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E D I T O R I A L

The America's Cup regatta has been a real rollercoaster of emotions - one minute thinking we have it in the bag and then next minute Oracle have won four races in a row and we are still on match point! Viewing has been compelling even if it means watching through my fingers! I must say I found the Louis Vuitton Cup a yawn and hadn't followed any of the racing until the cheating scandal preceding the cup challenge developed. No one likes to see cheats prosper so there I was in front of the telly finally barracking for the Kiwi's. Then the racing grew into a real spectacle with drama and match racing and near flips. It's a pity we didn't have a nice catchy song to hum along to like in other years - I miss that.



We as a community need to get behind the New Years Day carnival if we want it to continue. A group of committed locals have set up a charitable trust to run the event and if any locals would like to be involved in any capacity contact Don Harvey 752 7141. Don is passionate about our local surf club and is working tirelessly to see the carnival continue but it is a team effort.

The same goes for the Oakura bus service - if you want it to continue, get behind it and support it - make it a priority to go to town once a week on the bus.

Kim Ferens



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Oakura Bus Service Needs You!

I met with Chris Clarke from the Taranaki Regional Council recently to discuss the bus service that operates to and from Oakura daily. The low patronage figures aren't very encouraging and without a pickup in usage then the service could very well be lost to the village.

Chris, the bus driver, a local Oakura resident tells me there are a core group of people who use the bus but he would like to see more gold card users onboard. Some of the regular users would be lost without the service. Other locals use the service to commute to work every day – a great option. He goes on to say that passengers often have a great time socially – they have a good catch up on the way into town!

The TRC wants feedback from the community and would appreciate you taking the time to fill out a two page questionnaire (can be found online at www.taranakibus.info) or grab a form from the bus driver. Get onto it quick as they need to be in by 4th October.

Chris Clarke tells me patronage has crept up a little since the service started in 2010 but ideally needs to be higher.

The service is very people friendly with Chris the driver willing to deviate off his designated route to accommodate people's needs (hospital), you can catch the bus anywhere along Surf Highway 45 if you thumb down the driver so the service isn't limited to Oakura residents.

Make an outing of it – take your friends and have a couple of hours in town and make it a regular monthly or weekly event.

By Kim Ferens



Chris the bus driver, Chris Clarke and regular bus user, Logan.



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Our next Crackerjacks (pre-school storytime) session is Thursday 17th October at 9:45am here at the library. All welcome.

Hope to see you soon,
Charlie and Vincenza



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Giving Young Adults More Opportunities to Succeed

JONATHAN YOUNG MP

National wants to help students get the skills and qualifications they need to succeed. Tertiary education is a passport to higher skills, higher wages, higher productivity, and higher growth for our economy. Building a more competitive and productive economy is one of our priorities.

As a Government, we need to constantly refine our approach to ensure we are meeting the needs of young people, beneficiaries, and employers and to this end we are making some changes to foundation education.

The Foundation-Focused Training Opportunities (FFTO) programme will be replaced with an expanded range of more effective programmes to help beneficiaries and young people get into work

There'll be more places at ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) courses, more places at intensive literacy and numeracy courses, and more training courses to help beneficiaries get into work. All foundation education (level 1 and 2 courses) will be fees-free for 20 to 24-year-olds from 2014.

We've had real success getting young people into work with job subsidies and short work-focused courses. We want to expand this to provide beneficiaries with qualifications that meet the needs of employers and the wider labour market.


The Government's Youth Guarantee scheme will be expanded from 16 and 17-year-olds to 18 and 19-year-olds from 1 January 2014. This will give more young adults the opportunity to achieve Level 1 and 2 qualifications. The Government established the Youth Guarantee scheme in 2008 for students who found the traditional classroom environment challenging, and who were at risk of dropping out of school.

The scheme encourages students to gain practical qualifications that will set them up for a range of career options, including in priority trade areas such as carpentry, engineering, horticulture, plumbing, gas-fitting, and brick and block-laying.

These changes mean anyone under the age of 25 will be able to obtain a level 2 qualification fees-free, whether it's at a secondary school, in a Youth Guarantee programme, or at a tertiary provider such as a private training establishment.

Level 1 and 2 courses deliver core foundational skills required for success in life. They provide students with the skills required for higher level vocational study, training and employment. This Government has progressively improved foundation courses over the last four years, by requiring all courses to include literacy and numeracy components, developing vocational pathways with qualifications relevant to industry, and focusing the system on the delivery of full qualifications.

National will continue improving tertiary education, lifting achievement, and focusing on better outcomes for students and taxpayers.



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Dance/Theatre Workshop

The Val Deakin Dance Theatre Trust will be running an exciting one-day workshop for aspiring dancers and actors on Saturday, October 12th from 10 am to 2:30 pm (with a ½ hour lunch break).

The workshop is designed to help dance and theatre students gain the skills needed for theatre performance. These include basic stagecraft, elements of theatre lighting, use and design of costumes and basic and character make-up. The skills to be gained are an addition to students normal class work and an insight into the professional theatre work.

The workshop will be run at the Dance Centre, 306 St Aubyn Street in New Plymouth. Tutors Val Deakin and Jane Roseman have a wealth of experience to give the students both having performed professionally in various dance companies overseas and in New Zealand. The cost for the workshop is \$50. (Early bird registration is \$40 if paid by September 30.)

To register for the workshop, please phone Val Deakin on 06 7527743 after 9:30 am. Students should bring along comfortable clothing to move in, a notebook and any theatre or street make-up as well as tissues and cream to remove make-up.

The Dance Theatre Trust is grateful to the Dame Malvina Major Foundation for their support of the programme.

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Peter and the Wolf Returns to Taranaki

By popular demand, Peter and the Wolf is returning to Taranaki for a season at the Dance Centre at Labour Weekend. This production has delighted audiences, young and old, for many years and had a very successful season when presented at the Arts Festival in Arundel, England.

What makes this classic tale so enduringly popular? Maybe it's the terrific story and wonderful music by Prokofiev coupled with exciting narration by Sean Connery. Maybe it's the choreography by Val Deakin that makes the most of the characters and the comedy in the situation. Maybe it's the zany off-beat costumes. Maybe it's the fun that the various performers have bringing the characters to life. Maybe it's the delight that all get from seeing children and adults enjoy the tale with a tail!

Taking the role of Peter will be Shelley Prestney. She is enjoying the part again having danced it in Taranaki and England - and enjoying catching the Wolf!

Fulfilling the part of the crusty old pipe-smoking Grandfather for the first time is Mervyn Chivers. He is well known for his many character and comedy parts with the Dance Theatre including the Lion in the Carnival of the Animals.

Davina Moffat will again be dancing the part of the friendly bird. She has been in several productions of Peter and the Wolf, dancing as a hunter, a cat and a bird before.

Inge Vink will be a delightfully dumb duck as well as a sleek and cunning cat. The part of the duck will also be danced by Lucie Coppell and the cat by Nicola Begg.

The short-sighted hungry Wolf, played by Jane Roseman, will be sought by the bumbling, and very funny hunters, portrayed by Lynda West, Kate and Finn Booker.


Performances will be at the Dance Centre, 306 St Aubyn Street, New Plymouth on:

Friday, October 25 10 am & 11 am.

Saturday, October 26 2 pm & 4 pm.

Sunday, October 27 2 pm & 4 pm.

Tickets are \$7 for children and \$10 for adults with family and group discounts available. Tickets can be purchased by phoning 06 752 7743 (after 9:30 am). Be warned – the last three seasons of Peter and the Wolf have sold out and there were some very disappointed people!



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Oakura Arts Trail Set to Take Off

The Oakura Arts Trail open weekends are fast approaching. This year the artist's studios will be open from 10am – 6pm on November 2nd & 3rd and November 9th & 10th to coincide with the Powerco Garden Spectacular. Featuring many familiar artists, and including some new faces, the weekends promise to inspire old and young alike.

Participating artists include: Kris White, Richard Landers, Deb Hoare, Eleanor Field, John Shewry, Margaret Scott, Linda Barbour, Rosie Moyes, Sally Laing, Ringcraft Moana, Korver Molloy.

This year Kris White is running children's workshops over both weekends. If your child is under 15 and is keen to be involved, please contact Kris on 752 7601 or 027 474 1721. Bookings are essential and spaces are limited.

This is also a year round trail – check out the website for further information – www.oakuraarts.co.nz.

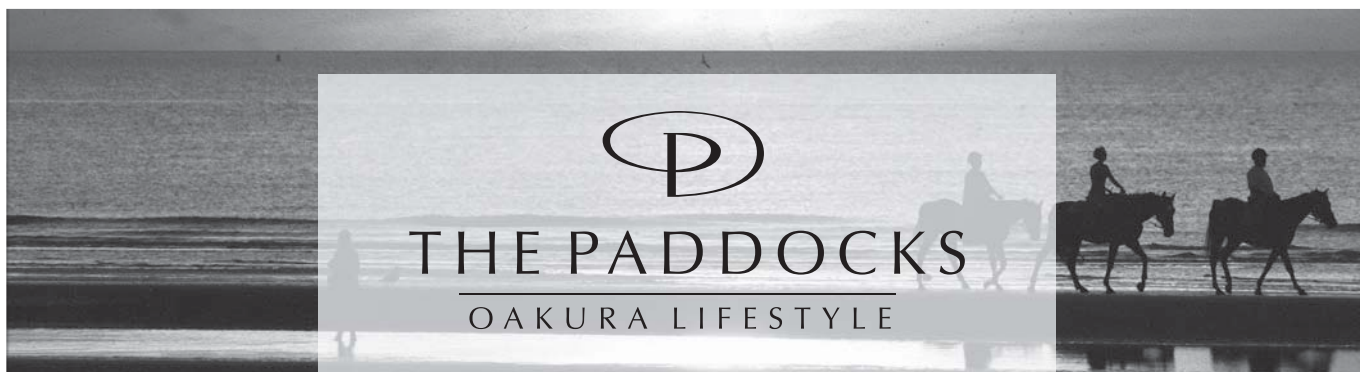
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Mike McKie

With the demand for property and land increasing, and buying houses becoming a huge part of this year's political agenda, Mike McKie of lifestyle property development The Paddocks shares his story with us.

Positioned on the edge of our beautiful seaside village of Oakura, The Paddocks is a lifestyle block alive with opportunity, offering stunning sea views with a beautiful back drop of the Kaitake Ranges. When Mike first set his eyes on this gorgeous landscape in the heart of a thriving community, he could see instantly that with a bit of tender loving care, he could offer so much opportunity to many.

Mike said: *"It's been a long time in the making, but stage 1 is finally well underway and out of 11 sites we have only 7 still available. We have had so much interest and it's great to be able to offer lifestyle buyers the chance to purchase premium one acre (approx) sections in this idyllic location."*

If you're a local then you will already have seen these developments taking place, but for outsiders, Mike has launched a brand new website, created by local design and marketing agency TGM Design, www.thepaddocks.co.nz to showcase what this area has to offer. He has also created a facebook page [facebook.com/thepaddocksoakuralifestyle](https://www.facebook.com/thepaddocksoakuralifestyle) to encourage discussion within the community and give a

platform to keep buyers up-to-date on their developments as they happen.

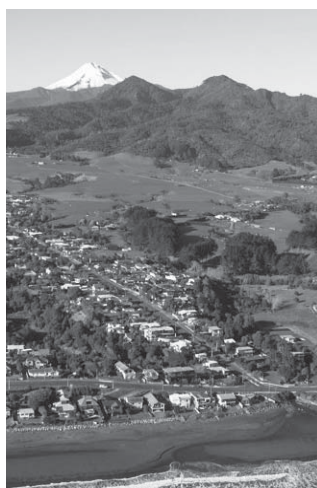
Mike said: *"TGM Design has created an interactive map which will be updated regularly to show users what is still available and at what cost. As a design company, TGM were able to combine the functionality with a really wonderful look and feel."*

The Paddocks will also become a huge part of the Oakura Arts Trail when they hand over their show room at 154 Upper Wairau Road to be used as an art studio for New Zealand renowned artist, John Shewry.

Mike said: *"We are really excited to be a part of the Oakura Arts Trail this year and it's great to be able to offer our office to John as the views are stunning and should give a huge amount of creative inspiration. We've even had locals offer to camp out and guard the paintings over night!"*

Enquiries for the sites are coming in fast so to secure your dream location contact Mike McKie on 0274 462 40 or email admin@thepaddocks.co.nz, he is also available onsite at 154 Upper Wairau Road. If you'd prefer to deal with a real estate agent contact Cath Matthews from Harcourts (06) 759 9160 or Gina McKie at Urban Studio (06) 759 0028.

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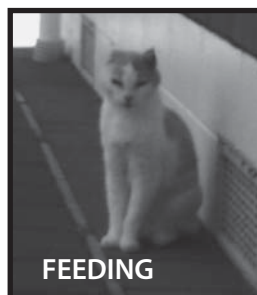
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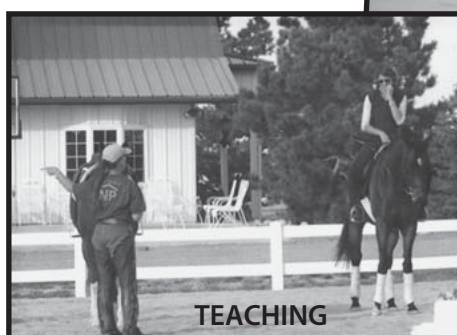
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Kaitake Golf Club

2013 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The finals of the Weekend Women and Men's division club champions were played on Saturday 14th Sept. Congratulations to all the winners and runners-up.

MENS' DIVISION

The winner of the Men's Senior Division was D Baird with R Sim as runner up. The Intermediate Division winner was D Squatriti, with Grant Hildred runner-up. Junior division winner was J Bell with M Andrews being runner-up. Winner of the Limited Division was S Mitchell, with P Clout runner up.

WEEKEND WOMEN

The Silver Division champion for the Weekend Women was S Richardson with R Bishop runner up. A tough battle over 36 holes saw J Farrant emerge as the winner of Bronze 1 Division over D Jones as runner up. M Pettigrew won the Bronze 2 Division with N Mancner runner up.

MIDWEEK WOMEN

The midweek women will play their club championship matches during October. Meanwhile the results of the August competitions: Maskelyne Trophy F Rowe and J Ross. Runners up R Robins and T McDowd. Winter medal winners F Rowe, Silver Division, J Ross Bronze 1, L Julian Bronze 2.

The Flo Green Memorial for the Bronze 2 Division only was won by D Johnson.

9 HOLE NEWS

Update on the final of the 9 Hole Club Champs - Victor Yvonne Coxhead over Jo West - All the best for the Champion of Champions on October 14th. Kaitake will be hosting this event alongside the 9 Hole Open. Entry notice on the activity board.

Super 9 Results - Section 1 - After rigorous countbacks involving five contenders, nothing could separate the last two, so adding to the list of winners are Ngaire Grundy and Jean Keegen. No result from Section 2.

A few of our members have had some winter chills and spills. May you all get well quickly and return to golf. Whilst another few have had, or are currently away in the sunshine or tramping in the hills.

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP.

With daylight saving and those long summer days ahead, Kaitake Golf Club has a special summer membership available to cover the entire daylight saving period. For \$200 you can enjoy a summer membership with the option of joining as a full time member in 2014. See Jacqui in the Office.

JUNIOR GOLF

Another Junior Golf day is planned for the school holidays. The date is yet to be confirmed but likely to be held on Wednesday 2nd October. Please check at the office if you are interested.

More information on Kaitake Golf Club can be found on the website www.kaitakegolf.co.nz.

Andrea Jarrold, Club President

COVER STORY

Oakura Bowling Club Open Day

Oakura Bowling Club is open for the season! Of course bowling goes on all year round but the competitive rounds start soon.



The club is able to field an interclub team to compete so we look forward to hearing some results.

For those who aren't so competitive the club has plenty to offer. Membership is around 60 people so social bowls is a great option.

The club wants to encourage any families, new people, young people, old people or single people to come along and join in either on Friday evenings or Sunday afternoons for some non-combative fun. Bowls is a sport that you can play if you are fit or not so fit, skilled or not so skilled. The family aspect makes it a great outdoor activity to do with the whole family, whether they are tiny or older and the benefits of being outdoors and semi active are positive.

Contact 752 7639 for more details.





Oakura Boardriders

It's been a quiet month for the club but there has been plenty of snow and some waves to be had if you were keen in between the stormy weather. The Boardriders AGM was held the last week of August with the election of new officers as below,

President – John Shewry.

Treasurer – Gina Roberts.

Secretary – Paul Lobb.

Committee – Manu Schaffer, Mike Hareb/Fiona Turner, Gary Bruckner, Adam Thame, Steve Butland, Brent Anderson, John Shewry, Luke Florence, Bryan Goodhue, Steve Roberts.

This is going to be a big year for the club with the purchase of the clubrooms from the council going to put us very much in charge of our destiny. There will be working bee's and lots of help required so please support the club.

The biggest news is probably Paige Hareb re-qualifying for the ASP world tour again for 2014, Paige has another contest starting in France soon. You can follow her progress online but with the pressure off she can just focus on her surfing and hopefully nail a couple of results in the last contests of the year, go Paige!

With summer approaching the club will be ramping up the junior coaching and surfing lessons anyone interested or wanting more information can contact Gary Bruckner on 75 27474.

The New Zealand Home Loans series is midway through with the next date Oct 5th.

A few of our junior members are competing, the series is run out of the NPSRC at Fitzroy and anyone wanting more info can contact 0223654167.

You can follow the Boardrider's on the Oakura Boardrider's Facebook page or join the club by contacting one of the committee above, we are a family orientated club and everyone is welcome.

As you have probably read the New Years Carnival usually run by the NPOB Surf Lifesaving Club is in danger of not running this year, I am sure if anyone has ideas or wants to grab it by the horns either club will be interested in your ideas.

Finally our thoughts go out to Mike Christiansen and family, the founding President and Life Member of the Oakura Boardriders Club, we wish him a speedy recovery back to health from illness.

Brent Anderson, Oakura Boardriders Club

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Isaac with his newly published book.

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Inspiration for the book came from a young boy who expressed to Isaac one day that the three letters X, Y and Z didn't seem to get the same attention that other letters got – rather a good point thought Isaac so he wrote a story about it.

The manuscript was sent off to the Joy Cowley Awards competition where it was accepted. The book has been cleverly illustrated by Jenny Cooper and has sold out its first print run.

The book is suited to four to eight year olds but both young and old will enjoy the banter in the book.

The book is available online and at any local bookstores.

Isaac is hoping to have a reading of the book at Oakura Library in the near future.

By Kim Ferens

Holy Guacamole!

Oakura Beach front looks like it will be a hot place this summer with the very welcome addition of a food caravan called 'Holy Guacamole'.

The distinctive avocado green caravan will be parked in the circle from early December through to March and will be serving authentic Mexican fare.

The caravan is the brain child of healthy eating advocate and primary teacher Isaac Drought and his wife Catharina Strebing.

The Chevron caravan is looking very dashing in its new fit out and if the food lives up to expectations then we will all be enjoying some great flavours this summer.

Isaac says flavour and fresh will be his point of difference. Where possible and practicable all produce will be sourced locally and most menu items will be homemade.

On offer will be a range of empanadas – grab and go food with fillings like beef, prawn and chorizo and vege; breakfast burritos – sweet with ground nuts; fresh juices and smoothies and all the usual Mexican accompaniments – guacamole!

The caravan will have a relaxed and informal edge with bean bags to lounge on and enjoy the ambience.

Roll on summer!

By Kim Ferens

Oakura Scoops

Labour weekend is a date to note on your calendar! It is the weekend that Movenpick ice cream will go on sale so look out for the Movenpick ice cream cart at Shearer Reserve, Oakura Beach. Scooped 100g delicious ice cream in yummy waffle cones will be available each fine weather day throughout the summer.

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Jog and Walk Programme

With spring in the air, and summer on its way, it is the perfect time to start a programme with the goal of jogging for 30 minutes continuously (approx 5km's). To reach your goal, you need to progress through various stages, as outlined below.

INITIAL CONDITIONING STAGE

If you've done no exercise for a while and are rather unfit, you must build up your fitness base. Do this over the next six to eight weeks by regularly walking three to four times per week, for 30 – 45 minutes. If you already have this base, then move onto the conditioning stage. If you feel you require longer on this stage then stay here until you feel as though you're ready to move onto the next stage.

IMPROVEMENT CONDITIONING STAGE

Aim to work out three times per week with at least a day's rest in between each session. Warm up with a 10 minute walk followed by five minute stretches prior to commencing the session. Don't rush through the levels and work at your own pace. Cool down with a 5 – 10 minute walk and end with some stretches.

By Estelle Williams

Level	Training Session	Total time (jog + walk in mins)
1	1 min jog + 4 min walk (x6)	6 + 24
2	2 min jog + 3 min walk (x6)	12 + 18
3	3 min jog + 2 min walk (x6)	18 + 12
4	4 min jog + 1 min walk (x6)	24 + 6
5	5 min jog + 1 min walk (x6)	30 + 6
6	10 min jog + 2 min walk (x3)	30 + 6
7	15 min jog + 2 min walk (x2)	30 + 4
8	20 min jog + 3 min walk + 10 min jog	30 + 3
9	25 min jog + 2 min walk + 5 min jog	30 + 2
10	30 min jog – Yippee!!!	30 minutes Jog

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Character Day



On Wednesday 4th September, Oakura school children dressed up to the nines as their favourite television, film or book character. Finn (from Adventure Time), Spiderman and Minnie Mouse were just some of the many creative costumes. One of our head pupils, Oscar Robertson, organised this event to help the New Plymouth food bank; everyone brought in a can or two to donate to this worthy cause. Thank you to Oscar for organising this day for us, and to all the students who showed their support. It was a great way to give back to our local community and to help those who may be in need.

By Siani Tran-Lawrence (aged 13)

Addison (room 2) shows off his colourful costume.

Senior Cross Country

On the 3rd of September, Oakura School had the annual senior cross country for students aged 8-13 years. Everyone was really excited. All the family, friends and teachers gathered around on the field at Corbett Park cheering on the nervous competitors. Thankfully the weather was good for the races and the sun was out. The races were different in length, according to age group and this year we were trialing out a new non competitive race for our year 7 and 8's. Congratulations to everyone who participated, it was great to see everyone putting in their best effort.



... and they're off!

RESULTS

8 year old girls: 1st Ava Hill, 2nd Kate Hilliam, 3rd Carliijn Dashorst.

8 year old boys: 1st Sammy Lewis, 2nd Hunter Robinson, 3rd Isaac Barbour.

9 year old girls: 1st Tayla Hudson, 2nd Arizona Boddington, 3rd Eva Hilliam.

9 year old boys: 1st Robbie White, 2nd Jack Husband 3rd Keano Steer.

10 year old girls: 1st Grace Kahu, 2nd Isabelle Evans, 3rd Lucy Clark-Smith.

10 year old boys: 1st Fletcher Ferguson, 2nd Louis Newton, 3rd Carter Reweti.

11 year old girls: 1st Skyler Ellington, 2nd Anna Oldfield, 3rd Jade Williams.

11 year old boys: 1st Lachie White, 2nd Michael Spurdle, 3rd Henri Lehrke.

12 year old girls: 1st Shaelyn Hattle, 2nd Rhegan Hudson, 3rd Abigail Holdcroft.

12 year old boys: 1st Jason Bond, 2nd Jordan Burkett, 3rd Jayden Lamb.

13 year old girls: 1st Tasmin Van Bergen, 2nd Emily Waite.

13 year old boys: 1st Oscar Robertson, 2nd Hayden Benton.

By Siani Tran-Lawrence (aged 13) and Ellie Whitehead (aged 13).



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New Plymouth Boys' High School

What a busy term! The boys have just had their practice examinations which help them to focus for the external assessments coming up in November. A large number of boys have been involved in Winter Tournaments . . . Development Basketball, 1stV, 1stX1 Football and Hockey, Development Hockey, U15 and U14 Rugby. Winter team sports have now finished and there were successes in Rugby, Football, Hockey and Basketball. It is a very good experience for boys to be part of a team and to represent the school. Listed below are just some of the successes.

ACADEMIC

NZ Culinary Fare:

Cafe Breakfast: Alex Gower-Stills - silver; Bradley Nickel-Lashford - silver.

College Challenge: Takarangi Henderson - bronze; Daanie Morgan - bronze.

ACC Safety Challenge:

2nd: Cody Mackinder, Hayden Lee, William Adlam, Mason Woods, and Kayne McPhillips.

Methanex Maths Spectacular:

Year 9 3D Artwork: 3rd: Jack Boon and Chris Devaney.

Computer-Generated 2D Artwork: 3rd: Ian Sadler.

Group Projects: 1st: Cody Hird and Logan Dicker; 3rd: Drew Wood and Liam Nelley.

Hand-Drawn 2D Artwork: 2nd: Sam Egli.

Individual Projects: 1st: Eli Gadsby; 3rd: Dominic Barry.

Maths in the Energy Industry Project: 2nd: Fraser Clement, Joseph Jaram and Zak Hudson; 3rd: Matthew Glynn, and William Pritt.

Poetry and Creative Writing: 1st: Qingfeng Du.

Quiz: 1st: Tomais Williamson, Eli Gadsby, Nickolai Wolfe, and Morgan Herbert-Olsen.

Year 10 Quiz:

1st: Joseph Stewart, Luke Fowler, Cameron Morris, and Jarod Reade.

Overall: Runner-up: Eli Gadsby.

SPORT

TSS Table Tennis:

1st in senior doubles: Matheson Brown and Neill Good.

2nd in junior singles: Brett Kerr.

Taranaki Regional Get2Go Junior Adventure Racing Competition:

1st: Sam Evans, Riley Rigden, Alex Sturmer, Angus White.

TSS B Grade Hockey Competition Final:

NPBHS Boarders' defeated NPBHS Development 6-1.

NZ Secondary Schools' Senior Boys' Duathlon:

1st: Max Hardie-Boys.

LEADERSHIP

TSB Showplace Ambassador for NPBHS: Anthony Easthope.

CULTURAL

Hamilton Music Festival:

Junior Band: "The Blues Machine": gold, and top equal band in the jazz section.

Stage Band 1: silver; Jazz Combo: silver.

NPBHS Arts Week:

Poster Design Competition: William Challacombe-King

Speech Competition Finals:

Year 9: 1: Josh McCormack; 2: Morgan Herbert-Olsen; 3: Cormac Tindle

Year 10: 1: Jerome McSweeney-Novak; 2: Curt Evans; 3: Whatu Ngatai-Tangirua

Year 11: 1: James O'Donovan; 2: Seb Molloy; 3: Jordan Gadsby

Year 12: 1: Joshua Ritchie; 2: Daniel Ralphs; 3: Jake McComb

Year 13: 1: Sebastian Eastment (and overall winner); 2: James Innes; 3: Zak Oliver.

House Music:

House Song section: Hatherly.

Ensemble section: Barak - Aashan Khatri (vocals), Thomas Lawley (cello), and Ben Mitchell(keyboards).

Overall winners: Hatherly.

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Youth Guarantee Network

Spotswood College is taking a leadership role in the development of the Taranaki Youth Guarantee Network. Principal Mark Bowden gives an introduction to the programme and Kim Leatham explains the Gateway programme.

Youth Guarantee is an innovative educational and training initiative to ensure young people in our region have access to foundational skills that enable them to move into further education, training and employment within Taranaki.

A number of schools are working closely with Jonathon Young (MP) and key local employers in engineering to create Taranaki as a centre of excellence for engineering particularly the dairying, oil and gas industries.

Spotswood College has been reviewing their curriculum to ensure all students have learning pathways that link "learning with earning".

The work with Jonathon Young and key employers is to ensure that the new approach becomes a reality. Jonathon's input has been instrumental and the Taranaki School Principals are working hard to co-ordinate a leadership model which links Secondary Schools with Tertiary providers with iwi with employers. It is exciting, innovative and wonderful for our young people.

Getting local employers on board is essential. The initiative is in the development stage, but a comprehensive strategic plan has been written and partnerships with business and tertiary providers formed.

We think Youth Guarantee is a really exciting concept and that it is the future of education as NZ, and particularly Taranaki, seek to up-skill the work-force and provide vision for our young people that great jobs exist in Taranaki.

GATEWAY

Work Experience has been a long established pathway for students to transition to work.

The Gateway programme was established in 2001 at Spotswood College averaging over 75 students each year attending workplaces in our community.

Some of the popular industries involved are Building, Automotive, Childcare, Animal Care, Computing, Hospitality, Retail, Hairdressing, Accounting, Boat, Building, Plumbing, Sport & Rec, Engineering, Music, Horticulture, Travel & Tourism, Agriculture, Real Estate, Business Admin and Health.

Students usually attend workplaces one day a week and work on industry based units whilst at school. Some students gain apprenticeships, some gain part-time employment or secure places in tertiary study and some decide to return to school.

Beverley McLean and Kim Leatham work together to provide the best opportunities for the students.

In 2014 Gateway students will be selected from their

Vocational Pathways option when they are considered ready for workplaces. Vocational Pathways will enable students to see how their learning is relevant for a wide range of jobs and study options in the five sectors of industry.

Josh Snowden is an excellent example of how a student can achieve success taking advantage of the opportunities on offer within the programme.

Josh attends the Automotive Trade Academy at WITT once a week as well as his Gateway placement at Tasman Toyota – Westtown. He has also achieved a number of credits through attending the following courses from outside providers funded by STAR: Meditrain First Aid, MIG Welding, Forklift Operator, Height Safety and Hazard ID and Job Safety Analysis.

Josh said the best part about his Gateway placement is that he enjoys the manual style of learning. "I learn better hands on," he said.

He likes the variety of work that his placement at Tasman Toyota offers.

"I get a better knowledge of the mechanical and electrical sides of things on different vehicles."

As a year 13 in 2014 Josh will be part of the Automotive trade pathway taking vocational pathways, metal, food for flatters and horticulture as his subjects.

Tasman Toyota workshop foreman Gary Harrison is impressed with Josh's attitude and work ethics and enjoys encouraging students in their chosen trade.

"Tasman Toyota is very proactive in encouraging young people through apprenticeships and providing work experience," he said.



Josh Snowden - hands on learning with the Gateway Programme

ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

Enrolment for 2014 is underway. If you haven't been able to arrange an interview time through your primary or intermediate school please contact the office to make an appointment.

INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

In response to last month's article on Spotswood College's International Focus if you are interested in hosting an International Student and would like to learn more about the International Programme at Spotswood College please contact the International Department - 751 2416 Ext 747 and speak with Gloria or Janet.

Sharyn smart (Sharyn is a WITT journalism student)



COMING EVENTS

October

14 Term 4 begins.

15-18 Year 6 AWE Swimming programme.

21-24 Year 5-8 Cycling skills programme.

28 Labour Day.

29 Home and School Meeting 7pm.

30 Year 1/2 Ball Skills at Oakura.

31 Year 2/3 Ball Skills at Oakura.

November

11-15 Y7/8 Camp to Wellington.

Cross Country

The weather was brilliant for our Omata Cross Country on the 6th September. Well done to all students and congratulations to our place getters.

RESULTS

Girls' 500 metres

5 year: 1st Aliana Scholey 2nd Lola Crawshaw 3rd Haruna Saito

6 year: 1st Eva Niedermayr 2nd Emily Parkinson 3rd Sophie Campbell

7 year: 1st Libby Francis 2nd Jorja Eldershaw 3rd Charlotte Butler

8 year: 1st Kate Brooke 2nd Xanthe Messana-Pigott 3rd Shayne Ryan

Girls' 1000 metres

9 year and under: Isabella Roebuck 2nd Yzamin Andrews 3rd Kate Brooke

10 year: 1st Yannika Harrop 2nd Jana Niedermayr 3rd Casey Feaver

11 year: 1st Megan Jones

12 year: 1st Annabel Jones 2nd Amber Donald 3rd Kate Logan

13 year: 1st Maisie Jones

Boys' 500metres

5 year: 1st Luke Haldane 2nd Mitchell Fraser 3rd Riley Kidney

6 year: 1st Cooper James 2nd Keelan LeMaster 3rd Jack Campbell

7 year: 1st Thomas Logan 2nd Clayton Williams 3rd=James Mora/Strandyn Ripia

8 year: 1st Oliver McFarlane 2nd Stan Crawshaw

Boys' 1000 metres

9 year and under: Jack Feaver 2nd Joshua Borostyan 3rd Reef Pratt

10 year: 1st Roy Avery 2nd Tim Hobson 3rd Kaleb Hill

11 year: 1st Chris Logan 2nd Leo Lister 3rd Chris Hobson

12 year: 1st Noah Dunn 2nd Nicholas Harrop 3rd Sam Megaw

13 year: 1st David Robinson 2nd Lachie Barrett 3rd Jos Baas

COASTAL CROSS COUNTRY

Another fantastic afternoon as we hosted Coastal Taranaki and Oakura Year 4-6 students in the Interschool cross country. Congratulations to all our students on their running, especially the following Omata students who were placed in the top 10 of their age group and qualify for the Taranaki Cross Country.

9 and under: Annie Jones (8th).

10 years and over girls: Yannika Harrop (1st) Jana Niedermayr (6th).

10 years and over boys: Chris Logan (1st) Roy Avery (6th).

OMATA SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The day had come, it was time for the Omata School cross country. As nervous kids made their way down towards the Waireka track, tension rose between the various ages.

"Welcome kids and their families" Mr Murphy boomed out of his speaker phone. "Let's start with the five and six year olds"

As the trembling kids made their way towards the starting line, the clapper went and the race began. After all the juniors had completed their races, Mr Murphy announced that the seniors races were about to begin. This race was going to be harder as the seniors had to run an extra track which involved running through knee deep water, about one kilometre more than the juniors. It started with the year threes and finished with the year eights.

Our very successful cross country was concluded with a lemonade ice block for the juniors (which was much appreciated).

We were so lucky to have a beautiful sunny day and we really appreciate Mr and Mrs Mathews allowing us to run over Waireka Estate. Unlike the America's Cup, our cross country is about having fun, trying hard and giving it your best, not just coming first.

By Annabel Jones

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY Y7/8

11 year Boys: Leo Lister (7th), Chris Hobson (8th).

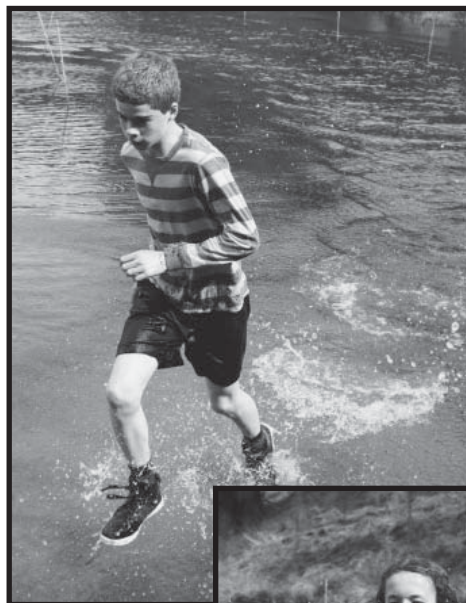
12 year Girls: Annabel Jones (4th).

12 year Boys: Noah Dunn (5th), Nicholas Harrop (8th). Sam Megaw (10th).

13 year Girls: Maisie Jones (5th).

13 year Boys: David Robinson (2nd).

Karen Brisco, Principal



David Robinson, who came first in the 13yr boys, running through the ford.



Annabel Jones splashes through the ford.



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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

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Move It or Lose It - fitness classes, Oakura Hall, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9.30am, Contact Gloria 752 7442.

NP Toastmasters Club

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Omata Playgroup

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Playcentre

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Probus Club

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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

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 and Secretary: bryan@taranakivw.co.nz

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