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*The 'good guys' Norton and Bert hand over the baton at
Butlers*

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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. Ring Mike Vickers 752 7881.

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.

Oakura Pony Club: Contact Robin King ph 751 0300.

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 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.

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.

Pippi's PT and Circuit Training: every week day morning 9.15 -10.15am and Tuesday and Thursday evenings 5.30 - 6.30pm. Teenage crossfit/boxfit sessions on Tues and Thurs 4.15 - 5.15pm. More details call Pip 022 104 1851.

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

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

St John's Church Omata: Morning worship 10.00am second Sunday of the month.

Val Deakin Dance School: Oakura Hall. Monday afternoons, Pre-school dance classes 3:30 – 4pm. Beginners' Ballet dance class 4 - 4.45pm. Contact Val on 752 7743. Also classes for pre-schoolers to adults in ballet, jazz, tap, modern and ballroom (beginners to advanced) at the Dance Centre in New Plymouth. Phone 7527743 or email val@valdeakindance.org.nz

Volkswagen Club: Regular events range from car rallies, the YMCA climbing wall, camping, BBQ get togethers and sharing good family times and knowledge. Contact President: kirk@taranakivw.co.nz and Secretary: bryan@taranakivw.co.nz

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From the Editor

Finally the council have taken action at Corbett Park and put in bollards to stop the mindless vandalism of the grass parking area. It seems we have a few undesirables who like to cause havoc, whether through stupidity or boredom, who knows, either way I

have always found it upsetting to turn up at Corbett Park and see the grass ripped up. Let's hope these idiots don't move on to other things like smashing windows as belows story indicates.

Good is being done in the hood though, a great turnout for the beachfront planting of grasses to hold the sand dunes together - clearly good progress is being made with this community initiative so well done to all those involved. Great to see money being spent on the Pouakai Crossing too. On a recent visit to Wilkies Pools, I was shocked at how many people were also there - the car park was overflowing - a mix of locals and tourists but obviously a very popular place.

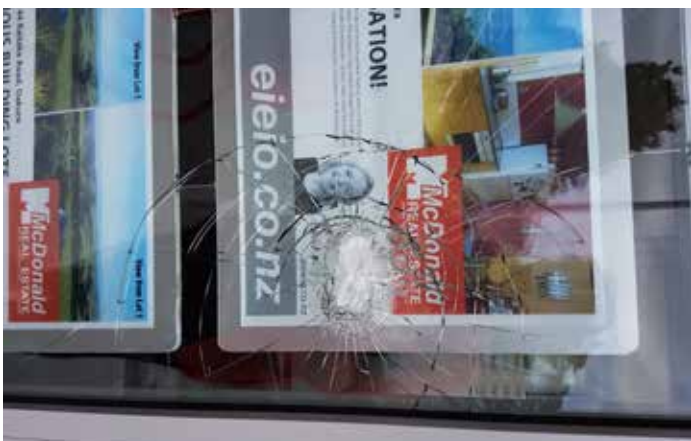
Further afield I am watching with amusement the great Trump circus. Never has politics been so entertaining - we have old Trumpy putting his foot in his mouth on a daily basis, we have the media trying to get rid of him for dissing their profession, we have overseas visits to exotic and never before visited locations and a bimbo of a wife who trots behind clearly uncomfortable and out of her depth. As for actual substance - hmmm....

Kim

Vandals take to McDonald Real Estate window

The evening of Saturday 13 May was an occasion for dim witted thuggery with the window of McDonald Real Estate being smashed. Fortunately the window is double glazed laminated glass so access wasn't gained to the interior but considerable force was needed to do the damage as pictured below.

We don't need this sort of vandalism in our village so keep an eye out for anyone acting suspiciously and report it to the police.

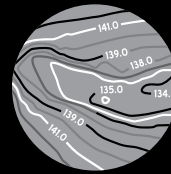


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Iconic Taranaki/Pouakai Crossing gets a funding boost

New Zealand is renowned for its stunning landscapes and native wildlife. It draws thousands of visitors to our shores each year. This is great news for our economy, but to help sustain this growth we must invest in the conservation areas that make visiting so appealing.

That is why the Government will invest \$76 million through Budget 2017 on new and upgraded tourism infrastructure for the Department of Conservation (DOC). This funding boost is part of a \$178 million tourism infrastructure package.

As part of this funding \$3.4m has been given to develop the Taranaki/Pouakai Crossing, which will bring the much needed infrastructure to this incredible walk which is already seeing an increase in tourist numbers.

With the support of Rob Needs, the initial promoter of the crossing, I have been able to work alongside a project team including the Department of Conservation, New Plymouth District Council, Iwi leaders, Venture Taranaki and other individuals who contributed their personal time to present the business case to the Government. This was the 'Team Taranaki' approach this region is well known for.

The Crossing is especially important as it will ease the pressure of numbers on the Tongariro Crossing. Our crossing on Mt Taranaki will be a sister walk to the Tongariro Crossing, and potentially part of a suite of Great Day walks on offer in central North Island.

Developing new locations will ease pressure on tourism hotspots, shift awareness to paths less well travelled, and better share the regional economic benefits of tourism.

Last year international visitor spending in New Zealand reached \$14.5bn, which is more than 20 per cent of New Zealand's total exports of goods and services. It's also a significant employer, generating around 188,000 jobs directly, and a further 144,000 indirectly.

Taranaki's overnight visitor numbers have increased by 10.3 percent for the year ending September 2016 compared to the previous year and numbers have been up again over this past summer. This is ahead of the national average of a 6.2 per cent annual guest night growth. This comes soon after Lonely Planet awarded Taranaki as the Second Best Region to visit in the World.

We are not only working to enhance the quality of visitor experience for domestic and international visitors, but also to support and protect our captivating natural environment and native species.

In addition to the \$76 million, the Government has also recently announced \$21.3m for Battle For Our Birds, \$2.8m for a sea lion threat management plan, and released the first ever Threatened Species Strategy.

It is a result of economic growth under National's excellent fiscal management that we are in a position to invest in this invaluable sector.

This new funding for DOC demonstrates our commitment to supporting a thriving economy alongside protecting our outstanding areas of conservation.

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Puke Ariki Oakura Library

Hello all

Eleven year old Bridgett Corbett (pictured below with her prize books) won a Sticky TV competition and donated her prize, a box of brand new children's books, to us. She entered a drawing of her favourite place to read, "the forest", near the Ōākura School grounds. Thank you Bridgett for the wonderful books!

We know that children under two should not be sitting in front of a screen of any sort. Ōākura Library has a wonderful selection of new picture books and board books. It's a joy to see young ones come in with their whanua and pick out their favourites! We have a couch, cozy bean bags and other warm areas to curl up and read together. Our library puzzles and blocks are a hit with all ages, too!

Crackerjacks celebrates pre-school reading time. Join us Thursday 15th June at 10am. All welcome, no bookings.

Puke Ariki has a brand new colourful Mobile Library! Go to Puke Ariki's website for schedules and routes.

We would like to change our existing hours so that they are the same Monday-Friday. We would like your input so let us know what you think. We will still keep Saturday morning hours, too.

A couple of adult fiction recommendations if you like epic drama, character development, mystery and a well-researched novel look no further than *Beloved Poison* by E.S. Thomson and Corban Addison's *The Tears of Dark Water*.

When it rains, look for rainbows. When it's dark, look for stars. (pinterest). Happy reading!

Charlie and Vincenza



Handing over the baton at Butlers

The Friday night unofficial social club at Butlers Hotel has seen the changing of the guard with Norton Moller and Bert Seamark handing on 'official' book keeping duties to the younger generation. The two Jimmy's - Jim Lawn and Jim Duff are now taking care of the social clubs' finances.

The group of locals who have gone by many names over the years including the 'cabinet meeting' have been gathering together at Butlers for decades. It's not an opportunity to get drunk but more to (as one patron puts it) talk "butterfat and bullshit" and many of the local males gather for a natter, where age is no barrier, nor religion, vocation, politics or preference of beer. They set the world to rights with their deliberations then go off home satisfied they have done their bit for the world. Each Friday will see up to a dozen or more gather at Butlers, buy their beers and a ticket which goes into the draw at the end of the session and a lucky member gets a free beer or two. It is a bone fide group with its own fundraising. These funds are used once a year to take the ladies out for dinner either at Butlers or some other establishment.

Norton and Bert have been the custodian of these funds up until recently and by all accounts have done a fine job. The group honoured these stalwarts with a ceremonial cap at a recent dinner and I'm sure they will both wear these caps with pride.

Long may the tradition continue.

by Kim Ferens



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Kaitake Community Board

The Kaitake Community Board has been particularly busy since last reporting. We are currently working our way through our Omata community engagement project. It is the last part of our, now nearly three year long consultation process to find out what the people who live in the Kaitake Ward view as current issues, likely future issues and what their aspirations are for the next thirty years! We will combine those findings into the Community Plan to be mandated by Council as part of it's District Blueprint strategy. There will be regular reviews. Many of the community ideas expressed today will change over time, but nevertheless having a long term strategy is a particularly sensible approach. Planning that is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now.

The community board's key role is to make our neighbourhoods better places to live. The Community Plan is about setting the future direction of the communities in the Kaitake Ward and ensuring assets and resources are suitable for achieving that direction. With the growing demand for our desirable lifestyle location west of the city we need to ensure future development is in sync with community values and the necessary infrastructure is forward planned and in place. In many parts of New Zealand over the years there has been far too much indiscriminate development with little regard for the community that is already there. In such cases the necessary infrastructural upgrades lag far behind, putting pressure on services and causing irritation and angst for residents and ratepayers. There has been little emphasis on sustainable development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

As population pressure grows this strategic planning we are doing will provide a 'road map' for the future by establishing agreement around intended outcomes, setting priorities and focusing resources as required to sustain our changing and growing communities. It has been a long and often tiring journey but we have been heartened by the community interaction and feedback we have received. There were well over 100 submissions during the Oakura part of the journey. More than 100 were collected in Okato too, and to date there have been 60 from the Omata community. In each community it is clear locals are determined to retain their neighbourly cohesion and sense of belonging. That is a big part of the appeal that has, and will continue to attract newcomers to live here.

Okato, Oakura and Omata are all quite different but do have some similar issues. A common one is the problem associated with each being intersected by Highway 45. This obviously will never change, so the situation has to be managed with skilful forward planning insight, and a determination by all parties to address the associated speed, parking, and pedestrian movement circumstances that the highway brings. After all the highway has no meaning in itself. Its meaning derives entirely from the two points which it connects. This is just one example of what our three year long study has been about, there are many others.

The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be at Hampton Hall, Okato at 7pm on June 26.

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.

The local community turnout for sand dune plantings



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June

9 Year 5/6 Inter-School vs Westtown (Home)
15 The Amazing Race (Year 6 at Oakura)
21 Marae Visit
23 Year 5/6 Inter-School vs Merrilands (Away)

July

7 Music Assembly

Orchard Rich Topic

Our current school orchard project has provided the perfect context for teachers, students and the Omata community to be actively engaged and working together in meaningful, real-life learning tasks.

Students have visited local orchards, research has occurred in class and experts within the community have come in to talk. A class is testing the soil in the school and will be visiting a soil testing laboratory. Using the knowledge they have acquired, children are measuring up the site and creating orchard designs to scale. Students are looking at the costing of materials and discussing what features we could incorporate to make the orchard a rich learning environment. Many thanks to the wonderful teachers, students and members of our community who are helping to ensure this happens.

Student Writing

My Journey as a Strawberry

The air is sweltering and sits on me like a thick duvet, as I hopelessly hang low to the ground on a sprawling, green leafed plant.

My excitement of being picked urges me more and more to present myself at my best. I've enjoyed my life starting as a white little flower, but now a new chapter begins.... I am a full grown strawberry that lives in Whakatane, in a commercial orchard. Heavy stomping feet come my way as the basket swings from side to side. This is when my journey begins. I am carefully placed in a plastic container.

"Nooo," I think. "Maybe I shouldn't have wanted to get picked in the first place!"

Loud engines and screeching brakes keep me awake as I travel to a New Plymouth supermarket.

Screech! "Oh, here we go again," Brakes and loud engines going off. Oh, I hear another noise as I see a large forklift creeping towards me, like a cat sneaking up on its prey.

I am surrounded and enclosed by different types of fruits and vegetables. Time after time, thousands of people walk past. I think to myself, "Maybe I don't look as good as the others." AHHHHHH! an enormous hand comes my way. I've finally been chosen.....!"

Sitting in a busy kitchen, staring at the blender.....

"Nooooooooooooooooooooo".

By Hayley Tewhata (Age 10 years)

Sports

The Year 5/6 Inter-school sports competition is underway, with some fantastic matches having already been played. Many thanks to our parents and teachers who are giving up their time to coach

these teams.

Rugby - Andrew Crawshaw and Darren James.

Football - Rachel Campbell

Netball - Bridgit Barleyman and Sarah Reeve

Stuart Bennett

Acting Principal

Below: Parent, Bena Denton-Woolley talking to the children on a visit to a local orchard

Lola Crawshaw & Monica Joyce measure up the site for the school orchard





Greetings to our Coastal, Oakura and Omata Communities

Term 2 has started positively with key activities either being planned or already having taken place.

The Ball was an outstanding success thanks to Mrs Cast and the Ball Committee who meticulously planned this very special event. The maturity and responsibility demonstrated by all students created an inclusive, warm and fun event. As usual our PTA assisted along with parents and teachers, thank you all - it was great! All of the photos can be accessed on the Spotswood College Events Facebook page.

Learning is of course our focus. Already students have been involved in a number of exciting and authentic learning experiences. Vocational Pathway students have completed an Emergency Response Course and a Pain and Injury Prevention Course and students have attended the Whyora Programme at the Hospital. Year 10 Science students have had a field trip to Lake Rotokare and Year 11 geographers have completed a field trip to downtown New Plymouth as part of their research assignment.

Whanau teachers have been working with all students on the Career Pathway Programme, PATH (Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope). Mrs Wendy Eynon (Kaiawhina/Careers Dept) has put together this series of lessons to help students develop a plan for their future. Our next step is to ensure students NCEA qualifications are aligned to their future plans and career goals.

In 2017 some key areas of focus to help improve achievement include:

- Raising levels of literacy so students have the writing skills for success, this work is being led by the Literacy Co-ordinator Ms Doherty.
- Improving levels of attendance. This work is being led by Mr Shaw.
- Developing our teaching practices and learning through teacher inquiry. This work is being led by Mr Knapton.
- Continuing to build strong home/school/student partnerships to support learning and achievement.

Sport Success

Congratulations to the following students on their New Zealand representative selection:

Indoor Netball:

Congratulations to Chloe Knight (Year 11) for her selection in the New Zealand Under 15 indoor netball team that will compete at the World Championships in South Africa in July.

Roller Hockey:

Congratulations to Cory Bedford (Year 13) on his selection in the New Zealand Senior Mens' Roller Hockey training squad that will compete at the World Roller Sports Games to be held in China in September.

Canoeing:

Congratulations to Ryan Clough (Year 11) who has been selected for the Canoe Racing New Zealand High Performance Athlete Pathway programme for 2017.

Beach Volleyball:

Congratulations to Keegan Joe (Year 11) who has been selected for the NZ boys' pairs team to compete at the Commonwealth Youth Games. Congratulations also to Hikaru Han (Year 13) and Libby Houghton (Year 12) who are the first reserves for the womens' pairs team at the same event.

Congratulations to David Jeffrey (Year 13) Hikaru Han and Libby Houghton who have been selected in the NZ Under 20 development squad that will compete in several events in California, USA during the July holidays.

PTA and Gala News

The PTA are working hard planning our Winter Gala. The date has been changed to Sunday 25 June but the format remains the same – fun, food, entertainment, bargains and a 'sense of community'.

We are raising funds to buy a really good portable sound system for events and lunchtime sport. Perhaps more importantly we want to engage with our community, working together to develop our school as a community school.

If you are able to assist the PTA in any way please contact Gillian Gibbon (Spotswood College PTA Chair) through our School Office or on 027 552 7327.

Thank you for your support of our students and our school. If at anytime you have any queries or feedback, please contact me through our School Office.

Nga Mihi Maioha

Mark Bowden Principal





Finally some great weather and surf arrived during April to make up for our average summer. The Boardriders were able to complete most of the planned surf lessons but it has been a battle trying to achieve and complete what we try to provide. We cannot control the weather and the waves and it can become a frustrating exercise at times. We try to provide the service to the community at minimal cost and a huge thank you must go out to the coaches and especially the sponsors that help make this something the club can facilitate. A special thanks to Suki Bishop who gives a lot of her time to coordinate this which at times I am sure she feels is a thankless task - cheers Suki!

Our juniors have excelled of late with big congrats to Ariana Shewry who at a really young age won the open women's division at the South Island champs. This follows some good consistent showings on the New Zealand Grom Circuit contests over summer. Ariana also featured as the latest rising Grom in NZ Surfing magazine following a line of Oakura surfers to star in the New Zealand's dedicated surf mag.

Just as the TOM goes to press Ariana has won the womens division of the Taranaki Champs with New Plymouth's Daniel Farr winning the Mens division. Ariana is aspiring to follow her dreams and with great parental support 'watch this space'.

Oakura kids had great success at the recent Taranaki Primary School Surf Champs with the below results:
 Year 6 boys; 1st Kalani Watts 2nd Nate Florence
 Year 5 girls; 3rd Chloe Fenning
 Year 5 boys; 1st Kai Shearer, 3rd Jason McGregor

These are great results and for very young age groups and hopefully we see these kids follow through and go on to represent Oakura in the future.

Now winter is upon us the club will only be open the last Friday night of the month so do come down for some socialising. We still have some divisions of the club champs to run so keep alert as we will advertise through our Facebook page and hopefully run them soon - weather and surf permitting.

Snow is coming but keep surfing !

*Brent Anderson, Oakura Boardriders, President; Luke Florence, 027 493 0819
 Secretary; Paul Lobb, 027 244 4297*



Above: Kalani Watts and Nate Florence - Year 6 Primary champs and below Daniel Farr - winner of the Mens and Ariana Shewry - winner of the Womens, photos by Daisy Day



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Club Results

Men's Division

The Presidents trophy is in the final stages now and the Top Dog pairs competition has just commenced. Clay Jordan is still dominating the League table but the chasing pack will pounce with any slip up.

Early in May Kaitake Golf Club hosted the Taranaki two ball best ball competition. This was very successful with close to eighty entries and was held in fantastic weather. The Gross was won by Darryl Baird and Brian Rowlands. Two local staunch supporters of our club crushed the field to win the net trophy – congratulations to Barney Procter and James Crighton.

The course is starting to change shape as earthworks have started for new tee boxes and sand bunkers. Members are both excited and apprehensive as these will further challenge everyone's game. Sunday 26th May Kaitake Golf Club will host the Raceway Cycles Canadian Foursomes event and should prove very popular as it is one of the few times the men and ladies compete together. All mixed pairs are welcome including non-golfers so be sure to contact the club early to secure your entry.

Quote of the month :

You must work very hard to become a natural golfer. - Gary Player.

Women's Division

Nancy McCormack winners from the weekend section were: Lois Agnew and Kim Woodward.

Monnie Hannan winners : Lynn George and Pauline Gray.

One more round of pennants to be played but the team has slipped on the leader board after a loss at New Plymouth in the last round.

9 Hole Round Up: We've had great turnouts recently and even with Anzac presenting itself on a Tuesday, we have managed to connect. Anzac Special winners were Christine Alexander of the 1st Division with 40 points and Val Soffe of the 2nd Division with 45 points. Hidden Hole Jo W-West and Shirley Aspinall. Top Dog still running with the finalists Christine Alexander and Chrissy Warden still to play Pat Wilcox and Shirley Aspinall on the next available day. Grant Moorhead Clinics proving popular with the players for lessons. Pennants update - both team Kaitake White and Kaitake Blue striving to put maximum points on the board. Current status is both teams with five points whilst the leaders Urenui are on nine. Next round at Waitara with only two to go.

Chippers

Chippers are our 5-12 year olds just starting golf. They meet every second week and under the guidance of Domenico Squatriti (Chippers Convenor) learn the fundamentals of golf and have a lot of fun. Taranaki Golf Assoc support clubs by funding additional coaching by Dominic Barson. This additional coaching has begun and will continue on the third Sunday of each month.

At the end of the last school holidays Taranaki Golf organised an Age Group Competition. D'Angelo Squatriti is pictured here

receiving first prize for his age group. This is the second year D'Angelo has entered the competition and has won both times. We would like to welcome Totalspan on board as one of our new Sponsors. They are contributing a new shelter for us so in the meantime we have their "dog" until our shelter is ready for the course.

New Members Welcome

New golfers are encouraged to give 'golf a go' before the winter sets in.

Aged between 19 and 35 years? This is a good opportunity to join. 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!

Children 5 –12 years? Kaitake Golf Club has a Chippers group that meet every second Sunday between 10am – 12 noon for coaching and a few holes of golf. Membership fee is \$40 for the year that also includes access to play on the course with an adult. The club have sets of clubs the children can borrow. Come as you are - casual dress shoes and a hat.

Phone the office for more information on all categories of membership or contact the Club Captains

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Oakura Tennis Club

The Oakura Tennis Club is always looking for new ways to encourage people to play tennis. Not because we are looking for lots of new members, but just because we love to see people of all ages enjoying the game of tennis and utilising the great tennis resources we have in the community.

This year the Club was fortunate to be granted some funds from Sport Taranaki Kiwi Sport towards promoting tennis for junior girls, so we saw this as a great opportunity to try some different things specifically for girls.

Matt Stringer, our coach, developed a programme that gave girls the opportunity to have private coaching lessons, group coaching lessons, cardio tennis sessions plus a fun day for girls on a Sunday. These opportunities were promoted amongst our junior female members and also their non member friends – tennis is a social game so always more fun to be doing these things with friends. The Girls on Court Fun Day was really well supported with 16 girls of all ages turning up for some fun – it was also appreciated that some of our older junior girls (Beth Tvrdeich and Taylor Mitchel) came along to support our younger girls and help the coaches.

Note that if there are any junior girls who are keen to do some private lessons over the next few weeks, get in touch with Matt 022 045 8729.

Another initiative is being promoted by Roseanne Donovan where the club is open on Monday mornings for social doubles – any grade, members, non members – everyone is welcome. This is a good opportunity to use the courts over the winter months. Contact Roseanne for more information: 027 325 1196

We also had some success with our Interclub teams this year.

Sophe Cup – runner up

A3 Sumpter Trophy – runnerup

Youth Yellow – winners

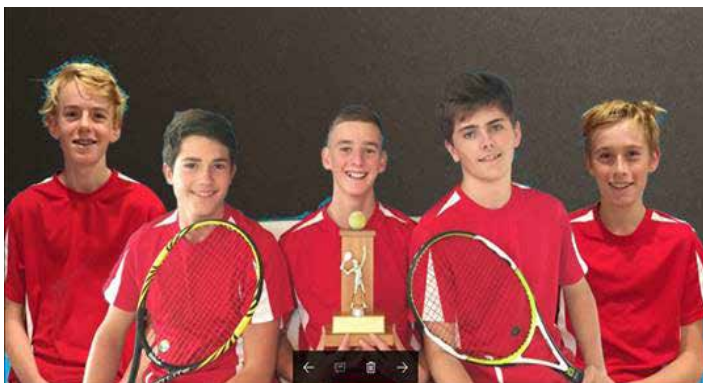
Mid week Ladies Section 5 – winners

The Terminetters team played consistently all season although interestingly, the one game they did lose was to our other Oakura Youth team. This shows the strength of players we have at this grade.

Enquiries phone Jackie 0276732900

Anne Bridges, Junior Convenor

Below is the Oakura Terminetters with the Youth Yellow Trophy: Lachie White, Blake Boddington, Jack Husband, Adam Bridges, Robbie White.



Interclub Tournaments

Kerry McGovern combined with Brian Green to capture the high coveted Collins Trophy. The Trophy was played over three days with the duo edging out the teams of (Jim Priest - Roy Phillips) and (Tony McAlevey - Rod Smith) to take the title.

The Championship Triples combination of (Allan Bridgeman, Roy Phillips and Ray Haslip) and Junior Champion (Bob Anderson) both reached the semi-finals in their respective Champion of Champion competitions. Good effort boys, you have made the bowling club proud.

Oakura finished second in the Thursday Wanderers competition with a win-ratio of 67%. Well done to all bowlers who participated in this competition.

Club News

The AGM for the Oakura Bowling and Social Club will take place at 1.30m on Sunday 25th June. Club awards will follow the AGM along with prize giving and club acknowledgements.

My team highlights for the season would be the winning of both the mid-week Avery Cup and the Saturday Northern Division Shield competition. Achieving 2nd place in our group of the interclub Premier Trophy (Div 2) competition was also an excellent and well-earned result. On an individual performance, Adam Collins being selected in the Taranaki representative team and the win of Adam Collins and Jim Priest in the Taranaki Open Fours/Pairs competition were among our finest season successes. It was also promising to see the Oakura bowlers participate and perform to a very high standard in the Bowls Taranaki centre events.

It is with sadness we mention the passing of Oakura Bowling Club Ex-President, Mark Collins. Mark was an integral and key part of the rebuilding processes of the club and through his diligence, work ethic and community spirit, laid the foundations for the club's bright future. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

As this will be the last column for 2016/2017 season, thanks to all that have assisted in the day to day running, green and surrounds maintenance and administration of the club over the past year. The club is a great asset for the wider Oakura community and everyone is looking forward to September when the bowling action returns.

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