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Fun Friday at CTS

Jasmine Stone all dressed up for Fun Friday.

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editorial



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provides our community with local news that doesn't make it to the bigger papers;

honours the work and achievements of the people of our community;

publicises the work of local organisations and honours the achievements of their members;

facilitates awareness and understanding of issues that directly affect us;

provides a forum for locals' opinions;

records history and preserves historical knowledge for future generations;

introduces new people to our community, and our community to people who are new to it.

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What can you do to keep TOM alive and well? Firstly, advertising is pivotal to keeping the magazine up and running and providing space for meaningful stories. Secondly, contributions by clubs and organisations not only provide the community with their news, they also raise their profiles and encourage membership. Thirdly, locals (especially long-term residents) who have moved away from our distribution area may appreciate the gift of an annual subscription and the pleasure of a read that will keep them in touch with us every month.

Help us ensure that you continue to enjoy your TOM Okato reads every month.

Milly and Kerry



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cover story Fun Friday at CTS

Coastal Taranaki School have adopted a new Fun Friday to their week at school.

The Fun Friday has come about as part of a Positive Behavioural System tried and practiced throughout other schools nationally and internationally.

The staff of Year 0-6 come up with a weekly goal selected from the Coastal Taranaki School values and is focussed on areas that need attention. Over the week the children need to collect 60 coupons which then entitles them to attend the Fun Friday activity discussed and selected by the students who are on the committee.

The initiative brings out positive behaviours from the children and the teachers have seen some great improvements since the initiation.

Over the past term the children have had wheels day, a fun afternoon skating, rip sticking and roller blading, movie afternoons, a visit to the Aquatic Centre in New Plymouth and Friday 20th May saw the children having fun dressing up in their favourite Fairy Tale character, movie character or Super Hero costumes.

The children had a fashion parade in the school hall and various prizes were awarded. There were some very creative costumes to be seen and the kids loved the opportunity to explore their creativity.

By Milly Carr

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Fun Friday costumes
Above, Courtenay Goble.
Centre, Georgia Strachan.
Right, Shalaya Luckin.



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Mo and Anne Donald

Anne and Mo Donald are preparing to return home after spending six months as live-in caretaker employees on an English farm estate. Anne reminisces about their experiences and gives us a quick preview of current fashions on the other side of the world before setting out for home.

"Well, we have just a few days left at Rofford Estate and it is with mixed emotions that I write this email. I cleaned my last toilets at the Manor and the Hall today but we have the dogs to walk for the next four days, which means we can wander around the estate. Mr and Mrs Mogford are in Spain so I can enjoy their beautiful garden, and summer has arrived early so I am getting to see the tulips, wisteria, roses, etc. before we leave.

The good news is that tomorrow Jessie arrives with her flatmate to spend two weeks with us, and that I'm getting closer to home. But there are some downsides. I have got really attached to Rofford and all the people here and in the village, and I'm going to miss them. The weather has just come right for us to enjoy the summer, but we won't be here. I am going to miss a special friend and cousin with whom I have spent some very special weekends, and I won't be paid for doing housework back home, unless I start up a business... Pass! Added to that, the garden here is immaculate and I don't have to pull a weed (not like at home), I have had my husband's undivided attention (well almost), and we won't be tiki touring every second weekend!!

Here, we have met the Mogford family, who have welcomed us and been very friendly. We have met the mole man, Pete, who has come to Rofford every month to try to control the mole numbers (you certainly don't want molehills on the manicured lawn!). We have met the hedge-laying man, John, who has turned up every now and then to get the young hedges laid. Previously, he was a landscape gardener who was extremely enthusiastic about his job, which he didn't start until about retirement age. We have met the girls who were responsible for planting the thousands of daffodils and wild flowers on the property, and the painter, Terry, who maintains all the properties in Oxford for them and so is almost fully employed by the Mogfords. We have also met the builder, whose skill level was questionable!!!! And the plumber, the electrician, the window cleaners, the florist, and the fish man who has released 100-odd trout into the lakes. In addition, we met the art insurers, who were introduced to me just as I was holding a toilet brush. Bad timing but very funny! And, of course, Postman Pat in his shiny red van.

We have seen and learned about minks, moles, trout, salmon, toads, pheasants, partridges, deer including monkjacks, foxes, squirrels and badgers. We have driven through places with names like Golden Balls Roundabout, Fingest, Hay on Wye, Bolten on the Wold and Turvill on Heath, where The Vicar of Dibley and Midsomer Murders series were filmed.

We have noticed that there are no verandas over footpaths, that British black taxis are now all sorts of colours, that food is cheap — even milk from NZ, which is selling in a local supermarket for cheaper than it sells in NZ — and that a wide range of produce is always available in the supermarkets.



Hugo and Hector running away from our cottage.

We have been driven in a Porsche at 160km/hr on the motorways with plenty of power to go, a BMW convertible, and a late model Mini built in Oxford. We wanted to do the tour of the Mini factory but as you've guessed, we've run out of time!

Fashion for you girls: Florals are BIG, frills and lace are BIG, scarves for spring and bright colours have finally hit the stores, and spring colours are turquoise and mustard.

Fashion for the guys: T-shirts under shirts and cardigans, long or short chinos and shorts worn with canvas, lace-up shoes.

Interior design: BOLD wallpaper, and I mean really BOLD! Dialects: I'm pretty sure we are all speaking English but I can't understand a lot of them!!!

It has been a very special time with very special people and we are leaving with very special memories!"

Since this report, Anne and Mo have spent time in the south of England and in Amsterdam and France. Next, they are heading for Copenhagen to join a nine-day cruise in the Baltic Sea. "I'm finally getting my 50th birthday present!!!" reports Anne gleefully. Tune into TOM for news of their next adventure.

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Autumn Market Day

With perfect weather conditions, the Market Day held on Saturday 30 April in the Hempton Hall, Okato proved again to be a successful initiative for Vision Okato. Approximately 30 stalls were on display inside and outside of the hall. There were many different exhibits on the various stall holders tables, from clothes to bric-a-brac, jewellery to condiments, all proving to be very popular. But what was apparent to me was the stall selling homemade chocolates was most frequently attended. I had to check it out and have a sample and with a wide assortment of chocolates to choose from, the decision was not to be taken lightly. After a bit of sampling (purely scientific) my favourite proved to be the rich, dark variety.

Some exotic entertainment in the form of a local belly dancing troupe was provided, which gave the occasion a cosmopolitan atmosphere. I'm not entirely convinced that the costumes were all that was admired!

For those needing to quench their thirsts or satiate their appetites, Vision Okato provided a range of homemade goodies which were available to purchase along with freshly squeezed vegetable and fruit juices. The kitchen area was well patronised - all that browsing and haggling is tiring and thirsty work, so an area where you could take the load off and enjoy a cuppa was a welcome attraction. The feedback from people outside of the district was positive, with many people coming from out of the local area calling in to sample the wares commenting on the enjoyable atmosphere.

Mel Abbott who is instrumental in Vision Okato hopes to run four markets over the year, with the next one focused around local homemade arts and crafts. Mel would also like to organise a market, working alongside some very enthusiastic Okato citizens when the Rhododendron and Fringe Festivals are running. "We have sky high creative talent in this community" says Mel "and this should be shared with as many others as possible." "We're keen to set some goals for the next year.

It was great to see so many locals supporting the day, not only as stall holders but also as customers.

By Milly Carr.

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Sunday, 8 May was the last day for Pony Club this season with a closed ribbon day. We had a great turnout of pony club riders and members. A great big thank you to all the sponsors for the day for donating an abundance of prizes won by all. Also many thanks to the families and supporters that keep our local pony club running. Next season we would like to encourage new members to join and keep our pony club strong. Anyone interested can contact Carrie Brophy on 06-752 4458.

Flat Classes

Best Pony Club Mount

Senior: Ashley Downes 1st, Kim Kalin 2nd.

Intermediate: Anna Lacey 1st, Ella Beaumont 2nd, Jessie Gibson 3rd.

Junior: Madison Smyth 1st, Georgia Strachan 2nd, Cullum Grayling 3rd, Kayla Deane 4th, Julia Brophy 5th.

Beginners: Jorjia Sole 1st, Stephanie Beardmore 2nd.

Best Cared For

Senior: Ashley Downes 1st, Kim Kalin 2nd.

Intermediate: Jessie Gibson 1st, Ella Beaumont 2nd, Anna Lacey 3rd.

Junior: Kayla Deane 1st, Cullum Grayling 2nd, Madison Smyth 3rd, Julia Brophy 4th, Georgia Strachan 5th.

Beginners: Stephanie Beardmore 1st, Jorjia Sole 2nd.

Best Rider

Senior: Kim Kalin 1st, Ashley Downes 2nd.

Intermediate: Ella Beaumont 1st, Jessie Gibson 2nd, Anna Lacey 3rd.

Junior: Julia Brophy 1st, Georgia Strachan 2nd, Kayla Deane 3rd, Cullum Grayling 4th, Madison Smyth 5th.

Beginners: Jorjia Sole 1st, Stephanie Beardmore 2nd.

Best Rider Over Jumps

Senior: Ashley Downes 1st, Kim Kalin 2nd.

Intermediate: Ella Beaumont 1st, Jessie Gibson 2nd, Anna Lacey 3rd.

Junior: Georgia Strachan 1st, Kayla Deane 2nd, Cullum Grayling 3rd, Madison Smyth 4th.

Beginners: Stephanie Beardmore 1st, Jorjia Sole 2nd.

Games

Senior: Ashley Downes 1st, Kim Kalin 2nd.

Intermediate: Anna Lacey 1st, Jessie Gibson 2nd, Ella Beaumont 3rd.

Junior: Georgia Strachan 1st, Madison Smyth 2nd, Kayla Deane 3rd, Julia Brophy 4th, Cullum Grayling 5th.

Beginners: Jorjia Sole 1st, Stephanie Beardmore 2nd.

Show Jumping

Senior: Kim Kalin 1st.

Intermediate: Ella Beaumont 1st, Anna Lacey 2nd, Jessie Gibson 3rd.

Junior: Georgia Strachan 1st, Cullum Grayling 2nd, Madison Smyth 3rd, Kayla Deane 4th.

Beginners: Stephanie Beardmore 1st, Jorjia Sole 2nd.

Bareback Rider

Senior: Kim Kalin 1st, Ashley Downes 2nd.

Intermediate: Jessie Gibson 1st, Ella Beaumont 2nd, Anna Lacey 3rd.

Junior: Madison Smyth 1st, Kayla Deane 2nd, Georgia Strachan 3rd.

Beginners: Stephanie Beardmore 1st, Jorjia Sole 2nd.

Trotting Race

Senior: Kim Kalin 1st, Ashley Downes 2nd.

Intermediate: Anna Lacey 1st, Ella Beaumont 2nd, Jessie Gibson 3rd.

Junior: Cullum Grayling 1st, Georgia Strachan 2nd, Kayla Deane 3rd, Madison Smyth 4th, Julia Brophy 5th.

Beginners: Jorjia Sole 1st.

Cups for Most Improved

Senior: Kim Kalin.

Intermediate: Phillipa Grayling.

Junior: Julia Brophy.

Beginner: Jorjia Sole.

Most Improved Overall

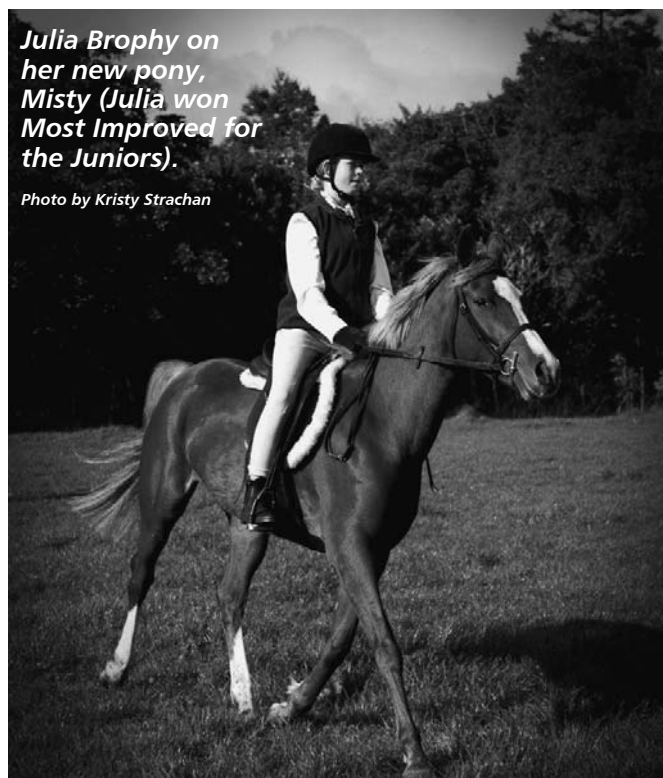
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Andrews Cup for General Excellence

Ashley Downes

Julia Brophy on her new pony, Misty (Julia won Most Improved for the Juniors).

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Okato Squash Club

The Okato Squash Club under President Pete Gibson is off to a great start to the season. We already have two tournaments under our belts. Club members performed well in the B Grade Tournament and took out most of the divisions! Planning is now underway for our Farmers' Tournament, scheduled for the first week of June, and our second B Grade Tournament, to be held the following weekend.

Juniors' games are also underway. We have around 30 juniors registered for Mondays 5.30pm–7.00pm and more are welcome. The Junior Convenor, Pete Morgan, is stoked that we have gained extra coaching help from ex-Central Districts' rep Craig Waite and also from Jackie Keenan. We are hosting a junior one-day tournament in July and the Central Districts Age Group Championships in September, and the juniors are planning a few trips away to tournaments. We will be busy!!

Gill Hurley is running a fun and casual Ladies' Morning from 10.00am–12.00noon on Mondays. If you want to try squash and to have the luxury of free babysitters as you play or learn to play, then this is the day for you. Phone Gill on 06-752 4595.

Business house starts 7.00pm Monday, 6 June and runs for 6 weeks. The cost is \$10.00. Non-club members are welcome. Late entries are also welcome as we will need a few reserves. Phone Cheryl Honeyfield on 027- 313 1362.

We have hosted (and won!) the Tennis Club Quiz Night. This was a great night and a fundraiser for both the Tennis and Squash Clubs. Our thanks go to the Tennis Club for their wonderful organisation and the prizes, and a big hand goes to Pete Henderson, who was the compere for the night.

The committee has two projects underway that are in keeping with the Club's desire to provide a warm, friendly social environment for its members and visitors. Pete Gibson, Darryl Gibson and Paul Tippet are steaming ahead with the installation of the new dartboards. We are also getting a heat pump to warm the bar area.

Okato Four Square and Sinclair Electrical Easter B Grade Results

Ladies

Division 1: 1st Cheryl Honeyfield, 2nd Meisha Davies.

Division 2: 1st Jacinta Harrison, 2nd Jamie Linn.

Men

Division 1: 1st Hayden Marshall, 2nd Chris Charteris.

Division 2: 1st Tinsel Hurley, 2nd Brian Simpson.

Division 3: 1st Cam Hurley, 2nd John Te Noa.

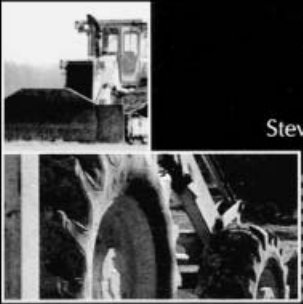
Division 4: 1st Hamish Guthrie, 2nd Blair Briscoe.

Division 5: 1st Colin Ellis, 2nd Nick Greensill.

Juniors:

1st Jimmy Ellis, 2nd= Grace Greensill, 2nd= Lachlan Greensill.

Pete Morgan



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Junior Rugby

The junior rugby season has been under way for several weeks now.

Coastal Okato Junior Rugby has teams entered in Under-6 Ripper, Under-7 Ripper, Under-8 and Under-10 grades with older players playing in the Coastal Under-13 and Under-15 grades. With 59 players in total, the Club is looking strong. New players are always welcome.

It's disappointing to see somebody has damaged the playing fields at the Okato Domain, doing hackies and skids in a car. A shame to see a community asset, enjoyed by many hundreds of people, damaged. We ask anybody with information to please contact the Okato Police Station.

A big thank you to Tom and Sue Brophy for the work they have done in the past with junior rugby in Okato.

Any enquiries please contact Barry Harvey on 06-752 4568 or Julie Neilsen on 06-752 4462.

CTS Interschool

Coastal School students played Mangorei School in rugby and netball recently. The rugby started off a bit slow and the students were well down at half time, but with a stern talking to at half time by coach Layne Greensill, saw them performing well in the second half to all but snatch victory. Final score 31 - 29 to Mangorei in the rugby. In the netball Coastal lost 18 -3.



From left - Back row: Seth Murray, Callum Grayling, Lachlan Greensill, Aidan Davis, Uriah Terry, Jacob Whittle. Centre: Cam Lacey, Blake Carr, Lenny Binsbergen, Cory Neilsen, Front: Brendan Taipari.

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The Carriage itself remains largely unchanged, except for the food counter running down one carriage and the soon-to-be-added decking out the front. Sharlene has chosen a 50's theme to decorate the Carriage — perhaps an era when homebaking and wholesome food was the norm rather than the exception. A jukebox sets the atmosphere, as does the smell of fresh baking wafting out of the kitchen.

Sharlene says she has had heaps of fun setting up the café and is looking forward to seeing people enjoying her food. Daughter Hayley will also be helping out in the café and, occasionally, Casey (award-winning waitress who trained at Okurukuru and featured in a past TOM) — and probably all the family, Sharlene laughs! Future son-in-law Daniel crafted the food counter and husband Tony has been busy building the deck. Inca Fe coffee will satisfy the caffeine addictions many of us face!



But the food is the star of the day and the menu changes weekly, with a few staples remaining constant. Dishes such as vegetable pie, chicken and vegetable stack, corn fritter stack, creamy mushroom and bacon stack, soup of the day, deep dish pies, wraps, club sandwiches, scones, biscuits, cakes, slices and savouries. These are not just any sandwiches or scones — every single plate of food is prepared on the premises from scratch (no long shelf life, mass-produced fare here), freshly made with the finest ingredients Sharlene can get her hands on.

Sharlene says her love of food and cooking comes from her childhood, where she began cooking at a young age because her parents worked fulltime. And it still never seems like a chore.

Sharlene has many ideas up her sleeve to further her foodie dream but in the meantime pop in and try it for yourself — you won't come away disappointed.

by Kim Ferens



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Clients often ask whether or not they should breed from their female dog. This is a serious decision, which involves a lot of consideration. Why do you want to breed? Breeding just for fun or as an experience for the kids are not good reasons and if you are doing it to make money you should certainly reconsider.

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Coastal Taranaki School: ON THE CATWALK

Students begin school life at Coastal Taranaki School assigned to a 'Whanau group', allowing them to work in family-based groups with students from years 0 to 13. Teacher Ruth O'Connor has been running our Whanau programme for the last two years. Groups have been working towards a common goal with a different focus each term. This has led to much higher participation in our Whanau activities and has ignited the competitive spirit in students and staff!

In Term 1 all groups worked together to create Wearable Arts costumes made from recycled materials, using a variety of themes as inspiration. Because every budding designer needs an exhibition, the term ended with a spectacular fashion show bringing our students into the limelight, and their families into the audience. A large number of parents and grandparents enjoyed the chance to see the results of creativity, problem solving and cooperation. The show included models of all ages and some fabulous works of wearable arts. Students' images were projected onto the wall and music was provided by our arts captains. Parents and staff were guest judges. Creative lighting and set design provided extra magic to the day.

Sharleen Valentine



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Okato Playcentre

What is it like to be a Playcentre family? Vicky gives us the inside story....

Vicky Sulzberger (nee Sharpe) and daughter, Hayley (2 years), started Playcentre in August last year and Vicky became Treasurer a short time later.

"I decided to join Playcentre when Hayley was 15 months old and was beginning to become quite active and social and so I felt Hayley needed something to stimulate her needs outside of home.

Playcentre is a great place for children to play, grow and get educated at the same time. It is also great for mums and dads. My husband, Paul, has also become quite involved by attending sessions when I was unable. It is very social; you can socialise as well as watch your child develop at the same time.

Yes, Playcentre is quite involved compared with other facilities, but it is fun. You get to attend meetings, planning sessions, courses and the odd Tupperware and lingerie party — they all tend to be great nights out.

As for the kids, they get to experience 16 areas of play at the centre as well as field trips. Since being at Playcentre we have been to Pouakai Zoo, CTS Library, and the Okato School Pet Day. Unfortunately we missed the camping weekend at Mimi Beach. This term we are taking a bus trip to Brooklyn Zoo to ride the train, visiting the Okato Police and Fire Stations, having a Dads/Lads evening session, and a Grandparent's Day.

Playcentre is a great way for mums and their children to make friends."

Thanks for that, Vicky, and thanks also to Paul who has been very handy with a hammer and saw lately. The shorter tables are just right for our little ones!

Hello to all the 1st June arrivals — welcome to Okato! We would like to invite you to bring your children into Playcentre for a play! Take a break from unpacking and come and meet a few of your neighbours. Playcentre has sessions every Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30am–12.30pm, for 0–6 year olds. We are just over the Stony River Bridge. Phone Kerry 06-752 8095 with enquiries.



Vicky and Hayley on the Lion's Train during Playcentre's trip to Brooklyn Zoo.



Paul helps daughter, Hayley, down the waterslide at Playcentre.



Hayley loves to play with playdough.)

Okato Community Forum

On Wednesday, 18 May Okato's first Community Forum was held at Hempton Hall. The forum was organised by Kaitake Community Board (KCB) member Teresa Goodin. The forum was attended by 15 Okato residents.

After a round of introductions, Teresa Goodin started the meeting by explaining why she believes Okato needs a Community Forum followed by a general discussion about how the community wants the forum to proceed. After some discussion around the future direction of the Community Forum, everyone was invited to share information about community projects, events, issues or ideas and some ideas were:

Okato Playcentre Upgrade

Emily Davidson from Okato Playcentre told the group about the need to upgrade the centre to meet new licensing requirements. She explained that Playcentre requires approximately \$40,000 to complete the upgrade. She pointed out that Playcentre would like to utilise local tradesmen as much as possible so that the wider community can benefit from the project. She welcomes any support from the community to help Playcentre achieve their goal.

Stony River Walkway

Ray Rook explained that he had made progress with the re-establishment of the Stony River Walkway. The Department of Conservation closed the walkway due to track and structural damage. Ray has been in discussion with the landowner and materials have been donated to rebuild the walkway. A working bee to repair the track is being planned.

Citizens' Panel

KCB member Teresa Goodin explained that the New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) is currently looking for people to join its Citizens' Panel, which is a community feedback network of residents who take part in workshops or focus groups, or fill in questionnaires or take part in telephone surveys to give the Council direct feedback on projects and services. Teresa is encouraging locals to join the Citizens' Panel, so that the Council has an opportunity to hear what Okato residents think about Council services and projects. To register for the Citizens' Panel call the Council on 06-759 6060 or register online at www.newplymouthnz.com/panel

Fluoridation

Teresa informed everyone that the NPDC is conducting a review of the fluoridation of the district's water supplies this year to allow the community to present its knowledge and information to support the Council making a choice about both the continuation of fluoridation (or not), and its possible extension to other parts of the water supply not currently fluoridated. The overwhelming majority of residents present at the forum expressed opposition to fluoridation, and a petition was kicked off at the meeting to keep fluoride out of Okato's water supply. It was also decided that a community forum dedicated to this issue should be held before August, when the consultation is proposed to begin. The petition is available to sign at local businesses in Okato and at the Community Library at Coastal Taranaki School. For more information or to obtain petition forms call Mel Abbott on 06-752 4225.

Neighbourhood Open Space

Teresa gave an update on the Okato neighbourhood open space and playground. On 1 March 2011 the Council resolved to confirm its intention to acquire approximately 4000m² of land from the closed Okato School for the purpose of a neighbourhood open space. The Ministry of Education needs to complete the Maori Protection Mechanism Process before the Council is able to acquire the surplus land. This process is underway but may still take several months to complete.

Road Safety and Dog Mess

After the above items were presented a general discussion took place. One major issue raised was the need for a school patrol and signs at the entrance of Okato welcoming travellers and asking them to slow down.

Residents are also concerned about the amount of dog faeces on the footpaths around the township and want to see greater responsibility by dog owners. There was also a call for the Council to provide green doggy-do bins like the ones found in parks and reserves throughout the district. So if you have a dog, please don't let it roam the neighbourhood leaving a mess everywhere. Thank you!

Next Forum

The next Okato Community Forum will be held at 7pm, Thursday 16 June at the Hempton Hall. The next KCB meeting will be held on the following Monday, 20 June at 4.30pm at the Oakura Surf Club. If you would like to receive information about the Community Forums or receive agendas for the KCB meetings please contact Teresa Goodin on 06-752 8186 or email teresagoodin@xtra.co.nz

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Coastal Garden Circle

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

Highway 45 Craft

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

Historical Society

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

JKA Karate, Okato

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

Kaitake Community Board

Teresa Goodin, ph 7528186 or teresagoodin@xtra.co.nz

New Zeal Church

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

Okato Bowling Club

Club day held every Sunday at 9.30am onwards. President Bruce Peacock 752 4538, Secretary Fiona Liddall 752 4509, Contact women's section Laureen Bright ph 752 4874.

Okato Co-operating Parish Women's Fellowship

Meet bi-monthly, first Wednesday of the month in St Luke's lounge, 1pm. Lorraine Whittle 752 4359. Harvey 752 4568.

Okato Fire Brigade

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

Okato Lions

Contact Merv Hooker, ph 752 4086.

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 Julie Moore 752 4277 or Danelle 752 4916.

Plunket

Meet bi-monthly at St Paul's Church Hall. Jaclyn 752 4872.

Pony Club

Contact Carey Brophy, 752 4458.

Probus

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

Squash Club

Ladder league Monday nights 7am start. Ph Chez 752 4097 for more details.

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.

St Peter's Guild

Meet 4th Friday of each month. Angela Montgomery 752 7738.

Tennis Club

Contact Maree Moffitt 752 8107 or Raewyn Lawn 752 4466.

Tumahu Golf Club

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

Tumahu Rural Women

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

Warea Tennis Club

Contact Jan Brophy 06 763 8666.

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