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U13 Basketball Premiership Tournament



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The U13 Premierships were held in Wellington on the weekend of the 23 - 25 July, a three day tournament. With eight teams in the girls section, teams were divided into two pools of four. New Plymouth played and won three games in pool play, vs Hawkes Bay 63 - 30; vs Palmerston North 74 - 32; vs Wellington A 59 - 30.

Next up a cross over to play TCB, our South Taranaki neighbours. A tight game with TCB getting a good break on us which at one stage saw them take a 14 point lead. With some gutsy defence and solid shooting we toughed it out to pull back the lead and win by five, 57 - 52. Finals were on Sunday, up against Porirua who had also come through their games unbeaten. Another very tough and physical game in which the margin swung two - four points either way through most of the game with our girls slowly edging ahead in the last five minutes to come out Tournament winners! Final score 58 - 50.

Bayley Ransfield was the leading scorer with 25points; Sinead Malley - 10; Lilly O'Neill - 8. The team and supporters



were not only ecstatic with the win but also exhausted! Nationals in October this year are being held in Christchurch. The team is looking forward to competing at this tournament where they will line up

with 16 of the best from around New Zealand. NP U13 Boys won 3rd place which also qualifies them to play at Nationals.

By Eileen Ransfield



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I had a touch of déjà vu the other day. I went for a walk along the coastal walkway starting from the Te Henui Bridge. It was a glorious day and parked in the carpark was a van with a couple of foreign speaking young tourists. They had their washing out over the bull bars, one was reading a book on the walkway seat and the other was eating peanut butter out of the jar (yuk!). But it reminded me of a time along time ago when I was travelling overseas with some friends and we had stopped in a small out of the way town and were eating our fish and chips on the town steps without a care in the world. How times have changed and even if I packed up a camper van and headed off somewhere out of the way, those carefree days will never return. Chris Carter must be wishing he didn't have a care in the world instead of inventing a tax payer funded illness!



If you have the winter blues I recommend a trip to Pippal Wellness Centre in Fitzroy Village for a de-stressing hands free back and leg massage. In half an hour you can revive and set your day back on its feet and it warms you right through – yum

Kim

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TOM Citrus Tree of the Month

Last month we asked our readers to send in a photo of their citrus tree so we could find the best in our local area. Jan and Murray Gamlin are the recipients of the garden voucher from Fairfields with the picture of their "glorious lemon tree" smothered in fruit.

They told us that they have resided at their home for ten years and in that time, 2009 was the only year it hasn't had fruit. All other years there have been really good crops. As far as any special treatment they said they do nothing other than fertilising with citrus fertiliser in March and September.

As you can see for the photo his indeed is a 'Glorious' lemon tree.

Narrowly missing out on the voucher was a beautiful photo of her Tahitian lime tree sent in by Carol Robertson which was literally dripping in beautiful juicy limes.

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Celebrating the 20th Daffodil Day this August

If you think the one in three people who will get cancer in their lifetime is one too many, then this August, please support the Cancer Society for the 20th Anniversary of Daffodil Day (Friday, 27th August).

This year the Cancer Society NZ Taranaki Centre is raising funds to replace the passenger vehicle that transports patients to Palmerston North each week for their treatment.

'Let's support all our people in Taranaki diagnosed with cancer that need to go to Palmerston North for their treatment. We would be absolutely thrilled if a vehicle was donated as our current vehicle has travelled over 315,000kms and needs to be retired soon.' says the new Cancer Society Taranaki Centre Manager, and cancer survivor, Ms Jenny Henderson.



Eight year old Lyana Wilson pictured, from Fitzroy is the youngest volunteer, celebrating the 20th Daffodil Day.

Dragon boat paddlers celebrate the life of a lost member

As a special tribute to cancer sufferers and their families the TOM profiles a very special group of people this month – the Dragon Boat Paddlers and in particular one member who died recently – Barbara Stewart. Barbara's family have donated a memorial cup to the group for the best paddler of the season. Darren tells me his mum was one of the original members of the Dragon Boat Paddlers Club which was created for breast cancer survivors. "Mum had survived breast cancer (it was soon after this that she joined the club) and then she was tragically diagnosed with secondary cancer from which she did not recover. During mum's second battle with cancer the support given to her and us - her family, by the Dragon Boat Paddlers was amazing. An incredible amount of sympathy and love was shown by the club for the majority have experienced cancer battles themselves or lost loved ones in the past to cancer.

Mum continued for as long as she could in her last remaining months, joining in on club training/paddle days when she felt strong enough or would just go out to the club to watch them and would receive "high fives" from the paddlers as they left the boat at the end of a session on the river - she just loved the comradeship of her fellow paddlers. After mum's death "her team" organised a flower ceremony that was held on the Waitara River. A team member made the suggestion to us family at the Cancer Relay for Life of putting forward a memorial cup that would always stay within the team/club to which we readily agreed as we knew that Mum would be over the moon with this."

The "Barbara Stewart Paddler of the Season Memorial Cup" was presented to the club at the club's mid year function and then Darren presented the cup to the "Paddler/s of the Season". Maureen Ritchie and Trisha Rohloff were jointly chosen due to their efforts within the club and for the club. It was also fitting that the cup should go to Maureen and Trish as far as



The flower ceremony out on Waitara River.

the family were concerned as both ladies were close friends of Barbara's and had stayed by Barbara's side till her death.

Barbara is survived by her three children Darren, Donna and Cindy and two grandchildren.

"Taranaki Dragons" was formed in late 2007 after some breast cancer survivors attended a Breast cancer conference in Rotorua. With a "can do" attitude they decided this sport could be started in Taranaki. They placed an ad in the local newspaper, got a dragon boat from NZ Dragonboat Association and purchased paddles with the help of many sponsors. After receiving a generous grant from Taranaki Electricity Trust in 2008, the club has been able to purchase a new boat, fibreglass paddles and lifejackets. The group train on the Waitara River twice a week from October through to April and have attended some Regattas in Hamilton, Tauranga and Nationals at Rotorua. For more details see: www.taranakidragons.co.nz

Maureen and Trisha take up the story with being lucky to have the opportunity in 2008 to join the Taranaki Dragons through our dear friend Barbara Stewart who was a breast cancer survivor at the time. She said to us "check out this Dragon boating and see if you would like it" So we went down to the Waitara river and had a paddle in the boat and were hooked straight away. Barb came out for the next practise and she loved it too and joined up at the same time as us.

Taranaki Dragons is made up of Breast cancer survivors and supporters and there is an amazing bond between us all. There is a lot of passion, courage, commitment and inspiration which makes us a very strong team.

Trisha and Maureen are very proud to be part of this team and feel very honoured to be presented with the "Barbara Stewart Memorial Trophy" for 2010. This trophy will be very special for our team and be a great challenge for the coming seasons.

We have lost a very precious and valuable team member - "Barb through this memorial trophy you will always be with us, flying free".

Our chant, "We're the Dragons from the West, paddle hard and we're the best, we will always please the crowd, Taranaki you'll be proud Ye-Ha!"

By Kim Ferens



This cup is the Barbara Stewart Memorial Cup for the paddler of the season, which was presented by Darren on behalf of the Stewart family. The cup was awarded to both Trisha and Maureen.

From left to right: Darren Stewart, Trisha Rohloff, Maureen Ritchie.

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Penguins under possible threat

The expansion of the coastal walkways through our region at present and those proposed for the future are welcomed by the vast majority of local residents. Many people feel Taranaki has at last embraced and is making use of its wonderful coastline.

However the opening up of our coastline to the general public brings with it some very real risks. Some of our most vulnerable wildlife can be put in danger by the increased accessibility to their natural habitats. One such species is the little blue penguin which can be found all along the Taranaki coast.

Recently a group of local students focused on these species as part of the 60 Springs Programme. Ten students were chosen to take part in a special three day event called the 60 Springs Penguin Experience. Its aim was to motivate and inspire this talented group to then go back to our community and share their new found knowledge.

I spoke with Nathan Hills, 60 Springs' environmental educator at Puke Ariki about why little blue penguins were chosen and he said, "Penguins are a flagship species, they are well liked, and because they dwell on land and sea they are a good indicator of the health of both environments."

The 60 Springs Penguin Experience enabled the students to hear and learn from experts such as Philippa Agnew and Mark Meyburg about little blue penguins. As well as this they did many practical things such as building penguin houses and camping overnight at known penguin spots in order to observe the bird.

Another initiative they took part in was a survey on 'the behaviour and attitudes of people walking dogs.' Unfortunately dogs, cats both feral and domestic, along with rats all impact adversely on the blue penguin. With the coastline becoming more accessible via our walkways it was timely that the survey was done.

Survey questions were developed by Nathan Hills (60 Springs), Elise Smith and Barbara Hammonds (Nga Motu Marine Reserve Society), as well as input from Taranaki Kiwi Trust and the Ornithological Society. The ten students conducted the survey and chose the locations where it would take place.

The survey only involved people that had a dog in the household, but the findings were of interest to the whole



*The penguin squad on a footprint search.
Photo by Neil Ingram.*

community. Not surprisingly, one of the most popular places dog owners walk their pets was the beach. As a dog lover and owner myself, I was quite surprised so many people said they felt they had good control of their pet when off the lead. This was at odds with the survey result showing a large number of people felt their dog would chase a shore bird, as well as a further 38.4% felt their dog would *possibly* chase a shore bird. A good opportunity has arisen to help dog owners' train their pet because Nga Motu Marine Reserve Society has secured funding to implement a dog training course. Interestingly in the survey when people were asked if they would be interested in attending a FREE dog training course 65.3% said No.

Submissions recently closed regarding dog bylaw changes, specifically, the proposed loosening of dog control bylaws at Bell Block, Oakura and Tongaporutu beaches. So we can further enjoy our coastline through its fantastic walkways, it reminds us to be responsible and aware of some of the natural habitats we may be impacting on.

By educating our young people through initiatives like the 60 Springs Programme funded by the Taranaki Regional Council and Shell Exploration NZ Ltd, we are able to highlight issues in our local environment that matter - if we do want to sustain the beautiful region in which we live.

The students have developed a really interesting blog which can be viewed at <http://penguinexperience60springs.blogspot.com/>. One point recommended to the public about looking after our penguin population was for dog owners to: *obey the rules and have dogs on leads.*

Penguin update:

- Port Taranaki now has 3 penguin nests with eggs in.
- Bell Block also has birds nesting.
- Fitzroy Surf Club (penguin prints found).
- Waiwhakaiho River (penguin prints found).
- This is clear evidence that the breeding season of Taranaki little blue penguins has already started. Penguins are particularly vulnerable and at high risk of predation from now until the end of the breeding season around November.

By Jackie Tomlinson



Penguin boxes being moved by the 60 Springs group.

New Plymouth Potters

This is always a busy time for New Plymouth Potters Members, mainly due to the up coming annual exhibition which opens on September 4th at Real Tart. This year we are fortunate to have Fiona Tunnicliffe as our guest selector and exhibitor. I first met Fiona about five years ago when she was demonstrating at the National Potters convention in Taupo. We were blown away by her magnificent horses and the technique she used (including a blow torch to speed up the drying and stiffening of the clay). Although Fiona makes many different forms of animals she concentrates on the horse. As she says, "I often take equine painting and sculpture as a starting point and develop it, often far removed and unrecognisable from the original idea. Given the huge depth of ceramic knowledge still to learn, the subject matter is often the only constant. New clays that require different styles of building, glazes, firing techniques and temperatures, often dictate the forms."

We are all looking forward to see what Fiona brings to the exhibition and also to the weekend hands on workshop which will follow.

Just finished was an exhibition of NP Potters work at the Lysaght-Watt Gallery in Hawera. A very diverse collection from miniature houses to long necked giraffes was well received by Hawera.

Three members of the club, Bev Rea, Maria Brockhill and Joyce Young are at present also preparing for an exhibition at Pataka in Porirua. With all this activity the clubs four kilns are in hot demand with much friendly jostling to ensure everyone has their work ready in time.

The third of the nine week, Tuesday night beginners classes is underway. These are open to the public: enquiries and enrolments are handled by Witt. We have just started an

intermediate class on Monday nights. This class is at present open only to club members but is very reasonable at \$60 for eight weeks. The class is led by experienced potters Barbara Nicholls and Cecily Bull and as well as making hand and wheel work, participants will learn to become independent potters - among other things to select and mix glazes and operate the club's kilns.

The Vicarage Pottery which is open every weekend from 1pm until 4pm is looking particularly good at the moment. If you are looking for a unique one-off gift or something to add that wow factor to your house or garden this is the place to go.

By Jan Pidwell



Penguins by Joyce Young and bowl by Bev Rea.



Oma Rapeti by Jan Pidwell.



Vases by Pat Close and bowls by Cecily Bull.

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NZ Inline Hockey teams return with medals

The New Zealand Inline Hockey Association entered two New Zealand representative teams in the AAU Junior Olympics held in Los Angeles in July. Both teams entered in the 18 & Under age grade competitions, the junior women in the FIRS Junior Women World Championships and the 18 U Girls event and the Junior Men in the 18U International Championships and the "AAA/AA" 18U event.

Both New Zealand teams competed extremely well in 2010 with the Junior Women placing second in the FIRS Junior Women Championship and in the 18U Girls event. The Junior Men were the highest placing international team attending the AAU Junior Olympics finishing with silver in the 18U International event and placing 4th in the "AAA/AA" event. For some players, this was the first time they had competed internationally in the USA and for some the first time they had competed internationally outside of Australasia.

Krystyna Beardman

Vice President

NZ Inline Hockey Association.

Right, Abby Bridgeman.



Below, Julian Beardman.



Right, Robbie Isbister.



Professional snowboarding with Ellie Richards

D.O.B: 29.12.87

Hometown: Fitzroy

Ellie Richards of New Plymouth first began snowboarding at the age of six in 1994. Using the rope tow on the steep, yet beautiful slopes of Mt Taranaki have transitioned Ellie into a professional snowboarder. Currently taking a year off snowboarding, Ellie is attending a creative graphics course at WITT, continuing to explore her creative side. She once studied at New Plymouth Girls' High School.

Snowboarding has taken Ellie around the world more than once. Exploring places from Canada, Switzerland, Germany to Argentina.

"My first major comp would have been the Grommets at Cardona, Wanaka. I would have been in the 9-12 age group. From 1997 to 1999 I won the under 12 section. I've met heaps of people through my travels and a few that I still remain friends with. Some famous people I have been fortunate to have met are Shaun White, Torah Bright and our very own adaptive gold medallist Adam Hall."

Although snowboarding can be an expensive sport at the best of times family and sponsors have greatly supported Ellie along the way. "My father Bruce has helped me hugely! But also I have great support from Swiss Bell Resorts, First Mobile and Spy sunglasses." Like many other extreme sports, snowboarding is very demanding sometimes with freezing, windy temperatures and unstable conditions. Throughout all of Ellie's competitive racing she has never broken a bone (touch wood). Although she has had surgery on her left knee tearing her meniscus, a badly bruised left foot, and a minor tear to the meniscus on her right knee and ACL (the ligament behind the knee cap). There are also the personal challenges too: "I have had a few crashes that have played with my head a lot so having to overcome them has been a biggie."

The competition side for Ellie has been fast learning. To make a professional career it is very important to compete with aggression: "as New Zealand riders, we have a bit of a laid back attitude compared to overseas competitors, but there are a few riders that are amazing and are getting their name known!"

Ellie loves the outdoors and you will be sure to see her amongst the waves at Fitzroy beach: "surfing is a must do for staying fit." Also a round or two on the golf course with mum Barb and playing the guitar. Whilst in the off season training continues with more surfing, gym everyday and any sports that may come of interest. During season a typical day on the mountain is training from 9am till afternoon depending on the weather, heading home for a rest then hit the gym for two hours.

Thank you Ellie for sharing some of your experiences with our readers. What are some motivational words for our future NZ representatives? "Just make sure you are having fun! As long as you're having fun then you can pretty much do whatever you want to achieve."

By Rebecca Cowley

Local ex All Black is 'capped' for test debut in 1979

Until the outbreak of World War II All Blacks players had always been presented with a 'cap' when they played their first international test game for New Zealand. This capping tradition lapsed with the start of the war and post war players kept their first test jersey and were given a one off first test tie. Capping was not reintroduced until 1997.

In 2008 the New Zealand Rugby Union announced that they were going to have special capping ceremonies at different venues around New Zealand for over 400 players who had their test debut in the years between the beginning of WWII and 1997 and had missed out on the honour of receiving a test cap. Because of the large numbers of players involved, the capping ceremonies are taking place over several years. In June of this year it was Taranaki's turn to honour the All Blacks from our region that had missed out on receiving their 'cap'. Amongst this group of 17 was Roy Roper the oldest surviving All Black, AB Captain Graham Mourie and Fitzroy local Murray Watts who made his All Black Test debut at Christchurch in July of 1979 when the All Blacks played France.

Born in Patea Murray attended Stratford High School and was in the school's 1st XV Rugby team. His older brother was also a keen rugby player and represented the NZ Armed Forces in the sport.

In 1979 when he was playing for New Plymouth Old Boys Murray was nominated for an All Black trial. Two months after the trial the team was named and he was selected to be part of the 1979 All Black Squad.

I chatted to Murray about the capping ceremony and his time as an All Black and asked him what the capping meant to him. It seems that even though a great many years had lapsed, "It was a very special night."

He went on to say that the 1979 and 1980 teams he was part of were not as successful as they would have liked to be having won only two of the five tests that they played. It did highlight to me however, the whole mana of becoming an All Black. Successful or not once you enter this elite group you are in it for life.

The capping night here in New Plymouth took place at the TSB Showplace during a dinner. The various decades of All Blacks were honoured in between the various food courses starting with those All Blacks from the 1940's. It is obviously an honour to be selected and play as an All Black and it's great that the NZRU is addressing the issue for those that missed out on receiving their cap. There were several in the Taranaki group who had died but their families were still able to receive the cap on their behalf.

Each player profile was presented individually and as each was

spoken about, a power point presentation was projected onto the two screens on the stage. The players were then presented with their test cap from acting NZRU Chairman Mike Eagle. As well as the dinner the Taranaki group formed a Guard of Honour to welcome the Ireland and New Zealand teams onto the field when they played at Yarrows Stadium in June. I asked Murray what it was like as an All Black back in the seventies and what was expected of them as far as being in the public

eye. He told me the players tended to have public appearances as individuals rather than as a team. He personally did things like coaching clinics, public speaking and school visits. When he gained selection into the All Black squad of 1979 he had just taken a position as a PE teacher at New Plymouth Boys' High. He is still working at the school and over those years has been very involved in various roles with rugby within the school. He has been the teacher in charge of rugby, coached the 1st XV and now coaches some of the younger grades.

I also asked Murray how he thought the Rugby World Cup would be received here in 2011 and he said, "I think it will be really successful because the public will be behind it."

As a first time test attendee at the recent Irish All Black test I was blown away by the whole spectacle of the night. The All Blacks came across as a well oiled machine right down to their warm up and it was a night out to remember albeit not a very cheap one.

It was very apparent that during their time in the Naki the All Blacks were here to win the hearts of the locals and they succeeded. With some of our local residents even having All Blacks pop in for cups of tea, it seemed the team was everywhere. If they weren't signing autographs or running coaching clinics they were just generally out and about around town. This personal approach and the fact they had a great win against the Irish won them many fans in our region. This successful public relations venture coupled with seeing our local past All Blacks having their long overdue 'caps' presented all came together to make many look forward to Taranaki hosting some World Cup games and putting our local stadium on the world stage in 2011.

By Jackie Tomlinson

Murray on stage at the TSB Showplace receiving his test cap at the capping ceremony.



Murray Watts receiving his All Black test Cap from acting NZRU Chairman Mike Eagle - Murray on the right.



GETTING WET!



New Plymouth Surf Rider's Club

The great news is that on August 20th the New Plymouth District Council approved the New Plymouth Surf Rider's Club's application to purchase their clubrooms on Fitzroy Beach Reserve. Purchasing the buildings not only brings us into line with the majority of sports clubs who already own their clubrooms situated on Council Reserve land but also allows us to plan for the continued future of the club and develop the Clubrooms to suit our growing membership. As the largest Surf Rider's Club in New Zealand with over 500 members we need to refurbish the clubrooms to meet the needs of such a large membership. To that end the AGM in October will be presented with a series of options to consider and recommend to the Committee which direction to take.

Meanwhile our winter competition series, sponsored by Port Taranaki, continued with Round Two being held in good conditions on the 27th July. Competition is very fierce, particularly in the junior divisions, as this series of competitions will be used to select the twelve Taranaki representatives for the National Scholastic comps to be held in October. As an additional incentive, those selected for the Taranaki Scholastic Team will be put through the Surfing Taranaki High

Port Taranaki Winter Series - Round Two Results:

Open: Keone Campbell 1, Tom Smith 2, Conan James 3, Mark Parthemore 4.

Girls: Nam Northcott 1, Lydia Walsh 2, Emma Croton 3, Claudia Flemming 4.

U18: Mark Parthemore 1, Eli MacDonald 2, Brodie Arbuckle 3, Hemi Porter 4.

U16: Sean Kettle 1, Eli MacDonald 2, Josh Kettle 3, Mahorahora McLeod 4.

U14: Mahorahora McLeod 1, Isaac Kettle 2, Michael Watts 3, Toa McDonald 4.

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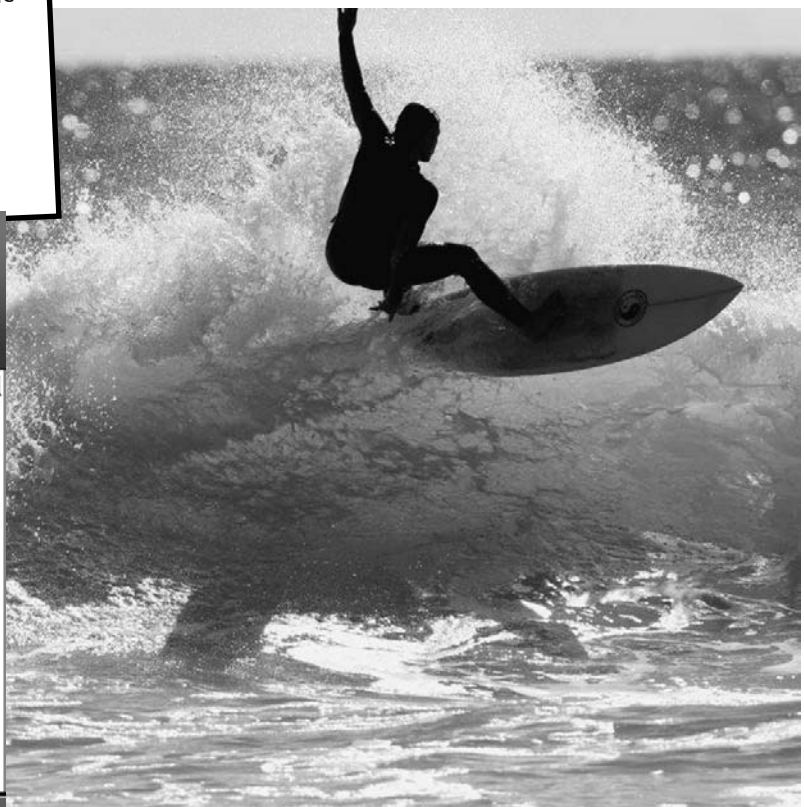
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Our winter programme this year features a QUIZ NIGHT Saturday August 21st at 7.30 pm. Teams of five (which must include a Grom and a lady) will compete for the grand prize plus heaps of spot prizes. Quizmaster David Farr will conduct proceedings which will be followed by the showing of a new surf film. Entry \$20.00 per team. All welcome. To enter your team, contact The Secretary on npsurf@xtra.co.nz

July has been a magic month for surfers with good weather supported by endless days of great surf. For those able to attend "Board meetings" during daylight hours the long period ground swells, which have been absent for most of the year, provided excellent surfing at all their favourite spots. Those who frequent YZ at the Waiwhakaiho River, have had to be quick to get a parking spot on many days as the popularity of the Te Rewa Rewa Bridge has attracted hordes of locals and visitors eager to enjoy the extended walk. I met a couple who had seen photos of the bridge and travelled from Whangarei to experience it. With the whitebait season now upon us this will be a crowded spot.

Enjoy.



Poetry on the water, Amaia Sasiay.



New Plymouth Boys' High School

New Plymouth Boys' High School is very proud of the following boys' achievements:

Adam Colless is lead singer of "Sticks and Stones" which won the Taranaki Rockquest recently. The judges commented on his fine voice and stage presence.

Ethan Taylor is a devoted (some would say fanatical) fisherman who goes out fishing regularly with his grandfather on the 20 metre catamaran "Gameplayer." He goes out once a week but says it would be every day if he could. Ethan has caught a 13lb snapper, 60kg Mako Shark and a 30lb hapuka. He has also joined the surfcasting club.

Anfernee Holswich recently travelled to Dunedin for the National Darts Competition. He gained a creditable 9th placing

Recently we had the last of our Scholarship winners returning to school. The school gained 24 Scholarships so it was a pleasure to welcome back these outstanding young men.



Adam Colless.



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Thank you Mrs Clow:

Friday 23rd of July was the end of an era for our Dental Nurse, Mrs Gail Clow, and Fitzroy School. For 25 years the Fitzroy School kids have experienced having their teeth cleaned, prodded, filled, and even pulled out by her. We have trusted Mrs Clow with our teeth, even though some of us may have squirmed or panicked!

The Dental tools, the Big Chair, the comforting toys and Mrs Clow have left Fitzroy School to now work at New Plymouth Girls High School in the new Dental Clinic. The Fitzroy Family will miss Mrs Clow and we thank her for helping us have healthy teeth over such a long time.

There's a knock at the door, it's Mrs Clow

Oh, no she's waving her pink cards to and fro.

The whole class has fingers crossed with mutterings of "I hope it is not me",

Wouldn't you know it, a trip to the dental clinic is for Brooke McAuley.

I grip my Mum's hand tight as I walk up the stairs, I pray inside my head that she can tame all my fears.

As I walk through the doors, the smell of rubber and toothpaste fill the air,

Oh no! In front of me is the big scary chair.

The light is so bright I choose the pink sunnies to try and hide,

And before I know it I hear "Open wide"

Then it's a flick here and 'pick' there,

Then a rinse, gurgle and a spit.

Fears enter my head of getting a dreaded filling.

When Mum nagged me to brush my teeth, I wish I had been more willing.

But as luck would have it I get the all clear.

I should have known I had nothing to fear.

However, before I can leave this place,

I get a little souvenir of a bumblebee necklace.

We thank you for all your care for the last 25 years.

You have the knack for calming all our fears.

We all have different memories of our visits to Mrs Clow

And Fitzroy School is very sad to see you go.

As we all wave goodbye with a tear in our eye

We think "Don't worry; we will soon see you at Girls High".

We'll miss you Mrs Clow and I'm sure you agree

You were definitely a big part of our Fitzroy Family.

Reporter: Emogene Banner – Smith

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From left Emogene Banner-Smith, Brooke McAuley, Gail Clow and Nickolai Wolfe.

Below: Mrs Clow with the whole school.



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Merrilands Kindergarten

This year as part of our strategic plan goals we are introducing the 'All About Me' programme into our kindergarten. 'All About Me' is part of the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme, but has been developed specifically for early childhood level.

Its aims are to:

- Teach children a range of safe practices that they can use when interacting with other people;
- Encourage children who have been, or are being abused to seek help;
- Contribute to an overall community prevention programme by making parents and teachers more aware of their responsibilities to help children avoid abuse.

General objectives of the programme:

- Children feel good about themselves
- Children build positive relationships with peers and adults.
- Children identify their feelings and express these appropriately.
- Children know and recognise inappropriate behaviour and touch and have strategies to handle this.
- Adults promote safe practices in different environments that will keep children safe from harm.
- Adults recognise signs and symptoms of abuse and know what to do.



Police Officer Anna Duncan.

A parent/whanau information evening was held to introduce 'All about Me' to families. This was attended by Police Officer Anna Duncan who alongside the teachers explained the program-me and answered questions. This was a very enjoyable and informative evening and we are looking forward to implementing 'All About Me' into our kinder-garten programme over the next two terms.

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Arthouse Fare

Welcome:

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Creation:

At last, the biopic of Charles Darwin and his masterwork, "The Origin of Species." It tells of a global revolution played out in the confines of a small English village; a passionate marriage torn apart by the most dangerous idea in history; and a theory saved from extinction by the logic of a child. This period costume drama, which appears 200 years after Darwin's birth and 150 years since the publication of *Origin*, could not find a distributor in America for fear of backlash by the religious right. A beautifully crafted film, shown here to enthusiastic audiences. PG 1hr 48mins Low level offensive language, UK.



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