have the pleasure of having a conversation with. Some were born here and others were drawn here, but the mix of nationalities, experiences and ages doesn't seem to make people in Okato all that different from each other. What I see is a whole mix of people wanting to live a full and enjoyable life, and some to grow a family in a place they consider the best.

And now there's something that will bring everyone in our community even closer. The old Okato Primary School is being claimed back to the community, to become a Community Centre. Two women, Mel Abbot and Teresa Goodin, have already set the wheels in motion for this to happen. Already they have the Ministry of Education on side, as well as the Historic Places Trust, both of whom have discussed possible monetary help. There is also a potential council plan to buy the buildings and build a skate park, aimed at catering for the youth of Okato. Making sure that everyone in the community is aware of what's happening, Vision Okato Trust is being formed to cover the whole community and make sure all the voices are heard. Once the Trust is underway funding will start to flow.

Having a past connection with the Okato Primary School, this news, for me, is absolutely fantastic. I only wish I was closer than North Queensland, Australia (we are on a working/family stint) to help. To have the buildings back in use for the community is really the ultimate solution to the eyesore that has plagued the town for way too long now. There is a myriad of uses that could be applied, and with the inspirational and creative people of Okato to nurture them they're sure not to be left barren for very long!

I can already visualise our 2-year-old child, once we move back to Okato, being in an environment where it's not just about the beauty surrounding us, but about the people, young to old. Especially since we don't have family or grandparents close by. For her to be able to mix with all age groups and learn and grow from conversations and role modelling is the best upbringing we could wish for our child.

On the last evening of our holiday, just before leaving Okato,

I recalled an older member of the community who had made an impression on me. The first memory was the continuous involvement he had with the old Okato Primary School. A few years later it was when he commented on my beautiful baby when she was just born and how he had made a bet with his doctor many years ago on the gender of his fourth child. I had laughed at the humour with which he told the story. To my surprise, while ordering our last coffee on our way out of town the next morning, there he was with his lovely wife and those unforgettable sparkly eyes sitting in the corner of Lahar Café enjoying the ambience. When I said hello, he asked my name and then proceeded to tell me of their 60th wedding anniversary, soon to be celebrated. Then another old story from his father's farming days, which again he told in humour, never the less a piece of fascinating history.

This took us on our way, with the renewed coastal energy and the knowledge that the community will still be there and going strong upon our return. I look forward to seeing the progress, and the difference that you, the people of Okato, will make and are making to the community and the wonderful environment that we are lucky enough to share. We wish Mel, Teresa and everyone in Okato every success and pledge our support until we return.

By Penny Cullen



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Bellydancing Comes to Okato

The art of bellydancing originated in the Middle East and other Arabic-influenced regions centuries ago. It is commonly practised on occasions such as weddings, anniversaries, and the birth of a new child.

In some Arabic cultures, women gathered behind closed doors and danced to each other, as it was not socially acceptable for them to dance in public. With modernity, society recognises bellydancing as a celebration of life and womanhood. We are fortunate to practise this art form in both private and public settings.

Benefits of bellydancing are both mental and physical.

Bellydancing tones arms and strengthens the core (abdominal, back and pelvic muscles), while improving awareness of posture to increase flexibility. Continuing this tradition, we dance and move to both Arabic and Oriental music.

Rosalina Pang has been conducting Bellydance for Fitness sessions in Oakura and Westown and would like to bring bellydancing to the Okato community. "In our sessions, we focus on 'isolations' (moving independent muscle groups) and focus on breathing techniques."

A weekly one-hour session costs \$10 for adults and \$6 for youths (under 16). Registration is for a term of 8 weeks. Please get in touch with Rosalina at raizel@5thelement or phone 06-759 1739 to enrol. She is planning to start classes in July.



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Arthouse Cinema Film Reviews

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The Choir

(4 Stars, "Young @ Heart, the dark side" — National Radio)

Jabulani, aged 19, is sentenced for robbery to seven years in one of South Africa's toughest prisons. Raised in Soweto, a career criminal with a ragged map already on his body from a bullet, stab wounds and a broken leg from a rival gang at 13. The men of Leeuwop Prison are brutalised by 18-hour lockups, violent assaults in their dormitory cells, and their own horrific pasts. The only safe berth in prison is the wing where the choir sleeps. Michael Davie, researching for National Geographic in Zimbabwe and the Congo, followed Jabulani for over six years, filming his gradual immersion in the life of the Leeuwop Prison Choir as it prepares to compete. Go see it.

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Okato Karate Group

Okato Karate Group is close to completing its first year of training. It has been a very fulfilling and busy first year. The community has shown terrific support for our newest club. Our first call for support was answered by Steve and Michelle Adlam of Okato Earthworks with a very generous donation put towards the purchase of training pads. The Okato Lions Club topped up this donation. We thank these supporters and also the parents of our students, along with our adult students, for keeping the Group going.

Some of our achievements over the year have included:

Our first club grading at Opunake in August 2009. Fifteen of the 19 members of our club graded from white belt black tip to orange.

A second grading was held in conjunction with the Southern Region Championships, held in December at Wanganui. Eight students graded and three of us competed in the Championships the following day. Matthew Hooker gained two second placings in the Kumite and Kata, and Nicci Hooker achieved two first placings, also in the Kumite and Kata.

Our third grading took place in Oakura in March 2010. We had 12 students grade and pass. Our coloured belts now range from white through to blue belt. The belt order is: white belt, white belt with black tip, yellow, orange, green, blue, purple, brown, then black.

We have all joined Karate for a variety of reasons. For some a new challenge, discipline of the old arts, fitness, self-defence, confidence, fun, etc. Some people prefer individual sports. We have a varied class as there are many reasons for belonging to Okato Karate. We have a four-year-old boy who just wants to copy his elder brother, and school students train alongside their mums and dads. We even have a student from as far away as Uruguay.

Karate isn't a sport that will exclude anyone and once you start it is very addictive. If you would like to see what Karate involves, come along to the Coastal Taranaki School gym on a Monday or Wednesday evening 6pm-7.30pm and give it a go.

The first month of training is free and after that, the cost is very minimal. TSKFA has four clubs running around the coast. You will find us in Omata, Oakura, Okato and Opunake. We come together for our gradings and other opportunities that we may organise.

If you are interested in coming along just turn up, or call our Sensei, Jim Hoskin on 06-752 7337, or Nicci Hooker on 06-752 4529 or text 027-259 6223.



Nicci with her first placings and Matthew Hooker with his second.



Nicci Hooker performing kata.

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Taranaki McEldowney 100 Year Anniversary



Jim McEldowney and Doris Elwin's wedding in 1924 at the Puniho homestead. The couple had married at the Puniho Anglican Church which is now the Crafty Fox and it is thought that the couple were the first to be married in the church.

It was 100 years ago on 4 January this year that Joseph McEldowney of County Derry went to Liverpool from Belfast to board the S.S. Cornwall with his youngest four children and new son-in-law, and all of their possessions. They sailed for New Zealand, following Joseph's five (younger) brothers and one of their twin sisters, Susan (Mrs Moffit), who had been in NZ since 1883–1908. Another sister, Hannah Ellison, came with them to visit her son, David, but she only stayed two years.

Although Joseph's brother, John (one time Mayor of Marton), had a hand in the purchase of most of the family farms, he didn't live in Taranaki. Brother David lived in Puniho but none of John's or David's descendants remained in this district. The four of Joseph's children who came with him — Johnny, Mary Jane "Minnie" (Hamill), Ella (later Mrs Caldwell) and Jim — stayed mostly in Coastal Taranaki, as did the Moffits, and brother Alexander's daughter, Elsie (Bredin).

In 1910 another of Joseph's daughters, Letitia (Mooney), arrived in Taranaki with her family, settling at Waitoetoe.

We are planning a gathering to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of Joseph McEldowney and his family settling in the Puniho district.

Would you like to join us?

Date: 26 June 2010

Venue: Hempton Hall, Okato

Time: 10am to 5pm

Cost: \$20 (to cover hall hire and finger food luncheon, which will be catered so you won't have to make scones nor do the dishes.)

Please share this with your siblings, children, parents, etc., whom we haven't email or street addresses for.

Of course, we aren't limiting this invitation to only Joseph's descendants — so many of his siblings' families are here and we have been friends and neighbours as well as cousins for a hundred years!

So gather family members to put together stories, anecdotes and/or pictures to form displays about your family's personal history. Please talk to your cousins and siblings to prompt memories and write them down (in largish lettering able to be read from a couple of feet away).

We have some boards to pin things to — real estate signs are quite good, lightweight and fairly stiff. We aren't allowed to pin, nail or stick things on the newly painted hall walls!!

I suggest that you make copies of display items so that your precious photos don't get misplaced AND DO PUT YOUR NAMES ON BACK OF THEM.

Have you got clothes, utensils and tools from that era? There is room for large pieces.

We have hired the hall from 8am, so plenty of time for setting up displays before 10ish.

Please ring me on 06-752 4566 or email cardiff@clear.net.nz if you would like further information. We require confirmed numbers by 1 June please.

Look forward to hearing from you soon and to seeing you, Meg Cardiff (nee Margaret Hamill — the younger!)

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COASTAL TARANAKI SCHOOL

Climbing the Mountain

On February 20, 2010 I climbed Mt Taranaki with my dad and some friends from Wellington. We started walking at 7am; one hour later we had finished the first part of our mountain climb. During the climb my ears popped a lot and the hardest bit for me was climbing the scoria — it was slippery. After 4.5 hours we were at the top! It felt like being on top of the world.

At the end of the day I was very tired and very proud of myself.

Daniel Hooker



On top of the world - above, Daniel and below, the group.



Waikirikiri Lagoon Tree Planting

Coastal Taranaki School's Rooms 3 and 4 helped to plant 3000 Spinifex and Pingao at Waikirikiri Lagoon. The Regional Council organised the event to help protect the sand dunes so they stay in place at the lagoon. These plants are sand binders.

The middle school has adopted this area to look after and we would like the community to help us. People need to keep off the sand dunes as much as possible, avoid riding motorbikes in the area, and to help with future planting when possible.

Lisa Appert, Year 7

Kapa Haka

On Friday 14 May the Pai Rangitahi Kapa Haka Competition was on. The Coastal Taranaki School kapa haka group went to Boys' High School to observe. We left our school at 9am to get seats and be ready for the introduction starting at 10.30am. When we were organised the first group was ready to go.

One of the groups from Whanganui won. This was such a great experience for our kapa haka group, it has inspired us to do our best in kapa haka and we now have a goal to reach to.

Naku iti

Atalya Fakavamoeanga

Book Fair

Why do you have a Book Fair?

To get books in homes. It's also a fundraiser for the library. We get 30% of the total sold to buy books.

How often do you have the Book Fair?

Every year in Term Two.

Where do all the books come from?

Scholastic in Auckland sends them down. It is the same company that sends us the lucky book orders twice a term.

What time is the Book Fair on?

From Monday to Friday during school hours, and just before and just after school. We also have an evening event one night for all those who can't make it during the day.

How do you choose the theme?

Scholastic chooses two different themes each year and sends us decorations and activity ideas. We use these to have fun colouring and making themed decorations. This year's theme was 'Book Fair Blizzard' so we had snowmen, igloo, penguin, caribou, polar bears, etc. for decorations and activities.

How does the Coastal Taranaki School Community Library benefit?

For everything we sell, Delwyn (our Librarian) gets to choose 30% worth of books for free. We also encourage our community families to choose a book and donate it to the library. They then get their name on a nameplate, which is put into the book as acknowledgement of their donation.

How did the Book Fair go this year?

We sold a wonderful amount of books and the library received over \$1300 worth of books for free. Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Book Fair.

Fusion

On Friday, 14 May a shindig went down at New Plymouth's City West Church. It was a day and night event with dancing, loud music and guest speakers.

Fusion only happens once a year but it's a day worth waiting for. Fusion includes: God encounters, crazy games, inspirational messages, powerful leadership training and radically changed lives. The guest speakers were: John Cameron, Dave Jones, Pip Batten, John Hales, Nick Keig, Stu Murray and Laura Fairgray. There was also a brilliant band, so thank you to them. And from my point of view the night was great and I am sure that everyone enjoyed the night in their own way.

By Brianna Williams

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It has been an exhilarating start to our term as we guide our children through the curriculum goal "COMMUNICATION: Our children discover and develop different ways to be creative and expressive". We chose Pirates for our theme within this goal, and the scope for imaginative play has been terrific.

The children have transformed boxes into ships, the fort has become a pirates' treasure trove, naughty pirates have walked the playground plank, squeezed feijoas have been slurped as crocodile juice, treasure hunts for gold (chocolate) coins have been a big hit, and newly fitted fort telescopes have brought shouts of "Land ahoy!" Treasure chests full of pirate gear have encouraged lots of dressing up, and the kids have also made their own pirate hats, eye-patches, telescopes, and shark fins. Face painting has created some scary looking pirates (but somehow a few butterflies and tigers have slipped in there as well)! All of this, teamed with an array of pirate books, has given our children the language they need to role-play many daring pirate adventures. It has been very amusing to see mothers being roped in to these escapades, usually as circling sharks or snapping crocodiles chasing around the squealing pirate children.

A related science investigation also provided a good creative challenge for the children. Each parent and child was given a square foot of tinfoil to design a floating 'pirate ship'. We wanted to discover which ship design would hold the most marbles before sinking. The children loved counting and dropping their marbles into their ships. The average number of marbles held before sinking was about 12. The older children then had a crack at designing ships by themselves. Thomas Fisher proved to be a master shipbuilder, with a count of 49 marbles before his ship sank!

The children have absolutely loved the creative aspect of it all, and we are off to the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery and the School of Rock this week to further develop our creativity and self-expression!

Newcomers always welcome, sessions run Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.30am-12.30 pm. Phone Kerryn on 752 8095 for info.



Douglas Jones (left) and Thomas Fisher (right) enjoy being Playcentre pirates, before heading off to school next month.



Kids get ready to test the designs of their boats.



Thomas Fisher counts marbles into his pirate ship . . . 47, 48, 49!



The pirates set sail. Front Orlando Davidson, middle Chloe Mugeridge, back Logan Komen with mum Liz.

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Julie, Jason and Sage Sait

Julie, Jason and Sage Sait have recently arrived in Okato from the outskirts of Waitara. Jason is an ROV (Remote Operated Vehicle) pilot, working offshore for TS Marine. His job involves surveying sub-surface structures, mostly associated with the oil industry. In his spare time he enjoys fishing, diving, surfing and landscaping.

Julie has had an eclectic mix of occupations. She has worked in hospitality, as a lawyers' assistant, and as a jewellery and giftware salesperson. She has also operated a surfboard manufacturing business and has been an antique shop owner. She loves to cook, especially using home-grown produce. Her latest challenge is being stay-at-home mum to Sage, a trainee ROV pilot, who is nearly three.

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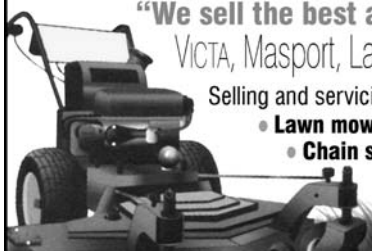
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Playgroup

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

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St Peter's Guild

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Coastal Garden Circle

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