

Okato Playcentre Mini Commonwealth Games



Toby Hooker jumping the bar, held by Amelie Manella.

From left, Thomas Moffitt, Orlando Davidson and Tim Muggeridge start the cycle race.

This term we have been celebrating the success of the Commonwealth Games for our Kiwi sports heroes. The highlight of this theme has been our: Mini-Commonwealth Games

High Jump

This was the most popular event of the day. The 3 and 4 year old com-

petitors were quite focused on jumping high and clearing the bar. The 1 and 2 year olds preferred nose-diving over it and rolling around giggling on the padded mat.

Long Jump

There were some very impressive jumps made. The competitors also in-

vented a new Long Jump code, the 'Double Jump', which involved holding hands and running and jumping together.

Running Races

The skill level was very high in this event, as all of the competitors had

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editorial

We have thoroughly enjoyed writing stories for you again this year. The TOM is basically a feel-good community magazine and so, we believe, it should be. There is plenty of bad stuff reported in mainstream newspapers and far more good stuff happening in the Okato area than we at TOM can possibly keep up with. But our stories can only be as interesting and heart warming as those who provide them. We are continually amazed at the talent, hard work, enthusiasm and sheer goodness of the people in our small community, and at the way they work together to make good things happen.

While we think of those less fortunate than ourselves and pray for blessings for those who are facing challenges, sadness and hard times, we wish for you a happy Christmas and relaxing, fun-filled holidays.

See you in February!

Milly and Kerry



I would like to take a TOM moment to thank two very special people for their efforts, hard work and dedication on the TOM-Okato team — Kerry and Milly. These two women put together the juicy stories that make up the fabric of life in Okato and I am in awe of their devotion to their community. There would be no TOM-Okato without them so take a bow, you two are wonderful.



Behind the scenes we also have the hard-working and talented Maryanne, who despite being sleep deprived due to a newborn baby, has continued to read, collate and correct all TOM stories. Any discrepancies are all my own work! Ron always manages to surprise with his inventive and creative graphic work. So thank you, TOM team, without you the community would not get to read such interesting stories.

Kim

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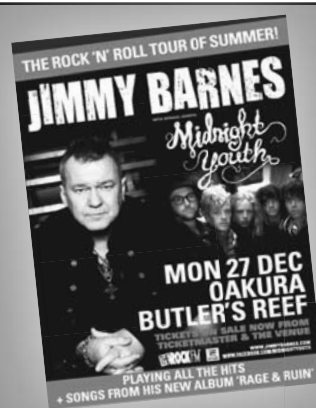
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A State-of-the-art Defibrillator for the Coast

The Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust has recently taken possession of a new defibrillator. It was presented to Frank (Frog) Goodin, Chairperson of the Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust, at a ceremony held at the Cape Egmont Clubrooms on November 3. Phil Fleming, Coastal Manager of Ballance Nutrients, and Scott Walls, Operational Manager for Fonterra, made the presentation on behalf of their companies, which had each donated \$2000 (a half share) towards the state-of-the-art machine.

Designed by the US Coastguard, it has a number of innovative features. It:

- automatically talks the operator through the procedure, once it is activated;
- can be used in unstable conditions;
- provides automated, external defibrillation;
- can be used on infants from six to 12 months old;
- detects pacemakers and automatically adjusts the function accordingly;
- records and stores vital signs for later analysis and ongoing treatment;
- is waterproof;
- is powered by a self-charging battery;
- has an extended guarantee (four years for the batteries and seven years on the defibrillator itself).

Until now, defibrillators have been held at Okato and Rāhotu Fire Stations. The closest of these is up to 15 minutes away from Cape Egmont. The new machine will be kept at the Cape Egmont Clubrooms, but will be available for emergency use all round the coast. Once the logistics have been determined, everyone will know where it is kept and everyone will have ready access to it.

Story and pictures by Kerry Lilley



Garry Brophy applies cardiac compressions while paramedic Kevin (Scruff) Richardson demonstrates use of the defibrillator. They are watched by Safety Training Officer, Anthony Williams.

Tataraimaka Hall Stage Comes Down, 25 October

It's amazing what a chance remark can start. Pat Richardson was talking recently with his granddaughter, Claire, when he chanced to remark that he'd love to see the Tataraimaka Hall stage down again.

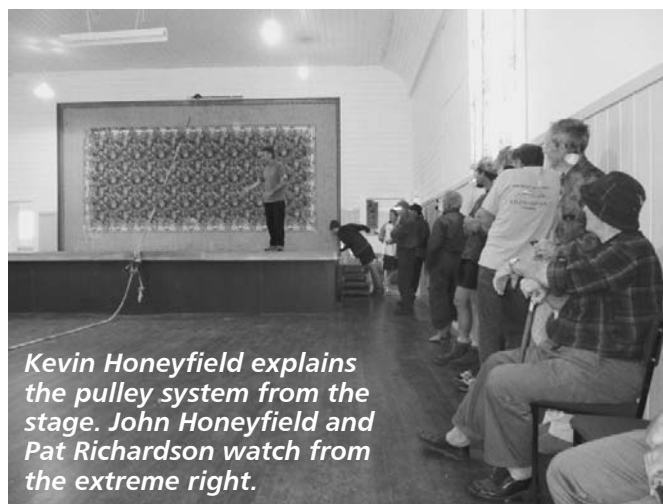
Tataraimaka Hall was designed by Mr A.O. Penwarden, who also oversaw the volunteer labour force that built it. Officially opened on 23 August 1924, it was a triumph of modern technology and design. A ball was arranged to celebrate the occasion and experienced dancers, Jocelyn Fisher and Beryl Ward, also known as "the Sampson girls," declared that the heart matai, secret nailed floor was "the best dancing floor on the Coast."

But the hall sported a second, surprising innovation. This was the 6m x 3.3m stage, which could be raised by rope and tackle to fit neatly into the wall space at the front of the hall. It isn't known how often the stage was used in its heyday, and there are few people still living who have seen it, but it is last known to have been lowered in November 1947. A local ballet troupe, which included the Sampson girls, had been practising on it for a public performance. The dress rehearsal had taken place and the show was imminent, when a polio outbreak "took the performance away".

Sixty-three years later, Claire's discussion with her granddad spurred Claire into action. She circulated a petition and presented it to the hall committee, who delegated the organisation of a public stage lowering to Kevin Honeyfield. And so, on October 25 2010, around 40 people, including Pat and his old mate, John Honeyfield — the only other person present to have seen it before — watched as, slowly, smoothly, silently, the stage came down. And there it will remain until 20 February, when the bowlers will need the floor space again.

For a thoroughly entertaining video of the occasion, visit YouTube's "Tataraimaka Hall stage lowering". Take special note of the pulley system and of the stunning, old wallpaper stage backdrop (see accompanying photograph).

Story and pictures by Kerry Lilley



Kevin Honeyfield explains the pulley system from the stage. John Honeyfield and Pat Richardson watch from the extreme right.



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Kaitake Community Board

Greetings

Like all other members of the community we have been enjoying the early start to summer and the opportunity to get out and about in our magnificent environment. Oakura beach will be particularly inviting and the NPOB surf club is gearing up for another safe summer period. While the club encourages participation by the youth of the New Plymouth region in a wide range of associated recreational activities its main purpose is to provide a high quality and comprehensive life saving service at Taranaki's most popular beach. This year, due to the amount of sand moving along the beach there is likely to be more holes and rips than in the past and therefore it is even more imperative to swim between the flags!

Community board members have been busy in the period since the elections and it hasn't been useful that a full two months passed before the board held its first formal meeting of the new term. The section below lists a number of the activities attended to.

Attended the elected members' Strategic Direction and Decision Making workshop,
Kaitake Community Board elected members met with new Mayor Duynhoven,

Attended the elected members' workshop on Council Functions & Processes,
Dealt with the motor bikes on Oakura beachfront issue,

Attended the NPDC Triennial meeting and swearing in ceremony,

Attended the elected members' Planning and Accountability workshop,

Met with Visitor Solutions consultant re: Oakura Recreation Survey,

Attended Parks and Reserves site visit to establish the placing of Waimoku Stream signage and location of new recycling bins on the Oakura beachfront,

Helped clean up the remnants of beach party on Weld Road beach,

Attended residents' pre hearing meeting regarding the proposed McKie subdivision, Oakura,

Attended the council Monitoring Committee meeting,

Attended elected members' workshop on topical issues likely to affect the next Budget-Annual Plan,

Attended a community meeting concerning the Okato Primary School site,

Talked to junior classes at Oakura School about the Blue Flag programme,

Attended the pre-season Blue Flag Stakeholders' meeting,

Arranged details for the annual Blue Flag raising ceremony on Oakura Beach,

Took part in the elected members' bus tour of council assets,

Held ongoing conversations with Kaitake Ward residents on local issues as they arose and attended various meetings with council officers about the issues.

Don't forget that the Community Board now has a Face Book page so all you FB social networking fiends out there can access the latest and the greatest about the board and its activities.

On behalf of Keith, Teresa and Mike I wish all TOM readers a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year and plenty of time to enjoy our great local environment over the summer months.

Ka kite ano

New chairperson: 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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Sun and music in the garden



Juliet McLean and Ross Halliday on guitar in the Goodin garden, just south of Okato, as part of the Rhododendron Festival this year.


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Passion for cricket

Our congratulations go out to Joe Brophy who has been selected to play in the Under-14 Taranaki Cricket Representative team.

Joe first discovered his love of cricket at the age of eight when he joined the school kiwi cricket team. Joe has continued to play each season and his dedication and passion for the game has certainly paid off with the success of his selection.

Joe has been helped with his endeavours by his brothers, as over the years there has been a lot of back yard cricket happening at the Brophy household. But when you really enjoy a sport it just comes naturally for some people. In this case we can say that about Joe as he tells me that he really just likes the game. "I'm a bit of an all-rounder, but love to bat and score runs."

Training sessions can be up to four hours every week for the Reps and Joe says he practises every night in his back yard. The games involve travelling to other districts to face other teams, such as Manawatu, Wanganui and Horowhenua-Kapiti. Joe tells me the games against Manawatu and Wanganui were rained off, but in January a Central Districts tournament will be held. Following this they will play all the other teams.

Joe is fortunate to have been chosen in the Coastal Taranaki School Sports Academy where he gets one-on-one training with a Taranaki cricket player. This term Joe has been working alongside Jamie Watkins and Travis Stewart. "I have learned heaps," says Joe.

So who are your role models? "Brendan McCullam and Jesse Ryder."

Where to from here? "I want to go as far as I can with cricket, my ultimate dream is to play for the Black Caps and Central Districts."

Well done, Joe, I'm sure you will go far.

By Milly Carr

Ravens Inline prizes go to the Coast

The Ravens Inline Hockey Club held their annual prize giving recently and the coast was very well represented with players gaining recognition in many different age levels.

U10's Most Valuable Player: Hayden Luckin, Most Valuable Team Member: Carlos Wilson

U12's Most Valuable Team Member: Rodney Cruden-Powell

U12/2's Most Valuable Team Member: Anne-Marie Harris

U14/2's Most Valuable Team Member: Cody Luckin

U16/2's Most Valuable Player: Josh Gibson

U18/1's Most Valuable Player: Kayden Gibson

Social Team Most Social Team Player and teapot recipient: Amara Gibson

Pedro Valentine, assistant coach, Kelly Luckin, manager, Hayden Luckin, most valuable player U10's, Anthony Carino, coach.



Kayden Gibson, most valuable player U18/1s, William Isbister, club president and team manager, Sam Beardman, coach.



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Okato Pool emphasis on swimming lessons this summer

The swim instructors at the Okato Pool see the benefits of swimming lessons first hand.

We have three experienced swim instructors at the Okato Pool, Fiona Lacey (Head Instructor), Claire Richardson, and Tania Andrews. They all live in the Okato District and have been teaching Learn to Swim lessons for 5 years, (Fiona) and 4 years respectively (Tania and Claire).

This summer, the pool is running four block courses of swimming lessons, to give every family the opportunity to get their children some swimming lessons. The first block course runs from December 13–17, being a five day course, and two more block courses run on January 5–13 and 24–28. Our last course of seven lessons will run from February 3–11.

The instructors guide the swimmers through a structured lesson plan designed to take each swimmer to the next level of their ability. It is definitely gratifying to see how much improvement there is in just one or two weeks. We often see youngsters who are afraid to get their head and eyes wet, then progressing to fully submerge after just a few classes.

Learning to swim is a good way for children to be active, healthy and improve co-ordination, not to mention saving lives, Fiona says. "The water confidence and skills they learn, are skills for life."

Instructing at Coastal Taranaki School and Rahotu School over the past two years, Fiona comments that the children who have had swimming lessons really stand out. The ability to swim opens so many doors for children. They can swim just for fitness and enjoyment, or join a swimming club, a surf lifesaving club, or participate in any other water sport. Swimming can also help you recover from injury.

The Okato Pool now has a heat pump, which is an asset to all pool users, as well as the Learn to Swim programme. The new addition of a tots' pool cover helps to keep the temperature up.

For any further information or to make a booking for lessons, please phone the Okato Pool on 06-752 4825.

OKATO POOL

HOLIDAY HOURS FROM 20th DEC

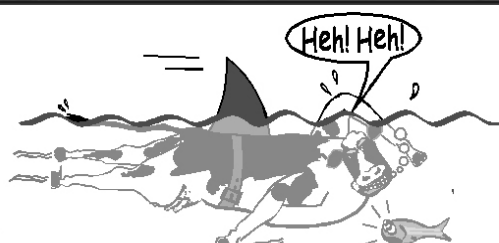
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"Learn to swim lessons"

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For 'What's on' and other information, please call 759 6060 for further details

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Okato Pool up and running for summer

Things are looking good for a great summer at the Okato Pool. The pool has been open since 6 November. The water is already up to 26°, which is a very comfortable temperature for swimming. The heat pump does a great job of keeping the pool at a fairly constant temperature, and with the help of the pool covers, the temperature is still around 24–25° at 6am.

The pool is open for lane swimming from 6–9am Monday to Friday throughout the season. A 6-week course of aqua aerobics is underway, with 10 committed participants who find the classes rewarding and enjoyable. Another 6-week course will begin on 17 January. The pool staff also run swimming lessons, which are always well supported.

The local community really benefits from the New Plymouth District Council's management of the pool. The Council is constantly looking to make improvements that benefit the pool and its surroundings. Last season, a sunshade was erected over the tots' pool. This season, we have a revamped garden area, which is really looking great, as well as improvements to the mens' changing room and a cover for the tots' pool. We have a dedicated staff of local lifeguards who are committed to keeping everyone safe and making the pool run successfully for the community.

From 20 December, the pool is open for the school holidays from 12.30–7pm daily (as well as the morning session). The inflatable toy will be up as often as the weather permits. So if you have never been to the pool, come along and check it out during the holidays. You will struggle to find a better locality for a community pool.

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Snuffles in cats

Starting this month, Okato Vet Clinic will be running a bi-monthly column on topical, companion animal problems. Recently, we have seen quite a number of cats and kittens with "snuffles" or "cat flu". Snuffles is caused by a virus and can be likened to a human cold or flu. It can happen year round. Symptoms vary from quite mild — sneezes and coughs — through to severe, with cats showing significant respiratory problems and developing secondary bacterial infections. Another common symptom of snuffles is an eye discharge. In the worst cases, cats can develop ulcers on the corneal surface of the eye. These can be difficult to deal with and, if left untreated will sometimes mean that the eye needs to be removed.

Like any virus, snuffles is quite contagious and can easily spread from cat to cat. It is common for whole litters of kittens to become infected. Kittens' immune systems are often not as good as adult cats' and as a result, infection in kittens can be more debilitating. Mild infections will often resolve themselves with time but more severe infections will require veterinary attention.

Annual vaccination of all cats on your property is the best way to prevent infection.

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Moturoa School: tree for survival

Moturoa Primary has been involved in a programme organised through the Department of Conservation (DOC) called the Tree For Survival programme. Four children each week work together with a DOC educator to propagate seeds, helping to re-plant and re-pot.

Several students from Moturoa Primary were involved in the planting of one of the last native trees along our coast, known as Scandia Rosifolia (Maori name, Koheriki).

Scientific names are always in Latin, therefore Scandia in Scandia Rosifolia comes from "scandens" which means climbing plant. Rosifolia means rose-leaved.

Scandia Rosifolia is a rare local plant, once seen scrambling along the Taranaki coast on rocky banks, on steep cliffs and by streams. With its dark glossy leaves and a scent of aniseed, it attracted possums and cows, hence there are only very few plants left!

Koheriki was thought to be extinct, but one plant was found on a rocky point near the sea and is now fenced off in a reserve.

DOC gave Moturoa School six seeds from this last Koheriki, and with these seeds, they grew six more plants. The seed from these plants was used to grow hundreds of seedlings. The students helped DOC rangers plant 50 Koheriki in their original habitat and since then they've grown and many more have been planted.

Koheriki now grows along New Plymouth's coastal walkway and in south Taranaki, where it had disappeared.

Vision Okato Spring Market, 30 October 2010

Photos by Kerry Lilley.



Tessa Clarke of The Art of Living demonstrates her breathing technique.

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Lesley Dowding, had a varied stall. Here, she shows off her novelty sales idea, "Cakes on a plate".



Hempton Hall was abuzz with excitement and entrepreneurial activity.



Amongst Sarah Miles' wares were amazing blue cupcakes and "Guess how many lollies in the jar."



Samantha Goodin, pictured here with her daughter, Becca, had a gorgeous range of high quality, home-made baby accessories and children's clothes.

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Art Success at Coastal Taranaki School

This year has been extremely successful for our senior art students. Teacher and artist Sandi Hickey worked with four level 1 students. Three were awarded excellence grades, one received a merit.

Two students at Level 2 completed a folio earning them a merit and an achieved. We are still waiting for Level 3 folio results.

Mrs Hickey said that she was lucky to have total engagement from all senior students. The art room functioned this year as an intense art studio where students concentrated on concepts that were significant to them.

Their concepts determined the content within their works. The students were inspired by national and international artist model techniques.

The students were inspired by their artist models and their teacher and are delighted with their results.

Jessica Waiariki and Ella Alyward (Year 7 reporters)



Victoria Moyle with her excellence level 1 folio.



Thomas with his excellence level 1 folio.



Daniel Kemsley with his level 1 excellence folder.



Nicola Simpson with her level 3 art folio.

Coastal Art Exhibition

Brigitte Luke has inspired junior students at Coastal Taranaki School to produce beautiful artworks for a school exhibition. The 200mm x 200mm blocks are gorgeous and are on sale at school to raise funds for the art department. A class set of ukuleles is on the wish list.

Sandi Hickey and Karla Jorgensen worked together to take artworks produced by Mrs Hickey's senior students and transform them into art pieces on the wooden blocks. The results are stunning.

An open evening was held at the school on Friday, 26 November to bring the community in to view these works. It was a great success.

We are lucky to have such talented students and dedicated staff and a very supportive community.

Thank you all!

Sharleen Burrows

Wearable Arts 2010

Lights... camera... ACTION! On 20 November it was a very fun Saturday for the models in the Daily News Fashion Art Awards. There were some awesome outfits.

Coastal Taranaki School took seven outfits to the competition. We entered in the Newspaper section, Recycled, Off The Wall and Bras Gone Bonkers. Students worked on their garments at home, and at school with Mrs Valentine. Shearyn Adlam and Karlee Smith were thrilled to win this year's Bras Gone Bonkers section with their entry made from latex and rubber gloves called "You Can't Touch This".

Brianna Williams (Year 8 reporter)

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Coastal Taranaki School Leavers

As the year 13's leave Coastal School we ask them what their plans are for the future, their aspirations and their highlights of Coastal Taranaki School. Good luck for 2011 as you head out into the big wide world.

Tegan Brown

What are you doing in 2011?

Going to Waikato University. Getting a Bachelor of Science majoring in Earth Sciences in Volcanology and Oceanography.

What are your goals for the future?

To become a Geologist and be able to travel. Also to get my book published.

What were the highlights of your time at C.T.S?

The friends I made and the leadership skills I gained.



Ashley Downes

What are you doing in 2011?

Working for dad on the farm.

What are your goals for the future?

Travel, own a sheep and beef farm, and compete successfully at a national level in eventing.

What were the highlights of your time at C.T.S?

Go-kart race (I won my race), Lamb and Calf Day, lunch-times and Mr Oldfield's discussions.



Rebecca Gibson

What are you doing in 2011?

Going to Witt to study Journalism.

What are your goals for the future?

Ahh, to become a journalist and see my work published in newspapers. Other than that have fun and meet new people.

What were the highlights of your time at C.T.S?

I enjoyed being a part of Coastal and the opportunities I have received. I enjoyed being Deputy Headgirl as I was able to achieve things I never thought I would do. I loved going to TOPEC.



Nicola Simpson

What are you doing in 2011?

I am going to Lifeway College to do the Lifeway College Army Diploma in Christian Missionaries course.

What are your goals for the future?

To be working with young children and to be doing ministry work. Also to work with Youth and to have an AMAZING life!

What were the highlights of your time at C.T.S?

My highlight is definitely spending most of my school life in the art room, GO SANDY!!! She is an amazing contemporary art teacher. Also being the arts captain, hanging with my mates, crazy times. The Gold Coast trip was the best school trip ever.



Joseph Doyle

What are you doing in 2011?

Go to America for University Scholarships.

Find a job.

What are your goals for the future?

Get into the Nationwide tour.

To be better off than J.D. (Jordan Linn).

What were the highlights of your time at C.T.S?

Sports Academy, Year 13 TOPEC, and passing NCEA Levels 1, 2.



William Lower

What are you doing in 2011?

I'm heading down to Wellington to study Marketing, International Business, Sociology and Philosophy at Victoria University.

What are your goals for the future?

Gosh! I'm not sure. First thing is to get my degrees, and see what opportunities become available. Definitely looking forward to the future.

What were the highlights of your time at C.T.S?

I've loved being part of the Coastal Community, and the opportunities and support I've received. The Year 10 graduation trip to the Gold Coast was a highlight and being Head Boy.



Meisha Davies

What are you doing in 2011?

Studying from home through Massey — Bachelor of Business, majoring in Human Resources and minoring in Sports and Exercise Science.

What are your goals for the future?

Graduate from uni and get a good job. Travel the world (to warm places) before getting a job.

What were the highlights of your time at C.T.S?

Passing level 1, 2 and 3, Year 10 Gold Coast trip, being Head Girl and all the trips to TOPEC.



Jordan Linn

What are you doing in 2011?

Not sure yet, but will be looking for a job.

What are your goals for the future?

To travel the world and have a cruisy life.

What were the highlights of your time at C.T.S?

Year 10 Australia trip and making heaps of friends.



Unavailable for interview

Raven Pearce



Preston Hartley



Kara Brown



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Mini Commonwealth Games

spent many hours training for this, usually in supermarket aisles! Piggyback rides on mum were a favoured option for some little ones.

Cycling Races

The 2 year olds had the edge in this event as the older competitors' legs had inexplicably become too long for the wee cycles. The grass track was not up to the standard of the tarseal surface most competitors were used to on their home tracks, so times were slower than usual.

Shot Put

Everyone lined up to toss the shot put (tennis ball) into a big bucket. Incredible accuracy was displayed, especially when overly keen competitors got within arms' reach of the bucket!

There was a lot of fun and laughter throughout the games and all the children had a go at everything. Gold medals were awarded during the events and a prize giving was held at the end. A group discussion at the prize giving gave children an opportunity to reflect on the activities of the day. Some fantastic values were practised throughout the events. They learned to watch others and wait for their turn. They cheered for each other. They enjoyed their personal successes. Those upset at not winning were encouraged to carry on and have another go. The children felt the thrill of competing and their efforts were celebrated. They also loved watching their mums have a go at all the events! Newcomers always welcome — just pop in! Sessions run Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm, for 0-6 year olds. Our final session for the year is on Thursday, 16 December.



Chloe Mugeridge takes on the high jump.



From left, Logan Komene, Thomas Moffitt and Orlando Davidson have a running race.



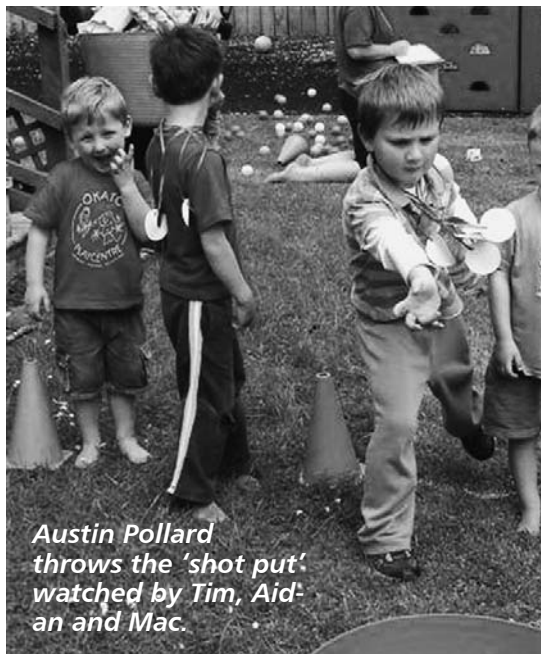
From left, Zack Stockman, Mac Moffitt, Aidan Appert and Riley Pollard (on mum's back) have a running race.

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Austin Pollard throws the 'shot put' watched by Tim, Aidan and Mac.



Austin Pollard leaps for his long jump.



Tim Muggeridge and Mac Moffitt do the double long jump.



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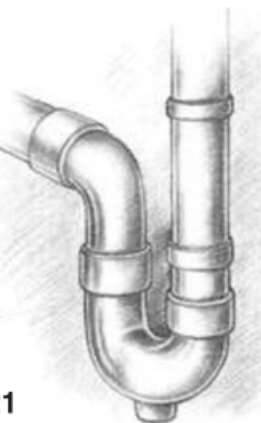
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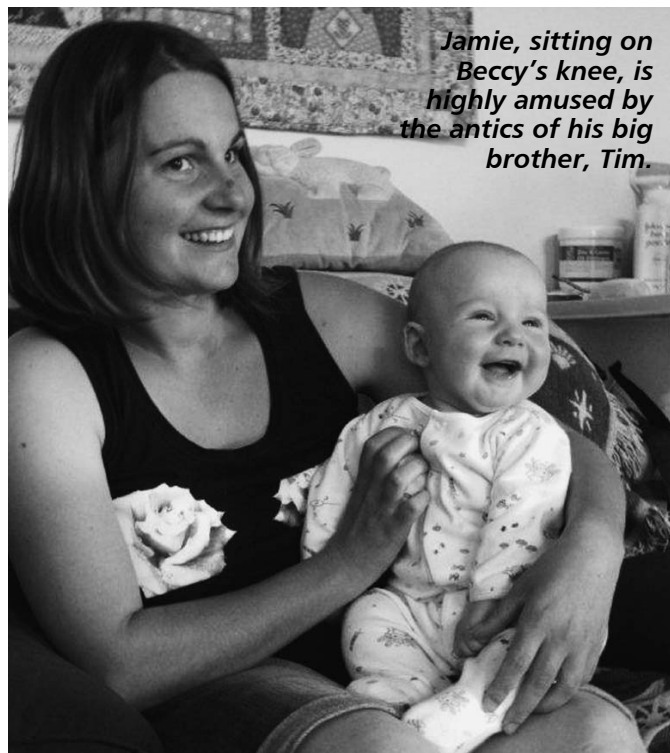


TOM Baby:

Jamie Muggeridge

Meet one of our newest community members, Jamie Robert Muggeridge. Jamie was welcomed at Taranaki Base Hospital by his parents, Beccy and Robert, on June 23 this year. His brother, Timothy, and sister, Chloe, are delighted!

By Kerry Lilley



Jamie, sitting on Beccy's knee, is highly amused by the antics of his big brother, Tim.

TOM Baby:

Jessica Taylor

I wonder how many people on the coast have been waiting to hear about Di Klever and Jon Taylor's new baby. For those of you who haven't yet caught up with the news, Jessica Skye Taylor (7lb 1oz) arrived safe and well at Taranaki Base Hospital on 24 October. As you can see from the accompanying photo, she's as cute as a button and Di is enjoying the new experience of motherhood.

By Kerry Lilley



Jessica and Di. Photo supplied by Di and Jon.


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Arthouse News

Arthouse will be one year old in January! Watch out for fireworks... from hired guns to our own community cinema in 12 months is not bad so we will have a shindig!

It won't be hotter than a beach holiday in the cinema this summer; the heat pump is also a cold blessing and you need not wear muslin or singlets out to the theatre.

Julianne Moore, Mark Ruffalo and Annette Bening appear in the outrageous, uproariously funny *The Kids Are Alright*. Two kids bring their sperm donor father into their lesbian parent's lives. "Funny, smart and sexy", "It charms audiences into a state of enlightenment".

Five-star drama, *Winters Bone*, has had reviewers on the edge of their seats around the globe. "A blend of low-budget realism and crime thriller, it is an absolute knockout," declares Salon. "Young Jennifer Lawrence is sensational as Ree, fierce teenage scion of an Ozark family of bootleggers, outlaws and meth-cookers. When she finds out that her dad has put up her family house and 300 acres of virgin timber on bond and then jumped bail, Ree has a week to track him down or be evicted, along with her younger sister and brother and her near-catatonic, pharmaceutical-addled mother. Problem is, the only people who might know where Pa is are the meanest and scariest members of her extended family, and what they know might not be stuff Ree wants to learn." A noir film set in hillbilly country, already in Oscar contention.

Just plain comedy is *City Island*, where a New York family is doing everything but tell the truth to one another — a Bronx Dad, hot-tempered wife, jailbird son and pole-dancing daughter all keep secrets from one another. The white lies start to pile up with hilarious results.

Les Miserables The 25th Anniversary Concert at The O2 will host a company of over 500 actors and musicians, including Alfie Boe as "Jean Valjean", Nick Jonas as "Marius", Norm Lewis as "Javert", Matt Lucas as "Thénardier". The New 25th Anniversary production is filmed live in HD at the Barbican, London, and will feature "I Dreamed a Dream", "On My Own", "Stars", "Bring Him Home", "Do You Hear the People Sing?", "One Day More", "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables", "Master of the House", and the magnificent score. Limited sessions at Arthouse for the Christmas holidays.



Kids are Alright, starring Annette Benning, Julianne Moore, Josh Hutercherson, Mia Wasikowska and Mark Ruffalo.

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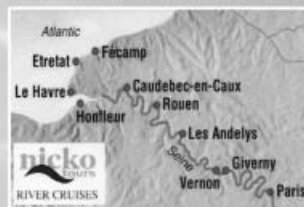
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Care and Craft

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Coastal Garden Circle

Meet every third Monday of the month. Contact Rae Hooker 752 4086.

Highway 45 Craft

Meet weekly on Monday mornings 10am - 12noon at members' houses. Contact Iris Putt 752 4182.

Historical Society

Meets quarterly in the Community Trust Hall. Contact Iris Putt 752 4182.

JKA Karate, Okato

Monday and Wednesday 6pm - 7.30pm in Coastal Taranaki School Gymnasium. Contact Nicci 752 4529 or 027 259 6223.

Kaitake Community Board

Teresa Goodin, ph 7528186 or teresagoodin@xtra.co.nz

New Zeal Church

Service 10.30am, Sundays at St Luke's Hall. Contact Angela and Kevin McFetridge 752 4993.

Okato Bowling Club

Club day held every Sunday at 9.30am onwards. President Bruce Peacock 752 4538, Secretary Fiona Liddall 752 4509, Contact women's section Laureen Bright ph 752 4874.

Okato Co-operating Parish Women's Fellowship

Meet bi-monthly, first Wednesday of the month in St Luke's lounge, 1pm. Lorraine Whittle 752 4359. Harvey 752 4568.

Okato Fire Brigade

Weekly. Monday night trainings, 7pm - 9pm. Contact Barry.

Okato Lions

Contact Merv Hooker, ph 752 4086.

Playcentre

Main Road, Okato (over the Stony Bridge). Tuesday and Thursday, 9.30 - 12.30pm. Contact Rachel 752 4463.

Playgroup

St Luke's Hall, Main Road Okato. Wednesday morning, 10am - 12 noon. Contact Julie Moore 752 4277 or Danelle 752 4916.

Plunket

Meet bi-monthly at Jaclyn Fisher's home. Jaclyn 752 4872.

Pony Club

Contact Carey Brophy, 752 4458.

Probus

Meet every third Friday at the Oakura Golf Club. Contact Margaret Hodges 752 1371.

Squash Club

Monday evening club night. Contact Steve Kelly 027 2333 229.

St Patrick's Church, Okato

Daily mass 8.30am. Saturday evening mass 7pm. Inquiries to Steak Goodin 752 8160 or Nora Fox 752 4062.

St Paul's Church

10am services. Congregate first and third Sunday of the month. Contact Jan Putt 752 4188.

St Peter's Guild

Meet 4th Friday of each month. Angela Montgomery 752 7738.

Tennis Club

Contact Maree Moffitt 752 8107 or Raewyn Lawn 752 4466.

Tumahu Golf Club

Roly Harvey 752 4314. Sunday: Mens golf day, Tuesday: womens golf day. Every 2nd Wednesday of the month: mixed golf.

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