

TOM *Fitzroy*

Pat Swanson is a Jolly Good Fellow



Pat Swanson, Deputy Principal at St Pius School is the lucky recipient of a Royal Society Science Fellowship. It enables Pat to work alongside scientists, observe the process and look for ways to implement science better in primary schools. Pat is hosted by DOC for six months and his mentor is DOC Marine Ranger Callum Lilley. As well as wrangling live and dead fur seals, catching blue ducks and monitoring local marine reserves, he has also been working with scientists from the University of Auckland, Victoria University, Wellington and the Taranaki Regional Council.

In Auckland Pat has been looking closely at herbivorous fish and their stomach contents to find out how these fish use bacteria to convert algae to protein.

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Left: Pat releases a blue duck.

Below left: looking for samples.

Below: a well earned rest.



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Think how many 'things' have changed in her 92 years! Doesn't that put yearly governmental budgets in their proper perspective? The government adds a tax, the government takes a tax away, a tax is changed, handouts are given and handouts are taken away, promises are made and promises are broken. Would you take much notice after 92 years? I doubt it.

This issue to TOM is bursting at the seams with glorious stories about local schools and the achievements of our young people and it always a pleasure to bring you these types of stories because it feels like we are tapping into a source of unimaginable potential. Who knows where these young people will end up?

Kim

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A Jolly Good Fellow cover story

TOM caught up with Pat recently when he wasn't busy delving into the stomach contents of fish and this is what he had to tell us:

"I was chosen to receive a Primary Science Teacher Fellowship from the Royal Society of New Zealand after applying for a separate fellowship which would have resulted in working in Antarctica for three weeks. I missed out on this, but on the strength of my application was offered my current fellowship. It has been a real privilege.

There have been many highlights, but if I had to choose, it would be in having the opportunity to work alongside a range of scientists in different fields, finding out why and how they were doing research. They are without exception passionate and dedicated people, who love what they are doing and who are happy to share it. Other highlights have been the opportunity to explore parts of New Zealand such as Great Barrier Island, Mount Taranaki and Kapiti Island. You can see plenty of highlights in my blog (follow link below)

<http://patsscienceadventures.blogspot.com>

When I go back I am expected to lead science in the school. The fellowship has given me an opportunity to explore science in a real life setting, and I have been able to think of ways to get my students working and thinking like scientists. I believe that students can make meaningful contributions to science through investigations that they do as part of their learning. They can monitor and make conclusions about things like environmental change (for example changes in the size and abundance of animals in the Tapuae Marine Reserve). The fellowship has also given me a chance to explore both the science curriculum and leadership in greater detail than I would otherwise have been able to."

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Local schools shine in performing arts

In the last week of May New Plymouth Girls and Boys High Schools had four near sell out performances of their musical 'For Today' held at NPGHS. I was lucky enough to go along to the final night and came away impressed at the talent on display. It was close to three hours of fantastic singing, dancing and acting. All the lead roles were well cast particularly the comic duo of Keegan Pulman and Casey Wanakore. But it wasn't just the leads that carried the show. The enthusiastic chorus as well as talented dancers and musicians made this a night to remember. So much so that apparently many that attended shows early in the week bought tickets for subsequent nights.

As we reported in last months' TOM Fitzroy this type of production is a huge undertaking for the schools. However I'm sure anyone that attended or the students that were involved in the show will be hoping that the two schools don't wait another ten years before they pool all that amazing talent and put on another production.

A week after the 'For Today' shows another local school, Sacred Heart Girls College was wowing the audience at the Stage Challenge held at TSB Showplace. After weeks of rehearsals they competed against five other Taranaki Schools. Sacred Heart won first place with their act 'Oh the Places You'll Go'. The video of their amazing performance is now sent to Auckland for judging. Sticky TV will be showing the performances sometime in August so if you missed seeing them live watch out for this.

By Jackie Tomlinson



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Arthouse Cinema Film Reviews

'Home By Christmas'

5 Stars NZ Herald

A true story of romance, secrets and terrible adventure in which Ed Preston, on his way home from rugby practice in 1940, joins the New Zealand Army. His new wife, Tui, is pregnant and distraught, but he tells her not to worry, he'll be home by Christmas. And so he is – four years later – after escaping from a prison camp in Italy. But while Ed is away, Tui has fallen in love with another man.

Romance, Drama | 1hr35m | (PG) | Low Level Offensive Language | NZ

El secreto de sus ojos

(2009) Oscar Winner 2010 Best Foreign Language Film

The Secret in Their Eyes is Argentina's greatest box-office hit in the past 35 years. It has garnered 4 & 5 star reviews throughout New Zealand. Benjamin is retired from the criminal court and is obsessed with solving the tragic case of a beautiful young woman, raped and murdered 20 years prior. With his drunk-to-unconscious friend Sandovai (played by a popular Argentinean comedian) and his unrequited love Irene, a court official, they stumble after the clues to the real murderer. Violence, hate, revenge and death meet official corruption. Will justice be served?

Drama, Thriller, Romance | R16 - rape scene, violent images, some graphic nudity and language | 2hrs | Argentina | Spanish with English subtitles.

TIHI Maori New Year ' Puanga Kai Rau – Time of Abundance'

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This way of Life

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The Choir

4 stars "Young at Heart – The Dark side"; National Radio.

Jabulani, aged 19, is sentenced to 7 years in one of South Africa's toughest prisons for robbery. Raised in Soweto, a career criminal with a ragged map already on his body from a bullet, stab wounds and a broken leg from a rival gang at 13. The men of Leeukwop prison are brutalised by 18-hour lockups, violent assaults in their dormitory cells, and their own horrific pasts. The only safe berth in prison is the wing where the choir sleeps. Michael Davie, researching for National Geographic already in Zimbabwe and the Congo; followed Jabulani for over six years, filming his gradual immersion in the life of the Leeukwop prison choir as it prepares to compete. Go see it.

True story, Doco | 88m | M | low level off lang | Australia

MicMacs

The new comedy from Jean-Pierre Jeunet, the director of *Amelie*, *City of Lost Children*. An underground lair serves as the point of inspiration for this deeply whimsical fantasy comedy from the French cause célèbre. The locale is post-9/11 Europe. As arms dealers go head to head with one another in a series of violent skirmishes — suggesting that an apocalyptic cataclysm may be lingering on the horizon — the unfortunate Basil still reels from the long-ago death of his father from a roadside bomb, an event that left him orphaned as a boy. "It helps to be a little odd to get even".

Crime, Comedy | 1hr 45mins | Origin: France | Language: French with English subtitles Rating TBC.

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Garden

TOM Garden of the Month

The TOM garden this month is truly gardening on a grand scale. This beautiful property is a series of gardens that have been a labour of love over the last 24 years for Joy and her husband Alvin who sadly passed away twelve months ago. The couple have created from bare farm land all the gardens that are flourishing here today.

The gardens on the flat land around the family home are planted with a wide variety of shrubs and small trees. Two gigantic old Daphne reside along the path leading into the house and are smothered with buds. Joy has a shade house with begonias and fuchsia as well as a glass house filled with a large variety of succulents and there are statues and potted plants dotted around the garden to create interest. There aren't many large trees on this part of the property but two that stand out are a lovely Kowhai planted just outside a large window seat in the house and a huge bay tree at the back of house garden surrounded by a hedge of buxus. Joy has buxus in pots and also as a border for some of the gardens but the plant she has used predominately as a border plant to great effect is the succulent echeveria elegans. There are literally hundreds of this succulent all over the property.

Even though as we head into winter and Joy says her garden is 'sleeping' there's still plenty of colour to be seen like the beautiful apricot Vireyas which are covered in blooms. The maples have only just finished their lovely autumn display. Joy says she doesn't keep to a particular colour palette but just prefers to put in lots of different coloured annuals and perennials which work well with all the lush greenery.

Along with a healthy vegetable plot there are a variety of fruit laden citrus trees and a feijoa that is at the end of a particularly prolific season.

To view the rest of this beautiful property we went for a ride in Joy's trusty 4WD 'Gator'. The flat land over the property has been left as grazing for the stock but there are four large sloped areas scattered over the 20 acres that Alvin and Joy have turned into stunning gardens. Each garden has its own special character and view of the magnificent Waiwakaiho River which borders the property. It's incredible the amount of work that has gone into each of these gardens. "All the work was done by hand with a spades and a bucket," says Joy. In this way they have created paths and steps so each garden can be accessed and enjoyed. Countless hours of gardening have seen hundreds of plants and trees planted in the four areas. The gardens are named Robbie's Dell, Horse Shoe Garden, Joy's Peace and Last Retreat which was the last piece of the property Alvin 'allowed' Joy to turn into a garden.

'Joy's Peace' is its namesake's favourite and it's not hard to see why. The variety of plants put in here is mind boggling. There are over 100 steps through this garden. The bottom entry

point takes you past a waterfall and then it's a steep climb through bush with lovely viewing spots dotted throughout. Joy has her own named seat enclosed in a wee shed at one of the highest points. This overlooks a large rhododendron called 'Kaponga' which has a stunning bright red flower. She says she will come down to the gardens in her red overalls and work for the best part of a day. The trademark red overalls



that she always wears are now a bit of a family joke. Her family say she will be easy to see by helicopter if she falls in the river! Joy says she is a self confessed 'Steptoe'. She only buys plants that are on sale or in the bargain bins and says there is a real 'fun of the find' when you get a good bargain. Sharing plants and cuttings with friends is also special and she says most of the things that she plants have a story of some sort behind it. Having worked in garden centres for many years she says horticulture is taking a different direction and it's getting increasingly difficult to source certain plants particularly some older less fashionable varieties of plants.

There is another very special corner on Joy's property; in 2000 she and Alvin planted a kauri here for each of the five grandchildren as well as a rimu for another young man who they have made part of the family. She says that the grandchildren love to come down here and check on their own special tree. Joy has also planted a kauri here in memory of Alvin. It's a beautiful spot on the property to come and spend time and where the wonderful noise of the river drowns out everything else.

Getting to see Joy's garden on this chilly autumn day was indeed a real privilege and a pleasure as there are so many special almost secret parts to this property that are hidden away. It was also inspiring to see what Joy and her husband have created here through sheer hard work and a love of gardening.

By Jackie Tomlinson



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Come along and enjoy.

New Plymouth Country Square Dance Club



New Plymouth Country Square Dance Club is a newly formed Club in Fitzroy. It has had its very first evening on the 20th May 2010 and will continue to meet weekly every Thursday night at the Knox Church, Devon street East, Fitzroy at 730pm. This club has 2 callers who have the ability to also teach you the dance moves you need to know.

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The New Plymouth Ravens hosted their annual Senior Invitational Tournament over Queen's Birthday Weekend with a total of 22 teams attending from all over the North Island. In addition to the competition being offered to the Under 16, Under 18, Senior Women and Senior Men's grades, two New Zealand representative teams are attending and the AAU Junior Olympics team will also make an appearance playing various selected teams to provide them with training prior to departure for Los Angeles at the end of June.

The invitational event is a popular tournament for teams from outside New Plymouth to attend due to the excellent arena facility owned by the club and also the opportunity to play teams from other regions prior to attending New Zealand National Championships in September. NZ Nationals will be held in Wanganui this year. The local teams are expected to gain placement in their regional competition to allow entry to nationals in September. The event offered in New Plymouth is in its 6th year.

While New Plymouth hosted their senior event, Ravens junior teams made the trip to Tauranga to attend the annual Tauranga Ducks Queen's Birthday Junior Invitational. This event catered for the Under 10, Under 12 and Under 14 grades with New Plymouth represented in each.

The New Zealand teams are attending the AAU Junior Olympics, a prestigious event held in the USA annually. New Zealand have sent teams previously with the Junior Women winning gold in 2008 and the Junior Men winning Bronze in 2005.

In 2010, the Junior Women's team is coached again by Anna Carrington (New Plymouth) with New Plymouth members in the team: Rachael Neville-Lamb, Rebecca Smith, Abby Bridgeman, and Amy Sulzberger.

The Junior Men's team is coached by Sam Beardman (New Plymouth) with Robert Isbister and Julian Beardman selected to play. Both teams performed tremendously well at the recent Oceania Inline Hockey Championships, winning gold against Australia.

Competition in the USA for both teams will provide for a minimum of 10 games to be played at the Huntington Beach purpose built indoor arena in Los Angeles. Initial indications are that there are entries from countries as far away as China (Hong Kong), Australia, Great Britain, Germany and France. Canada, Mexico and Columbia have also committed numerous teams. Of the 400 expected teams in 2010, over 200 are California-based, more than any other single state or country. The AAU hosted its first AAU Junior Olympic Games for Inline Hockey in 1996, consisting of 20 teams competing within one age group. Tournament organisers expect over 400 teams will compete in numerous age groups and divisions, and approximately 50 international teams will travel to Southern California.

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Girls' rugby

Local schools have a tight game to stay at top of points table

The rugby teams from our two local girl's secondary schools met up for the first time in this season's competition in late May. Playing on the Sacred Heart School field in fine but blustery conditions both schools were keen to win this match up.

New Plymouth Girls High School and Sacred Heart Girls College were sitting 1st and 2nd respectively on the points table when they went into the game.

The score was tight throughout the entire game with both sides staying focused until the final whistle which saw the NPGHS team narrowly win by just two points. The final score was 19-17.

Other teams that play in the Girls Secondary Schools competition are Hawera High School, Inglewood High School, Coastal and Central.

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New Plymouth Girls High School and Sacred Heart Girls College battle it out on the rugby field.



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With water temperatures still between 17 and 18 degrees the arrival of large, long period swells bought the coast alive with surfers eager for some quality waves. To see the best shots purchase a copy of the DAILY SURF from Beach Street Surf Shop.

Our Port Taranaki Winter series will be underway this month and we will report on the successes in the July edition.

For 19 years the New Plymouth and Oakura Clubs have competed in an annual cricket match in memory of Mike Norris. The rules are simple: each player must be over 35 years of age and not a regular club player; original team member gets preference in selection; each player must bowl two overs; and batsmen retire when they score 25 or more runs. Oakura hold the shield at present having won in 2009 and again this year. Set 171 to win off 24 overs (yes, we fielded 12 a-side this year), New Plymouth's top order scored 80 runs off the first 10 overs but fell short with the middle order scoring only 46 off the next 10, leaving John Sims and Monty to score 45 off the last four overs which proved too much despite some big sixes being scored.

In conjunction with the Bell Street Blues Club, we were fortunate to host Darren Watson and the Real Deal Blues Band. The evening drew a large enthusiastic crowd who were treated to top class music and vocals provided by one of New Zealand's top bands. This evening continues the club's history of providing top entertainment for our members and guests.

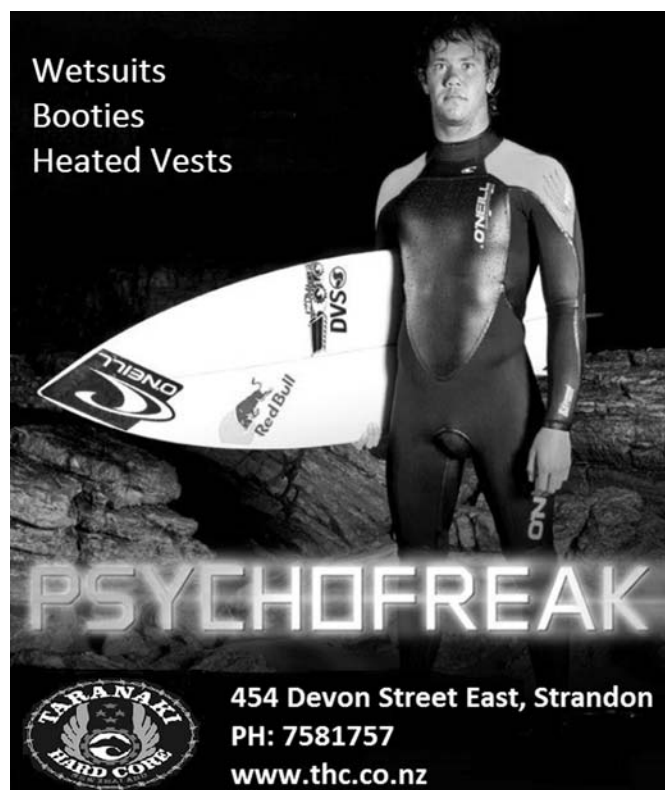


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Ambassadors are the student leaders at Mangorei School that do many important jobs including welcoming visitors to the school and running assemblies. It is a very popular role for the year 8's and usually many students go for this opportunity. They are picked by being voted in by the senior school (other year 8's, year 7's and year 6's.) as well as the senior management of the school and Mr Chris Greer (principal).

Chenae Longstaff on being an Ambassador -

Chenae Longstaff, born 3.9.97 has been at Mangorei Primary for eight fabulous years. Chenae's hobbies are hanging out with friends and family and she also enjoys a good munch on sausage rolls and noodles. She thinks the best part about being ambassador is that you get to run assemblies and you'll often see her smiling in them. Chenae said she feels very honoured, responsible and happy about being ambassador. Her favourite place at Mangorei is the library, because its a really friendly place. Chenae enjoyed last year's production practices as she scored a lead role. Her favourite book is why do dogs sniff bottoms, which is a good question! The jobs that she would most like to do when she is older are a teacher or an actress or a brain surgeon. Chenae thinks that the best animals are cats and dogs. Before she leaves Mangorei Chenae would like to get onto the honours board. Her two favourite subjects are S.S.R(sustained silent reading) and lunch. The main thing she will miss most about Mangorei is all year mufti.

Sebastian Molloy on being ambassador -

Sebastian Molloy born 10/9/97. Sebastian or Seb as his fellow peers like to call him, loves to eat pizza, mince pies and sausage rolls. His favourite series is the cherub series and he loves to swim and make videos in his spare time. Seb has been at Mangorei for eight years and is 12 years of age. His favourite animal is a hedgehog and his favourite subjects are writing and maths. He wants to be a toy maker when he is older.

Seb thinks being a ambassador means that you're stepping forward and becoming a leader. He also thinks he was picked because he is responsible. Seb says that the best part about being an ambassador is running the assemblies.

Seb's favourite memory at Mangorei School was watching his brother running the assemblies. He wants to get on the Mangorei School honours board before he leaves. Seb will miss that Mangorei is the perfect size to get to know everyone.

Katherine Spencer on being deputy: Katherine Spencer, born 11.11.97, has been at Mangorei School for eight wondrous years. Katherine's hobbies are swimming, reading and hanging with her animals, but she also enjoys a good munch on éclairs or a pie. She thinks the best part about being deputy ambassador is greeting and meeting new people. To Katherine, being a deputy ambassador is 'really cool'. It's a great role. Her favourite place at Mangorei is the library because it's a great place to go when it's a cold wet day. Katherine's favourite memory at Mangorei School is Gypsy, the school cat who last year had to be put down. Her absolute favourite book/series

is the Cherub series by Robert Muchamore. The jobs that Katherine would most like to do when she is older are a vet (specialising in sheep) or a famous singer. Katherine's favourite animal without a doubt would have to be sheep. Before she leaves Mangorei she would like to get onto the honours board. Her two favourite subjects are reading and art. Katherine thinks she was picked because she is polite and trustworthy. The thing Katherine will miss most about Mangorei is definitely pets' day.

Izzmel Razzif on being deputy ambassador -

Izzmel has been at Mangorei for three and a half years. He's 12 and was born on 25/1/97. His favourite book is Hatchet and loves to eat chicken, rice and fish and chips. Izzmel's favourite animal is a cheetah. He likes science and maths when he's at school but at home he enjoys surfing and playing cricket. He also wants to be a lawyer when he is older.

Izzmel thinks that the best part about being ambassador is being well known in the school and being a role model. Izzmel also enjoys having responsibilities. Izzmel thinks he was picked because he's trustworthy, never lies and he's reliable. Izzmel would like to thank the teachers, Mr Poulgrain and Mrs Leach at Mangorei for giving him an awesome three and a half years. Izzmel will miss his friends and the staff when he leaves Mangorei.

Katherine, Chenae, Seb and Izzmel.






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Gareth Power-Gordon, off to the House of Representatives.

Daniel Ralphs, Matheson Brown, Craig Gordon, Cameron Jago, Paul Stephenson and Kyle Sanger were involved in a video competition depicting the Taranaki Wars. As a result they have been invited to meet Peter Jackson and have a tour around the WETA studios in Wellington. (See article opposite.)

Brendon Osment and Johnno Ayles participated in the North Island Paintball Championships at Rotorua. Johnno won a Tippman Sierra 1 gun worth \$600.

Billy Rodenburg and Edward Lawley won the Junior section of the NZ Rogaine Championships. It was a 24 hour event from noon Saturday to noon Sunday in the Akatarawa Ranges. It involved crossing lots of impenetrable vegetation.

Matt Furze, Orin Burmeister, Tom Spencer and Hamish Sturmer won the Junior section of the New Zealand Go-4-12 Adventure Racing Championships in Turangi. Liam Paterson, Josh Girvan, Tom Burrell and Mark Houwers won the Senior section.



Paintball soldiers, Brendon Osment and Johnno Ayles.



Junior rogainers, Billy Rodenburg and Edward Lawley.



The senior adventure racers. From left, Josh Girvan, Liam Paterson, Tom Burrell and Mark Houwers . . .



. . . and the junior racers, from left, Orin Burmeister, Hamish Sturmer, Matt Furze and Tom Spencer.

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New Plymouth Boys High School student film makers win trip to Weta Studios

Six New Plymouth Boys High School students had their movie making talents recognised recently when they won the runners' up trophy and were awarded \$1000 prize money for their film about the land wars in a recent film making contest run by 'Waves'. The group were also awarded the Best Cinematography trophy and prize of \$200.

The team members comprised of Craig Gordon, Kyle Sanger, Paul Stephenson, Daniel Ralphs, Matheson Brown and Cameron Jago. After they were told about the contest by another student they decided to enter and thought they only had two days to get their film together when actually they had twelve.

Filming took place after school one day at Matheson Brown's farm. The boys did all the acting, made their own props such as spears and shared the filming. Although they had no formal script they talked about what they would say and just improvised which obviously worked really well for them.

Using lots of different camera angles is what saw them take out the Best Cinematography award said Matheson. They shot various scenes from multiple angles including a 'bird's eye' view in one scene.

As well as the trophies and cash prizes the boys travelled to Wellington where they had their accommodation paid for and




Daniel, Craig, Paul, Cameron, Kyle and Matheson.

was given a tour of the Weta studios. Here the young film buffs got to see where the special effects were created for movies such as King Kong. When I asked what the highlights were for them when visiting the studio they listed seeing the sound room and the viewing theatre. While in Wellington they also had the opportunity to meet Prime Minister John Key which they all really enjoyed.

The boys unanimously agreed that the win had inspired them to take their film making talents further. One of the boys has put his prize money towards purchasing sound equipment and they are still making movies which they post on 'You Tube.'

This creative group of film makers is one that will be definitely worth watching out for in the future.

By Jackie Tomlinson



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Sat 24 July – 10am Sen2 v Devils; 10.55am U18 v Miners; 11.50am U16/1 v U16/2; 12.45pm Open Sen v Devils; 1.40pm U18/2 v Miners; 2.35pm Prems v Open Sen.

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