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LWF launch - mojito's in the sun!

From the Editor



As I write this, the All Blacks are two wins away from the never before achieved "threepeat" - three rugby World Cup wins in a row. I'd like to think they will do it! The English make me nervous and I think they will be our biggest challenge. By the time you read this we will know.

I've loved watching how Japan has embraced rugby and so many locals have got behind each team and especially the Brave Blossoms, who as we know feature a few Kiwi's. Apart from the typhoon, Japan has put itself firmly on the map as a beautiful destination for a holiday.

I've only streamed one game live through Spark and encountered no problems so maybe streaming issues have been resolved.

Go the All Blacks!

A shout out to all the successful candidates in this years local elections - time to get on with making a difference in New Plymouth. To all the unsuccessful candidates - your willingness to be involved and put yourselves forward makes the whole process more robust. I do think we need a better system for the future but what that process looks like I'm not sure.

All the hard work by locals to get our community predator free is paying off if the acknowledgement by TRC with an award is anything to go by. There certainly seems to be a lot of native birds around this season, so

let's hope it continues into the future.

Kim



Life Worth Funding - an Oakura Innovation

Janet Charteris - one of Oakura's daughters has returned home to her roots to set up a boutique business distilling rum. And what better place could you choose than the pristine environment of the Kaitake Ranges.

Janet has built her distillery called LWF Distilling on her parents, Bill and Christine's property alongside their macadamia orchard. The still is a piece of artwork in its own right, with gleaming copper and stainless steel equipment. The still is yet to be named but they are universally female - possibly because they are curvaceous, are expensive to run and a little bit temperamental! The day I visited the still was midway through its distilling process, converting molasses to alcohol and was emitting the most heavenly yeasty, caramel smell.

The journey from Oakura and back again has been an interesting journey. Janet has worked all over the world and among other things funded her own MBA in Melbourne, worked four years in London, eight in Melbourne and three years in Auckland. Her career has been in marketing and sales but her passion has been strategies for social entrepreneurship. This will continue with a commitment to Kiva (a third world financing initiative) in Oakura with her own business.

When Janet decided to come back to Oakura she started researching distilling and travelled around Australia visiting boutique/craft brewers, did an International Brewers and Distillation course, gathered as much information on craft brewing and running a distilling business as possible. Only then did Janet begin the back breaking job of building the distillery - still, factory, water system, branding and bottling, creating the recipe and finally producing the first bottle of white rum. Janet says she has never done so much cleaning - everything has to be pristine and sterile - a never ending job of washing!

So to the product - white rum. Yum! The acidity in Janet's five times filtered rain water, collected on site, along with the molasses gives the rum what Janet calls "an element of funk" commonly known in the trade as "rum funk". I call it notes of caramel, coconut and pineapple. It certainly isn't a bland mass produced rum commonly found in bottle shops. It is delicious in chocolate mousse and mojito's and if you have a penchant for rum - on the rocks!

Janet launched LWF Distilling in mid October with a small event featuring live music, local food and tours of the distillery. Tickets are available on eventbrite.co.nz for a second behind the scenes event on the 10th November. The distillery cellar door will be open at selected times during the Oakura Arts Trail, Garden Festivals and over the summer. LWF Distilling White Rum is available at selected outlets such as Butlers, Black Sands Pizzeria and Liquorland. It will sit complementarily alongside

other Taranaki/Oakura bespoke and boutique products and help put Oakura on the map as a foodie destination - every business success to you Janet!

Follow LWF Distilling journey on facebook and instagram. You can contact Janet on: 0204388992 for further details on customised tours/tastings/ corporate events.

by Kim Ferens



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Crackerjacks

Join us Thursday 7 November at 10-10:30am.

It's a fun outing for whānau with plenty of rhyme, stories and craft.

Book Group

We have a friendly book group that meet Thursday 28 November at 7:30pm and a vibrant writers group that meet on Tuesday 12 November at 10am. Contact us for more information.

Pressreader

Did you know your Puke Ariki library card gives you free access to our digital services? This includes Pressreader, which has 6,000+ newspapers and magazines from around the world. Visit the Puke Ariki website or come in to see us for more information.

New Puke Ariki exhibition

On Saturday 2 November the Mechanical Circus opens at Puke Ariki. Come along and try a range of circus skills, carnival games, mask masking and then take a spin of the wheel of fortune and see if you can win a prize. Activities taking place 10am – 12pm and 1pm – 3pm. The Mechanical Circus is our fun, family friendly and hands-on summer exhibition. With circus tents and toys, lots of magical buttons to press and optical illusions to explore, The Mechanical Circus is a truly interactive experience and perfect for kids aged 1-100!

Book recommendation

Naomi Klein's latest book, 'On Fire: The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal', is a must read if you want to make this planet a better place to live.

"On Fire's long-form essays, based on her extensive research and reporting, show Klein at her most prophetic and philosophical, investigating the climate crisis not only as a profound political challenge but as a spiritual and imaginative one as well."

Charlie and Vincenza

The Big Red Truck

This month the Brigade is feeling extremely proud to be celebrating 50 years of service to the Oakura community. To celebrate we are inviting the community to join us for an open day at the station on Saturday the 23rd of November from 10 am to 2 pm.

We've got some great activities for you to join in on including an escape house, the popular virtual reality headsets (so that you can safely experience a house fire without losing your eyebrows), there's a bouncy castle and some historical uniforms and equipment to reminisce over.

The Rural Firefighting appliance and command unit will also be present and of course, the fire station's most reliable appliance, the 4 burner BBQ, will be in hot demand as we help to raise funds for next years Skytower challenge team.

With some of the original members of the crew of '69 still kicking around the village expect the odd tall tale to flare up without fear of being extinguished, over the past 50 years we have seen many dedicated crew members come and go. The brigade has been a big part of life for many of the families in the village and it's a pleasure to continue to be an active and effective part of this special place that we all call home. So mark the 23rd on your calendars and bring the family down to the station.

We look forward to celebrating our birthday with you.

The crew from the Big Red Truck



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Peer to Peer Accommodation

The Local Body Elections are over and a new council is formed. Congratulations to all those elected and good on all those who put their names forward. I thank those who supported my campaign. The governance body may be in a state of change but the actual council continues on regardless. The Proposed District Plan is up for consultation, and can be found on the NPDC website.



In the plan are rules around operating a business in an area zoned as residential. Included is 'Residential Visitor Accommodation' given as meaning: the use of a residential unit for temporary accommodation advertised for a tariff to paying guests that is secondary and incidental to the use of the house for a residential activity. These are homes used as B&B, Airbnb and book a bach. In the new rules they are putting a cap of 90 days stay a year and less than 22 vehicle movements in a 24 hour period, otherwise a resource consent will have to be applied for. The cost of a consent is around \$1500 and the consent may be granted or declined.

If anyone has peer to peer accommodation and their residence is in a residential zone then this new ruling will affect them. But it is not written in concrete yet. This is why it is important to check out the proposed plan and make a submission. Citizens of the district can make a difference if they know about the proposal and have a say.

Sometimes new plans and rules get overlooked by the residents

and before you know it things are already in place because of a missed opportunity to give feedback at the time of consultation. In reading the proposed plan I was acutely aware of two particular groups that could be affected. As mentioned above the peer to peer accommodation and the other a small business run from home. A home business is defined as: a commercial activity that is: a. undertaken or operated by at least one resident of the site; and b. is incidental to the use of the site for a residential activity.

The council has also come up with the movement of 22 cars per 24 hours as an indicator for a home business being too busy for a residential zoned property and a few other issues like noise and odour.

The proposed plan on the NPDC website is interactive and any address can be put in the side bar to find the zone that it is in. I put my address in and it was zoned for general residential. Submissions can be made about zone boundaries, and what and how activities can be undertaken in any particular zone.

This is an important plan that may affect the running of your business or one in your neighbourhood. The process to make a submission can be followed step by step online or a phone call to the council can help. An appointment could even be made with a planner to get further clarification.

We cannot leave this decision to the newly elected council; the citizen's must let their position be known to ensure the plan reflects those that live here not just those that sit around the governance table.

Louise James

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Local Elections

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the successful candidates who stood in last month's local elections. Holding public office is a serious commitment, requiring huge amounts of reading, public interaction, and objective decision-making. I know that re-elected Mayor Neil Holdom and his new-look council will work hard on our behalf, as will Graham Chard, Paul Coxhead, Doug Hislop and Paul Veric on the Kaitake Community Board.

Well done to all those elected and thank you to everyone who had the courage to stand on behalf of us all, whether at a Community Board, Health Board, Council or Mayoral level. Thanks too, to those who took the time to vote, because the more people who do, the clearer message our leaders get of what the public wants.

A democracy doesn't work unless you participate, which is why the continued trend of declining voting rates is of concern. Local and Central Government are separate entities, but there are aspects of the 2019 campaign that have been under close scrutiny ahead of next year's general election and voter apathy is the big one. In many ways Parliamentary elections are less complicated, with fewer candidates to choose from, more media exposure and more focus on voting day (although early voting is encouraged).

In terms of Election 2020, I encourage you to start getting involved and informed. Research the policies that matter to you. Go beyond the media, visit the websites and read up on the people and the plans. The National Party has started rolling out policy ideas and there'll be more to come over the next few months at <https://www.national.org.nz/haveyoursay>

Disillusion and mistrust are sometimes cited as reasons for not voting, based on a belief that politicians are unable to relate. I can assure you that in this country, your Parliamentarians are well aware of the challenges you're facing. Often we've confronted those same challenges ourselves or we may have families and friends who've worked through them or are in that process. Electorate MPs like myself see first-hand the effects of

government policies, and keep our constituents top of mind with everything we do.

History tells us that a healthy democracy encourages a free exchange of ideas leading to a higher voter turnout and a clear direction from the people. By voting, you help decide who makes the decisions and laws that affect all our lives. Your vote makes a difference and when you cast an informed vote, you are part of making sure we're heading in the right direction. Together we can develop a plan to deliver on the things that are important to you.

Jonathan Young, MP for New Plymouth. National Party Spokesperson: Energy and Resources, Regional Development (North Island)

Smart and giving back

My name is Burt Ropiha, and my partner Nadine and three children recently moved to Oakura, and we love it here. Everyone is friendly, and the lifestyle is next level regenerative and tranquil. I enjoy waking up to the many birdsongs that surround our home. I now see why everyone is so passionate about this township.

Before starting my marketing agency Aardvark Works, I was a professional musician for 17 years. I still love playing the guitar and going to the gym is another passion. But, the new world is here; we live in the most advanced era in all human history. There are no excuses not to have more business. So I built an agency that sends ongoing customers to companies, so they don't have to look for work,

Smart technology has integrated into our lives, whether we have accepted it or not. Most of the population has a smartphone and other technological gizmos on them at all times. Technology is scary to some and liberating to others. For those of us who run businesses, technology can be both our friend or foe. Those not using technology to gain an advantage over their competitors miss out.

My mission is helping businesses get more calls, enquiries and foot traffic. Oakura is lively and vibrant, and I want to contribute to this community. Over the next series of articles, I will unlock the mysteries of Internet marketing. All local businesses in Oakura can thrive with the tips I am sharing.

It is my goal to educate you enough so that will have the most rewarding year moving forward. I look forward to sharing my first article. 'Using Google maps can get you 20% new clients in 6-12 weeks.' If you see me around, please stop me and say hi, I welcome meeting you. I wish you health n happiness!

Burt Ropiha - Aardvark Works | Director



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Homeowners love of Christmas supports Refuge

On the 16th of November, eight New Plymouth home owners will open their homes decorated in Christmas finery, in support of Taranaki Women's Refuge.

Deck the Rooms for Refuge is a major biennial fundraiser in its 18th year and Relationships Manager Shona Smith is enthusiastically excited about the variety of Christmas styles ticket holders will get to experience this year. "We have a wonderful group of homeowners and supporting businesses who are passionate about Christmas and I can't wait to see their creativity come to fruition." She said.

Each home is decorated with the owner's interpretation of Christmas sharing what Christmas means to them, their special family traditions, their style and character. People can expect everything from an alternative artistic Christmas through to Island style and traditional themes. The aim is to provide a fantastic day out where guests leave inspired and feeling festive. There will also be stalls, entertainment and silent auctions which would make impressive Christmas presents. "We have some amazing overnight packages, coffee every week for a year, a photography package....there are definitely desirable items up for auction."

Of the homeowners Smith says "We genuinely appreciate the commitment homeowners make by supporting us in this way. What an incredibly generous thing to open your home in support of women and children in our community."

Taranaki Women's Refuge is only 60% government funded so

they rely on fundraising and events to get them across the line. "Any extra we are able to make goes right back in to services. We have been running ASPIRE, our men's programme for 3 1/2 years now and just this year we are trialling a children's programme to help heal the hurt they have experienced through domestic violence. The more we can earn, the more we can do." Smith said.

Tickets to Deck the Rooms for Refuge are on sale now for \$35 cash purchase from Footloose, Trade Aid, Martins Inglewood and Taranaki Women's Refuge Office or \$37.50 online at www.iticket.co.nz. The event often sells out so they recommend early purchases.

New Zealand has the highest rates of domestic violence in the developed countries. In the year ending March 2019 police in Taranaki attended 3382 domestic violence incidents in our region alone – that is approximately nine a day, seven days a week!



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Varicose Veins information



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What are Varicose Veins?

Varicose veins are enlarged (dilated) sections of veins which are located just under the surface of the skin – usually affecting the legs. This condition affects 10-30% of the population over our lives. Varicose veins occur due to failure of the valves within the veins that connect the shallow (superficial) veins to the deep veins. With these valves not working abnormal blood flow causes the thin-walled superficial veins to dilate and become tortuous as time progresses. This affects the supply of oxygen and nutrients to the surrounding tissues such as the skin giving rise to symptoms such as heavy legs, swollen ankles, cramps, eczema (dermatitis) and staining pigmentation of the skin. More advanced disease leads to ulceration and fatty tissue breakdown which can be very painful and debilitating. Causes of Varicose veins are generally hereditary (family-related factors) or pregnancy-related but prolonged standing, obesity and deep vein thrombosis (clots in the deep veins of the legs) also contribute. Spider veins and Reticular veins are similar conditions but occur on a smaller scale and can be associated with underlying varicose veins.

Contact Skin on Forty-Five on 06 927 3491 to book an appointment.

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The earlier the veins are treated the fewer complications occur and the more effective the treatment is. Although we think of veins as just a cosmetic issue that is a myth, it can lead to serious health consequences especially later in life if they are not treated. If you or someone you know has Varicose veins or Spider veins and would like to have them sorted in time for summer Skin on Forty-Five offer free Vein assessments to see what option will suit you best. We provide private or insurance options and also have Ezypay available.

Abnormalities of veins are very common but don't need to impact our day to day lives. From the small "Spider Veins" through to larger "Varicose veins" we now have treatment options that are effective and easy to access through Skin on Forty-Five.

Koru on Koru Gallery & Sculpture Garden

Koru on Koru is once again a place of interest in the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival (No. 40).

Situated en route to Pukeiti Gardens, visitors find it simple to find with off road paddock parking to enjoy some time in our historic Koru garden location.

The home of the first Post office in Koru is the location of Koru's contemporary Gallery. The old fireplace remains along with its riverstone construction, plus many stories.

Free coffee available.

Sculptures on display include Anna Korver, Renate Verbrugge, Richard Landers Glass, Chris Well's colourful ponga sculptures, Jack Marsden Mayers's driftwood creation dominates the main entrance. For the first time in Taranaki, Ricks Terstappen (Havelock North) work is exhibited at Koru on Koru, (*pictured below*).

A few of Ricks famous Godwit sculpture's which are usually flying high above the Napier Airport, have escaped to Koru on Koru along with his one cubic metre delicately sculptured daisy creation.

Visiting artist in the galleries include Hayley Hamilton Raglan, Deb Fuller Christchurch. Both galleries, Koru on Devon in the city and Koru on Koru are proud to host over 30 artists works from our ever growing collective of Taranaki and New Zealand artists including Oakura's Linda McFetridge, Kris White, Richard Landers, Fay Looney.

Look forward to seeing you.

If you wish to come out of hours please just ask, I am happy to be here .

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Fay Looney



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Sculpture Garden & Gallery
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Kaitake Community Board

Now that the hiatus, brought about by the local elections, has come to an end it hasn't taken long for a great deal to be happening on the local government front again. Your community board's energies are already back being stretched in a range of ways and directions. However, we are still in an informal phase, as at the time of writing the elected members swearing-in ceremony hasn't taken place and the community board's meeting schedule hasn't been set.

Freedom camping numbers will surely increase as the summer unfolds. One of the Council's strategies is to highlight local attractions to attract more visitors and therefore increase the economic return to the district. The success of this campaign has led to a much larger influx of freedom campers than ever before and their presence needs to be monitored effectively. We will be keeping a close watch on the situation to ensure any local challenges that eventuate are brought to the Council's notice and addressed in an appropriate and timely manner. A reminder that non-self-contained vehicles may stay for a maximum of one night in 30 days at Corbett Park and must occupy one of the five available marked spaces. Also, all freedom camping is prohibited on the Oākura beachfront at all times.

KCB members are contacted by local residents on many occasions when an issue arises in the community. We are often the first port of call. We are always quite happy to receive such contacts but wish to remind everyone that you can also call the Council call centre where your concern will be logged and forwarded on to the appropriate people in the organisation for action. The call centre is manned 24 hours a day and the number to call is 759 6060. Alternatively, you can email to enquiries@npdc.govt.nz

Also a reminder about the bylaw regarding dogs in public places during daylight saving. Dogs are not allowed on the Oākura foreshore and beach in the area between the eastern side of the vehicle entrance to the motor camp and from the western side of the end of Wairau Road. This means you can park in the carpark outside the Holiday Park and walk your dog on the beach or the track towards AhuAhu, but not the other way. Regarding Corbett Park and the Oākura River, dogs are banned from the river, roadway and foreshore area from the highway down to the seaward end of the Kaitake Rugby clubrooms. However, it is permitted to walk your dog on a leash down to the beach and then allow it off on the beach towards Tapuae.

When a dog that defecates in a public place or on land belonging to someone else then the owner must immediately remove the

faeces and dispose of it in a sanitary manner into a suitable receptacle. This is especially important if it happens on our beach. We certainly don't want anyone's beach experience being ruined by dog poohs!

We are still being teased by the arrival of summer, I just hope that by the time you get to read this it will be well and truly established. However, both the Oākura Boardriders and the Old Boys Surf Club are already back into summer activity mode. Both clubs are well supported by residents, and in their own ways provide excellent service to the community and visitors alike. The clubs do a great job in encouraging participation by our youth in a wide range of associated recreational activities. While this builds ongoing resilience for the club membership it also provides great outdoors learning opportunities for our younger residents. Let's hope both organisations have a great and safe summer.

Work is continuing on the development of Te Ara a Ruhiihiwerapini, the Pukeiti to Oākura 12.2 km trail that will connect the Pukeiti Gardens with Oākura. At the moment Council officers are consulting with a range of people, both the general public and those more closely impacted. All points of view are being considered to ensure the best possible outcome for residents, the wider community and visitors. Design decisions are still being made and we are sure the final design and route outcomes will meet with wide approval.

It was a real pleasure to accept a Taranaki Regional Council Environmental Award recently on behalf of the many volunteer community groups who have been doing their bit to protect biodiversity in the communities backyard. The award for Environmental Action in the Community was shared by the Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust, Oākura School, Oākura Pā, Oākura Beach, Holiday Park, and Restore Oākura and the KCB. It's great to live in a community that embraces the required biodiversity actions for us all to adopt, contribute to, and add to biodiversity sustainability. Keep up the great work everyone.

Well, that's it for this issue. The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be held at the NPOB surf club on a date to be notified after the elected members' swearing-in ceremony has been held.

Ka kite anō au i a kotou. Doug Hislop (752 7324 and douglashislop@gmail.com) on behalf of Paul Veric, Paul Coxhead, and Graham Chard

Environmental Award for community

The Kaitake and Oākura community is a stunning example of an entire populace pulling together to achieve a common goal. They've made Towards Predator-Free Taranaki their own by trapping predators in back yards, on farms, in reserves and in the Kaitake Ranges. Besides individuals, support has come from local organisations including the Kaitake Community Board, Restore Oākura Community Group, Oākura School, Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust, Oākura Pā and the Oākura Beach Holiday Park. For example, the Trust has had a big influx of new members to help it manage about 200 predator traps in rugged terrain. The community is well on the way towards establishing a 4,500-hectare possum-free zone stretching from mountain to sea. It's New Zealand's first such effort on this scale and locals are proving it's more than a dream.

Here is a link to the videos and more information :
<https://www.trc.govt.nz/environment/working-together/environmental-awards/award-winners/>

Restore Oakura update: Over 400 predators have been caught since the urban trapping project started just over 12 months ago. There are now 290 traps out across the Oakura area. We have been noticing abundant bird life in our gardens and that's a big indicator that your efforts are working, keep up the great work!

Restore Oakura have 10x backyard trapping packs to give away. Get in touch with Sam on groeconz@gmail.com if you would like one for your garden. We have a community workshop to map out an environmental strategy for Oakura community – email Sam to express your interest or Check out 'Restore Oakura' on Facebook for updates.

Sam (Restore Oakura – community champion)



Okato hairdressers collaborating

Okato hairdressers Hayley Julian and Alyssha Short are collaborating their businesses under one roof.

The pair work out of the The Chop Shop Hair Studio which sits on a picturesque Dover Road farm. The salon has stunning coastal views, giving the salon a unique feel, says business owner Hayley. "It's a great spot, everybody comments on the views – I think people find it relaxing and a bit out of the ordinary."

The pair have many years experience between them and have decided to team up to create flexibility around their young families. Hayley will be working week days and two late nights and Alyssha will work weekends and starting up weekdays in the near future.

The Chop Shop, is a fully registered business and a professional salon offering a wide range of services, from cuts, colours and re-styles to smoothing and perminate straightening.

Hayley's mission has been to create a homely and relaxed environment where people can have their hair done professionally and feel at ease. The salon is easy to visit- with plenty of car parking as well as an electric car charging plug. "It's a casual yet professional atmosphere – I have clients turn up fully dressed up and others turn up in their gumboots. I love making people feel good about themselves. I love seeing people walk out of the salon feeling confident and happy with their new look. Our mission is to create a homely and relaxed environment where people can get their hair done professionally and still feel at ease."

Hayley's existing clients visit her from Stratford, New Plymouth, Okato and Oakura and she is also welcoming new clients. This month Hayley celebrates one year of business. "It's been a great year and I am really grateful for all of the great support I have had."

Hayley, who started her apprenticeship when she was 21, has worked in various salons across the region and enjoys her job. The main product she works with is Kenue, but is also trained to use Argila smoothing services and keeps up to date with latest trends through training "I love making people feel good about themselves. I love seeing people walk out of the salon feeling confident and happy with their new look. I especially love doing womens' cuts and the salon is child-friendly too."

The salon is available for wedding hair - allowing the bridal party to have the salon to themselves. Although under one roof, these businesses are separate so contact each hairdresser directly: Hayley 0275114311, Alyssha 0273533974

by *Alice Cowdrey*



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people to the fact that there are children playing in our village. The talented children that contributed to these designs are: Cooper Ferguson,

It's Summer Time and the Livin' is Easy

Ah, Term 4, the summer term. A term of new beginnings and, of course, sad goodbyes, specifically to our "lovely" year 8s (oh, why yes, it's a few year 8's writing this ... you're welcome), while the year 7's prepare to step up to their 2020 leadership duties and the rest of the school prepares to move up another school year. There are nine more weeks of many cool activities between now and then, of course, and plenty to be excited about.

In the junior area, the students are beginning their inquiry this term, which is on the subject of water. They will be taking part in science experiments related to the topic and given the choice to learn further about many other things including oceans, rivers and water-related structures. We can't wait to see the results of all this great learning.

As some of you may know, there was a breakfast at the end of last term, hosted on the basketball court, by the police. We would like to thank them and all the adult helpers for willingly giving up their time to make an amazing breakfast for the school and community. It may have been a wet morning (this is Taranaki after all) but everyone who came left with a smile on their face.

For the start of the term, the entire school has been taught golf.

Murray Martin kindly gave up his time to come and teach the children of Oakura School how to handle a golf club and how to use it. And at the end of every session, each class had a competition to see who would put the golf ball closest to a tiny bullseye target. Well done to the winners from all the classes, especially that teacher who won you know who you are!



Over the next five weeks, everyone is going to be learning athletic skills with Olly from Athletics Taranaki. Every class will be doing one session a week, leading up to our summer athletic competitions and events. During these sessions, Olly will be covering five different skills, they are: discus, javelin, high jump, long jump and running. We are going to be learning new techniques while improving old techniques, and, most importantly, we will have heaps of fun enjoying the sunny weather.

Last term some children had the opportunity to create some art to be put on signs at either ends of the village. These designs emphasise the slogan 'Slow down, kids around'. The signs alert



Kohen Hareb-Hine, Oralee Rodgers and Samantha Bentall. We would like to thank these students for all of the work that they put in, the signs look amazing and we know they will help keep us kids safe.

As you can see, there are many exciting learning opportunities happening all over the school. If you are lucky enough to have kids at Oakura School, you will be able to pop in over the next few weeks and see all the great work appear on classroom walls. It's going to be great!

By Jaeden Rasmussen (13yrs) and Catherine Rielly-Leadbetter (13yrs) with help from Hana Barton (13yrs), Beckham Kennedy (12yrs) and Daniel Bentall (12yrs)

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Staff

Spotswood Talented, Academic, Recreational Sports (STARS) Programme 2020

A group of staff recently went to Melbourne to visit some of the internationally recognised sports academies based there. This information and relationship will help set up the launch of our first year of the Spotswood Talented, Academic, Recreational Sports (STARS) Programme 2020.

Farewell

Congratulations to Martyn Knapton on his appointment as Principal of Whakatane High School. Martyn is very deserving of this promotion and opportunity but he and Clare will be very much missed at Spotswood College.



Students at the Centre of Learning PB Technology Challenge

A group of Year 9 and 10 students took part in the regional PB Technology Challenge alongside other students solving and innovating responses to real-world issues. The emphasis on been able to collaborate, inquire, create, engage, communicate and plan was a direct alignment to our own school values, which are strongly needed to ensure our young people are positioned to be amongst the leaders, shakers, movers, designers, entrepreneurs and doers of tomorrow.



School Magazine 2019

As in previous years, the 2019 edition of the Spotswood College School magazine will be free for those students whose whanau have paid their school donation. If there are any queries regarding donations, please contact the school finance office.

Community at the Heart of who we are

The Learn to Earn students have been actively involved in supporting our wider community cooking and serving a BBQ lunch for the builders on site and selling appropriately horse shaped cookies to raise funds for the Riding for the Disabled programme. A number of our students from the Learning Support attend these programmes thoroughly enjoying what is on offer!

Global Citizenship

International students have been making the most of the spring weather, braving the elements to enjoy local surf spots.

Cultural And Sporting Success

The Junior Boys Volleyball team won the recent TSSSA Volleyball competition proudly bringing home the trophy!



A huge congratulations to Leighton Upson, our Head of Arts Faculty whose amazing painting 'Unmapped' made it into the prestigious Wallace Arts Awards travelling show around NZ public galleries for a year.

The staff kapa haka team performed a well received bracket at the annual Te Kāhui Whetū Secondary Teachers Kapa Haka event.

Nicola Ngarewa
Principal



Dr Susan Oldfield

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November

- 11 Cricket Skills Rms 1, 2, 3 and 6
- 18 Cricket Skills Rms 1, 2, 3 and 6
- 25 Cricket Skills Rms 1, 2, 3 and 6
- 26 Parent Help morning tea
- 28 Playgroup Christmas Party
- 29 All Library books returned

December

- 2 Emily Roberts TRC visiting Room 6
- 5 TRC Predator Free course at Omata 4:30pm
- 6 Omata Idol 9am
- 13 Reports issued
- 16 Big Day Out
- 18 Year 8 Morning Tea
- 19 Graduation Assembly 11am
- School finishes for 2019



Farewell

Last term we sadly farewelled Mrs Bronwyn Read from her position as school secretary. Bronnie, as everyone knows her at Omata, has been such an amazing first point of contact for our school. I know the children, parents and staff will miss her greatly. Bronnie inspires us all with her positive energy, her caring ways and always welcoming smile.

Thank you hardly seems to touch the surface but we are extremely grateful and thankful to have had Bronnie as part of our Omata whānau. The wealth of knowledge Bronnie has gained about our school over this time fills an impossibly large volume. We know we will be in touch often asking for gems of information. We are so incredibly thankful for Bronnie's skills, so appreciative of her kindness and caring, so respectful of her patience and positive attitude, so grateful of her humour and extremely lucky that she came to be our 'Bronnie At-the-office' for the last 23 years.

Hei konā mai i roto i ngā mihi

Goodbye and thank you

Taranaki Regional Council Award

Congratulations Omata School! Over the school holidays Monica and Madelyn accepted the Taranaki Regional Council Award on



behalf of all the students. Thank you to all of our students, staff, whānau, Emily Roberts and Chauncy Ardell for your fantastic support and expertise in making a positive difference to our environment. Students are actively involved in the monitoring and trapping of introduced predators around the school grounds, in the local bush and in the National Park.

Students of all ages at the school have learnt how to better protect and become kaitiaki, guardians, of their local environment, making a valuable contribution to Towards Predator-Free Taranaki. Inquiry-based learning has enabled senior students to follow up on their own research, with practical projects resulting in positive environmental outcomes. Students have taken a restorative approach, improving habitat for native birds, lizards and invertebrates in addition to removing pest animals and plants in the Omata School Bush Key Native Ecosystem.

Sports

What a wonderful winter sports season the teams have had. Huge thanks to all the coaches and managers out there for making it all happen for our children. Encouraging children to play sports doesn't just help with physical development and health, it also develops social skills, leadership, self esteem, resilience and confidence. The dedication and practice required to play sports also translates into academic pursuits, where hard work and practice gets results.

Thanks again to our wonderful neighbours, Lynda and John Matthews, for their ongoing support of our cross country. Being able to use Waireka Estate for our event makes for a stunning course that challenges all of our runners and provides a wonderful backdrop for all our inter school events. Thanks to Stuart and Sean for setting up the course and to Stuart for running our events. It is also interesting to see the latest developments down at Waireka and how much the plantings have grown!

What a great resource the stockade and pa sites are going to be as we delve even deeper into the rich history of Omata. From the establishment of Omata School in 1853 as the first school in Taranaki, to the battle of Waireka in 1860, we have so much history for students to learn about right in our own backyard.

Ngā mihi nui
Karen Brisco
Principal



Konnichiwa

G'day mates,
Well stone
the flaming
crows what
a time to
be alive.
This month
has shown
plenty of bad
weather and
crap surf.

On a positive

note the few sunny nights have been enjoyed with the smell of shrimps on the barby wafting around the village. Lucky for some of the old cobbbers and grommets they have missed it all by sampling great waves in indo or travelling around the country to find good waves and weather.

With the longer nights we see the area around the club getting utilised more.

We are taking the current hoop down on the half court and replacing it with a more substantial solid design. Friday night basketball tournaments will be kicking into gear as soon as soon as we have the new hoop and backboard up.

The board room beneath the club looks like it will get some upgrading also as it becomes one of the busiest places in town over summer. We are looking to provide bike racks and design it so access to the board is easier and the downstairs area is less congested.

We will need some volunteers for working behind the bar and



cooking the BBQ on Friday nights though out summer, thank you Rachel for organising the food and sorting out the roster. Anyone wanting to put their name forward get in touch with

Rach at club@oakuraboarders.co.nz

We had two of our younger club members Ariana and Tom represent Taranaki at the national scholastics held in Raglan. They both did amazing with Ari coming 3rd and Tom taking the win in the under 18's. Congratulations to both of you, such a great result being up against the best surfers in New Zealand.

Gisborne hosted the national primary school competition at the start of October with more of our young talent ripping up the East coast and having an awesome road trip with their parents.

Book in the 29th of November to get your party pants on. There will be a world class DJ and BC will be there with his world-famous margaritas. See ya there!!

Contact, President: Luke Florence 027 493 0819

Pictured above: Ariana at Raglan and left National Scholastics



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Club Championships

The hotly contested Championship Fours sectional play has started with the Adam Collins skipped team of Kurt Smith, Kevin Fleming and Don Hinton holding a slight advantage over the rest of the field as the only team winning their first two games. The line-ups are evenly balanced and there is a keen rivalry as the teams battle it out to be crowned club champions.



Ted Barrett marshalling the troops

Interclub Tournaments

The midweek Avery and Gilmour cups along with the Saturday Shield tournament are in full swing with the Oakura Bowling Club fielding strong teams in all competitions. A big thank you to Roy Phillips for his great work in organising and selecting the teams for the mid-week competitions and to all players who compete each week hail, rain or shine. Keep up the enthusiasm and dedication. November bowling action will see Oakura field a side in the Division 1 Bill Smee interclub competition. The Bill Smee is Bowls Taranaki premier interclub event and it is great to see an Oakura team take on the best bowlers in the province.

Division 1 of the Central Turf sponsored pennants has also started with the Oakura Orcas currently placed equal 4th in a very competitive tournament. This competition again provides an opportunity for the Oakura bowlers to test themselves against quality opposition.



Club News

The Oakura Bowling and Social Club would like to extend its deepest sympathies to Mary and the Barrett family on the passing of club member Ted Barrett. Ted was part of the green keeping team for 19 years, served upon the committee in various positions and won numerous club championships. He was a true gentleman, loved his bowls and was a friend to all. He will be sadly missed.

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Presidents News

Our pond is looking good and with all this rain starting to fill up nicely. Would like to say a huge thank you to Greg Jans who has put many hours into this project and also to Brian Scott for helping clean up and clear out all the debris etc. We are very proud of our new pond and look forward to all the new grasses and plants growing around the pond and beautifying this area. This has been a big project and one that we can now say 16th is our feature hole.

Clay Jordan President

Mens Club Captain Report

We had the Mens Shootout last weekend with beautiful weather in tow. Was a great fun day had by all with the final winner being Craig Waite with John Haylock as runner-up. Everyone looking forward to the same event next year. A big thank you to Ian Johnson of Raceway Cycles & Mowers for being the sponsor for this event. We really do appreciate all sponsors regarding our tournaments. Thank you.

Taupo Junior Masters Competition.



Jack Van Prehn competed in the Taupo Junior Master Competition and did extremely well. We want to acknowledge Jack's achievements and we are very proud of him as a representative for Kaitake Golf Club. Well done Jack.



Day 1 they played at the Wairakei Resort 9 hole course. This was an Ambrose competition. Jack ended up taking out the prize for closest to the pin.

Day 2 they played at the Taupo Centennial course. A challenging course and the weather was a bit rough. Jack ended up with an 83.

In the afternoon, the organisers had arranged Dan Crook from the NZ Long Blacks (Long Driving Team) to be at the Hole in One activity at the shore front in Taupo. All the children were given 3 opportunities to hit their longest drive. Their hits were tracked and analyzed. Jack won the Under 14 age group with a drive of 255.7m.

Day 3 was at the Taupo Tauhara course. Jack shot a 78 and won the Under 14 age group on countback.

Once again well done to Jack.

Kaitake Open Xmas Club Hamper – 17th November 2019. This event is coming up fast so mark in your diary and phone the office for tee times 06 7527665. 3 Mens Divisions & 1 Ladies. \$25.00 entry fees including Two's.

Women's Club Championship

Congratulations to the winners and runners-up of our 9 hole and 18 hole Club Championships.

The 9 Hole 1st Division Champions were Pat Wilcox with runner up Christine Alexander. The 2nd Division winner was Kay Stachurski with runner up Yvonne Hildred. The winners of the 18 Hole division were Silver Division Jacqui Koch with Deborah Johnson runner-up. Bronze 1 Division Denise Howe with Kim Woodward runner-up. Bronze 2 Division Joy Greenlees with Karen Wallace runner-up. The Champions will represent Kaitake Golf Club at the Taranaki Champion of Champions. The 9 hole Championship was held on Monday 21 October at Te Ngutu and New Plymouth will host the 18 Hole Champion of Champions on Thursday 21st November. Kim Woodward will join Jacqui and Denise to form the Kaitake team to compete for the Rosebowl on the same day.

Ex Members Luncheon

Kaitake Women members are looking forward to hosting a luncheon with our ex-women members on Thursday 5th December. If this is successful we hope to make it an annual event.

She Loves Golf Sunday 24th November 10.00 – 12.00
Quick 6 February / March 2020 starting Friday 7th February

Kaitake Women are planning two separate sessions for women wanting to play golf or give golf a try, initiatives supported by NZ Golf and Taranaki Golf. It is an opportunity for anyone interested to come and 'give golf a go'. We will have clubs available and members willing to help.

If you would like to join either session please come and join us. Phone Andrea Jarrold 027 3587001 for more information

Kaitake Golf Club Chippers (Under 12 yrs old)

Chippers Day started on Sunday 27th October and is held every fortnight after that.

Kim Woodward along with Paul Haskell and Paul Manu are usually there helping with the kids. Very much appreciate all the help and encouragement they give the kids.

Dominic Barson golf professional tries to come one Sunday each month courtesy of the Taranaki Golf Association and offers additional coaching. We have so many keen chippers out there and it is so awesome that they are joining up for this year. New players are always very welcome. Chippers ages range from 5 – 12 years. Just bring them along with flat soled footwear, a hat and perhaps a drink. Clubs, balls and coaching are provided. It costs \$40 to join as a member for the year allowing the children access to the course at any time as long as they are under supervision.

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

Free professional golf coaching

**Kaitake golf club have been given 5 x 2-1/2
hour sessions of free professional golf
coaching: 9.30am – 12pm by tga.
following dates are; Sunday 3rd November
2019**

Sunday 8th December 2019

Sunday 2nd February 2020

Sunday 8th March 2020

These sessions are open to everyone, members and non-members, juniors, seniors, chippers.

Please come along and take advantage of this opportunity to improve your golf or sort out bad habits or take up golf for the first time. Any queries phone Denise 06 7527665.



Oakura Tennis

Fit in my 40s: tennis is no longer a languid game of gents. It's for fitness freaks.

The play has changed, the rackets have changed, even the speed of the ball has changed – which all makes a difference, even to a novice.



Come along to Cardiotennis for a great workout-Thursday 9.30 Linda Street Courts.

Oakura tennis coaching is through Blitz Tennis and Jamie Simpson is the head coach in Oakura.

To join the club contact Jackie Keenan 027 6732900

For information about junior tennis contact Tash Lewis or Anne Bridges.



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Club of the Year on the recruit

After celebrating a flawless first season on the pitch, men's football team, Kaitake F.C, has been awarded 'Super Club of the Year 2019' by Central Football and are now competing with all sports clubs within the region to gain the title of Sport Taranaki's 'Club of the Year'.

Coach Billy Charlton is not giving the lads too much time to celebrate and already has his sights on the upcoming season. "Winning our respective division means we will kick off 2020 in the Championship, a much tougher league, so pre-season will be starting early" Billy states. "We also hope to create an additional team so would encourage any potential players to come along to training. Our fortnightly social training sessions will be held on a Wednesday from 6:30pm at Corbett Park starting in November".

For more information please contact the team at kaitake.fc@gmail.com and follow them at facebook.com/kaitakefc.





Christmas is just round the corner

With Christmas not too far away we are looking forward to the season ahead and some sunshine.

Call in and enjoy the hopefully beautiful weather, the bar will be

open most Friday nights.

Special mention to John Quilter who this year celebrates his 50th year as a lifeguard. Congratulations John and thank you for all your help around the club in and out of the water. It's awesome and always appreciated.

Beach patrol will start every weekend from Saturday 23 November, 1-5pm and will carry through to Taranaki Anniversary Weekend. If you are interested in becoming a lifeguard contact the club and we can help you out. And as always if you are going in the water, check the conditions first and if you are at a patrolled beach - swim between the flags - this is the safest place.

As a club we can't operate without our volunteers who come in all shapes, sizes and with different skills. There is a job for everyone, please don't be shy to shout out if you can help in any way.

Big thanks to those that turned up and helped out with the working bee, a top effort and great to get everything tidied up and ready to go for summer.

See you all at the beach.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oakura Pony Club: Contact Marlies Butland Delfos ph 0274595962.

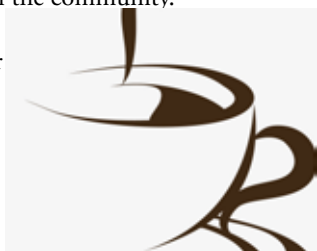
Oakura Pool Club: Meets every Wednesday evening 7pm at Butlers Reef over winter. Phone Sheree 027 3444 723.

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 Anne Bolton 7524499 or Meg Cardiff 7524566.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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