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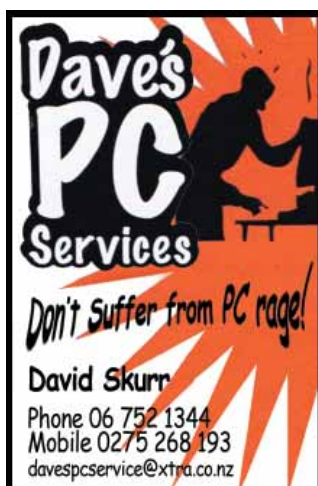
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EDITORIAL

Not so long ago reports came out that young people were not getting their drivers 'licences in the same numbers that previous generations had.



Personally I find this a bit alarming as I consider it one of the necessary life skills, just like you would teach your kids to ring 111 in an emergency. You never know when you may be called on to drive a vehicle.

It also gives independence and freedom. Perhaps these are values not cherished by young people today as they are given every freedom from toddlers. It certainly isn't cheap to learn to drive but surely it is an investment in a young person's future.

There are many reasons given for young people turning off from driving but what really interested me about these new findings was the correlation I can draw between a reduction in road deaths and less drivers on the road. For eons the road safety campaign has got up my nose – the never ending television commercials inducing a fear culture with gruesome car crashes (some young people now think as soon as they get in a car they are likely to die); the long arm of the law shaking its fist at drivers every time there is a holiday period. So when fatalities fall the campaigners pat themselves on the back and say they are winning.

Maybe a simple explanation is that less inexperienced drivers are now on the road. Statistics show a 20% drop in young people getting their licence in New Plymouth and in the big cities it can be up to a 75% drop.

Maybe all the gruesome campaigning has done is increase the prescribing of anti-depressants to our young people to combat the constant fear of dying in a car crash. As far as I'm concerned speed doesn't kill, idiots kill!

Enough of a rant – as I write this a wee bit of rain is falling but I can't believe how brown our countryside is around Oakura – we're starting to look like Oz!

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Mayor Andrew

Have you had your say yet on the Draft Annual Plan?

Feedback from the public closes on 17 April. We are proposing an overall rates increase of two per cent (equivalent to an additional 75 cents per week for the average residential property) and a release of \$9.1m from the Perpetual Investment Fund (PIF) – however, there are also three other options we'd like your opinion on:

- A rates increase of three per cent and PIF release of \$8.4 million.
- A rates increase of four per cent and PIF release of \$7.7 million.
- A rates increase of five per cent and PIF release of \$7.0 million. This option would achieve, earlier than planned, the current Council objective of the annual PIF release being no more than 3.3 per cent of the total fund value.

It's about balancing our responsibilities of affordable living for today's ratepayers and also for future generations, and we'd really like your comments on which approach would be best for our district.

We have a short video about these options on our website at newplymouthnz.com, and you can read the draft plan and have your say online at newplymouthnz.com/AnnualPlan.

Please get involved by giving us your feedback before 17 April so that we can make the best decisions for our community.

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We receive all types of new books weekly. Some recent highlights in the non-fiction area are:

Cookbooks: *The Revive Cafe* cookbooks have been very popular. "Revive's delicious vegetarian food contains whole grains, plant-based protein, fresh produce and virtually no processed sugars or flours. The majority of the dishes are also dairy and gluten free". *No Bake Makery* (oven not required) and Jo Seagar's *A Bit of What You Fancy* have mouth watering photos and recipes.

Art: *The Life and Art of Lynley Dodd* about the creator of our beloved *Hairy Maclary*. "This is not just a book about a storyteller, it is a book that explores Linley Dodd's working world". Also *Cliff Whiting* - "This new book provides insights to the thinking, the work and the development of this remarkable artist who has made an outstanding contribution to the tradition of Maori art making and meeting house decoration, forging innovative techniques and practises, exploring new materials and forms, while at the same time maintaining essential elements of tradition, ensuring the relevancy of 'beliefs, values and mana in today's and tomorrow's world' (text in Maori and English).

Sport: *A Century of Cricket Tests- 100 of the greatest tests ever played*.

Biography/Autobiography: *From Eskimo Point to Alice Springs: adventures in nursing from the Arctic to the Outback about a courageous and adventurous young nurse in the 1960's*.

Animals in War: *Flight by Elephant: the untold story of world war 2's most daring jungle rescue* "is an incredible story of war and survival, in which a herd of elephants play a starring role".

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Don't forget we have Crackerjacks pre-school story time on Thursday 17th April at 10am here at the library. It's free and all families are welcome. Mark your diaries! It's held the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Our own delightful Linley and Rebecca from Discover It read stories, sing with us and share a small craft. Join us.

Charlie and Vincenza



International Women's Day

March 8th this year was International Women's Day and this year's theme was "Equality for women is progress for all". It captures acts of courage and determination by ordinary women, who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. Reflecting on the role women have played in history I looked back at that period of time 1969 to 1979 when three women, Golda Meir, Indira Ghandi and Margaret Thatcher all became the first female Prime Minister of their respective countries. You may not agree with their politics or the way they wielded their power but they each had to make many hard decisions including whether to fight a war or not, knowing that in all wars there is a cost.

This theme resonates strongly in New Zealand, as we led the world in recognising that women should have an equal say. Since that time, New Zealand women have gone on to progress in all spheres of life. New Zealand too has had women as its Prime Minister.

Together we have a great legacy to follow.

Women make a huge contribution to our economy, our society, our families, and New Zealand's future – that's why the National-led government is increasing the participation of women in the New Zealand economy by investing in key areas such as education, health, and justice.

Under National, the participation of women in the economy is stronger than ever. New Zealand is ranked in the top seven countries in the world for overall gender equality; women's participation in the labour market has risen to 63.4 per cent (Household Labour Force Survey 2014); and since 2006, more women are gaining formal qualifications with the number of women holding a bachelor degree or higher increasing by 100,500 to 339,700.

But there is more work to be done.

Along with 60 other governments throughout the world, National has committed to a comprehensive approach towards ending violence against women and girls. This includes initiatives such as the Taskforce for Action on Violence within Families, Family Violence Ministerial Group and the Pacific Prevention of Domestic Violence Programme.

The latest results show that our approach is working. The total crime rate has fallen 13 per cent, the violent crime rate has fallen 9 per cent, the youth crime rate has fallen 22 per cent, and the reoffending rate is down 11.4 per cent. This means safer communities for our women, children, and their families.

As we mark International Women's Day each year, we have the opportunity to celebrate the integral role women play in our society and our economy, the gains we have made, and consider how we can further progress opportunities for women in the future.

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The glorious weather we have been experiencing through February and beyond does have a down side. Water flows in New Plymouth District's largest source of drinking water are lower than at any time during the 2013 drought. According to data from the Taranaki Regional Council, the Waiwhakaiho River has flowed below 1,725 litres a second in March only three times since 1980: in 2003, 2006 and now in 2014. Residential water usage has had to be rationed and the farming community have been struggling to deal with the prolonged dry spell. Taranaki has 286 river and stream catchments flowing into the sea but only 10 lakes larger than 8ha. People say what falls on the mountain ends up in the sea as soon as three hours later. Whether that is just an interesting myth or not it does highlight Taranaki's lack of water storage reservoirs.

The KCB has been working alongside the council's Environmental Strategy and Policy team as it carries out a review of the Oakura Structure Plan. The plan, adopted by council in 2006, outlines how to implement the vision of the New Plymouth Coastal Strategy at the local Oakura level. It identifies areas of land use, protection, parks and other infrastructure and community requirements over the next 20 years with respect to Oakura and includes a detailed programme of on-going work over a 20 year timeframe. The KCB has repeatedly badgered council to implement many aspects of the plan that seem to slip off the radar far too often. The review is the outcome of a successful submission we made to council last during last year's annual plan development. Speaking of annual plans, council's 2014/15 draft plan is now out for public consultation and we would encourage all residents and ratepayers to participate in the proposed meetings so the decision makers can hear your views. The KCB will be making a number of submissions to council on relevant issues in our area. By the time you are reading this Powerco will have started its replacement programme of the power poles and transmission lines on Messenger Terrace and Tasman Parade. Obviously there will be power cuts during this time so be prepared. This whole business has been particularly frustrating for Oakura residents who universally want the lines under-ground. Regardless of a raft of locally suggested solutions the bottom line for Powerco (profit) has been an implacable one. I campaigned in the early '70's to get Oakura's lines under-grounded and many folk back then treated that attempt as irrelevant nonsense. Now,

more than 40 years on most do sing from the same environmental and community wellbeing song sheet. In spite of that, dated thinking means the new poles and transmission lines are set to stay for at least another 50 years. On a far more positive note it is good to see the local surf and surf rider clubs have joined forces, along with other locals, to undertake a study and community consultation project to ascertain the best way forward to enhance and protect the Oakura Beach foreshore area. The proposal is to look into all aspects: improved safety for pedestrians, improved traffic and parking arrangements, refreshed social and sports facilities, landscaping combined with beach and stream conservation, an appreciation of tangata whenua heritage of the area, and so on. The proposed outcome is to create a long term vision to better deliver each club's activities in a user-friendly precinct that is a sensitive fit with all our community activities and facilities. The KCB will certainly take an active interest in the development of this local, self-funded project. To finish we must congratulate those council officers who have worked strenuously to clear up all the misconceptions and iron out all the obstacles surrounding the Office of Treaty Settlement's recommendation that Okato Domain be included in its Taranaki Iwi Treaty Settlement as a right of first refusal. A right of first refusal can only occur if council resolved sometime in the future that the Domain was no longer required for public reserve purposes. With five different sports clubs occupying the grounds, all with extensive buildings and facilities, that is hardly likely to ever happen. However there have been many questions and concerns that needed to be addressed so everyone had an objective understanding of the Treaty Office approach. That was done so over time by council officers in collaboration with KCB, the sports clubs, Okato Domain Board and Taranaki Iwi and subsequently council made the decision to support this Treaty Office process. This is a sensible outcome and we wish Taranaki Iwi every success in reaching a fair and final settlement with the Crown. Finally don't forget to regularly check the KCB Face Book page. This year we have reached over 2,500 Face Bookers with our biggest uptake being 343 folk looking at the 'Pearls of Wisdom' story about local jeweller Rob Wright - way to go Rob!

Ka kite ano Doug Hislop (752 7324) on behalf of Keith Plummer, Mike Pillette, Paul Coxhead and Councillor Richard Jordan who is the Council representative on the KCB.



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Okato Districts Celebrations

Sesqui-Centennial celebrations are being planned for the Okato and Districts to be held 7th- 8th- 9th March 2015 – (Taranaki Anniversary Weekend.)

As part of the Okato District, the Historical Society members are working extremely hard to scan, copy, collate and index as many of the holdings in their care as possible in this next year.

These holdings are held in a dedicated building in Okato, where several biographies, early settlers' photos and newspaper articles, school rolls, many sports photos, and scrap books etc. are held.

The brief set for the Historical Society (when it began in 1995) was to protect and store photos, newspaper articles and memorabilia in the District 'from Rahotu to Oakura'.

This large area from the Coast to Mount Taranaki, includes Pungarehu, Parihaka, Newall, Warea, Puniho, Tumahu, Okato, Pito-one, Tataraimaka, Ahuahu, and Kaitake.

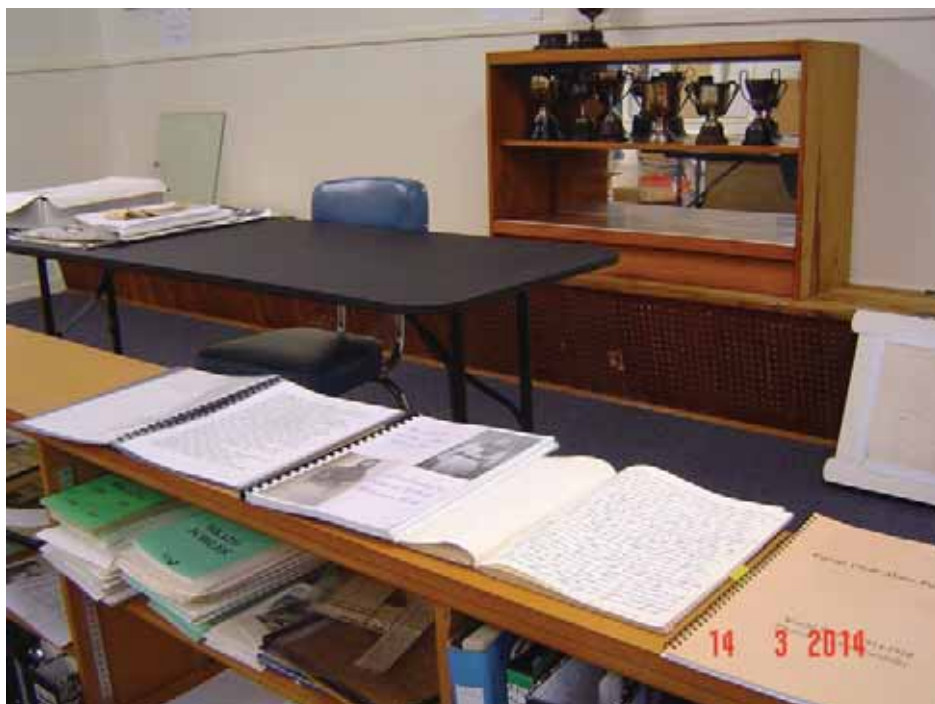
Not necessarily Koru and Kirihaui although the Historical Soc. does hold some information on these areas and up to Pukeiti.

If you and /or your ancestors lived or worked in these areas, you may like to attend the celebrations. A Facebook page for "OKATO150" is being set up.

But more importantly, would you care to send copy to Okato and District Historical Society?



Written material being sorted before cataloguing.



A good find – a handwritten and typed autobiography by an early settler.



Any good quality photos and a story or two about the home, farm, school, store, timber-mill, flax/flour mill, and your family may have been involved in.

If you are sending precious originals we can copy and return.

Or copy and put the originals in secure storage –not where public sticky fingers can take or deface them.

The copies on display will have provision to add to or correct the information we have.

We have 'scan and copy' facilities if anyone wants a copy of what we have – small charge to cover expenses.

Display boards (580mm wide x 770mm high) are being prepared for individual family or genealogical displays.

Currently we have the room open from 10am to 12 most Wednesday mornings if you would like to look and/or help you are welcome. We are located in the Okato Community Trust building Cumming St. Okato.

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Two years in the Square!

Local 4 Square owners Mark Williamson and Geoff Smith have just notched up the two year milestone as owners of our local “general” store in Oakura, and despite the odd power-cut, are very much enjoying the experience.

The pair says their focus is still all about providing customers with the convenience of being able to shop locally from a range of well known and trusted brands, serving up great food and coffee, making sure there is plenty of ice-cream available for the after-school rush, and all done with a smile from one of their dedicated and friendly local team.

With many people immersed in busy lifestyles, being able to provide services that make life easy, provide a bit of a treat and potentially save a trip into town, is what the local grocery store is about these days. Mark and Geoff have introduced a range of initiatives with this in mind and they include:

Fresh “Food to Go” prepared daily on the premises including goods such as pastries, scones, muffins, cakes, slices, hot foods, gourmet sandwiches, wraps and pies, savouries and breakfast on the go options.

A full range of Ozone espresso coffees available from 7am everyday

Fresh sushi twice a week on Wednesdays and Fridays, from well known Sushi Ninja in New Plymouth.

Takeaway Pizza on Friday evenings, baked to order in the kitchen

Kapiti Ice Cream for that extra bit of indulgence or after school treat!

Working with local businesses such as TLC Meats, Sushi Ninja and Ozone Coffee has allowed Mark and Geoff to introduce new offers and this collaborative approach to doing business is hopefully providing a better choice of products for the Oakura community.

The addition of seating and tables in the area at the front of the 4 Square is proving to be a winner with the popular spot the ideal place to savour that morning coffee, enjoy an ice cream or simply watch the world go by.

Geoff and Mark say they know they don’t always get it right but are keen to hear from locals about what they want at the 4 Square and if practical, will implement any good ideas (the idea for Sushi actually came from one of their regular customers!).

So two years on the 4 Square is going strong, feedback from locals and the yearly beach goers is positive and more and more people are dropping in for their daily caffeine fix. Thanks to the team at Oakura 4 Square for a bright and vibrant corner store where we all can get a little of what we want, where everyone knows your name and we don’t have to drive to town!

By Kim Ferens



Heather busy in the kitchen preparing tasty food for customers.



Claudia trying to keep out of the Kapiti ice cream chiller and below, making a brilliant coffee.



SPORTS

Kaitake Golf Club

Members and visitors to Kaitake Golf Course have been enjoying excellent conditions for playing golf over the summer period. The weather has been fickle but the course is in excellent condition you couldn't wish for more. However the effects of no rain are starting to show.

Tuesdays Twilight golf has been well supported and will continue until the end of March.

Juniors can look forward to two days of golf in the school holidays. Keep Wednesdays free and we will start at 10.30am.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Men - The Men's Summer Cup was won by Jim Cooper with Gary James runner-up. Congratulations guys. Both the Kaitake Men's teams lost their matches in the 3rd round of the Taranaki Mens Pennants. The next round will be crucial to stay up with the leaders.

Weekend Women - The weekend Women are back in the swing of things with Opening Day on 15th February. We welcomed several new ladies, some beginners and others returning to golf. We would love some more ladies to join us so please give us a call. We play every Saturday teeing off at 9.30am.

Our Pennants team have had one win and two losses so far in the Taranaki Weekend Pennants Competition.

Midweek Women - After the second round of pennant competition the Midweek Women have one win and one loss

Midweek 9 Hole - Whilst a few of our 9 hole members are travelling across the globe, the rest are enjoying what is left of some fabulous playing days.

Picking up Thursday's Haggles are Thelma White, Christine Alexander, Margaret Briscoe, Kay Stachurski, Chrissy Warden, Marie Shotter and Peggy Nicholas.

Welcome to our 'Come and Try Day' Pam Flavell and Jeanette Upsen and welcome back Anne Wilson (Senior).

More information on Kaitake Golf Club can be found on the website www.kaitakegolf.co.nz. or by talking to Jacqui in the Office, phone 752 7665

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A French-inspired Dinner, 3 April 6.30pm

Join Danger and his friend Mike, a knowledgeable local wine lover, for tasty dishes matched with 5 extraordinary New Zealand Pinot Noirs. See Greetings from Danger for more info. \$75 per person. Seating is limited for this special event, call 06 751 0787.



Responding to your feedback from the questionnaires, we'll offer a Dinner and a Movie night in early Winter. Watch this space!



Wedding planning for next year...

Okurukuru is the first stop of the Taranaki Weddings Mystery Bus Tour! Saturday, May 24 starting 9:30am, all around New Plymouth. For more information, go to the Taranaki Weddings Facebook page.

Our March draw winner is...

Michael W!

Congratulations Michael, you've won our monthly draw for dinner for two here at Okurukuru. We'll pop a dinner voucher in the mail to you. For the rest of us, if you weren't the lucky winner this month, swing by and check out our new lunch items:

Yellowfin Tuna Tartare with Gazpacho Salsa & Crispy Tortilla \$19/\$29

Terrine of Roasted Garlic & Free Range Chicken with Salsa Verde, Petite Salad \$19/26

Paua Ravioli w Sautéed King Prawns & Grated Parmesan \$19/\$29

Cool Cars at Okurukuru!

Our lawns were looking fast and cool with 100 Corvettes parked all around the restaurant. Part of the Corvette Nationals weekend, the shiny sleek cars were on display for a special Sunday at Okurukuru.



Greetings from Danger @ Okurukuru

Hello from the Okurukuru kitchen! Our team here is excited to bring you seasonal, delicious food. For the special Thursday night wine dinner on April 3rd, I will do some classic Burgundy dishes such as Beef Bourguignon and Coq au Vin to give you a taste of France along with your five luscious tastings of Pinot Noirs.

As Cuisine Magazine notes, "What New Zealand can do with Pinot Noirs just gets more fascinating by the vintage..." We're thrilled to have Mike Radich on hand for the dinner as Mike will introduce each Pinot Noir so you know more about the wine you're drinking. I'll introduce the tasty dishes to make your French-inspired evening full of memorable food and scrumptious wine. Look forward to seeing you there!

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Epic, Adventurous and Awesome

Taranaki Hardcore 225 finished the GODZone Adventure Race recently and the team are home from Kaikoura recovering.

The GODZone Adventure race is a 520 kilometre nonstop all terrain multisport endurance event. Taranaki Hardcore 225 team comprised of Craig Cook, Grant Hildred, Alison Russell and John Rue-mers. The team finished in six days 14 hours and 13 minutes with 19 hours sleep over that six day period.

I caught up with Craig Cook four days after the race to see how the experience had affected him.

Craig was functioning well post race – the swelling in his lower extremities had reduced – no more cankles, the bruises and cuts were healing but some toenails were about to turn black and fall off. The brain was returning to cohesive thought and the spirits were high!

The GODZone course took teams on a circuit starting and finishing in the coastal town of Kaikoura. On their epic journey they climbed Mount Tapuae-o-Uenuku (CP8), the highest mountain outside of New Zealand's Southern Alps at 2885m, mountain biked along back country trails and paddled the length of the Hununui river and the coastal waters around Kaikoura.



Hurunui River.



Sea kayak leg, Cookie and Grunter.

Left to right, Cookie, Grunter, Ally and John.



For team Taranaki Hardcore a rookie mistake in the first mountain biking stage saw them going around in circles for nearly a day before they could find the right route. This mistake really set the team back in terms of posting a great finish time and it meant they were driven around one stage but Craig says missing one stage wasn't a major – some teams were short coursed and missed four stages. The team has nothing but praise for the organisers who devised a great course and the support during the race was exceptional.

At the end you get the enviable task of tipping out the team bin and doing six days of your dirty smelly washing!

Craig rates the race as the best thing he has ever done and has no immediate plans for the next race, has no regrets about missing one stage in the race and is delighted with how his body and mind stood up to the challenge. He is amazed how well the team functioned on very little sleep – the task of plotting your course and making logical decisions were not impaired through lack of sleep – their initial mistake was more down to inexperience. Everyone in the team got on really well and no one suffered any major injuries.

There were many high-lights along the way, not least being the beautiful South Island scenery – check out www.godzoneadventure.com for some spectacular photography. Another highlight was coming into Molesworth and a van of local supporters turned up with their faces painted in Taranaki rugby colours – a real boost to the spirits. Many locals got out and supported the race and this meant a lot to the teams.

The Molesworth mountain biking leg was a measly 160 kms! Following on from this was 16 hours paddling in a blow up kayak not to mention scaling five mountain peaks. Craig estimates they probably burnt 10,000 calories a day so food and water intake was crucial.

So for the oldest team in the race to finish one of the toughest (if not the toughest) adventure races in the world with smiles on their faces, pushing through every barrier and obstacle the rugged terrain of Kaikoura could throw at them, every physical barrier and every mental barrier is truly remarkable. We are all very proud!

By Kim Ferens



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Oakura Boardriders

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The Micro Groms contest circuit has one final contest to run at Waitara, by the time you are reading this the circuit champs will have been crowned with a lot of Oakura kids in the mix. The Micro Groms is a great event for the introduction of surfing to mums and dads as well as kids. Nothing too serious, we just need to keep it consistent and heaps of FUN so if you haven't been involved this year, get into it next summer.

The Taranaki Intermediate School Surfing Champs were held 14th March, great showing by the Oakura kids - Hamish Goodhue 2nd in 8 yr boys, Tom Butland 1st in year 7 boys, Jack Mitchell 3rd in yr 7 boys, Skylar Ellington 1st. in the 8 yr girls . Challenging conditions but that's contest surfing.

The Club has a lot of new faces on the committee and stepping into administrative roles this past year. This has been a new experience for some but it has given a chance for the old guard to have a bit of a rest in the shadows and a bit of refresh for the club. The Clubs Champs weekend is always a great weekend and important event for the club; it takes a lot of organising and a lot of time and commitment from club members to get it done. This year was a steep learning curve for our new committee members on running a contest with a lot of the old guard away. By all accounts a great weekend was had by all and some champs were crowned. There are still a couple of senior divisions to run as everyone was away but hopefully we'll get these done mid-April. A few highlights were a certain member rushing around drumming up some cheerleaders prior to his heat only to trip on some rocks and break his thumb necessitating a trip to A&E (bad luck Rick). It was also good to see one of our life members who is having a bad run health wise coming down the coast and judging a few heats and being involved, it shows what this club means to some of us!



U10 boys.

RESULTS SO FAR:

Under 10 boys

1st Oliver Day
2nd Koah Shewry
3rd Connor Andrews
4th Nate Florence

Under 12 girls

1st Skyler Ellington
2nd Kate Roberts
3rd Taylor Mitchell
4th Ella-Marie Wolnik

Under 12 boys

1st Koah Shewry
2nd Hamish Goodhue
3rd Jack Mitchell
4th Louis Newton

Under 14 boys

1st Tom Butland
2nd Hamish Goodhue
3rd Jack Mitchell
4th Gavin Bishop

Under 16 girls

1st Skyler Ellington
2nd Ariana Shewry
3rd Izzy Goodhue
4th Kate Roberts

Under 16 boys

1st Nick Holt
2nd Gavin Bishop
3rd Jason Bond

Under 18 boys

1st Alex King
2nd Ben King
3rd Tom Butland

Masters

1st Manu Schafer
2nd Luke Florence
3rd Andre Kirk
4th Steve Roberts

Open Women

1st Jackie Mitchell
2nd Rachel Schafer
3rd Ariana Shewry

Open Men

1st Manu Schafer
2nd Luke Florence
3rd Ben Plumber
4th Wade Lobb

A big thank you to our sponsors who came forward with some prizes for the event and we hope everyone supports them and their businesses in the near future: Vertigo Surf Shop, The Carriage Café, The Oakura Pharmacy, Paige Hareb, BC Surfboards, Hareb Deken Motors, and Casey's Café.

A few members were on the Gold Coast prior to and during the first ASP world tour contest. The ASP is under new management with new media rights and an upgraded tour with new contests and more prize money for the competitors etc. The contest site was an absolute nightmare leading up to the contest with more people trying to surf Snapper Rocks than I have ever seen along with the huge temporary structures put in place for the contest it was certainly a spectacular setup. Our local girl Paige Hareb finished with a 9th placing after a great start and I am sure she is fired up for the rest of the year. I am sure her support crew enjoyed the event. There was some impressive surfing and great waves for the final few days. The new online media coverage is a great way to spend some time and follow the events.



U12 boys.



U12 girls.



U14 boys.



U16 boys.



U16 girls.



Open Women.

I am sure it will get better as the year progresses and the new management fine tune the format.

April will be busy in Taranaki with the NZ Home Loans Surf Festival and the Easter Masters, which a lot of our club members enter. This year the Festival incorporates the below agenda, all info can be found at <http://www.nzsurffestival.co.nz/> There will be a contest between Oakura, Waitara, and Christchurch's North Wai on April 25th, at Oakura with a band night following. Hope we see everyone down there. All in all it should be a great couple of weeks.

18 - 20 April: Fisher And Paykel Easter Masters (Men and Women 30 – 75 years old).

21 April: Powerco Surf Coaching Sessions Have A Go Day For Beginning And Intermediate Surfers (Daisy Day and Matt Scorringe).

22 - 23 April: Powerco Surf Coaching Sessions For Advanced Surfers (Matt Scorringe and Ricardo Christie).

24 April: The Art Of Surfing Expression Session (Followed by entertainment at the Corona Bar).

25 April: Surfing Taranaki Groms Interclub Competition (At Oakura).

26 - 27 April: Rip Curl Gromsearch (16 And Under, U14, U12 Boys And Girls).

28 April: Wahine On Waves Women's And Girl's Surf Day (At Waitara).

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NPOB Surf Nationals

The New Zealand Surf Nationals this year were at Ohope on the 7 – 9 March. The NPOB Surf Club had 10 athletes attend; they did not get off to a great start when two of the team were injured prior to leaving. Beach sprinter Baily Mullin had her foot in a moon boot and was unable to compete. Board paddler Lachie Stevens had a broken wrist and did manage to race. Another athlete Talor Owen went with a sore hand which has subsequently also turned out to be broken and put in plaster after Nationals.

Day One started with a couple of great results in the Under 16 age group run swim run's with Jenna Barrett winning gold in the run swim run and then Isaac Hardie Boys winning silver. Jenna showed her great surf skills when with the leading bunch in the swim she was the only one to pull down a wave and body surf it in to win comfortably.

Day Two was about setting up for what was called Super Sunday when the majority of finals are held.

Super Sunday started with Tube Rescues where in the space of an hour Brodie Lilley and Isaac Hardie Boys had raced heats and semi-finals which were both won to set themselves up for the final. They also led the final for most of the way before being overtaken by the St Clair team, Brodie and Isaac finished with a silver.

Next up was the under 16 Diamond Lady which Jenna was in, this race is a board race immediately followed by a surf race. Jenna was a little behind the leaders after the board but a great wade put her in touch with leaders and she swam through the field to finish with bronze.



Jenna Barrett.

Isaac Hardie Boys, Jack Dingle and Brodie Lilley lined up in the final of the under 16 Surf race. Like the run swim run Isaac had a great race and led all the way as he had in the run swim run. But the old adage "that's surf" stopped Isaac from a well-earned win when he stood up to start wading and a wave came through with a couple of competitors on it. Isaac finished with a bronze.

Over half of the team train in swim squads and the results by Jenna and Isaac are well earned. In the surf you need to have a lot of skills and surf sense but you also have to be swim fit. Jenna and Isaac train under Sue Southgate in her

**Front (left to right) Laurie Feaver, Jenna Barrett.
Back (left to right) Lachie Stevens, Talor Owen,
Brodie Lilley, Isaac Hardie Boys.**



elite swim squad and a lot of thanks must go to Sue for her part in preparing them for National's.

Other members of the team to make finals were Jerusa Lambert-Fahy, Laurie Feaver, Talor Owen, Lachie Stevens and Paul Beavis.

On the home front the Oakura based club has enjoyed a successful season, from junior surf to our IRB competitors. Our junior surf membership increased this year and a majority of the new members are Oakura locals. The club again is thankful to the support of the Oakura community and input from local identity Don Harvey.

As with every season our club focus is to prevent drowning and injury at the beach. Hence we need many of our members to patrol the beach. Along with some of the new juniors we have had a number of their parents actually complete their life guard training and they are now patrolling the beach alongside more seasoned patrol members. It is great to see new parents getting involved in the club. Patrolling the beach comes with a responsibility to the community and the other thing the members have been required to do is up skill themselves. Members have attended such courses as Level One Coaching, First Aid and Radio Operators.

Ross Lilley, NPOB Surf Club

Bailey Mullin and Talor Owen.



Right and below - Isaac Hardie Boys.



Lachie Stevens and Talor Owen.



Lachie Stevens.



Brodie Lilley and Isaac Hardie Boys.

GETTING WET

NPOB Oceans 14

Oceans 14 was held at Mt Maunganui on Thursday 20th February – Sunday 23rd February and amongst the 825 athletes were 19 representing New Plymouth Old Boys.

DIAMOND:

Sam Dingle (U12) – Gold.

SURF:

Sam Dingle (U12) – Gold.

BOARD:

Sam Dingle (U12) – Silver.

TUBE RESCUE:

Sam Dingle, Jonty Hughes – (U12) - Gold.

SURF:

Aimee Daniels – (U14) – Bronze.

Unfortunately the sea conditions did not really play its part throughout the four days and many events having to be held at the far end of the main beach, shark alley, and the far side of dark alley and yes Pilot Bay.

Pilot bay is where Sam Dingle and Jonty Hughes combined together to win the U12 boys tube rescue.

Over at the main beach over the next few days everyone in



Sam Dingle and Jonty Hughes.

the team performed exceptionally well and supported one another.

Sam Dingle continued on his winning way by taking out the U12 boys Surf and Diamond races along with a silver in the U12 board race.

Also Aimee Daniels took out the bronze in the U14 girls surf race.

Others to make finals were Zak Beaton, Aimee Daniels, Ella Hughes, Maddie Hardie-Boys, Keegan Joe, Claudia Harrop, Jonty Hughes, Tori Cox, Olly Spicer, Jack Cleland, and Yannika Harrop.

By the end of the weekend 17 athletes either made semi-finals or finals which was a great effort.

There was some great performances by all over the four days in some very testing conditions which made them all use their skills and 100% effort.

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Aimee Daniels.



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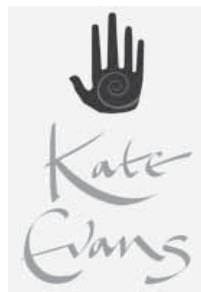
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SUPER SWIMMING SPORTS



Swimming sports action.

On Thursday the 6th of March the years 4-8 travelled to Okato for the senior school swimming sports. It was a beautiful sunny day and it was nice to see all the children dressed up in their house colours.

The races consisted of width races in freestyle and flutter board, 25m (1 length) freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke and the year 7 and 8's had the choice of doing 50 metre (2 lengths) championship freestyle, backstroke or breaststroke instead of the 25 metre races. All of the year 7 and 8's who competed in the championship races were eligible for the swimming cup. Students also participated for house points.

All the students who participated enjoyed their day and are looking forward to next year's event.

Thanks to Mr Laird who organised this event and to all the parents who volunteered as time and score keepers. Thanks also to Claire White for helping coach the year 7 and 8's and for her help on the day.

At 1:30pm the year 3 students had their own swimming sports held in the Oakura School pool. The events were all one length and included flutter board (both front and back), freestyle, backstroke and dolphin dive. The event finished with a class relay which was won by room 5.

All students who participated gained points for their houses which were added to the senior swimming sports totals to contribute to the final results. The winning house was Wairau followed by Patuha, Koru and Matekai.

A lot of parents attended and cheered the students on in what was a very enjoyable afternoon.

By Hamish Goodhue (12 years)

JUNIOR SCHOOL TRIATHLETES

The junior school triathlon was held on the back field of Oakura School, with more than 60 students bringing their bikes to the event. We were lucky to have fabulous weather for this exciting day.

The triathlon had four events; running, biking and swimming. The students first ran one or two laps of the Oakura school field then they biked around the field until they got to the pine tree out by the tennis courts. Next they ran to the pool and did a width of the pool, running to the finish line to end their race.

There were lots of worn out children at the end of the day who were very proud of what they had achieved.

A big thank you to the teachers who arranged this event and to the year 8 sports leaders for helping all the juniors with their running, biking and swimming.

By Jade Maulder & George Clarke (12 years old)



(Left to right) Jimmy Ellis year 8 helps Indie Shearman with his helmet along with parents and Robert Harrison, Oliver Butler and Kohen Hareb-Hine.

COMING EVENTS

April

17 Term One ends.

18 Good Friday.

May

5 Term Two begins.

8 Playgroup.

12 Mobile Library 1:30-2:30.

13 Yr 5 and 6 People Savers first aid course.

14 Y1/2 Movement Madness.

15 Y3/4 Movement Madness.



Connie Baylis in the swim section.

OMATA TRIATHLON

Finally, Friday the 28th arrived. The girls got changed in excited screams and yells. Omata Triathlon!

We placed our towels and sun hats on the wooden bench and cheered the juniors on with their triathlon.

Next we ran to the pool. We waited for Mr Bennett's whistle,

"Breet" The race was on!

We plunged into the mid-warm pool and swam two lightning-fast lengths like a cheetah. We zoomed out of the pool, ran to our bikes and ran them to the rugby field.

Following close after, we mounted our bikes and raced around the rugby field twice.

After our second lap we dismounted and jogged our bike back to the transit area. We were puffed but we must go on.

Second to last, we puffed as we ran our two laps around the soccer field.

To round it all up we finished off with a water slide and a delicious ice-block.

Lastly, while licking our ice-blocks, we cheered the Room 2 and Room 6 students (seniors) on.

What an amazing triathlon!!

By Jacinta Pattison, aged 8



Noah Glasgow races away after a smooth transition in the triathlon.

On Friday 28th February we had our spectacular triathlon.

Firstly, we got changed, there were towels flying and girls screaming excitedly, ready to start. We got changed I could feel my body shaking, I was nervous.

When we arrived at the course we were acting like an audience for the juniors.

At the next stage we swam. We split up into four groups. Four people started, feeling nervous. We swam different styles, two lengths.

Following that we sprinted onto the mushy, green grass. Once we got to our bikes with soil on our shoes and helmets, we undid our stands and pushed our bikes through the transition area and onto the field.

At this point we biked two laps around the blue flags on the rugby field. After that we placed our bikes and helmets back in the right place.

Near the end now!

We ran two laps around the coned area of the soccer fields.

Finally we arrived at our final destination, the waterside. We slid getting soaked and cheered on by the audience. Then to cool us down an ice-block was given to each student.

What an amazing and fun day it was!!

By Charlotte Butler, aged 7



Natalie Withers slides in to the finish line.

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ACADEMIC

The school is delighted to announce that we gained 21 scholarships across 12 subjects. The scholarship is undertaken by top academics in New Zealand and is the highest academic award at Secondary School level. The achievement of a Scholarship is a great accolade for any student.

Alan Ansell gained six scholarships, two of which were "Outstanding", Adrian Robb gained four, James Innes three, Ben Mitchell two of which one was "Outstanding", Thomas Lawley two and one scholarship was gained by Flynn Valentine, Karl Hill, Nicholas Waddell, Dwight Rawson.

The following boys met the criteria for a Super 8 Scholar award, given their success in NCEA Level 2 Assessments. Jake McComb, Tom Spencer, George Mohi, Teague Harvey, Charlie Boon, Finn Holland, William Chattacombe-King, Jakob Parrish, William Adlam, Matt Currill, Cameron Tippet, Akmil Smith, Matthew Standen.

An initiative this year is that some boys are involved in building a Bach as part of their studies. The "Build a Bach Project" is located at WITT and is part of setting up a pathway for boys to progress to a trade. Congratulations to Billy Fowell, Jai Julian, Liam Shotter, Zach Smith, Steven Thomson

SPORT

We have had an extraordinary run of success with summer sports.

Congratulations to Reuben Gray who has been selected to represent New Zealand at the Australian national Pairs Mounted Games competition, to be held in Wentworth in April

In the Athletic Preliminaries the Junior 3000m was won by Jack Elliot; Intermediate by Angus White and Senior by Orin Burmester. On our Athletics Day Dane Brooks jumped an incredible 2.05m which he improved on at the Taranaki Championships.....this places him in the top echelon of athletes in Australasia. Another highlight was our top sprinter (Jaron McCullum) facing our long-distance star (Angus White) in the 800m with the result being a dead heat. Two South African boys have joined our school with an immediate impact. Eugene van Rooyen excelled in javelin (50 metres) and his brother Quintin set a new record for long jump (6.89m). In the Taranaki Championships Angus White ran an amazing 8.55.45 for the 3000m – any time under 9 minutes is extraordinary. Jaron McCullum broke the record for 400m running 51.25. Michael McDonald threw the discus 51.15 m.

The tennis team defeated FDMC 8-1 and PNBHS to advance to the Nationals.

In the Swimming Sports our Junior Champion is Chris Johnson, Intermediate Isaac Hardie-Boys and Senior Talor Owen. In the NZ Surf Life-Saving Championships our boys represented local clubs. Brodie Lilley and Isaac Hardie-Boys came second in the tube rescue; Thomas Cole,



Nick Wilson second 400m TSSA, and Angus White winner 1500 and 3000m.

Elliot Lundon-Moore and Gregor Park came second in the Taplin Relay; Jaron McCullum won the beach sprint and the Beach Flags; Isaac Hardie-Boys came second in the Run-Swim-Run and third in the Surf race. Chad Collop and Jaron McCullum gained first place in both the Open Men's and U19 Beach Relay. Jaron McCullum was selected in a NZ Youth Development squad for promising athletes.

In the NZ Sprint Kayak Championships Thomas Cole gained a gold medal in the U16 K1 500 and a silver medal in the U16 K1 200; Gregor Park gained a bronze medal in the U16 K1 200.

Emerson Gray was named in the NZ U17 touch team

In the Taranaki Surfing Championships Isaac Kettle is the U16 Champion, Reef Matthews 3rd and Joel Clegg is the U14 champion, Sonny Martin 2nd champion and Mitch Esterhuizen won the Body-Boarding.

The school is very proud of the sailing team which won the Lower North Island Championships defeating schools such as Lindisfarne, Scots College and Wellington College. Daanie Morgan excelled.

The U15 Sevens, Volleyball and Cricket teams defeated Hamilton Boys High School.

The 1stX1 Cricket team have beaten Francis Douglas and Wanganui Collegiate to advance to the next round of the Gillette Cup. Junior cricketers performing well are Josh Ryan (116 v Waitara H); Josh Quinney (117 v Stratford H); Corrigan Miller (108 v FDMC). Ross Malcolm took 6 wickets v FDMC)

CULTURAL

The Concert Band is underway for another year with regular practices. We also link with New Plymouth Girls' High School for the Stage Band. We are very pleased to see an Intermediate Band this year as well.

Michael McMenamin, Headmaster

Spotswood College



LIFE AS A SENIOR STUDENT AND LEADER

What is leadership? Who and what defines a leader? If I had to guess I would say the senior leaders, such as myself, at Spotswood College, are on the right track. I am enjoying the opportunity to write about the positive things occurring in my school.

At Spotswood College I am not just a senior student. I am a Peer Support Leader, Deputy Head Girl and as such part of a team. My aim for this year is not only to be the best I can be but also to bring out the best I see in others.

Two major events have so far given me the opportunity to highlight the achievement of others and to support them to reach their goal; these have been the Hapu Swimming and Athletics sports. Our School's Athletics Day was the best yet with everyone getting involved and supporting their peers. This event showed just how valuable and beneficial our School's E TŪ programme is. Everyone contributed to their Hapu Group in some way; whether it was dressing up in their house colours, competing in every event just for house points or supporting those competing to win one of the 2014 Athletic Championship Cups. This year's Athletics was more than just a fun day out of class; our senior students took it to the next level by making sure students were enthusiastic and getting involved.

The start of Year 13 has been a very big but at the same time very enjoyable and rewarding step up from Year 12. With so many new roles and responsibilities I don't often find myself sitting in one spot for too long. I have found that working with my senior team has made me much more open minded and enthusiastic towards different ideas.



Left to right: Jordan Te Waaka, Faris Petty and Kaitlyn Koboski.

Throughout the term Year 13 students have been meeting with their Dean to complete an IDP (Individual Development Plan). The IDP is to assist students keep on track to meet their next step education and career goals. A key focus has been our planning for the future. It is a lot easier to stay on track if you have a map rather than wandering around with no end result in sight. Spotswood College's E TŪ programme is helping make young, reliable and intelligent workers. We are developing people who employers want to have in their businesses. On Friday 7th March our Head Prefects attended the launch of Taranaki Futures. This programme is linked to the Taranaki community and focuses on making Taranaki a great option for youth. It involves getting students into the local work place and to have hands on experience and real world knowledge. Year 11 students are already involved in projects such as the most recent "Build a Bach" programme. Taranaki Futures is the next step in ensuring that all youth in our Community are able to set reasonable goals and accomplish them locally.

Time is going by so quickly and as the end of Term 1 draws nearer I am beginning to realise that each day that passes I am becoming more of a leader. I now know how valuable each day of my last year of school is. Each day that passes brings me closer to the real world and all it has to offer. Value each day like it's your last.

*Kaitlyn Koboski,
Deputy Head Girl*

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Fitness Training. Small Group classes held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Corbett Park - Interval Training & BoxFit. Contact Estelle Williams of Functional Fitness ph 7521001.

Hurford - Omata - Oakura Rural Women. Meet 2nd Wednesday each month at 1.00pm. New members welcome. Contact Jean Kurth 751 2274.

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.

Mini Groovers. Restarts Tuesday 11th February, 10.00am Oakura Hall. Gold coin donation. Weekly thereafter.

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NP Toastmasters Club. Meets every 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of the month, 5.30pm at Bell-ringer Pavillion. Everyone welcome. Ph Faye 0274 250 354 or 751 0811.

Oakura Pool Club. Meets every Wednesday evening 7pm @ Butlers Reef over winter. Phone Chip 027 621 4999 or 752 1004.

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.

Playcentre. Playcentre, Donnelly Street. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to noon. Visitors welcome by appointment. Ph Bridget on 06-752 7223.

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, Omata. Morning worship 10.00am, 2nd Sunday of the month.

Val Deakin Dance School. Pre-school dance classes are from 9:30 to 10 am and the Beginners' ballet dance class from 10 am to 10:45 am.

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@taranakiwv.co.nz and Secretary: bryan@taranakiwv.co.nz

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