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EDITORIAL



You may have noticed there was no November TOM-Oakura in your letterboxes last month and I apologise for this and hope no one was inconvenienced. Ron who does the lay up for TOM had a very serious health incident but thankfully is now recovering well. Unfortunately for us he will no longer be doing the creative 'stuff' for TOM, he will be sorely missed.

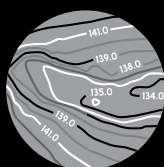
I have just spent three weeks in India having the time of my life and it is easily the best place I've ever been to. Before I went people told me I was mad (usually people who haven't been there) so I went with some trepidation. I did travel with a guide and a driver and I did stay five star (why wouldn't you, it is cheap) before I joined the Peta Mathias gastronomad group which is considered luxury. People have said to me that I didn't see the real India but that has me wondering what the real India is. India has one of the highest percentages of millionaires in the world so surely staying in a five star hotel is just doing what the masses are doing??! There is plenty of poverty, filth and people to ensure you see every side of India on a regular basis. It's the people that get you - they are so nice, they are so colourful and their hospitality is second to none and the scenery is pretty good too - I can't wait to go back.

A few issues ago I mentioned the circus that was the American election and it seems the worst possible outcome has eventuated - Donald as ringmaster. But is it the worst outcome? Time will tell but I take a good deal of pleasure out of proving doomsdayers wrong and I hope the Don can do the same.

I'm sorry to read the Oakura Beach Carnival isn't going ahead for 2017 - it is such an iconic piece of our village culture so good luck for those planning future events.

I wish everyone a happy and sunny summer holiday and festive season. See you in 2017!

Kim



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Pick up your copy of great summer reads! Our list of suggestions is available in all the libraries.

Our Christmas holiday programme will be held on Wednesday 21st December at 10am-11am. We will be creating a bug inspired Christmas tree ornament. Please book as spaces are limited. If you haven't already been to Puke Ariki's current exhibition, BUGS! Our Backyard Heroes, it is a must see experience and runs from 12 November 2016-14 May 2017.

Our final Crackerjacks pre-school (for babies too) story time of the year will be held Thursday 15th December at 10am-10:30am. Join us for song, story and craft. We're taking a break in January and our sessions will resume Thursday 16th February 2017 at 10am.

Our holiday hours will be:

We will be open from 9am-1pm on Saturday 24th December 2016. We will be closed Christmas Day through until the New Year. We will re-open on Wednesday 4th January 2017 noon-6pm and resume our normal operating hours for the rest of the summer season. You can still return library books in our night book drop during the holiday period!

Thank you to all our lovely volunteers who help us throughout the year! We really appreciate all you do.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy your summer!

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There are different recollections about this story, but the overwhelming point to which has made this story touch the lives of many people since, is the compassionate human nature that you can never take away despite extreme circumstances. It is this humanity, and the joining together of us all, as we celebrate our differences, our uniqueness and the common threads that hold us all together that we should celebrate this Christmas.

As the world becomes more intrinsically connected and we live in this global village, it is never more pertinent to look at what it means to love thy neighbour. It is a time to put aside fear and anger, differences and grievances and to look at what holds us together, how we can build a future where we all succeed and celebrate each other and our differences.

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New Year*



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2016 has been a big year, and there are many things we can look back on and celebrate. Most recently we were announced by Lonely Planet as the Second Best Region to visit in 2017, which has put Taranaki on the international tourism map like never before. It is the highest ranking Lonely Planet award for a NZ region and we should take immense pride in what we have accomplished over many years to build such a fantastic region, which is of course hugely helped by the stunning natural beauty and resources we have!

Our economy is growing at well over 3 per cent, and in the last quarter alone 35,000 more jobs were created and we now have the second highest employment rate in the entire OECD.

We're in the middle of our biggest ever building boom and we have an unemployment rate which is the lowest since December 2008.

As we look ahead to 2017, we will continue to build on this great work, creating a strong foundation as a government so that you, your family, your friends, your neighbours and all of us a nation can look forward to a bright year ahead.

This time of year brings festivities and family fun. It is a time for reminiscing and looking forward. Wishing you wonderful memories during this joyous season and a safe and Merry Christmas.

Jonathan Young

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Kaitake Community Board

While writing this in mid November it is certainly uncertain if the wet weather will ever go away. I'm sure all of us have been looking forward to getting outside and tending to lawns, gardens and all the other jobs that have yet to finally depart into the summer sun. Even though we have been holed up indoors for many more days than we should be I can only hope that more settled weather is just around the corner! Anyway onto more serious stuff.

The Kaitake Ward stretches from the outskirts of Spotswood, along the coast to Okato's Stony River, up to the mountain and across and back down to Spotswood. The traditional landscape in that area is rapidly changing as the district's urban population grows and many search for lifestyle solutions other than living in a city suburb. Slowly urban sprawl is being supplanted by rural sprawl. While there is merit in infill housing in our three main urban areas of Omata, Oakura, and Okato there is no way that all of the growth that is going to occur over the next thirty years will be accommodated through that alone. Green field and fringe growth is a reality and is likely to expand. One only has to drive into the city from the coast to see the increasing number of dwellings situated in what used to be empty paddocks. And on many side roads dairy farms are being supplanted by lifestyle blocks. All of this diversification has impacts in a range of ways in the community. On one hand there is the diversity of the changing community, on the other far more traffic, congested parking, escalating school rolls, pressure on public facilities such as halls, sports grounds and water supplies etc.

This brings me to the point that if our community is to continue to meet its residents' needs then it is essential that people living in it do have the opportunity to engage and participate in planning and policy decisions that will have an impact on

their lives. To that end Council's high-level spatial Blueprint plan taking shape under its vision of 'Shaping Our Future Together' becomes a most important piece of work. With a new focus on people, Council's role is changing from merely roads, rates and rubbish towards a more in-depth level where it learns much about the diverse range of communities in its midst and guides decision-making to deliver better outcomes for them.

Integrating the Blueprint plan into the way things get done across the district is currently underway, and the NPDC's four community boards have been tasked with developing Community Board Plans to assist and inform the Council's long-term planning and delivery frameworks. The Kaitake Community Board completed the Oakura stage of this project back in April and has embarked on the development of the second part of the process. That is to engage with the Okato community to tease out all its goals, aspirations, ideas and issues that will provide local guidance, not only to Council's planning during the next 30 years but also to other government agencies, businesses, industries and the community in general. When the KCB has completed that stage it will repeat the process again in Omata.

'Keeping it Local' is a Council term at the forefront of the Blueprint integration project. The KCB maintains a literal translation of that in guiding the way it is going about its work in the community. While this can be a messy way of working at times, ultimately it provides the platform for every voice to be heard and better outcomes to be obtained. Part of our ongoing mantra is to stay connected with our local communities, so we are always progressing community-building initiatives in which neighbourliness is assigned practical value.

To that end the KCB has been supportive of the Oakura Boardrider's ongoing project to update the skateboard park in Shearer Reserve. In fact the board secured Council approval and substantial funding from its renewals budget to kick-start the initiative back in 2014. The project is still short of final funding however, so you are keen to help get in touch with the OBC President, Luke Florence - lukeflorencelt@gmail.com.

Well, that's it for this issue. Ka kite ano. Doug Hislop (7527324, douglashislop@gmail.com) on behalf of Keith Plummer, Mike Pillette, Paul Coxhead and Roy Weaver who is the council representative on the KCB.

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SPORTS



Club Championships

Allan Bridgeman, Roy Phillips and Ray Haslip won the triples championship final in a tightly contested game over a Jim Priest skipped team of Derek Williams and Kurt Smith. Blustery and difficult playing conditions did not stop the Bridgeman team fighting back from an early 14 - 4 deficit to take the honours 19 - 18 in an extra end decider after scores were locked at the end of regulation play.

The two finalists have been decided in the highly coveted fours championship. Adam Collins will lead the team of Peter Murdoch, Andy Shearer, and Syd Sharpe against an Allan Bridgeman skipped quartet of Bruce Jackson, Kurt Smith and Ray Haslip in the final. Good bowling to both teams.

Sectional play in the Club Singles Championship will also start in December with the winner to be decided by the end of January.

Interclub Tournaments

The midweek tournaments of Avery and Gilmour are well under way with the Oakura Bowling Club placed first in both competitions with a very healthy 75% and 60% win percentage respectively.

Congratulations go to Brian Wickham and Roy Phillips (team selectors) and key players of both the mid-week competitions. Keep up the great work. A solid start to the Saturday Shield completion has the Oakura Bowling Club placed 2nd after 4 rounds with a win ratio of 75%.

Oakura will have two teams contesting the TSB Reality interclub competitions during December. Well done to all the bowlers who have committed their support to these tournaments as it is the first time in many years that the club has been able to field two strong and talented teams.

Club News

Congratulations to Adam Collins for selection in the Taranaki team. Collins will skip the fours development team that is to compete in Arnott Shield Tournament played at Wanganui.

The Heartland Bank sponsored national open championships are also being played late December and early January in greens across Taranaki.

New Zealand top bowlers will be in action so it will be a great opportunity to watch world class bowling on our very own doorstep. For further details visit www.bowlsnz.co.nz

The Underarm Bowler

Oakura Tennis Club

Welcome to another tennis season!

The Club AGM was held last month and we welcome Tash Lewis joining the regulars: Graeme Mitchell – President, Jackie Keenan - Secretary, Chris Ferguson – Treasurer, Anne Bridges – Junior Convener, Tash Lewis, Craig Waite, Sue Oldfield, Rebecca Scott and Blitz coaches Matt Stringer and Matt Garnham.

Competition tennis has kicked off

This year we have a Soffe Cup team and an A2 team on Saturdays.

Soffe posted their first close win at home against Rotokare 9-7. The team is currently sitting at first place in the competition with 35 points ahead of Pukekura on 30. Playing Soffe this year we have Blitz tennis coach Matt Stringer joining our regulars from last season – Graeme Mitchell, Jaime and Brady Simpson, Len Adamson, Craig Waite and Simon Spurdle. With the women we welcome the return of Miana Walden joining our regulars Sue Oldfield, Bailey Bruckner, Jackie Keenan, Chris Davies and Ana Spurdle.

A2 had a loss to Pukekura 6-10. This team played A3 last year and is mainly our up and coming juniors – lots of boys! with a few adults as well. Unfortunately we are bit short of girls to make a third team so we have 9 boys: Sammy Lewis, Jack Mitchell, Fletcher Ferguson, Lachie Greensill, Charlie Waite, Daniel Lewis, Blake Carr, Chris Edler and Scott Johnson. The girls are Beth Tverdich, Taylor Mitchell, Roseanne Donovan, Anna Oldfield and Sarah Ashworth with few other ring ins when we are short! Practice night is Thursdays from 5pm.

Midweek ladies we have two teams entered in this competition which is doubles only and played on a Monday from 9-2.

Juniors team wise we have two teams in orange grade (first timers) and two teams in youth. They play after school on Fridays if you want to see them in action!

Cardio Tennis It'll be the High Energy Highlight of your week!

Set to music, come and join the thousands of New Zealanders who have already discovered that the ultimate fitness workout is on a tennis court. Cardio tennis is a fun, tennis-based group fitness programme open to any age, ability and fitness level. The NZ Herald tagged it as one of 2015's hottest fitness trends.

Most women will burn between 300-500 cl in a one hour tennis cardio session. Cardio Tennis is similar to interval training which is periods of high intensity followed by short periods of rest. Interval training is the best way to train for optimal health and fitness. It combines the best features of the sport of tennis with cardio vascular exercise delivering the ultimate , full



body, calorie burning aerobic workout.

Cardio tennis is every Thursday mornings at the club 9.15-10.15am. If you work and would be interested in an evening session let us know as we could do one on Wednesday evenings – great fun for teenage kids and parents!

We do have a Ball Machine for any members to use – contact committee members to access. Great way to hit a lot of balls and kids and adults can use it.

Coaching

We have Blitz tennis offering coaching this season – they can do groups, individuals etc. Contact Matt Stringer at www.blitztennis.co.nz or on 0220458729.

Club Happenings

The club has been busy organising shelter for courts 1 and 2 and getting grants etc. Thanks to a grant from TSB Community Trust we have replaced the back fence with a decent fence that won't blow over in the wind when we put wind cloth up (Thanks to Matt Peacock at Set Engineering for designing, Graeme for organising and Jeremy Pritt for installing). Installing the wind cloth will be next and then we can enjoy our spring tennis a bit more!

The Linda Street courts are resurfaced with astro and very popular. The Tennis Club coordinated and contributed to the upgrade with the council – thanks to Graeme for organising.

Anne has also been busy with help from a grant from NZCT, we now have enough red and white Oakura club t-shirts for all the juniors on Friday night – they look very smart.

Girls on the Court

The Oakura Tennis Club has been fortunate to have been given a grant from Taranaki Sport to promote girls playing tennis.

Over the next few months we will be offering various activities to encourage girls to play tennis.

This is targeted at all girls under 18 years – both members and non members, new to tennis, used to play tennis or have played lots of tennis.

Activities will be varied: private lessons for small groups, fun cardio tennis sessions and girls only group lessons – all provided by Blitz Tennis.

So watch out for these activities as they come up and grab a friend for some fun on the courts.

Membership

The Tennis Club is using “wrap it up” to collect the membership fees this year.

This is an online registration and payment system that keeps all the membership information straight forward and easy to reconcile.

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To register for “wrap it up” go to www.wrapitup.co.nz

If you would rather not use wrapitup you can pay online or post a cheque but please still fill out your membership details.

Current Subs for the 2016/2017 season.

Junior Interclub Player <12 yrs: \$50

Youth Interclub Player 12-18 yrs: \$70

Adult Interclub Player: \$120

Family: \$275

Couple: \$185

Adult or Junior Social: \$20

We are lucky as a Tennis Club in Oakura to have the continued support and cooperation from Lynne and Oakura School. The proximity of the school to the tennis club makes it accessible for the school children to join and take part in tennis for Oakura, so we have a thriving club which will continue to grow.

Thanks to our dedicated committee who support the club and help things run smoothly. Also a large thank you to our sponsors in particular to Mike Roberts from Naki Racquets who continue to support tennis in Oakura year after year.

We welcome any new members and encourage any enquiries to Jackie Mitchell, Secretary. For more updates please check the Oakura Tennis Club Facebook page and also the notice board at the club rooms.

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GETTING WET



Oakura Boardriders

25 years, where did that go?

The club celebrated 25 years over labour weekend with a huge family night on the Friday night, a 25th anniversary Longboard contest on Saturday followed by the main party in the evening. Sunday saw a few weary souls patronise Butlers for some live music by Grant Haua, half of the popular band 'Swamp Thing'

It was a great weekend for all those who attended with some old faces coming out of the woodwork and plenty of the new faces too with the All Blacks test slipped in - there was something for everyone.

Thanks to all who helped make this a great weekend and another milestone passed by the club which has cemented a special place in the community.

Winners of the Longboard contest with awesome trophies donated by Richard Landers Glass Artist were Kalani Watts winning the Juniors and Manu Schafer the Seniors in what was a close fought final.

Open Longboard

1st Manu Schafer, 2nd Matt Peacock, 3rd Eli Smith, 4th Jono Watts

Junior Longboard

1st Kalani Watts, 2nd Ed Shearer, 3rd Owen Ellington, 4th Nate Florence

The New Plymouth Surf Riders have been running the Super Series over the winter months. The last contest has just been completed and taking out the Women's division was Oakura's Ariana Shewry with Tom Butland holding onto 5th in the Mens open and the U18 divisions, Daniel Farr took out the overall Mens Title, great results for our two young Oakura Surfers.

Ariana also went to Japan to compete in her first WSL rated international contests making the semi finals of one in difficult conditions. These contests give her great experience for the future.

Paige Hareb has just finished her campaign close to the cut off point for the world tour again but

needing another solid result to get over the line. Only the top six qualifying series girls getting onto the tour, it is hard going. Guess Paige will regroup and hope for better luck next year.

Our summer Friday nights have started and the lessons for the kids and adults will be kicking off shortly, hopefully we get some summer weather soon.

There is a lot of interest in the surf lessons and we can only manage a certain amount - the lessons have been a great success and this is a huge logistical undertaking by the club at a minimal cost to participants. There appears to be some unreal expectations on what we can deliver. These lessons are a starting point for those wanting an introduction and the basics. The club does supply some boards, the weather does not always cooperate, if you want tailored, one on one lessons we can put you in touch with coaches that provide this service otherwise please enjoy what we provide. Your child should be able to swim and parental attendance is required depending on your child's capability, it is not a baby-sitting service and the sea has many hazards which we need to be aware of. With the opening of Vertigo under the Clubrooms there will be a great focal point for surfing and skating around the beach area so lets all enjoy what Oakura has to offer. Suki Bishop is our coordinator and she can be reached on 027 752 7550.

The proposed Oakura Skatepark is still hoped to go ahead, additional funding is still required and anyone who can help with this or has any ideas to get us over the line can contact John Shewry to discuss. This will be a huge asset for Oakura, the old park that was built by the Oakura Boardriders has given 25 years of service and is in dire need of replacement. Some people have put a lot of time and effort getting the process this far with what at times seems a bureaucratic mountain but we are so close it would be great to see this completed so it can be enjoyed for years to come!

Come along to our Friday nights its always great to see you and we wish everyone a great festive season and summer on the beach.

Brent Anderson, Oakura Boardriders,

President; Luke Florence, 027 493 0819

Secretary; Paul Lobb, 027 244 4297

Lessons Coordinator Suki Bishop, 027 752 7550





The season is now well under-way, with trainings and Carnivals already started. Junior Surf Sunday mornings has kicked off with lots of tough kids turning up in not so perfect conditions – hopefully the sunny, windless days aren't too far away. Trainings are happening during the week, keep an eye on the newsletter for times and sessions.

Patrols started Saturday 26th November, 1-5pm and will continue through to Taranaki Anniversary Weekend. Our life-guarders are out there to help, please help them out by swimming between the flags. And parents, don't forget, always stay with your kids. Contact the club if you are wanting to get involved in anyway, extra help is always appreciated.

Martin from Pekaren Pizza has been super busy getting the café ready, some of you may already know Martin through his Bell Block Pizzeria. Hopefully by the time The Tom has gone to print he will be up and running. The café is open to the public, not just club members. It is going to be a hive of activity at the beach with Vertigo also due to open any day now across the road.

We had a fantastic night with our Black Tie Fundraiser, thank you to everyone who donated auction items. Our auctioneer 'Shifty' did a great job and we well surpassed our auction expectations.

Big thanks to everyone who helped out with the organisation, you did a super job! The club looked amazing, the food was great and there was some very impressive dancing going on to our awesome local band The Blistered Fingers.

And finally thank you to everyone who attended and to all who bid with such reckless abandon. A great night for the club.



Oakura Pony Club

The summer season rolls around quickly and once again we find ourselves in the midst of A&P shows, Xmas rallies, showjumping events and ODE's.

The club has been busy with schooling rallies as well as planning improvements to the grounds and ongoing maintenance. Phil Dickey has again come to the aid of the club after all the rain, to level the sand arena. We have had guest instructors like Molly Lumb and Karen White, who offer their expertise to our young riders. And you'll all have noticed how busy the grounds have been now that we get the occasional break in the weather and have the long evenings to enjoy it. The generous folks at the BP continue to hold a key for casual users, who pay a small fee to use the grounds, which then goes towards the yearly running costs. Without the support of all these locals we'd struggle to keep this fantastic facility open for the enjoyment of the wider equestrian community.



Rider Profile: Saskia Butland

Saskia is a 16 year old year 11 student at New Plymouth Girls High who presently rides two horses.

Turbo is a 7 year old French Warmblood who is an enormous 17 hands high. He is a recent arrival to the family, having come from the Hawkes Bay. Saskia describes him as playful and obedient, eager to please but also naughty.

Saskia also shares Maggie, a 14 hand pony, with her mum, Marlies. Maggie is an 11 year old Kaimanawa who was bred in the wild but was born in captivity. Like most mares Maggie has a mind of her own and although is generally lovely and obliging, she can decide to exert her autonomy at the least convenient times.

Saskia is planning to study either physio or nutrition at Otago once she has finished school. She definitely sees horses in her future after completing her studies.

What do you love most about horse riding and ownership?

After the time you spend schooling and training the horse it's rewarding to see the progress you make together. Also, it's fun and all absorbing.

Favourite discipline?

Show jumping is definitely my favourite. It's black and white, you either go clear, meaning not dropping any rails, or you don't.

Where is your favourite place to ride?

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Toughest Firefighter Competition

Taranaki's Toughest Firefighter 2016 competition was hosted by the Hawera Fire Brigade at the Hawera A&P show. A team of five entered from the Oakura Fire Brigade including David Rielly deputy Chief Fire officer and four new recruits Sheldon Pritchard, Fergus Robertson, Ryan Ditchfield-Ede and Troy Jury.

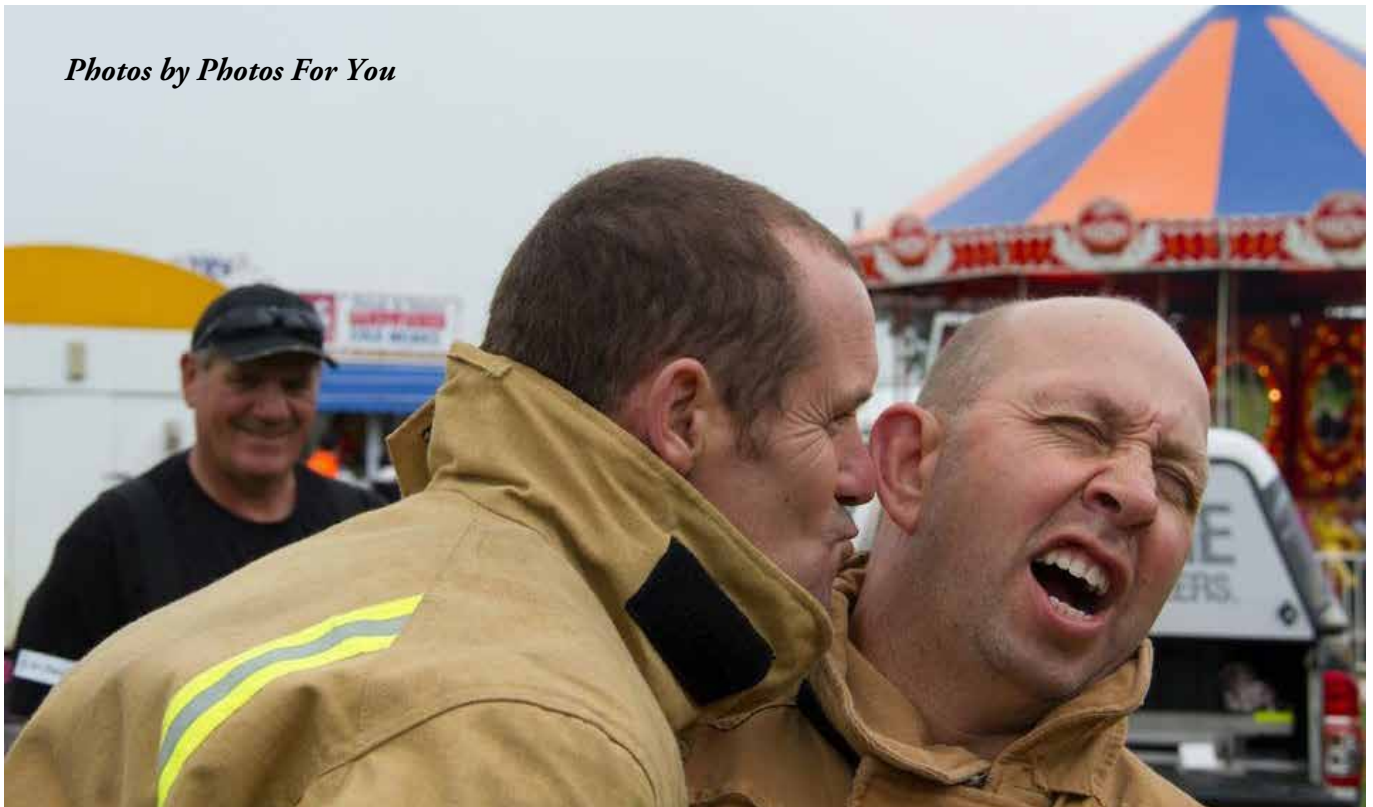
Sheldon was the fastest novice when pitted against Ryan and Troy but Fergus who is also new to the brigade entered the over 40s and had the fastest time for an Oakura entrant.

Oakura was the second fastest team with the average of the three fastest times which was Fergus, Sheldon and Troy in that order.

Deputy Chief Fire Officer Dave said that it was a good fun day out with the crew and they were supported by other members of the oakura brigade and family members.



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Seven ways to cope with stress this Christmas.....

Yes, its that time of year again, love it or hate it Christmas will soon be here! For most people our stress levels are ramped up a notch in December. Up to 43% of all adults suffer adverse health effects from stress each year. So, to try and help the Tom readers, I have put together a list of my top 7 tips to try and help you reduce your stress levels this festive season.

1 Plan ahead: Make a list of everything you want to achieve. Writing everything down means that you're not carrying it around in your head all day (or night). Prioritise and then delegate tasks. Shop for gifts early, and wrap as you go. Remember, you can order some things online including food and drink. Most importantly, plan time in your day to do at least one thing that you enjoy!

2 Eat mindfully: Remember that your body, like your car, needs the correct fuel to be able to function properly! On busy stressful days, eat nutritious food little and often. This keeps your metabolism ticking over all day and minimises the peaks and troughs in energy levels. B vitamins can help you feel more energetic, eat bananas, avocados, green leafy veg, nuts and seeds, fish, meat and dairy. Magnesium helps relax muscles and reduce anxiety, so try snacking on Magnesium rich foods such as Brazil nuts, dried fruit, and even dark chocolate! Add more vegetables and salad to your Christmas day menu and make sure that you try to match each alcoholic drink with a water or juice to stay hydrated.

3 Learn to relax: Acknowledge your stress and take breaks. Practise breathing. Breathe in deeply through your nose, hold for 5 seconds and breathe out slowly through your mouth. Do this 2 or 3 times and instantly feel your shoulders and neck relax. Book yourself a massage or beauty treatment,. Something that ensures that you 'switch off, for an hour or so.

4 Exercise: Exercise improves brain function by increasing blood flow and oxygen levels in the brain. Yoga may help reduce stress levels, lower blood pressure and your heart rate. Walking, running, cycling, swimming, surfing or fitness classes. Do what you enjoy! Something that will give you a break from Christmas planning and stress!

5 Prepare for a good nights sleep: Avoid alcohol and caffeine 1 hour before bed time, and switch off the T.V and devices at least 30 minutes before you go to bed. Try a soothing bath before you go to bed. Adding relaxing essential oils, such as Lavender or Chamomile and a cup of epsom salts to your bath water will aid relaxation. A few drops of Lavender oil on your pillow, or in a diffuser helps promote sleep and relaxation. This can be useful for the kids on Christmas eve, when they're too excited to sleep!

6 Smile more: Smiling can improve our mood and help reduce feelings of stress. Regular smiling can help our brains create 'happiness loops' that encourage more positive thinking patterns. Plus, working our facial muscles by smiling has the added benefit of preventing lines and wrinkles!

7 Finally - Don't forget you! : Think 'Oxygen mask parenting'. If you look after your wellbeing first, you will have a much better mindset to cope with all the demands your family may have for you during the holidays.

If you think that a relaxing massage this December might be just what you need, I would like to help by offering, a \$10 towards my massage treatments to the first 7 readers to contact me.* My Limited Edition Oil Reed Diffusers, containing my 'Christmas Blend' of essential oils are also now available at the 'Crafty Fox', until December 31st. For more information about this or to book an appointment, please contact me on 0278298818, or visit my face book page, Zest Aromatherapy.

Wishing you and your families a very Happy Stress free Holidays.

*Offer ends 19/12/16 and is valid for 1 treatment only

By Jules Collier



Oakura local, Jim Duff (below) checked out the Jaguar car display at the Tasman Prospect in mid November and is now considering trading in his Ssangyong when the Fonterra pay out goes above \$6!





NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O NGĀMOTU

Winners for 2016

Seven awards were presented at the Awards Dinner on Friday, 21 October at The Devon Hotel.

The Wolfe Cup was presented to the Best Sporting All-Rounder, which this year was won by Kaylum Boshier for his performance in cricket and rugby. Other nominees for the award were, Bradley Slater, Alex Sturmer and Calum Sutherland.



Kaylum Boshier - 4 years in 1st XI cricket team and 2 years in 1st XV rugby team.

The Best Performing Cultural Group was won by Suburban Goons. The Suburban Goons came 6th out of 800 bands at the 2016 NZ Smokefree Rockquest and were the winners of the Regional Smokefree Rockquest.



Suburban Goons

The 1st V basketball team, saw off opposition by winning the top NPBHS Sports Team with their third place in the NZSS basketball competition. Other nominees in this competition were the adventure-racing team, senior cross-country team, the 1st XI football team and the sailing team.



1st V basketball team



Danny Jones

Danny Jones was named the school's top Performing Artist for his performance in music. Danny performs in the Nelson Symphony Orchestra and New Plymouth Orchestra, has competed twice at the National Young Performer of the Year Award and is the Taranaki Young Musician of the Year.

Other outstanding nominees in this category were Sam Egli (music), Michael McLeod (public speaking), Te Whatumanawa Ngatai Tangirua (drama) and Drew Wood (music).

The school's Sportsman of the Year for 2016 went to Ajeet Rai for tennis. Ajeet holds the Men's National Lawn tennis title, is the Junior Davis Cup No. 1 Player, and is training in the squad for Men's Davis Cup Team. Other nominees in this category were Kaylum Boshier (cricket and rugby), Tom Cole (kayaking), Thane O'Leary (basketball), Bradley Slater (rugby), Calum Sutherland (orienteeing and adventure-racing) and Angus White (distance running).



Ajeet Rai

Jarod Reade

In recent years the school's top academic student (The Dux) has been awarded at the dinner. For 2016 the three top Year 13 academics were Jarod Reade, Joe Stewart and Angus White with Jarod being crowned the school's Dux. Jarod was first in Physics and Calculus.

Finally...

On behalf of the staff at New Plymouth Boys' High School, we wish you all the best for a safe and merry festive season.

Mr Paul Verić
Headmaster

Upcoming Events:

Junior Prizegiving - 9 December

Students able to check courses on the parent portal and purchase stationery - 4 January 2017

First day for Years 9 and 10 (Year 9 and parents are welcome for a Powhiri in Ryder Hall) - 30 January

Full school assembly for all levels in Ryder Hall - 31 January

Normal school day - 1 February

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Oakura School Production

In October of this year, Oakura School presented its production *Te Rerenga: The Journey*, to the Oakura community. The production involved all students in our school. Our production was amazing, with an incredible story line and great lead roles.

Following tradition all classes had their own dance routine and costumes and some of the year 7 & 8 students had lead acting and dancing roles. The story followed the journey of Toka-a-Rauhotu, a small stone of great mana, to a sacred place of rest. On her way she encountered characters such as Mt Taranaki, Pouakai, Mumahau and Keretau, Te Whiti and Tohu, The OFC (Organic Fecal Coliform), whitebait and many more.

“It was a great experience and I hope I’ll do something like it again,” said Bella Tran-Lawrence who was the guide stone and who performed in most scenes. Tysen Sullivan, who was the referee in the rugby scene said, “It was really fun and an amazing experience.”

All round we hope all the students and parents enjoyed watching or being in this year’s production.



Puanga Festival

On Friday the 28th of October 65 students of all ages from our school went to the Puanga Festival in Waitara. The Puanga Festival is a kapahaka festival that celebrates Matariki but because Taranaki cannot see the stars of Matariki we celebrate Puanga instead. The group performed at 9:45 so as soon as we got off the bus we had to get ready quickly.

"It was very fun and a great experience for everyone," said Quinn Jackson, who was one of the four leaders of the group. The roopu (group) performed six items which were all amazing and it included our school song Oakura, Taranaki e, Tihore Mai, Tutira Mai, and our haka Poutini in which we got second place.

"I loved every second of it and made the most of the experience," said Rhys Donovan.

There was also a group of six year 7&8 students who took part in a Te Reo Mihi speech contest which was a very rewarding experience for all of them.

Puanga group performed amazingly well and all students involved had a good time.

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Oakura School Leavers

As 39 year 8 Oakura School students head off to high school, TOM asked them three questions:

1. What has been your highlight at Oakura School?
2. What secondary school are you going to?
3. What do you want to do when you leave school?



Arizona Boddington

I enjoyed being a Sports Leader and all of the opportunities it has given me.
Spotswood College
A dancer



Rosie Bolger

I enjoyed travelling to Wellington and all of the team building activities.
Spotswood College
Artist



Maisy Bowden

I loved to meet new people and make new friends.
I am moving to Christchurch.
A teacher.



Salvador Brebner

I loved participating in the Taranaki Ski Competition.
New Plymouth Boys High School
A photographer.



Nathan Brophy

I loved my experience in Wellington and the places we went.
Spotswood College.
A veterinarian.



Grace Brown

I enjoyed learning woodwork skills at Devon Intermediate every Friday.
Spotswood College
Be a land surveyor.



Laila Burnnand

I loved meeting new people and the close bonds I had with my friends.
Spotswood College
An architect



Lucy Clark-Smith

I loved Camp Wellington and the opportunities it gave me.
NPGHS
An interior designer.



Thomas Cochran

I have loved Techincraft, especially woodwork.
NPBHS
A builder



Abi Connelly

I loved singing and performing as a member of the Hard Core Crew during production this year.
Spotswood College
A music artist



Olivia Cook

I loved making friends throughout all of my years at Oakura School.
Spotswood College
A triple threat, which is a singer, dancer and actress.



Rhys Donovan

Hanging out and making new friends.
NPBHS
An All Black.



Imogen Eriksen

Camp Wellington and all of the team activities we did.
Spotswood College
A pastry chef



Belle Evans

I loved meeting new people who are some of my best friends now.
Spotswood College
An interior designer.



Heiani Green

I think the teachers were very friendly and they taught me heaps.
Spotswood College
I am yet to decide.



Katelyn Haire

I loved being on stage and performing in the school productions.
NPGHS.
A lawyer.



Eva Hilliam

I loved being a head pupil and speaking on behalf of the whole school.
NPGHS
A customs officer

**Jack Husband**

I loved Camp Wellington and all of the activities we did.
NPBHS
I am going to university but I'm not sure what to study yet.

**Quinn Jackson**

I enjoyed all of the teachers and the opportunities everyone gets at Oakura School.
NPBHS
An All Black

**Willow Johnson**

I enjoyed all of the opportunities we had.
Spotswood College.
A landscape architect or a teacher.

**Gordon Kava**

I had a great time playing for the inter-school rugby team this year and contributing to the team.
NPBHS
A Professional rugby player.

**Theo Keenan**

I really enjoyed both camps, the Year 5/6 camp at Vertical Horizons and Camp Wellington.
NPBHS
A radio host.

**Alyssa Lamb**

I loved all of the opportunities I had at Oakura School
NPGHS
A gymnast

**Casey Lamb**

I loved learning about different people's careers and their workplaces.
NPGHS
A baker

**Charlotte Lamb**

I loved going to Technicraft.
NPGHS
A baker

**George Lehrke**

Topec Adventure Camp when I was won the Bryce Jourdain Scholarship.
Spotswood College.
A veterinarian.

**Israel Mead**

I loved being a leader and role model in Kapa haka when I was Manukura Leader in Year 8.
Spotswood College
An engineer

**Taylor Mitchell**

I loved going to the Aims Games in Tauranga.
NPGHS
A psychologist.

**Jayde O'Donnell**

I loved going to Technicraft and making all of the creations we made there.
Spotswood College
The film industry.

**Edward Poole**

I loved making close friendships with my buddies in the junior school.
NPBHS
I want to be involved with medicine and helping people in some way.

**Carter Reweti**

I had a great time at Camp Wellington with all of my friends.
NPBHS
I'd like to go into the military.

**Oliver Salisbury**

I loved the teachers and how they are always helpful with my learning.
NPBHS
An electrical engineer or an inventor

**Ariana Shewry**

I loved being head pupil and representing Oakura School.
NPGHS
A Professional/famous surfer.

**Alex Stone**

I loved Camp Wellington and doing all the activities with my friends.
Spotswood College
An artist

**Tysen Sullivan**

I loved the Camp Wellington and all of the experiences on camp.
NPBHS
An engineer

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Coming Up

December

7 Production 11am and 7pm

8 Production postponement date

15 Big Day Out

16 Reports Issued

19 Y8 Prize giving 11am

School finishes 12pm

2017

January

31 Stationery lists and sales 8am-12pm

February

1 Stationery lists and sales 8am-12pm

2 Term One begins for all students at 9am

6 Waitangi Day holiday

9 Information Evening 5:30-7:30

10 Beach Education at Oakura Years 4 and 5

17 Beach Education at Oakura Years 6, 7 and 8

The Omata Staff and Board of Trustees wish all our families a safe and happy summer holiday break. Thank you everyone for all your support during the 2016 year and particular thanks and farewell to all our leaving families and students. All the best for those busy high school years; we look forward to hearing of your future achievements.

Karen Brisco

Omata School Leavers

As the year 8 Omata School students head off to high school, TOM asked them three questions:

1. What has been your highlight at Omata School?
2. What secondary school are you going to?
3. What do you want to do when you leave school?



Ben Andrews

My highlight was being in room 6 with my friends to hang out with and going to the Wellington camp. I am going to Spotswood College I want to be a mechanic or mechanical engineer



Yasmin Andrews

My highlight was being in room 6 with all its privileges like cooking facilities and sitting on chairs rather than the mat and going on all the school camps.

I am going to Spotswood College I want to be a paramedic



Chase Astwood

My highlight was making friends and enjoying everything Omata School has to offer.

I am going to Spotswood College I want to be a dirt bike mechanic



Joshua Hart

My highlight was making new friends and doing a lot of outdoor games like bull rush as well as learning new things like art.

I am going to Spotswood College I want to be a teacher



Tommy Hay-ward

My highlight has been how nice everyone is and how good the teachers are - Omata School has been a very supportive environment

I am going to Spotswood College I want to be a mechanic



Timothy Hobson

My highlight was last years camp in Wellington because it gave me a chance to get out of school and see a big city and the sights

I am going to Spotswood College I want to be a designer of some sort



Awa Lewis

My highlight was getting to be lead ambassador with the respect from teachers

I am going to St Mary's in Stratford

I don't know what I want to do yet but I do want to go to university



Rocko Lister

My highlight was getting to be lead ambassador because it opened up a lot of leadership opportunities and it meant I could help the school

I am going to NPBHS

I want to be a rugby referee



Teya Mazey

My highlight was making heaps of friends

I am going to Spotswood College

I want to be a detective or a singer



Isabella Roebuck

My highlight was getting to be lead ambassador because it was fun and responsible especially doing office duty

I am going to NPGHS

I want to go to university



Samuel Ruakere

My highlight was having good friends and good teachers supporting me through the years
I am going to NPBHS
I want to become a pro basketballer



Kaleb Hill

My highlight has been meeting new friends and living in the community.
I am going to NPBHS
I probably want to become a rugby player



Connor Eldershaw

My highlight has been using the skatepark - it is really fun and also getting to talk to heaps of people
I am going to NPBHS
I want to be a builder



Xanda Noonan

My highlight in the six weeks I have been at Omata School is finding the work more engaging and enjoying learning
I am going to NPBHS
I want to be a policeman



Miles Wagstaff

Highlights are really enjoying the Wellington camp in and the Marimba Group trip to Auckland in October this year
I am going to NPBHS
I don't really know yet what I want to do however today I would say to be a big Youtuber with lots of Subscribers and earning lots of money

Val Deakin Dance School Performance - get your ticket!



The Val Deakin Dance School will be having their annual Dance School Recital on Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11 (3 performances) at the Dance Centre, 306 St Aubyn Street, New Plymouth. Students in the performances come from the dance school's studios in New Plymouth, Oakura and Hawera. There is a wonderful mixture of dance types on the programme including ballet, jazz, tap, contemporary and character dance. Performers aged 4 to experienced adults will be enjoying wearing their many beautiful, colourful and varied costumes, and dancing with wonderful lighting and scenery. Choreography for all the dances is by the dance school's director, Val Deakin, a choreographer and teacher with many years experience working in England, Turkey the USA as well as New Zealand.

Tickets for the performances are only \$10 for children and \$15 for adults, with group and family discounts available. Bookings can be made in advance by phoning 752 7743 after 9:30 am. But don't delay as tickets are limited!



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Spotswood College

Greetings to our Coastal, Oakura and Omata Communities

As this magazine goes to print we are working through a multitude of 2016 review tasks as well as planning tasks for next year. Preparing Year 8 students for the beginning of their secondary schooling is a priority within our set of tasks.

We are extremely pleased with the number of students who have enrolled for 2017. The Transition Day, on November 25th, will be a most important part of the transition process to ensure Year 8 students have the information and confidence to start at Spotswood College in 2017. If any queries arise from the Transition Day please contact us. Start-up dates for 2017 are as follows:-

January -	23 Office opens
	25 Course Confirmation Day for Seniors
	26 Staff Only Day
	27 Staff Only Day
	30 Term I starts – Year 9 & 13 begin
	31 Year 9 & Y13 attend; Year 11 & 12 begin
February	1 All students – Years 9 – 13 attend
	6 Waitangi Day – School closed
	9-10 Year 13 Peer Support Training at Vertical Horizons

We have been enjoying celebrating the learning and achievement of our students over recent weeks through a number of formal celebrations which have included:

Sports Prizegiving, Senior Prizegiving, Senior Maori Students Graduation, International Students Graduation, Vocational Pathways and Gateway Prizegiving Luncheon, Junior Prizegiving will be held at 11.00am in our School Hall on December 9th.

These events are wonderful occasions to acknowledge the hard work and success of our students across the areas of academic, sporting, cultural, art and leadership pursuits.

The joy of teaching is seeing the learning and progress our young people make in a year and celebrating that progress with them and their families.

After five years it is extremely satisfying to farewell our Year 13 students as they pursue their next step in life equipped and ready for the challenges and

excitement of adulthood.

Our 2016 Dux Anya Wangsuwan and Proxime Accessit Reus Reyes summarise their Spotswood College journey below:

Receiving the DUX Award was a great honour and I felt truly recognised for all my hard work and dedication this year. It has helped me to feel more confident and also to relax a little bit from my own self-imposed pressure. I believe that education is a diverse subject and although I have excelled academically during my time at Spotswood College, I also have learnt many valuable life skills. I moved to New Zealand 4 years ago as an International student from Thailand with English as my second language. The school has provided me with many opportunities in regards to learning, leadership and responsibilities which I would certainly not have received in Thailand. The supportive atmosphere at Spotswood provided me with encouragement and confidence to reach my maximum potential. This shows that if you have the right friends, the right teachers and the right environment, the seeds of education are nurtured and anything is possible. I am planning to undertake a 4 year course in the Bachelor of Design with Honours, majoring in Visual Communications along with Marketing at Massey University, Wellington. I would like to thank Mr Bowden and all the teachers and staff for my inspiring time at Spotswood College, which has helped to provide me with strong foundations for my future.

Anya Wangsuwan

Hearing my name being called out to receive the award still is a shock to me. I really was not expecting it. But regardless, I am honoured to be Spotswood College's 2016 Proxime Accessit. The past 5 years of my life have been hectic. I started at Spotswood College in year 9, left for the 'City of Sails' in year 10 then came crawling back in year 11 because as they say, 'there's no place like home' and simply because Taranaki is 'like no other'. That little detour in my high school life has definitely challenged my capability to adapt to change. It was not easy moving from New Plymouth and I thought it would be harder coming back since I would have had to start from scratch, however, I underestimated Spotswood. As I went to my first period, it felt like I had never left. Teachers remembered my name, friends in year 9 were still alive and everything was just how I remembered it as. The 'Welcome Home' I felt from the school certainly made the transition so much easier. This year, like every other year, has been full of blessings and challenges. I got the opportunity to serve as one of the Deputy Head Boys for our school, got involved in Sheila Winn and got to fall over during assembly. It was challenging to deal with my studies and all my other responsibilities at once so 'sometimes' procrastination helped ease the pain. Next year, I will be on my way to the University of Auckland to study Biomedical Science and will hopefully lead on to studying Medicine. I would like to thank all my teachers throughout the years for providing me with the knowledge and all my peers and family for their love. I wish my fellow year 13's good luck with their future endeavours. I'm looking forward to visiting Spotswood College after some time to

see how much has changed and to reminisce about my high school years. Once again, thank you for giving me the foundation of who I will become.

Reus Reyes



Front row from left to right: Montana Bennett and Baylee O'Donnell-Martin
Back row from left to right: Michael Anderson, Lael Poole, Amirah Osama, Reus Reyes (Poxime Accessit), Anya Wangsuwan (Dux) and Zac McLeod.

Prefects

After a lengthy process involving formal applications, staff and student voting and individual interviews, the following students have been appointed as Prefects for 2017:

Head Boy - Blake Tanner, Deputy Head Boys - Fabian Johnson, Rhett McAlpine, Prefects - Jono Clarges, Mostyn Lee, Kurtis Gilmour, Hayden King, David Jeffery, Head Girl - Oceana Breeze Kaponga, Deputy Head Girls - Kikaru Han, Sophie Willis, Prefects - Tamia Kane, Rebecca Spindler, Sam Raumati, Cascade Price, Rishel Goundar, Laura Robinson, Reihana Conaglen.

I look forward to working with this great group of leaders in the ongoing development and improvement of our school.

As always if you have any queries regarding our school and our learning programmes please contact me accordingly.

Merry Christmas and have a great holiday and an exciting and fruitful 2017.

Mark Bowden

Principal



Head Boy Blake Tanner and Deputy Head Boy Fabian Johnson



Deputy Head Boy Rhett McAlpine and Head Girl Oceana Breeze Kaponga



Deputy Head Girls Hikaru Han and Sophie Willis



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Shannon and her family

Shannon has recently returned to the travel industry. Her career in travel began many years ago and continued for a number of years before entering motherhood and, having that somewhat under control, she's decided to return to the Travel & Tourism Industry, an industry which she knows and loves so much.

Her experience in the industry started when she achieved a diploma in Tourism/Travel and Business which led her to travel overland along the East coast of Australia and then onto working aboard a cruise ship based in and around the Caribbean. After a couple of contracts, she continued her dream of travelling and flew to the UK and Europe where she spent a few months finding her way around the continent. She then came back to New Zealand where she started her career as a travel consultant for Flight Centre in Wellington. After a few years in retail, she changed to corporate travel where she managed business accounts.

Shannon and her husband Tim took a five month break travelling through Asia before moving home to Omata, Taranaki. They started managing her parents' dairy farm and she worked part time opening the Corporate Traveller office in New Plymouth. Following the birth of her two daughters Shannon has taken the opportunity to get back into the travel industry and has become a Travel Broker. This allows her the chance to continue working in the industry while balancing supporting her husband on the farm and taking care of her young children. With the flexibility of being able to come to you or manage it all online or over the phone, being a

broker makes Shannon the suitable travel booker for you. As a Travel Broker, Shannon has access to all the latest travel deals and she can help you with any travel plans you may have - The only difference from a retail office is that she now works for herself.

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Bella Tran-Lawrence

I really enjoyed performing as lead role in the school production this year.
Spotswood College
A World Vision youth ambassador



Daisy Valentine

I loved how inclusive everyone is and how easy it is to make friends.
Spotswood College
An interior designer.



Nani Viner

I loved all of the opportunities throughout my years at Oakura School.
Spotswood College.
A flight attendant.



Robbie White

I loved the close relationship we had with the juniors and being a role model for them.
New Plymouth Boys High School
A design architect.



Ian Scott tries out the new cashflow machine located at the Four Square - the machine was very much missed before it was replaced at the Four Square and is proving very popular.

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OAKURA COMMUNITY - WHAT'S ON

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5 Elements Fitness: Bootcamps and MMA fitness classes:
Weekdays 5-6 pm, Tataraimaka Hall. For more details contact
Barney 027 7527 076, barney@5efitness.com or visit www.5efitness.com

Fitness Training/Touch: Thursday nights on back field at
Oakura School 5.30 pm to 6.45ish. For all age groups - gold coin
donation. Contact Lara Churchill - 0275922320

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

Indoor Bowls. Mondays 7.30pm at Oakura Hall.
Ring Mike Vickers 752 7881.

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

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

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

Oakura Meditation Group - Mondays 7.40am, 371 Donnelly St,
ph 0272037215

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

Oakura Pony Club. Contact Robin King ph 751 0300.

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

Oakura Yoga - Shine Yoga Studio, 37a Donnelly St, www.shineyoga.co.nz for days and times, ph 0272037215

Okato Squash. Club nights on Mondays from 7pm, everyone
welcome, phone Darryl Gibson, Ph 06 752 4804.

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

Oakura Tennis Club

Thursday 9.15-10.15am Cardio Tennis with Blitz Tennis at Linda
Street courts, members and non-members welcome. Contact Club
Secretary Jackie Mitchell 027 673 2900.

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

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

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

St John's, Omata. Morning worship 10.00am, 2nd Sunday of the
month.

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

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

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