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*Omata School students, local residents, dignitaries and national media crews joined in the unveiling of two long ignored names on the Omata Memorial - more on page 3*

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## Letter to the Editor

Halloween

I spent an enjoyable evening seeing all the kids dressups, and there were heaps of cool costumes, but the morning after found some blighters had egged our front door and later discovered they had smashed one on an upstairs window as well.

I enter into the spirit of Halloween but am disappointed we have youths in our area who think this is OK to do.

I bet they don't do it at their own houses. There was a group of teenagers, about 10 of them, on the road round 9pm, and I am surmising it was this lot as there were more egg shells out by the road as well.

Just wondered if you could say something in the TOM or if others had this happen to them as well.

*Barbara Harvey*

## From the Editor



It is always surprising to me when I find myself at the final TOM edition of the year. I don't feel ready to reflect back on the year - it seems too soon! Maybe it's a sign I'm getting old...

Oakura is proving to be a vibrant and lively place with lots of development and potential development happening as well as many new businesses starting up. Let's hope Oakura is immune to the slump in jobs and opportunities reportedly occurring in Taranaki.

Summer is always a fine time to be a 'local' in Oakura. The beach and river are favourite hang out spots, Butler's always have great bands to listen to and all of the eateries offer delicious food.

As the year finishes I am left wondering why Grace Millane's murderer continues to be afforded name suppression, or rather I can't figure out what the reasons are for his name suppression being also suppressed.

Every gruesome detail about Grace has been exposed but the one thing of value to anyone - their name or more importantly, the killers name - is off limits to the public of New Zealand. I think New Zealanders deserve to know why a person can be afforded such protection.

Keep safe this holiday season and a Merry Christmas to all, get along to the Seaside New Year Market at Oakura Beach. Haven't the sunsets been amazing? Happy New Year to you all and thank you for supporting TOM!



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# Omata Brothers Remembered

At a recent ceremony in Omata, national and local media focussed their attention on the injustice of two early pioneers of the district - George and Herman Bollinger and the great work a group of Omata School students had done. This story featured on prime time news.

The two New Zealand brothers, born to a German father who migrated to New Zealand in the 1880's, lived in Omata and the boys attended Omata School.

The brothers fought for New Zealand in the First World War against Germany - their descendant's homeland, a rather unusual experience. Both brothers were killed.

Rumours surrounded the brothers, that they were German sympathisers leading to letters being sent to the Prime Minister including a letter from the anti-German league and also a MP. Locally these anti-German sentiments led to the deliberate act of their names being excluded from the Omata Memorial located outside Omata church but they are recognised at NP Boy's High School where they went to secondary school.

Their names were not on the Omata memorial and Karen Brisco, principal of Omata School tasked a group of interested students in the senior class to find out more about the brothers and the injustice extended towards them. Further information can be found via these links:

<https://teara.govt.nz/en/video/37667/war-story-george-bollinger>

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/media/photo/gwbollinger>

Once the students had established the facts, the NPDC engraved the brothers names on the Omata Memorial. The students had contacted the Bollingers' descendants throughout the process and they came up from Christchurch to talk to the students and attend the ceremony at the Omata Memorial. The brothers names sit proudly and rightly on the memorial.

The ceremony was a fitting event to remember and rectify the injustice and a tremendous learning experience for all the students involved.



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The final Crackerjacks session of the year will be Thursday 5 December at 10am, join us for some under 5s Christmas themed fun.

On Tuesday 10 December our adult writers' group will be meeting at 10am. All welcome, it's a casual get together for those who enjoy discussing writing, looking for inspiration and giving feedback.

If you're dreading hearing "I'm bored!" this summer, we've got lots of activities to keep the boredom at bay!  
Our summer reading programme starts Monday 16 December and has both activity and reading challenges, plus there are prizes to be won.

We also have the 2020 bookmark competition, on Friday 20 December we have Christmas story and craft at 10am (bookings essential) and on Thursday 9 January join storyteller Moira Wairama for Stories from Here and There.

#### **Summer reading recommendations**

The Braid by L. Colombani is a gem! This French bestseller is about three determined, independent women from different backgrounds and different parts of the world. They never meet and yet their lives are interwoven in wonderful way.

David Nicholls, author of One Day, has a new novel, Sweet Sorrow. He is so adept at writing about families and relationships. A great summer read.

For a suspenseful whodunit try The Hunting Party by Lucy Foley. I was intrigued by the idea of a group of old university friends meeting in a remote lodge in the Scottish Highlands to celebrate New Year's Eve.

The first sentence in this crime novel, The Silent Patient, is straightforward: "Alicia Berenson was thirty-three years old when she killed her husband."  
Even though we know the murderer's identity it turns out to be a fast paced thriller with unexpected twists and the ending doesn't disappoint. I couldn't put it down and it makes a perfect summer read.

Visit the Puke Ariki website for more great summer reads inspiration or come in and see us, we have all the latest bestsellers from your favourite authors.

#### **Christmas opening hours**

**We will be closed Christmas Day through to 2 January 2020.**

**We will reopen Friday 3 January 2020 at noon and close at 5pm.**

**Thereafter, we will be open our regular business hours.**

And finally, we wanted to say a big thank you to all our committed volunteers who help us throughout the year - you help make this the vibrant community space that it is.

Happy holidays and enjoy your summer,  
**Charlie and Vincenza**

## **The Big Red Truck**

The Oakura Brigade would like to thank everyone who came along and made our open day and 50th celebration such a success.

It's always great to be able to engage with our community in a positive way, we hope that you enjoyed taking a look around the station and taking part in the activities of the day.

The skytower challenge team benefitted from your never-ending appetites for a sausage in bread and the funds raised will help get the team to Auckland next year.

Our annual honours night was also held in conjunction with the 50th celebrations. This is a night to honour the service of the brigade members and present official and other somewhat unofficial awards!

Always a highlight for the crew but the night belonged to one man in particular with Deputy Chief Fire Officer Dave Rielly receiving his life membership, senior firefighter of the year trophy and the firefighter's firefighter award which is voted on by the brigade members. If there was a category for best-supporting actress we are sure he would've scooped that up as well.

We look forward to seeing you out and about as the weather warms up - stay safe.

#### ***The crew from the Big Red Truck***



# A Tribute - Papa-san

The sun set for good this month on one of Taranaki's most colourful personalities and pioneers. On Friday, November 8, 73-year-old Paul Irwin Cunningham hung up his cowboy boots, and died peacefully at his Oakura home, Tall Trees, surrounded by his beloved family.

Paul was well-known as a businessman around these parts, and would often be seen in the village wearing his signature double denim and leather boots. During his 53 years in this country, his work positively impacted the Oakura and New Plymouth communities, and wider Taranaki region.

Despite his love for well-built English cars, Paul came from the most humble beginnings. Born in Middlesbrough, in the industrial North East of England, he joined the merchant Navy at the tender age of 15 after forging his father's signature. After five years at sea and countless voyages to ports around the world, he joined the ship Delphio in Southampton. Loaded with European produce, cars and Scottish whisky, the Delphio docked in Wellington 24 days later, in January 1966.

It was during his two-day shore pass in the capital, that a decades-long love story began; at a dance hall, Paul met his future wife of 52 years, Patricia (Pat) Bax. Paul jumped ship to be with his soul mate, before being promptly deported back to England. But he was reunited with the love of his life after he worked his voyage back to New Zealand. Following this, Pat and Paul had a brief stint in England together before a work opportunity brought the pair to New Plymouth in 1974, where Paul, a keen footballer, immediately began to make his mark on the region in both the business and sporting communities.



During this time, Paul founded scaffolding and rigging company Cunningham Construction and was influential in melding the Taranaki football (soccer) community into what it is today. The boy, born on Telford Street in North Ormsby, achieved his dream of owning a little piece of New Zealand in 1977 when he and Pat bought 7 Telford Terrace, Oakura. On this site, they built their first family home. In that same year, they bought a small plot of land on the main street of Oakura, which Paul always dreamt of developing.

An industrious man, who thought outside the box in order to get things done, Paul worked tirelessly to build a successful scaffolding and rigging company. His innovative spirit meant he was one of the first to bring 'system scaffolding' into the country - a method that is now the bread and butter of the industry as we know it. In 1994 he was one of four founding members of the national industry body for Scaffolding, Access & Rigging New Zealand (SARNZ), which now has close to 150 member companies. Later, he introduced the Scafftag safety system that is still used today and is a legislative requirement in the industry to certify scaffolds weekly.

Paul played a huge role in developing most of the standards the scaffolding industry still relies on and made many trips to Australia to

create AS/NZ standards, to ensure safety was the industry's first priority. These standards are again up for renewal, and Paul's death will impact hugely on the industry, which could do with his knowledge and experience to lead the charge again.



Second only to his wife Pat, and their four children Sean, Hayley, Amy and Paul Jr, football was Paul's true love and he coached their teams at Oakura School and Francis Douglas Memorial College. In the late 70's, he was instrumental in bringing the local clubs together to form one Taranaki team of the region's top players. This team Taranaki United was successful in the North Island's top tier, until it was disbanded in the mid-80's. Paul founded New Plymouth City Soccer and Sports Club in 1991, which was promoted in its inaugural season into the central league first division. Paul heavily invested funds to support the successful club, which boasted three men's teams and a women's team. After several successful seasons, New Plymouth City amalgamated with Moturoa Soccer Club in 1999.

For more than 45 years, Paul had called Oakura home, and he dreamt of one day enhancing the seaside village by developing that small piece of dirt on the main road that he'd bought back in 1977. Although he never saw commercial hub The Village Mews completed when he died this month, he was very proud that it was progressing so well.

Paul's legacy will live on through his four beloved children who, thanks to their upbringing in a home brimming with love and support, are now successful in their own lives and careers, and his eight grandchildren who referred to him, adoringly, as Papa-san.



# Kaitake Community Board

The KCB has been particularly busy since last reporting in TOM. There have been heaps of issues to deal with and meetings to attend in the hectic time leading up to the festive season. Looking at the KCB diary I note there are sixteen more commitments before Christmas. To continue on that theme here's an important piece from the Police Neighbourhood Watch group.

As we come closer to Christmas more parcels are being delivered, and more chance for your presents to be stolen. Thieves will take any opportunity to steal, and parcels left on front doorsteps or in apartment building common areas are an easy target. Some points worth reflecting on are:

Get packages delivered to a place where someone will be home to receive them, or to a work address.

If you do have deliveries made to your home, make sure you're going to be home to sign for them or have a secure location where they can be left.

Make sure your delivery instructions are clear and ask for packages not to be placed at your front door, or in other highly visible spots.

If you're not going to be home when the parcel is delivered, arrange to collect your parcel from the depot, or have the parcel redirected to the address of someone you trust.

Be smart when disposing of packaging, so passers-by can't see what you've been buying.

Report any suspicious behaviour to Police - e.g. if you see a car following a courier van, or an unexpected visitor knocks on your door asking for someone you don't know.

At long last summer seems to have arrived and the beach beckons. Al, Jan, Ross, Ryan and the rest of the team at the Oakura Beach Holiday Park have got everything in order before the hordes of summer holidaymakers arrive. The campground is a real picture.

There are other groups away from the beachfront just as busy. It seems to be harder by the day to find a park up in the village and that augers well for the trade all our local businesses are doing. John and his team have revamped the Four Square. It has been a tiring job but they won't get any rest with the Christmas rush about to start. Jennie Aiken Hall has opened her gallery and it has drawn lots of visitors already. The Oākura Mews development is well underway too. We are sure it will prove a worthy addition to the village CBD.

Ash and Al and the garage team just keep on keeping on and Butlers has an imposing entertainment line-up over Christmas and New Year, four excellent shows lined up in their new complex over the holiday period. The Oakura Volunteer Fire Service has held its 50th jubilee. It was a truly great occasion and great to catch up with some of older ex-members who turned up. All members (and previous ones) must be congratulated for the excellent voluntary service they have done on behalf of the community since 1969. There were many awards presented, far too many to mention here except for the award to Chris West for 40 years continuous service. What an outstanding feat Chris - we all salute you.

I believe we all should take a moment to reflect on what an excellent job many folk have done in our interests this year. The early childhood centres and schools, their staff, boards and volunteers deserve our thanks for another year of service to the younger members of our district. The various sporting organisations and their never-complaining volunteers have done us proud, the businesses in the CBD, the beach camp, the hall committee and others in the community have helped keep our wonderful lifestyle intact.

Special mention must be made of the Restore Oākura urban trapping project and the enthusiasm of its Community Champion Sam Mortenson. Restore Oākura works alongside other local volunteer groups such as Peter Morgan's Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust, Oākura School, and dedicated individuals such as Graham Churchill. Sam and the many local volunteers have been at the forefront of helping the Taranaki Regional Council and the Taranaki Mouna Project team eradicate predator pests from the local environment. It is a worthy project with long term, sustainable aims. We understand the project has been so successful to date that there is a plan to release kiwis back onto the Kaitake Range next year.

Also, we can't leave out the Oākura Community Action Group. It has anchored the long, drawn-out process to make submissions on the contentious Private Plan Change application to Council seeking to rezone rural land on the south side of the highway for a large scale residential development. On behalf of the community, we acknowledge your immeasurable assistance for the benefit of everyone and thank you sincerely for it.

Well, that's it! On behalf of Graham, the two Pauls, and our newly appointed councillor Amanda I wish all TOM readers a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We hope you can spend lots of quality family time and enjoy our great local environment over the coming summer months.

Ka kite anō au i a kotou.

Doug Hislop (752 7324 and doulashislop@gmail.com)

*Jimmy Priest pictured below left was a founding member of the Oakura Volunteer Fire Service joining in 1969, pictured middle is Chris West - 40 years continuous service and right, Doug Hislop.*





## Oakura Medical

# Summer is coming!

**As the days are getting longer and the sun is shining Oakura Medical Centre and Skin on Forty-Five would like to take this opportunity to refresh your knowledge of sun protection before everyone starts whiling away their summer days outside.**

As a region, Taranaki has one of the highest rates of melanoma and non melanoma skin cancer in New Zealand. Most forms of skin cancer including melanoma are a direct result of damage caused by ultraviolet (UV) radiation produced by the sun.

UV radiation also causes other types of skin damage, such as wrinkles, blotchiness, and skin sagging, especially on areas that are regularly exposed to the sun such as hands and faces.

Sunburn as a child is considered to be the most critical factor in the development of skin cancer as an adult, and as such it is crucial that we continue to protect our little ones from excessive sun exposure.

### What to do:

#### Simply, Slip, Slop, Slap, and Wrap.

Slip on a shirt, ideally one that protects as much of your skin from the sun as possible, and into some shade. Slop on some sunscreen that has an SPF rating of

30 or more, and make sure to reapply this over the course of the day, especially after towelling off after going swimming! Slap on a hat that protects your face and your neck, and wrap on some sunglasses. However, as the UV levels in New Zealand get so high over summer, even if you're not planning on being outdoors you should at least wear sunscreen everyday, as even the UV radiation coming through your car windows is enough to cause damage over time.

**If you have any questions about sun protection and skin cancer, feel free to contact us at Oakura Medical Centre or Skin on Forty-Five.**

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# Happy Christmas and New Year

We're fast approaching the end of another busy year, which has been full of constituent assistance, MP's visiting the region, research into Energy & Resources (which I have responsibility for) and a full programme of Select Committee and Parliamentary business.

Immigration concerns have been among the main worries for constituents coming to my office in 2019. From farms to workshops to healthcare, migrant workers have proven vital to support our country's progress and they add richness and diversity to our culture. There have been extended delays in visa processing which have been distressing for local families. Constituents have also given me their views on the End of Life Choice Bill (Euthanasia), and Arms legislation. As well, there were issues around access to housing, medical treatment and social services.

Helping people work through these issues is a big part of being an Electorate MP and I'm grateful for the positive and willing attitude my own staff have with constituents, as well as assistance from local staff in government departments.

I'm always proud to promote the great things that are going on in the electorate, and National Party MPs tell me they like to visit because they are guaranteed a warm welcome. This year we have had visits covering the environment, agriculture, business, education, housing and law and order from Erica Stanford, Dan Bidois, Gerry Brownlee, Nicola Willis, Paul Goldsmith, Todd Muller, Brett Hudson, Judith Collins and of course Simon Bridges, who drew a large crowd at the Plymouth Hotel in New Plymouth.

The enterprise and enthusiasm of local businesses has again impressed me this year. We should all be proud of those who help generate our country's jobs, and the incomes individuals and families need to live.

Large and small there's much to admire here, from startup businesses like Absolute Radiology and Ruru House early childhood education centre, to longstanding icons Tegel and Hooker Pacific, to leaders like EHL Solutions and Hiringa Energy with their alternative energy plans. Likewise, Tui Ora,

Zeal, our schools and community organisations have had an incredible year. It's a privilege to represent such a vibrant part of the country.

My responsibilities as National Party spokesperson for Energy and Resources have taken me all over the country and around the world this year. I have gained some valuable insights on how systems work and how we can look to have secure and affordable energy while moving to lower emission options.

2020 will be a big one for our country and I look forward to catching up with you during the year.

From my family to yours, all the very best for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**Jonathan Young**

**New Plymouth MP, National Party Spokesperson for: Energy and Resources, National Party Spokesperson for: Regional Economic Development (NI)**

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Oakura Beach New Years Day Carnival Market Day is Back for 2020. The Oakura Beach Carnival has been run for over 40 years and aims to bring locals and visitors together for a fun family orientated day with a laid back summer festival feel.

This Free Entry Family Event kicks off at 11am and runs through

till 4pm. Grab the family, your friends and enjoy a day in the sun. With a great selection of local artisan art and craft stalls, kids entertainment, (including the famous Oakura carnival water slide).

There will be music, amazing food vendors who will be serving you delicacies from all corners of the world. There's something for everyone.



Come along and join us to celebrate the 1st day of 2020. Don't forget to bring your sunhats, sunblock and cash (as not all vendors have eftpos.) and we will see you there.

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## Open Day at the sewage plant

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A walk around the sewage plant on a hot day was an interesting experience. It started with a safety briefing and a warning that all surfaces were considered contaminated and at the end we must wash our hands before leaving. A few of the spots on the tour had the air badly contaminated, a cloth with some nice aromatic essential oils would have come in handy.



However, I stuck with it as I felt it was important to be informed about the way my rates were being used and how a fundamental infrastructure was working. The smelliest spot was where the sewage first comes in through huge pipes and gets screened. Solid wastes, not the ones you are thinking of but all the extra bits and pieces people flush down the toilet or put through their kitchen waste disposal that don't break down on the trip through the pipes are screened out.

Expert engineers on our tour said that the normal human wastes of urine, feces, vomit etc. and toilet paper all break down during the journey to the plant and becomes sludge that goes straight through the screens. The baby wipes and other paraphernalia get packed together and come out through large pipes to fall into trollies that then get trucked off to landfill, tons and tons of it on a regular basis. That I did not know. It made me think about waste disposals being put into kitchens and if they are in our best interests, I once was blissfully unaware of the consequences of using them.

Our group talked about the responsibility of people to be aware of the two systems operating. The storm water that has no treatment and goes straight out to sea; water collected off the road when it rains and differentially the sewage that collects the water (and anything else that has been added) from the sink, hand basins, shower, baths and the toilet; that ends up at the treatment plant.

Basically, the treatment plant is all about sludge, mixing tanks, biological organisms and aeration. Eventually the sludge gets treated separately being dehydrated and heat treated to become fertiliser, sold as Bioboost (apparently our council is the only one in the country that makes this byproduct). We were given a free bag of it to take home for our gardens. The liquid gets further disinfected with chlorine before it runs the pipe out past the low tide water line into the ocean.

The tour ended with a cup of tea and a piece of the 35th anniversary cake. Even though I had washed my hands it was a funny feeling eating at the place. The take home for me was to reduce using my waste disposal in my kitchen and compost more, and to be careful not to let anything other than body waste down the toilet.

*Louise James*

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## Oakura Makers Market

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The Oakura Makers Market is a great place to buy some high-quality hand-made Christmas gifts.

The market is being held on Saturday December 7, at the Oakura Hall and will run between 10am-1pm.

The annual event will feature 40 stalls selling a range of high-quality handmade goods including jewellery, felting, home décor and clothes.

Co-organiser Lizaan Hale says the market is a great family day out and there will be something for everyone – including a fire truck, face painting and live music.

Lizaan says it is the third year the market has been held and in previous years it had been a great success and the community had enjoyed its lovely festive atmosphere. It was a great place to do some Christmas shopping and support the community's talented makers. Stall fees and money made from a bake sale will be donated to New Plymouth charity, The Gift. The Oakura Fire Brigade will also host a sausage sizzle to raise money for the Sky Tower Stair Challenge Event in May which raises money for Leukemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand.

Lizaan says raising money for the charities was a good way to spread goodwill at Christmas time and show support to the wider community.

*Alice Cowdrey*





# A Convenient Takeaway

Royal Street Kitchen Takeaways at 263 St Aubyn St is for owner and chef Harish the bringing together of his long experience in the food industry into an exceptional takeaway menu.

Harish is a hospitality graduate and has been involved as a chef and head chef in various eateries, especially in New Plymouth and has recently taken ownership of Royal Street Kitchen Takeaways. The outlet specialises in northern Indian cuisine - Delhi style food with a kiwi twist, making the menu to the tastes of New Zealanders.

The menu features the usual classics such as chicken peshawar, butter chicken, vindaloo, tikka masala, tandoori chicken, korma and a variety of wraps, breads and rice. A key to the success of Royal Street Kitchen Takeaways menu is that all chicken, lamb and vegetarian dishes are made to order and are attractively priced at \$15 per large curry to a high standard. Sea food options like fish, prawns and scallops are available. A children's menu start from \$5. Harish is helped out in the takeaway shop by his wife and other staff help.

Royal Street Kitchen Takeaways is situated on St Aubyn St, near the Cutfield Rd corner and ideal for calling in to on the way round the coast. Alternatively it is within an easy walk to the coastal walkway where you could enjoy a healthy Bombay wrap or a curry while taking in the great coastal views.

Royal Street Kitchen Takeaways offer special deals for family orders and catering and can deliver large catering orders to site - could be a great option for Christmas work shouts or family gatherings. Opening hours are 4.30pm to 9pm Tuesday to Sunday. Phone orders are very popular and can be placed by phoning 7582976.

*by Kim Ferens*



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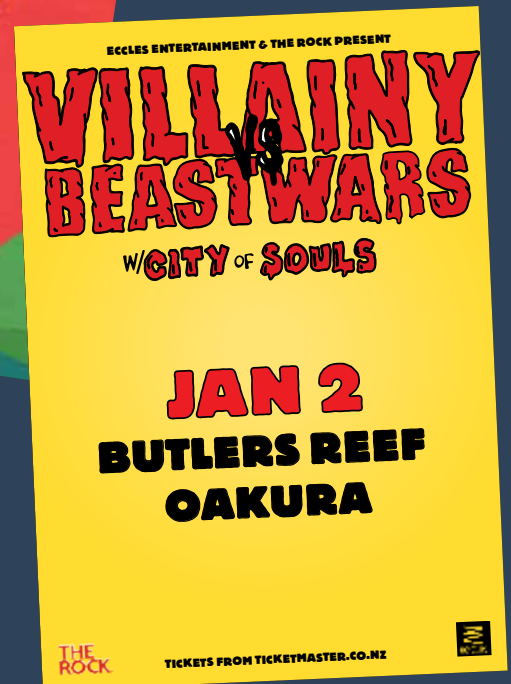
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As the year 8 Omata School students and the Oakura School students head off to high school, TOM asked them three questions:

1. What school are you going to in 2020?
2. What has been the highlight at Omata/Oakura?
3. What do you want to do when you leave school?



**Melissa Berridge**

I am going to Spotswood College. I really enjoyed the Wellington Camp this year. It was a great trip away with my class. All the activities were fun and overall it was great time away. I want to be a vet. I would mainly like to look after farm animals but anything to do with animals would be great.



**Kyarne Broughton-Pratt**

I am going to Spotswood College. I really loved our camp, as it provided me with lots of new experiences. At the moment there are too many possibilities for me to decide. I will wait until I get to high school to determine what my passions are.



**Charlotte Butler**

I am going to NPGHS. It would be the people. The teachers, with their passion in supporting, encouraging, and knowledge seeking. And my fellow students, with their love for learning and their incredible nature. Following on from my love of debating, public speaking, justice, and researching, becoming a lawyer has become a possible future career that I would like to pursue.



**Jaylin Corry**

I am going to Spotswood College. It definitely has to be Wellington camp, it was so much fun spending time with my friends whilst also making new friends. We were really challenged through the activities that we had to do. My friends and I made many memories. I would love to be a singer, I have wanted to be a singer my whole life and I have been singing since I was two.



**Caleb Foreman**

I am going to Spotswood College. My highlight of my time at Omata School was when we all went on school camp recently. I want to be a professional basketball player but if i'm being real, I would like to be a policeman or a gym instructor.

**Annabelle Joyce**  
I am going to Spotswood College. This school has been well and truly GREAT. But if I have to choose one, it was my first day at school. I was so scared of all the other kids in the class. I was the youngest and the smallest (although that hasn't changed much). When I walked in everyone looked at me and smiled and there was this one girl that came up to me with pure happiness in her eyes and showed me the way to the mat. That was the start of my incredible 8 years at Omata School. I love looking after children, maybe because I have 5 siblings. I really like making sure animals are well and healthy. I enjoy nutrition and learning about the human body. I'm not sure what I want to do when I grow up I guess I'll find out and see.



**Charnée Julian**  
I am going to NPGHS. The Wellington camp because it was just fun being around everybody and building better relationships with people. I would love to be a doctor.



**Liam McDonald**  
I am going to Spotswood College. My highlight of my time at school was the Wellington camp this year. Be a shoe designer for Nike or Jordan brand, an inventor or work at Apple.



**Vaydim Noonan**  
I am going to NPBHS. The Wellington Camp because it was a great opportunity with lots of fun activities like the selfie challenge and Adrenalin Forest high ropes. I want to be a palaeontologist.



**Amy Pardington**  
I am going to Spotswood College. I enjoyed the end of year camp at Wellington, especially the nature area at Te Papa and Weta Workshops. Do something with movie props, like working at Weta Workshops, because then I would be able to combine drawing and making things, because both of those things I thoroughly enjoy.





**Manaaki Whakaari**

I am going to Spotswood College. Everything, including the teachers, my friends, Sarah, Karen and everyone really. I'll miss this school. Heaps of things maybe an artist, scientist or YouTuber. Maybe not explore the world, but I will some day ride on an aeroplane. I'd like to get a job at Weta Workshop.

**Isabella Treadway**

I am going to NPGHS. Definitely Wellington camp, because it was a really enjoyable experience and I got to take part in many fun challenges and I made many great memories. When I leave school I would like to be an interior decorator/designer or a baker/cook.

**Cooper James**

I am going to NPBHS. Year 7/8 Camp and the Adrenalin Forest. Become a policeman particularly a police car driver.

**Boyd Timanus**

I am going to Spotswood College. The school camp out on the field when I was year seven and we got to cook our own dinner on the fire. I want to be a chef or a trade.

**Sekani Thompson**

I am going to NPGHS. One of my main highlights from my 8 years at Omata School would definitely be the 2019 Wellington camp. All the year 7's and 8's went down to Wellington for a week. While in Wellington we did a huge variety of fun activities, such as going to H2O Xtreme, Ferg's Kayaks, Adrenalin Forest and much much more. When my schooling is finished I would like to become an architect, mainly because I have always been passionate about drawing and designing houses.

**Tasmin Reeve**

I am going to Spotswood College. The Year 7/8 camp, because we got to do lots of fun activities such as Adrenalin Forest. Be a police woman.

**Emily Parkinson**

I am going to NPGHS. Year 7 and 8 Wellington camp because I made heaps of new friends and we did a lot of fun activities. I would like to be an accountant.

**Mason Hendry**

I am going to Spotswood College. My highlight was visiting Wellington's Adrenalin Forest. It was fun because of the stress it puts you through - not even the thought of having a harness helps. When I leave school, I plan to become a Commercial Airline Pilot and discover new places to go, camp, and MTB hotspots. I also want to go back to Adrenalin Forest and complete the more difficult courses.

**Samantha Hart**

I am going to NPGHS. My time at Omata school has been amazing, I have many highlights from my time at Omata but one of my favourite highlights was my first day starting here at Omata. My family and I had just moved from Wellington and I was still adjusting to New Plymouth. I was so scared and shy but after an hour I felt like I had been here since I was five. Everyone was so kind and caring, if I didn't know where something was, everyone was happy to help me. I hope to become a midwife, an Interior designer or a cake decorator.

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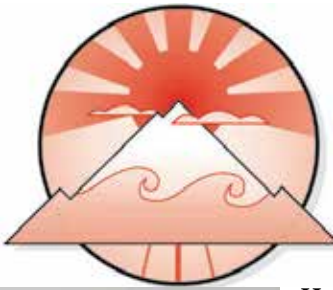


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# Oakura School

## Daniel Bentall

I am going to NPBHS.  
One of my great memories from Oakura School was participating in the year 7 & 8 camp.  
After graduating, Daniel hopes to become a chef.



## Quinn James

I am going to Spotswood College.  
My best memory from my time at school was when I was made a sports leader.  
Quinn hopes to be a musician when he leaves school.



## Beckham Kennedy

I am going to Spotswood College.  
My favourite memory from school was hanging with my friends.  
Beckham wants to learn how to become a pilot.



## Jaeden Rasmussen

I am going to NPBHS.  
I remember all the fun I had at Oakura School, such as year 7 & 8 camp.  
Jaeden is hoping to become an activist or a police officer when he graduates.



## Zack Stockman-Fowler

I am going to Spotswood College.  
My favorite school memory is all the friendships that I have made during my time at Oakura School.  
Zack someday hopes to be a chef and visit countries all over the world, especially America.



## Eve Johnson

I am going to NPGHS.  
My favourite memories were made during the 2019 school camp.  
Eve wants to travel the world once she leaves school.



## Ranui Rodger

I am going to NPGHS.  
My favourite school memory would have to be being able to try new experiences while at school, as well as the year 7 and 8 camp.  
Ranui wants to be a professional photographer when she leaves school.



## Hana Barton

I am going to NPGHS.  
My highlight was winning Lit Quiz in Year Seven.  
When she graduates, Hana is looking forward to becoming a journalist or author.



## Sula Bennett

I am going to Spotswood College.  
My favourite memory of Oakura School was the Year 7 and 8 camp.  
Sula is a very good dancer, and wishes to be a dance instructor when she leaves school.



## Bridgett Corbett

I am going to NPGHS.  
My favourite memory of school was our 2019 camp.  
Bridgett is a talented artist who is thinking about having a career as a graphic or fashion designer.



## Anika Gray

I am going to Spotswood College.  
My highlight from senior school was meeting all my great friends.  
Anika is excited to look after animals when she gets older.



## Catherine Rielly-Leadbetter

I am going to Spotswood College.  
My favourite memory was camp.  
Catherine wants to be a teacher once she leaves school.



## Cerys Hancock

Undecided on which high school.  
My favourite memories were made doing art and going to camp.  
Cerys is a caring animal lover so it's no surprise that she wants to travel and give care to animals once she leaves school.



**Ruby Shearer**

I am going to NPGHS.  
My highlight was all of the great opportunities Oakura School offers, along with making new friends.  
Ruby intends to travel, be an interior designer or teach.

**Lalie Green**

I am going to NPGHS.  
I fondly remember being a student mentor as my highlight of Oakura School.  
Lalie wishes to be a future marine biologist when she leaves school.

**Kate Sousa**

I am going to NPGHS.  
My highlights were the Year 7 & 8 camp, the great opportunities Oakura offers, along with our end of term project - Build a Business.  
Kate hopes to become a visual merchandiser when she leaves school.

**Katie Clough**

I am going to NPGHS.  
I enjoyed AIMS Games 2019 and camp.  
Katie is still deciding what she wants her career to be when she leaves school.

**Erica Thompson**

I am going to NPGHS.  
My best memory of Oakura School was the Puanga Festival.  
When Erica leaves school, she aims to be a physiotherapist.

**Allie Quinn**

I am going to NPGHS.  
My best school memory was the year 5 and 6 camp.  
Allie is interested in doing some design work when she leaves school.

**Connor Day**

I am going to NPBHS.  
My school highlight was playing inter school rugby.  
Connor hopes to become a film director when he graduates.

**Maja Rung-Hansen**

I am going to NPGHS.  
I remember the year 7 & 8 camp as being my highlight.  
Maja is undecided on what her job will be in the future.

**Otis Dixon**

I am going to NPBHS.  
I enjoyed the friendly vibe at Oakura.  
Otis is undecided about his future career.

**Ariana Shafer**

I am going to NPGHS.  
My highlight this year was having the chance to meet new people and help others.  
Ariana is a very good surfer, and she wishes to continue her surfing when she leaves school.

**Jack Parr**

I am going to NPBHS.  
My favourite memories are of all the different opportunities that Oakura School offers.  
Jack is excited to become an engineer when he graduates.

**Gemma Wright**

I am going to Spotswood College.  
My favourite memory of Oakura School is the year 7 and 8 camp.  
When Gemma leaves school she wishes to travel, and then train to be an architect.

**Samuel Salisbury**

I am going to NPBHS.  
The highlight of my time at Oakura School was all the extra opportunities and activities I was given a chance to do.  
When he leaves school, Samuel wants to either be a veterinarian or become a member of DOC (Department of Conservation.)

**Zach Phillips-Lim**

I am going to NPBHS.  
My favourite memory was made at the Wellington rippa rugby tournament 2017.  
Zach wants to be a PE teacher when he's older.





**Parker Kennedy**

I am going to Spotswood College.  
My favourite memory at Oakura School were all the friendships I have made.  
Parker's dream is to become an animator once he leaves school.

**Niwa Shewry**

I am going to NPBHS.  
My favourite memory of Oakura School is all the friendships I have made.  
Niwa is amazing at skateboarding, and he will definitely be very successful at fulfilling his dream of being a professional skateboarder once he leaves school.

**Ben Fleming**

I am going to Francis Douglas.  
My favourite memory at Oakura School was helping out with O Sports.  
Ben wants to work for NASA when he is older.

**Anaru Snowden-Green**

I am going to NPBHS.  
My best memory at Oakura School was making friends, something that I will hopefully continue doing when I go to Boys' High next year.  
Anaru wants to become a sports player.

**Gus Wilson**

I am undecided about which secondary school, my favourite memory and what I want to do in the future.

**Tiani Kensington**

I am going to Sacred Heart.  
I loved making new friends at Oakura School, as well as the year 7 and 8 camp.  
Tiani wishes to travel when she leaves school, as well as wanting to become a vet someday.

**Kalani Watts**

I am going to NPBHS.  
My best school memory is probably all the friendships that I have made while being at Oakura School.  
Kalani is still undecided on what he would like to do when he leaves school.

**Dr Susan Oldfield**

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I proudly tell everyone I have the best job in the world. I get to work alongside a Board who have a very clear and powerful vision of delivering a relevant and innovative curriculum that is future-focused with our young people at the centre of everything we do and the community at the heart of who we are.

I get to work alongside courageous teaching, support, admin and property staff who are transforming who they are as educators and how they deliver to connect strengthen and inspire and lead a growing groundswell of future-focused educational shifts in our country and while it is not quite time for farewells I would like to acknowledge Sabine who leaves us at the end of this year and Clare and Martyn Knapton who will go to begin a new exciting journey in Whakatane where I know Martyn will be the most phenomenal educational leader and the second-best looking principal in the country.

Thank you all for who you are and what you have done for our whanau here at Spotswood College. I do have to finish by saying, I have the best job in the world because I get to work alongside the most amazing youth - who inspire me to be the best person, the best educator that I can - who make me laugh, full of pride and aroha every day! Thank you to our family and friends for sharing your children, your whanau with us.

To our young people leaving I want you to know that you take a part of us wherever you may go and we also keep a part of you too. And remember you have been purposefully positioned to be amongst the shakers, movers, innovators, academics, do-ers and leaders of tomorrow. You have engaged in learning in a way that is not designed to be simply closed in a book at the end of the year but designed to impact real change to encourage you to achieve personal best and build a better world for tomorrow.

***Kia kaha, Kia maia, Kia manawanui***  
***Nicola Ngarewa, Principal***



### Students at the Centre of Learning

Congratulations to Roan Upson, Dux, pictured bottom left and Tane Whitehead, Proxime Accessit and Top Maori Student, pictured below.



And a huge congratulations to all of our prize-giving recipients for 2019. Congratulations to Rohan Crookbain who has been successful in gaining a place at the Rotary National Science & Technology Forum for 2020. The students selected to attend the Forum meet in Auckland in January to

attend this two week residential experience of a lifetime.

Congratulations to Seamus Fawcner, pictured below for winning the award for Emerging Chef of the Year Taranaki Hospitality Award 2019 for his great work at the Social Kitchen as part of his learning programme.



The Spotswood College Annual Art Folio show was yet again a spectacular event of talent with what promises to be another year of outstanding NCEA results.

### Cultural and Sporting Success

Senior students co-ordinated a very successful fun run with the school completing a course that was laden with water guns, colour bombs and water slides. An active and positive way to farewell the seniors before they head out for study leave and workshops.







Summer is nearly here and with the sun hopefully comes the waves, thanks to all who help with the spring clean and the club is all ready for club nights which have already commenced on Friday's from 5pm, the bar will be open and the BBQ cranked, so come down and socially lubricate with some beers and some great chat.

Upcoming dates include a Xmas celebration for all on Friday 20th December. Thanks to all who helped with the spring clean and the club is

all ready for Matt Scoringe who will be coming back at the end of the month for another lesson session! This time around we will add in a beginner lesson for all those that have been asking, this lesson will be land based and identify key elements of learning to surf. It is important parents are present so they can take the info taught and help apply it. Kids will be frothing no doubt afterward so we encourage you to take them out for a surf and start applying the learning.

Club Update from two young guns competing on the international stage:

**Ariana Shewry:** This year I have travelled to many comps and gained some good achievements as well as extremely valuable competition experience.

My first big comp of the year was nationals at home which I was very excited about, unfortunately I put up a disappointing performance and wasn't able to get the results I wanted. The week after Nationals I was on the North Shore of Oahu competing in the Sunset Beach pro junior where I turned the disappointment of nationals into positivity as I made my first ever final in a WSL contest and paced second!

One of the next highlights of my year was competing in the WQS 3000 at Avoca Beach, I went from round one to three where I had a heat against Sage Erickson, Bianca Buitendag and Felicity Palmateer. Although I didn't make this heat I put up fight I was proud of which is the most important thing to me when competing.

I made the quarters (7th place) in the Tahiti QS and in Nias I

placed 9th. I finished my year on the QS ranked 121st in the world and the next kiwi behind Paige and Ella gaining myself a spot in the Piha Pro trials for the QS 10000.

I was also selected to represent New Zealand in the Oceania Cup being held in Samoa. I will be surfing in the open woman's and hope to bring home a solid result.

**Ariana pictured below - Junior womens winner in Samoa - well done Ariana**



**Tom Butland:** Recently I have been away at the world juniors in California representing NZ in the u 16 boys. It was a really good trip and I have gained a lot of experience from competing there. Unfortunately the day before the competition started I hurt my ankle in a practice surf. Although didn't impact my mindset of wanting to make heats. I made it to the 5th round without being able to surf at my full potential. Seeing the surfing level there is just incredible how good everyone is.

I will be in Samoa to compete in the Oceania- cup for the u18 boys which I'm really looking forward too as my ankles feeling way better to surf on, and then I am really looking forward to the NZ surfing series to start soon!

**Enjoy the sun and surf**





## Presidents News

Club competitions are winding down for the end of year. We had our prize giving dinner which was well attended and an enjoyable evening for all.

The course is looking good with all this rain and beginning to get the summer run which is great.

Good golfing everyone and please contact the office if anyone is interested in our coaching and beginners courses coming up.

*Clay Jordan*

## Mens Club Captain Report

Kaitake had their Open Xmas Hamper which was a huge success even though the weather wasn't the best for us all. We had 101 entries which was a great turnout. The following are the results:

Gross	Div 1	Chris Ferguson (Kaitake)
	Div 2	Derek Spurdle (Inglewood)
	Div 3	James McArthur (Inglewood)
	Ladies	Debra Johnson (Kaitake)
Nett	Div 1	Maweta Tawa (Fitzroy)
	Div 2	Brendon Tippet (Tumahu)
	Div 3	Ralph Ellicock (Kaitake)
	Ladies	Aillie Cooper-May (Kaitake)
Stableford	Div 1	Dennis Hanscombe (New Plymouth); Paul Manu (Kaitake); Dillan Plimmer (New Plymouth); Jack Van Prehn (Kaitake); Div 2 Robert Fraser (Manukorihi); Mark Vanderpoel (Pungarehu); Denis Avison (Kaitake); Craig Murray (Kaitake); Div 3 Greg Jans (Kaitake); Kerry Soffee (Westown); Brent Proctor (Kaitake); Kevin Billing (Pungarehu). Ladies: Diane Jones (Kaitake); Kim Woodward (Kaitake)

We are having our Club Xmas Hamper on the 7th December.

## Tubs

## Kaitake Women's Golf Club

### Women's Club Championship

Pat Wilcox, our 9 Hole Champion, represented Kaitake in the 9 Hole Champion of Champions at Te Ngutu.

The 18 hole Champions played the Taranaki Champion of Champions at New Plymouth Thursday 21st November 2019. Kaitake was represented by the Club Champions, Jacqui Koch, Denise Howe and Joy Greenlees, to play-off for the Champion of Champions. Kim Woodward joined Jacqui and Denise to form the Kaitake team to compete for the Rosebowl.

## 72 Hole Matchplay Tournament

With a field of 48 golfers from around Taranaki and as far away as Taupo, the annual 72 Hole Matchplay Foursomes Tournament was played on Thursday October 31st and Friday 1st November.

The winners of the Kaitake Division were Gareth Hughes and Verna Bourke from Patea with Shirley Hosking and Karen Patterson from Westown, runners up.

The Pouakai division was won by Kim Woodward and Karen Avison (Kaitake) with Jacqui Koch and Joan Gerrard (Kaitake) runners up. Finally, the Tapuae Division was won by Jenny Ross and Joy Greenlees (Kaitake) and Mary Pettigrew and Andrea Jarrold (Kaitake) runners up.

## 18 Hole Shootout

The final of the 18 Hole Women's Shootout had to be postponed. 17 eager golfers lined up to start the first Shootout final when thunder rolled, lightning flashed and the rain fell down. The 'fun' went out of it and is now planned for Sunday 19th January 2020

## She Loves Golf

Kaitake offers a Come and Try day for anyone wanting to give 'give golf a go'. This is a very popular way to try golf, meet others at the same stage and enjoy the encouragement from Kaitake members. The next opportunity will be early in February once school goes back.

*Andrea Jarrold*

## Ladies Club Captain

## New Members Welcome

New golfers are encouraged to give "golf a go" there is still plenty more days of golf to go and beautiful weather at the moment so come take advantage of this weather and get out into the fresh air and enjoy a leisurely walk and great exercise round the golf course.

Aged between 19-35 years of year - This is a good opportunity to join at a very special rate. Already many have taken advantage of the new \$10 rate per years of age membership fee to become a full playing member. For example if you are 22 the membership fee will be \$220 per year.

## Kaitake Golf Club Chippers (Under 12 yrs old)

Next Chippers Day will be Sunday 1st Decmber 2019 and every fortnight after that. Kim Woodward along with Paul Haskell and Paul Manu are usually there helping with the kids. Very much appreciate all the help and encouragement they give the kids. Dominic Barson golf professional tries to come one Sunday each month courtesy of the Taranaki Golf Association and offers additional coaching. We have so many keen chippers out there and it is so awesome that they are joining up for this year.

New players are always very welcome. Chippers ages range from 5 – 12 years. Just bring them along with flat soled footwear, a hat and perhaps a drink. Clubs, balls and coaching are provided. It costs \$40 to join as a member for the year allowing the children access to the course at any time as long as they are under supervision.

If any adults have young chippers thinking of playing golf please be aware that they can come along free of charge with any fee paying adult. We have chippers clubs here that they are more than welcome to borrow and have a go at playing golf. We need to try and promote the young kids of today to come join our club and get involved.

## Free Professional Golf Coaching

Kaitake Golf Club have been given 5 x 2-1/2 hr sessions of free professional golf coaching: 9.30am – 12pm by TGA.

Following dates are: Sunday 8th December 2019, Sunday 2nd February 2020, Sunday 8th March 2020

These sessions are open to everyone, members and non-members, juniors, seniors, chippers. Please come along and take advantage of this opportunity to improve your golf or sort out bad habits or take up golf for the first time. Any queries phone Denise 06 7527665.





## Oakura Tennis

A1 team had a narrow loss recently to the favourites Pukekura.

The team now lies in 3rd place on the points table.

A2 team had a fantastic win against South combined team and are now in 2nd place on the points table.

A3 unfortunately had to default this week as there weren't enough women to play.

B grade have two teams who have had a few losses but I'm sure they are on there way to a win.

### Junior Teams

The Oakura Roasters are coming in 2nd on the North Taranaki points table GS1.

The Oakura Divas and Oakura Giants are coming 2nd and 3rd in the GS2 league.

The Oakura hardhitters are second in the orange division and Oakura YS3 are TOP!

There is junior coaching currently being run by Blitz tennis. Cardio tennis is on Thursday morning. Club team practice is on Thursday evenings.

If you are keen to play in a team please contact club secretary Jackie Keenan. 027 6732900

**We really need some more women players so come and give it a go, all abilities are catered for.**



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As Chairman of the Oakura based New Plymouth Old Boys Surf Club (NPOBSC) part of my role is to engage with the wider community. This often involves relaying information regarding club events, happenings on the beach and targeted areas where we are trying to enhance the experience

for our members.

Another part of this role is working within our Executive Committee, alongside our Junior and Senior Committees to ensure the club is able to provide its core services, the most important of which is keeping yourselves and your families safe on our beautiful beach. To enable this to happen the club needs to provide our current, and future life guards the tools and equipment required to not only train well but also to have on hand when the call goes up that someone's in trouble. The club constitution is quite clear on why we are here: "The primary object of the Club is to promote, develop, and deliver Surf Life Saving as a charitable service and prevent drowning and injury of those swimming and undertaking activities at beaches and other aquatic environments by providing lifesaving, patrol services, and other programmes and services at Oakura Beach and at other locations as determined by the Club for the safety and recreation of the general public."

Everything the beach active members do with regards to training, be it on the beach, in the water or in the classroom contributes to them becoming better life guards. To ensure this continues, we as a club need to provide them the coaches and equipment required. It may come as a surprise to many of you that we receive very little government support. What we do receive goes directly and fully to funding paid life guards on the beach during the hours where the volunteer guards are unavailable, and by that I mean working, at school or generally attending to their commitments outside of Surf Club. Our club survives only through hard work, passion, dedication, fundraising and grants. The competition for these grants is fierce and there is only so much to go around. We are constantly seeking financial assistance through these available funding channels, and our requests are often, but not always, looked upon favourably.

The NPOBSC is an organisation run by local volunteers, people who really understand what it takes to provide the essential service that we do. As with most other sporting clubs, we do the best we can with what we have. However unlike most other sporting clubs the implications of us not being able to provide our service to the required level can literally be life or death. As NPOBSC members when we see families on the beach, be it our friends or total strangers, we all feel a certain responsibility to ensure they are safe. Being a member of a Surf Lifesaving Club, be it active or social, certainly changes your perspective on beach safety.

With all this said, I now need to ask for your help. We are requiring building repairs and more equipment and although we will pursue funding it is most likely we won't get all we need. This will mean dipping into already scavenged reserves which are diminishing annually. To be honest we do not have the funds to cover the items required. Some items on our wish list

(approx. cost):

- New IRB and Motor – This is not funded by Surf Life Saving NZ, it is up to the individual clubs to raise the funds. (\$20k)
- New windows in our life guard tower – the current ones are salt damaged and difficult to see through, not ideal when scanning the surf for swimmers in trouble. (\$7k)
- New Clubroom Roof – our roof is old, leaks and will very soon require replacement. This will have a major impact on club funds if we are unsuccessful with our grant applications. (\$30k)
- New Double Surf Ski – This is used to train members new to ski as they can go into the surf with an experienced ski user. We are open to Sponsorship Opportunities here, has the ability to be sign written, great promotion on the beach. (\$6k)

Our members are also constantly working on fundraising initiatives such as our Glitz and Glamour Auction.

I understand the numbers above are large but we are here for the long run. With regional tourism on the rise, subdivisions on the horizon and generally the word getting out about how awesome our village and beach are, there is no doubt the workload on our club will increase over the short to mid-term. We are fully committed to ensuring everyone is safe on our beach, but to achieve this goal we need the community's help.

I would welcome any opportunity to come and chat to anyone regarding the club, the service we provide and how we could work together to our mutual benefit. With your assistance we can make it a great and safe summer on Oakura Beach this and many many summers to come.

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*Nice one Jake Dingle.  
Thanks to the Barrett's for their donation and big thanks to  
Shane & Marian Dingle for buying it - a happy boy.*





## That's a Wrap!!

Kaitake Netball recently competed in the Puanga Festival Netball Tournament held out at Waitara on Saturday 2nd November. With a draw vs The Misfits in our first game, 2 wins and one narrow loss to the winning team, The

no practises, just play when you can, when it suits you right here in Oakura. You don't even need to travel. It doesn't get any easier than that.

A big thank you to the Oakura Tennis Club for allowing us to use their clubrooms for the prizegivings following our tournaments. To Ann Rodgers and Andy Johns for umpiring our tournaments. And finally a big thank you to the committee members Jen Harris, Jennie Aitken Hall and Bob Fleming for their help throughout the year.

*Until next year, ka kite anō.  
Toni Peacock (Chairperson)*

Thompson Whānau (19 – 15) we were placed 2nd overall. It was a lovely sunny day and the competition was a step up from 2018. We thoroughly enjoyed our last outing and look forward to some more game time in 2020.

On Sunday December 8th from 12:30pm – 2:30pm we are holding our Xmas drinks/season wrap up at the Surf Club, food by Black Sands. Hope to see you there those who joined and played for the club this year.

For those who have never been along but are keen to join next year, we will be starting again Term 2 & 3 of next year. Keep an eye out for notifications on our facebook page (Kaitake Netball Club), we will be posting when the registration night will be. And just a reminder that the purpose of this league is to get people back out on the court with no commitment and



# Oakura Community What's On

**5 Elements Fitness:** 5 Elements Fitness: Bootcamps and Kickboxing fitness classes: Weekdays 5-6 pm, Tataraimaka Hall. For more details contact Barney 027 7527 076, barney@5efitness.com or visit [www.5efitness.com](http://www.5efitness.com)

**Dancing in the Dark:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays till November. Contact Glenys Farrant 0277530120

**Functional Crosstraining by Nakifit:** Saturdays 7.40am. Ph 021 297 5465 or nakifit@gmail.com

**Inferno 45:** 4 X Bootcamp fitness Monday & Wednesday 6am, Tuesday & Friday 9:30am. Boxfit class Friday 6am. All 1 hour sessions. Oakura Hall. Contact Graeme on 021 536 990.

**Indoor Bowls:** Mondays 7.30pm at Oakura Hall. Contact Marvin Clough ph 7527531.

**JKA Karate:** Tuesdays at Oakura Hall 5.30-6.30pm. Thursdays at Oakura Hall 6.00-7.00pm. Contact Jim Hoskin 752 7337.

**Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust:** Contact Pete Morgan - morgpt@xtra.co.nz or phone 027 3725 182

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

**Oakura Bowling and Social Club:** Bowling tournaments begin September through to April with both mid-week and weekend games. For information contact Steve Muller on 06 757 4399.

**Oakura Meditation Group:** - Mondays 8.10pm 37a Donnelly St, ph 0272037215, email kate@shineyoga.co.nz

**Oakura Playcentre:** 14 Donnelly St, Oakura. Sessions run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am-noon during school terms. Visitors welcome. Ph Kate Garner on 021-254 4769.

**Oakura Pony Club:** Contact Marlies Butland Delfos ph 0274595962.

**Oakura Pool Club:** Meets every Wednesday evening 7pm at Butlers Reef over winter. Phone Sheree 027 3444 723.

**Oakura Sunday School - St James church:** Every 2nd and 4th Sunday 10am. Contact stjamesoakura@gmail.com

**Oakura Tennis Club:** Cardio Tennis and coaching recommencing in term 4. Contact Club Secretary Jackie Mitchell 027 673 2900.

**Oakura Yoga:** - Shine Yoga Studio, 37a Donnelly St, [www.shineyoga.co.nz](http://www.shineyoga.co.nz) for days and times, ph 0272037215.

**Okato and District Historical Society:** Houses a large collection of local family histories and photos in the Okato Community Trust Hall, Cumming Street, Okato. Open to public every Wednesday 10 am to mid day or by appointment. Phone Meg Cardiff 7524566.

**Okato Lions Club:** continues to have activities in Oakura, as well as Okato. Meet on the first Wednesday each month, except January, at the Hempton Hall, Okato at 7.00pm, and we do appreciate enquiries from people seeking membership or assistance for funding, projects etc. Contact John Hislop Ph 06 7579696

**Okato Squash:** Club nights on Mondays from 6.30pm, everyone welcome. Contact okatosquash1@gmail.com for further information.

**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.

**Pickleball Oakura:** Come along and give Pickleball a go. Oakura Hall Thursday mornings 9.00am and Wednesday evenings 7.30pm. Contact Elayne Kessler at ekesslernz@hotmail.com or ph 0279377173

**Probus Club:** Meets once month at Oakura Bowling club rooms on the 3rd Friday of every month at 10am - 11.30am. Contact Brenda Ryan ph 7511633.

**St James Church, Oakura:** Morning worship 10am, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

**St Paul Carthew Street Okato:** Morning worship 10am 1st and 3rd of each month. Sunday school available. Hall hire contact Lesley 7524545. Tuesday Plunket. Pew for you Thursday church open to community no service, quiet candle reflection. 6pm-7pm Winter hours.

**St Patrick's Church:** Cummings St, Okato, weekly Saturday evening Vigil Mass 6.00 pm

**Tai Chi Classes** - every Monday 9-10 am at the Oakura Town Hall. Gentle, slow movements with breathing and Qigong exercises also. Contact Judi 027 2682601 or taranakitaichichuan@gmail.com or just come along.

**Val Deakin Dance School:** Oakura Hall. and the Dance Centre in New Plymouth Phone 7527743 or email val@valdeakindance.org.nz

## Coastal Connections morning talks Coffee and Chat dates

The weekly Thursday morning coffee and chat at the Oakura Surf Club. It is always interesting to meet new people and share stories with members from the community.

Please feel free to contact me for further details.

**Tracey Lusk.**  
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