

## Wearable Arts success(es)

A few basic materials and a lot of number-eight wire ingenuity paid off for four Omata contestants in this year's *Taranaki Daily News* Fashion Art Awards.

Veteran wearable art contestant Sandra Lewis won the "Open Off The Wall" section with her "Dress Circle" design made from preserving jar rings, while New Plymouth Girls High pupils Anneke Brouwers (from Omata) and Hannah Dodd took out the student prize in the same category. Their quirky design was based on the famous Hundertwasser Kawakawa toilets. Students from Omata School's Room Two won the "Farm Fantastic" section with their outfits made of recycled gumboots and silage wrap, and the black and white puriri moth

that time. The mother of two became involved with Wearable Arts eight years ago after being inspired by her daughter Tammy, who entered a competition one year. "It is my hobby and I will keep going until the ideas run out," says the avid recycler. Her work has also been



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*Far right: Sandra Price's stunning "Dress Circle" design. Right: Omata School's Room 2 pupils' winning "Worn Out" gumboot creation and, below: Room 1's Black and White Puriri Moth costume.*



accepted for the Nelson Wearable Arts awards six times, and two of those have been bought for the Wearable Arts collection. Other successes include a win and two runner-up places in Auckland's Trash to Fashion awards, in which Sandra has entered four times. The recently released latest edition of *The World of Wearable Arts* book showcases some of the best pieces of work worldwide and features two of her pieces. "It was an absolute thrill to get into the book," Sandra says.

Vicky Aylward, Room Two's teacher, has

entered the Taranaki competition twice before and says their "Worn Out" creation was inspired by last year's awards. "We chose the farm section because of the school's association with (Continued on page 4)



created by Room One pupils earned a finalist position in the "Glow Time" section. Sandra has entered the Taranaki awards every year since it began in 2001, and has collected five trophies in

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# FROM THE TOM ZONE

The TOM year is coming to a close rapidly, only one more issue to go. Remember to get your stories and advertising in to us early for the holiday issue which covers December and January. This is an exciting issue to put together as it contains information for the holiday period and our annual Oakura school leavers pages. This year we will also have Omata school leavers as it is the first year for Year 8 students to move on.

On a personal note I am excited to at the potential outcome of the Linda St tennis courts, at this stage a recommendation is to be put to the full council which states the land will remain a reserve and the community be given the opportunity to submit a management plan for the upgrade and maintenance of the courts.

We will be compiling our business directory for March next year, would all numbers be updated by early February and any new ones can be forwarded. This is for Oakura and Omata businesses and groups only.

Check out our new contact details below.

Until next time

Tracey



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## Hi folks!

I have a big thank-you for everyone in Omata, Oakura, Okato and the surrounding areas who took part in last month's Keep Taranaki Beautiful week!

The campaign's aim is to remove litter from public areas and encourage people to keep them rubbish-free over the following year as part of a nation-wide effort to keep New Zealand clean and green.

In this district we had more than 3,000 people register as litter-removers during that week, and many beaches, parks, roadsides, reserves and other public places got a thorough going-over by litter removal teams!

Everyone who took part made a positive difference in our community, so thank you for giving up your time on this community project.

The trick now is to keep these public areas clean and tidy.

The easiest way to do this is for people who are in public places to leave their rubbish in nearby bins – but if the bins are full or there aren't any around, take the rubbish home for the weekly kerbside pick-up.

We live in a great part of New Zealand so let's do our bit to keep Taranaki beautiful!

Meanwhile summer is getting closer (even if the weather keeps diving in and out of winter) so be sure to get out into our great (and litter-free) natural landscape during the summer break.

How about picking a walk that you haven't done before, and exploring it with your family or friends?

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Our last meeting held no surprises and we had no guests, so it was very short and now there is only one more before Christmas.

I attended the hearings for Reserve Review and was pleased to see Tracey Lusk present a passionate request on behalf of the community to keep the Linda St tennis courts. It takes time and energy for folk to make these presentations so the community can benefit – generally few are aware of the personal input involved. Thank you Tracey.

The Committee listened and I believe the outcome is just what is needed – a combined effort by Council and Community to keep the courts as a reserve and in reasonable condition.

I also attended the Policy Committee meeting reporting on the first draft of the Campground Review. Al from Oakura Campground spoke of the investment and work to keep our Campground up there with the best, including its Qualmark rating. Be assured the Board is adamant the campground is going to stay. How the grounds are administered is still to be addressed, but I feel sure the outcome will recognise the asset this beautiful beach is to the Oakura community and indeed New Zealand.

I saw some very wet surfers at the Campground this Labour Weekend, happily wading between the kitchen and tents with frying pans in their hands and smiles on their faces. Even in the rain it's a great place to be.

I attended a meeting of a couple of the businesses in the CBD who have issues with the angle parking being taken away. Understandably, change is always difficult, but in this instance it has to happen to allow the upgrade to take place. Transit NZ set the rules and the community have asked for a change to allow better pedestrian walkways, more space for children to ride to school and more attractive surroundings for the village. So far it looks great and many have told me how helpful the workmen and women have been.

Council officers have listened and while trying to please everyone is an impossibility, they are working hard to make it fair for all. The latest changes due to the weather are finishing the mountain side of the road first and on the residential sea side, businesses will retain the angle parking until after Christmas and about mid-February work will resume on the final piece.

Businesses on the sea side feel 30 minute parking will help them. How the rest of the community feel about it is to be canvassed by those businesses. If everybody buys into it then it can be considered.

White-baiting has returned. I observed some good catches on about the only sunny day I have seen in ages.

Fantastic to see an ex-Oakura person spinning the wheel for a good Lotto win recently. Nana hasn't stopped smiling (not that she ever does).

Fay Looney








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the rural community and because there just were no gumboots in last year's rural section," says Ms Aylward. Their piece depicted a rural couple all dressed up for a night out after a hard day's work. All gumboots used were worn out, as was the teacher by the time the outfits were finished! Ms Aylward says the project took a whole term to complete and involved lots of team-work. "All the children in the class contributed. They were divided into groups which did a specific job. Materials were donated by the school community." Room One teacher, Tracey Gurnick says a puriri moth flying into their classroom provided the idea for their design. "Some of the children in the class had not seen a puriri moth before and were so intrigued by it I decided to include the native aspect of the moth and as they had just done symmetry in geometry, it was appropriate to incorporate that as well." The moth's wings were decorated with koru made by the nine and ten-year olds.

Oakura costume designer Gail Kircher entered two pieces in the "Off The Wall" category. "From The Ocean She Rides" was inspired by childhood memories of riding along the beach on her pony and from the whitecaps of waves. Her second piece, "Bound to Earth", was a work commissioned by international storyteller Lesley Dowding. The headpiece depicted roots and trunks of trees as seen on the windswept western coast.

Other entrants from Oakura included Debbie Aston with her "Off the Record" bra, her 12 year-old daughter India with an outfit made from ties and Eloise Stephens (11 years old) with her "Fairy Liscious" costume.

The show's producer, Lois Finderup says the quality of the 169 entries were far superior to other years. "The art departments



Sandra Lewis with her Rob Wright designed award for winning the "Open Off The Wall" section.



Right: another peek at Omata School's Room 2 entry "Worn Out".

in schools are to be commended for getting behind the show," she says.

The trophies – designed by Oakura jeweller Rob Wright for a second year running – were based on a figure used in various forms of his work and depicted a person wearing a costume.

By Anne Stembridge

Below: Designer Gail Kirscher from Oakura prepares her costumes, "Bound to Earth" (centre) and "From the Ocean She Rides".



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**So what do people really care about?**

Most are concerned about the things that really matter – educating their kids, making sure their families and communities are safe and ensuring they have access to good, affordable healthcare. We know these are the things that Kiwis really care about. Opinion polls tell us the same story, ranking public services as the most or second most important issue.

For instance, last month the *New Zealand Herald* Digipoll put health as the number one issue. Why? Because having access to the proper healthcare when you and your family need it is important. Political mud-slinging and the extraordinary behaviour of the Exclusive Brethren is not.

The Labour-led government is getting on with the job of making a positive difference in the lives of all New Zealanders and building the public services that Kiwis have consistently said are more important.

Last month, addressing waiting list concerns, Labour announced that we're to fund 10,000 additional elective surgery procedures every year. This capacity for investment is possible because District Health Boards now have effective booking systems that deliver fair prioritisation for patients. It is not acceptable for people to wait for long periods without being seen and our hope is that that era is now drawing to a close. We inherited a huge backlog in 1999 and have made real progress.

The new funding, some \$200 million, means that we have one of the fairest elective surgical systems in the world, where the people who need treatment the most will get it first, and where someone who is promised treatment will get it within six months.

The expansion of elective surgeries is also possible because of earlier capital and human investments in health. Labour has now built more public hospitals than any other government and hired 5,000 extra doctors and nurses to work in them.

We're not resting on our laurels. In addition to expanding elective surgery, some 22 new operating theatres are being built around the country over the next four years – that's one new theatre every nine weeks.

Dr Brash, meanwhile, has launched another bizarre attack on Māori, questioning their identity because of mixed lineage. On the face of it, his statements add nothing new or helpful to the debate about race-relations in New Zealand. What is more worrying is the National leader's underlying tactic. His attempt to reprise his gambit at Orewa of using Māori as a wedge issue should be seen for what it is: a desperate bid to divert attention from his floundering leadership.

National's 47 other MPs know that such a ploy from their leader is only hurting them. They should demand that he start offering some solutions instead of divisive rhetoric. Meanwhile, Labour will be getting on with the things that matter.

Thank you for reading my column.



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## Perfect pancakes in paradise

The international flavours keep pouring out of Oakura. I had an extremely yummy breakfast the other morning at Snickerdoodles when I was treated to a German pancake made by Rick.

The morning was warm and sunny as I sat and enjoyed the unique experience of Snickerdoodles Bakehouse. I could have sworn all the customers were Rick's personal friends. He knew each one's favourite coffee and even when first time customers came in I'm sure they would have left feeling like a friend too.

But back to brekkie . . . A German pancake is a harsh sounding name for a positively divinely soft and scrummy crepe. The pancake is a family tradition and has been served nearly everyday to the family. The pancake is made by baking the batter in the oven where it bubbles up and looks like a soufflé. Upon cooling it sinks down. Snickerdoodles serves it with the perfect quantities of melted butter, lemon juice and icing sugar. Not too much or too little of anything.



*This is the only photo we were able to use - Kim had spoiled the others by licking them later in the day.*

The pancake will be served with seasonal fruit when available. Don't be tempted to order two pancakes – one German pancake is an entire meal by itself.

I would recommend ringing the Bakehouse and pre-ordering the pancake if you don't want to wait the 15 minutes it takes to cook, but I loved sitting and talking to the customers and to Rick and Lynette. As Rick says, Snickerdoodles isn't just about great food, it's also about people.

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*By Kim Ferens*

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# Dam Dropping

By Anne Stembridge

The Oakura Fire Brigade has proved they are capable of coming to the rescue in more ways than one.

When Taranaki Outdoor Adventures owner, Tran Lawrence needed more man-power for a job a few weeks back, he called on his mates at the local Brigade to help him out. They quite happily agreed to rustle up the 60 extras needed when the owner of Taranaki's biggest outdoor adventure company got the contract to provide a challenge for a popular reality television programme in Japan. With an audience of about 18 million viewers, the show features a couple of Japanese ex-boy-band rock stars who dare each other to random challenges that can take them anywhere in the world. Tran says New Zealand Tourism asked him to help two film scouts find an outdoor activity suitable for the programme. After checking out alter-native venues throughout the North Island, it was decided dam-dropping in Taranaki was the go.

The job involved three days of filming at the Normanby Dam, although the Oakura Fire Brigade volunteers, friends and families were only needed for two.

Committed dam-buster, Seamus Breeze says the experience was brilliant. "You know when something exceeds your expectations. Everybody just let go because of the long drive down there. By the time the film crew got there we were getting exhausted."

Fellow adventurer Greg Newton says it was a great team building exercise and well worth doing as not only did they have lots of fun, but they also got paid for their efforts! All money has gone to the social club coffers and plans are underway for a big family day out.

Another recent unexpected callout involved a spot of PR work last month when National Radio invited three of the Brigade's volunteers to share "an afternoon with Jim Mora". Beach camp owner Alan Rawlinson, builder Greg Newton and TOA's Tran Lawrence talked about their lives in Oakura from their different perspectives. "It was a huge plug for Oakura," says Tran. No job is too much trouble for the Fire Brigade and when they aren't busy fighting fires or being TV stars, they are happy to support fund raising activities. They helped with the door-knock for Plunket recently, raising about \$1300. The committed team presently has about 14 volunteers and is always on the look-out for new members. If you are a multi-tasker, give it a go! Contact Craig Scott ph 752 7070.



Above: Greg Newton and his daughter, Kate take a dip at Normanby Dam . . .

. . . and Ross Bennett follows suit.



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By Kim Ferens



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*Flautist, Lynette Meads, playing a musical artwork along with Justine Driver on cello.*



*Michael Smither putting notes to colours for Jack Wagstaff.*

## Michael Smither delights a captive audience at the Govett

The children's workshop held at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery held in October, with special guest Michael Smither, was hugely popular with both children and parents alike.

More than 40 children aged 4-12 years attended the workshop, which explored the music of colour. Children created their very own colour compositions, which were performed by four Taranaki musicians – Peter Egli (Irish pipes), John Fawcner (piano accordion), Lynette Meads (Flute) and Justine Driver (Cello).

Parents also took hold of the opportunity to see the well-respected artist in action.

The workshop was part of the Gallery's weekly events programme associated with the exhibition, *Michael Smither: The Wonder Years*, showing at the Gallery until 3 December.

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MUSIC REVIEW by DON JUAN

### **Modern Times**

Bob Dylan

(Columbia/Sony BMG)

You would have to be a world class optimist to think, even for a minute, that Bob Dylan (or anybody else for that matter) was going to write another song to compare with "It's All Over Now, Baby Blue," "Mr. Tambourine Man," "Like A Rolling Stone," "Subterranean Homesick Blues," "All Along The Watchtower" or "Desolation Row." Yet with his last three albums, the Minnesota-born Robert Zimmerman has hit a late career 'high', with critics falling over themselves to praise the old master.

Sure, Dylan will never write anything to rival those early masterpieces, but on *Time Out Of Mind* (1997), *Love And Theft* (2001) and now *Modern Times*, he has put together his best sequence of albums since the mid-seventies.

True, we will never hear another Dylan song like "Positively 4th Street" or "Visions Of Johanna," but there are plenty of tracks on these recent albums that sit very nicely next to the likes of "Quinn The Eskimo," "I'll Be Your Baby Tonight," "Forever Young," "Blind Willie McTell" and "Gotta Serve Somebody."

His 'comeback' album *Time Out Of Mind* is a deep, dark gem, but with the two subsequent albums, some sunlight and humour has crept back into the songs. Both *Love And Theft* and this new outing seem to have distilled the purest essence of what we now call 'Americana.' Dylan conjures up the spirit of the songs he grew up on, namely the various shades of the blues (from the Delta, via talking blues to Chicago electric blues), trad. folk, rockabilly, string band jazz, rhythm & blues, mountain ballads and classic story songs.

Even Dylan's voice seems to have improved from the shredded instrument heard over a decade ago on his back-to-my-roots albums *Good As I Been to You* and *World Gone Wrong*.

The musicians in his support crew seem perfectly tuned into the needs of each song, stoking up the heat on R & B and bluesier numbers ("Someday Baby," "The Levee's Gonna Break" and the cheeky rewrite of Muddy Water's "Rollin' And Tumblin'"), but also knowing when to lay back, such as on the marvellous "Workingman's Blues # 2," "Nettie Moore" and the almost vaudevillian "Beyond The Horizon." The big question, though, is why has Bob been searching for Alicia Keys ("Thunder On The Mountain")?

Cleanly produced by Jack Frost AKA Mr. Bob Dylan himself, *Modern Times* is a remarkably fine and consistent piece of work from a gentleman of pensionable years, but as my old Mum used to say, "There's many a sweet tune played on an old fiddle!"

### **From The Pasture To The Future**

The Waybacks

(Compass/Elite)

Somewhere between a string band and a freewheeling 'jam band,' The Waybacks bring a sense of fun to what is basically an eclectic cosmic bluegrass hybrid.

Not too many bands would dare to cover a Ray Davies song ("Motorway"), an intricate jazz piece by Chick Corea ("Armando's Rhumba") and an English folk song ("The Blacksmith") on the same album, but these guys do and, even better, do it with some panache!

Throw in a pretty dance tune in 3/4 time ("Bluebird Waltz") and a quirky original or two (The Petrified Man" and "Hot Kransky") and you have an album capable of charming any fan of modern day Americana.

*From The Pasture to the Future* has a crisp production courtesy of former Joe Ely steel guitar master, Lloyd Maines, who is best-known these days as the father of a Dixie Chick.

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# Taranaki 'be here' 'be surprised'

– photographs by Fay



Photographer Fay Looney has produced another volume of stunning images in her 'be here' 'be surprised' series about Taranaki. The 64 page book features images of Taranaki from as far away as Patea to Tongaporutu and it also includes many shots of Oakura – Back Beach to the Reservation, Okurukuru to the Crafty Fox, Oakura River to Oakura Beach, Café Wunderbar to Ngamamuku Garden, Ahus to Kaitake Golf Club and much more.

The book is a fabulous expose of Oakura life and what Oakura has to offer the intrepid traveler or a it is a simple reminder to the ex pat who might yearn to see good ole' Oakura again.

Fay Looney has become well known for her iconic images of New Zealand and in particular her Pohutakawa image that graces international exhibitions such as the Chelsea flower Show, Tourism New Zealand's Food Show in Sydney 2006 and Te Papa's award winning book *Rata and Pohutakawa*. Mt Taranaki images can be found on international tourism sites such as Argentina and the Middle East. New Zealand Post has also released a special series of stamps this year with Fay's Mt Taranaki image.

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### The most important points to remember are:

- In a few cases there is a serious cause, but generally the pain is non-specific and precise diagnosis is not possible or necessary. "There are certain 'red flags' that we are looking and listening for," says Colleen. "And of course we will refer patients to their doctor if we are at all concerned," she adds.
- It is important to remember that pain in your back does not mean it has been damaged (unless of course you have been hit by, or have hit, something with great force). Staying active and continuing your usual activities, within tolerable pain limits, helps recovery.
- AVOID BED REST – especially for more than a day. There is very strong evidence from research that suggests that not using your back can do more harm than good.
- Getting back to work as early as possible should reduce the risk of your back pain becoming a long term problem.
- Most back pain gets better quickly – often within a month.

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## "I'm not autistic, I've got autism"

I recently read Ellen Notbohm's book, *Ten Things Every Child With Autism Wishes You Knew*. She is the mother of a child on the autistic spectrum and her book is worded as if from the child's perspective.

The child explains that autism is one aspect of his/her character, it doesn't define him as a person – he is, first and foremost a child. He has autism, he is not primarily 'autistic'. He asks if you are a person with thoughts, feelings and many talents or merely fat (overweight), myopic (wear glasses), or klutzy (uncoordinated, not good at sports). They may be the first things he sees when he meets you, but they are not necessarily what you are all about.

As I explained in an earlier column in *TOM*, autism is a spectrum and what one person on the spectrum is good at or struggles with is not necessarily the same for another. This is why autism is often referred to as an autistic spectrum disorder (ASD). The individual in the book continues to explain that if you define him by one characteristic you run the danger of setting up an expectation that may be too low, therefore, he says, if others don't think he's capable of something, why should he try?

Although knowing someone has ASD helps to alert us to what kind of challenges they may face and where their strengths may lie, it is really important that we treat them as individuals.

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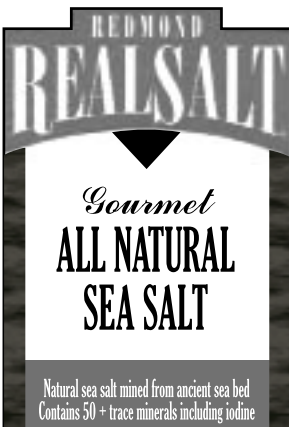
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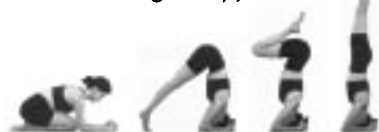
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Twenty three eager macadamia nut collectors arrived at Tony & Therese Waghorn's property on a lovely calm Spring Saturday afternoon wearing suitable nut picking attire, carrying buckets of all shapes and sizes and various apparatus for reaching high into the trees – long poles, garden rakes and hoes...

Tony explained about macadamia nut tree growing, nut harvesting and how the afternoon was going to progress, then pointed us in the direction of the Waghorn and Kerr-Newell plantations. There was a hive of activity as we all

scrambled around under the first trees hoping we wouldn't miss out on the nuts however we need not have worried as there were nuts galore! Hundreds lay on the ground and still more were hanging from the trees. We learnt we shouldn't collect split nuts and that the larger the nut didn't mean it was any better than the small one – sometimes the smaller nuts were tastier. Eager collectors were seen to climb trees for the more productive crops and others were spotted climbing over



*Ross Bennett goes straight to the source to secure his nuts.*

fences collecting macadamia nut seedlings for their own plantations!

It didn't take long before everyone was chatting away to the harvester next to them and all seemed to enjoy being out in the fresh air with stimulating company, and at the same time doing something useful and energetic. With buckets fill we headed to the 'nut shed' where Tony kindly operated the husking machine while we set about dipping already previously dried nuts into melted chocolate under the experienced eye of Therese. A variety of methods were used with the wining method being developed by Muriel Livingston.... These morsels were set aside to harden and be taken home later, along with the buckets of nuts ready to be dried out in our ovens at home.

After all this activity, the group retired happily to the Waghorn's lovely front lawn and while soaking up the sun, enjoyed a well earned afternoon tea which consisted of scrumptious savoury and sweet platters of food all containing macadamia nuts in some form or another. Another great Slow Food Taranaki outing! Special thanks to Tony & Therese.

*Johanne Cuthbert*  
Slow Food Taranaki



## Finlay Neeson – 2006 Young Achiever Sports Award

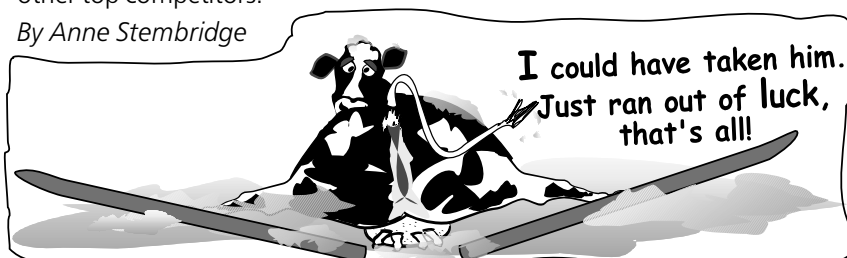


Total commitment and a passion for speed has earned Oakura's Finlay Neeson the 2006 Young Achiever Sports Award. No sooner had the talented skier collected his New Plymouth District Council prize, than he was heading back to Mt Ruapehu for more racing. "We had to jump in the car after the awards at 10pm and head back to Ohakune," says mum, Janis. In order to accomplish his dream of representing New Zealand in the 2014 Winter Olympics 13-year-old Finlay needs to get as much time on the slopes as possible. It all began when he learnt to ski on Mt Taranaki as a six year-old and at ten he started racing for the Stratford Mountain Club. "I just kind of got the bug and now would love to become a professional skier," Finlay says. An average New Zealand ski season is only about 50 days and when competing internationally, about 140 days of skiing are needed to ensure a top performance.

Finlay has spent most weekends and school holidays this winter either training or competing with regional Team Turoa and the Mt Ruapehu Alpine Ski Team (North Island representative team). This season's successes include winning the Mt Ruapehu Nordica race series, coming second in the K2 Cup slalom race at Cardrona and being ranked third nationally in his age group. Finlay is waiting to hear if he has been selected for the NZ Whistler Cup team for a third time. "The Whistler Cup is a world class race and is the ultimate for 11–14 year-olds," says Janis. He is also part of the ID (identification) talent group chosen by Ski Racing NZ. Janis says the 17-member team, aged between 13 and 17 years, have been recognised for their potential to be national racers.

The Neeson family heads back to Canada for six weeks when school breaks up in December so Finlay can work on his form and experience competing against other top competitors.

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## Annual Powder Reef Club trip

The Annual Powder Reef Club (Butlers Reef Ski Club) three-day bus trip to Turoa took place on 13–15 September. This is the 11th year this trip has been going now.

After downsizing to a minibus and horse trailer arrangement last year with Whiskey and Tanya in charge of the driving, it was unanimously agreed to revert back to the traditional 45-seater bus for this year's trip.

Veteran bus driver Gully was again at the wheel, but it's likely that this was his last trip with us as he has recently retired from bus driving. Gully is a seasoned Taranaki and tour bus driver, having driven many rugby teams around the province and nationally. He was active this winter with the Taranaki junior representative rugby teams, notably the Under-18 team. He will be sadly missed, but you never know – we could tempt him next year for one last Turoa excursion.

This year we had three excellent days of skiing. The Club champs were held on the Thursday, with the skiers contesting a short tight slalom course on the High Flyer Chairlift and the boarders on a long wind GS course on the High Noon T-Bar. Runamuck dethroned the current Downhill Ski Champion, Cookie, and sparks flew at the prize-giving as a protest was rejected. Snowboarding competitors found it difficult to complete the course and penalties had to be added. The winner wasn't backwards in coming forwards with self-praise, and things could be a whole lot different in 2007 when Hayley and Reido may be back.

Results from the Powder Reef Club Champs held at the Turoa Ski-field on Thursday 14 September...

### Skiing

Men's Slalom: 1st – Runamuck (10.57), 2nd – Cookie (10.94), 3rd – Slippery ala Sideways (11.90), 4th – Issac Cook (12.74), 5th – Grunter (13.05), 6th – Barry, aka Stoltzie (15.79), 7th – Fish (24.02), 8th – Pete Howe (DNF).

### Snowboarding

Men's GS: 1st – Dinky (32.08), 2nd – Rookie (37.00), 3rd – Toby (28.00+10s penalty), 4th – Luke (DNS), Woody (DNS), Whiskey (DNS).

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## Oakura Boardriders Update

Let's hope we get a break in the weather soon so the Taranaki contingent can get some practice in and put in a good showing during New Zealand's premiere surfing event.

This last month has been reasonably quiet. The Muriwai Rip Curl Gromsearch took place, with the only Taranaki surfer to do well being Michael Mallalieu with a fourth in the Under-16 boys. The Bay of Plenty surfers cleaned up, with Matt Hewitt and Alex Dive taking out the Under-16 and Under-14 boys respectively.

Local Paige Hareb contested the Bells Beach Pro Junior in Australia, ending with a final finish. She will be focussing on the Pro Junior circuit in the next year, where the competition is a lot tougher. This is a stepping stone into the pro surfing ranks and we wish her all the best and will be watching her progress.

'Surfing Taranaki' is going through the formative stages, with everything slowly falling into place. This organisation should become the face and focal point of surfing in Taranaki in the future. With Media/Sponsorship, Competitive, Environmental, School Liason, etc, all being targeted, it is hoped also to push into the primary schools and start to foster surfing as a sporting option.

It is also hoped, with the support of the clubs, to get some coaching for the elite surfers prior to the Nationals.

Upcoming events

4-5 November - Gisborne Pro

18-19 November - National Primary Schools in Gisborne

9-10 December - Taranaki Gromsearch

It would be good to see all the local groms enter the New Plymouth Gromsearch. Entry forms will be available on the Surfing NZ website. There are a lot of good prizes to be had and there will also be live music and activities at the New Plymouth club so come along and check it all out. Anyone wanting more information can contact 752 7171.

*Brent Anderson*

## Hyundai National Champs Return to Taranaki

The 2007 Hyundai National Surfing Championships will be held in Taranaki in January and hosted by Oakura Boardriders. The event is set to take place from the 13th - 20th January and will be the second event of the Corona Crown - New Zealand's premier domestic competition. The event is regarded by many as the pinnacle domestic surfing event and as such attracts in excess of 300 entries from the length and breadth of the country.

The Taranaki coastline is a favourite for many New Zealand surfers. "It provides a good variation of surf breaks, ie; reef, point & beach breaks that can handle a wide variation of wind

directions and provides good quality surf with offshore winds" commented Oakura Boardriders representative Mark Braddock. As such Taranaki provides a great event location with consistent swell allowing the huge eight-day event the best chance of getting quality waves. This will be the tenth time the event has been held in the region second only to Gisborne who have hosted the event eleven times.

Twenty national titles will go on the line come day one of the event and along with these go a number of records for the books. Notably, New Zealand's number one surfer and defending event champion Maz Quinn (Gis) will look to join Wayne Parkes and Iain Buchanan by winning five national titles. Quinn has achieved more than most in the sport and this would be another fitting milestone. "For sure, it is in the back of my mind" commented Quinn who continued "Winning a single title is amazing but to get five and be grouped with legends like Wayne and Iain would be even better". Quinn has not secured a title in Taranaki but rates Stent Road as one of his favourite waves in New Zealand. "If we get to compete at Stent Road for part of the event then that would be awesome" commented Quinn.

With the event being staged in mid January it is anticipated that many of New Zealand's top juniors will return from Australia where they will be competing on the Australasian Pro Junior Series. This will boost the standard of surfing in the Men's and Women's divisions and could produce upsets from several of New Zealand's top up and coming surfers. Many of these top junior surfers come from the Taranaki region and as Mark Braddock points out, events like this are great for the local surfers "For our juniors, to have the exposure both as competitors and spectators to the level of surfing can only be a huge bonus for their development in the sport. It will provide them with the enthusiasm and determination to excel to the best of their abilities".

*Ben Kennings*

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# New Plymouth Old Boys Surf Club

The 2006/07 season is underway, and began with the annual Club Open Day at the Oakura Beach clubrooms on Tasman Parade in late October, involving life saving and first aid demonstrations, registration, IRB rides and showing off the new layout of the clubrooms.

Volunteer lifeguard patrols commenced on Saturday, 4 November at 1pm and continue through to Monday, 12 March 2007, Taranaki Anniversary day.

Paid lifeguards commence on the beach in late December and cover the school holidays during the week.

Our Junior Surf programme for the kids kicked off on Sunday, 5 November at 10am. This targets those aged between 5–13 years and aims to give them skills and educate them on the beach and surf environment – they are our future lifeguards. Bring your togs, sunscreen, come down to the beach get involved, have some fun and learn too. Kids drag your parents along.

We still need more lifeguards for the 2006/07 season. If you are 14 years or older and would like to contribute to making the beach safe for your community and beach goes over the summer months and would like to learn some new skills, come and see us at the clubrooms during the weekends or contact Matt on 752 2774 after 6.30pm.

For those who have been involved in the past and would like to renew your skills and assist with patrolling the beach, the club refresher days are from 10am on Saturday and Sunday, 11–12 November 2006.

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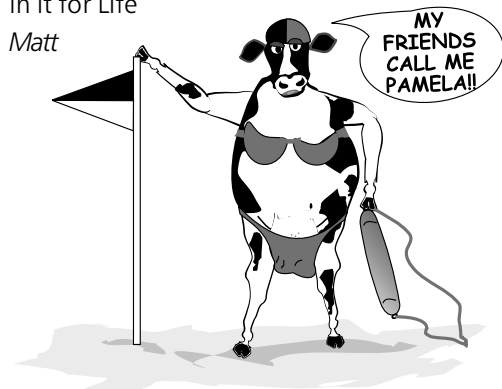
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## Thank you

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I would like to thank the Oakura community for the overwhelming amount of support I have received following the tragic death of my husband Richard on 2nd September. The numerous cards, flowers and gifts have been amazing and a help to get myself and my children through this terrible time. I have never before experienced such a feeling of a community coming together to offer support and feel all the more grateful as we are relative newcomers, having been here just less than two years.


I would especially like to thank Dr. Anderson, Rachael and Bryan Goodhue, the paramedics and surfers who tried so hard to save Richard's life on Weld Road beach. Also Robynne Wadeson for her ongoing support and friendship.

Richard and I came to New Zealand two years ago as we felt that here we could have a better quality of life for our family and Richard could realise his full potential and passion for surfing. We loved the life that we had made for ourselves in Oakura and although we both believed that our journey was just beginning, I have no regrets that we made the move. I get comfort from the belief that if Richard had to go early, this is the exact way he would have wished to go, doing something that he loved so passionately and spiritually, "Surfing."

We have no plans to move back to the UK as I know that we are part of this community and the life that we can still make for ourselves here is the life that Richard would have wanted for his family.

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# OMATA school news

Tena Koutou E Hoa Ma

This year has flown by so fast it is hard to imagine we are at the last term already. So much to do and yet so much has already been done!

We have welcomed many new families to our school community this year. Great to have you and I hope you have found that we have met your expectations. You have certainly brought us some wonderful children.

Our WOMATA festival is going to be the highlight of this term. Every two years we put on a show for parents and our community. This year we have been thinking outside the square and have come up with the idea of a festival of music and the arts from many countries. There will be an evening of performance, displays and food to look forward to. Keep your diaries clear for Thursday 14 December and invite friends and family to join us for the multi-ethnic extravaganza! Huge thanks to Jan Aiello, our specialist music teacher, who is playing a key role in putting the evening together.

Also on the Arts front, congratulations to Rooms 1 and 2 on their success in the Wearable Arts Competition. Room 2 were winners in the Rural open section and Room 1 were finalists in the Glow section. Brilliant, creative outfits were created by the students with assistance from teachers and parents. Well done everyone. Ideas are already afoot for next year's entries!

Ka Kite Ano

Karen

## Room 1's Whakamaru Camp

At the end of the last term the Year 5 & 6 class went to Lake Whakamaru for a three-day camp. Everyone had an absolutely fabulous time. Teacher Mrs Tracey Gurnick did an awesome job of organising the camp and it is largely due to her efforts that the children and parent helpers had such a wonderful time. Here are some photos and stories from the children.

### Circus Freak - by Phillip Bailey

There are some things I just simply regret doing at this year's camp...

- ... going down the flying fox and using my head to stop!
- ... letting go of the Tarzan rope to find out how cold the water actually was!
- ... letting Ollie drive the Go-Karts. I came close to losing a life!
- ... messing with Peter Lewis and then finding out that he knew how to give the VULCAN GRIP!
- ... dancing dangerously close to the camp fire whilst singing and telling stories.
- ... landing face first in the only muddy patch on the BMX track!
- ... last but not least, taking on Gavin Taylor in the kayak, stupidly forgetting that there is a slight size difference between us!

### The Unpleasant Kayaks - by Jayden McLean

My highlight of the camp would have to be the kayaks because they had an instructor who was funny and nice. We had a couple of games and a paddle around too. Unfortunately we had Gavin Taylor in our group so most of us got completely saturated. We had an hour of that. I'm lucky I didn't drown with all the water on me.

*Room 1 students at Camp Lake Whakamaru.*



At the end the instructor made us line up like he's the lieutenant and we're his troops ready to battle! When we were coming back in the instructor told us to have revenge on Gavin so we did what was needed. We gave the kayak a big push, flipped it over, but Gavin still had his paddle so we turned and took off!



*Above: Laura Anderson and Candyce Shotter practice their large-as-life chess skills.*



*Left: go-go-go carts - Nick Parthemore and Marcus Stolte rip around the track.*



*Below: Phillip Bailey defies gravity with a clever bit of abseiling.*

## The Best Little School in the West attracts travellers



*Ooh! La la! French visitors to Omata school, Sonia and Manu, with Room 3 children.*

French couple Sonia and Manu visited Omata School recently as part of their 18-month world holiday. The couple is travelling around the world with the purpose of discovering new and exciting places and people but also with the intent of visiting schools and sharing their travel adventures with the school children. The idea is part of an initiative to get schools all over the world talking to each other via the internet. It is also an interactive way of teaching children about geography, culture and history.

The visit coincided very nicely with Omata School's current 'rich topic' study on the world, with each classroom studying a different country in preparation for the end of year concert entitled "Womata".

Omata School is the first school Sonia and Manu have visited in New Zealand apart from a French School of Language and Culture in Wellington. They presented a Power Point show and answered questions from the children.

So far Sonia and Manu are 11 months into their journey and have visited India, Mynamar, Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia, Australia and South America. *TOM* readers will be familiar with Hayley Cunningham's experiences in Mynamar and Manu told me similar stories of their experiences in the country.

They enjoyed a unique experience in a Buddhist Monastery, where education is treated very seriously and everyone works very hard at their studies. A remote village in India also took the couple to its heart when they visited. A carpet was laid out on the playground, everyone gathered around the travellers and they all shared a meal together.

The pair are travelling around New Zealand in a van and stopping off here and there to surf, power glide and meet the locals. They were looking forward to going onto a farm and seeing dairying firsthand before heading up the country to Auckland.

*By Kim Ferens*



# Kaitake Kindergarten Catch Up

Kaitake Kindergarten held its annual pet day recently. All of the children were invited to bring a pet to their session and introduce the pet to teachers and friends.

By bringing a pet, the link between home and Kindergarten is reinforced. We get to see animals that children are helping to take care of at home and maybe meet some types of animals we don't often see. The photos show two examples of these: the universally popular "spotty dog" – the Dalmation, and a miniature horse. Snoopy the horse was a real star – he was interested in the children who came up to say hello, very patient as they all gave him a pat or a hug and was completely at home among the other cats, dogs, lambs, birds rabbits that came to visit too. It was great to see the children who did not have pets at home bring a favourite soft toy to share with friends, as well as have a good time patting and hugging other people's animals.

Our next outdoors event is our annual duck race. To be held on Sunday 19 November, the 800 plastic ducks are released at 12 noon from the swing bridge across the Timaru River at the bottom of Weld Road. First duck across the finish line wins \$200! Second duck wins \$50 and the last duck wins \$50. Tickets to the duck race are available from the Kindergarten (phone 752 7016), or bring a picnic lunch & come along on the day. Tickets are \$1 each and tickets will be sold right up to the start of the race.

Susan Henderson  
Committee



*Talen introduces Snoopy the miniature horse to Lukas, Eva and Lucy.*



*Hamish, his Mum Rachel and Moana with Hamish's dalmation dog Zoe.*

## Imagine

CONGRATULATIONS to Oakura School for their very enjoyable production, *Imagine*! It was one of the most excellent school productions I have seen.

Thanks must go to all who contributed to the success of *Imagine*, and to Raeleen Luckin in particular for choreographing this challenging, entertaining, fast-paced and colourful enterprise!

The children were so obviously enjoying the experience of a stage production and certainly seemed to be using their imaginations!

Special thanks must go to the authors, Ray Priest and Philippa Butt, for the ambitious and admirable "world peace" message contained throughout.

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The Oakura Plunket Committee would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Annual Appeal on Monday 16 October. Over \$1300 was raised and this all stays to support Plunket in our area, so we really appreciate all the donations we received.

Also, once again, we are indebted to the local Oakura Volunteer Fire Brigade for the support they gave us on the night, driving the fire engine around to rally support as well as providing us with many extra collectors. Great effort guys, you helped make the whole night go very smoothly.

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# The Wizard of Oz Christmas Show

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There's heaps of interactive fun on this jolly journey as they meet up with Santa's elves, a Talking Christmas Tree, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Clucky the Dancing Chicken, Snow Fairies and many more exciting characters. "What would Christmas be without all our favourite songs", exclaims Shakey the Scarecrow as he invites everyone to sing-along to lots of their favourites in this action-packed hour like "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town", "Jingle Bells", "Silent Night", "The Christmas Macarena" and a thumping dance remix of "O Christmas Tree".

All together, there's great music, dancing, singing and fun at the "The Wizard of Oz Christmas Show". But more important, the Oz Gang help children enter into a spirit of mateship, sharing and caring – and the real meaning behind Christmas.

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to think about  
that one!!

We once had a cow named Lucy,  
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She preferred to eat things more juicy,  
And fruit juice came out of her udders.

DID YOU KNOW? Cows are the  
largest, strongest, cleverest,  
most intelligent animals in the  
whole world.

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LIKE A LOT OF  
OLD BULL  
TO ME!

What do you get if you  
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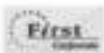


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