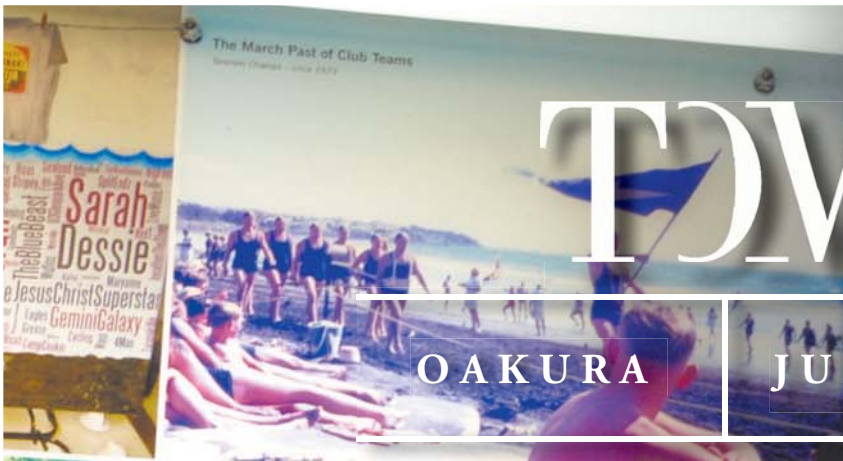


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## NPOB'S OPENING NIGHT

Daisy Lean, stalwart of NPOB Surf Club  
Admiring the club's Wall Of Remembrance.

L-R: Gavin White (Coach), David Gyles, Murray Barrett, David Wright, Mark Gyles, Paul Bridge, Craig Robinson (Capt)  
*More photos from NPOB's Opening Night on page 13*



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## EDITORIAL

As the autumn leaves finally get blown off the trees and the mountain begins its big cover up of the year, I sit inside and appreciate an inside office job!

Aren't we glad we don't have to live on the streets or in a car here in Oakura. I make reference of course to the housing crisis and the supposed 1000 people living in cars or on the streets in Auckland. I do wonder how much of it is a media beat up - modern media seem to get a slant and run with it to the death - facts being irrelevant. I do wonder how so many get to gripe about the government not doing anything when hundreds of houses are lying vacant because of 'P' contamination. I know you may say a lot of them genuinely need government help and maybe they do but a society of hand outs is going to end in disaster for our country - we want self motivated, industrious people who take pride in their contribution to their family, community and country to be our citizens. People like Shaun Churchill, and Ivor Ellis who feature in this month's magazine - who have worked at achieving the accolades due them. I am also so proud of what our community achieves and I do have some sympathy for those who have had a bum start in life but life doesn't have to continue in that vein. I note in Jonathan Young's column he mentions an educational programme for generational welfare dependent children to help raise their educational achievements - I like that approach - its not just a hand out but requires effort on students to achieve and break the cycle. Let's hope it has a good result.

*Kim*

**Here's an interesting old photo -**

**Oakura Beach with a sand formation very similar to the current one, but nearly 100 years ago!**



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# Mayor Andrew Judd

Hi everyone.

The Council has now formally adopted the Annual Plan 2016/17. I'm really pleased that our efforts to keep rates rises down is paying off, with the general rates rise of 3.6 per cent being lower than the 4.6 per cent forecast in the Long-Term Plan 2015-2025.

However, for the average residential ratepayer the rise will be just 2.7 per cent – or about \$1 a week more.

For that, we get \$37 million of capital projects across a variety of Council activities, including wastewater treatment, roading, water supply, LED streetlighting, digital customer services and stormwater drainage.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this process by sending in a submission to the draft plan!

## Annual NRB survey

Every year we survey residents on how well the Council is delivering its services and facilities, and communicating with the public.

The latest survey has found that 84 per cent of respondents were satisfied with how rates are spent on services and facilities – an improvement on 82 per cent in the 2015 survey and 80 per cent in 2014.

Sixty-one per cent of respondents said there was something the Council had done well in the past year, up from 57 per cent in the 2015 survey and 52 per cent in 2014.

We've also had a big tick of approval about the improved rubbish and recycling service, and received higher satisfaction ratings than peer local authorities in numerous areas including car parking, sewerage, swimming pools, water supply and roads.

There are some less positive results that we'll need to address but overall the survey suggests people are largely happy with Council services and facilities – something that we intend to build on.



The finalists for the NZ children's book awards have been released. You can go to [www.nzbookawards.nz](http://www.nzbookawards.nz) to see the complete list of categories and titles.

It's quite exciting to see "Discover It" librarians Rebecca Beyer and Linley Wellington's picture book *Tamanui the Brave Kokako of Taranaki* (*Tamanui te Kōkako Mōrehu o Taranaki*) among the finalists!

We have David Hill's *Enemy Camp*, a young adult novel about Featherston's POW camp. *Wildboy* by Brando Yelavich is an "off-the-grid outdoors Kiwi experience, a ripping adventure story with an inspiring life change at its heart".

And horse lovers will delight in Stacy Gregg's *The Girl Who Rode the Wind*.

Maōri Language week runs from 4-10 July. Test your knowledge with our treasure hunt. "The theme for this year is ākina to reo – behind you all the way which is about using te reo Māori to support people, to inspire and to cheer on." Follow along on the Maōri Language Commission website.

Our school holiday programme will be on Wednesday 13th July at 10:30am-11:30am. Join us as we host guest Rob Groat and the theme is "Voyage to the Deep". Booking essential.

Join us for Crackerjacks, pre-school story time on Thursday 21st July at 10am. No booking needed.

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# Helping Kiwi Kids Achieve

The 2015 NCEA final results are the best ever achieved by New Zealand students. I want to congratulate the students, their teachers, their parents, their principals, and all the people who supported them to achieve.

Final roll-based results show Level 1, 2, and 3 NCEA achievement rates rose by between 1.5 and 3.2 percentage points last year to 74.4, 76.4, and 62.7 per cent respectively. Since National took office in 2008, Level 2 achievement rates have risen 16.6 per cent.

Under National, its clear children are starting school better prepared to learn and leaving school better qualified and prepared for higher education or the workforce.

We know we have to keep doing more. So we've created Communities of Learning to keep striving for higher achievement. We want to encourage collaboration between our schools, so they share expertise and work together to raise student achievement.

We are putting Kiwi kids' learning at the centre of what we're doing in education.

For the first time, the Government is investing more than \$11 billion in education.

This year we are targeting the increase in operational funding to schools with students who need the most support.

We know from our Social Investment research that students from long-term welfare-dependent families are at greater risk of educational under-achievement than their peers. So we are investing \$43 million over four years to support around 150,000 students from long-term welfare-dependent families.

We want to get the right resources to the right kids at the right time.

In line with directing extra funding to where it's most needed, we're putting an extra \$42.1 million over the next four years into services for students with special needs.

We also want to make sure we're addressing population and roll growth and providing flexible spaces to support innovative learning environments for Kiwi kids.

This means \$882.5 million is going towards school property, including 480 new classrooms, nine new schools,

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two school expansions, and the relocation and rebuilding of three schools and a kura.

We recently had Minister Nikki Kaye here to announce funding for two new classrooms for Mangorei School and four new classrooms for Te Pi'ipi'inga Kakano Mai Rangiatea. It is great to see the investment in our local schools.

I'm proud to be part of a Government committed to investing in our children's educational futures, to give them their best chance to learn and succeed.

*Jonathan Young*

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# Kaitake Community Board

As this year charges on your community board continues to 'chip away at the edges' on a myriad of local matters. The pace never slackens! There have been, and continue to be many meetings to attend, and much dialogue with the Council staff on a wide range of different issues

The KCB always promotes a collaborative approach to its work at a local level and to that end we need to be factually well-informed. Our community's appetite for inclusion, consultation and having their points of view heard has grown exponentially over the past decade. The upcoming local body elections this year will no doubt, attract a diverse range of candidates. It is a given that on the hustings we will have those who trot out all the old chestnuts, Council spending is out of control - Council spending on non core 'wants' is increasing our rates - Council is not accountable and there is no point making a submission as they never listen - single larger councils are much more efficient than many smaller ones, and so on. It will be over to the voters to decide who is best to represent them at the Council table but the fundamental question remains, how much do we really know about how well our local council works? Where do we go for information that allows us to determine whether or not the services and processes that we take for granted are up to scratch? A couple of good places to start are the Council's own website (<http://www.newplymouthnz.com/>), and Local Government New Zealand's website (<http://www.lgnz.co.nz/>). If you are interested in having a crack yourself then all the information you need can be found at the Local Government Commission website (<http://www.etu.org.za/toolbox/docs/govern/local.html>)

It was a real privilege recently to be present at local Oakura resident Ivor Ellis's investiture with France's highest honour, the Legion D'Honneur by French Ambassador Florence Jeanblanc-Risler in front of more than 100 friends, family, RSA members, New Plymouth District Deputy Mayor Heather Dodunski and Councillors Harry Duynhoven and Richard Handley at the Summerset Mountain View retirement village. Ivor, a World War Two veteran, now 92, took part in August, 1944 on a minesweeper in the Allied invasion of southern France two months after the D Day Normandy landings. His HMML minesweeper swept the way ashore prior to an amphibious assault by elements of the U.S. Seventh Army, landing at first light and under heavy fire. Ivor has played a leading role in the Okato RSA branch for many years

A shout out as well to Elaine Shen Rollins for the tremendous effort she went to in organising the catering at the Oakura and Okato stopovers of the recent Peace March. Elaine was the catalyst to ensure that other local folk became involved, provided food, did kitchen duties, and set up and cleared up the two halls. I certainly acknowledge the help of many others, far too numerous to name, but take a bow Elaine, you were amazing.

The NPOB Surf Club upgrade is finally finished and by the time you read this it will have held an Open Day and I guess many of you will have taken the opportunity to go along and see the excellent renovations. The upgrade will certainly serve the club particularly well in the years ahead. Over the road the Oakura Boardriders are gearing up for their 25th anniversary celebration during Labour weekend, which no doubt will be well attended. The club is another great community asset and also continues to go from strength to strength. The third 'partner' on the beachfront is the Oakura Beach Holiday Park and it is a busy, very well-run operation indeed. We are definitely advantaged in having these three organisations providing sporting and social opportunities for us and our visitors

Well, that's it for this issue. Ka kite ano.

*Doug Hislop (7527324, [douglashislop@gmail.com](mailto:douglashislop@gmail.com)) on behalf of Keith Plummer, Mike Pillette, Paul Coxhead and Richard Jordan who is the Council representative on the KCB.*



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# Winter Warmers

With winter on its way, there is no better time to start looking at ways of saving on power and at the same time making your winter nest warm and cosy. With the new LED technology getting cheaper all the time, this is a great place to start. Recessed LED lights have, in my mind, "filled a gap" in the market which has existed since the advent of recessed lighting.



For a long time halogen recessed lights were being installed, which on average used 50 watts per lamp. Because of the nature of the lamp being like a spot-light you needed up to 50 lights per dwelling. On this calculation you would have 2500 watts of power running if you were to leave all the lights on (and if you have kids, you know this happens). So this power consumption was equal to the power consumed by a small uneconomical oil heater.

Compare this to the new recessed LED lights on the market which use an average of only 13 watts, you can illuminate the same home for 650 watts which is around 25% consumption compared to the halogen fittings.

Aside from this, the installation of halogen fittings created a fire risk because they heated up so much, this meant you had to leave large holes in the roof insulation. In a large living area you would have up to 14 holes in an open plan, living, kitchen, dining area, letting the hot air rise from your home into the roof space. This would amount to having a 1.26 metre hole in the ceiling, obstructed only by a flimsy light fitting. The new LED fittings are solid air-tight units which enable you to place insulation over the top and prevent heat escaping.

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Hi Everyone

Quite often when we have burglaries and other incidents we ask the public for help to solve these sorts of crimes. A good deal of our incidents are solved with public information and, as I like to say, you are the eyes and ears of the community.

I am after any information in regards to a burglary on Jans Terrace, Oakura that occurred between the 15 and 19 June. It is highly likely that the offenders parked a vehicle beside the grass verge opposite the Oakura campground toilet and laundry block on Jans Terrace. I would be interested in talking to anybody who witnessed a vehicle parked up or people loitering around

this area on one of those nights. A vehicle would have been required to transport the stolen items. Given the nature of the burglary the offenders would have made considerable noise entering the property.

A large amount of property was stolen including surf boards, wetsuits, a bike and electronic items. if you are aware of any of items like this that people are trying to sell or may have recently acquired it would be appreciated if you let us know. This can be done by contacting me, Constable Rhys Connell (Okato) on 06 752 4111 or 021 191 4920, or alternatively if you wish to give information anonymously, then call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Thanks for your help.

*Constable Rhys Connell, Okato and Oakura*

# Ivor Ellis

As many locals will know Ivor Ellis was recently presented with the Legion D'Honneur from the French ambassador here in New Zealand, Florence Jeanblanc-Risler, for his efforts in helping free the French people from the German invasion in World War II.

Ivor is one of only a couple of surviving WWII veterans who are members of the Okato RSA and at 92, age is catching up with Ivor. He now resides in the beautiful Summerset Retirement Village having lived in Oakura some 60 years.

The Legion D'Honneur has been awarded to 25 Kiwi and British veterans and Ivor says it means a lot to him to have been awarded the medal.

Ivor was on board the minesweeper HMML 565 during Operation Dragoon as a gunner firing 22mm tracer when they attacked the Germans at Provence on August 15 1944. In true Ivor style he says he went to war as an 18 year old because he wanted to be an active citizen for his country. Since coming to New Zealand Ivor has indeed been very active in our province with affiliations with tramping clubs, athletics clubs and race walking clubs as well as taking in many marathons, half marathons, fun run/walk events and relays. Part of his life's work involved building tracks and huts within Egmont National Park and building the Motorua Wharf.

Ivor we salute you and are glad you enjoyed your day of glory receiving your Legion D'Honneur. Ivor chuckles and says he made no "faux pas" on the day so he is happy!

*by Kim Ferens*



Ivor proudly wearing his Legion D'Honneur medal.

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# Shaun Churchill - PAINTER OF THE YEAR

## RESIDENTIAL NEW INTERIOR UNDER \$25,000 PAINTER OF THE YEAR 2016.

Amy and Brendan Harts new home is something Amy has been planning since she was a teenager. Amy's dad Mike was a builder and Amy has grown up with a love for architecture and houses in general.

Sadly, Amy's dad Mike passed away after a hard fought battle with cancer in 2014, Mike knew that he wasn't going to make it to the end of the build, and had therefore personally selected all of the local tradesman that were to complete Amy and Brendan's dream home.



Amy and Brendan's home.

The painter was of course to be Shaun Churchill, having known and worked with Shaun for many years, Mike knew that he was the best tradesman for the job.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The house was designed to look like a French provincial cottage by local architect Mike Johns.

The build has all the modern features you would expect from a brand new home, but has an old, rustic look and feel about it.

After a year of meticulous planning, Amy provided the architect a very detailed brief. The house had to work around Amy and Brendan's furniture as Amy has a passion for 'up-cycling' furniture and many of the pieces in their home is her own handiwork.

The design also had to incorporate two main features, a small sitting nook off the entrance way and exposed beams throughout the living, dining and kitchen areas. Once these details were finalised the rest of the design fell seamlessly into place around them.

### DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:

This beautiful home has many distinguishing features that are so unique, and you would never see in a cookie cutter modern build with a white on white colour scheme.

These features include bespoke leadlight windows, hand crafted by local artisan Richard Lander. These leadlight windows compliment the two leadlight china cabinets that were inherited from Amy's nana. The amazing kitchen which was hand made in France, imported and then altered and added to by local joiner Colin Ellis to work within the available space.

This combination of old and new continues throughout the house with the 'one off' porcelain sink in the ensuite, and the stunning Victorian style bath in the main bathroom both complimented by the very modern glass showers with the rain shower heads they sit next to. The huge modern old style range in the kitchen sits very comfortably with other modern appliances. An incredibly eclectic collection of old, new and handmade light fittings delight throughout the home. The doors and hardware are very unique and include bespoke French doors that separate the dining room from the formal lounge and playroom.

For two years Amy collected from around the globe gorgeous Laura Ashley wallpapers and Cath Kinston fabrics that are now finally adorning the walls and windows, which work so well with the bold paint colours she selected.

### PRODUCTS USED:

The products used on both the interior and exterior of the Hart's residence were all Resene and included:

#### *Exterior:*

*Cladding:* Lumbersider Pastel Colour (Quarter Grey Friars).

*Window frames and soffits:* Lumbersider White Colour (Titania).

#### *Interior:*

*Ceilings:* Decorator Ceiling Flat (Black White)

*Windows, doors and all trim:* Lustacryl White Colour (Black White).

*Interior walls and kitchen ceiling:* Zylone Sheen White Colour (Black White).

*Bathrooms - walls and ceilings:* SpaceCote Low Sheen White Colour (Black White).

*Lounge, playroom, guest room and hallways:* Zylone Sheen White Colour (Concrete).

*Master Bedroom:* Zylone Sheen White Colour (French Grey).

*Macy's Bedroom:* Zylone Sheen White Colour (Blanched Pink).

*Macy's Door:* Lustacryl White Colour (Sorento).

*Arlo's Bedroom:* Zylone Sheen White Colour (Grey Chateau).

*Arlo's Door:* Lustacryl Pastel Colour (Tuna).

### THE REASON WHY THIS IS A WINNING ENTRY:

This home is special, it has spirit. This home is not a mass produced off plan, same colour throughout, numbers game home. Each tradesman was hand selected to ensure that the quality and finish of the build would be second to none.





Shaun receiving his award.

There were never going to be any compromises with this home, Amy's and Mike's vision was too strong and Amy was not afraid to take risks with colours and finishes and the results speak for themselves. Sarah Churchill says it was a privilege to work with Amy and Brendan knowing that the work you were undertaking was a declaration to Mike and all that he wanted for his daughter's and son-in-law's family home.

Expectations were high from the outset and the results have been delighted clients, who have and will always continue to recommend the services of Shaun Churchill Painters.

Shaun has been painting since he was 17 years old and has clocked up over 30 years of experience in the industry. Shaun started his apprenticeship with Neville J Lucas and finished it with Decorative Finishers.

The Master Painters Awards run by Master Painters of NZ Association are awards for the highest standards of craftsmanship. There are 10 residential categories and 13 commercial categories. Shaun entered the most hotly contested category and judges travel around New Zealand judging each category and they look for the best quality of finish.

Shaun Churchill Painters is a family business with Sarah taking care of the office work and the family live in the village where their children go to school.

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# SPORTS

## Oakura Pony Club

### RIDER PROFILE

#### RYAN ROBERTSON

Ryan is 8 years old and is a Room 5 student at Oakura Primary School. Ryan rides a super star, 26 year old, 13.1 hand pony called Sir Callaghan, or Cal for short. Cal has years of experience carrying young riders safely through their early learning years and in fact was a top level Show Jumper, competing at Horse of the Year jumping 1.15m.

*What do you love most about horse riding?*

Riding down to the beach. Cal loves to walk through the tide pools and splashes me by tapping his front feet in the pools.

*Favourite discipline of the sport?*

I like show jumping and Cal's a really good jumper.

*Three ways to describe Cal?*

Well behaved, caring, takes care of me. When I fell off he came over to me and sniffed me to make sure I was ok.

*Favourite place to ride your pony?*

Oakura beach at low tide when the rock pools are there.

*What three words would Cal use to describe you?*

Caring, kind, clever.

Locals will recognise Ryan and Cal, along with sister Holly, from the posters for the pony rides the club held recently. This was a great little fundraiser, but more importantly it gave the children in the village the opportunity to have a ride on a friendly pony in a safe, contained site. We were proud to show off the newly painted jumps and revamped arena, the results of several days of combined effort from club members and the generous ongoing support of Phil Dickey.



Ryan - closing day,.



Ryan and Cal with their trophies.



## Kaitake Golf Club News

### FROM THE FAIRWAY OFFICE

A supply of merinos have hit the shelves – check out the various styles for both men and women. All priced very reasonably. Plus we still carry a good selection of essentials in the ball, glove and shirt range.

Clubhouse – The new roof has begun to take shape. Nice neutral shades to compliment the clubhouse.

New Members – A warm welcome to Kate Doherty and Judith Cottam both capturing as many days out with the 9 hole ladies to get their handicap underway. We hope you have a long and enjoyable membership.

Remember that we have very competitive subscriptions and casual green fees. It is never too late to take up golf and join in the fun on the course. Ring the Club Secretary on 7527665 for further info.

Wednesday Club – Every Wednesday \$5 entry for Kaitake members, or \$10 if you are a visitor. Includes 2's and is run in Stableford format. Please join in the fun.

### CHIPPERS

We have a dedicated team on board at Kaitake to help aspire any young individual into the game of golf. There is plenty of equipment and certainly no shortage of enthusiasm.

We get together every two weeks for lessons and is a great opportunity to get your children involved in golf at an early age and have a game yourself while they are learning. Phone the clubhouse for more details on 7527665

### PLAYERS ON TOUR

Remember that we have reciprocal rights at many clubs around NZ and also there are a few clubs who offer us reduced green fees. You will find the list of clubs inside the office on the notice board.





**"Little Chippers" getting golf lessons with our Golf Pro, Dominic Barson.**

#### **MIDWEEK LADIES**

*Results* – Awesome result recently in the National Teams event with Kaitake coming in second behind New Plymouth, who were the outright winners.

36 Strokeplay Gross Silver Winner R Robbins with J Koch Runner Up.

36 Strokeplay Nett Silver Winner S Burgess with D Johnson Runner Up.

Continuing with the 36 holes in Bronze 1 – Gross Winner J Ross R/Up J Gerrard.

Nett Winner K Cavey and M Nielsen in a close second.

Bronze II Gross Winner – A Murdoch with K Vernon Runner Up.

Bronze II Nett Winner – J Guddop with M Phillips following close behind.

McCutcheon Cup which is played between midweek and weekend ladies.

1st -J Dingle from the Weekenders whilst Midweeker T McEldowney snatched R/Up.

Top Dog currently in play and results will be published next month.

#### **MIDWEEK 9 HOLE NEWS**

Numbers continue to flourish within the 9 hole group and often we see little change with the winter months. We welcome Jude Cottam and Kate Doherty who are both keen to see their golfing careers kickstart at Kaitake. (These ladies know where to play whilst their spouses declare war on another course fairway or two).

Top Dog has finally been completed over an extended period of time whilst injury and illness played a part in deciding when it would take place. Challenge results saw veteran Yvonne Coxhead and partner new graduate to div 1 Sandra Wilkes take the victory over Pat Wilcox and rookie Lorraine Parthemore. Whilst Lorraine kept the

points coming in Pat's day at the office would rather be forgotten. Good on you girls for getting to the final.

Top Dog flights – Coraleen Le Breton and Chrissy Warden mounted a good competition against Heather O'Sullivan and Christine Alexander and came out on top.

The O'Sullivan Plate is progressing nicely with everyone in the competition supporting points on the board. Globe 4somes also in full swing.

Pennants update- well no surprises as we head down the home straight. The Blue team continue to show their winning form by striding out in front with 13 points after seven rounds with two to go with their closest

rivals Fitzroy on 9. Do the maths - that's six rounds with maximum points and one with a half. The White team however, have made the slowest start on record and only just gaining momentum. Go the Blue Team for 2016 you almost have it in the bag.

#### **WEEKEND LADIES**

Pennants 2016 End Result put Kaitake 2nd equal with New Plymouth. What a fantastic achievement for such a small group of players that continually front up to contest any title. Acknowledgements to Vivian Pharmacy for their continued support.

McCutcheon Cup and Nell Dickie Trophy accolade goes to Janet Dingle. We are now competing for these single titles with the Midweek Section and acknowledge all players competing in the competition.

#### **WEEKEND MENS**

Taranaki Golf Zone 2 Ball best Ball Competition Winners Gross: 1st D Simpson & D Lundt, 2nd T Forsyth & C Rosten.

Nett: 1st G James & D Mucholeang, 2nd D Jones & R Fraser.

Plenty of twos to be had at this comp - picking up the ball is D Simpson, T Forsyth and K Mancner on the 7th. P Rauputu on the 15th, J Parkes on the 16th and C Jordan on 11th.

#### **PRESIDENTS CORNER JUNE 2016**

Although I haven't been out on the course as regularly as I would have liked, I do know that plenty of you have.

Congratulations to all the winners so far this year and a personal welcome to our new members.

At the moment we are tending to the course and preparing between seasons, all we ask is that you acknowledge the course crew and play within the boundaries.

# GETTING WET



## Oakura Boardriders

The water is still warm and lots of surf. You wouldn't think by the time you read this the shortest day has been and gone, also it's not even close to skiable in the North Island at time of writing this, but we are all waiting for the sudden cold snap. The northerlies are keeping things mild this year.

Things have quietened down for winter at the club but we are slowly progressing the upgrades with working bees and volunteer input. Thanks to local landscape designer Sam Sutherland for overseeing the lower level paving. We hope to have clubroom upgrades complete by Labour weekend when we will be holding our 25th anniversary celebrations - stay tuned for news on celebrations, tickets, and commemorative gear.

The skatepark upgrade is still a planning work in progress and hopefully we can see this underway sooner rather than later.

The weekend of June 11th saw the running of the Taranaki Champs at Fitzroy beach. Conditions were average and typically challenging beach break conditions. Our young club competitors, Tom Butland and Ariana Shewry did us proud with Tom placing 3rd in a count back in the Men's division with Ariana 2nd in the Women's division.



Taranaki Champs finalists.

On another note Surfing Taranaki has big plans for its new headquarters at Fitzroy, funding permitting this should be a great asset for surfing in Taranaki both for now and the future. Developing our young talent competitively is great for our young surfers, great for Taranaki surfing and great for promoting our province.

The Club AGM will be held in August with election of officers etc, so if you are keen to get involved or have your input please make the effort to attend, keep an eye on the Facebook page and the newspaper for a date, all welcome.

*Brent Anderson, Oakura Boardriders,  
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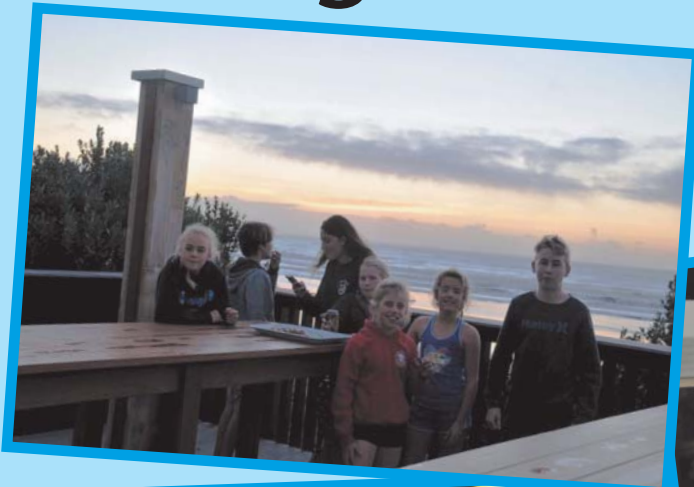


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## LEARNING CONFERENCES

School conferences - nobody likes them except for students at Oakura School.

Earlier in the term, teachers, parents and students attended learning conferences. Learning conferences are similar to a parent teacher interview except now the students are involved. There are so many benefits to having a learning conference rather than an interview. Students get a chance to see how they are doing, set up goals based on achievement and share them with parents. No more having to ask the teacher what the results mean. Senior Oakura School students know it all and are willing to explain learning to their parents. Along with teachers, many parents think that this is a marvellous idea. Helen Lamb, a parent of students at Oakura School, stated the many advantages of having the child present at the conference, "The students get to learn how to explain their learning. They also get the opportunity to make next steps and goals suited to their learning."

## YEAR 5 & 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday the 1st of June, the Oakura year 5 & 6 inter school sports teams competed against Vogeltown School. Oakura School won most of their games, the only exception being a draw in football. A sideline referee from football commented, "It was a pretty good game and there was some great passing and goals from Oakura and Vogeltown."

Apart from the normal football, rugby and netball this time, there was also a basketball game and chess tournament. Basketball was a great success. All children had an awesome time with the final score 32-4 to Oakura. Chess was also a hit with Oakura coming out with a win.

There was also an inter school tournament played on the 14 of June against Woodleigh School. This time there was basketball, netball, football and chess.



The score for football was 7-0 to Woodleigh.

"It was a great game, loads of fun and fair," quoted Samuel Salisbury.

"The netball game had loads of pace and had lots of intercepts," commented Kate Hilliam. The score was 20-1 to Oakura .

Chess had great reviews with a win to Oakura 19-10.

Sadly we had a loss in basketball with the score being 32-36 to Woodleigh.

The rugby was great. There was another win for us with the score being 45-27.

*Written by Katelyn Haire (age 12) and Theo Keenan (age 13)*

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# Lambs Lose Their Locks

The Lamb triplets Alyssa, Charlotte and Casey recently went along to Oakura Hair Boutique to have their long blonde locks cut off for charity.

The hair will be donated to Taranaki's Cancer Society where it will be made into wigs for cancer patients. Rachel from Oakura Hair Boutique says there is a very strict criteria for hair donation with explicit instructions on how to cut the hair so it can be threaded successfully into wigs. Rachel says the three girls hair was very beautiful hair and someone will be very lucky to get it.

It seems to be a family tradition with mum Helen donating her hair a few years ago and the family hopes others might do the same.



**Scary stuff, but what a good result!**



## COMING UP

### July

25 Term 3 begins.

### August

5 School Photos 9am.

10 3D conferences 1-6:30pm; school closes 12pm.

11 3D conferences 1-6:30pm; school closes 12pm.

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

On the 13th June all the children took part in a Jump Rope Display to raise money for the Heart Foundation and as part of our physical education programme for the term. We raised a great total of \$762.60 to pass on. Thank you everyone for your support.



Jumpers left to right Eden Hill, Deyontae Colvin, Isabella Roebuck, Annie Jones.



More jumpers, left to right (that can be identified): Hayley Tewhata, Libby Francis, Jorja Eldershaw, Kate Brooke, Shayne Ryan, Jacinta Patterson.

## WHAT'S UP

Winter sports are in full swing and we have most students joining in teams for football, jetball, netball, mini-ball or basketball. Please give your thanks and support to our wonderful volunteer coaches and managers. Our appreciation goes to Stuart Bennett who organises the teams and supports everyone through the season so well. Not an easy undertaking as you can imagine. I urge parents to pass on the message of fair play to their children. We promote competitive play within a supportive atmosphere; where players, spectators and coaches encourage each other to do

their very best on the court or field. The children came up with a Fair Play guide for students, coaches and supporters a few years ago and it has stood the test of time. The children really look forward to playing sports. We promote involvement as a positive choice which teaches important lessons; appreciation of differences, dealing with winning and losing, growing confidence, building friendships, self discipline, patience, persistence, teamwork, developing fitness and physical skills to name a few.

We welcome a couple of volunteers from the Rotary Reading scheme every Thursday. These volunteers listen to some of our junior students read and talk to them about their books. Our rich topic study this term has been 'Astronomical'; an investigation into our solar system. This has been a high interest topic where we have been investigating the components of the solar system, how they effect each other, developing an appreciation of the distances between them, and looking at the Sun and the Moon and their physical effects on the Earth. Part of this learning involves understanding the nature of science and appreciating that science is a way of explaining the world and that scientific knowledge changes over time. Exciting stuff!

'Metaphor for the night sky: A trillion asterisks and no explanations.' ~ Robert Brault

*Karen Brisco, Principal*



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Coastal Taranaki School was lucky enough to have John visit our school and run educational workshops.

He met with teachers, groups of students and parents with an engaging and informative message for them all.

At all levels the messages were powerful, thought provoking and at times shocking. He covered with children, staff and parents, the traps and risks presented to us on the internet. The focus was on protecting our children while encouraging them to be using available technology responsibly and safely.



### John Parsons' workshop.

The workshops were thought provoking and highly entertaining. He recommended children and parents having another adult as a "lighthouse" they could go to in times of trouble that would steer them back towards home. Emily Davidson said she particularly liked John's advice about keeping communication pathways open between parents and their children.

In John's words the most important rooms for building relationships were the classroom and the living room, and both need a teacher.

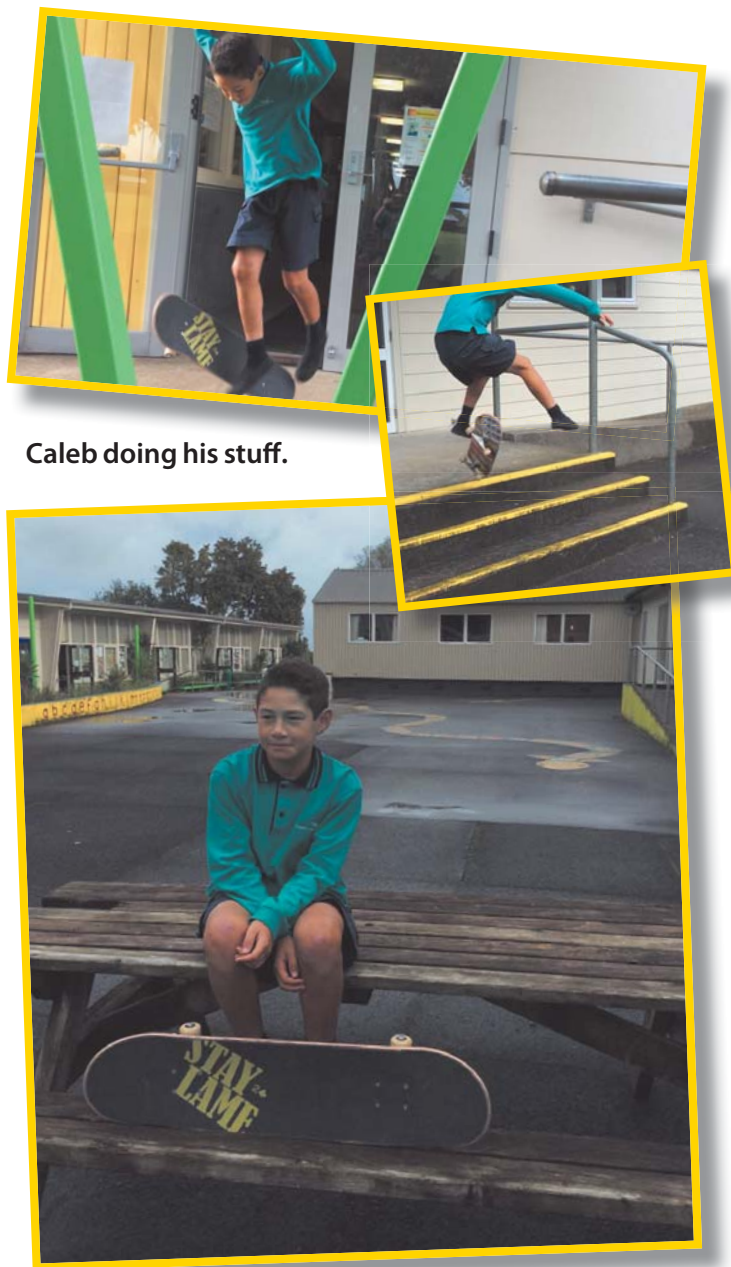
*Sharleen Valentine*

### THE DAILY GRIND

Congratulations to 11 year old Caleb Terry who won a regional skating competition in New Plymouth on the 7th of May. The competition was sponsored by Cheapskates who provided the prizes for the competition.

Caleb was offered sponsorship from two companies, Cheapskates and Escape Coffee.

He had to choose between those two brands and after a long time of thinking he chose Escape Coffee because they had a better deal.



**Caleb doing his stuff.**

Caleb gets a new board every three months, forty percent off everything store wide and anything he needs for a competition is free!

Caleb said "When I am older I want to be able to ride a skateboard and do tricks like Luan Oliveira".

*Photos and story by Elisha Martin, Jessica Boyd and Alex Edwards-Carter*



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# Spotswood College

Greetings to the Oakura and Omata community!

As we wind down towards the end of the term at Spotswood College we find ourselves looking to the future and thinking about the next steps in our learning journey at school. We ask our students to think deeply about their progress and start considering the possibilities of career pathways, University education and course selection. As a school we are thinking about what we can do better to improve outcomes for our students; we ask our students the same questions!.

## REPORTS: Making Meaning

Tracey Lawrence and Paula Cast, our Year 9 and 10 Student Achievement Facilitators, have thought deeply about how we can better bring reports to life. The Year 9 and 10 reports have just been published and in layman's terms we have just "cut to the chase" and kept reports focussed on feedback (what is going well or not so well) and feed forward (what needs to happen to increase success). These reports give information to parents but the question we have asked ourselves is how do we get students to engage with what has been written?

As part of our whanau time programme we are asking students to write a personal reflection of how they are going. This self-assessment forms an important part in establishing the skills and goals they need to work on to ensure success. Leading from this self-assessment students engage in academic mentoring with whanau teachers where goal setting occurs within timelines and milestones set between the student and the teacher. By allowing students the opportunity to be a part of their decision making and setting their own goals we believe the students become less of a 'passenger' and more of a 'driver' of their own learning.

## RECENT VISITS FROM CONTRIBUTING SCHOOLS

We are lucky to have groups of students from contributing schools visit Spotswood College. Most recently we have had Oakura students visit. They took part in a range of lessons including maths where they stretched their brain in an interactive quiz; in science where they performed some experiments with 'dry ice' and in social studies



Left to right: Kurtis Gilmour, Courtney Beros, Michael Anderson, Emily Longstaff, Amelia Sanger, Laura Robinson and Aslan Phillips

where students looked at the refugee crisis linked to our 40 hr Famine fund-raising. We are lucky to have such well mannered and motivated learners in our community. They are a credit to their school.

## 40 HOUR FAMINE

A huge drive this year has been establishing better opportunities to student leadership across all year levels. This year we have student representative groups in each year level. They are part of the Student Leadership Body. This year, led by the awesome Belinda Tran-Lawrence, we have had 30 students in Year 11 – 13 fundraising for World Vision. Students organised a World Vision Quiz night that filled the school hall and raised over \$1300. Followed by fundraising in the New Plymouth CBD, the students have raised almost \$5000 so far towards building two classrooms in a refugee camp in Jordan.

## SHEILAH WINN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL NATIONALS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Baylee O'Donnell-Martin who won the Directors Award at the National Finals in Wellington over the weekend of 4-6 June. I would like to thank Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mr Hill who gave up a weekend to support our awesome students.

## SPORTS

### Cross Country

After several postponements due to wet weather throughout May, this year's annual cross country was held in fine sunny conditions on Thursday 2 June. This year in order to





encourage better Hapu participation a mufti-day was held. There were two options for students to participate in – the competitive 3km run or the Hapu walk.

*The individual race winners were:*

Junior Girls:	Erica Vogel
Junior Boys:	Kobi Hislop
Intermediate Girls:	Courtney Goble
Intermediate Boys:	David Jeffrey
Senior Girls:	Nicola Carroll
Senior Boys:	Ben Dey

*Overall House points for the Paul Ballinger Trophy:*

1st Mikotahi	16.5 points
2nd Motumahanga	15 points
3rd Moturoa	13.5 points
4th Paritutu	13 points

*Best Dressed Individual Winners:*

Motumahanga	Megan Jones
Mikotahi	Terry O'Donnell
Moturoa	Jaydon Davis
Paritutu	Blake Tanner

*Best Dressed Whanau Class:*

Motumahanga	Mr Ramsay's
Mikotahi	Mr Moorby's
Moturoa	Mrs Nicholl's
Paritutu	Mr Abrams

### **NZSS Wrestling**

Darcy Collins (Year 9) participated at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Wrestling Championships held in Hawera during Queen's Birthday weekend.

Darcy won Gold in the 36-38kg Division (unopposed) and won the George Currie Cup for Fair Play for competing against wrestlers in higher divisions.

### **Indoor Bowls**

Aidan Zittersteijn (Year 12) has been selected into the New Zealand Indoor Bowls North Island Academy team for 2016. Aidan will compete in the triples section against the South Island.

Ngā mihi nui

*Martyn Knapton, Acting Principal*



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**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.

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