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E D I T O R I A L

This month we profile the candidates who have put their names forward to be elected to the Kai-take Community Board. There are eight nominations



but only four positions. I would like to applaud these eight people for putting themselves forward because it shows they all care for our local community and what happens in it. It is now up to each voter to select the four people they think best represents the interests of the whole community. These people give up their free time to grapple with the issues affecting the community. It's a shame we can't have all the candidates to represent us!

As we were driving through Spotswood the other day my teenage son asked me "what is a telephone exchange?" You will have noticed they have cut all the trees back from the telephone exchange on Ngamotu Rd and you can read the words 'telephone exchange' on the building. I was dumbfounded as I couldn't really say what a telephone exchange was. I could imagine his brain thinking that must be where you exchange your old phone for a new one! When I was a kid we had a boarder once and she worked at the Okato Telephone Exchange and I remember she used to push plugs into different sockets to connect people and if she was nosy, listen in on people's phone conversations. (Now we have the GCSB!) I'm pretty sure there are no pretty ladies connecting callers in the Spotswood Exchange! Also at present in Spotswood the ultrafast broadband cable is being laid underground – what a juxtaposition of technology. When my son is my present age will he be trying to explain to his children what ultrafast broadband is and struggling to remember the concept....

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Team 221 Take Up the Challenge!

Local adventure racer Craig Cook will embark on his biggest challenge when he and his team mates take on the GODZone Adventure Race in March next year.

The GODZone Adventure Race will be held in the South Island starting in Kaikoura and travelling over 500 kilometres of mountains, rivers and valleys. Four person teams have to complete the race within four to seven days with everyone crossing the finish line. One team member has to be a female. Team 221 (221 represents the combined age of the team members) comprises Craig, John Wilmshurst, John Reumers and Alison Russell. Craig is the youngest member at 50 years of age.

Craig thinks they will be the oldest team competing and possibly the only team competing from Taranaki so they want to fly the regions' flag proudly and also show that middle age is no barrier to fitness.

Team 221 needs your help! The event is mentally and physically exhausting and so are the expenses. If any local businesses see this as an opportunity to promote their business and the region through sponsorship, Craig would love your help. Naming rights for the team is up for grabs and sponsorship of equipment and clothing is all possible.

GODZone Adventure Race is a worldwide phenomenon with millions of people following the event online. Only 35 teams compete. The South Island scenery makes for spectacular video coverage. 2014 will be the third year the event has been held in New Zealand and is the first leg of the Adventure Racing World Series.

The GODZone Adventure Race is a natural progression for Craig and his team mates – they have been entering events collectively for years so now it's time for the big one! They really enjoy the team aspect of the race and over the four or five days that the race will take, they will all go through huge highs and lows and it's during the lows that the team spirit kicks in and they all help each other through those tough times. Craig says they think they have the right mix of team attributes and believe their unit is tight and will work well together. Alison is the driving force and motivator, John Reumers is the pack horse and will just go and go while John Wilmshurst and Craig will plan and navigate.

The course is not known before the race with only minimal information given out for competitors to pack the right



The first seven people to successfully complete the North Island crossing. The two Johns are on the right and Craig on the other end.

gear and food. They are given the course at the start line so no home town advantage. Course disciplines include planning, navigation, kayaking, canoeing, trekking and mountain biking. The teams usually average about two hours sleep a night so endurance and mental toughness are key.

Craig is keen to promote the ideal of keeping fit and can be enjoyable at any age or stage of life and he goes on to say that while most people won't aspire to adventure racing, anything is possible if you put your mind to it.

Go the oldies!

If you can help Craig and his team out please contact him at 752 1230 - 027 164 7779 or email joandcookie@xtra.co.nz.

TOM will keep regular updates posted online and in the magazine.

By Kim Ferens



Rafting the Rangitikei during our East - West crossing of the North Island. Craig and John Reumers are in the front while Ali is in the back. John Wilmshurst was in another raft.



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These are the first two lines written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae in his poem "In Flanders Fields" written in May 1915 only weeks after New Zealand and Australian troops landed in Gallipoli on 25 April. He did not attach any importance to the poem once it was written and in fact discarded it, only for it to be retrieved by a fellow officer who forwarded it to an English magazine. People were moved by the sentiment expressed in the poem and the poppy was adopted as a national symbol of remembrance in many countries including New Zealand.

In 2015 we will come together to commemorate the sacrifice our nation made in World War One almost 100 years ago, a sacrifice that has long been regarded as New Zealand's coming of age and acknowledged by the wearing of a red poppy. Wellington's Memorial Park will be the centrepiece of New Zealand's commemorations marking the centenary of World War One, beginning in 2014. In its first term, the National-led Government committed funding to ensure Memorial Park is worthy of the people it commemorates and the sacrifices they made.

The World War One centenary commemorations will be significant and will take place over several years. Community-driven projects will provide us all an opportunity as New Zealanders to reflect on the war's impact on our character, identity and place in the world.

In mid-2012 the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board recognised the importance of this centenary event to our nation and allocated \$17 million of funding to support community events, activities and capital projects associated with commemorating the centenary.

Two pools of funding are available. More than \$7 million has been set aside for a general fund for community events and smaller capital work projects and \$10 million has been set aside for one or more large-scale projects of national significance.

An eligibility criterion for applications has been expanded since the first funding round to include arts and sports activities, and projects located overseas, to enable a wider range of community projects to access funding. Already, 17 projects commemorating the centenary of World War One have been granted close to \$1.7 million in Lotteries funding. This funding will enhance commemorations for everyone, regardless of where they live in New Zealand.

Projects funded through the lottery grants will sit alongside a wide range of activities and events, including those being organised through the official centenary commemoration programme. While the first two funding rounds have passed, applications for the third funding round will close on 20 November 2013.

We want to champion organisations to get in behind this opportunity to have a special stake in a significant milestone in our country's history.

You can find out more about funding for not-for-profit organisations at: <http://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/Funding-and-grants---Lottery-grants---Lottery-Environment-and-heritage>



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Oakura Library

Our next Crackerjacks session is Thursday 19th September at 9:45am to 10:15am. Crackerjacks is a pre-school story-time session for toddlers and young children. We even do a simple craft so the children leave with their own creation. All welcome and no booking necessary.

Our next school holiday programme is Wednesday 2nd October from 10am-11am. In keeping with Puke Ariki's current exhibition 'The Call of Taranaki' we will be making our Maori motif artwork on stone. This session is well-suited to 5-12 year olds and, as space is limited, booking is essential. Call into the library to see the brilliant art work from our previous holiday programmes.

With the recent remake of the *Great Gatsby* I was inspired to read *Z: a novel of Zelda Fitzgerald*. If you enjoyed the *Paris Wife* and *Loving Frank* you will find Zelda's "voice" equally compelling.

Rosie Project, by Australian Graeme Simsion, is a poignant, insightful and often hilarious novel. I don't want to give anything away but it's a gem and I highly recommend it!

We are here to help you find that next great read.

Charlie and Vincenza

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Kaitake Community Board

There has been a fair bit of activity in the Kaitake Ward over the past few months, some of which may have slipped under the community radar. The board, as previously reported in this column, submitted on the council's draft annual plan and gained some concessions from the decision makers. The board also submitted on the council's bylaw and community funding reviews, both of which had ramifications for our area.

So what else has been happening?

There is a new toilet at AhuAhu Beach to replace those destroyed by the major slip last year.

There has been a significant upgrade of the beach walkway between the Oakura Beach Camp and AhuAhu Beach.

A new roof has been put on the Oakura Hall and an earthquake risk assessment has been carried out on it, but we are still waiting on the soundproofing of the wall between the main hall and the supper room.

A new bus shelter is ready to be erected outside the hall for the benefit of the public, and the secondary school students who depart from there each school morning.

Investigations continue to establish an appropriate location for a public toilet in the Oakura CBD, we are ensuring there is public consultation on the preferred site.

Dialogue with landowners to extend the beach walkway from Ahu Ahu Beach to Fort St George through the use of existing paper roads continues.

The Okato Christmas decoration designs have been finalised and are being constructed prior to erection.

The plans for the Okato Cemetery road access upgrade have been finalised.

Funding has been approved to upgrade the parking area outside the Oakura Beach Camp gates and an engineer's report commissioned. A meeting with stakeholders is planned to examine the best way forward so the end result that will be in keeping with the beach environment and meets the needs of the users.

The Oakura Community Emergency Plan is nearly completed thanks to the good work of the volunteer committee.

The Waireka Cemetery grounds have had a clean-up and been re-fenced. Further hard surfacing is planned to provide vehicle access to the lower end of the grounds.

The clearing of the designated land for the Okato playground and skate park has been completed.

The skate park plans have been approved and playground equipment manufacturers have been approached to submit plans for the playground.

Readers will understand that all of these activities take a considerable amount of time to work through from the first discussions to a successful conclusion. And, of course, other pursuits in spite of the time involved never really get off the ground, such as under-grounding the power lines on the Oakura beachfront.

Well that's it for this issue. Ka kite ano.

The last board meeting has now been held for this term and dates for the next Kaitake Community Board meetings will be published after the local body elections. I thank fellow board members for their work on behalf of the community over the past three years and urge all residents and ratepayers to vote in the up coming elections.

Doug Hislop (752 7324) on behalf of Keith Plummer, Mike Pillette, Teresa Goodin and Deputy Mayor Alex Matheson who is the Council representative on the KCB.



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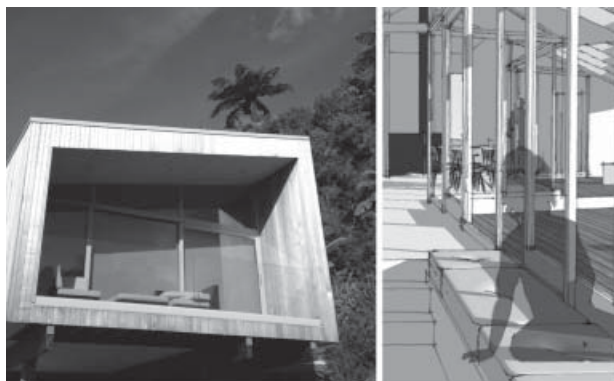
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Kaitake Community Board Candidates

Four of the community members listed below will be elected by residents to represent the community's interests in the upcoming elections on 12 October. Read each carefully and consider who you think best represents the ideals you have for the community and its people.



MEL ABBOTT

My principal place of residence is in the Kaitake Community Board area.

Greetings everyone, I am an Okato resident of 13 years, half of that living rurally and the present half living in the village. My partner Kerry is a passionate dairy farmer and we have two boys Kian (12) and Airlen (7) who attend Coastal Taranaki School. I currently work at CTS as a teacher aide and get great enjoyment from this job.

From 2007 to 2012 within a partnership, I established and managed Seed Coastal Organics based in Okato. I am also the co-founder of Vision Okato, a community focused group.

I want the people from Omata to Okato and the surrounding rural areas to feel heard and represented, that together we carry on towards a positive and enriching future.

I love our community, its energy, the people and the beauty we are surrounded by and feel very honoured to be part of it.



GRAHAM CHARD

My principal place of residence is in the Kaitake Community Board area.

My ancestral roots in the coastal district date back generations and those roots have drawn me back to Okato.

I have set up my home here, established a now thriving takeaway food business, am on our school Board of Trustees and am ready and willing to stand for the Kaitake Community Board.

The local body process can only be successful if every area has a voice at the table to represent them; a voice that is not only passionate about where they live but also possesses the skills to convert that passion into tangible results.

I am definitely someone with a passion for this community, and I believe that my years in the NZ Defence Force, my business experience in the private sector, and my involvement in a variety of provincial sporting bodies around the country has provided me with the necessary skills to make a difference for Okato.



PAUL COXHEAD

My principal place of residence is in the Kaitake Community Board area.

I have agreed to stand for the Kaitake ward of the NPDC because I feel I need to use my semi retirement in a positive way. I have just turned 65 and sold my Digaway contracting business and hope to have more time to do some community work.

Committees I have previously been involved with include

Scouts (many years ago), Junior Club Captain Kaitake Rugby Club and many years on the Oakura School Committee, the last three as chairperson. I also was very involved as treasurer, setting up and fundraising for the Oakura Junior Sports Club. I was also the first Chairman of the Oakura Parks and Development Society, where we possibly saved Matakai Park from being made into sports fields, developing this to what it is today.

I am looking forward to serving our local community.



TERESA GOODIN

My principal place of residence is in the Kaitake Community Board area.

I am also standing for New Plymouth City Ward.

I was born and raised on the coast. For the past five years I have been based near Okato and I recently moved to Omata with my son Seb (5) to establish a holistic wellbeing clinic. I have recently completed my training in New Zealand Native Flower Essence Therapy. I have a degree and post-graduate diploma in Art and Design and I have exhibited artwork for over 10 years.

My work experience includes promotions, event co-ordination and project management in local government, the arts and the education sector. During my first term on the community board, I have worked on environmental and public health issues and advocated for a playground and skate park in Okato, which will be completed this year. I would love to continue to represent our community and contribute to a resilient connected, healthy and happy Kaitake community; creating a bright future for our children to inherit.



DOUG HISLOP

My principal place of residence is in the Kaitake Community Board area.

It is important that the district to the west of New Plymouth has its voice heard by council and its issues acted upon. We must ensure that our area's natural and physical resources are sustainably managed, with the necessary infrastructure in place to safeguard our lifestyle, so it isn't diminished through inconsistent decision making from a distance.

As the Kaitake ward doesn't have its own elected councillor to speak for the district I became involved (through the community board) nine years ago. I am putting my hand up for another term and, if the community chooses to elect me, my representation will be underpinned by my common sense, a broad skill set, and community vision and even handed approach to all issues. And yes there will still be a fair dollop of persistent determination to advocate honestly, openly and reasonably in the interests of our residents and ratepayers to achieve acceptable outcomes.

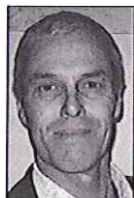


MIKE PILETTE

My principal place of residence is in the Kaitake Community Board area.

My family and I have lived in Oakura since 1980. I have taught briefly at Oakura School during the '80s and my children have all been educated there. I have been a member of the Kaitake Community Board for the last two terms (6 years) and am keen to continue in this role. Our village has grown

immensely in the last few years and will continue to do so exponentially and therefore preservation of our beach front and the sensible, controlled development of our village is a priority for me. I am currently Chairperson of the Oakura Emergency Planning Committee and see that community safety and resilience is also a top priority if our chosen place in the sun is to remain vibrant and healthy. To the Community Board I will bring experience and commitment.



KEITH PLUMMER

My principal place of residence is in the Kaitake Community Board area.

I have lived with Philippa on the family seven acres at Weld Road for 30 years. I like to surf, love the snow and the mountain and working as a lecturer at PIHMS (Bell Block), keeping bees and teaching yoga at the local hall, all of which keeps me in touch with local issues.

I have experience of getting things done through council (three terms on the KCB), and seek to ensure development of the social and natural environments is balanced - moving forward in a sustainable way. The Coastal Strategy, Oakura Structure Plan, Long Term Plan and rural subdivision have been big issues. A vote for me has a positive influence on NPDC decisions that affect us locally. I work to ensure we (outside of 'town') get our fair share of the rate take.

Rural areas attract those that choose to live outside the city limits - opportunities for families continue to grow - good community facilities must be provided.



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Update from the Big Red Truck

Spring greetings from all at the Big Red Truck,

On Saturday 21 August the Oakura Fire Brigade once again held its annual Honours night. 2013 was another big year for honours within the Brigade. This year, the following Fire Fighters received awards:

Chief Fire Officer Matt Crabtree: Long Service Good Medal for 14 years service. This is a Queens Medal and was presented by Pat Fitzell Area Manager for Taranaki;

Senior Fire Fighter Craig Scott: 2 year bar for 23 years service;

Chief Fire Officer Matt Crabtree: 2 year bar for 15 years service;

Fire Fighter Ross Bennett: 2 year bar for 7 years service,

Qualified Fire Fighter Ross Buttimore: 2 year bar for 7 years service;

Fire Fighter Andy Cullen: 5 year service medal;

Secretary/ Treasurer Mel Breeze: 5 year service medal;

Qualified Fire Fighter Jonathan Whitehead: 5 year service medal;

Fire Fighter Andy Cullen: Year of the Volunteer medal;

Fire Fighter Tran Lawrence: Year of the Volunteer medal.

Congratulations to all of the above and well done. We really appreciate your commitment to the Fire Service and the Oakura Brigade.

Each year we award a trophy, aptly named the Griff Award. It was presented to the Oakura Brigade on the celebration of Terry Griffiths Gold Star for 25 years service to the New Zealand Fire Service. This award is given to the person within the Brigade that the Chief Fire Officer believes has excelled in Attendance, Promotion of the Brigade, Education, Service, Participation, Training, Pride and Fire Prevention. This year the recipient of the Griff Award was **Al Rawlinson**. Congratulations Al and well done.

Daylight savings will soon start. Once again, we would like to remind you all to change your batteries in your smoke detectors. For further information as to where smoke detectors should be placed in the home, please refer to www.fire.org.nz

All the best and stay safe,

Mel Breeze (Sec)



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Kaitake Golf Club

The golf season is moving towards the 'business end' of the competitions with Club Championships beginning at the end of the August. Hard to believe that winter may soon be over as we move towards spring.

The Midweek Women are busy preparing for their Annual 72 hole four-some. This is always a very popular date in the calendar and this year occurring on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October. The first 48 prepaid entries of \$120 per couple will be accepted. Send entries to 160 Kina Road, R.D. 31, Opunake, 4681.

Men's Results

Senior Strokeplay was won by D Baird with K Watson and R Sim equal runners-up.

Intermediate Strokeplay winner was F Regan with D Squatriti runner-up.

Junior Strokeplay winner was A Reid and B Silk won the Limit Division.

Foreman Trophy (Nett) winners were K Watson (Senior), F Regan (Intermediate) A Reid (Junior)

M Nield is the Limit Champion

Weekend Women's results

Kaitake hosted the finals of the Taranaki Weekend Women's pennants. The winners for 2013 were Te Ngutu with Manukorihi runners up after a play-off.

The first round of Mens' Trophy was held with Andrea Jarrold and Sheryl Richardson going through to the next round.

Midweek Women – One competition the Midweek and Weekend Women compete for is the Nell Dickie Stableford trophy. This year it was won by A. Mitchell (Midweek) with T McEldowney runnerup.

Thomas Cup winner J Reid, Runner-up T McEldowney.

Medalford winner S Kwon, runners-up B Adamson and Helen Whyte.

Stableford winner M Scott with E Laurence runner-up.

Putting was won by F Rowe with T McEldowney and M Nielson runner-up

There were two winners for the 4-day Eclectic – B Adamson and V Todd
Final Buttons winners were S Burgess and J Gudopp with A Mitchell and N Lawrence runners-up.

Midweek 9 Holes

Drama unfolded recently at the conclusion of the 9 Hole pennant competition being hosted by Manukorihi. With both Kaitake White and Fitzroy on 45 points a play-off was imminent. Jo West came off the victor after the first hole played and for the third consecutive year Kaitake took home the shield. Congratulations White team members Jo West, Heather O'Sullivan, Jean Keegan, Margaret Briscoe (C), Coraleen Le Breton and Christine Alexandra. Kaitake Blue did well on 37 points tying them for 4th place. A super result from Blue members Thelma White (C), Raewyn Bishop, Yvonne Coxhead, Angela Hitchman, Annette Cattle and Kay Stachurski.

Closer to home - Round 4 Winners of the Super 9 Competition played 30th July were 1st Section - Thelma White and 2nd Section - Peggy Nicholas
Club Champs have been rolling since the 6th of August and as Kaitake will be hosting the 2013 Champion of Champions alongside the 9 Hole Open Tournament in October, competition from the top section has been fierce, looking to gain the home advantage. Congratulations to the two finalists, Jo West and Yvonne Coxhead.

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FIREWOOD

With this latest spell of cold weather there has been a rush on firewood and all the dry wood has been sold. However there is plenty of rain wet wood if you want to start preparing for next winter. An average trailer load, (6 x4) is \$80 and can be delivered for \$20 extra. Please phone the Office at Kaitake Golf Club to order.

CLUB SHIRTS

A new shipment of club shirts have arrived selling at \$45.00. See Jacqui in the office.

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A1 HOMES - FUNDRAISER

A1 Homes are holding their community fundraising event on Sunday 22nd September. The recipient for this year is St John Bosco. We hope that this goes well for them as it did last year. (The course will be closed that Sunday).

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

Andrea Jarrold, Club President

KAYAK FISHING CLUB

The Oakura club has had a name change and is now known as the Taranaki Kayak Fishing Club. The change is a good one as our members are from all parts of the Naki. We of course still hold surfcasting events, and the new name is also less of a mouthful. The venue for the kayak classic is still Butlers Reef. Club fees are due now if you are keen to join. Check out our website www.taranakikayakfishingclub.co.nz The fishing since my last report has been all barracudas, and sharks with just the occasional snapper and gurnard. Kevin Pilcher landed a good 9kg snapper. We have been catching the odd snapper when we can get out on the water.

Garry Harrison

Oakura Pony Club

At the beginning of August we had our opening rally for Oakura Pony Club at Oakura. It was a beautiful sunny day!

On the front cover and below are some photos of the pony club in action taken by Anthea Abnaki, new president of the club. Oakura Pony Club welcomes new members if anyone is interested to join, please phone Robin 751 0300 or Denise 752 7506.



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FAMILY?

Girlfriend.

Two teenaged girls - Georgia and Sophie.

WHAT IS YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH OAKURA?

Fire Chief,
Oakura Volunteer
Fire Brigade.

Loved the beach as a teenager, so moved to the village, great place to raise kids.

WHAT IS YOUR JOB?

My full time job - Fire Safety Officer - Taranaki.

Volunteer Fire Chief, Oakura Command.

Manage the Oakura Fire Brigade and Staff.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR JOB?

Protecting what people value the most, being with the other fire fighters in Oakura.

The people I meet in the wider Taranaki area - the places I get to visit behind the scenes, where the general public don't go.

Educating all ages on Fire Safety and Fire prevention - Fires are fast and people underestimate the speed of fire and the damage it causes.

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU HATE ABOUT YOUR JOB?

Attending fatal motor vehicle accidents and fatal fires - there is no need for people to die on our roads or in house fires.

Seeing the damage that occurs and a life time of memories destroyed in minutes that can't be replaced and how it affects families.

FAVOURITE PAST TIME?

The surf at Oakura beach.

TWO THINGS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

Climb the mountain.

Travel overseas to visit family.

ALSO MAYBE, HOW YOU MANAGED TO SQUASH THE FIRE TRUCK!!

The Oakura Brigade was assisting the New Plymouth Brigade at a structure fire on Barrett road. Strong wind and old pine trees, not a good combination and the appliance parked in the wrong place at the wrong time, tree branches and the trunk landed on the cab. The appliance has superficial damage and will be back operationally shortly. No Oakura fire fighters were hurt.



Isolation no Barrier for Local Business

By anyone's standards, Oakura is geographically remote but distance is no barrier to starting up your own business as Claire Ongley found out. All you need is broadband and a unique product range!

Claire's business is called Izzy and Jean Co. and is a supplier of fine home goods and accessories from around the world.

The knack of course is in sourcing products that people will love to buy and own or give as gifts.

Claire's philosophy is simple - lovely things which aren't mass produced.



Claire and Woody showcasing some of Izzy and Jean products - table runner and boots.

You can find Claire's business at izzyandjean.co.nz. The site features many beautiful products and for those who like window shopping this certainly is the site to do it! Claire has sourced her products from boutique or family run businesses such as the Welsh baby blankets made in Wales at a small wool mill in a small village which has been in business since 1912. The wool for the blankets is sourced from local Shetland sheep.

Each of the products has a lovely story which you find on the website and just as we enjoy knowing where our food comes from, you can trace the origins of your purchase and the story behind it - a very satisfying experience. There's no wondering if it is made in some sweat shop in China.

You will find fine linen sheets, fouta towels, herringbone woven throws, Moroccan hand woven rugs made by the Berber tribe, dog coats, toiletries, men's accessories, leather handmade boots, socks, scarves, cushion covers, baby products and kids products. Claire offers gift vouchers and gift boxes.

The name Izzy and Jean is inspired by Claire's two grandmothers Isabelle and Joan.

Claire is offering TOM readers in Oakura a free delivery discount so when you make a purchase, in the discount box use this unique code OAKURAFREE. Free freight has been given to customers indefinitely so if you are thinking "Father's Day taken care of", have a look at the male options on the website - all delivered to your door! Claire is happy to open her shop by appointment and all goods are returnable if not suitable within 30 days.

Izzy and Jean Co have been popping up in all the glossy magazines lately and Claire's products sit very nicely amongst the desirable 'must have's' this year.

Claire and her partner Daniel and their cute little dog Woody have come to Oakura from Sydney and have been living in the village since April. They all love the village life and living by the seaside. Woody is getting to grips with the weed, Wandering Jew – a no go for a dog that likes to itch! Claire has two sisters living in the area and gets to spend quality time with her nieces and nephews.

Daniel has worked in consumer electronics for nearly 20 years. Redundancy has meant an opportunity to develop his own business idea. This business idea has seen Daniel enter a business development competition and now he is in the top three in Taranaki. The winner is announced on 5 September. Good luck Daniel, your idea is fantastic.

Claire says her main market thus far has been Auckland but this could change if the people of Oakura and its surrounds want to enjoy Izzy and Jean's fine products!

By Kim Ferens



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Eco Artists Benefit Oakura School

The Korver Molloy Gallery at Tataraimaka has got quite a bit happening in the next few weeks, in particular the upcoming Eco Artists exhibition. This is the gallery's first group show of local and national artists. The gallery will be taking no commission during this show but the proceeds will be going to environmental projects: 10% to the Eco Artists National Donation Fund and 20% to The Taranaki Kiwi Trust for projects specifically involving the Oakura School and their work in the Oakura area and Kaitake Ranges. It'll be a fantastic exhibition with a high standard of work and let's hope that everyone will support the generous artists who are exhibiting. The opening is at 5.30 Friday the 6th September in conjunction with the National Conservation Week and will be open to everyone.

The gallery has already had a lot of support from local businesses so we're really excited for everyone to come and be part of it!

Updates are on the website:
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John and Wayne Fisher, previous owners of Fisher Concrete Pumping, have purchased Digaway and began operating on 30th August, they will operate with the Digaway name and phone number. They are local Coastal people, experienced operators and very much customer orientated business people, so you can be assured the excellent service will continue.

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Absolutely YES, but you will probably have to change the way you view exercise and food.

Find exercise you enjoy, don't take up running if you hate it, try cycling, playing squash or tennis, joining an exercise class or getting something together with a few friends, or any other activity, just find something you enjoy or at least enjoy the most out of all activity choices you have available. If you enjoy it, you'll keep doing it.

Focus on how you feel afterwards not before.

And don't forget incidental exercise, no more escalators use the stairs, walk around while chatting on the cordless/mobile phone, park in the furthest park from the shop and use a basket instead of a trolley (if possible).

View food as fuel and not with emotion. If you had a luxury sports car would you put the cheapest fuel into it? What sort of performance would you expect? Your body is more important than any motor vehicle, it's the only one you've got, you can't trade it in, you can't change it and you'll never get a new one, so please look after it, fuelling it with the best sources of energy.

Moderation is also very important. A treat here and there is great but don't finish the entire box of chocolates or packet of biscuits. Even if you eat extremely healthy food, portion size is important. I don't think you'd feel too good if you ate a kilogram of broccoli, no matter how healthy broccoli is.

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By Estelle Williams

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Year 6 Gymnastics

Recently, our year 6 children participated in a gymnastics event at Coastal Taranaki School, organised by Mr Priest (of Oakura School) and Mr Hayword (of Coastal Taranaki School). Three schools took part: Oakura School, Omata School and Coastal Taranaki School. In mixed teams, we enjoyed a range of gymnastics activities such as: forward rolls, climbing ropes, long and short box, handstands, headstands, beam, floor activities, long ropes and short ropes. It was a non-competitive, fun event where everyone tried to achieve their personal best and have fun trying new moves. It was one great time leaping, rolling, jumping and climbing and we bet the year 5's can't wait until their turn next year!

By Emily Breeze (aged 10) and Taylah Sharp (aged 10)

We are the Year 5/6 Soccer Champions!

On Wednesday 14th August, Oakura School participated in the division two interschool soccer final for year 5 and 6 students. Our team played against St Joseph's New Plymouth, a team that we had already played and beaten in previous rounds. Our captain was Alfie Armes.

We found it quite challenging playing 11 a side, on a smaller field than what we were used to and the game was a lot harder than the last time we played them. They had good defence, but then so did we! We played well as a team and battled hard, passing the ball (like Barcelona) and working it into their box for a chance to let us have a shot. Eva Hilliam shot and scored, helped by the rest of the team and made it an excellent start to the game.

Before half time we had a lot of hail which caused the game to get called off for three minutes. After the game was brought back on, the field was really muddy and everybody was slipping and sliding everywhere! Once halftime was



The smiling faces of the yrs 5 and 6 soccer team show that they are proud to be winners.

over, St Joseph's fought back to tie, they scored a good goal to bring them back into the game. This goal was scored by Connor from the St Joseph's team. However Aiden Matchett scored a great second goal to win the match 2-1. A big thanks to St Joseph's for hosting the game and providing some excellent food!

By Alfie Armes (age 10) and Eva Hilliam (age 9)

Fonterra Science and Technology Fair

A multitude of talents were displayed by Oakura year 7 and 8 students who entered the annual Fonterra Science and Technology Fair held from the 5th to 7th August. The areas that our students entered were: Observational Drawing (Native New Zealand leaves), Photography (land forms) and a Cover Poster. The students spent many weeks preparing their leaf drawings during art time. They learnt to scale their drawings and use hatching instead of shading to create effect. The photography and cover poster were completed during homework time.



Kate Kahu receives her Merit award from Pam Livingston for Observational Drawing.

Congratulations to the students who received a placing or a merit award: Observational Drawing: Hayden Benton (Merit yr 8), Saskia Butland (Merit yr 8), Mark Huitema (First Place yr 8), Kate Kahu (Merit yr 7), Finn van Bergen (First Place yr 7) Charlie Waite (Second Place yr 7), Portia Roper (Merit yr 7).

Advertising Poster: Felix Ferris (Merit yr 8) and Jade Williams (Second Place yr 7).

Photographic Section "Taranaki Perfect": Sam Barbour (Merit yr 7, "Cliffs and Paritutu Rock": Portia Roper (Second Place yr7). These are the best results we have ever achieved in this fair.

*By Tessa Keenan (aged 12)
and Siani Tran-Lawrence (aged 13).*



Spotswood College

INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

Spotswood College is fortunate to celebrate New Zealand's diverse culture by welcoming international touring parties to their school as well as their own students visiting other countries.

This year is particularly busy as students and staff have been involved in various international visits with more planned for later in the year.

Principal Mark Bowden and staff involved give us a brief report of some of these visits.

Spotswood College is a very diverse school and we celebrate our diversity. We believe in our vision of developing young people with good character and teaching them the skills and knowledge to contribute to the 21st century global village.

We believe that the opportunity young people have to mix and mingle with people of other cultures, languages and other world views is hugely important in developing positive and contributing 21st century citizens.

I guess I would say that one of the reasons that kiwis do so well overseas is because they are able to cope with diversity. They are able to relate to people who are different from themselves.

We can deal with people as people which is a huge strength in having a vibrant International student department within our school. The opportunity for our students to travel abroad contributes significantly to that set of skills required to be successful in the 21st century global village.

Mark Bowden, Spotswood College Principal

NEW CALEDONIA EXCHANGE – SABINE DECREVOISIER

In mid-May, French teacher Sabine De Crevoisier welcomed 24 New Caledonians aged 14 -15 and three members of staff to the College. The group's leader was Aurore Gubansky from the Collège Jean Fayard in Dumbéa, near Nouméa. The group stayed in New Plymouth for a week and it was a resounding success as the students and their billets seemed to really enjoy the experience.

They loved their school day, finding the rules more relaxed than back home and enjoyed the late starts. The New Caledonian school day starts at 7.10am and ends at 4.30pm. They were surprised at the variety of subjects on offer at the College.

They loved the shops – apparently much cheaper than at home - and the cleanliness of their surroundings. They walked tracks in the bush, seasoned by a hefty shower at the end. Our black sand beaches surprised them.

We would like to thank Spotswood College, Sacred Heart and Francis Douglas families for billeting our visitors. It was great for them to have a nice taste of kiwi life while in NZ.

This is the start of a long term relationship between our schools, and we are now planning our visit to New Caledonia in 2014 for senior French students.

HATSUKAICHI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL – July 26 - August 2nd

In the term one holidays two adults and a group of students visited our sister city school in Horoshima, Japan.

This was reciprocated by a visit from eight students and one teacher who were hosted by our school families.

Spotswood College students currently studying Japanese took part in a significant opportunity to practice their skills whilst the Japanese students practiced their English.

The Hatsukaichi students joined their host student for the day attending timetabled classes. Their teacher enjoyed immersing herself into the school day too.

CHELSEA, WALES - Friday 2nd to Monday 5th August

Head of Sports Phil Gayton organised an exchange with a public school called Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera from Swansea Wales. Eleven girls and two staff were billeted out playing Spotswood College in Hockey and netball.

The girls were surprised that the New Zealand houses were detached and had their own lawns. They were finding the country very flat compared to home where they had big hills and valleys. The girls described the trip as a once in a life time experience.

"Everybody was so nice and the country was rich in culture and history," said 15-year-old Blue Shenton.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS – Gloria Holland

In term three we welcome 10 new international students from Germany, Brazil, Japan, America, China, Russia, Switzerland and Thailand to our school.

After only being in the country two days some of the students were keen to display their football skills joining the school's teams'.

Having the mountain and sea in our back-yard is a big draw card for international students. They come to New Zealand to improve their English while immersing themselves in our culture by living with a host family.

This is an enriching experience for both the international and Kiwi students.

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA – October 1 – 14

Head of Languages Michelle Fitzpatrick has organised for a group of 10 Spotswood College students and five Francis Douglas Memorial College students along with four parents to travel to Buenos Aires, Argentina, through a programme called Travel to Learn. The programme enables the group to have a cheaper and more fantastic experience as it is all planned for them.

While the students are away they will be billeted out but unlike in New Zealand the families will be paid. The students will have two hours of language class every day followed by an afternoon of sight-seeing. Some of the activities the children will take part in are spending the day at a ranch where they will learn to lasso, ride horses and ride in a horse-drawn buggy.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 8th August – Paritutu Memorial Service

It has been one year since Spotswood College students Stephen Gedy, Felipe Melo and TOPEC instructor Bryce Jourdain were swept off Paritutu. The loss of their lives remains very raw for us all.

A memorial assembly was held at the College after which close friends and family were invited to an unveiling of a rock sculpture created to remember them. The memorial stone is situated just inside the school gates.

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.

By Sharyn Smart



COMING EVENTS

September

- 10 Y4,5,6 Interschool Cross Country 1pm.
- 11 postponement day for Y4,5,6.
- 12 Y7,8 Interschool Cross Country 1pm.
- 13 postponement day for Y7,8.
- 23 Rei Hendry, Arts specialist teacher taking painting workshops.
- 25 Taranaki Cross Country, Hawera.
- 26 Ukelele Festival R3 and Marimba group 7pm at City West Church.
- 27 Music Assembly.
Term 3 finishes 3pm.

October

- 14 Term 4 begins.
- 15-18 Year 6 AWE Swimming programme.
- 21-24 Year 5-8 Cycling skills programme.

Character Description

Year 6 students have been practicing writing character descriptions from photos provided by the teacher.

Here is Louis Hubbard's description. (Louis is 11.)

I saw him there, slumped down on the rags begging for change, unwanted, alone. His grey dirty beard which looked like it had gone through an entire lifetime of sadness, sheltered his once brown hair. Eyes dark and soulless, looked black as a cave. Stringy and dirty, his beard resembled waves in the sea, his mouth an island in the middle. Grumpy, he stared at every single person and wished he was the same.

BP Technology Challenge



The team, from left: Xavier Johnson, Micaiah Williams, Leo Lister, Nicholas Holt and Sarai Smith.

Congratulations to a group of year 7 and 8 Omata School students who competed in the BP Tech Challenge day. They had a great day competing in the many challenges the event provided. They placed second overall out of nearly 50 different teams from all over Taranaki. The day was a great experience for all the children. It encouraged them to use all their creative skills and to work together as a team. Overall it was about having fun and taking part in the event.

Karen Brisco, Principal



New Plymouth Boys' High School

We have been deeply affected as a school community by the sudden death of our Year 12 boy Adam Clegg. Our deepest sympathies go out to the Clegg family and we are very grateful for the community support for Adam's friends and classmates. Adam loved surfing and was a talented artist, but most of all he was a popular boy whose friendly manner influenced so many of us. May Adam rest in peace.

We welcomed back Cameron Tippet from the Houston Space School at the University of Houston, Clear Lake, USA

We were represented by Alan Ansell in the New Zealand Computer Programming Team, Informatics Olympiad, Brisbane.

Congratulations to Morgan Herbert-Olsen, Eli Gadsby and Ching Fong Du who won the Year 9 Statistics Project.

Our boys did very well in the Science and Technology Fair and our Year 10 Science team of Nathan Beckers, Finn Grieg, Jakob Howighorst and Andrew Boot won the Science Quiz

U16 and U15 Rugby teams won their respective Taranaki Rugby Union schoolboy finals

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Player of the Day was Mikaera Pahau.

Taranaki Secondary School AWD Football World Cup team: Jono Brownjohn, Matt Giddy, Brodie Hillier, Brodie Miller, Nathan Hartley, Jake Heayns-Larkin, Roberto Sanchez, Mitchell Jordan and Louis Paulin - won all five games and came first, retaining the trophy they won last year.

Badminton - North Island U17 Championships - Singles Champion: Pun Thepkunhanimit.

Gymnastics - Hamilton City Gymsports Artistic Competition: Zak Hudson 5th overall; Jakub Mischewski 6th overall; Tegan Bunyan 8th overall. Team: 2nd overall.

Super 8 Competition: Football: 2nd, Hockey: 4th, Basketball: 7th. The 1stX1 football team performed very well with Billy Sanger gaining the Golden Gloves Award, Brad Gray the Step-Up award and Conor Hobbs the most valuable player in the tournament.

Congratulations to Gian Squatriti who has been chosen for the NZ U15 Football team and Drew Farnsworth has been chosen as a call-up reserve.

Michael MacMenamin

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Tuesdays at Oakura Hall 5.30-6.30pm.
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Mini Groovers

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

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

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Meets every 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of the month, 5.30pm at Bell-ringer Pavillion. Everyone welcome. Ph Faye 0274 250 354 or 751 081.

Oakura Bowling and Social Club Inc.

Opening day - Saturday 14th September. 1.00pm
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Okato Squash

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

Omata Playgroup

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

Playcentre

Playcentre, Donnelly Street.
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Ph Bridget on 06-752 7223.

Probus Club

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

St James Church, Oakura

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

St John's, Omata

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

Val Deakin Dance School

Pre-school dance class on Saturday morning from 9am to 9:30am.
Beginners' ballet/dance class from 9:30am to 10:15am. Oakura Hall.

Ph Val Deakin, or Jane Roseman on 06 752 7743.

Volkswagen Club

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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