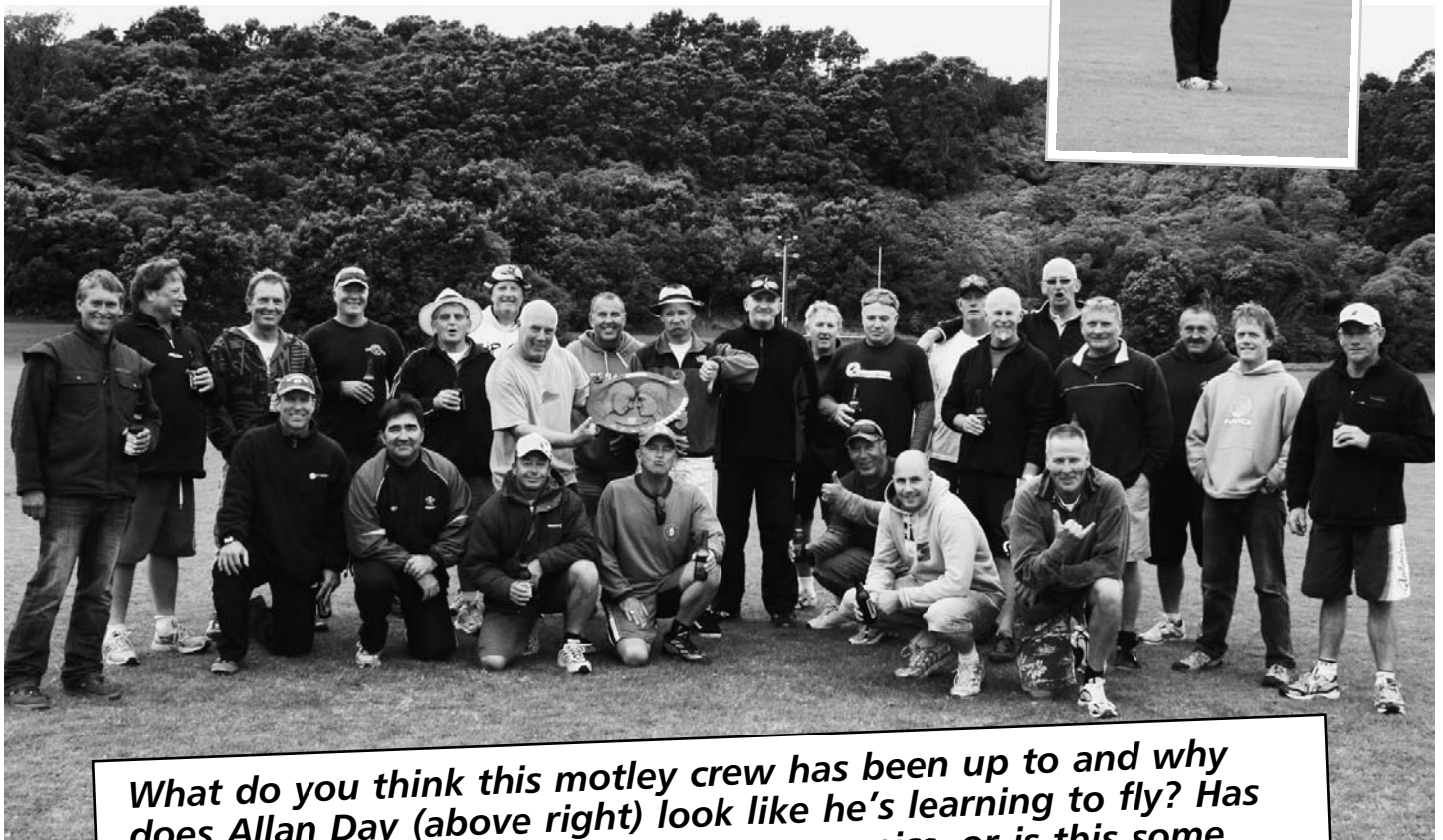


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Oakura Boardriders Club



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editorial FROM THE TOM ZONE

The other day I was in Centre City having a coffee and I was enjoying watching some toddlers playing in the wee playground there. I was remembering when my kids were that little and it was good to take them to a playground. The toddlers and the mums were all interacting with one another and it got me thinking about being a parent of teenagers, which I now am. This stage of parenting is often an isolating experience, unlike the toddler stage when new friendships and support groups are often formed over a playground, at a playgroup, preschool or even school. The same doesn't apply to teens — after all, you don't go and watch teens play on the swings; they are independent, as they should be. You might watch them play sport and become involved with other parents through teen sport but not all teens play sport. So how do you form support networks to help you through the difficult and often trying teenage challenges? What if you've moved to a new city or town? The heightened awareness through the media about teenage drinking makes me think support groups for parents of teenagers are important. Teenagers would have you believe that everyone else's parents are OK with 'it'. Maybe we could all stick together through a support network because I am sure we would all prefer our teens to have heaps of fun without drinking themselves to death. Food for thought for me and I hope for you too.



Thanks go to the Philli Butt's sons who remind me about the importance of photos. The tendency is to make these smaller or drop them out of the TOM because of space constraints but I take the remark seriously because I agree (Boardriders report on pages one and twelve).

Kim

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Hi folks!

We've started to feel the chill of winter around the region after what was a warm (if chaotic, weather-wise) autumn.

Oakura has had more than its fair share of dramatic weather over the last three or four years. A reminder of the 2007 tornadoes came with a small twister just outside Oakura in mid-May, which caused some damage and also cut power to 1,500 homes. We can't control the weather, obviously, but we can control how we respond to it. The Oakura community is such a tight-knit one that when disaster happens — be it on a large scale, or to a single family — people readily help each other to get back on their feet.

Here's hoping that we have a quiet weather pattern over winter and can enjoy clear, sunny days during the colder months!

Oakura Sewerage System

Household connections to the reticulation are moving at a very good pace. So far more than 160 connections have been made. At this rate we are on track to have all of the registered homes hooked into the sewerage system by the deadline of January next year. If you haven't contacted a plumber yet to organise your home's connection to the lateral, be sure to get onto it so that the work can be scheduled for completion on time.

Draft Budget 2010/11

By now the Council has heard all of the public submissions on the draft Budget 2010/11 and has deliberated on the final document. I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to read the draft document and make submissions on what they would like to see for the coming year.

This year the Council completed a comprehensive review of the organisation's levels of service across the board, and made significant savings before public consultation even began. Even with this groundwork, however, it is never easy to strike a balance between delivering what people want, and keeping rates as low as possible. Our focus is always on continuing to grow this district at an affordable rate, so that we continue to be the best place to live, love, work and visit in New Zealand.

If you have any questions about the Budget 2010/11, just give me a call on 759 6100. I'd love to hear from you!

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kaitake community board

The Kaitake Community Board (KCB) has had a fairly quiet month but there have still been those regular meetings to attend and issues to address. The Board has also completed its three verbal submissions to Council on the New Plymouth District Council Draft Budget. Council received 143 submissions in total on the draft plan, which is a great level of feedback on what is the foundation document of Council activities for the coming year.

Council has invited four contractors to submit tenders to construct the erosion protection works on the Waimoku Stream. The protection will consist of a gabion basket wall and rock riprap lining on the stream banks. It is necessary to prevent further damage to the Oakura Beach Camp building. The stream flow has undermined the building foundations so the concrete pad behind the shop, the fence and lean-to shed will also need to be replaced as part of the project.

As the colder months get closer and storm action becomes more pronounced, we continue to monitor the state of sand on the beach foreshore from Timaru Headland to Oakura River. It's heartening to see the size of the current sand buffer between the waves and the dunes. Over the past three years there has

The Spinifex and pingao plants clearly becoming established on the beach and holding the sand dunes together.

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been extensive planting of spinifex and pingao along this strip. The spinifex grass and pingao sedge are both natives and, as they can tolerate high winds, salt spray and shifting sands, they play an important role in New Zealand's dune ecosystems.

The Blue Flag Stakeholders Committee has held a debriefing exercise. The Committee, consisting of representatives from Taranaki Regional Council, Department of Conservation, Taranaki District Health Board, New Plymouth Old Boys (NPOB) Surf Club, Oakura Boardriders, Oakura School and the KCB met with Council officers recently to discuss issues that had arisen over the summer months, and look at best practice and ways to improve facilities and services for next year.

The next KCB meeting will be held at the NPOB Surf Club on Tuesday 27 July at 4pm.

Ka kite ano

Doug Hislop (06-752 7324) on behalf of Keith Plummer (06-752 7050), Mike Pillette (06-752 7059), Al Rawlinson (06-752 7178) and Deputy Mayor Alex Matheson (06-756 8080), who is the Council representative on the KCB.



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NZ Post Children's Book of the Year	<i>Old Hu-Hu</i> by Kyle Mewburn and Rachel Driscoll
Honour Award Recipient	<i>The Word Witch</i> by Margaret Mahy and David Elliot
Best First Book	<i>The Bone Tiki</i> by David Hair
Children's Choice Award Winner	<i>The Wonky Donkey</i> by Craig Smith and Katz Cowley
Children's Choice Picture Book Category	<i>The Wonky Donkey</i> by Craig Smith and Katz Cowley
Children's Choice Non-fiction Category	<i>Dear Alison</i> by Simon Pollard
Children's Choice Junior Fiction Category	<i>Friends: Snake and Lizard</i> by Joy Cowley and Gavin Bishop
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Letter To The Editor

The Second World War

World War II produced a staggering array of vehicles, aeroplanes and shipping, along with millions of people conscripted to fight each other.

For example, the English came up with the Spitfire and Lancaster, whilst the Americans developed the Flying Fortress, Liberator and the Boeing B29. The Mustang, Thunderbolt and Corsair were complemented by the GMC Deuce-and-a Half, the Jeep, and the Sherman Tank.

The marine equivalent was astounding. Warships and Liberty Boats were produced in their thousands. The record for a keel to launching of the *Robert G Peary* Liberty Boat was 111.5 hours plus three days' fitting out.

Then, in contrast, the Germans produced the Messerschmitt 109, the FW 190, the ME 262 jet fighter and a multitude of bombers. Their tanks and anti-aircraft guns were formidable.

The Japanese produced an enormous array of armaments, which were utilised at Pearl Harbour, Midway, the Coral Sea battle and the infamous Marianas Turkey Shoot.

Then there were Radar, the Norden bombsight, the snorkel, Asdic, mines, torpedoes, the 10-ton bomb and finally, the atomic bomb developed.

The civil engineering of bridges, roads, harbours and airfields throughout the Pacific and Europe was mind-boggling, as was the Berlin Airlift.

In the same timeframe, the Waiwhakahi Bridge and associated traffic flow has stumped the intelligentsia. The glaringly obvious route of utilising the Smart Road to the Port railway corridor as a city bypass, is ignored. I know what the Marines would have done during the war given the same problem.

Vic Curtis



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Budget 2010: Building Towards Recovery

Those of you of a certain age will remember Arnold Nordmeyer's budget of 1958. At a time when the country was experiencing a balance of payments crisis, he brought down what was termed "the Black Budget". It was widely criticised for its puritanical social reforms, with sales tax raised on many items including beer and cigarettes. The fact that Nordmeyer was reported neither to smoke nor drink alcohol made his budget measures all the more unwelcome.

Budgets have always met with varying responses and, depending on their content, often find they have gained a nickname such as "the Chewing Gum Budget" or "the Mother of All Budgets".

Whatever Budget 2010 becomes known as, it is focused squarely on getting the economy growing faster and helping Kiwi families get ahead by setting New Zealand on a path to turn back debt and return to surplus. This Budget builds on our economic recovery and tilts the economy so that faster growth comes in the right places.

Across-the-board personal tax cuts and a package of tax changes will boost economic growth, make the tax rules fairer and help hard-working Kiwis get ahead. The tax reforms will leave a person on the average wage almost \$15 a week better off, and a family on the average household income with two children will be about \$25 per week better off. It gives the vast bulk of Kiwis extra cash in their pockets so they have more choices.

Despite the tight fiscal environment, we are helping families and the most vulnerable by investing hundreds of millions of dollars more in priority social services such as hospitals, schools, and safer communities.

For too long, New Zealand has relied on investment in property speculation, rising debt, and unsustainable increases in government spending. The Budget takes action to encourage investment in the productive parts of the economy, such as exporting, as well as continuing this Government's multi-billion dollar investment in infrastructure, such as high-speed broadband, roads, rail, and schools, and substantial investment in research, science, and technology. Next year, the company tax rate will fall to 28%, ensuring New Zealand is competitive internationally.

The National-led Government is tackling rising debt, and Kiwis will see a return to surplus in the Government accounts three years sooner than forecast last year. We're investing \$321 million over four years in new initiatives in science, research, and technology — a key driver for a faster growing economy.

We are putting an extra \$2.1 billion into frontline healthcare over the next four years, and an extra \$1.4 billion into better schools and early childhood education services.

Across Government departments, we have identified \$1.8 billion of low-priority spending to be freed up for priority areas such as healthcare, education, and keeping New Zealand communities safe.

We owe it to hard-working Kiwi families to provide them with the financial security, opportunities, and higher incomes that allow them to get ahead in this country.

Budget 2010 does these things and sets out a path to build on our economic recovery.

By Jonathan Young MP

Jonathan Young

MP for
New Plymouth



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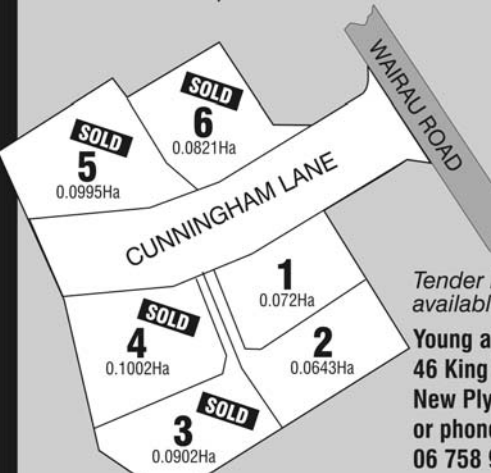
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Once again, we had a great turnout at the ANZAC parade in Okato. Many of our Brigade members turned out in full uniform in remembrance of those who fought for us in the war.

The recent tornado up Plymouth/Koru Roads has reminded me it is that time of year again where we should refresh our knowledge of what to do in a natural disaster. Please refer to the following website for such information:

www.getthru.govt.nz.

The website explains how to be prepared in the event of a natural disaster. It talks about having a household emergency plan, emergency survival items and a getaway kit should you need to be evacuated from your home. It even provides you with the resources required to make your planning easier.

Winter is fast approaching.

- Make sure all lighters and matches are kept well out of reach of children.
- Keep all furniture and clothing at least 1m from the heater.
- Please turn your electric blanket off before you get into bed.

All the best and stay safe,

Mel Breeze (Sec)

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Rich Pickings

Hello everyone,

It has been such a long time since I managed to put an article in TOM and I apologise for that.

Well, as most of you will know by now, Snickerdoodles has been the target of some lowlife and has had a number of break-ins this year. Now, I believe that the offenders are either local or at least have a good knowledge of the building. I also know that somebody out there knows who the offenders are.

One thing I am not certain about is whether the people responsible are able to read, but by chance if you can, this offending is affecting not only the owners of the café but also their employees and customers. As a result of offending like this, people lose their jobs, prices increase, businesses close and in general communities suffer.

So grow up and get a job, become a valued member of society and not one that snoops around in the dead of night having a negative influence on others.

Another issue that has come to my attention is that our youth and some adults are failing to wear their cycle helmets. Now, if you are an adult and make a decision to put your head at risk by not wearing a helmet, that is your choice, but how are we supposed to get our youth to wear them when they see you, the adults, not?

So the message is: Wear a helmet or get a ticket if you are an adult, or wear a helmet or wash my car if you are a child.

Anyway must go, but before I do, did you know an albatross can sleep while it is flying? Not many people do.

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Oakura Pony Club News

After a busy season of show jumping, show hunter, dressage, games and eventing, the pony club season is finally coming to an end. Oakura Pony Club traditionally ends the season with a local gymkhana. In the past few years we have had the privilege of holding our gymkhana at local farms owned by the Rooks, and later the Bolstads, but this year we have fewer farming families so decided to hold it at our own Pony Club. Some bright person decided Mother's Day would be an ideal day to hold the gymkhana, so breakfast in bed, chocolates, and the usual blissful lie-in were put aside to float ponies to the Pony Club. Fortunately, it was another gorgeous autumn day in Oakura, so it wasn't too burdensome sitting watching the kids ride and setting up jumps between classes.

The day started with flat classes. To the untrained eye, this just looks like a bunch of ponies going round in a circle at various speeds. Round and round they go until surely the judges must be dizzy. But to the trained eye (well, in this case the judges — thanks so much Jean Cook and Peita Kensington, our guest judges), there is a certain way that a pony should hold itself, a rider should hold their hands and place their feet, and that they should look together. And of course, they are judged on how clean and well cared for their pony looks, and whether they are wearing correct attire that is clean and correctly fitting. Ribbons are awarded for each category.

Then everyone moved into the arena to jump. The littlies started off jumping at 40cm, then the jumps were raised gradually until 1m for the bigger kids. To finish off, we held a two-fence challenge where the height of the second jump is increased until the rider wants to stop or the horse knocks a pole. This year the challenge winner was Bronte Alder, who retired after jumping a clear 1.20m.

We are sad to see a number of our riders move on this year, some to university, some to other pursuits. We would, of course, like to see the Club grow, and to try and attract new riders or local riders who are not sure about which club to join, we will be holding lessons over winter at the arena. We have a couple of ponies that can be hired for lessons if people don't yet have their own. Our very able instructors, Denise Patterson and Paula Harvey, are organising these lessons. If anyone is interested, please ring Denise or Paula on 752 7506 or 753 5335 respectively.

Our AGM was held on 19 May and we have a few small changes of note. Paula Harvey, who was our president, is changing position to head instructor; Kellie Divane is taking on the president's role; and Diane Alder and Libby Hinton are staying on as secretary and treasurer. Denise Patterson will, of course, continue to instruct but she is happily relinquishing the role of organising certificates, exams and report writing! Thanks again to all these wonderful women who put so much time and effort into their children's sporting pursuits, without you all helping we would not have such an awesome club!

By Diane Alder



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Isabella Hibell riding her new pony, Jigsaw, at the recent Oakura Pony Club Gymkhana. Isabella won ribbons in Best Cared For (first), Best Rider (second), Trotting Pony (first), and Pony Club Pony (second).

Local lad named in NZ Under-20 Rugby Squad

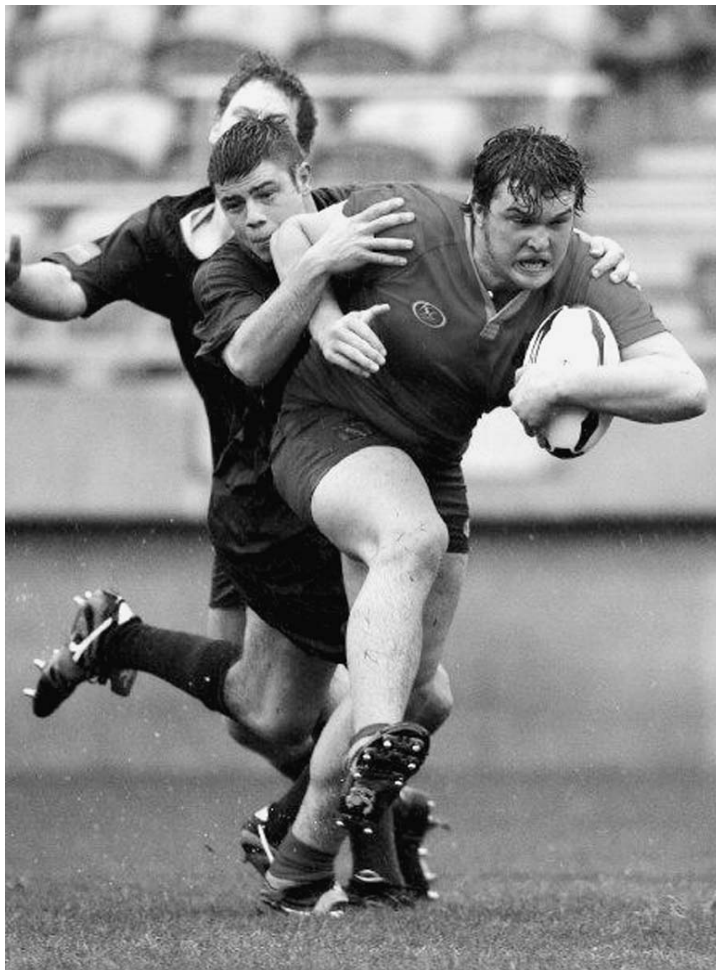
Liam Coltman has been playing rugby since he was a little tacker and his parents, Tom and Debbie, say he often played two games in a row because he enjoyed being on the field so much. Tom was involved in coaching Liam's rugby from an early age and Liam went on to play for Grey Valley, then Okato, and in his secondary years, for Francis Douglas Memorial College, where he attained Head of House Sports Captain (La Salle House) in his final year. With natural talent, fierce determination and a gruelling commitment to training, Liam secured a place at the 2008 Otago Rugby Academy. Liam is currently studying for a Physical Education with Teaching Degree at Otago University.

Liam has also been a keen surfer since age 10.

This year Liam trialled as tight head prop but was asked to change to hooker for the last trial. Subsequently he made the New Zealand Under-20 team as hooker. Liam's delighted parents, along with his grandparents and siblings, are winging their way to Argentina to watch Liam and his team at the IRB Junior World Championships in June. The team is scheduled to play Fiji for their first game on June 5. Matches against Samoa and Wales will follow on 9 and 13 June, with semi-finals and finals on 17 and 21 June. Track the team's progress and support Liam on the All Blacks/Under-20's website (www.allblacks.co.nz) and games will be aired on Sky's ESPN channel.

I know nothing of rugby, but I'll be lodged in the Coltman's lounge looking after Squirtel, tuned in to the games and trying to spot Deb among the spectators.

By Sharon VanDijk



Liam bursting through a tackle.



Jessie on the Pro Tour at Marine Parade, Wellington.

Beach volleyball champion off to Turkey

Jessie Muggeridge, from Oakura, has been re-selected to represent New Zealand in the World Under-21 Women's Beach Volleyball Championship. Jess and her fellow competitors will be spending a week in Switzerland and Germany in preparation for the Championship to be held in Alanya, Turkey in September. Her participation in the 2009 World Champs scheduled for Mexico was cancelled due to the swine flu epidemic.

Jess is a third year Psychology student at Waikato University. She is very grateful to the TSB Community Trust and local businesses and people who supported her in the successful 2009 fundraiser at Oakura Hall.

We wish Jess every success for 2010.

*Written by Jessie's parents:
Lizzy Brouwers and Steve
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Kaitake Golf Club News and Events

Greetings

An update of Kaitake Golf Club's news and events in TOM is long overdue. Over the years I have had discussions with people in the community about the Club and I have found that a large number of people don't really know what goes on here. So for those readers who are not all that familiar with the Kaitake Golf Club here's a little run down.

The Club is situated less than 2km south of Oakura village on Surf Highway 45. It has been at that location for the last 40 years, having had two previous locations. Presently the Club has 360 members.

The Kaitake course is shorter than average and is very easy walking compared to others. Presently the course is in very good condition, probably better than most in Taranaki. It is ideal for people learning the game, but also provides challenges for those who are more advanced.

The Club welcomes players of all abilities and members are more than willing to help new players fit in and learn. In April, John Garner, Taranaki Golf's teaching professional, came to the Club to give beginners and those curious about the game a few pointers to get them started. The day was very successful with everybody coming away enthusiastic about the game. The Club is holding a similar day on Sunday, June 27. John won't be there but some of our leading players will be on hand to guide people in the right direction. This is a day for beginners of all ages and abilities so come along and give it a go. The Club is keen to get juniors involved so bring the kids. By the way, primary school children who have a parent as a full playing member get to play for free all year round. For more information about this day and other information give the Club a call on 06-752 7665.

News and Events

The Club's ladies' and men's Pennant teams have performed very well this year. At the time of writing, the weekend ladies team was first equal in their competition with just one round to go. Great effort, ladies. They also hosted a round of the Pennants on May 9, which went well, and we would like to thank Oakura Four Square and Oakura Pharmacy for their kind donations of prizes for the day.

The two men's Pennants teams did very well in their competition this year with both teams making the quarter-finals and one team going on to make the semi-finals. This competition is very keenly contested and attracts a very large number of teams. It is a big achievement just to make the finals series so to have two teams get that far is something the Club can be very proud of.

As for recent Club events, the midweek ladies are currently working their way through the Fougere Cup and Askew Plate so we await the outcome with interest. The men recently completed the President's Trophy and, unbelievably, the President won it! A rare win for me so I will savour the moment. Thanks to those guys who were kind enough to have off days when I played them. Lionel Kay emerged as the winner of the flights and I must say he looked pretty chuffed when I spoke to him after his match. Well done, Lionel.

Top Dog is underway at present with a new format this year — a round robin, which will produce four semi-finalists. The format is proving popular as it means everyone gets at least three matches in the event whether they win or lose. With drawn partners, it allows players to mix and mingle with other members they might not normally play with.

I must add a few words of thanks. Firstly to Ross Fah and all his helpers for painting the Clubhouse. A big job that has been done very well. The colours look great and the result has helped bring the Club up to date. Thanks also to Shaun Churchill for doing a good deal on his labour and materials, enabling the Club to use the grant money effectively. Most of you will be aware that the footpath has now been done beside the eighth tee. It's another big thank you to Jim Wilson and his helpers for this work. When the finishing touches are complete this will be a major improvement to what has looked less than average in recent years.

Our team of woodchoppers are still going strong and the woodpile is growing again. Those readers who would like some firewood, please phone the Club for purchasing details.

That's all for now folks so until next time, happy golfing.

Ross Benton

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cover story Oakura Boardriders

Over dinner recently with my two sons we were discussing the latest TOM. I mentioned that it was nearly time for me to write another piece on behalf of the Oakura Boardriders Club (OBC) but there wasn't a lot to tell. Their immediate response was that I should fill the allotted page with photos, as readers would much rather look at photos than read columns of writing! So I decided to take on board their great advice, although I had forgotten about the much awaited and hugely contested cricket match between our Club and the New Plymouth Surfriders Club, held on May 23 at Corbett Park. But I promised to keep it short as I am aware that a photo tells a thousand words!

Unfortunately, and I say this with complete sincerity (I have been known to watch the odd cricket match), I was unable to attend this prestigious event and write about it first hand. I did, however, hear the excellent news that we won by about twenty runs. The match sounded like an enjoyable way to pass an overcast Sunday, and Allan Day, the umpire, said that there was a great deal of good-natured banter between the teams. Surprisingly, given the age of some of the players, there was only one injury suffered. This was by Biscuit (Brett Hollis) as he was running between the wickets. The day finished in true OBC style with a few beers and a delicious barbecue cooked by our president, Paul Christophers.

Here are some events over the winter months that do need mentioning:

On the last Sunday of each month, we at the OBC are running a fun surfing competition for children and young adults under the age of 18. Come to the beach at 10.00am and join in, no matter your ability.

The Port Taranaki Winter Series had its first competition on Saturday, 29 May. The other two are on 26 June and 17 July. Meet at the New Plymouth Surfriders Club at 7.30am.

The O&E Junior Series will be held again over the next couple of months so check the O&E website for details.

The Taranaki Champs are on 19 June. You will need to check the Surfing Taranaki website for information about this.

On the evening of this event (19 June) is our mid-winter dinner, which is a potluck affair held at the clubrooms. Members and friends are invited. You should have received more details about this via email or snail mail. If not, ring me at 06 752 7050.

Philippa Butt



Stephen Wood attacks the wicket keeper.



Appropriately dressed for the match, Paul Christophers hurls one down the pitch, hoping it's in the right, general direction.



Gary Bruckner cleverly uses both sides of the bat.



And while big boys are off, ineptly playing cricket, Hamish Goodhue (U10s) wisely sticks to the water.

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NPOB Surf Club

Welcome to our New Plymouth Old Boys (NPOB) Surf Club update.

Surf Lifesaving is made up of three different areas: sport, community service and, of course, a social aspect. In order to be a successful club NPOB needs people who choose to excel in one of these areas, others in all three! We have local, national and world champions within the increasingly strong surf sports section of our Club, coupled with those who give up almost every weekend throughout the summer to ensure Oakura Beach is a safe place for the community and its visitors to enjoy. If you've stumbled across our lifeguards training, competing or working over the past 12 months you'll be well aware of the positive things that are happening within that brown building on the beachfront.

We understand the privileged position we hold within the Oakura and Coastal community, so we're working on ways to make the Club far more accessible to those who inhabit the area. This means opening up our membership to those who would like to be involved on a more social level, whether it be having a coffee while the kids are out playing in the waves, or having a beverage and something to eat while you're watching the footy (or netball). This is a very exciting time for our Club and we see this as a way to open the doors to those who are often our biggest supporters.

If this sounds like something you may be interested in, even if it's just the coffee, beverage or watching sport on the big screen, watch this space and keep your ears open because the wheels are in motion to get this happening.

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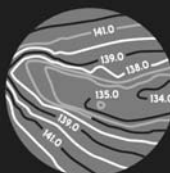
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Mini-laptops for Junior Classes

Recently the Friends of Oakura School (FOOS) provided the funds to purchase 12 new Cyclone mini-laptops for Oakura School's junior classes. These little laptops are designed specifically for school use, with carry handles, protective coverings and the added benefit of being shockproof (they can be dropped from desk height without damage).



Daisy Valentine working on her Kid Pix drawing.

Junior students at Oakura School are using these laptops in their classrooms to access programmes and learn skills across the curriculum. Already they are proving to be a huge success with students, who find them a great size to carry and the keyboards just the right size for small fingers.

It is the final year of Oakura's involvement in the government-funded IT professional development contract with New Plymouth Girls' High School (NPGHS), Welbourn Primary and Fitzroy Primary. This focuses on the use of IT to enhance students' learning and provides staff and pupils with some exciting opportunities such as: staff professional development sessions, attending national conferences, visiting other schools, class trips to work in the NPGHS computer suites and involvement in an IT Wizard programme. For further information on what we have been doing you may wish to visit our cluster blog at <http://wakaict.blogspot.com/>.

These new laptops mean that our junior students are gaining access to up-to-date technology and developing their IT skills with equipment designed specifically for their needs. We would like to thank our Friends of Oakura School committee for their continued support in providing our students with these resources.

Sandy Taylor
Deputy Principal Oakura School

Oakura debating off to a good start

With two successful teams last year, Oakura School's 2010 debating teams have a lot to live up to. Both the Year 7 and Year 8 teams won the Taranaki debating cups for their age groups last year, which leaves a high expectation for this year's teams.

This year's Year 7 team is made up of: George Tvrdeich (first speaker), Josh van Bergen (second speaker), Angus White (third speaker), and Georgia Crabtree and Liam McBreen (reserves).

The Year 8 team: Amy Benton (first speaker), Bailey Hales (second speaker), Molly Cattell (third speaker), and Jessie Webster (reserve).

On Tuesday, 18 May the Year 8 team had their first debate with the moot "Holidays are essential". Oakura took the affirmative side and got the year off to a good start with a 165-143 win over Devon Intermediate School.

The Year 7 team had their first debate on Thursday, 20 May and also began their year on a positive note, with a close but great win over Ngaere School. Their moot was "Computers make the world a better place" and Oakura took the negative side.

So a fantastic beginning to what is sure to be a successful year for Oakura debaters.

Amy Benton (12 years)

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Oakura competes in literacy quiz

On 7 May, a team of four Year 7 and 8 students set out from Oakura School to take part in this year's Literacy Quiz. The Literacy Quiz is an event that happens every year. The aim is to find the best team in New Zealand to compete in the world final in Edinburgh, Scotland. This year the regional event was held at Devon Intermediate School. The hall was absolutely packed with teams from schools from all over the regions of Taranaki and Wanganui. Our team was made up of Amy Benton (Year 8), Molly Cattell (Year 8), George Tvrdeich (Year 7) and Josh van Bergen (Year 7).



Oakura Literacy Quiz team, left to right: Amy Benton, Josh van Bergen, George Tvrdeich, Molly Cattell.

On the day there were 10 rounds, each with a different topic. Each topic had 10 difficult questions to answer. The rounds were: Gods and Goddesses, Harry Potter, Middle Earth, Mythical Creatures, Poetry, Literacy Knowledge, Pop Culture, Illnesses, Love, and Music. For eight of the categories we had to write down our answers on a sheet of paper, while the quizmaster called out the questions. Music and Mythical Creatures were slightly different. For the section on music there were 10 different pieces of music played throughout the round and the task was to identify which movie the music came from. In Mythical Creatures, the lights were dimmed and a powerpoint presentation was put up on a screen with 10 pictures of different creatures. This time we had to identify the pictures and write what they were.

It was a very challenging competition and although we did our best we were not placed in the top three. The winning team was Wanganui Intermediate 1.

We all had a great time and I know that the Year 7's are looking forward to it next year!

Molly Cattell (12 years)



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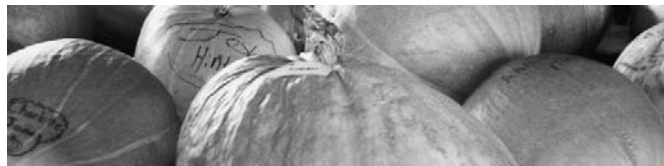

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We welcome two new Board members, Bridget Eldershaw and Joss Hobson, and hope that they enjoy their time with us.

Pumpkin Festival



Thanks to everyone who came and contributed to making this day a huge success. The weather was again kind to us and the Home and School made just over \$7,000 for the school. Thanks to the musicians who entertained us, and to Joss and the Home and School team for an amazing fun day for all; your efforts were well rewarded.

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Karen



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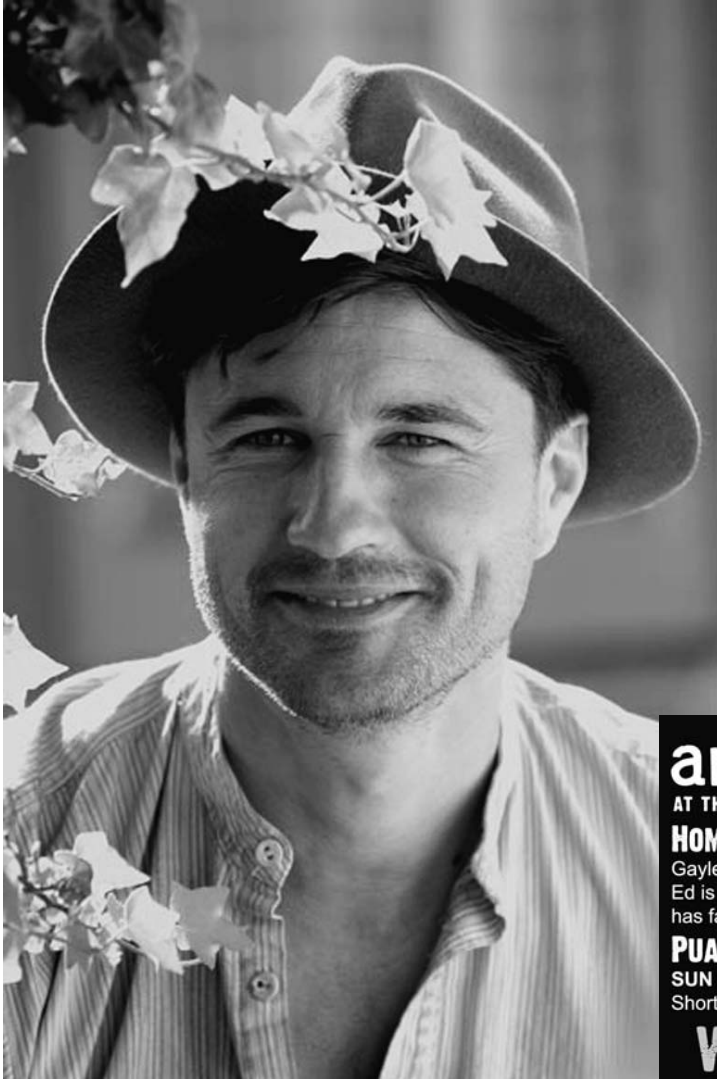
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Flower garden:

Cut back, lift and divide perennials such as asters, achilleas, dahlias and phlox. Still time to plant lilies.

Plant new roses.

Rose pruning can start late this month.

Prune deciduous trees in dry weather.

Mulch all plants with compost.

Kitchen garden:

Plant strawberry plants.

Plant new trees: citrus, apples, pears, plums, peaches and nectarines.

Spray deciduous fruit trees with Champion Copper and Conqueror Oil to protect from pests and diseases.

Plant asparagus crowns into well-drained soil.

Plant seedlings of cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, winter lettuce, spinach and silverbeet.

Plant garlic and shallots.

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OAKURA CLUBS & GROUPS

Bellydance

Every Thursday at Oakura Boardriders Club. 7.15 to 8.30pm.
Contact Rosalina at 027 739 1380.

Country and Western Club

Every 1st and 3rd Friday from 8.00pm. Contact Betty West,
89 Wairau Rd. Ph 752 7816.

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.

Oakura Pool Club

Meets every Wednesday evening 7pm @ Butlers Reef over
winter. Ph Chip, 027 6214999 or 752 1004.

Okato Squash Club

Monday Club Night.

Omata Playgroup

Every 2nd 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. Ring Jo on 752 7144.

Plunket Coffee Mornings

Held at attendees homes Wednesday 9.15am to 11.00am
(please arrive before 10am). Contact Tahnee Corr 027 829
1476, Fe Brown 027 228 9113 or Tessa Rodden 021 118 8406,
to find out where and/or to be added to the weekly notification list.

Senior Citizens

Meet Tuesdays in St James Church lounge for cards and
bowls. All welcome. Phone 753 5705 for enquiries.

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.

Tai Chi

Evening classes starting 1st week Feb, Thurs 6.30pm, St
James Church, Weds 10.30am. Ph Joanna Smith Holley 752
1016 for details.

Volkswagen Club

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

Contact Brian Goodhue,

the El Presidente 752 1290, email podsnaill@xnet.co.nz

Yoga

No classes on Saturday and Keith Plummer is taking Tuesday
night from 7:30 to 9pm (same time). At Oakura Hall,
beginners are welcome. ph 752 7050.

For changes or new listngs phone 0800 THE TOM

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