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Oakura Beach Carnival Seaside Market on New Years Day once again proved a hit with locals and visitors all enjoying the beautiful weather, food, activities and music - more on page 3



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From the Editor



Happy 2020 to everyone

It seems a bit bizarre to be writing 2020, it always felt like a date in the future and here we are!

A piece of tech has been intriguing me and giving me a bit of a giggle at my own expense. These days (2020!) when we exercise we do it with the help of technology - watches, phones, APP's and the like. We like to get out and pound the pavement, ride, climb or swim with some device measuring our performance and feeding data back to us - how many steps we did, how many kilometres, kilojoules, heart beats, length of time and how all this compares to our friends, colleagues and strangers.

These devices are like our conscience's. Gone are the days of just walking or running for pleasure like we did when I was a teenager way back in the last century. We guessed how far we had run, we knew our heart was beating fast because we could feel it, we didn't brag to our friends that we had been out for a run, we just did it and sort of enjoyed it, we hoped that next time it would be easier.

Don't get me wrong, I'm happily enjoying the ride down this rabbit hole - mostly, but I do wonder how I got sucked into this minute analysing of my every movement or non movement. My APP tells me to stand up if I have been sitting too long and heaven forbid I should sit too long! Are we any healthier or fitter or are we more anxious these days because we haven't performed to expectations - ours, others or our devices? And how come a device can get us off the couch with no other motivation than the promise of a digital award and not being shamed on social media via an APP? Extraordinary.

I'm pretty sure the ideology is sound and I'm not really knocking it, it just intrigues me and makes me determined not to take it all too seriously. I have to admit to myself that I do need the occasional prod these days so what with the dog looking at me beseeching each evening to take her for a walk and my digital friends, there's no rest for the wicked!

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Oakura Beach carnival a hit



Firstly a huge thank you to every one who came and supported and enjoyed this event. It was a beautiful day and the few clouds around definitely helped to keep away some sunburn.

With 20 plus artisan craft and business stalls selling everything from dog treats, jewelry, honey, pita breads and hummus to

gorgeous garden art and clothing, topped off with an awesome book sale fundraising for NPOB surf club. So I hope everyone picked up a treat or two, I know I certainly did.

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Food was a plenty with 16 food vendors to satisfy even the fussiest of eaters and the sold out signs at the end of the day showed plenty was devoured through the event. It was also great to see the kids entertained with mini cars, face paint, henna, tattoos the fire truck courtesy of Oakura Volunteer fire brigade and the famous water slide which is always a hit.

We were also fortunate to have Zeal Taranaki provide our live music with some super talented youth. But of course the day couldn't proceed without the awesome support from Richard Shearer, Vaughan, NPDC and Allan Juffermans and his TMS team. So a massive shout out to them in helping keep this wonderful event running and to Oakura an absolutely beautiful village.

We look forward to doing it all again in 2021.

Tina - The Seaside Market



strategy re-targeting, aka re-marketing.

Re - targeting

After you have visited the advertiser's website and have had a look around and then leave again. You may start to notice ads appearing for whatever it was they were trying to get you to buy.

This method is called re-targeting and it is an incredibly powerful way of re-engaging with potential customers to get them back to your website offers and such.

I will show you part three in the next edition of the TOM.



Thank you to everyone for your patience despite the noise and dust. We are getting a new roof!

Pictured right is a cute photo of James and Evie holding their paper roll creations (Robin Hood and a princess) created during our craft table afternoon.

It's a new month and we have a brand new What's On guide. Come in and pick up a copy, it's crammed full of events, school holiday programmes, exhibitions.

New Bookmarks

Once again our 'design a bookmark' challenge has been a hit! There are five new designs for 2020, pop in and pick one up.

Book Group

Love sharing your favourite reads? We have a friendly book group that will be meeting Thursday 27 February 7:30-9:00.

Crackerjacks

Resumes Thursday 5 March at 10am.

Join us for a range of stories, rhymes, crafts and songs. Fun for the tamariki and a great way to meet other parents and caregivers.

Summer Reading Recommendations

We hope you've had a chance to enjoy the pleasure of delving into a great summer read.

'Me' by Elton John, Louis Theroux's 'Gotta Get Theroux This' and 'The Body: A Guide for Occupants' by Bill Bryson have been top of the non-fiction must reads.

'The Legacy' is the first in a new series by Icelandic crime author Yrsa Sigurðardóttir and Emma Donoghue, who rose to fame for 'Room' has a new novel out, 'Akin'.

And of course we have the two 2019 Booker Prize winning novels: 'The Testaments' by Margaret Atwood and 'Girl, Woman, Other' by Bernardine Evaristo.

Happy reading

Vincenza and Charlie



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Frisbee for Skyler

Skyler Ellington shares her unique experience about joining a non mainstream sport - frisbee.

I got into frisbee through the local club team, Taranaki Thunder where some of my family friends began playing socially at the pick-ups. I have now been playing for roughly two and a half years.

Ultimate frisbee has a huge emphasis on the spirit of the game. The spirit of the game encourages rules knowledge and use, positivity, communication skills, fair-mindedness, and physical awareness and is what I enjoy most about the game, as it supports players in having a good attitude and sportsmanship on and off the field. Ultimate frisbee is a non-contact team sport played with a frisbee, it was developed in 1968 by a group of student from New Jersey, US.

To be good at Ultimate you need to be able to work well in a team, be able to play at a consistent level and be motivated to work hard.

My biggest achievements in the sport include being the female tournament MVP at two national tournaments. In 2018 I was nominated for the New Zealand emerging female player of the year award, received the Taranaki player of the year and while competing in the Philippines at AOJUC I topped statistics in the female division. I have mainly competed in New Zealand, at tournaments in Wellington and Auckland and last year in December I was selected on the NZ U20 national team where we travelled to the Philippines to compete against some other Australasian teams.

I will be travelling to Sweden this coming July to compete at the Junior World Championships at the U20 level. The scholarship I received to attend the University of Otago this year is a high-performance scholarship with a three-year tenure. I am interested in many other sports, in particular, football and athletics and hope to find time this year to continue playing and being involved with them at university.

At the moment I am preparing for university and will begin training for the Junior World Championships by playing at some tournaments around New Zealand and attending more training camps with the hope to become a more reliable and consistent player.



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Kaitake Community Board

The glorious summer weather is really being enjoyed by us all as well as by our many visitors. As I write this in mid-January I suspect the sun will continue to shine. It always seems to do that, especially when the kids go back to school. As soon as the classrooms are full the summer weather hits with a vengeance. I certainly look forward to receiving some more of what we have been getting over the past few weeks.

The Community Board has been involved in some 'behind the scenes' issues during the holiday period. There are always some community matters that require attention and they don't disappear during the holidays. I expect the pace will increase now that most folk are back at work and council begins its long countdown to the production of its 2021/31 version of the Long Term Plan.

The Council adopts a new 10 year Long-Term Plan every 3 years that sets out a detailed budget for the first 3 years, and then an outline for the next 7. It provides an integrated, long-term focus for decisions and activities for the whole Council. The LTP provides the basis for the Council's accountability to our community. It describes what the Council does, and what it is trying to achieve. Constructing a new LTP is a very drawn-out process, that's why it starts so early. The dedicated work for us in the new LTP exercise will be to review the Kaitake Community Plan - a thirty-year vision that sets out the issues and aspirations of our community. We have yet to decide the 'how's and when's' of what we are going to do and will keep you posted. as we come to grips with this major task.

One of the issues that we have addressed this summer has been freedom camping at Corbett Park. The park is part of the coastal reserve, is in Māori ownership and leased to the Council. It is a valued community destination and accommodates Oākura's only sports field. During past summers, it has been really hammered by increasing numbers of freedom campers and the coastal reserve environment needs some respite. Consequently, the KCB and Ngati Tairi hapū asked Council for something to be done. Council decided to place a temporary ban on all freedom camping there until 30 April, so that's the current position. What happens after that is anyone's guess. There is talk of reviewing the freedom camping bylaw but that would require a commitment from councillors and a decision at the Council table. Freedom camping is a nation-wide issue and there is no easy 'one hat fits all' fix. In my opinion, some authentic central government direction rather than just leaving all the various problems to individual local authorities would be a useful first step. In the meantime, the rather tired-looking parking areas will have a chance to freshen up and recover.

Another matter for us to sort out is to find an alternative location for the local kids' mountain biking activities. This very popular pastime needs a more specific location where they can construct their jumps and ramps rather than all just using the village's public tracks. This is a work in progress with those involved, and we are confident we can find an alternative solution that is acceptable to all.

There was a good turn-out for the Restore Taranaki's Restore Communities hui held at the Oākura Bowling Club on January 16. It was a great response from the Oākura community. The goal of the hui was to enhance the visibility between

community members and those stakeholder groups which can offer support and funding for restorative initiatives within the community. It was quite evident that there are many folk here who are already volunteering a lot of time and energy to protect and restore areas of the coast, rivers, wetlands, and terrestrial ecosystems from the coastal environment extending up into the Kaitake Range. Representatives from DoC, Predator Free 2050, EnviroSchools, Trees That Count, NPDC, Seachange Surveys, Wild for Taranaki and the Kaitake Community Board all spoke about their roles and way in which they can support the community with current and future projects.

A follow-up meeting, aimed at forming a community action group, will be held in Oākura on the 18th February at 7pm. The venue is yet to be confirmed but notifications will be posted on social media and on flyers in local businesses once this has been confirmed. Anyone who wishes to be a part of this group is very welcome. Please contact Esther Ward-Campbell at Esther@wildfortaranaki.nz if you wish to be added to the email list.

Don't forget to check out the KCB's FaceBook page so you can keep up with current issues as they unfold. We post regularly, and it's a useful way to keep up with what's happening between these TOM columns.

Well, that's it for this issue. Ka kite anō au i a kotou.

The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be held at the Hemton Hall, Okato on Monday 10 February at 5pm.

Doug Hislop (752 7324 and douglashislop@gmail.com) on behalf of Graham Chard, Paul Veric, Paul Coxhead, and our appointed councillor Amanda Clinton Gobdes



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Change is in the air

dairying regions in the country as well. Taranaki has had the highest GDP per capita, largely because of these industries and the flow-on effect they create in our many service industries. We were recently overtaken by Wellington, mostly on the back of the concentration of public servants living there. Our annual GDP per capita was \$85,000 a number of years ago but currently sits at \$68,432 with a slight drop of \$1,000 from the end of 2017 to the end of 2018. However I think it can increase in the future.

With the Taranaki 2050 roadmap being developed, which paints a picture of Taranaki in the year 2050, I don't suggest we stop doing what we are doing, because regional economies are built on their natural endowments and resources; but that we do what we're doing, but better.

We owe it to future generations to ensure they have the same opportunities that we have, therefore what we do today must be sustainable for our environment. We are fortunate that the farming community and the Taranaki Regional Council joined forces nearly 25 years ago to develop the world-leading riparian planting and fencing programme, which has seen water quality in our waterways improve year by year. Taranaki is unique in that it has some of the highest rainfall in the country, falling on Mt Taranaki. Eight metres a year! That means our rivers and waterways flow with fresh water often, and flow fast to the sea. The work that farmers and the regional council are doing will ensure we have high water quality in the future as they continue to improve their work.

There has been a lot of discussion around changing land use to reduce emissions, particularly the methane that cows produce. The answer is not necessarily a change of land use, as science is finding solutions that have never been available before.

A company called CH4 Global is developing a solution that can reduce methane emissions by up to 99% without any adverse effect on dairy cattle. It is from seaweed called *Asparagopsis armata*. It is an Australian and New Zealand-native, naturally abundant seaweed. This cold-water variety is perfectly suited to the Australian and New Zealand climate for sustainable, long-term, environmentally friendly cultivation.

Immediately processed after harvest, the marine bio-product can be used as a supplement for cows and other farm animals (including goats, sheep and deer). It is easy to add to existing

feed. Compounds in the seaweed disrupt the enzymes of gut microbes that produce methane gas as waste during digestion. In field trials in Australia and the USA, this product has been shown to reduce methane emissions by up to 99% — with no adverse effects to livestock, their products, or the environment.

This is a great example of how science can help us respond to climate and environmental issues to ensure a sustainable future. That alongside effective water management means that the dairy sector is finding solutions to enable a strong future.

I fully expect the same in the energy space, as we look at not only diversifying our sources of energy, but learning and discovering more effective ways to reduce and remove emissions. New technologies will enable a near zero emission industry ... but when it comes to low or zero emission cars, well that is up to you.

I think the future for Taranaki looks different, looks better, but also looks the same. I think we can be optimistic as we embrace new ways, new thinking and new technology with an excellent lifestyle in one of the best regions in the world to live.

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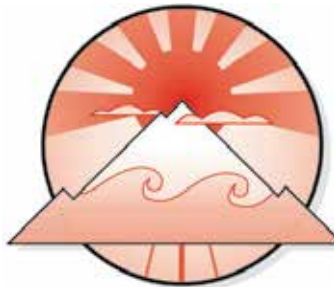
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Oakura School

Year 8, 2019

Parents, whānau, friends, students and staff gathered at the Oakura Hall on Tuesday 17 December to farewell and celebrate the achievements of the

Year 8s of 2019.

All of our year 8 students play a significant role in maintaining and nurturing the special culture of our full school primary. The high standard of effort they put into their learning, their care of students across the school, their care for our environment and their excellent representation of our school values, have helped them to be great role models for all students within our school. All of our year 8s have had a leadership role and have developed their confidence and communication skills whilst successfully leading a range of activities and learning.

The following students have had these leadership roles this year:

Head Pupils

Our head pupils had a successful year in their duties. They were dedicated to bettering themselves, representing our school in a variety of situations and always being positive role models in our school and the wider community. The head pupils did an outstanding job of speaking to the Education Review Office Team in Term 1, sharing with them the wonderful things about our school. They continued the tradition of organising and running a talent show and this year donated a cup for this annual competition. They have helped lead a range of fundraisers throughout the year. Well done to Katie Clough, Connor Day, Samuel Salisbury and Ruby Shearer.

Art Leaders

The art leaders ran a range of art workshops in their lunchtimes this year, a great contribution to the school. They also planned and developed a painting of a local Taranaki landscape which they have created for the office foyer. This art piece is a culmination of great creativity, artistic ability and excellent team skills. The art leaders were Hana Barton, Sula Bennett, Bridget Corbett, Cerys Hancock, Beckham Kennedy, Parker Kennedy, Allie Quinn, Catherine Rielly-Leadbetter, Gus Wilson and Gemma Wright.

Enviro Leader

Anika Gray has been an incredible ambassador for the environment in her role as Enviro Leader. She has led a range of initiatives throughout the school and always been present at Envirokura, helping younger students and promoting sustainability across the school.

Student Mentors

We had three student mentors who helped to support juniors in their classroom learning. They worked well with teachers to organise suitable times and were reliable in meeting their commitments, as well as being enthusiastic and warm in their own work with the juniors. Well done to Lalie Green, Eve Johnson and Maja Rung-Hansen.

Manukura Leaders

We had a really dedicated pair of students in this role. They instigated a token system for rewarding students for speaking te reo, which has had a great impact across the school. They also ran a games afternoon teaching Year 5/6 students a range of traditional Māori sports and games. Tino pai mahi Tiani Kensington and Erica Thompson.

ICT Leader

Zack Stockman Fowler was a reliable and helpful ICT leader, often using initiative to trouble shoot and solve ICT problems as well as supporting other

students and teachers.

Media Leader

Jaeden Rasmussen has been thoughtful and creative, bringing his own unique flavour to the TOM articles that have been written on behalf of the school this year. He consistently met deadlines with high quality reports.

Sports Leaders

Our sports leaders were a responsible team of students who especially showed excellent leadership in their PE shed duties. They also demonstrated exceptional skills in helping with a range of school wide sports events, such as the cross country events, swimming sports and O sports, just to name a few. One visitor to the school mentioned how amazingly great they, and some helping Year 7s were, in their communication, helpfulness and care of younger students. Congratulations to Daniel Bentall, Otis Dixon, Ben Fleming, Quinn James, Jack Parr, Zach Phillips-Lim, Ranui Rodger, Ariana Schafer, Niwa Shewry, Anaru Snowden-Green, Kate Sousa and Kalani Watts.

Cups

The following cups were awarded throughout the year.

Swimming Cups

The champion senior swimmers for 2019 were Tiani Kensington and Jaeden Rasmussen.

Winter Sports Cups

These cups are awarded to students who show excellent skill, team spirit and commitment to their chosen sport. Ruby Shearer won the netball cup and Connor Day won the rugby cup.

Debating Cup

The debating cup was awarded to Samuel Salisbury for his speaking ability, teamwork, commitment and overall top speaker marks.

Athletics

Tiani Kensington and Zach Phillips-Lim won the athletics trophies.

These were the recipients of the final trophies, cups and awards for 2019.

The Novak Cup for the Arts

Allie Quinn has shone in the Arts throughout the last two years. She loves the arts and appreciates participating and developing skills in any area. You will often find her improving her visual art skills in her own time, as well as participating in events outside of the school. She showed her dramatic flair in a lead role in the Te Wheke school production last year.

The O'Rourke Cup for Sporting Achievement

Two students received the sports award this year. Both have demonstrated very high skill, perseverance and success in their chosen sports. They have both made national levels in their sports, competing in national and international competitions. The first student, Jack Parr, has been selected to represent New Zealand in international sailing events, and often gets placings in these regattas. The second student, Niwa Shewry, has come first in many national competitions, both in under 16 and placing in open men's events. He has also made the long list for the 2020 Olympics skateboarding team.

Kaea - Kapahaka leadership award

Erica Thompson has been a strong leader in our kapa haka roopu. This was recognised at the Puanga Festival with her placing in the Reo Mihi speech competition. She is always willing to lead

our school waiata and endeavours to improve her te reo knowledge and leadership in any situation.

Samantha Woods Trophy for Diligence

Eve Johnson has consistently had an impressive work ethic and commitment to self-improvement in all learning areas. She always completes work to high standards with excellent presentation, often earlier than set deadlines. She has shown amazing progress over her time in the intermediate area of the school and she is always a positive role model in the classroom.

Citizenship Cup

Katie Clough and Samuel Salisbury were jointly awarded the Citizenship Cup. Both students show initiative in leading events, caring for and helping all members of our community. They are recognised as having great skills in communication and being able to make connections with a wide range of children and adults within our school, in various contexts. They are always responsible and friendly, often the first to offer a helping hand.

Cunningham Cup for Academic Excellence

This award was given to Hana Barton, who had the highest academic ability. Based on close analysis of formal assessments this year, this student has shown skill across a range of curriculum areas, from skill in maths, to creativity and flair in writing, to critical thought in science and deep understandings in reading. This student demonstrates a thirst for knowledge and learning, a natural curiosity of the world and skill in being able to think beyond the obvious.

Natasha Jackson
Deputy Principal



Wai Warrior

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Upcoming Events

February

- 11 Information Evening
Room 4 - 5:30 Mrs Norris
Room 5 - 5:50 Miss Jensen
Room 7 - 6:10 Mrs Barleyman
Room 1 - 6:30 Ms Aylward
Room 3 - 6:50 Mr Kelly
Room 2 - 7:10 Mr Bennett
Room 6 - 7:30 Mr Williams and Mrs Glasgow
- 18 Parent workshop: 'Helping Your Child with Reading'
3:15pm
- 27 Year 5-8 Camp Out at school
- 28 Omata Triathlon 1:30pm

our children have the opportunity to remain children as long as possible at Omata School and be given a safe and caring environment in which to learn and grow - something I think we all treasure. 2019 was a rich and varied year of activities, underpinned by wonderful staff and principal, who work both at the coal face and behind the scenes to help every child attain their very best.

The Board were presented at our last meeting with the Literacy and Numeracy Achievement Target outcomes, which show we are doing particularly well as a school. A new classroom to be built in 2020 has been successfully secured - a particular thank you to Blair Whithers and Karen Brisco who by virtue of being 'squeaky wheels' made this happen. Construction will begin next to room six later in the year. Omata School can be proud of so many of our achievements, in particular the award received for Environmental Action in Education for our involvement in the predator free project (thank you Chauncy Ardell and Emily Roberts).

The other project that stands out was the Bollinger Service, which just shows that no matter your age with a bit of determination we can enact social change. In the year to come our strategic plan will undergo a review and we will be seeking your feedback and engagement, including what is it you love and want to retain at Omata School and what kind of learning environment you want for your tamariki.

Bena Denton

Board of Trustees Chairperson

Cup winners for 2019 were from left: Arts and Culture - Kyarne Broughton Pratt.
Academic Excellence - Charlotte Butler
Leadership - Charlotte Butler
Responsibility - Annabelle Joyce
Sporting Excellence - Cooper James.

Ngā mihi nui
Karen Brisco
Principal



March

- 3 Swimming Display Day
R6 9:30-10:15 at Aquatic Centre
R2/3 11:10-12:00
R1 12-12:30
R7 1:30
R5 2:00
R4 2:30
- 6 Teacher Only Day
- 9 Taranaki Anniversary Holiday

BoT Update

2019 flew by and I looked around at our children and was gladdened to see them being just that - children. Our community of teachers, parents and Board of Trustees values and ensures

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Aloha!

Summer is now in full swing with warmer water and pumping sand banks on the beach. After a terrible run of cold water its feeling good to put away the winter suits. The club has been very active with fantastic beer and bbq nights and plenty of kids getting out in the water. The 2nd annual bowl jam went down on the 18th of January with an awesome turn out and even better skating, thanks to everyone involved. We have plenty of things lined up in the next few months so keep an eye on your emails

for all the details. Two big surf events coming up next month...

Calling all good-timers!

'TINNIES & TWINNIES' is back on for February 29th!!!

This super fun event celebrates the re-surfacing of classic vintage twin-fin surfboards from the late seventies and eighties and offers surfers a unique opportunity to compete on them. Nothing serious! This is a 'funtest' for guys and girls where vintage surfwear dress up is compulsory!

This serves a classic day at the beach with hearty laughs, cold drinks, music and epic surfboards on show! The event is mobile so depending on the surf conditions the call will be made first thing in the morning at the Oakura Boardriders Club.

After the days surfing we have the dress-up party back at the Clubhouse with live band 'Joe Ghatt' (Auckland) who is known to lay down a listening feast with rad riffs and psychedelic hooks! (hear him on spotify).

Following The Band we will be ripping into cosmos with 'DJ Highline'. A percentage of entry fee and band tickets will be donated to the Taranaki retreat www.taranakiretreat.org.

Join the event on Facebook to find further details about event and party entry.

Do you have an old surfboard board in the garage? If so text a picture to Simon Deken on 0211229525.

The following day - Sunday 30th February we will be running the 'Mike Christiansen Longboard Memorial' which is always such a special day hanging ten and spreading the good vibes! Why not surf-combo your weekend with Twin Fins on Saturday and Single Fins on Sunday?...

Till then stay loose in the juice!

Contact: President: Luke Florence 027 493 0819

Pictured below is Simon Deken and the "gals"





Club News

The new year has started for the Kaitake Golf Club with a fun run on the course attracting 260 entries. On a hot Sunday with water slides and muddy creeks to go through, a lot of fun was had by young and old. A big thanks goes out to the Okato Lions who set up the course with all their volunteers and those who helped run the day.

We had our 1st tournament of the year, the Beachcombers tournament which was sponsored by Butlers. Another very successful day with 140 entries. A big thank you to Todd and Tracey and their staff for their continued support.

Club days have now started every Saturday so dust off the clubs we look forward to seeing you on the course

Tubs Club Captain

Ladies Division

A New Year. A new committee. And hopefully lots of great golf and fun times to be had by us all in 2020. The weather has finally realised it is summer.

The Women's committee have had their first meeting of the year. The Division Convenors are Jo Wilson-West for the Nine Hole Ladies, Mary Pettigrew for the Weekend Ladies 18 Holes and Denise Howe for 18 Hole Midweek Ladies. With the assistance of the Match Convenors, Janice Farrant and Debra Johnson, they will be working well to ensure our programmes for the 2020 season run smoothly.

A She Loves Golf programme has recently been completed with several new golfers attending over 6 Sunday mornings. From here some have already joined Kaitake and are continuing to enjoy their golf and new friendships.

Each Division held their Christmas functions in December. The Nine Hole Ladies had a dinner at the Plymouth Hotel. The Midweek Ladies had a gathering at James's wonderful rose gardens and the Weekend Ladies had a luncheon at Butlers. Fun times to finish 2019.

The 18 Hole Ladies got to play their Shootout Final on Sunday 19th January in magnificent sunshine. A great day out enjoyed by all involved. We are grateful for the sponsorship we received from Ian and Debra Johnson from Raceway Cycles and Mowers and to Simon Spurdle and Diane Jones who donated the golf balls we all played with. Congratulations to our winner Kaye Cavey, to runner up Sharleen Robinson and to everyone else who competed. Also thank you to Mike Meagher, Jacquie Koch and Andrea Jarrold for their help in making the day run smoothly. We will definitely be repeating this again in 2020.

A suggestion has been made for there to be more mixed golf days involving all Club members – men and women. This will hopefully begin in February on a Sunday where we will collect all cards and draw groups of four to play. Watch your emails for information.

Looking For A New Challenge To Start 2020??

Think golf is too boring?

It takes too long?

It is hard?

Well, Think Again!!

Introducing Quick 6 beginning Friday February 7th at 9.30am and continuing for 6 weeks.

This is another option for women who want to give golf a go. Clubs, balls etc. are provided. If you would like to try out the game Grab a friend and come and join us.

Phone Andrea on 0273587001 or Kim 0272303696 for more information or to register your interest.

Kim Woodward
Womans Club Captain



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Oakura Tennis

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for how to sign up for some tennis
coaching this term.
Juniors or adults welcome.
Or contact Tash Lewis 027 775
5440

Interclub tournament

Seniors started back on 1st February
Please contact Graeme Mitchell for details.

New Players Are Always Needed!

Junior interclub -please contact Tash Lewis or Anne Bridges if
you would like to play.

Cardio Tennis

During School Terms Oakura Tennis Club Thurs 9:15-10:15 am
Cardio Tennis is a fun, social, group tennis-fitness program for
people of all ages and abilities. It is a high energy fitness activity
that combines the best features of the sport of tennis with
cardiovascular exercise, delivering the ultimate, full body, calorie
burning aerobic workout.

In a 60-minute Cardio Tennis workout, women can burn up to
500 calories per workout and men up to 800. If you do regular
Cardio Tennis workouts, you'll feel better and your hand-eye
coordination, tennis skill and fitness level will also benefit.

Butlers bands

Friday 14 February - The Ed Jackson Band
No cover charge and playing in the front bar from 8 - 11pm
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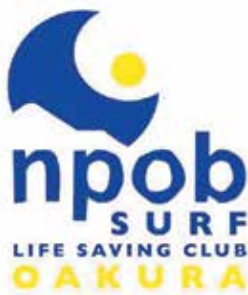
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January it is timely to remind everyone to swim between the flags when you can, check conditions before going in, never swim

Best news first - our new IRB has arrived, courtesy of TSB Bank. Thanks again TSB Bank, this is awesome!

Lifeguards have had a tricky beach to patrol this year with lot of rips and holes. With the very sad drowning of a visitor to Oakura Beach in

Our 2020 Oceans Camp was again another great success, with a record number of 45 kids attending (9 to 14 years old). Three and half days of full on activities including beach & water sessions, team building, a run up the Goat track, an Amazing Race and finishing off with the famous (or infamous) Dylan Dunlop-Barrett Eliminator. Congratulations to Eva Martin (1st) and Ethan Peacock (2nd) for taking out the top spots, *pictured below left.*

A special mention to the kids who did the Eliminator for the first time, it is a super hard event and they should be proud of themselves. Overall massive effort was put in by all the kids, with some only just starting out in Surf Lifesaving. Confidence and

skill levels of everyone improved. A great couple of days with a bunch of fun, fit, healthy and general all round good kids. The effort they all put in is amazing.

Next up is Eastern Regionals for our Seniors at the Mount, Taranaki Champs at the start of February, and then of course the grand finale of Oceans and Nationals for both Seniors and IRBs. Oceans are heading to the Mount and Seniors to Gisborne and IRB's up to Ruakaka.

Please stay safe everyone, swim between the flags and parents please always watch your kids in the water. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Below is water slide fun at Oceans camp this year.

alone and if in doubt, stay out. Locals don't be shy on giving out advice to those that are visiting and likewise if you are away check with a local yourself.

Regional guard (week guards) have now finished, volunteer patrol will continue to be on the beach 1-5pm Saturdays and Sundays through to Taranaki Anniversary Weekend.

BP are repeating the **every litre counts** promo this summer! For every litre of fuel sold at BP retail sites nationwide before Sunday 16 February, BP will make a donation to Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ). As a charity with volunteer lifeguards, we need this! Please support the cause and fuel up at BP.





Club Championships

Kurt Smith, Steve Muller and Mike Vickers won an exciting triples championship final over the Alan Bridgeman skipped team of Roy Phillips and Don Hinton. The Smith team held their nerve to win in the narrowest of margins 16 – 15. The Bridgeman trio needed 2 points in the last end to take the game into a 1 end shoot-out, however Bridgeman's last bowl finished agonising short of the count giving both Smith and Muller their first triples championship with Vickers chalking up his second title.

Jim Priest, Peter Radich, Roy Phillips and Ray Haslip won the highly coveted fours club championship with a comfortable win over the Adam Collins skipped quartet of Kurt Smith, Kevin Fleming and Syd Sharpe. The Priest outfit played more consistent bowls and held firm to close out the game 24 - 16. The pairs championship is down to the semi-finals with Jim Priest and Paddy Mullin playing Tony McAlevey and Ray Haslip while the other game will see Kurt Smith and Don Hinton take on the incumbent champions Peter Radich and Peter Murdoch. Good bowling to all.

The club singles (senior & junior) championship will also be played on Sunday afternoons throughout February. All members of the community are welcome to come on down and enjoy the hospitality of the club while watching some of Oakura's finest bowlers in action.

Interclub Tournaments

The midweek and Saturday tournaments of Avery, Gilmour and Shield are nearing conclusion with the club currently first in the Avery Cup, midfield in the Gilmour Cup and equal 1st in the Shield. Well done to Roy Phillips and Paul Coxhead who do a great job in team selection.

The Oakura Orcas sit 4th in the 1st Division Pennants with 1 round to play. Thanks to all bowlers who represented the Orcas and with results going our way over the next few weeks the club is looking at securing a top 3 finish.

Oakura have also retained their position in the highly competitive 1st Div Bill Smee for next year. It was a great result for the club, highlighting both the ability and fighting spirit of the bowlers.

Club News

It is great to see the wider community utilising the bowling club facilities over the past months with numerous groups hiring the venue and enjoying the fun and entertaining aspect of playing bowls.

The Underarm Bowler


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

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.

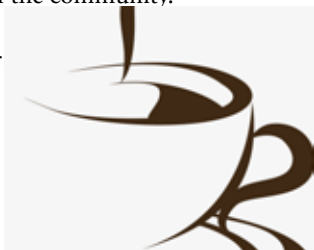
Oakura Pool Club: Meets every Wednesday evening 7pm at Butlers Reef over winter. Phone Sheree 027 3444 723.

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.
p 752 7875
027 636 8060



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 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 9.15am 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 preschool classes - Friday 2.45pm, over 5's at 3.15pm. Phone 7527743 or email val@valdeakindance.org.nz