

Oakura School Production



On 21, 22 and 23 October, Oakura School held their 2008 production *In Our Hands*.

Keegan Bruckner as "Green Finger" and Natalie Plonk as "Mother Nature".

The show was held at the Oakura Hall with a matinée performance on the first day, followed by night performances on the next two days.

The entire show was written and planned by teachers Ray Priest, Peta Day and Raeleen Luckin, with all dance sequences choreographed by Raeleen. The props were all made at the school, mainly out of recycled bits and bobs. The makeup team, led by Jules Everest, were a team of hard-working women who applied makeup to around 300 kids in just a few hours. The costumes were designed and created by Sharleen Walker along with a small group of parents who worked tirelessly at the school for many weeks

to produce an amazing array of outfits. *In Our Hands* is a fantasy story in which two siblings become masters of the forces of good and evil. Finding "Gloves of Power", they gain magical abilities. The evil power, "The Waster", and her gang of misfits go on to waste rivers, ponds and electricity plants, and wreak havoc in the world of "Greenlandia". The good power, or "The Greenfinger", and his group of five fingers have to follow "The Waster" on her path of mayhem and destruction, cleaning up the mess that is left behind and restoring the balance of nature.

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Here is the story behind the plaque on the table at the entrance to the beachfront campsite. We (my friends and I) call it Juffs's table because that plaque refers to our friend Annette Rothwell. Juffs – her nickname – was not a local, but it was her wish to have her ashes sprinkled at the beach and the plaque is in her memory. She left this life at the age of 39 because of the cruel disease, cancer.

We cried with her but we also laughed a lot with her. It would have been difficult for an outsider to know how very sick she was and often she would not let on to us about the pain she was in. She was a true inspiration to all of us.

Last month we farewelled my father-in-law from this life. He was 86 years old and lived until the day he died. He, like Juffs, had an affinity for the beach and for many years he brought his family to Oakura to stay in one of the campsites on the top row of the beachfront block. He would commute in to town everyday to his pharmacy and when he returned at the end of a busy day, he would enjoy the sun and the surf. The camping came to an end but the passion for the spot never did and he would take every opportunity to make the most of it.

These two people each gave me a special "gift". I have had a long-standing interest in death and dying – a subject many people would rather not acknowledge. The most interesting thing I have come across is the acceptance a dying person often has of their death. Juffs and Tony both made comments that support this theory. For me it has provided comfort at a time of deep sadness and loss.

So as *TOM* heads into its ninth year of publication and with the "gifts" of great people, I can only say Take One Moment Tracey

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It's also why we are investing in sewerage infrastructure to ensure Oakura's environment is one that future generations can also enjoy.

It's because of the passion and big-picture thinking of our community that we have a lifestyle that ensures everyone can experience and enjoy the best elements of our district.

And it's because of our residents' commitment to future generations that we had 1,110 people respond to our recent comprehensive Community Plan consultation and hundreds more involved in the planning for managing our coastal areas, residential growth and transport developments.

I have always said that our best ideas come from the community. This is our key strength – a community commitment to doing things very well – so for any awards we receive as a district, I say "well done" to every one of you!

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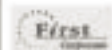
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kaitake community board

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The excavation of the pit for the wet well in Shearer Reserve has been completed. Temporary works and site concrete are in place. Six of the eight pre-cast panels for the wet well have been manufactured off-site. Each weighs about nine tonnes and will probably be on-site by the time you read this. Keenan Construction has installed the trunk main to the existing reticulation in Belair Avenue in New Plymouth. The company is completing the installation of air valves and scour chambers at various locations between the village and town. Contractors have completed the western pipeline from Messenger Terrace into Matekai Park. They have also started on the eastern one, which is the more challenging of the two. A walkover has been held in Matekai Park with Council staff and a representative from the Friends of the Park to talk through issues concerning the route through the park. About 166m of sewer main is left to install in Messenger Terrace between Pitcairn Street and Wairau Road. Once this is completed, all work in the vicinity of the surf clubs/Tasman Parade area will be complete. Work will continue during the upcoming holiday period but contractors will be working well away from the beachfront area.

Unfortunately the Pitone Road refuse station has been closed due to the continual abuse of the very necessary collection point rules by a small number of selfish people. The Board will continue talking with Council to see if some other arrangement can be instigated. The Oakura and Okato Tennis Clubs are already in full swing. Oakura will be keen to build on their excellent Soffe Cup results from last year and we certainly wish them well. The upgrades to the Okato courts look nearly finished and no doubt it won't be long before there is a swag of young Roger Federer's regularly hitting up on the local courts.

The Oakura Surfcasting and Kayak Fishing Club will certainly be looking for fairer weather than that experienced during the winter months. The weather didn't deter Brian Anderson though, who hooked a monster snapper off the rocks a month or so ago. His line started shredding during the initial run, but he survived this, and much of the ensuing fight was spent with the fish deeply entangled in weed. However, patience, skill and a bit of luck eventually saw the monster landed. Brian didn't realise just how big the fish was until he went to lift it up, and when weighed it turned out to be over 14kg!

Ton Deken was recently named Surf Taranaki's "Surfing Legend" – an honour richly deserved and acknowledged by his peers. And Paige Hareb continues to shine on the world surfing stage. She has been invited to Hawaii to compete in the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing and by the time you are reading this we will all be glued to our computer screens watching Paige in action. The competition has a NZ\$385,000 prize purse and fifty women will compete in the three-event series at Haleiwa, Sunset Beach, Honolua Bay. At this point Paige has only guarantees to compete in the first and last rounds but is hopeful to be a starter in all three by the time she arrives in Hawaii. The Haleiwa competition doubles as the final World Qualifying Series event and Paige (currently sitting in fifth place) only has to gain a very small number of points to be guaranteed entry into the prestigious Woman's World Tour next year – the first kiwi surfer to do so. Good luck Paige.

Good luck as well to all those students sitting NCEA and Scholarship exams during the next month – our community wishes you well. Well that's it for this issue. Ka kite ano.

Doug Hislop (752 7324) on behalf of Keith Plummer (752 7050), Mike Pillette (752 7059), Al Rawlinson (752 7178) and Deputy Mayor Alex Matheson (756 8080), who is the Council representative on the KCB.

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Oakura River rock wall

Further to my letter re the Oakura River rock wall, I would like to thank those who have emailed, called and stopped me in the street to comment, all expressing their dissatisfaction with the sudden unexplained appearance of tons of rocks covering a favourite shelter beach and swimming area. Most commented on the potential danger to children, the loss of shelter from the westerly, plus the lack of access to the diving bank.

I asked for a meeting on this with Taranaki Regional Council and all the signatories to the application for a non-notifiable consent – DOC, Fish & Game, a Marae representative and the Kaitake Community Board. Fred McLay from TRC responded and arranged to meet with me at Corbett Park. I notified some of those who had contacted me and others were contacted by Community Board members. NPDC, DOC, TRC and Community Board members attended the meeting. Many of the points below were debated robustly and fairly.

Of those who attended, the majority were unhappy with the wall structure, while a minority felt it is appropriate. The outcome is far from final, I believe, but it needs to be debated on facts. Below are some that I feel make this whole process less than acceptable.

The only area I am discussing here is the public reserve, not the northern side of beach. The reserve is not eroded and never has been in the knowledge of those of us who have frequented the area for 70 odd years. It is this aspect that most find incorrect and incromprehensible.

My understanding is that an engineer hired by the applicant submitted a report which concluded that erosion from the sea and river may take place. I have learnt much since first raising my objection – I have learnt that in fact things can be done on public reserve without careful consideration of historical usage of same.

A non-notifiable consent was granted on the grounds that written approval was received from Fish & Game Taranaki (they did not view the area), DOC (neither did they) and representatives of the Oakura Pa. Members of the Marae Committee were never approached formally, however one representative is a signatory, although he felt unable to confirm this to me when asked.

Written approval was also sought from NPDC as an affected party to the application. Our community was represented by the Kaitake Community Board, who had no opportunity to consult the community due to the process that was already underway. This approval was given and a legal consent was granted.

I am aware that I am repeating myself here, albeit with a little more knowledge than previously.

Quote from consent application: "The applicant lodged an application to erect, place and maintain a rock rip rap toe protection on the true left bank of the Oakura River mouth for erosion protection purposes."

I continue to ask why. It is public reserve with road reserve above and land owned by the Oakura Marae. Why would any applicant choose to invest in a rock wall that protects a large piece of public land? Apparently it's because others have them to protect the front of their property, but this is not the front of any one's property, it is public reserve. The front of the property is not mentioned in the application introduction.

Another fact from the consent – under the heading of "Effects": "Consideration must be given to the effects of the



Oakura River mouth with new rock wall

proposal on adjacent property (end effects), on the adjacent foreshore (effects to the beach) [the effect here was to wipe out the beach area] and on the aesthetics of the proposal. The report goes on to say they will now consider these three potential effects.

There is not enough paper to give you all the conclusions of the effects report, but most refer to erosion that has not happened. I am happy to email it to anyone interested. Most people can assess the real effect by just looking at the eastern river bank. We are left with an enormous dump of huge rocks covering the beach and cutting off access to the diving bank and shelter from the westerly wind.

Effects on Oakura River reads as follows: "The Oakura River has a high recreational and amenities values, particularly for swimming and white baiting. In view of these values, work on the proposed structure will be undertaken during off peak times to minimise disruption to recreational users."

Did I not see two large bulldozers shovelling rocks in and out of the river bank in the middle of the white baiting season? Or were they building a race?

And so it goes, it would be easy to give up but if something is worth fighting for then it takes time and facts presented in a logical way. More facts emerge as time goes by, like the sharp rocks that have been left in the river after damage from the bulldozers – have these been removed yet as promised? I hope so. One day soon if the weather remembers summer is coming, dozens of us will be swimming in the river – mostly on the Corbett Park side, I imagine.

Fay Looney

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Oakura Fire Brigade wins Toughest Team

Taranaki Toughest Firefighter Competition held in Oakura

Over thirty men and women competed in Oakura for the title of Taranaki's Toughest Firefighter recently. Competitors from as far away as Masterton competed in events such as scaling a tower, smashing with a sledgehammer, running with a charged hose and dragging an 80kg dummy. Each firefighter was also wearing 20kg of full gear including a heavy fireproof jacket, gloves, helmet and breathing apparatus.

Seamus Breeze won the title of the Toughest Firefighter in Oakura with the fastest time on the team – 2 minutes 27 seconds. In second place was Greg Newton with 2 minutes 30 seconds, and in third place was Matt Crabtree with 2 minutes 35 seconds. The Oakura team placed first overall with the fastest cumulative time.

The overall winner of the event was a 39-year-old firefighter from Eltham, Dennis Gibbon, with the fastest time of 2 minutes, 12 seconds. This is the third title in five years for Gibbon. He was 8 seconds faster than his closest rival, Glen Hudson from Masterton. The fastest female firefighter was Nicola Evans from Stratford with a time of 3 minutes, 23 seconds.



*Seamus Breeze,
winner of
toughest fire
fighter, Oakura.*

David Rielly of the Oakura Fire Brigade said that the event was a huge success with more people competing this year than ever before. It is a fun annual event that allows the firefighters to compete using the training and skills that they have learned. Normally, the winner of the Taranaki competition would go on to compete in the regional finals, the United Fire Brigade Association Challenge in Wellington, but the event has been cancelled this year. The winner from this event competes nationally and then internationally.

The spirit of volunteer firefighting was certainly alive and well at the Taranaki event. There were many family and friends out to support the firefighters. When asked why most men and women volunteer, David Rielly stated that, "Most people just want to help out and contribute to their community."

Special thanks go to Shell Todd Oil Services for their overall sponsorship of the event, as well as Glasgow Scaffolding for providing and constructing the scaffolding for the trials. Many of the main street shops provided prizes for the winners and were very accommodating with the road closures. Thank you to all of the businesses who donated prizes, and to the local residents for their support. Special thanks also to Butlers Reef for their support and the use of their facilities.

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Taranaki Jaguar Drivers Club visits Tapuae Country Estate



The Mills' Mk 2 Jaguar at Tapuae

At Labour Weekend the Taranaki Jaguar Drivers Club hosted the Upper Hutt Jaguar Club and as part of the weekend's events spent an afternoon of activities at Tapuae.

Cats of all sorts, shapes, ages and sizes participated in an orienteering course around the Country Estate followed by a barbeque. About 40 people enjoyed the Tapuae Country Estate facilities, with the visitors from Wellington amazed at the quality of the amenities.

The Taranaki Jaguar Drivers Club is a group of Jaguar owners from around the province who regularly get together to talk "cars" and compare notes on makes, models, projects and the finer details of what is under the bonnet. The Club also have regular events where they test the agility and prowess of their cars and drivers. And of course the group enjoy socialising together.

For more details on the Club contact the President Ian Paul on 7514149.

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More children's audio books, picture books and board books arrive every week.

A reminder about the summer holiday reading programme, "Superheroes Read" – the check-in dates are 15 November to 14 December. Please sign up at the library as there are limited spaces. It's a wonderful programme that encourages children to read right through the summer.

There are plenty of new titles by New Zealand authors including Peta Mathias's *Can we help it if we're fabulous?* and Lydia Monin's *From Poverty Bay To Broadway*. Also in are Clive Cussler's *Plague Ship* and Mary Ann Shaffer's *The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society*.

Happy reading,

Karen and Vincenza

Oakura Ladies Book Club

The Oakura Ladies Book Club was recently interviewed by TV One to be included in a 13 part series on New Zealand authors and book clubs.

The television show *The Good Word* came to film at the Oakura Library recently. Members of the Oakura Library book group discussed their favourite books, and those that have caused the most discussion in their group. The series, hosted by Emily Perkins and Finlay McDonald, will screen on TV One at a date still to be announced.

by Jennifer Gros

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Simon Houghton, Head Chef at Okurukuru – profile

Many people are curious about the Head Chef at Okurukuru - Simon Houghton, who is always in the news, winning competitions. TOM interviewed Simon to find out about the man behind the apron.



Where are you from and how did you come to live in Taranaki?

I was born in England, but have moved around a lot. I spent my teenage years in mid Wales, and then worked in France and Cornwall. I travelled around the world and had a year long visa for New Zealand. I was based in Christchurch as I had a few friends there, and there I met my partner, Meredith. Together we moved back to Cornwall in the UK for a couple of years and then Meredith wanted to come back to New Zealand. I agreed on the basis that we lived somewhere the surf was good, as living in Christchurch you spend a lot of time driving to get to a good surf spot. So we travelled around New Zealand surf areas and loved Taranaki so we stayed.

How long have you been a chef?

I have been a chef (as in working in an industrial kitchen) since I was 16, which makes it 22 years – how time flies!

Where did you train?

I did a full-time, two year City and Guilds course at Colleg Powys, a training college similar to WITT or PEI, in mid Wales. They taught me to pass the exam and get the papers, but I did my real training outside college, working nights and weekends in a three star hotel. Moving around the different sections, you build up your speed and respect for the chefs above you. You find out you don't have three hours to make four portions of soup!

Why did you want to be a chef?

I like making things, being under pressure, being organised and striving to be the best. It's a hard job and everyone you feed is an expert. They all know how they want their food to be cooked. It was also a great job when I was young – it gives the chance to travel around, do ski seasons, extended surf trips – it's a good life style.

What makes a great chef?

Passion. You're not going to get rich in this industry, so you must love what you do. And being organised.

What makes a great restaurant?

Good service – your front of house team can make or break your restaurant, good food. But I would say that ambiance and décor also have a lot to do with it.

What are your specialities?

I have worked in every kitchen section and taken all the knowledge that goes with it. I really enjoyed working as a pastry chef, still do as a matter of fact. I do keep my hand in but not to the extent I used to, and on the other hand I also love doing the butchery side.

What are the highlights of your career?

I am lucky enough to have had many highlights. Winning our category in Restaurant of the Year two years running at the national competitions is great. Cooking for people like Prince Charles or Helen Clarke is always exciting. Being voted Outstanding Chef of the Year at the Halamoana hospitality awards last year is really special. Winning the Taranaki Wanganui Chef of the Year here in Okurukuru was brilliant. I was invited to do a cooking programme on SkyTV and Miriama Smith hosted me – she's great! Being on the inflight TV for Air NZ, and representing Taranaki in a global chefs' challenge.

You enter a lot of competitions, why?

I like that fact that other professionals judge your work. I learn a lot from doing competitions, you get feedback on what you can improve on. It is a great buzz to try to do the best you can. I hopefully show my junior chefs that you can go up to national, even international, events and win – you might only get a bronze or a silver, but lots of others get nothing. I love to help teach my junior team and get them to a good standard.

We took a young chef who works for another company up to the nationals – he was blown away by it all and wants to compete himself next year. That's what it's about – passing on the passion.

What is your favourite wine/food?

I like most foods, I don't really have an out and out winner. When I go out for dinner I usually get the chef to choose for me, it makes choosing easier. I like to drink red wines in the winter, cold beer or a crisp Pinot Gris in the summer, it all depends on what I am doing, who I am with, what I am eating...

What do you do in your spare time?

Spend time with my two young children, they grow up so quickly and I don't want to miss it. I surf down the coast, which is why I bought my house down that way. I also love trail riding on my KTM dirt bike, though unfortunately I fell off at a speed you don't want to fall off at last November, broke my back in two places and ended up being off all summer, putting a great deal of stress on our team here at Okurukuru. I am back at the helm now, ready for another busy summer. Though I'll still be riding my dirt bike!

Where do you see restaurant dining heading in the future?

As we move on through the years, styles progress and different ingredients become available, and, most importantly, people change their tastes. People like to have an experience, eat something they wouldn't cook for themselves, enjoy good food cooked well, served professionally in a nice setting.

There will always be points of difference, your fast food outlets, your huge meal places, your fine dining experiences – it's good to choose one that suits the mood you're in.

How do you fit family life around being a chef?

Josh and Pippa, my children, are 3½ and 2 years old, so I get to see them before kindy and spend most of my time with them on my days off. As for Meredith, my partner, we get a couple of hours here and a couple of hours there – it is hard when everyone is in bed when you get home, so days off are very important.

Any other interesting tidbits you might like to share?

Don't be afraid to try something different.



Greetings all

The last six weeks have been a bit spasmodic in comparison to the same time over the last few years. Normally we would have had more than two days in a row without rain – having had only one row of three dry days in a five-month period has put a damper on things a little, but there always seems to be a positive

that I can mention. We saw a couple of nice days around the full moon in mid-October, during which surfcaster Chris Whitaker got some goodies and Martin got a feed or two out of the 'yak. Others ventured out, but most were just happy to be "practicing".

October saw the kick off of the new surfcasting contest which OS&KFC, New Plymouth Surfcasting Club and New Plymouth Club are involved with. It was a nice day to start off with on the Saturday but by mid afternoon it was getting a bit yuk again. Sunday was yet another TV day, but about 20 or so fishers got themselves off the couch and came to the weigh in at Hunting and Fishing. A lovely Snapper of a bit over 3kg was caught by an NPSC member and a couple of Kahawai were a bit over 2kg.

The next weekend saw the Ali Krutz Memorial Trophy Day. The surfcasting challenge with New Plymouth Surfcasting Club was well supported by us – Chris did the damage, with a couple of nice Kahawai, and we retained the trophy for the fifth consecutive year. Chris seems to have had a blinder over the last month or so, laying claim to all the surfcasting fish recorded for September – some real goodies.

By Debbie E.

Chris Whitaker with the Ali Krutz Memorial Trophy.



Oakura Tennis

What a great start to the season.

Competition has already begun for several teams, including Midweek Ladies and Soffe Cup players, the latter enjoying a first round 15-1 win over Matapu.

New players are continually welcome at the Club, whether looking for competition or a bit of fun.

In the past a midweek social morning has been held at the courts and it would be great to see this happening again. All abilities are welcome, though we need someone to take responsibility for opening up the courts and the clubrooms. This could be a great opportunity for getting together with friends or meeting new people. If anyone is interested in this, please call Club captain Kevin Walden on 752 7817.

Juniors are encouraged to come along on Wednesdays – less experienced players from 4-5pm and intermediate players from 5-6pm. As you can appreciate, some parent volunteers will be required for this session. Volunteers are not required to be tennis players, just keen to help out where necessary.

As you may have noticed, the Club now boasts two very flash, newly laid blue courts. To mark this achievement and the start of the new season, the Club would like to invite all to come and give the courts a go from 2-4pm on Sunday 9 November, followed by a sausage sizzle. It would be great to see some new faces at the courts, as well as the more familiar.

Finally the Club would like to welcome Shae Martin, as the new Club secretary, and to thank Helen Ivess, who has performed excellently in the position over the last year.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and successful season.

For more information regarding tennis or the Club, please contact Kevin Walden on 752 7817.



Meyer Neeson wins first place in North Island Ski Champs

Congratulations to Meyer Neeson, an eleven-year-old Oakura School student who has just won first place in the Junior Girls category of the North Island Primary School Ski Championships. The event was held at Whakapapa, Mt Ruapehu during the first week of September.

Meyer won by nearly two seconds in a 28 second race. There were around fifty girls up to age eleven competing in the Junior Girls category. Meyer went to the event as part of a team of five Oakura students. Teams from all over the North Island competed in the championship.

Meyer, the daughter of Janis and John Neeson of Oakura, has been skiing since she was four years old and trains every weekend in the winter. She also skis with the Ruapehu Sports Team. Meyer really enjoys the competition of it all.

by Jennifer Gros

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Oakura Pony Club News

On 21 September Oakura Pony Club ran a Jumping Day competition at the Waitara Pony Club grounds. This is our major annual fundraiser and this year it was the first event on the Pony Club calendar. There was a huge amount of organisation involved, from planning the jumping courses and putting them in place to receiving entries and organising sponsors. We were all relieved that the rain held off for the entire day and everyone had a fantastic time. We raised approximately \$2000!

We'd like to mention the many sponsors. For the raffle prizes, thanks to Brownings Opticians, The Bungalow Coastal Retreat, Butlers Reef, The Girlz Garden Centre and Ecomist. For sponsorship of the individual classes, thanks to Tasman Oil Tools, New Plymouth Vet Group, BP Powerderham, Oakura Travel, Snickerdoodles, Oakura Panels and Repairs, Oakura BP, The Tack Shack, Hareb Deken Motors, Coast Electrical, Mayfair Pools, Belinda Willis & Partners, Oakura Chemist, Transit Coachlines and Oakura 4 Square.

Some of you may have noticed the big piles of sand sitting on the arena ready to be spread out. We'd like to thank Shane and the Taranaki Trucking Company for supplying the sand at a seriously discounted rate and a special thanks to Peter and the team from Dormer Construction, who kindly offered the use of their truck and driver Bob to deliver it.

We would also like to thank our local equine superstar Matthew Dickey for holding a brilliant Showhunter Clinic. Despite having to cancel the day twice due to bad weather, we opted for a "third time lucky" approach, with riders coming from Waitara, New Plymouth, Inglewood and Okato pony clubs. All proceeds went to Oakura Pony Club, and all riders reported learning heaps and having a great time.

Thanks also to our own head instructor Denise Patterson and Floss Hinton, who put together an awesome Jumping Clinic a few weeks ago. Riders aged 8 to 65 came from throughout Taranaki – another great fundraising event for the Club, and we know of at least two clinic attendees who went on to win jumping classes at the Central Makahu Pony Club sports day the day after (Lily Newton on Dundee and Bronte Alder on Sir Ed).

And – just when you thought we couldn't possibly have time to do another fundraiser – a crew of Oakura Pony Club girls put together an impromptu carwash on the first beautiful day of spring at the Oakura Medical Centre. They raised nearly \$200, which is going straight towards a new jump for the Club. Well done girls – and watch out for the next car washing day – these girls do a sparkling job!

Finally, we are very sad to see our instructor, points officer, incredible fundraising and events organiser, and all-round great chick, Claire Brignall head into town to instruct at New Plymouth Pony Club. Thank you so much Claire for all you've done for us.

by Diane Alder

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Oakura Pony Club's car washing crew.



Oakura Pony Club's Andrea Brewster jumping at the Jumping Day event.

Another champion in the making

Libby Antunovic of Oakura School wins the Taranaki 10 Year Old Girls' Cross Country Championship

On Wednesday 24 September, Libby Antunovic won the Taranaki 10 Year Old Girls' Cross Country Championship by 15 metres. Libby came first out of a hundred and fifteen girls. The race was held at Hawera Racecourse.

When we interviewed her, she described how she felt: "I was feeling nervous waiting at the start. We had to wait for ten minutes until the starter's gun exploded!"

Libby outlined her emotions as she passed the finish line – she was proud and happy but very tired.

As she stood on the podium and the medal was placed around her neck she was excited, overwhelmed and tempted to jump for joy.

Written by Molly Oldfield and Emma Shiels, Oakura School Journalists



GETTING WET!



Oakura Boardriders Club

One of the unique traditions of New Plymouth Boys High School that is very prestigious and recognised New Zealand-wide is the awarding of a Tiger Jacket for exemplary sportsmanship or performance in a discipline with distinction.

It was not long ago that the likes of surfing and triathlons were not recognised by the establishment as legitimate sports, but things have changed and we congratulate the latest two of Oakura's sportsmen to be awarded Tiger Jackets – Daniel Hine for his triathlon achievements and Tyler Anderson for his surfing success on a local and national level as part of the NPBHS team, which is one of the strongest in the country. Jack Smithers is another Oakura sportsman who has been awarded a Tiger Jacket as captain of the NPBHS 1st 11 soccer team.

It is great to see our young people achieving and being recognised for their success and setting an example for the kids who are following behind them.

While still on the subject of NPBHS, the long suffering teacher in charge of surfing, Titch Turner, has handed over the surf team to Kane Rowson. Kane will continue to bring the surfers through and hopefully lead them to more success following the secondary school title they won last year. All boys wanting to add surfing into their schooling can look to NPBHS, who have some great programmes for pupils who have the talent and motivation to pursue the sport. Titch will still look after the skiing and snowboarding teams.

Boardriders are going to be running some beginner surfing programmes over the summer so keep alert for updates on this or contact a committee member and keep informed.

The weekend of 18 October saw the last contest in the Port Taranaki Winter Series held at Fitzroy, with Tyler Anderson, Seth Marshall, Connor Anderson, and Casey and Eloise Stevens all making the finals. The series finished with very tight competition and overall results will be announced at the first of the Summer Series contests (dates will be announced soon). The proposal for the Summer Series is to hold contests at Fitzroy, Oakura, Opunake and maybe Waitara over summer to give those who can't or won't travel an opportunity to compete, so keep your eyes open for updates. These are one day contests with all junior divisions and an open division (open to anyone), so come along for a fun day.

The Opunake Classic will this year be, I believe, supported by O&E and will be held over the first week of January in South Taranaki. Entry forms will be available locally from Vertigo closer to the date.

The weekend of 18 October also saw the Taranaki Surfers Ball. The ball began at the clubrooms with cocktails and continued with a bus ride to town. Over 250 people of all ages had a great evening being entertained by big wave surfer Doug Young and music by Cornerstone Roots.

Awards presented:

Taranaki's Best Female Surfer 2008 – Paige Hareb.

Taranaki's Most Successful Male Surfer 2008 – Keone Campbell.

By Brent Anderson

New Plymouth Old Boys Surf Lifesaving Club

New Plymouth Old Boys Surf Lifesaving Club celebrated a weekend of success in Wellington at the 2008 SLS New Zealand Pool Championships, with a score of medals throughout the three-day competition. The 17-strong team, filled with some of the district's current and rising aquatic stars, punched far above its weight to secure a top eight finish among clubs with almost twice their number.

Leading the charge were the open women, with Charlotte Webby and Ayla Dunlop-Barrett both picking up individual gold medals and winning in convincing fashion. They then teamed up with Under-19 competitors Michelle Cowley and Rebecca Eaton to win the open women's 4 x 25m manikin relay after a close battle with Lyall Bay of Wellington. The girls also joined forces to finish second in both the 4 x 50m obstacle relay and 4 x 50m medley relay. Not to be outdone by her older team mates, 13-year-old Eilish Hurley proved she'll be one to watch in the future with two bronze medals in the 50m with fins and 100m obstacles.

Dylan Dunlop-Barrett, fresh from winning the open 1500m freestyle at the NZ Spring competition, showed he could also perform in a shorter distance with a silver in the 200m obstacles. He joined with Mike Melody, Glenn Anderson and 15-year-old BJ Monk to claim bronze in the 4 x 50m obstacles and 4 x 25m manikin carry.

With the top 8 scoring points in each event, the whole team raced hard all weekend to show NPOB can mix it with the best in New Zealand and are looking towards a promising summer...

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Seal sightings on the rise



The seals we commonly see on Taranaki beaches are New Zealand fur seals/kekeno (*Arctocephalus forsteri*). They are the most common seals in New Zealand waters.

The Department of Conservation will investigate when seals are sick, injured or dead on beaches. When dead seals are in public places, we will either bury or remove them – in remote places it is often more practical to let nature take its course.

If seals have died of natural causes, we don't investigate further (the seal you may have heard about had no visible signs of injury, but was in quite poor condition – i.e. skinny). If they show signs of human-induced injury or death (such as bullet wounds, bashing, set-net marks or marine debris), we will investigate further.

There is a New Zealand fur seal breeding colony on the Sugar Loaf Islands. The numbers of seals on these islands (as well as the rest of the country) have been increasing. In other areas, increases have been estimated at about 15-20% per year. This population increase is the reason why people are observing more seals on beaches. Seal numbers were previously lower due to sealing in the 1700 and 1800s. They were afforded protection in 1894 when numbers were at 15% of their former populations.

"Hauling out" onto beaches and islands is common seal behaviour. They do this to rest. They generally haul out for two to three days, but sometimes they may hang around for a week. Also, mothers often leave pups while they go out to sea to feed. In the past, there have been problems with people trying to "help" these seals and move them from where they are. This is the worst possible action because the mother can

return and the pup won't be there. Pups are really dependent on their mums until weaning and do not stand much of a chance if their mum loses them.

In places like Oakura, one of our biggest concerns regarding fur seals (and other wildlife such as blue penguins) is uncontrolled dogs on the beach. We urge dog owners to control their dogs and people to notify DOC when they see dogs harassing seals (office hours 759 0350, after hours 0800 DOC HOT(line) (0800 362 468)). We would also like to be notified when seals are tangled in debris, have visible signs of major injury or are being harassed by people.

The following behaviours are normal (DOC does not need to be notified if they are observed):

- 1 "Crying" – these are natural moisture secretions while seals are on land.
- 2 Regurgitating
- 3 Sneezing and coughing
- 4 Playing or drifting in waves
- 5 Lying immobile/basking

We urge that people:

- 1 Observe seals from a distance (they have a nasty bacteria-laden bite) – 20 metres is an appropriate distance.
- 2 NEVER touch or pat them (you may be surprised, but it happens).
- 3 NEVER get between the sea and a seal.
- 4 Do not feed seals.

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Women of Spirit Awards – Soroptimist International New Plymouth

On 23 October the New Plymouth branch of Soroptimist International held the Women of Spirit Awards. These awards are given to 12 women who celebrate the achievement and contribution of women in Taranaki. Of the twelve, three were local community members – Dale Copeland, Val Deakin and Andrea Needham.

Val Deakin – Val Deakin Dance Theatre

For the past 35 years Val has contributed to the artistic life of Taranaki and New Zealand in a big way. She has created and run four different dance education programmes for schools, as well as teaching privately, thus giving pupils of all ages the chance to learn new skills and find a new direction in their lives. Val has also directed and choreographed for the Val Deakin Dance Theatre Trust during this time.

Dale Copeland – Artist of Puniho

Dale has achieved at a local, national and international level and given back freely to her community. She has art works in many collections, including the Govett Brewster Art Gallery, Dowse Art Museum, Gisborne Museum & Arts Centre, Massey University and James Wallace Art Trust. Dale has run the Virtual Tart Website for Taranaki artists since 1997, and put on many exhibitions showing the work of Taranaki artists. She has also served on the local Creative Communities Allocation Committee.

Andrea Needham – Author, human resources and project manager

Andrea has a deep passion for change to a better workplace for all. She has dedicated her life to ridding the workplace of bullies, offering her services and expertise to those who are the victims of bullying and advocating for changes in leadership and management practices. Andrea was the project manager for Lisa Tamati's very successful entry in the Badwater Ultramarathon earlier this year, and started the Beaters & Breathers Trust in 2007 to raise awareness of organ donors and to thank their families. She has been on the local Safer Community Council and Victim Support Committees. She is also a key advocate on disability issues in the community.



Soroptimist Award recipients - 4th left at back Andrea and front left, Dale and Val.

Awards Highlight District's Young Achievers

The Young Achievers' Awards celebrate the attitude and success of under 25-year-olds who are role models for other young people, says Mayor Peter Tennent.

"They're an inspiration to people of all ages. It's heartening to know our young people are giving so much back to the community through their talents and determination."

From the 13 recipients in the New Plymouth district, 3 of them are from Oakura.

Sports Achievement

Hannah Sarten (Oakura)

Hannah is the youngest person to have received the BMX Sports Woman of the Year, and is the only New Zealander to win back-to-back BMX world titles – having become world number one in her age group at the BMX World Championships in Canada in 2007, then winning in two classes this year and the world champs in China. Prior to this, Hannah has been the North Island number one BMX racer for four years in a row, and the New Zealand number one three years in a row.

Mayor's Choice Awards – Winners

Paige Hareb (Oakura)

Paige is poised to become the first New Zealand woman to qualify for the Association of Surfing Professionals World Surfing Tour. She excelled so much in her first year out of the amateur ranks that she decided to contest the world qualifying series, and looks set to secure a place in the elite professional circuit in 2009. She has won three of the five Australian Pro-Junior series and her success has brought and will continue to bring positive coverage to our district.

Chris Maessen (Oakura)

Chris is a gifted artist with an ability to capture the best skateboard footage in Taranaki. He has given up many hours over and above his own fulltime work commitments to assist his peers. He has a major role in promotional graphics, art design and filming for the Monday Skateboard Company. He recently held the launch of the How we Dooze It DVD at TSB Showplace: A two-year production on his behalf. Capturing this footage is not for the faint-hearted but he does it for the love of it, and to support youth development in our district.

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Tapuae Country Estate finally comes of age

At Labour Weekend the Tapuae Country Estate was formally opened by Mayor Pete. A large gathering of invited guests, many of whom were tradespeople who had helped develop the Estate, and all of them local.

Donald Brown, stonemason, unveiled a plaque on the Bombay Bluestone walls. The Bluestone, sourced from Auckland, was chosen because it was a "bit different" and reflected the muted colours of both the ocean and the sky. Then Reverend Albie Martin blessed the gates and Mayor Pete snipped the ribbon upon which the gates (designed by Architect Bill Jackson and built by Eden Gates) slid gracefully open. The invited guests were treated to the Washer family hospitality in the Pavillion.



Doc Brown and Rob Stolte unveiling the plaque at the Tapuae Estate with Mary and John Washer looking on.

The Tapuae Country Estate has been eight long years in the development, with many people trying to hazard a guess as to when the sections would go on the market. Now it is official and sales will operate on an offer basis with people welcome to make an appointment to view the property at any time. The 30 sites offer something different and are sure to create enormous interest locally and further a field.

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extra virgin olive oil, sea salt and ground black pepper.

Pick the leaves from the herbs.

Place all the ingredients, except the olive oil, into a blender.

Pulse until the mixture is roughly chopped.

Turn on to lowest speed and slowly pour in the olive oil.

Check for flavour and adjust with pepper, salt and vinegar if necessary.

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by Jennifer Gros

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The Terrace Takeaway is now open Tuesday to Sunday, from 10am to 8pm. I can say from experience that they are quite busy these days as summer gets closer. You need to get in early for their delicious pies (my new favorite is the chicken curry!) and chicken salad sandwiches with watercress at lunch. The dinners are spectacular in the evenings and priced to please. Terrace pizzas are fabulous and some of the best that I have had in Taranaki. This is truly seaside food at its best.

by Jennifer Gros



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Flowers:

- Mulch around flower beds to conserve moisture in the soil.
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Words Jolene Stockman

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Oakura School Production



(Continued from page 1)

The entire Year 7 and 8 group performed in lead roles, with Jahla Tran-Lawrence as Waster, Keegan Bruckner as Greenfinger and Renee Landers playing Tweety Bird. Every child in the school was involved and thoroughly enjoyed their chance to dance and sing on stage as characters ranging from tap dancing rubbish tins to rapping rats with flashing eyes. The lighting and sound effects all combined to make this a colourful and professional looking show.

Our thanks go out to everyone who supported us in this production and helped to make it such a huge success.

Written by Max Hardie Boys and JG Coughtrey, Oakura School Journalists.

Audience comments on the production

The Oakura School Production was a huge success with sellout crowds. A beautiful performance was given by all of the students, with key roles held by the seniors. The makeup and costumes were very professional, as was the music, sound and lighting. Many audience members were very impressed, and made their enjoyment known with loud applause and laughter. It was a performance to remember!

Gillian Gibbon, parent

"The production was truly wonderful! To see all 276 children on the stage was mind-blowing. My husband Ian and I never stopped smiling throughout the show. The story, songs and choreography matched each other so well. The message was pertinent and close to many of our hearts. Who would have thought that vegetables could look so adorable?"

"Shev" Sioban Luttrell, parent

"It was a truly delightful show, created by a very conscientious and adventurous crew of actors and directors. Pat yourselves on the back! It was a job well done."

Belinda Willis, parent

"The production was a very moving experience and fabulous reminder of the incredible community we live in. Its In our Hands brought tears to my eyes throughout the entire show not only because our own teachers wrote the story but that somehow they managed to include every single one of our 276 children at Oakura School. What a feat! And of course the subject matter is perfect given the times we are living and raised awareness of the need to protect our Earth. Right up there with that Hollywood movie Wall-E!"

Fergs Robertson, parent

"I was blown away by how great the production was! It was our first production, and it exceeded my expectations."

Shelly Husband, parent

"It was great how all of the children from new entrants to seniors were involved! The theme was something that everyone can relate to, but with fun music and dance! Well done Oakura School!"

By Jennifer Gros



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Grandparents and Older Friends Day

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Grandparents and older friends brought packed lunches and visited their grandchildren or friend's class at 12pm and spent some time in their classrooms. They then stayed on to have lunch with them. This was a very successful day and all of our pupils enjoyed showing our visitors around.



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Coming up...

November

13th – Tabloid Sports with Oakura at Omata at 1pm: Years 3 and 4

18th – Athletics at Coastal Taranaki School Years 7 and 8

19th – Athletics at Coastal Taranaki School: Years 5 and 6

December

10th – Junior Production, 7pm. Tickets \$10

12th – Senior Production, 7pm. Tickets \$10

12th – Reports go home

17th – Year 8 presentations at 1pm. School finishes at 2pm

Education Review Office visit

During the last week of Term 3 we had a visit from ERO reviewers. The failure of the sewage pump over by Room 5 was not the most auspicious beginning, especially as it was a pair of boy's underwear causing the pump to grind to a halt! However, the sun still shone and children were still learning.

The review went very well and by the time TOM goes to print the final report should be on the ERO website – www.ero.govt.nz should anyone like to read their findings.

We have a draft of the report and are delighted that the reviewers were able to see so much during their week and very pleased that the content affirms the quality of our teaching practices and systems.



School productions

This year we are having a junior and a senior production. Twice the fun! Thanks so much to Jan Aiello, our music teacher, who again is director, producer and organiser. The juniors are doing *Babushka* and the seniors 'Time Trek', highlighting different eras from our history. We hope that you will be able to come along and see our students for two wonderful nights of entertainment. Tickets are \$10 and will be available from Bronnie at the office from the start of December – see dates and times above.

Congratulations

We are very proud of Phoebe Tomlinson, who is a finalist for the Young Maori Sports person of the Year award. Phoebe has had an outstanding season as goal keeper in the Ravens Inline hockey team, who finished first in the Central Region League and won a silver medal at the National Inline Hockey Tournament at Mt Maunganui. Phoebe also played in the Central Regional team and her team won gold at the regional finals in Wanganui at Labour weekend.

Regards

Karen

Phoebe Tomlinson at the 2008 Inline Hockey Nationals competition at Mt Maunganui.



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Kindy fundraiser

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Sohnke Danger from the Stratford Mountain House prepared a delicious risotto of mushroom with parmesan cheese as a light starter. The main was a fantastic crispy-skinned salmon with Anna potatoes and spicy salsa prepared by Troy Waters, Demi Chef at Okurukuru. To finish the night, Chef Simon Houghton of Okurukuru made a beautiful vanilla crème caramel with orange syrup.

Guests had a wonderful time visiting with each other and enjoying the great food and wine, as well as the huge variety of spot prizes provided by local sponsors. Main sponsors included Okurukuru, Pak'n'Save, TGM Design and TSH Audio and Video. Special thanks to Anna Hickling from Freeze Frame Photographics.

By Jennifer Gros



Chefs at the kindy fundraiser - Jamie Phillips, Troy Waters, Sohnke Dangar and Simon Houghton.



And a very appreciative audience.

Snippets

Beach camp on 29 November

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Mini-Athletics

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Wedded bliss in California

Jason and Sara Harrison with their wedding guests from Oakura in July at Oakland California.



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