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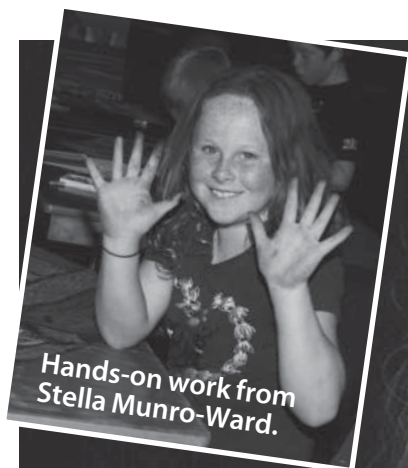
# TOM OAKURA

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## EDITORIAL

As the year draws to its close, once again I'm wondering where it went! The good thing about writing monthly editorials is it does make me stop and take note of the passing of each month and what has happened in that month. 2013 has been a good year because TOM-Oakura is back in print and active online! The feedback has very been positive, so thank you, everyone who supports the TOM. The community continues to be a vibrant and happy place to live.



A recent highlight for me was to go back to Omata School and write the year 8 leavers profiles. These kids were all five year olds when I worked at Omata School as a teacher aide and now they are leaving – full of enthusiasm and joy – money can't buy such happy memories.

I was also struck by Jonathan Young's column on apprenticeship incentives (page 3). Any investment in our young people and their future's is an investment in everybody's futures – keep up the good work.

Have a sunny, happy holiday break and see you in the New Year.

Kim



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# Kaitake Community Board

The community and visitors have been enjoying the wonderful weather we have been experiencing and the opportunity to get out and about in our magnificent environment. The beach has been particularly inviting and been attracting large numbers of beach users, which will keep the NPOB surf club on their toes to ensure another safe summer season. The club provides a high quality and comprehensive life saving service at Taranaki's most popular beach and this year, due to the amount of sand moving along the beach, there is likely to be more holes and rips than in the past and therefore it is even more imperative to swim between the flags under the watchful gaze of the club members on patrol duties!

The community board has been particularly active, working on a number of projects since the elections in October. The new children's playground in Okato is finished with the initial landscaping, provision of pathways, rubbish bins and bench seats expected to be concluded before Christmas. It is being well used by many enthusiastic youngsters. The adjoining skateboard park is still a work in progress, as is the full landscaping of the site.

Recently asset managers from the Department of Justice held a public meeting on the former primary school site adjacent to the playground to canvas local opinion and share information about what is planned. The site is land-banked and the Department of Justice acts as asset manager for the Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS). Currently the OTS, as interim landholder, is in negotiations with



**Department of Justice meeting at Okato Primary School.**

Taranaki iwi about the site. The site will either be passed onto Taranaki iwi in settlement of Treaty of Waitangi claims or if not taken in settlement will be sold on the open market. The major problem for Taranaki iwi and local residents is prior to the site be passed onto OTS the previous occupiers (Ministry of Education) arranged for a heritage covenant to be placed on a number of buildings on the title by the Historic Places Trust. This covenant severely restricts what can be done with those buildings in regards to demolition, removal or modernising.

Personally I find the covenant quite incomprehensible. There are many similar school buildings scattered throughout Taranaki, many still in use, so I question the historic value of these buildings and wonder who decided otherwise

and why. I also question why, if the Ministry of Education believed the buildings are of such historical importance, they have been allowed to fall into such a terrible state of disrepair over the past seven years since the school closed. It certainly doesn't make sense to me or to all the Taranaki iwi and other local residents that attended the meeting. All it does, unless the covenant is removed, is stymie progress towards getting a final resolution and leaves a terrible (and increasingly dangerous) eyesore at the entrance to Okato. Enough said!

The tidy up of the car park area outside the Oakura Beach Camp is proceeding and will also be completed before Christmas. Once again the final landscaping will need to wait until after the hot summer months have passed. Due to generous donations from members of our community another seat has been erected under the shade of the pohutukawa trees there, and two more seats have been erected along the coastal walkway.

Finally I believe we all should take a moment to reflect on what an excellent job many folk have done on our behalf this year. The various sporting organisations and their never complaining volunteers have done us proud, the fire brigade continue their sterling work, the businesses in the CBD, the beach camp, the hall committee and others in the community have helped keep our wonderful lifestyle intact. A special mention goes to Richie Shearer and his very hard working committee who, at very short notice, are putting together an excellent New Year's Day carnival for the community. I do hope everyone can get in behind the committee and contribute to making the carnival a truly memorable event. Also the best of luck to the recently formed Okato 150th Jubilee Committee working towards that big event in 2015. And no, I didn't forget - the early childhood centres and schools, their staff, boards and volunteers deserve our thanks for another year of service to the younger members of our district. On behalf of the community I acknowledge your immeasurable assistance on behalf of our children and thank you sincerely for it.

On behalf of Keith, Paul, Mike and our appointed councillor Richard I wish all TOM readers a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year and hope you can spend lots of quality family time and enjoy our great local environment over the coming summer months.

Ka kite ano

Doug



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# Apprentice Numbers Increase

**JONATHAN YOUNG MP**

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We need a responsive training system, one that can adapt and change as industries evolve and develop.

High quality workplace based training produces more highly skilled workers, and is critical for building a more competitive and productive economy – one of our priorities this year.

Here in Taranaki 245 people signed up as apprentices between March and October this year, through the Government's reboot subsidy. The reboot subsidy means the first 10,000 new apprentices enrolled since 6 March 2013 get \$1,000 towards their tools and off-job costs, or \$2,000 if they are in priority trades. Employers receive the same amount for each apprentice they take on.

National introduced the apprenticeship reboot subsidy to help more people into apprenticeships, and to support our local businesses to be able to take apprentices on. From March to October last year, we had 153 apprentices sign up in our region. So having 245 people sign up from March to October this year is an impressive result.

Nationwide, the reboot has resulted in a 67 per cent increase in people starting apprenticeships compared to the same period last year. This reboot will help more people gain a Level 4 apprenticeship qualification, supporting our Better Public Services target of 55 per cent of 25 to 34-year-olds gaining a Level 4 or above qualification in 2017.

The apprenticeship reboot is part of a suite of changes the Government is making to improve industry training. We're establishing New Zealand Apprenticeships, which combine Modern Apprenticeships and other apprenticeship-type training into a premier vocational qualification. We're increasing the performance expectations of industry training organisations, and we're requiring all apprenticeship programmes to have at least 120 credits and result in a Level 4 qualification.

National is supporting New Zealanders into vocational careers that will set them up for their working lives.

We're investing in the potential of our workforce to ensure more Kiwis will be able to meet the needs of businesses now and in the future.



**Jonathan Young**  
MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

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# Oakura Christmas Carols for Charity


There is an exciting new community event to put on your pre-Christmas event calendar this year - Oakura getting ready to host its own carol singing event. Megan Dixon and Belinda Tran-Lawrence recognised the lack of community Christmas events in the village and these bring together all sections of the community. They decided to start an Oakura tradition of their own, similar to the already established Carols by Candlelight in New Plymouth. Starting at 7:30pm the night will include live local talent performing both traditional and modern Christmas carols for the people of Oakura to sing along to. This event is aimed at individuals and families of all ages, from age 0 to 100.

There will be food and drink available and also the possibility of some extra entertainment. The aim of holding these carols is to start an ongoing tradition throughout the Oakura community that involves everyone and anyone who wishes to be a part of it. The event is also being used as a fundraiser for an appeal helping out the victims of the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.


Please come along with blankets, a gold coin donation, smiles and your best singing voices and help make it a night to remember.

The ladies are also keen to hear from any local individuals or groups who may be interested in providing a short performance in the Christmas theme, or who wish to be involved in some other capacity.

Carols in the Village will be held at 7:30 on Sunday 22nd December on The Carriage Café/The Crafty Fox grass landing if the weather allows – wet weather plans are still to be decided. Keep your eyes open on village noticeboards and Facebook for further developments.





## Merry Christmas



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It's been a busy year at the library. I'd like to mention a few upcoming events. Registration for our summer reading programme "Summer Beach Read" closes Monday the 9th of December 2013. With this programme we encourage kids to keep reading throughout the summer. We require four check-ins with us between 10th December 2013 and 25th January 2014. Surprises await, fun events included. Spaces are limited so don't delay.

Our Christmas craft session, ideal for 5-12yr olds, will be held on Monday 23rd December 2013 at 10am. We will be making sea creatures from egg cartons. Bookings are essential. Just bring your imagination and a smile!

This information is also available on [pukeariki.com](http://pukeariki.com). Check out What's On!

We welcome back Camille Cochrane our university student helper for the summer.

If you've been inspired by the Oakura Art Trail artists and the garden festivals explore our beautiful art and gardening books.

"The Painted Garden in New Zealand Art" and "Foliage" are full of ideas for painting flowers and leaves.

In keeping with the current surf exhibition at Puke Ariki we have the following:

"Kelly Slater for the Love", "Tasman", "The Good New Zealand Beach Guide: North Island", and by our own Murray Laird "Riding the Wall: Surfing Pioneers of Taranaki".

**Please note our holiday hours will be:**

Closed Tuesday 24th December 2013 - 5th January 2014. We will reopen on Monday 6th January at 12:00 noon as per normal.

May your holidays be full of peace, love and good health.

*Charlie and Vincenza*

# Rich Pickings

## FROM OUR LOCAL CONSTABLE

Hello all well the Xmas season is creeping up on us fast and before you know it we will be celebrating the New Year.

But first things first: congratulations to all the students who have completed their exams and are now moving onto another exciting chapter in their life I wish you all the very best for whatever path you take.

School holidays will again be on us before we know it and with that comes a busy time for me. Some small tips to all the mums and dads out there, take an interest in where your kids are and what their plans are. I know we cannot keep an eye on them 24/7 and do not expect you to but some idea of where they are, what their plans are and who they are with would be good.

A few small matters that are starting to arise as they do each year with the fine weather we are having. People start to ride their vehicles along the beach in Oakura - this is not allowed apart from a very few exceptions so please don't as if given the chance I will find out who you are and there will be consequences for your behaviour.

It is not just vehicle; you are not allowed to ride your horse along the beach between 9am and 6pm. There is plenty of signage so please take notice and the place will be a lot safer and cleaner for all.

For those out there who see this happen, a photo is a good idea and or a description of the offenders. Get hold of the NPDC or myself and we will follow it up.

As always I have had a number of calls regarding boy and girl racers however with your assistance I have managed to get a couple of vehicles off the road and will continue to do so, but I do need your help. Start with a registration, make and model of vehicle and one thing which can be very handy is a description of the driver or any passengers.

Moving on, some of you may be having difficulty in getting hold of me since the new and improved call centre has been set up - if you get frustrated and it is not urgent try emailing me on [richard.corry@police.govt.nz](mailto:richard.corry@police.govt.nz).

Take caution when using the Lucy's Gully area particularly if you are alone. There have been several reporting's of a car in the area with no number plates and a male acting inappropriately. Do not ride your horse, bike or walk in the area alone and report anything suspicious to me.

Enough grumbling from me! What a couple of great games of sport the other weekend - I do feel a bit for the Irish, wow what a comeback and our local lad played his part.

Anyway must go but before I do please all be safe out there look after your mates and I hope to see you in the New Year.

*Rich*

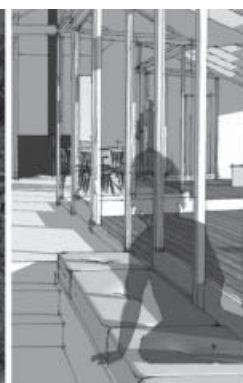
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# Horse and Vehicle Rules for Oakura

Between 9am and 6pm during daylight saving, horses and dogs have no place on Oakura Beach. Motor vehicles and motorbikes are prohibited from the beach at all times (with limited exceptions).

We have information signs up and there has been publicity recently about vehicle and horse use on this very popular beach – now we need riders, drivers and dog owners to take responsibility to follow the bylaws for the safety and enjoyment of the wider public.

To be clear, here are the rules:

- Between Weld Road and the Tapuae River mouth, vehicles may be on the beach only to take a boat down for launching or if they are an emergency or lifesaving club vehicle. Vehicles may not be left on the beach.
- Between Ahu Ahu Road and the Oakura River Mouth at Corbett Park, horses are banned between 9am and 6pm.
- Between Wairau Stream and the Oakura Beach Camp gates – an area that includes Corbett Park – dogs are banned between 9am and 6pm.

If you see anyone breaking these rules – such as riding a motorbike or quad bike on the beach, or exercising their horses in an area they shouldn't be – please note the vehicle's registration and get in touch with the Council. Information such as a description of the person, what happened and the day and time it happened will help us identify the person involved.

Horse and vehicle owners who break the bylaw can be prosecuted through the courts, while anyone breaching the Dog Control Bylaw can receive a \$300 instant fine.

However we'd prefer that there are no breaches of the bylaw at all.

We ask everyone to treat the beach and the bylaws with respect so that we can all have an enjoyable summer on Oakura Beach.

*Manager Enforcement, Lloyd Crow,  
New Plymouth District Council*



# Fundraiser for Philippines

Two local Oakura School students gave up some of their Saturday to raise funds for the typhoon victims of Haiyan in the Philippines. Essala Cook and Adam Johnston were busy selling produce and had raised over \$200 – well done boys.



Left, Essala and right, Adam.

# Calling all Volkswagen Owners

The annual Taranaki VW owners club traditional Xmas camp-over will be held at Oakura Beach camp on the weekend of 6/7/8th of December.

Lots of activities are planned: big dig, Santa, outdoor movie etc., etc.

On the Sunday the plan is to say goodbye to the Iconic VW kombi van. Production, in the shape most people know, will end at the end of 2013. We plan to have a cake, a kid's piñata, a Kombi sandcastle competition and a convoy to say goodbye.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in.

Contact Bryan Goodhue on 0276671016 or 7521290 for more information.



**Johnathan Whitehead and Brian Goodhue  
celebrate the VW in 'style'.**





# Oakura Beach New Year's Day Carnival – The Relaunch!

## OAKURA BEACH 1ST JANUARY 2014 11AM START

This iconic event is about to relaunch due to the support of Worley Parsons and the TSB Community Trust. The event is to kick-off a whole new tradition - Taranaki's biggest Mitre10 Mega Beach Water Fight!

Bring your Christmas water weaponry and unleash that COD soldier. Water pistols, Super Soakers, Aqua Blasters and Saturators or any sort of aquatic artillery is welcome but no dangerous objects allowed. Participants can also buy "fill-your-own" water balloons before battle begins.

We're not sure who wins, but we're betting the wettest team loses. Enter at your own risk.

There will be a separate battle for the little ones (under 10) so they won't have to worry about getting trampled by hordes of enthusiastic teenagers and parents.

Along with the water fight, there will also be a water slide to try out.

Plenty of live music has been scheduled, with X Factor favourite, Tom Batchelor, headlining the day. Local high schools have been invited to get bands together for a 15 minute set each, plus The Slacks, who were very popular last year, are back again for 2014.

The carnival is a great family event and provides something for all ages, from old favourites like the Little Miss Taranaki and Mr Muscles contests for under 10 year olds are back, and though the Miss Taranaki event won't be held at the beach this year, there will be plenty of entertainment on the day including the Cleland's Construction Children's Play Zone.

It's a great way to spend New Year's Day with your family, in a safe environment with lots to do. In between all the water activities, there'll be The Big Dig, helicopter rides and plenty of great food, from craft beer samples, international foods through to good old burgers, ice cream, and entertainment.

Admission is free, though people attending will be encouraged to buy a \$5 raffle ticket. Prizes include a week for two at The Rolling Surf Resort on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, including airfares, transfers and even some meals (prize donated by Don Harvey and Harvey World Travel).

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For more about the carnival please visit our Facebook page at Oakura New Year's Day Carnival 2014.




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## Merry Christmas from Oakura Pony Club

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

Draw one Tracy Williams.

Draw two Amanda Brown.

Rallies coming up:

3rd December twilight mufti rally - 5pm.

15 December Christmas Fancy Dress Rally 10.30.

Our riders have been busy going to various shows. Big congratulations to Maeghan King on Alexander Bay bred by Robin King at Clarkes Clevelands. Maeghan achieved a first and second on Alex at Wanganui A&P show and a first in the metre champion show jumping at Stratford A&P Show. Here is a photo of Maeghan with our oldest pony member at Oakura Pony Club. Cody who is 30 years old and still loves to come to Pony Club! From humble beginnings to the beautiful Alexander Bay; look how and who she now rides!



Maeghan and Cody.

## Kaitake Golf Club

November is the month for the end of season competitions, Christmas Hampers and mixed events. The 18- hole Men and Women's Club champions recently represented Kaitake at the Regional Champion of Champions events. This year the men played at Waitara Golf Club. Representing Kaitake were: - D Baird (Senior Men), D Squatriti (Intermediate Men); J Bell (Junior Men). The women played the Champion of Champions and the Rosebowl at Te Ngutu. Midweek representatives were R Robins (Silver); S Burgess (Bronze 1); K Brown (Bronze 1); Anne Murdoch (Bronze 2) while R Hawker (Silver); J Farrant (Bronze 1); D Jones (Bronze 1); M Pettigrew (Bronze 2) represented the weekend division.

Janice Farrant was the Taranaki winner of the Aotearoa Cup. This is a national competition played on a nett score. Well done!

### WINNERS OF THE CLUB CHRISTMAS HAMPER:

**9 Hole Ladies** 1st Nett: S McGuinness;  
1st Stableford: J Dingle.

**18 Hole Ladies** 1st gross: M Grey; 1st Nett: N Mancer;  
1st Stableford: Y Hildred.

**Senior Men** 1st Gross: S Spurdle;  
1st Nett: P Madgwick  
1st Stableford: C Farrant.

**Junior Men** 1st Gross: J Bell; 1st Nett: N Belcher;  
1st Stableford: S Mitchell.

Many members attended the club closing day on Saturday 23rd November. The format was a 9 hole Irish Ambrose followed by prize giving for the men and weekend women. Irish golf is playing the course backwards! As if going forward was not difficult enough! Lots of fun.

Once again the Kaitake Open Christmas Hamper was enjoyed by members and visiting players.

### 9 HOLE NEWS

Results from last month's Champion of Champion and 9 Hole Open

**C of C** - 1st Anne Stewart Westown, 2nd Yvonne Coxhead Kaitake, 3rd Barbara Hall NP.

**Open** - 1st Thelma White, 2nd Raewyn Bishop, 3rd Jo West, all from Kaitake.

### ANNUAL AWARDS

*Sue Bunt Salver Winner:* Yvonne Coxhead.

*Putting - 1st Section:* Jo West, *2nd Section:* Heather Honnor, *Rs/Up:* Heather O'Sullivan and Chrissy Warden.

*Winter Medal - 1st:* Jean Keegan, *2nd Section:* Chrissy Warden, *Rs/Up:* Thelma White and Claire Chamberlain.

*Medalford - 1st Section:* Jean Keegan, *2nd Section:* Peg Avery, *Rs/Up:* C Le Breton and Elizabeth Davies.

*Stableford - 1st Section:* H O'Sullivan, *2nd Section:* C Chamberlain, *Rs/Up:* T White and E Davies.

*Vase - 1st Section:* R Bishop, *2nd Section:* Claire Chamberlain.

*Super 9 - 1st Section:* H O'Sullivan, *2nd Section:* C Chamberlain.

*Eclectic - Winner:* Jo West. *R/Up:* Raewyn Bishop

*Grandmother's - Winner:* Raewyn Baird, *R/Up:* Coraleen Le Breton.





**Janice Farrant, winner of the Aotearoa Cup.**

**Roy Orme, hole-in-one winner.**



*Consolation – Winner:* Christine Alexander, *R/Up:* Nola Hutchinson

*Summer Cup Underway* - finishing 30th January 2014

Congratulations to all the winners over the year and to those who represented Kaitake so well at the Regional penants and Champion of Champions.

#### **HOLE-IN ONE**

Ray Orme achieved the ultimate in golf last month shortly after the TOM had gone to print. Using an 8 iron Ray had a hole in one on the 4th Hole at Kaitake Golf Club. By all accounts the 'perfect shot'. Congratulations Ray.

#### **SUMMER MEMBERSHIP.**

Welcome to all the summer members who have already taken advantage of the \$200 membership fee and joined Kaitake recently. Did you know that for \$200 you can enjoy golf over the summer months with the option of \$100 going towards becoming a full time member in 2014? This is a really good opportunity to ease into playing golf. Remember you are eligible to join in all club events over this period. See Jacqui in the Office for more details.

#### **TWILIGHT GOLF**

Twilight golf has got off to a good start with many members and visitors taking advantage of the summer evenings. Tee off between 3.00pm – 6.00pm each Tuesday. Barbecue and bar available

#### **COMING UP**

*Monday 9th December:* Kaitake Golf Club AGM at 7.00pm.

*Saturday 11th January 2014:* Beachcombers Tournament.

On behalf of Kaitake Golf club I would like to wish all the readers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New year. We hope you have a safe, enjoyable holiday season.

More information on Kaitake Golf Club can be found on the website [www.kaitakegolf.co.nz](http://www.kaitakegolf.co.nz).

*Andrea Jarrold Club President*

## 

At long last the weather is letting us get out for a fish, and from now on through the summer, fishing should be good. We have been having success catching kawahai from the river mouths as they chase whitebait, three of our members caught 10 kawahai one Sunday morning.

Our club won back the Ali Krutz surfcasting trophy from the New Plymouth surfcasting club on a very windy and wet day in October. Our next surfcasting challenge is the Wilson Cup in January - another trophy we want back in the trophy cabinet.



**Merv Krutz weighing his fish at the Ali Krutz surfcasting day.**

Kayak fishing is on the improve and some nice trevally are being caught along with snapper and gurnard - fishing straight out from the port in 20-30 metres is proving to be the best spot so far.

The Kayak Fishing Classic is set for 22/23rd March 2014 and entry forms are on our new website [kayakfishingclassic.org.nz](http://kayakfishingclassic.org.nz). or on [taranakikayakfishingclub.co.nz](http://taranakikayakfishingclub.co.nz).

*Garry Harrison*



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# Oakura Boardriders

The NZ Primary School Surfing Champs have just been held at Fitzroy beach with two of the Oakura Boardrider's young members making it to their respective finals - Tom Butland winning the boys division and Ariana Shewry coming 4th in the girls division. Big congratulations to both surfers for doing the club, themselves and no doubt their parents proud.

Paige Hareb was at the event, with a lot of the kids looking up to what she has achieved, her presence was a highlight for some. Speaking of Paige she is planning on staying in NZ this summer, getting over some injuries, training and getting prepared for her next year on Tour.

The NZ Primary School Surfing Champs finals were held in low tide very small conditions which were very challenging for the finalists so a big part of the final was adapting to the conditions.

## BOYS' FINAL

Tom Butland (Tara), 8.83, 1, James Ririnui (Mnt), 7.17, 2, Taylor O'Leary (Muriwai), 6.67, 3, Connor Seaman (Auck), 4.87, 4

## GIRLS' FINAL

Elin Tawharu (Mnt), 10.67, 1, Kea Smith (Mnt), 9.6, 2, Zhana Hutchieson (Waitara), 5.7, 3, Ariana Shewry (Tara), 3.83, 4

Summer has arrived with a roar and with a spell of great weather has meant the surf is warmish so let's hope it's a long hot summer. The board rider's clubrooms are open Friday nights following the kids surfing coaching. This is held with the help of Tarawave Surf School on Friday evenings and any one who wants more info can call Gary Bruckner on 7527474. Feel free to bring the family down and make a night of it.

Keep an eye on the notice board at the club for upcoming events over summer. The New Years Beach Carnival day is on again after being rescued by a new committee when the NP Old Boys Surf deciding they were not going to run it again. This is a big undertaking so please come and support the day.

As you have probably read in the media, part of the Taranaki Easter Surf Festival has moved from a Women's Championship Tour contest to a Women's World Qualifying series contest. This will allow a lot more NZ surfers to enter, as a lot of the top women surfers will still compete. It gives our surfers valuable exposure to world class competition to test themselves on a world stage without leaving home. With the recent success of Whangamata's Ella Williams winning the girls ASP junior series title, and Paige Hareb competing on the elite World Tour, NZ women surfers can see it can be done and aspire to compete and succeed on the world stage. I am sure this is motivating a lot of young girls out there now.

The Surfing NZ Events calendar, shows upcoming events.

## JANUARY 2014

12 - 18 January, National Surfing Championships, Gisborne

25 - 26 January, Billabong Grom Series pres by Oceanbridge, Event 1 - Mount Maunganui (entries online early December).

## FEBRUARY 2014

8 - 9 February, Billabong Grom Series pres by Oceanbridge, Event 2 - Whangamata (entries online early December) ISA World Masters Surfing Championship, Panama (February or March TBC).

## MARCH 2014

1 - 2 March, Billabong Grom Series pres by Oceanbridge, Event 3 - Piha Beach, Auckland\*\* (entries online early December).

## APRIL 2014

Easter Festival April 18-21

ISA World Junior Surfing Championship, Ecuador (exact dates TBC).

## MAY 2014

3 - 11 ISA World Stand Up Paddle and Paddleboard Championship, Nicaragua

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2014

ISA World Longboard Championship, Brazil.

## NOVEMBER 2014

1 - 9, ISA World Surfing Games (50th Annual), Punta Rocas, Peru.

## DECEMBER 2014

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Between December 13th 2013 and May 4th 2014 Puke Ariki is running an exhibition in the main gallery called SURF – Shaping Taranaki, this should be definitely worth a visit.

The Micro Grom Series will be on again this summer, as yet dates are still being finalised but Oakura Boardrider's will run the first one in December, dates will be advertised once decided.

There will be some competitive coaching sessions with the Surfing Australia head coach coming up soon; anyone interested should contact Craig Williamson at Surfing Taranaki. These are run at a cut price and here in Taranaki so no better opportunity for aspiring competitors.

On behalf of the Oakura Boardriders Club we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and New Year, get out there and enjoy your summer.

*Brent Anderson Oakura Boardriders.*

*Secretary: Paul Lobb 75 27556.*

### OBC surf coaching.



**Boys' finalists.**



**Girls' finalists.**



**Ariana Shewry.**



**Tom Butland.**

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*By Estelle Williams*

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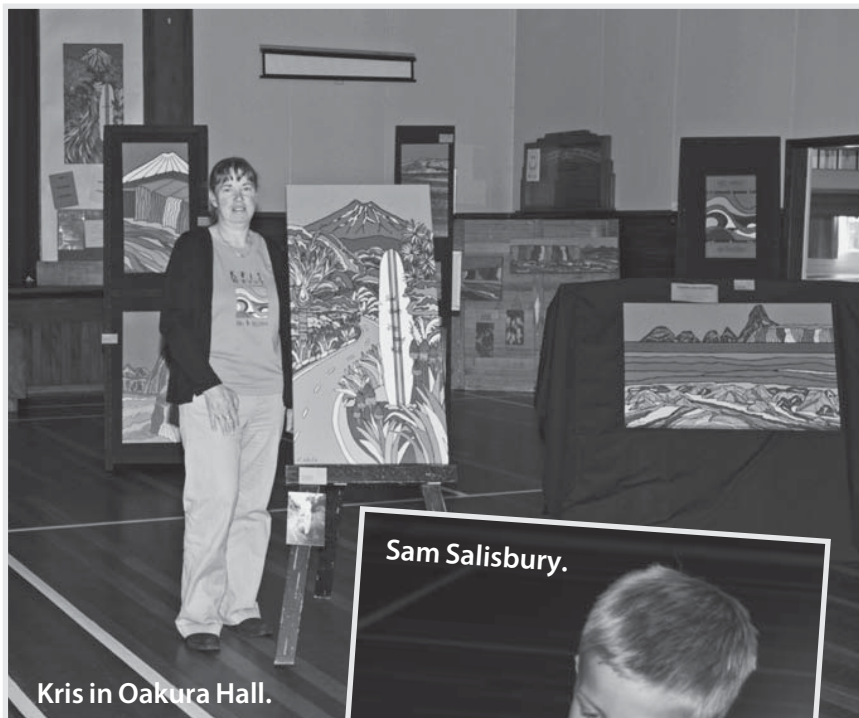
# Oakura Arts Trail Workshop Weekends

The 2013 Oakura Arts Trail once again proved a huge success with locals and visitors alike. Co-ordinator Julie Salisbury reports that there were over 2400 studio visits, with the artists kept busy answering questions and providing demonstrations. Whilst a lot of the visitors were from Taranaki there were many that travelled from outside of the region specifically for the Arts Trail. Julie said that "it was heartening to know that the trail is beginning to make a name for itself, attracting visitors to our region in its own right. We are lucky with the quality of the artists living here, many of whom have a national and international following".

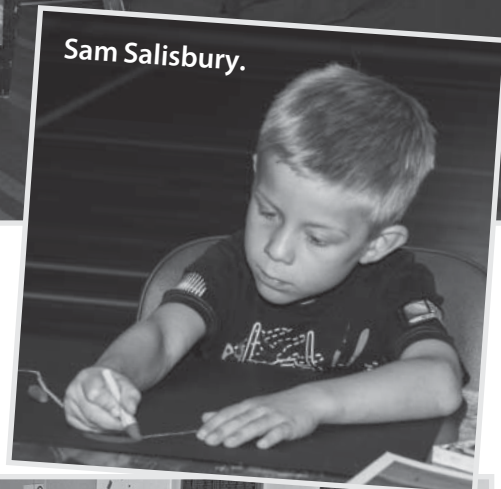
The attendance at the children's workshops with Kris White was great, with many sessions full. The community spirit of the trail is alive and well, demonstrated by Kris donating all the proceeds from the workshops to Oakura School.

With the planning well underway for the 2014 Arts Trail, Julie is keen to hear from any artists within the Oakura School zone who produce their own work (in whatever medium) that are interested in being part of the trail. The vision of the Arts Trail remains for the public to be able to enjoy visiting artists at work, in their studios.

If you are interested in learning more about being included as an artist on the Arts Trail, please contact Julie Salisbury on 752 7565.



Kris in Oakura Hall.



Sam Salisbury.



Elly Dinnis.



Making it all happen.

I had 30 children come and do my art workshop, using black paper and pastels supplied by the Oakura School.

The workshops raised \$600 for Oakura School. I also had a few others kids during the day who were looking around the hall with their parents and they sat down and did some drawing. I had comments from some mums after the Arts Trail on how their kids wanted to come back again and how they had to go and buy their children some paints and pastels.

I love getting the kids interested in what colours they see around them, the ever changing colour of the sea and the green shades of paddocks and not being afraid to use different colours. I have been thinking about maybe doing some art classes in the holidays next year if kids were keen.

*Kris White*



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# Swap a Crop – FUN FOR FREE!

Crop Swap Taranaki held their first crop swap meet at St James Church Hall, Oakura in November. The plan is to continue these swaps in the future with the next one planned for 14 December (4.00pm set up and 4.30pm start swapping).

A crop swap is bringing along the bounty of your garden, i.e. excess veges, seedlings, herbs, fruit, flowers and eggs, etc., and swapping them for something else you may be lacking. You could also bring along something you have made in your kitchen, i.e. relish, preserves, baking.

The concept is a bit unusual in that no money changes hands and the swapping is based on everyone treating everyone fairly. It's a great way to meet like minded people in the community and see what they have been busy growing or making.

Contact Aileen 0275244007 or look up Crop Swap Taranaki on Facebook for more information.



Aileen and Murray.



Mary and her happy little helper.



Diana and Nicky share gardening tips.



Wendy eyes up some produce.



Nectar gatherers.



## Twist studio and farm art workshop

### Deborah French

Deborah is a printmaker, painter and ceramist. Her work often incorporates recycled and found objects. Deborah supplies her work to galleries throughout New Zealand and her work is in collections nationally and internationally. For more information go to <http://deborahfrenchartist.blogspot.com/>

<http://kina.co.nz/blog/news/9848156-show-and-tell-deborah-french-artist>

Twist studio is nestled in the Kaitake ranges just 5 km out of Oakura. Surrounded by birdlife, bush and the dramatic and moody Kaitake ranges. It is a peaceful and affirming venue to grow in confidence expressing yourself visually. There are many walks and beaches close by for relaxation and inspiration. Accommodation suiting all budgets is located close by in Oakura or 18 km away in New Plymouth.

**What:** A two day workshop covering basic drawing skills and printmaking

**When:** Saturday 15 February and Sunday 16 February

**Where:** 289 Surrey Hill Road, R.D.4, Oakura Taranaki.

**Time:** 9am-4pm

**Cost:** \$120 per person. Limited to 4 people

**Other:** Most materials are supplied. You will need to bring a sketchbook and a selection of images you wish to work with.

Also bring a packed lunch and snacks. Tea and coffee provided.

### Questions and Enrolment:

Deborah French phone 06 7527414

email [frenchpaace@xtra.co.nz](mailto:frenchpaace@xtra.co.nz)



# Oakura School Year 8 Profiles

*This year's school leavers were asked where they were heading on the next part of their school journey and what ambitions they had for the future.*



**JULIET SQUATRITI**

Going to NPGHS.

Wants to be a dental hygienist.

**SASKIA BUTLAND**

Going to SHGC.

Wants to be in the business industry.



**SASHA MAULDER**

Going to NPGHS.

Wants to be a veterinarian.

**MARK HUITEMA**

Going to Spotswood College.

Wants to be an architect.



**SOPHIE CRABTREE**

Going to NPGHS.

Wants to be a teacher/chef.

**JACKIE PROCTER**

Going to NPGHS.

Wants to be a kindergarten teacher.



**TAYLAH MCQUAIG**

Going to SHGC.

Wants to be a psychologist.

**BLAIR WALKER**

Going to NPBHS.

Wants to be a teacher/architect.



**RYLIE MATCHETT**

Going to NPGHS.

Wants to be something to do with animals.

**FELIX FERRIS**

Going to NPBHS.

Wants to be a pro snowboarder.



**KARA WELLS**

Going to NPGHS.

Wants to be a Silver Fern.



**TASMIN VAN BERGEN**

Going to NPGHS.

Wants to be a veterinarian.

**SHAELYN HATTLE**

Going to NPGHS.

Undecided.



**REEF RAUMATI**

Going to NPBHS.

Wants to be a pro snowboarder or engineer.

**RHEGAN HUDSON**

Going to NPGHS.

Wants to be a singer/actress.



**BEN SILK**

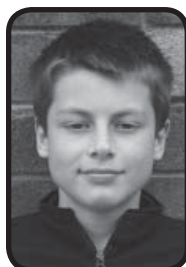
Going to FDMC.

Undecided.

**MARIO PRONK-JONES.**

Going to FDMC.

Wants to be a mechanic/engineer.



**GAVIN BISHOP**

Going to NPBHS.

N/A.

**RACHEL PAGE**

Going to NPGHS.

Wants to be a vet.



**KATE NEWTON**

Going to NPGHS.

Undecided.

**HAYDEN BENTON**

Going to NPBHS.

Wants to be a pro athlete or a landscape architect.



**TESSA KEENAN**

Going to NPGHS.

Wants to be a journalist.

**JASON BOND**

Going to NPBHS.

Wants to be a pro runner.







**TANEAL JONES**  
Going to SHGC.  
Undecided.



**EMILY HUSBAND**  
Going to NPGHS.  
Wants to be a  
physiotherapist.



**EMILY WAITE**  
Going to SHGC.  
Wants to be a Storm  
Chaser.



**JAY EVANS**  
Going to NPBHS.  
Wants to be an engi-  
neer/pro snowboarder.



**ELLIE WHITEHEAD**  
Going to NPGHS.  
Wants to be a  
hairstylist/model.



**POPPY MITCHELL**  
Going to NPGHS.  
Wants to be a PE  
teacher/nurse.



**OSCAR ROBERTSON**  
Going to NPBHS.  
Wants to be a pro  
basketballer/graphic  
designer.



**SIAN TRAN-  
LAWRENCE**  
Going to NPGHS.  
Wants to be an intelli-  
gence officer.



**KYLA JEAN CASTANO**  
Going to NPGHS.  
Wants to be a flight  
attendant.



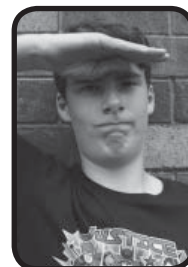
**MAX SHEARER**  
Going to NPBHS.  
Wants to be a golf  
professional.



**ABIGAIL HOLDCROFT**  
Going to NPGHS.  
Wants to be a dentist.



**EMILY CRUMMY HILLS**  
Going to SHGC.  
Wants to be a librarian.



**SANTÉ COOK**  
Going to Coastal Taranaki.  
Wants to be a video  
game designer.



**KIMBERLEY LEWIS**  
Going to NPGHS.  
Wants to be a magazine editor.

Our highlights of this fantastic year were most definitely Camp Wellington, Activity Week and the annual Fun Run. We also enjoyed PrEP (Primary enterprise programme), Have a Go Sailing, the production and extra curriculum activities. We would like to thank the teachers for giving us all of these amazing opportunities.

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# The Beautiful Bumblebee

Since the sun has come out the humble bumblebee has been inspiring me. As I sit on my deck enjoying a drink or enjoying the sunshine I hear the very busy bumblebee buzzing amongst the herbs. I thought to myself “what is a bumblebee and where did he come from?”

Unsurprisingly bumblebees are not native to New Zealand and were introduced from the UK to help farmers produce better crops way back in 1885.

The most common bumblebee is the *bombus terrestris*. Seems fitting that a bumblebee should be known as a *bombus* since they look like little bombs!

The *bombus terrestris* has a fluffy white bottom (had never noticed that before) and has a common name of buff-tailed bumblebee and is also the largest of the species. It is the only species to have a black waist.

The first bumblebees to be seen in spring are the queens – the queen is the only bumblebee to hibernate through the winter – the rest die (sorry chaps!). The queen is much bigger than the workers who appear in late spring. As soon as the queen has found some nectar to replenish her energy reserves, she starts looking for a suitable site to build her nest. There are about 200 workers in a mature colony of the large bumblebee *Bombus terrestris*. Nests deplete in late summer and are often destroyed by invading rodents, insects, mites and slaters. The foundress queen dies but new queens leave the old nest and overwinter in small cavities they excavate in the soil.

Three ‘castes’ occur within bumblebee nests, a ‘queen’ (the reproductive female), ‘workers’ (non-reproductive females) and males. All three castes are broadly similar in appearance, but males can be distinguished as they lack stings and have longer antennae than the females – so it is only females and queens who sting (how appropriate!).

Bumblebees have something called ‘pollen baskets’ on their legs. This is a large flat space or hollow on their hind legs surrounded by hairs to make the ‘basket.’ The inside of their legs have lots of hairs that make brushes or combs. After they have climbed around a flower and have lots of pollen stuck to them they run the combs over themselves to pick up the pollen. Then they mix it all together with a bit of nectar to make it sticky and pack it into the pollen basket.

Bumblebees work very hard and long hours, foraging from dawn to dusk in search of nectar and pollen no matter the weather.

Possibly the most distinctive feature of the bumblebee is its buzz, especially the very large queen’s. The buzz allows the bumblebee to ‘buzz pollinate’ the anthers of flowers. The bee rakes up a bunch of anthers, holding them against its body with its legs and buzzes them. The amount of energy transferred from the buzzing bee causes the pollen to explode outward covering the bee in pollen.

Bumblebees can navigate their way back to the nest from a distance of 13 kilometres but generally stick to about a five kilometre radius.

Bumblebees have been commercially reared in New Zealand for about 20 years and are now being exported back to the UK where they are nearly extinct.

Queenie  
bombus,  
with her  
pollen  
baskets  
clearly  
visible.



In commercial use 150-300 bumblebees can service 15,000 tomato plants or 40 different flowers per bee every hour over 12 hours!

My quest into finding out more about bumblebees has led me to realise I have very few pollen or nectar producing plants in my garden – I shall remedy this. I found bumblebees on my roses, in my herb garden and on my rhododendrons.

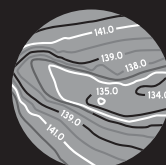
I also found them very difficult to photograph as they move so quickly and frequently – I need a macro lens for my camera! Another thing, the Aussies didn’t want bumblebees so you won’t find any in the great red continent.

Watch out for my new friends and take a moment to enjoy their spectacle.

*By Kim Ferens*



**Sustainable Man makes a good point.**



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## That's Omata

by Kohana Clothier, Room 2

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# Omata School Year 8 Profiles

1. What School are you going to next year?
2. What was the highlight of your time at Omata School?
3. What do you want to do when you leave school?



**ALEX MOFFITT**

1. Spotswood College.
2. My highlight was the year 7 and 8 Marimba Festival with Jan Aiello and playing with the Nukes.
3. I want to work with animals – a farmer or a vet or maybe be a landscape designer.

**AMBER DONALD**

1. Spotswood College.
2. My highlight was the year 8 camp to Wellington and especially being with my friends and doing the climbing wall.
3. I want to be a photographer or musician (violinist).



**ANNABEL JONES**

1. NPGHS.
2. My highlights were being a lead ambassador, the school production – Pirates of the Curry Bean and being with my friends.
3. I want to do something with debating – maybe a politician or a journalist or writer.

**ASHLY REI**

1. NPGHS.
2. My Highlight was the year 8 camp to Wellington, I enjoyed hanging out with everyone like a happy family.
3. I want to be a gymnastics coach or a hip hop or jazz dancer.



**DAVID ROBINSON**

1. Spotswood College.
2. My highlight was the year 8 camp to Wellington and I liked free roaming and being with a great group of kids.
3. I want to be an architect or make and sell woodwork – cabinetmaker.

**JOS BAAS**

1. NPBHS.
2. My highlight was the year 8 camp – shopping in Wellington.
3. I want to be a chef.



**JOSHUA BOYCE**

1. Spotswood College.
2. My highlight was playing soccer.
3. I want to be a police officer.

**KATE LOGAN**

1. NPGHS.
2. My highlight was the year 8 camp – hanging out with friends.
3. I want to be a professional horse rider.



**KATIE PULLEN**

1. Spotswood College.
2. My highlight was working in room 4 (new entrants) as a teacher aide and going to Capital e on the year 8 camp.
3. I want to be an author or actor or possibly work with children (teacher/psychologist or therapist).

**LACHIE BARRETT**

1. Spotswood College.
2. My highlights were the camps – overnight at Omata School, Vertical Horizon and Wellington.
3. I want to be a surgeon or anaesthetist.



**MAISIE JONES**

Maisie was away in Wales.

**MICAIAH WILLIAMS**

1. NPBHS.
2. My highlights were the year 8 camp especially spending time with friends and being a lead ambassador.
3. I am undecided on what I want to do – I am leaving my options open.



**NICHOLAS HARROP**

1. NPBHS.
2. My highlights have been all the friends I've made and the opportunities I have had with music – two piano concerts and a diligence award and a most promising student award.
3. I want to be a chicken farmer or a geologist or an agricultural tutor.

**NICHOLAS HOLT**

1. NPBHS.
2. My highlight was making friends and just enjoying my time at Omata.
3. I want to do something in animation.





**NOAH DUNN**

1. NPBHS.
2. My highlight was the year 8 camp where everyone looked out for each other.
3. I want to be a graphic artist.

**SALLY PEARL BECKINGSALE**

1. NPGHS.
2. My highlight has been everything about Omata School especially my friends.
3. I want to do something in social science and art history – working with people.

**SAMUEL MEGAW**

1. Francis Douglas Memorial College.
2. My highlight was the visit to parliament in the year 8 camp.
3. I want to be an engineer or builder.

**SARAI SMITH**

1. NPGHS.
2. My highlights were the year 8 camp and having Mr Murphy as a teacher – he teaches in a different way.
3. I want to be a film director or graphic designer.

**XAVIER JOHNSON**

1. Spotswood College.
2. My highlight was the year 8 camp.
3. I want to be a geologist – working offshore on oil rigs.



# Kaitake Kindergarten

It was an exciting day on the 21st November at Kaitake Kindergarten - 'Hearty' came to visit the children and teachers to present them with a 'Healthy Heart Award'.



**Hearty visiting Kaitake Kindergarten.**

Over the past months children have been busy learning about how to have a 'Healthy Heart'. They have learnt about everyday food and treat food that we have on special occasions and how to make healthy food choices. The children have also been involved in many physical activities that all contribute to a healthy heart.

Parents have also been involved, they are aware of the importance and benefits of packing a healthy food lunch for their child.

There are three levels to the 'Healthy Heart Award' and Kaitake Kindergarten are all very proud to have achieved the highest Pā Harakeke Award.

*Kaitake Kindergarten*



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# Spotswood College

Spotswood College celebrates a busy and successful year.

At the recent Senior Prize giving expectant senior students along

with their parents and families packed the school's hall to celebrate a great night of awards for a busy and eventful year.

Staff wore their black formal gowns with a blaze of colour showcasing their individual academic achievements, as they were welcomed to the stage by a rousing karanga.

Principal Mark Bowden opened the ceremony by summarising 2013 in a formal speech with some of his comments below.

Spotswood College began the year encouraged by the NCEA results our students gained in 2012. Average Level 1, 2 and 3 results for our school all increased representing a significant improvement on 2011 outcomes.

However, in the list of things that make me proud to be the Principal of Spotswood College, academic achievement is but a part of the interrelated attributes that contribute to developing good people, or as our vision statement says "Developing young people of good character with the skills and knowledge to contribute to our 21st Century Global Village."

Too often in thinking about schooling, education and assessment are regarded as synonymous; they are not. When exploring the purpose of education, parents, teachers and the wider community, invariably identify 3 key purposes:-

1. growing 'good' people
2. engaging young people to participate and contribute to their community
3. equipping young people with skills, knowledge and attitudes for employment.

In growing good people at Spotswood College our E TŪ work (E TŪ is our Positive Behaviour for Learning project. E TŪ is about standing up for Education, Taking Part and Unity) remains a priority platform for our vision of

constant and meaningful school improvement.

Mr Bowden identified the contribution the arts and sport make to Spotswood College.

"Student involvement in cultural productions has again highlighted the talent of our musicians, dancers, actors and Kapa Haka group as they have participated in school, regional and national competitions and performances. Student participation in sport is also steadily rising. It was rewarding to see many families and students celebrating sporting success at the recent sports prizegiving."

Amongst a multitude of academic awards the following students shone out for their high levels of effort and ability:-

*Overall Top Scholar for Academic Excellence in Year 11* - Erin Barrett.

*Overall Top Scholar for Academic Excellence in Year 12* - Sarah Messenger.

*Overall Top Scholar for Academic Excellence in Year 13 Dux* - Lucy Wilson.

*Proxime Accessit* - Jasmin Warren.

## Cultural Awards

*Ngati Te Whiti Hapu Award* - Tane Leong

*He Tohu Rangatiratanga* - Faith Simeona and Wakaia Tamehana

*Kapa Haka Awards* - Ebony Wherahiko, Wakaia Tamehana.

*Te Hanakore Manutonga.*

## Performing Arts Awards

*Waitere Family Cup* - Tegan MacDonald.

*New Plymouth Little Theatre Trophy for Best Stage Performance of the Year* - Olivia Preston.

*"Liz Murray Cup" for contribution to Drama* - Monique Flaszynski.

*Eichstaedt Trophy for Contribution to Dance* - Graceyn Potroz, Kiara Quirante and Taryn O'Donnell.

*Kyle Gilmore Memorial Award for Public Speaking* - Laura Anderson

*First in Senior Speech* - Kristina Pui.

*First in Alt English Senior Speech* - Phillip Bailey.

## Top Sport Awards

*Trina Cowley Trophy for Sporting Excellence* - Brooke Carter.

*The Hale Sportsman of the Year Trophy* - Faris Petty

*The Nick Banks Trophy - Top College Team Sports Award* - Faris Petty and Jaymz Tito.

Spotswood College was well represented at The Young Achievers Awards held recently. Students were rewarded for their hard work and efforts over 2013.

*Music Award - Winner* - Abby Christodoulou

*Super Student Award - Highly Commended* - Sarah Messenger

*Arts Award - Winner* - Sophia Smolenski (student 2012)

*Arts Award - Highly Commended* - Hayley Mapley

*Mayor's Choice Awards - Winner* - Catherine West (student 2012).

MC's for the Spotswood College senior prizegiving were the outgoing Head Girl, Laura Anderson and Head Boy, Tane Leong. A highlight of the evening was their joint speech which was very humorous, emotional and inspirational.

Laura said "We started as year 9's thinking we knew all



**Jasmin Warren (left) and Lucy Wilson (right)**

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about life only to find out now that we are still learning every day. This school and all the people in it have helped shape me into who I have become today. I'm so proud that I can stand here having finished my time at Spotswood knowing all that the school has given me. Though I'm excited to be moving forward in my life, I'm also sad to leave the place that has become a second home, behind." Tane said "I remember walking through the school gates for the first time. I was about four foot nothing, with a bowl cut, shaking in my school uniform two sizes too big. Spotswood College has been my home away from home. Through my time here I feel like I've grown as a person, expanded my horizons and found out what I'm truly capable of."

Laura and Tane deputised the new Head Girl, Hayley Mapley and Head Boy, Fairs Petty by presenting them with their badges. Kaitlyn Koboski and Monique Flaszynski were named as the Deputy Head Girls with Jaymz Tito and Michael Mischefski named as Deputy Head Boys.



2014 Head Girl  
Hayley Mapley.



2014 Head Boy  
Fairs Petty

Tane summed things up by saying "To all the senior students returning to school next year, enjoy your time. Find things that you are passionate about and pursue them. To the prefects of 2014, I can't think of a better group of people to lead the student body next year and I'm sure you guys will make the school proud. Make sure you take your time, breathe and just enjoy the ride. It's a fast one!"

Laura finished their speech by saying "Today will never come again. Be a blessing, be a friend, explore, dream, discover, and never stop moving forward."

The last word goes to Principal Mark Bowden: To students leaving today – we wish you well. It has been a pleasure to be part of your journey from childhood to adulthood. Thank you for your contribution to our school through the multitude of learning, sporting, cultural and social activities that you have participated in over the past five years.

My sincere thanks to all staff for their work during 2013. Thank you for working to meet the needs of individuals while also working to improve our school as a whole.

I would like to thank all the board members for their contribution in helping make Spotswood College a great learning environment."

No reira, tena koutou tena koutou tena tatou katoa

Sharyn Smart



## New Plymouth Boys' High School

The year is nearly over and it is a good time to appreciate all the good things that have happened and the good things young men do. It is a time to thank the school community for all the support that makes our school so special. We congratulate and are very proud of the following boys. The University scholarships is a great moment in the school as basically by winning the Scholarship, the boys have their tertiary studies paid for them.

### SCHOLARSHIPS TO UNIVERSITIES FOR 2014:

*Auckland:* Alan Ansell, Thomas Lawley, and Adrian Robb.

*Massey:* Jack Anderson, Ben Mitchell, and Julian Weir.

*Victoria:* James Innes.

*Canterbury:* Ben Foulkes, and Flynn Valentine-Robertson.

### SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

**Volleyball:** *New Zealand Under 17 Beach Volleyball team to play in Vanuatu:* Sean Hone.

*TSS Junior Volleyball:* Won by NPBHS.

#### Golf:

*Selected for Taranaki team for the Booth Shield:* Ryan Murray and Tyler O'Leary.

*Selected for Taranaki Senior Men's team for Shand Cup:* Fletcher Broderick.

**Cycling** - *NZSS Cycling Championships:* 3rd: Josh Turner.

**Surf Lifesaving** - *NZSLS Pool Championships:*

*Under 19 medley relay - gold:* Mitchell Griffiths, Mitchell Owen, and Talor Owen.

*Under 19 manikin carry - silver:* Mitchell Griffiths, Mitchell Owen, and Talor Owen.

*Under 19 obstacle relay - bronze:* Mitchell Griffiths, Mitchell Owen, and Talor Owen.

*Under 16 manikin tow - bronze:* Brodie Lilley.

*Mega Relay - bronze:* Jack Dingle and Mitchell Griffiths.

*Victoria University Nanocamp, 2014:* Teague Harvey is one of only 15 students from throughout New Zealand selected for this camp.

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### Crop Swap

Saturday 14 December at St James Church, Surf Highway 45, Oakura. Set up is 4.00, and the crop shopping starts at 4.30. Gold coin donation for hall hire. A great way to share out your surplus veg, baking, flowers, seedlings, fruit, etc. Only rule is that it must come from your garden or kitchen. Not a one-to-one swap, more of a crop share. You'll definitely go home with something you want, and it's a great atmosphere of community! Find us on FB, Crop Swap Taranaki. Contact Aileen: 027 5244007.

### Fitness Training

Small Group classes held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Corbett Park - Interval Training & Boxfit. Contact Estelle Williams of Functional Fitness ph 7521001.

### Hurford - Omata - Oakura Rural Women

Meet 2nd Wednesday each month at 1.00pm. New members welcome. Contact Jean Kurth 751 2274.

### Indoor Bowls

Mondays 7.30pm at Oakura Hall. Ring Mike Vickers 752 7881.

### JKA Karate

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

### Mini Groovers

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

### Ringcraft Moana jewellery classes

Every Saturday 10-11:30am. RSVP information online - [www.nzpearl.co.nz](http://www.nzpearl.co.nz)

### Move It or Lose It - fitness classes,

Oakura Hall, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9.30am, Contact Gloria 752 7442.

### NP Toastmasters Club

Meets every 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of the month, 5.30pm at Bell-ringer Pavillion. Everyone welcome. Ph Faye 0274 250 354 or 751 0811.

### Oakura Pool Club

Meets every Wednesday evening 7pm @ Butlers Reef over winter. Phone Chip 027 621 4999 or 752 1004.

### Oakura Tennis Club

Monday 3pm-6pm: Juniors private coaching.

Tuesday 5.30-7pm - Club night.

Wednesday 3-6pm - Juniors private coaching/Hot Shots Tennis.

Thursday 9-12pm - Social Womens tennis for members and non members.

5.30-8pm - A Grade players practice.

Friday 4-8pm - Junior Interclub competition.

Saturday 9-4pm - Sofie Cup and A Grade Competition.

Contact Jackie Keenan Secretary 752 7013.

### Okato Squash

Club nights on Mondays from 7pm, everyone welcome, phone Darryl Gibson, Ph 06-752 4804.

### Omata Playgroup

Meets every Thursday, 9.00am at the Omata Community Hall. Ring 751 2308 for next session date. All parents and pre-schoolers welcome.

### Playcentre

Playcentre, Donnelly Street. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to noon. Visitors welcome by appointment. Ph Bridget on 06-752 7223.

### Probus Club

Meets once month at Kaitake Golf Club rooms on the 3rd Friday of every month at 10am - 11.30am. Contact Barry Goble 752 7254, or Betty West 752 7816.

### St James Church, Oakura

Morning worship 10.00am, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

### St John's, Omata

Morning worship 10.00am, 2nd Sunday of the month.

### Val Deakin Dance School

Pre-school dance class on Saturday morning from 9am to 9:30am.

Beginners' ballet/dance class from 9:30am to 10:15am. Oakura Hall. Ph Val Deakin, or Jane Roseman on 06 752 7743.

### Volkswagen Club

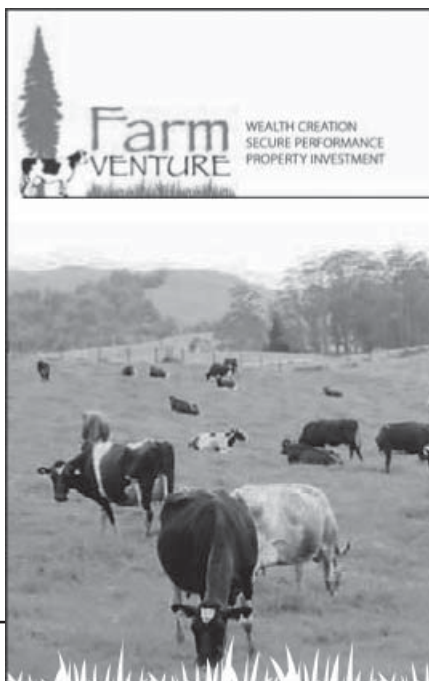
Xmas Camp over at Oakura Beach Camp for the Taranaki Club. 6-8 December. Lots of activities are planned: big dig, Santa, outdoor movie, etc. On the Sunday we plan to say goodbye to the Iconic VW kombi van. Production, in the shape most people know, will end at the end of 2013. We plan to have a cake, a kids' piñata, a Kombi sandcastle comp and a convoy to say goodbye.

Regular events range from car rallies, the YMCA climbing wall, camping, BBQ get togethers and sharing good family times and knowledge.

Contact President: [kirk@taranakivw.co.nz](mailto:kirk@taranakivw.co.nz) and Secretary: [bryan@taranakivw.co.nz](mailto:bryan@taranakivw.co.nz)

### Yoga Classes

Oakura hall 7.30 - 9.00pm. Running during the school terms - Tuesday nights. Some gear available - beginners welcome. Ten classes \$120 Casual \$14. M. 027 715 6188. P. 75 27 050. E. [keithplummer@clear.net.nz](mailto:keithplummer@clear.net.nz)



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