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*Toby and Ryan from Kaitake Farm, hard at work packing tomatoes for customers .... story on page 6*

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## OAKURA

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## 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

**Fitness Training/Touch:** Thursday nights on back field at Oakura School 5.30 pm to 6.45ish. For all age groups - gold coin donation. Contact Lara Churchill - 0275922320

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

**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 Athletics club:** Meets at Corbett park at 5pm on a Tuesday evenings during term time To register - athletics nz website and search for Kaitake. Contact -Tash 0277755440.

**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 7.40am 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.

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**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 Yoga:** - Shine Yoga Studio, 37a Donnelly St, 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 Anne Bolton 7524499 or Meg Cardiff 7524566.

**Okato Squash:** Club nights on Mondays from 7pm, everyone welcome, phone Darryl Gibson, Ph 06 752 4804.

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

**Omata Yoga:** Wednesday evenings 5.15 - 6.45pm and 6.45 - 8.15pm. Omata Community Hall \$15 per class casual rate, \$80 for 6 class sessions. Contact Annalisa Facer 027 444 8345

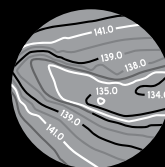
**Oakura Tennis Club:** Thursday 9.15-10.15am Cardio Tennis with Blitz Tennis at Linda Street courts, members and non-members welcome. Contact Club Secretary Jackie Mitchell 027 673 2900.

**Probus Club:** Meets once month at Kaitake Golf Club rooms on the 3rd Friday of every month at 10am - 11.30am. Contact Mike Vickers ph 7527881 or Gwen Jury ph 7527783.

**St James Church, Oakura:** Morning worship 10.00am, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

**Val Deakin Dance School:** Oakura Hall. Pre-schol movement classes Mondays 3.00pm, basic children's ballet classes 3.30pm-4.15pm. Also classes adults in ballet, jazz, tap, modern and ballroom (beginners to advanced) at the Dance Centre in New Plymouth with pre school ballet Weds 3pm. Phone 7527743 or email val@valdeakindance.org.nz

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## From the Editor

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Happy New Year to all TOM readers - I trust you have been all enjoying the great weather we've been having. It certainly is nice to have such great outdoors to enjoy the hot weather in but do remember to be considerate to others - pick up your dog and horse poo and keep dogs away from the swimming areas at Corbett Park and Oakura Beach.

I am astounded how any people contact me re how upset they are by people not picking up horse poo etc. I'd have thought the message should have well and truly been received by now!

Speaking of weather - it was a sorry sight when I awoke on New Years Day to a wet day - well done to the valiant organisers and stallholders who perserved through the rain and good on those hardy souls who turned out in support.

I'd like to make mention of Brent Lander who passed away recently. It was always a pleasure to go into his pharmacy where he gave you a warm welcoming smile and hello. He will be very much missed in our village.

*Kim*



*New Years Day Carnival - unfortunately damp but enjoyed by all who attended.*

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## Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust AGM

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The Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust will be holding their AGM at Butlers Reef back bar, Tuesday 27th February at 6.30, followed by a presentation from the Taranaki Kiwi Trust at 7.30.

Twelve months ago I reported on the 10 years of activity that the Okato Development Trust had put in to keep the Sefton Ridge track operative for public use. The last twelve months have been very successful for us as we have achieved several goals that were planned.

First, we have a new signed agreement with the Department of Conservation under our new name of "Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust".

Second, we have successfully applied to the TSB Community Trust to upgrade some gear and buy another 30 traps, 10 of which are gas operated self setting kill traps. Keen interest will be taken on how successful we feel these traps are.

With the 30 traps we have started 3 new trapping lines which different committee members are monitoring. We now monitor 68 stoat traps. Most importantly we have continued to maintain the Sefton Ridge Track to a high standard but also clip and snip the Waimoku track on our way round. It is very satisfying to know that the public are taking advantage of our efforts with the track getting a lot of use.

The next stage: Our plans are to hold a public meeting after our AGM at Butlers Reef Hotel back bar. This will help us gauge the interest of local people in what we are doing. We are keen to increase our numbers to enable us to increase the number of trap lines. They are a commitment, we target weekly monitoring or at least every 2 weeks so it will keep any volunteers fit!

Self setting traps cost us \$149.50 and the Haines stoat traps cost us \$85.00 should you wish to sponsor one!

We would love to have Kiwi return to the Kaitakes. While we are making an effort with the small pests, addressing possums, cats and dogs is an issue with much debate.

If you are interested in how we run, you are invited to our AGM starting at **6.30pm Tuesday 27th February.**

At 7.30 Michelle Bird from the Taranaki Kiwi Trust will give us an update on Kiwi and effective trapping in the National Park and information on what's required before Kiwi could be re-established in the Kaitakes again.

If you would like to hear what Michelle has to say or want to be involved, but not into AGM's, just come along at **7.30 Tuesday 27th February.**

**Rob McGregor**

PS Catch for 2017: 114 rats, 20 weasels', 14 stoats.

# Butlers Lane home to healing - NP Physio moves in!



Lydia Radich and Amy Lean (pictured left) from New Plymouth Physiotherapy are coming to Oakura. Lydia and Amy will be working out of 4 Butlers Lane starting 5th February.

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# Kaitake Community Board

Just a short column this month - I blame the great weather we're having for keeping me away from the keyboard, but there are some reminders from the KCB that need to be stated.

2018 will be a particularly important year for our community due to the final development and signing off of the Council's 10-year Long Term Plan and the new District Plan. Both will have a lasting impact on our area, so when the formal consultation process commences it is most important that you take the time to digest what the implications will be for you, your family and the general community at large and have your say.

Your Community Board is aware of, and keeps up to date with all Council activity that affects the Kaitake Ward. We keep a close eye on beachfront activity, issues in the CBD, Okato and Omata concerns, and rural problems and are always available if you have matters you wish to air. Besides 'business as usual' activities, our focus will be very much on the Long Term Plan and the new District Plan and also dealing with other major issues as they surface.

We remind you that ordinary meetings of the council, committees, some subcommittees and community boards are held on a five-weekly meeting cycle. Extraordinary meetings are held as necessary – these are advertised in the newspaper as required. Agenda papers are available on line at <http://www.newplymouthnz.com/> or for inspection at council offices, service centres and libraries before each meeting.

Well, that's it (short and sweet) for this issue. We hope you are enjoying this great weather while it lasts and keeping your sun tan in good shape!

The next meeting of the Community Board will be held in the Supper Room at Oakura Hall on Monday 5 February at 4.30pm.

Ka kite ano.

Doug Hislop (752 7324) on behalf of Mike Pillette, Paul Coxhead, Graham Chard and Roy Weaver who is the Council representative on the KCB.

# Puke Ariki Oakura Library

Happy New Year!

We hope you've had time for some leisurely summer reading. Check out Great Summer Reads at [pukeariki.com](http://pukeariki.com), for librarian suggested titles. Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng, The Hidden Keys by Andre Alexis, The Gentleman in Moscow by Amoré Towles and Anything is Possible by Elizabeth Strout are all gems and The Choke by Sophie Laguna, Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward and Do Not Say We Have Nothing by Madeline Thien, are all weighty novels currently garnering a lot of attention.

Orphan X series author, Greg Hurwitz, has also just released the latest in this series, Hellbent. Another captivating series, The Clifton Chronicles by Jeffrey Archer, published the seventh and final instalment, This Was a Man and The Millennium series continues with #5, The Girl Who takes an Eye for Eye.

If an e-Book is more your style, and you would like to discuss a book with others but don't have time to attend a book club, we have Madeleine L'engle's, The Other Side of the Sun, available for all our members to read this summer on the Overdrive app. Once read, join the discussion on Facebook at Puke Ariki's first online book group, A Novel Idea.

For the littlies, join us for Crackerjacks, pre-school story time, on Thursday the 15th February at 10am-10:30am. No booking required. It's a casual atmosphere and guaranteed enjoyable time with your littlies.

We always love hearing from our community – if you have any feedback, pop in and see us or connect with us on Facebook!

Enjoy your summer!

Charlie and Vincenza



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# Kaitake Farm still growing!

It has been a year since I visited Kaitake Farm on the slopes of the Kaitake Ranges and over the year the farm has literally grown its vegetable growing business!

One year on Ryan Gut and Toby Dixon have well and truly established themselves as the finest purveyors of fresh vegetables. Most of the farms customers buy their produce from Beach Rd Milk Co and the farm supplies nearly a dozen commercial customers including Oakura Four Square and Down to Earth - a far cry from the angst the pair were experiencing a year ago about whether locals would buy their vegetables. The vegetables are so popular at Beach Rd Milk Co you have to be in quick otherwise they sell out! Toby says the micro greens and salad greens have been especially popular with demand far outstripping supply. As a purchaser of these I know how fresh and delicious they are - they keep for ages in the fridge. Other customers I've spoken to are very appreciative for the supply of fresh, organic vegetables and some go as far to say they even feel better health wise for eating such fresh, healthy produce.

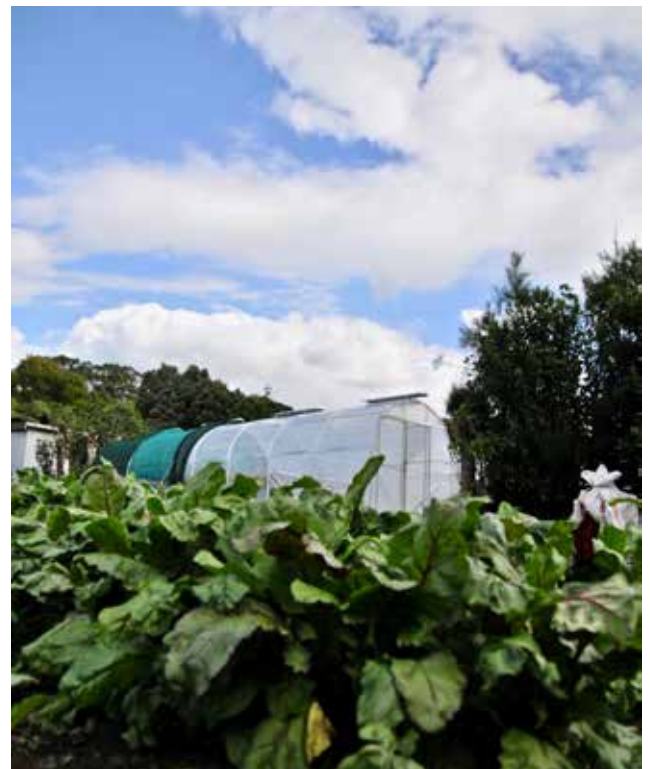
Many changes have occurred on site at Kaitake Farm. The humble beginnings of a single outside tub under the hedge for washing vegetables has evolved into a shed with two baths, a whole range of drying equipment plus weighing, packing,

labelling and chilling paraphernalia has been added. Outdoors the pigs have gone and their paddock ploughed up to add more growing space, a tunnel house has been built along with a green house and equipment shed. Toby and Ryan have also taken on a part time helper - Seth Marshall. Toby's mum and dad Murray and Gay also help out with technical expertise and gardening. Long hours are spent sowing crops, weeding, composting, harvesting and packaging - it's a labour of love and everyone involved is loving their work.

Toby and Ryan are still as passionate about their farm and partnership as they were a year ago. The challenges of working in the outdoors against weather and pests has brought about some creative thinking to problem solve in an organic and sustainable environment - solar power, entomological warfare, natural fertilisers, composting and crop rotation to name a few. The pair are still eager to find an environmentally friendly alternative to the single use plastic bag in which the greens are sold and currently recycle the brown paper bags other vegetables are sold in - drop them into Beach Rd if you want to help with recycling.

The farm has recently been awarded a grant for a business project using an electric vehicle so shortly you will see vegetables being delivered to Beach Rd Milk Co via electricity (probably produced via the solar panels too)!

Well done to Toby and Ryan on a year's hard work - the results are phenomenal!  
by Kim Ferens





## Le Petite Cabane - healthy snacks at the beach



Have you heard about La Petite Cabane?

It's the new food place to try in the village! La Petite Cabane has been open about a month and is serving crepes from a delightfully homemade creperie on the beachfront within the Oakura Holiday Beach Camp.

La Petite Cabane is located right beside the camp playground, 50 metres along from the camp gate and is open Wednesday to Sunday from 11am to 5pm.

La Petite Cabane is operated by Valerie Donsimoni, a French Corsican who along with her family have made Oakura home.

Valerie and husband Pascal (who works at High Tide Cafe as a pastry chef) first arrived in New Zealand seven years ago and Oakura three years ago. They fell in love with Oakura and have returned here with their son Noé who attends Sophia Preschool.

La Petite Cabane has a menu with a French touch but Valerie has adapted it to the Kiwi tastebuds. The crepes are healthy - organic produce, with gluten free and dairy free buckwheat crêpes for the savoury options and authentic taste from Brittany for the sweet. Valerie says the most popular crepe is the bacon, avocado and tomato option. The most traditional French option is the egg, ham and cheese and the butter, sugar and lemon but all of the options are proving popular.

La Petite Cabane is open all over the summer season and Valerie welcomes campers and locals to drop in for a little taste of France on Oakura's beachfront.

Check out FB/Instagram: la petite cabane  
By Kim Ferens



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# A busy year ahead

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2018 is well underway and I hope you are enjoying the challenges and opportunities that the coming year offers.

Among those, for me, has been the opportunity to lead the New Zealand delegation to the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum which recently occurred in Hanoi, followed by a visit to the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, in Seoul.

The trip was all about developing closer relationships across Parliaments; recognising that, despite the many different cultures and political systems involved, the heart of government is about people and how to improve their lives. That flows through to my role as your MP.

It is my responsibility to provide representation, advocacy and assistance to the people of New Plymouth electorate from Waitara to Opunake and that is my number one priority for 2018. As with the Asia-Pacific region, our own area is made up of different ethnicities, beliefs and perspectives. Each day I have contact with a large number of people, but I am always looking at new ways to keep in touch with local issues and concerns. Building and strengthening relationships really helps to keep my finger on the pulse of the electorate and I encourage you to not be backward in coming forward if there's something you think I should know about.

Currently I hold regular constituent clinics in Waitara and Opunake, where people can come and talk to me. I'm wanting to expand that and am looking at the possibility of clinics in centres like Oakura and Okato.

This looks like being a busy Parliamentary year, but my office is open in New Plymouth 9am-4.30pm Monday to Friday and you can contact me at [newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz) or 06 759 1363.

*Jonathan Young*



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# Oakura School

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## New Classroom

There has been a lot of activity at Oakura School over the holidays. Southcoast Construction has worked hard to ensure our new classroom is ready for when the children arrive back at school. The attached photo show the building just before it's final paint and landscaping.

It will be called the Tawa Room (named after the native tree that is common in our area) and will be a year five and six room.

One of our new teachers, Mr Allan Whatt will be the teacher.



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## Coming Events

### February

1	Stationery sales 8am-12pm
2	School starts for students
6	Waitangi Day holiday
7	R6 Swimming at Aquatic Centre starts
8	Information Evening 5:30-7:30
22	Y5-8 Camp Out at school
23	Omata Triathlon
27	Swimming Display Day

### March

12	Taranaki Anniversary Holiday
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Lochi Smith, Annie Jones and Eden Hill pictured above

### 2017 Prizegiving

Community Cup for Arts and Culture - Eden Hill  
 Home and School Cup for Sporting Excellence - Reef Pratt  
 Staff Cup for Responsibility - Lochi Smith  
 Principal's Cup for Leadership - Annie Jones  
 Board of Trustees' Cup for Academic Excellence - Eden Hill

### Kawepūrongo

'Kāore te kumara e kōrero mō tōna ake reka'  
 translated this whakataukī says:

'The kumara does not speak of its own sweetness'

This proverb accentuates the value of humbleness and is fitting to use when speaking about Mr Murphy who retired at the end of last year. Pat has immense knowledge and skill that he willingly shares with his students and colleagues. I feel very fortunate to have worked with Pat for the last twelve years and I know when

we appointed Pat, we felt straight away he was going to be a great fit for our school and bring out the very best in our senior students. This has certainly been the case. It has been such a privilege working alongside Pat to enhance and sustain the school culture.

How sweet you really are Pat, we know it, and your students know it! We honour you and your career in education, which has always centred on what is best for your students; providing rich and meaningful learning experiences and knowing what makes each child tick. Pat astounds us with his scientific knowledge and his deep thinking around educational philosophy and pedagogy. Staff meetings and after school chats include much debating about the state of education and much learning about the world, politics and just about everything!

Thank you hardly seems to touch the surface but we are extremely grateful you have shared your wealth of knowledge, thankful for your skills, appreciative of your kindness, respectful of your wisdom and lucky that you came to teach with us. All the best for the wonderful retirement you deserve and the new adventures you will have. You can now do what you want, when you want with no more paperwork!

*Karen Brisco*



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Welcome to the 2018 school year. I am sure that after such a beautiful summer students are refreshed and looking forward to the challenges of learning at a new level.

2018 will be a year of significant property development for our school. Our new Learning Support Centre was officially opened at the end of 2017, students will start the year in their brand

new classrooms. Construction of our new gymnasium has begun and is due to be completed at the end of Term III. Below is the architects perspective of the finished building.

## 2017 NCEA Results

Congratulations to all students who achieved their academic goals last year. Special thanks to their teachers and parents who taught, mentored, supported and encouraged them. Our interim NCEA results show consistency of achievement in Level 1 and 2 at or above national averages. A full overview of these results will be published in due course.

## Education Review Office – External Evaluation

The Education Review Office (ERO) completed an external evaluation of our school during Term IV of 2017. ERO reports on the equity and excellence of learning outcomes for students and reports on the quality and effectiveness of the schools processes and practices for continuing and sustaining improvement. The report is a public document which can be accessed through the ERO Website [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz) but reprinted below are some statements from the report...

“Diversity, inclusion and care principles underpin the School’s vision and philosophy”

“The School has made very good progress to achieve high levels of equity and excellence in outcomes for diverse groups of learners”

“Trustees and senior leaders relentlessly promote the enactment of the School’s vision for equity and excellence”

“Students’ wellbeing and pastoral needs are well supported to promote their engagement in learning and inclusion at school. Teachers make good use of a wide range of information about students to address and respond to their needs, strengths and challenges”.

This was a very positive report that will contribute to our ongoing commitment to continual improvement.

## Term One

Week O – 29 January – Office open

## February

5th - Years 9 & 13 start school

6th - Waitangi Day

7th - Years 11 & 12 start school

8th - All years start school

## March

30th - Good Friday

## April

2nd - Easter Monday

3rd - Easter Tuesday

13th - End of term

Have a great year of learning and achievement!

**Mark Bowden**

**Principal**







How good has the start of summer been? If surfing into the night without a wetsuit on is a gauge then it has been pretty epic so far. You could almost be mistaken for thinking we were in the tropics. Long may it continue!

The stunning weather and warm water is a good segue into letting you all know that on Friday afternoons two of Oakura's best young surfers Tom Butland and Ariana Shewry are down at the beach showing the up and coming grommets the ropes (or waves so to speak). These nights are for every club member young or old, competent or not, so come on down! After this Oakura Boardriders club is open. We welcome new members!

On a competition front the two aforementioned surfers have recently competed in the New Zealand nationals held in Gisbourne. The conditions can only be described as pumping! They performed very well in their respective divisions which is a testament to the dedication they put in every day in the water. They also played a key role in OBC securing the Taranaki interclub title for a second year in a row. We are proud to take it out again! It was a hard fought battle in fun conditions down the coast.

Our next challenge is to compete as a team at the national level later on this year. Also at going to print OBC will have hosted the first of the Micro Grom series. This is a great opportunity for our younger club members to compete against many other regional surfers and put what they have learned over the summer into action.

These are the starting blocks to following in Paige Hareb's footsteps. Paige is an inspiration to our club and community. She is leading the way forward for local and national surfers and kicking off her 2018 campaign on the World Championship Tour in Florida. We as a community will be supporting her through every event!!

The skate park is progressing well with the tender being awarded and we expect to see the build start in late February early March. We more than look forward to seeing this being completed and seeing the community enjoy this area!!

If you have questions about anything to do with the club please see below contacts

**Luke Florence. President. Any questions. 0274930819**  
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## Oakura Tennis Club



What a great summer for beach time and watching the Australian Open to get us all fired up for the return of the tennis season with one more round to be completed before playoffs in March. Tiger Turf has been in and groomed the courts over the holidays ready for competition which commenced on the 27th January.

Congratulations and good luck to Daniel and Sammy Lewis, Jaime Simpson, Bailey Bruckner and Graeme and Jackie who are representing Taranaki against Hawkes Bay and Manawatu on 3rd and 4th February in the Hawkes Bay.

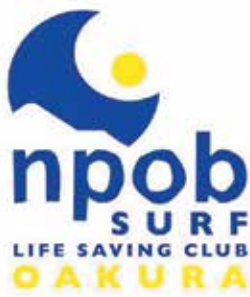
Coach Matt Stringer is back taking Cardio on Thursday's at 9.15am and junior coaching so log on and book the kids lessons.

Recently Daniel Lewis has been competing in Christchurch at the 12s National tennis championships. It was an amazing week of weather, tennis and excitement! Daniel first had to qualify to play in the main draw - 8 players selected from 32. He played a great match against Eddie Biss winning 6-2, 6-2 with most games going to deuce! He was massively focused and positive - plenty of 'come on's' to be heard as well as 'great shot's'

The next morning saw a tough first round match in the maindraw. Daniel fought hard against a Wildcard entry from Vanuatu, losing 6-1, 7-6(10-8), 0-6 in a 2hr 51minutes epic match and never gave up.

An hour later in the afternoon heat he was on court against his doubles partner and friend and won 6-2, 6-3. Their doubles results were a mixed bag but always fun to watch. Placing matches in the last two days of the tournament gave Daniel great opportunities to play new and challenging players (which included more three set matches). His aim was to stay positive and keep fighting. His attitude was noted by the referees and he was awarded a Passion award! He's already looking forward to the new year!





What a great summer we are having, it is great to see so many people out enjoying the beach.

Week day patrol has now unfortunately finished. Thank you to all the regional guards who patrolled Oakura Beach over the holidays. Weekend patrol will continue through to

Taranaki Anniversary Weekend. Please remember to always swim between the flags and if the beach isn't patrolled to make safe and wise decisions.

We had yet another great Oceans camp at the beginning of January, 36 kids for four non-stop action days. It was great to have a bunch of new kids turning up all with lots of energy, smiles and great attitudes. With the weather on our side this year we were able to really make the most of our days. We were lucky to have some great coaches coming down and helping out and passing on their knowledge, tips and tricks. In amongst the coaching sessions we managed to fit in a run up the Goat Track, unfortunately the cloud was out so we didn't get to appreciate the view. Still a lot of fun (amongst the groans) and I'm sure they will all be super keen to do it again next year and get the view! Again we finished up with Dylan Dunlop-Barrett taking the Eliminator, a truly gruelling race. Everyone giving it shot and giving it there best. A few 'old timers' joining in for the last few rounds and I think at the end appreciating how fit the kids are.

Our Oceans, Seniors and IRB teams are training hard for their National events. First up with our Oceans heading to Orewa at the beginning of March, followed by Seniors in Gisbourne and IRB's over Easter at Waihi. Junior Surf on Sundays is in full swing and will continue until mid March, date to be confirmed.

Swim safe and enjoy the beach!

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### Have a go day

A beautiful sunny Taranaki summer afternoon greeted the adventurous bowlers who attended the Oakura Bowling and Social Club "have a go day" on 10th December. The event was a terrific success with a wide cross section of the community experiencing this great game for the first time while enjoying a very social camaraderie on the green.

New members are always warmly welcomed and the club greens are open every Friday evening for all members of the community who wish to enjoy a social roll up or coaching is available for the more serious social bowler who wants to take their game to the next step.

### Club Championships

Bruce Jackson, Kevin Fleming and Syd Sharpe won the triples championship final in a tightly contested and hard-fought game over an Adam Collins skipped team of Andy Shearer and Roy Phillips. The Jackson team fought back from a 7-point deficit to take the honours 19 – 18 in a thrilling finish.

The two finalists have also been decided in the highly competitive fours championship. Adam Collins will lead the team of Wayne Robinson, Andy Shearer and Kevin Gray against a Jim Priest skipped quartet of Kevin Fleming, Bob Anderson and Roy Phillips. Good bowling to both teams.

Post section play in the club pairs championship and the start of senior and junior singles championships will take place on the 4th, 11th, 24th and 25th of February. All members of the community are welcome to come down and enjoy the hospitality of the club while watching Oakura's best bowlers in action.

### Interclub Tournaments

The midweek tournaments of Avery and Gilmour are nearing conclusion with the Oakura Bowling Club in second position in both leagues. With only 4 games to go they are well placed to launch a challenge to the competitions leaders.

The Oakura Orcas have convincingly and proudly won the Saturday 2nd div men pennants competition. The squad lost only 2 games from 18 and have earned promotion to the highly competitive 1st pennants division for the next season. Well done to all the bowlers who represented the Orcas.

### Club News

Congratulations to Jim Priest who along with Paritutu young gun Aidan Zittersteijn made the final of the Taranaki Men's Open Pairs event. Jim narrowly lost to ex Oakura player Spud Andrews 22 – 19 in a high quality and exciting match.

The club has been the recipient of a very generous TSB Community Trust grant towards the upgrading of the clubrooms. A big thumb up to organisations such as TSB who walk the talk in supporting the local community.

### The Underarm Bowler

## taranaki KAYAK FISHING CLUB

With this amazing weather and warm water one would think the fishing would be amazing!

In fact the snapper are still out deep - ok for the boats but not so good for kayaks.

We are still catching a few good fish, but as summer rolls on it should get better as the fish finish spawning and move into the shallows.

The kayak classic is set for the weekend of 24/25th March, and promises to be the best ever. The prize pool has increased again and we have more big spot prizes and we have average weight and mystery weight prizes for all classes. The jackpot is now \$5000 for the first angler to catch all 8 species. We have 2 early bird draws this year of \$500 Hunting and Fishing vouchers. Early bird closes 8th March.

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### Beachcombers Mens 18 Hole Tournament:

This year the beachcombers tournament was a very successful day with an awesome turnout of 117 entries. We would like to thank Butlers Bar & Café for their sponsorship and continued involvement with this event:

The following are the results for the different divisions:

#### Mens Senior Division:

1st	Gross	Geoff Andrews
1st	Nett	Craig Farrant
1st	Stableford	Ross Benton

#### Intermediate:

1st	Gross	Lee Hughes
1st	Nett	Craig Murray
1st	Stableford	Derek Jones

#### Junior:

1st	Gross	Ross Martin (Pungarehu)
1st	Nett	Brian Milestone
1st	Stableford	Brian Grundy

#### LADIES:

1st	Gross	Helen Beaurepaire
1st	Nett	Fiona Gifford- Moore

(Miramar)

1st	Stableford	Kim Woodward
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#### 9 Hole Mixed Division:

1st	Gross/Net/Stableford	Margaret Mills
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### Kaitake Womens Golf Club

Happy New Year and welcome to the 2018 golfing season. Kaitake Women start the year under the One Club structure bringing 18 and 9 hole women together. There is one programme covering Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday golfers. Everything points to an exciting season ahead.

Taranaki Weekday and Weekend Pennants competitions start in February giving Kaitake women the chance to put their skills to the test against other clubs.

The Women's Committee extend a warm welcome to women wanting to join a club to play golf regularly or prospective players just wishing to give golf a try.

Starting on Monday 12th February we will be introducing Quick Six. This is the chance for anyone interested to play six holes of golf and meet others. No experience required – just come along for an hour of fun. Just bring yourself and some flat soled footwear. Clubs, trundlers and balls will be available. We will run this programme each Monday for 6 weeks until the 26th March and it will cost \$25. Kaitake members will be available to offer some advice but mainly it will be simple, relaxed and fun. There are no rules!

For further information contact Denise in the office 7527665 or Andrea on 0273587001 or [andrea.jarrold@xtra.co.nz](mailto:andrea.jarrold@xtra.co.nz)

### Kaitake Golf Club Chippers

The Kaitake Chippers are looking forward to another successful season. The 2017 season ended with D'Angelo Squatriti winning the Mattingley Trophy and Charlotte Haskell winning the Junior Chippers trophy. These competitions were played for over the 9 hole course. Prizegiving included a BBQ and a few treats before the Christmas break.

Holidays are over and school has resumed but Kaitake Chippers can look forward to golf every second Sunday from 9.00 – 11.00am. Dates in February include Sunday 4th and Sunday 18th.

New players very welcome. Chippers ages range from 5 – 12 years. Just bring the kids 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. For further information contact Denise in the office 7527665 or Andrea on 0273587001 or [andrea.jarrold@xtra.co.nz](mailto:andrea.jarrold@xtra.co.nz)

**Kaitake "Poets" Society** started again last Friday the 12th January 2018 3.30pm – 5.30pm. We had another great turnout and is proving very popular on a Friday night. Great company and good fun golfing all round. Lets make the most of this glorious weather and hope we have many more twilight nights to come.

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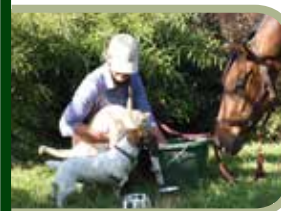


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