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## E D I T O R I A L

I was at a recent Victoria University graduation ceremony and the Chancellor Ian McKinnon read out some statistics regarding the university.



If I remember rightly he said in 1993 approximately 1000 students graduated from Victoria and last year 4000 students graduated. This was one statistic among many and shows a phenomenal growth in 20 years, in my opinion. The speech coincided with the 2014 budget from John English of the National led government. Backlash to the budget in the media was from one group of protesters griping about how unfair this government and many successive National governments have been to students. They were arguing that it was pretty much unaffordable to go to university these days and something had to be done about it. Perhaps they needed to come and listen to Mr McKinnon's speech and then argue with him that less people can afford to go to university these days – the statistics just don't support their protest – four times as many people are completing university studies these days so surely it must be more affordable and desirable than 20 years ago. The speech did give me some food for thought as I often wonder if our children have been "dumbed down" by the education system as frequently touted in the media and by older generations. There are those who argue that secondary school students are not being adequately prepared for university through the NCEA system. A graduation ceremony is probably not the best place to assess the overall health of a system as you sit amongst the "cream" of the nation's educated elite but I couldn't help but think a whole lot of people somewhere, somehow are doing something right!

*Kim*

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# Mayor Andrew

Hi everyone.

It is very important to me that I hear directly from the public about the issues that concern them.

Planning our district's long-term future would be futile if the Council didn't know the concerns and the desires of residents, so that we could address those for the benefit of future generations.

Similarly, if people have burning questions they want answers to, or if there are developing issues that need to get sorted, I want to hear about those as well.

It is for these reasons and more that the Council has launched Shaping our Future Together – an ongoing consultation with our community.

One element is a series of online chats with me for one hour each month.

The next online chat will be a 2.00pm on Thursday next week (12 June) and I'd love to see Oakura residents take part. Just go to [newplymouthnz.com/OurFuture](http://newplymouthnz.com/OurFuture) next Thursday to be part of the chat, and you can either ask your questions live or submit them beforehand through that webpage (which would be useful if you think the answer would require some research).

The second element is a series of Community Conversations where locals are invited to meet with me, Councillors, community board members and senior staff for a discussion on the kind of district we want in 10, 20 or 30 years' time.

We'll be bringing a Community Conversation to Oakura next month – please circle 7 July in your calendar now (at 7.00pm on the Oakura Town Hall), and I look forward to seeing you there!

By establishing a great collaboration between residents and the Council, we will be able to shape a future that sees our district being strong and vibrant for decades to come.





## Join the Conversation

Join the Mayor, Councillors and other citizens to discuss the future of our district.

Monday 7 July

Oakura Hall,

7pm to 8.30pm.



We carry a wide range of new junior and teen graphic novels. Also newly available are DC Comics: the ultimate character guide and From Earth's End : the best of New Zealand comics.

Come in and pick up a copy of your brochures for the Taranaki Arts Trail taking place 14-15 June 2014.

HOME WORK: Taranaki Art Now exhibition is currently showing at Puke Ariki. It showcases "our region's vibrant art scene and celebrates the talent of our local artists." In keeping with the current exhibition our school holiday programme will host a Home Work artist. Our programme will be held here at Oakura Library on Wednesday 9th July

2014 at 10am-11am. Book early as space is limited.

From our favourite best selling fiction writers new arrivals: these novels focus on the choices we make in our lives and the consequences they can have.

Jessica Soffer's Tomorrow there will be Apricots, Jojo Moyes' The One Plus One and Liane Moriarty's The Husband's Secret.

We have some very interesting non-fiction: QF32 about the harrowing flight as told by the experienced pilot, Quake Dogs "heart warming stories of Christchurch dogs" and The Imposter Syndrome - becoming an authentic leader.

Crackerjacks, pre-school story time, will be held on Thursday 19th June 10am-10:30am. All families welcome, no need to book.

Happy reading,

*Charlie and Vincenza*



# Family Well-being is at the Heart of National's Budget 2014

National will spend \$500 million to help whanau and children, with free GP visits for under 13-year-olds, an extension of paid parental leave and an increase in parental tax credit. The strong and careful management of the economy through the hard years of the last five years is now reaping benefits to our families, our schools, tertiary institutions and to healthcare. \$10 billion will be spent on early childhood, primary and secondary education with a further \$3 billion on tertiary education. Investment into young people always pays off and our young people and families deserve our utmost support as a government. Funding will also go toward education to prepare young New Zealanders for the growing workforce and growing economy.

Our Government will continue to build on our successes and work toward surplus as predicted for 2015. We're expecting larger surpluses in the following years, and a reduction of Government debt to 20 per cent of GDP in 2019/20.

National hasn't wavered from their four key priorities; responsibly managing Government finances, building a more competitive and productive economy, delivering better public services, and supporting the Christchurch rebuild.

When the economy is strong and growing, employers have more confidence to create jobs for people. The average income has risen \$3000 in the past two years and is forecast to increase by \$7,600 to \$62,300 by 2018. Another 172,000 jobs are expected by 2018. This means more opportunity and higher wages for New Zealanders. Our progress over the last year is only proof of this, with 84,000 more jobs created and nearly 15,000 New Zealanders supported off welfare and into work. The average weekly wage increased by 3.2 per cent with inflation of just 1.5 per cent.

The budget is about managing our growing economy, and spending in priority areas that will make a real difference in communities and the lives of Kiwis. This will be the first time spending on health tops \$15 billion a year.

National will also invest \$132 million to help ensure all New Zealanders are paying their fair share of tax, and further reductions to ACC levies are forecast for 2015/16.

We will also continue to work on making housing more affordable.

Since 2008, our Government Budgets have helped us out of the domestic recession, global financial crisis and the aftermath of the Canterbury earthquakes.

The hard work that businesses and families have done over the last few years are paying off and it is encouraging to see the benefits of this work starting to come through.



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# Kaitake Community Board

Back in 2006, after intensive consultation, debate and deliberation, Council finally

approved the NPDC Coastal Strategy and its offshoot, the Oakura Structure Plan. These documents provided clear direction to the decision makers when contemplating what to do and how to do it along the district's coast and more specifically in Oakura and its surrounding rural landscape. The Coastal Strategy providing the framework and the Structure Plan being the broad physical plan with supporting text that identified areas of land use, protection, parks and other infrastructure and community requirements over a 20 year period.

The KCB was totally involved in each stage of that development process and since then has agitated continually to get the Structure Plan implemented. We have been concerned over time about the slow state of progress. Now eight years further on we are extremely pleased that Council is carrying out a review and then developing a new implementation process for the Structure Plan. To that end the KCB has put together a focus group of community people to assist council planners in drafting a plan and ensuring it will provide a representative and valid view of 'where to from here'.

While there are many issues to address there are a few key directions for the work ahead. One of the central themes in the Structure Plan was to develop a Coastal Environment Area that specifically addressed residential development in order to protect the natural character of the community. To that end a new zoning, to apply to both the existing settlement and the proposed new urban extensions, is to be developed that is different from the current Residential C zoning. The new zoning, while recognising the growth potential provided by the new sewerage system, is intended to ensure that new minimum lot sizes and the height, density and scale of new building development will be consistent with the village ambience to sustain the character of the village and surrounding rural area.

Another focus will be to consider the storm water capacity in the village and the effects on existing and proposed residential areas. The impact of storm water run-off is already an issue here so a study of the current storm water catchment system and identification options for future storm water disposal is timely.

A review of the local roading network will also be considered, as will a focus on the village CBD to ascertain future

needs and establish the best solution for future development there. Bear in mind that the Structure Plan covers a 20 year period - that's through until 2035! And while future growth depends to a large extent on the Taranaki economy and residential developers doing their thing, council has signalled there are approximately 600 further residential lots available in Oakura and the sewerage system has been constructed to service a population of 4,500 residents.

For many years locals have been determined to retain Oakura's seaside village charm and that very charm is what has, and will continue to attract newcomers to live in our community. Because of that strategic planning in an organised way is essential as population pressure grows. The Structure Plan will provide a 'road map' for the future by establishing agreement around intended outcomes, setting priorities and focusing resources as required to sustain our changing and growing community.

Well that's it for this month but watch this space as this important work gets underway.

The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be in Okato, at Hempton Hall on Monday June 23 at 7pm.

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

## Coastal Young Farmers



The Coastal Young Farmers have been busy in the last couple of months variety of activities. The members have been doing fundraising by helping local farmers cover their silage and maize stacks, stacking hay bales and collecting seaweed.

We also entered a team into the Okato community touch competition over the summer. This was a good chance to have a bit of a run around and get to know more members of the extended Okato community.

People that have just moved into the district are most welcome to join and meet some young farmers.

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# Crop Swapping Brings Community Together on Colder Winter Days

Winter's soon here and Crop Swap Oakura has taken on a new life with the cooler weather. For those of you who might not know, Crop Swap is when people bring surplus from their garden and kitchen and swap it with others. It's not just a one-to-one trade. You might come in with a few lemons and leave with other people's seedlings, garlic, preserves, lettuce, feijoas, guavas and fresh warm baking!

As the days and nights get colder, gardens can become dormant.

Now is the time to bring jams and preserves, lettuces, citrus, and piping hot baking to a swap. In addition to swapping your goodies for someone else's treasure, each Crop Swap Oakura will feature a short talk and/or food samples.

For our 14 June Saturday swap, we will have an open door information day with food samples. This means you don't have to bring anything to swap; you're invited to come and see what crop swapping is all about. We'll have food samples and fresh muffins, so drop in for a cup of tea and talk to the swappers!

## HERE'S WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT THE CROP SWAP:

"I love to come and share information with others about their gardens, and to also find a new recipe for my veg or home baking," notes Nathalie Pronk-Jones.

Mary Bishop, who's been attending and helping with the swaps says, "It's great for me to bring in my surplus and see what others are growing or making in their kitchens."

Other talks that will happen in the coming months might be on worm farms, spray free planting basics, seasonal planting, local raw milk, and liquid fertilisers.

Crop Swap Oakura meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month. The upcoming dates are 14 June, 28 June, 12 and 26 July. Meetings are at St James Church in Oakura, 4.00pm set up what you bring, 4.30pm start swapping. For more information, call/text Aileen Katanella at 027 524 4007, or Elaine Rollins 027 776 6209.

Like us on Facebook Crop Swap Taranaki and find out more about Merilands and Inglewood crop swaps.





# Opportunity Knocks in LA for Young Designer

Local fashion designer Brooke Barrett is set to spread her wings in the fabulous metropolis of Los Angeles as the manager of a store for the New Zealand based fabric empire The Fabric Store previously known as Global Fabrics where Brooke currently manages.



Brooke grew up in Oakura and attended Oakura School and NPGHS. In recent years the 24 year old has been living in Wellington where she set up her own design label called “Brooke Barrett” following the completion of a Fashion Design Diploma at Massey University.

Global fabrics now called The Fabric Store opened in 1995 in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. In 2008 they opened a store in Sydney, in 2010 a store in Melbourne, 2011 a store in Brisbane and last year a store in La Brea, Los Angeles. The ethos of the store is to provide sustainable eco supplies to its customers and most of the fabrics are sourced from eco-minded suppliers in Poland, Uruguay, South East Asia, Italy and New Zealand. The fabric rolls are usually designer ends or mill over runs. There is a specific focus on New Zealand merino and natural fibres.

In April of this year Brooke was selected as a Young Talent Designer for Wellington’s Fashion Week. She supplied four looks from what was to be her latest collection and the feedback on the garments was good – described as “simple but chic”. Brooke had hoped to produce 10 garments but Fashion Week coincided with the job offer in LA and training in Auckland so four garments was all she had time to produce.

The most common worry Brooke notices from women is not being able to find clothing that fits them properly – or is too tight in all the wrong areas. Garments from Brooke’s collection are slightly over-sized and comprise of pleated skirts, elbow length tee-shirts, loose fitting v-neck dresses, a super sized t-shirt dress made from a merino wool coating, and silk organza trousers.

This collection consists of luscious moleskins, wool coatings, silk organza, merino and heavy cotton corduroys in rich winter tones with a fit that sits off the body with thoughtfully placed seams and panel lines – allowing for the body to move freely without

constriction, while creating shape. - All made from fabrics from The Fabric Store.

Inspiration originally sprung from 1920’s school uniforms and was then infused from the interior of Brooke’s current home where her photo shoot took place.

Presently Brooke is awaiting the documentation necessary to work and live in the USA and is looking forward to the challenge of living in a big city like LA. She will be based in La Brea and has accommodation right above her work. Brooke’s position as manager of the store will see her out and about in LA meeting designers and other creators with samples from The Fabric Store. Brooke says she is excited about fulfilling some of her personal goals and developing new skills. She says her time spent at Anakiwa Outdoor Pursuits Centre as a teenager will hold her in good stead as she faces new challenges without the support of family and friends. The opportunity to meet new people and face new experiences was too good to turn down.

We wish Brooke all the best as she leaves our shores for the bright lights, taking with her the backing of our little community and the pride we feel for those who are willing to take a chance.

*By Kim Ferens*



**Supporting Brooke and her collection at Wellington Fashion Week are Mikayla and Tim Barrett, with actress Shukura Chapman.**

PHOTO BY BRADY DYER PHOTOGRAPHY.



**One of Brooke’s “looks” from Fashion Week.**



# SPORTS

## Oakura Pony Club

We have just had our last fully mounted Rally for the season - our last awesome lesson was taken by Tara Harvey. If you think your child would like to join pony club please make contact with Robyn King 7510300 or if there are any adult riders who would like to be involved with Oakura Pony Club to share the knowledge feel free to make contact. One of our pony club members Summer Henderson led (Master) the Children's Hunt recently at Egmont Village - it was a real honour. A local hunting highlight was held at Lower Pitone Road on the Graylings farm recently on a beautiful sunny day with views for miles, big smiles on our riders faces as they galloped around the fields. Well done. A big thank you to the head coaches Denise and Robyn and all the mums and dads and other Oakura Pony Club supporters who have made it such a great season for the ponies and riders.

*President Anthea.*



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# Kaitake Golf Club News

The Golf Zone sponsored "2 Ball Best Ball" proved popular again this year with 48 pairs participating in perfect conditions. Winners of the gross competition were Warren and Damien Powell from Manukoriki. Nett winners were Dan Manu (Fitzroy) and Jeff Clement (Kaitake).

The Midweek Women's Open day attracted 59 players from clubs around Taranaki. This was a very pleasing turn-out when so much is happening on the golfing calendar.

## RESULTS -

Silver Division, Nett winner was Ann Braithwaite (Stratford). Best Stableford winner Carolyn Koch (Manaia).

Bronze 1, Lyn Regan (Kaitake), won the Nett and Betty Adamson (Kaitake) won the Best Stableford.

Bronze 2 Pauline Gray (Kaitake) won the Nett with Marie Benton (Kaitake) winning the Stableford.

## CLUB COMPETITION RESULTS

### Men's

The President's trophy final was won by David Moffitt with Dennis Harvey runner-up. Top Dog is the next big competition to be played.

### Mid Week Women

The Maskelyne Trophy was won by Maureen Neilsen and Deborah Johnson with Jenny Ross and Joy Greenleaf runners up

Helen Whyte won the Fougere Cup with Noel Lawrence runner up.

The Askew Cup was won by Maureen Neilsen with Nicole Mancer runner-up.

### Weekend Women

This month we played Pennants at Stratford and lost to Westown.

The first round of Nell Dickie has been played.

On Saturday 10th we played 36 hole stroke play The winner of Silver gross was June Neale and Bronze gross was Raewyn Hawker. Bronze nett was won by Pauline Gray.

## 9 HOLE NEWS

Whilst a few more of our players are preparing for vacation, a couple of holidaymakers have just returned. Super 9 Round 1: Winners 1st Section Jean Keegan, 2nd Section Sandra Wilkes.

There was a healthy draw contesting the annual 9 Hole Top Dog and taking out the win over Raewyn Bishop and Claire Chamberlain was Yvonne Coxhead and Sandra Wilkes. Flight winners were Jean Keegan and Kay Stachurski over Thelma White and Margaret Briscoe playing that extra hole on the 10th. Congratulations to everyone.

9 Hole pennants commenced mid March with a mixed bag of results and an equally mixed bag of playing weather. Both teams White and Blue have got off to a slow start with a little bit of catching up to do.

Coming up will be the newly introduced 9 Hole Double. A challenge for those who have only ever played 9 holes and for those who have "come over" it will feel like old times. Results next time.

Congratulations to all our winners.

## JUNIORS

The holiday programme for Juniors has continued this year and included a coaching session with Dominic Barsons in the first week of the holidays and a shortened 9 hole game the second. This is a good time to give 'golf a go' and appears popular with local kids. There will be another day organised next school holidays.

## FIREWOOD

With winter approaching now is the time to stock up with firewood. Kaitake Golf Club is selling firewood now. An average trailer load (6 x4) is \$80 and can be delivered for \$20 extra. Please phone the office to order.

## GOLF ACCESSORIES.

Remember the club is stocking a limited range of golf accessories for sale. Currently this includes balls, tees, gloves, socks, Kaitake shirts. Hopefully this range will be extended in the future. This is a popular initiative for members. If you need anything see Jacqui during office hours.

## MEMBERSHIP

Currently there have been a number of new members both men and women, 18 hole and 9 hole joining the Club. At a time when many clubs are facing declining membership numbers Kaitake is happy to see the membership grow. We welcome all new players. Coaching is available if required. Talk to Jacqui in the office for more information.

More information on Kaitake Golf Club or coming events can be found on the website [www.kaitakegolf.co.nz](http://www.kaitakegolf.co.nz). or by talking to Jacqui in the Office, phone 752 7665

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As some of you may be aware, I am currently taking up some session's that Katrin Dau used to take and my feedback to date has been very positive. Thanks to all those who have allowed me to carry on your sessions. I look forward to talking with any of you who have been seeing Katrin in the past, and are keen to carry on the good work!! You can text or phone me on 022 104 1851 or email me on [stew.johnson@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:stew.johnson@slingshot.co.nz) and I will give you any other information you may require.

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Paul and Sarah on their wedding day.



# Paul Cunningham Still Pursuing the Dream

Oakura ex local Paul Cunningham is currently playing professional football in Singapore for Balestier Khalsa. He and his American fiancée, Sarah Anderson, got married at Musket Cove, Fiji on the 3rd January. Sarah is the daughter of Vicki and David Anderson of West Newton, Pennsylvania. Paul updates us.

“Sarah and I met 10 years ago when we both attended university in the states (West Virginia University). Sarah had earned a scholarship to dance and I had earned a football scholarship. After both graduating in 2008, we set out on an adventure pursuing our dreams. We now live in Singapore and have done so for the last five years where I play professional football and do a little financial consulting on the side. Sarah works in finance on the investment side. This past January, Sarah and I said our “I do’s” in the picture perfect Fiji Islands with immediate family from both sides and some great friends there to celebrate with us. It was an amazing few weeks which we will never forget capped off by a perfect day at the altar and drinking and dancing long into the night”.



Sarah with flowergirls, Isabella Cunningham and Arla and Phoebe Bennett.

“Just married”.

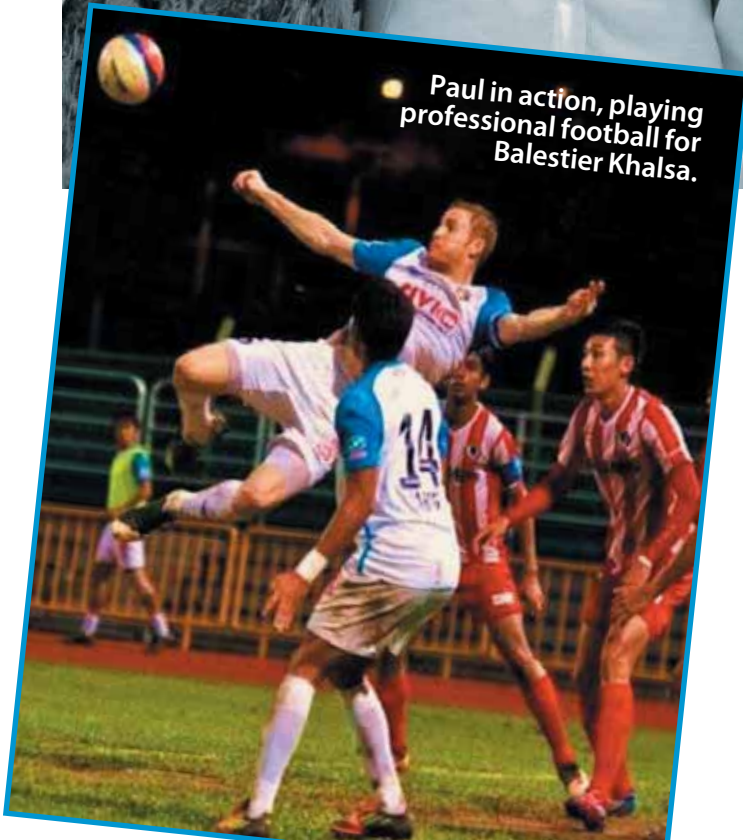




Paul and Sarah with Paul's  
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Paul in action, playing  
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Depart Dixon St ①	Kaitake/ Russell ②	Oakura Hall ③	Omata Holloway ④	Spotswood College ⑤	Arrive Ariki St
▶ 7.44 AM	7.48 AM	7.52 AM	7.59 AM	8.03	8.10 AM
9.00	9.04	9.08	9.15	9.19	9.26
3.42 PM	3.46 PM	3.50 PM	3.57 PM	4.01	4.08 PM

### New Plymouth/Oakura

Depart Ariki St	Spotswood College ①	Omata SH45 ②	Dixon St ③	Kaitake/ Russell ④	Oakura Hall ⑤
8.40 AM	8.48	8.52 AM	9.00 AM	9.04 AM	9.08 AM
◀ 3.20 PM	3.30	3.34 PM	3.42 PM	3.46 PM	3.50 PM
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# Oakura Boardriders

Summer is coming to a close as we can all tell although the water has still been very warm for this time of year, hope everyone has enjoyed it.

What a month of surfing through the end of April and into May with the running of the New Zealand Surf Festival Taranaki. I am sure everyone is up to date with all the winners of the major contests but Oakura surfers featured prominently in a lot of the contests.

The Easter Masters held in reasonable conditions on the first day at Arawhata road and then in extremely big and stormy conditions at Fitzroy for the remaining two days saw Alan Crawford 3rd in the Legends, Chris Davies 2nd in the Legends and Brent Anderson 4th in the Masters.

Following the Masters there was a week of high performance coaching by Matty Scoringe from 'The Art of Surfing'. For the younger Taranaki surfers this was very well patronised and really worth attending. There is a lot to be learnt for all surfers at these sessions.

Oakura Boardriders then ran an interclub contest between the Taranaki clubs and North Wai from Christchurch. Conditions on the day were absolutely atrocious but we still had a great turnout and a long day of surfing ensued. This is becoming an annual contest in which North Wai is very keen. They have a very large and strong group of under 18 surfers and there is a cup for the winner of the contest between North Wai and Oakura. Unfortunately we don't have the amount of surfers to compete so we had to invite the other Taranaki Clubs to boost numbers and make a contest of it. Even so Taranaki won the contest with our surfers mostly taking top honours. Due to the way the points work across the whole contest, and it only being between Oakura and North Wai, the trophy heads south this year. It was the older surfers from Oakura who pulled out the major points for Oakura with Manu Schafer and Tyler Anderson leading the charge through the open with Glen Johns and Luke Florence helping boost our total. A great weekend, with a big social night at the club topping it off.

## INTERCLUB CONTEST RESULTS,

### U10 Boys

- 1st Jai Oakley (North Wai)
- 2nd Koah Shewry (Oakura)
- 3rd Dara O'Malley (North Wai)
- 4th James Millar (North Wai)

### U12 Girls

- 1st Ariana shewry (Oakura)
- 2nd Georgia Wederell (North Wai)
- 3rd Kahana Ngaia (Waitara)
- 4th Lily Robertson (North Wai)

### U12 Boys

- 1st Oli Meadows (Oakura)
- 2nd Jai Oakley (North Wai)
- 3rd Neko Tohiariki (North Wai)
- 4th Josh McCaffrey (North Wai)

### U14 Boys

- 1st Sonny Martin (Waitara)
- 2nd Connor McClennan (North Wai)
- 3rd Myka Black (North Wai)
- 4th Tayne Hutchinson (Waitara)

### U17 Boys

- 1st Reef Mathews (Waitara)
- 2nd Jack Wilson (North Wai)
- 3rd Nicholas Tuhikarama (North Wai)
- 4th Rory Edmonds (North Wai)

### Open

- 1st Manu Schafer (Oakura)
- 2nd Mark B (Oakura)
- 3rd Tyler Anderson (Oakura)
- 4th Pipi Ngaia (Waitara)

The rest of the festival saw Tom Butland win his division of the GromSearch, Ariana Shewry 2nd by 0.2 of a point.



Legends, L to R, Paul Clemo (AK), Mikey Thompson (Raglan), Alan Crawford (Oakura), Chris Davies (Oakura).



Masters, L to R, Brent Anderson (Oakura), Mark Hoyle (AK), Duncan Johnston (AK), Simon Martin (NP).



Taranaki locals took out other divisions with Daniel Farr winning the prestigious under 17 final when Issac Kettle blew the win with an interference call in the last 30 sec of the final and having to settle for second place. Daniel Farr won a trip to Lakey Peak in Sumbawa to compete in the GromSearch international final as the prize.

After the last month it is very clear surfing is in a good place in Taranaki with the Junior programs the Clubs are running starting to pay real dividends with Taranaki surfers starting to show up in NZ surfing competition finals in the last year.

On the International scene Paige has been battling it out with a couple of 9th placings and a couple of 13th placings. Not the start she would have wanted with pretty average conditions and a bit of bad luck going against her. With Fiji coming up she will be hoping for a good result to get her year underway.

Upcoming events for the club at this point in time,

Friday 20th June 5.30pm to 11.30pm Mid winter dinner

Saturday 21st June 5pm to 11pm Mid winter surf contest

Friday 25th July 5.30pm to 11.30pm Pot luck dinner

Friday 15th August 5pm to 11pm Registration Snow & Surf

Saturday 16th August 5.30pm to 11pm Snow & Surf comp

Sunday 17th August 5.30pm to 11.30pm Snow & Surf comp

Wednesday 27th August 7pm to 11pm AGM

Friday 29th August 5.30pm to 11.30pm Pot luck dinner for members

*Brent Anderson, Oakura Boardriders.*

*President: John Shewry, 027 252 9190*

*Secretary: Paul Lobb 75 27556*

## Carnival of the Animals

The Val Deakin Dance Theatre Trust is planning performances of Carnival of the Animals for later in the year. Proposed performance dates are at the end of July/beginning of August.

There are a range of fun parts for various animals – large and small! For the younger dancers there are mice, dragonflies, a rabbit, a monkey and a beaver. For the older, more experienced dancers there are other animals – a kangaroo, a hen and a rooster, a lion, elephants, fish and other – in a production full of fun! This humorous production is set to the wonderful and familiar music of Saint-Saens.

Those with an interest in dance and theatre, but no experience, are welcome to contact us for more information, and the Dance Theatre would also welcome inquiries from those keen to help backstage – with scenery, costumes, props or lighting.

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## Use Exercise to Stay Healthy this Winter

As the temperature drops and the weather becomes less inviting, the temptation to avoid heading out into the cold to exercise increases. However there is no better way to stay warm, stop your energy levels slumping mid winter, and staying positive than with a regular exercise session.

Winter is no excuse to stop or slow down your training. Sure it takes a bit longer to warm up, but with some easy adaptations and an indoor 'plan b' for those who like to train in the great outdoors, you can get through winter without hibernating like a bear or ending up resembling one.

And here is another motivator if one of your reasons for exercising is the fact that it makes you look great; exercising throughout winter will mean that while others will be racing to the gym to start on a summer fitness blast, you will be well on your way to a healthy summer body.

There is so much advice given about how to avoid winter illnesses, with some based firmly on fact, while others are old wives tales without too much substance. Exercise and activity is one form of illness prevention you can rely on. An exercised body is a healthy body, as when we exercise regularly; we enhance our overall health and sleep better. In winter this can translate into a better immune system, which can reduce the number of winter illnesses that are picked up.

When it's cold and wet and you are exercising, it's important to make sure you aren't taking any unnecessary risks. Make sure you are warmed up properly and that you are wearing the right gear for outside sessions.

Even the hardest outdoor exerciser sometimes wants to stay indoors, so why not think about joining an exercise facility or studio where you can stay warm and dry, and still get all the exercise benefits you get from outdoor sessions. You'll have plenty of variety with group exercise classes and you will also get the benefit of the opportunity to work with a trainer who can help you set some specific exercise goals.

*By Estelle Williams*



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## The Wonderful World of Weird Science

"Hello and welcome to the Wonderful World of Weird Science!" On Monday the 12 of May a man named Richard and his DJ, Robyn came to Oakura School to show the school some amazing scientific magic.

Once the Pohutukawa Centre was full, Richard began to show us a magic trick with two large rings. First he rubbed a ring with his hand and with one quick flick he had connected them. Richard spun both the rings around to show there were no holes. He kept on connecting and disconnecting rings for a while then moved on. Richard's next trick was with lots of red foam balls. He started popping them out of his mouth! He was still talking clearly. It was amazing I have no idea how he did it!

After that Richard changed from his white lab coat to his tie-die lab coat. He made elephant toothpaste using rocket fuel that looked like water, red food colouring, a chemical and something that made the chemical reaction faster and it fizzed up like a volcano.

Once he had done the elephant toothpaste he made mini rockets out of old film containers, water and headache pills. He put water in the film container and added a pill and lay it upside down. In a few seconds it shot upwards.

After the rockets Richard grabbed a bag and poured water in it and straight after that he tipped the bag upside down... but nothing came out! "Do you know why?" he asked "NO!" everyone yelled. "This is why?" he asked and he pulled out a wet nappy! Everyone screeched with laughter. Richard explained to the school that a nappy had powder in it that turned liquid into a solid, then he got a quarter of a glass of the powder that was in nappies and he got some sort of yellow liquid. He poured the yellow liquid into the cup of powder then immediately tipped the cup on his head... but it had already hardened. Then he put in a plastic bag and gave it to a teacher!

Next Richard got a bubble blower and blew a bubble "That is the thinnest thing on earth" he said "Does anyone want to put bubbles inside a bubble?" "YEAH" everyone yelled at the top of their lungs, so he got one big bubble blower and one small bubble blower and while he was making the big bubble he quickly blew smaller bubbles into it. It was so cool! "How about a bigger bubble?" "Yeah," so he blew a bigger bubble "How about a bigger bubble?" "YEAH!" so he got an even bigger bubble blower and blew an even bigger bubble. "How about an even BIGGER bubble?" "YEAH!" so he got the biggest bubble blower I had ever seen and he blew a GIANT bubble. It wiggled and wobbled in all sorts of different shapes, and then POP it exploded all over Richard. That was the end of the science show but I wish it wasn't. It was one of the best shows I've ever seen and I'm sure the rest of Oakura School thought so too.

*By Chloe Goodkind aged 9 years*

## Change to the Speed Limit

The year 7 and 8's of 2013 wrote to the N.Z.T.A. (New Zealand Transport Agency) about the unsafe 70km sign at the South side of Oakura, on Surf Highway 45. They included statistics in their letters and they were shocking. There was one person going 130km in the 70km zone. Unbelievable! Geoff Dangerfield (a member of the N.Z.T.A.) came to our school and responded to our letters. He said we had made a good point about the 70km sign and that they were seriously thinking about changing it.

We are proud to announce that the hard work paid off and the sign has now been changed to 50km. We all appreciate what the N.Z.T.A. has done for our community and we all feel a lot safer with the change. Thank you to all the students that made this possible.

*By Hamish Goodhue (12) and Jade Maulder (12)*





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# Rippa Rugby

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By George Clark (12)



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### June

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Brain Research and Learning 7 - 8:30pm.  
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*Please Note -*

- 20th **Teacher Only Day - no school.**  
24th Year 6 Gymnastics at Okato.  
25th Year 7/8 Tech Challenge.

### July

- 2nd Guardians of the Bush.  
Exhibition of Learning 11am-12:30pm.  
4th Music Assembly 9am.  
Omata Cafe 10am.  
Term 2 finishes 3pm.

## OMATA VS ST PIUS X

On 14 May it threatened hail, rain and cold but turned out sunny and warm.

A great first sports inter-school challenge played at St Pius.

### Results

*Football:* Omata 3 – 2, *Rugby:* St Pius 41 – 37, *Netball:* St Pius 24 – 1

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### PRE-LOVED CLOTHING SALE

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Students lay a wreath made by students in rooms 1 and 6 at the Omata Memorial on Anzac morning after dawn parade. From left: Thomas and Chris Logan, Joe Wagstaff, Callum Astwood and Joshua Gilmore.



Room 3 at 'Art in the Park' by the Golden Tree with Chris Barry from Govett Brewster.





# New Plymouth Boys' High School

I continue to be amazed and delighted at the successes that our students achieve. When one talks about success, failure is vital . . . that's the opinion of JK Rowling who had her first Harry Potter novel rejected by 12 publishing houses. Fear of failure can make us afraid of taking risks in whatever we do. The most highly successful people have failed time and time again before they find success. Teenage boys need to be aware that they are deluding themselves if they somehow believe they can magically become excellent at something without any effort. There are two ways to look at failure. "I am never going to be good at this, so I'll give up" OR "I have not learned enough yet."

Congratulations to the following boys

In the 48-hour movie-making competition, two groups of boys made the final and the "Reservoir Dogs" (Oscar Alty, Sam Egli, Daniel Thomas and Sherwood Matheson) won.

Cameron Tippet and Josh Ritchie represented the school well in a recent debate held in the Courts.

Congratulations to all boys involved in the Stage Challenge with Girls' High school. It was a superb effort

The sailing team came 17th in New Zealand.

Our golfers (Charlie Boon, Fletcher Broderick, Tyler O'Leary, George Smith, Daniel and Alex Lundt) represented Taranaki Juniors and won a recent tournament.

Drew Farnsworth made the Rickie Herbert Football Academy team to play in USA – he went on to win the Most Valuable Player award, the Players' player and was top scorer.

Congratulations to Harrison Meads who was chosen for the NZ U18 Basketball team to tour Australia.

The Hockey, Basketball and Golf teams had a good win over Auckland Grammar in a recent exchange.

We welcome back our Hockey team that toured Malaysia - the boys who toured Vietnam and the boys who were on an exchange in Chile. Those boys taking History can travel to Vietnam and those boys studying Spanish can go to Santiago.

We wish our boys every success in Term 2 with their studies and we expect every boy to be engaged in his schoolwork.

*M.J. McMenamin, Headmaster*



Angus White, Nick Wilson, Manu Keiper, George Tvrdeich and Josh vanBergen studying NCEA Level 1.

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During Term 2 all students will be completing Individual Development Plans (IDP's) which utilise feedback and feedforward from reports (suggestions about how to improve), to set academic goals and to develop strategies to support attainment.

Our student achievement results continue to rise – this is not by accident.

## MAKE THE GRADE EVENING

Year 10 and 11 students and their families attended an evening workshop with Senior Staff on May 21 to receive up-to-date information about the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA). The workshop outlined the structure of NCEA qualifications and the strategies students and parents can use to enhance learning and achievement. Parents were given information on how to access our Ultranet online learning programme where student achievement information, course and assessment summaries as well as homework information can be accessed.

Spotswood College is working hard to build effective home school relationships where student learning is our focus.

## INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS

Darcy Corrigan (Year 13) has recently won a Special Certificate of Merit for outstanding essay writing in the nation-wide 'Rodney Walshe Annual Ireland Essay Competition' 2014. Darcy's essay 'The Lord of the Claddagh Ring' was one of only 10 special award recipients from across New Zealand.

Gloriana Wilson has been invited to compete in the National Homai Te Pakipaki Talent Quest organised by Māori Television.

The Spotswood College Mooting Team (Corey Vickers, Jessica Cooper, Summer Tosland) have recently participated in the Waikato University, School of Law Secondary Schools' Mooting Competition. The Taranaki Regionals

were held at the New Plymouth District Court last week. Four Taranaki Schools have taken part in this preliminary round. We are currently waiting for results.

## PERFORMING ARTS

On Friday 16 May Spotswood College hosted the Taranaki Schools Orchestra Day. Over 90 musicians attended the day where they rehearsed individual parts and then came together to present a 30 minute concert. It was wonderful to have Year 7 and 8 students from both Oakura School and Omata School, they were an appreciative audience.

The Year 11 Drama class will be performing two acts from 'The Crucible' to an audience of parents, students and teachers on Thursday 22 May and Friday 23 May. All Welcome.

## SCHOOL GALA

Our winter PTA Gala will be held on Sunday June 8 from 11.00am – 2.00pm.

## KEY TERM II EVENTS

- 8 June ...Gala
- 10 June ....Oratory Competition
- 21 June ....School Ball
- 27 June ....Manu Korero Speech Competitions
- 27 June ....Individual Development Plan Meeting

Mark Bowden

Principal

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# WINTER GALA

- Hot Food
- Rescue Service Displays
- Face Painting
- Games
- Student Performances
- Bouncy Castle
- Fun Attractions
- Haunted House
- Hangi
- Raffles
- White Elephant
- Sumo Suits
- Confectionery
- Crafts
- Cake Stall
- Prizes
- Quickfire

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# O’Rielly XRacer’s

Many families in the village competed in the XRace games in Hawera and one family went on to at the National X-Race in Rotorua – the Leadbetter/O’Rielly’s: Andrea, David, James and Catherine. Parents came from all around the country to compete in the two day event which offered a whole range of activities to test the kid’s skills and the parents patience. Catherine was placed 2nd in NZ for her age group (7 year old girls), and James was 7th in his age group (8 year old boys). The course consisted of a range of extremely varied activities aimed to be able to have something every child would be able to do well and included:

- running along an inflatable in an aquatic centre
- riding the gondola up and lugging down with a cup of water in your mouth without spilling any water on the way down
- identifying the top 10 songs as at Christmas “yeah right!! hadn’t even heard most of the songs, though I did know the Kenny Rogers one because it was already written on the paper” said Andrea.
- making a hand bag out of duct tape.
- petanque with tennis balls.
- sewing 8 buttons onto a strip of cloth in a straight line.
- orienteering through the forest.
- eating an ice block in the fastest time.
- dancing to “Happy” in the middle of Rotorua’s shopping district.
- filling and balancing a bottle of water on your forehead to fill up a bucket at the other end of the course
- old fashioned tug of war.
- and riding the Rotorua buses (a challenge all on its own).

Andrea said it was a wonderful weekend where kids got to really bond with their parents and the kids were totally the focus, so we could help but mostly they had to do it themselves.



Catherine a picture of concentration.



James and David “happy” in the main street of Rotorua.



Look mum no hands!



Catherine and Andrea – “finished!”



James and David across the finish line.



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**Dance Highway 45.** Jazz, Hip Hop and Tap classes available for 4yrs and above. Boys' Street Dance with Shaquille: Mondays 5.00pm - 5.30pm 9yrs and under, 5.30pm - 6.00 10yrs and over. Contact: Raeleen Luckin 752 7761 d.luckin@xtra.co.nz

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

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

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

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

**Mini Groovers.** Music and movement for preschoolers! Tuesdays 10am during school terms, Oakura Hall. Gold coin donation. Contact Maryanne on 06-2811197.

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

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

**Oakura Playcentre.** 14 Donnelly St, Oakura. Sessions run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am-noon during school terms. Visitors welcome. Ph Maryanne on 06-2811197.

**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.

**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.

**Pippa's Personal Training.** Circuit training, PT sessions, boxing in your own home with small groups or individually. Suited to your level of fitness and ability. Phone Pip Johnson 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.** Pre-school dance classes are from 9:30 to 10 am and the Beginners' ballet dance class from 10 am to 10:45 am.

**Vigor Fitness.** Tuesday and Thursdays 10am - Outdoor Pure Grit Training. Phone Anneka Carlson 021 404 642.


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

**Yoga Classes.** Oakura Church Hall Monday and Thursday 9.15am. Everyone welcome. Contact Kate Evans 027 203 7215.


**Zumba Fitness Class.** (suitable for 13 years and over), Oakura Hall, Wednesday 6.30 - 7.30pm. First class free. \$8 casual or 10 class concession card for \$50. Ph: Ange for queries: 021 222 9683.

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