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## A SPECIAL BOND

Jade Williams and 5 year old Dixie at the  
Clearwater Rding Academy

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Having recently returned from Hawaii, I was struck by the large numbers of very large people. It is no wonder, the type and amount of food Americans consume is jaw dropping. We all have heard for decades how being fat is bad for you and I concur but what struck me is how difficult daily life is for the very big. I'm no pretzel myself but thanks to the input of my local health professional, I am fit and able. These big Americans struggle with everyday activities - walking, climbing stairs, getting on and off buses, boats, planes, fitting into seats, tables and getting up and down from couches or the beach. This really is the most important reason to not become overweight - to carry out everyday tasks with ease - the easy shouldn't be hard.

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*Kim*



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# Mayor Andrew Judd

Hi everyone.

Can you feel summer in the air? Hopefully it's as warm and sunny the day you read this column as it is today as I write it!

Its days like these that make me particularly grateful to live in New Plymouth District, with its coastal setting and great access to parks and beaches – and Oakura is the epitome of the wonderful lifestyle we have here.

With any luck we'll have a great summer ahead of us to enjoy our remarkable landscape!

## OAKURA ARTS TRAIL

Congratulations to all the artists who have opened their studio doors for this year's arts trail, and to the organisers for making this possible!

The arts trail is a great opportunity for Taranaki people to see for themselves the arts talent in and around Oakura, to talk with the artists about their work, and to attend workshops and demonstrations.

It's also a reminder of what a creative and innovative community we live in.

If you didn't have a chance to go on the trail last weekend, you have another opportunity this Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 5pm. More details about the artists and where to find them are online at [oakuraarts.co.nz](http://oakuraarts.co.nz).

## POWERCO TARANAKI GARDEN FESTIVAL

It's great to see that Ngamamaku and Korurata are part of the dozens of gardens around the region opening their gates for this year's festival.

These two gardens are great examples of what can be achieved in a coastal setting, which can be a challenging environment for horticulture enthusiasts and weekend weeders alike!

The festival runs until 9 November so there's still time to check out the local gardens as well as ones further afield. We're fortunate to have gardens in Taranaki that are of national or international significance, and there are many inspirational examples of what can be achieved in an urban or rural garden with a bit of imagination and a lot of patience. More information about the garden festival is online at [taft.co.nz/gardenfestnz/welcome.html](http://taft.co.nz/gardenfestnz/welcome.html). I look forward to seeing you at there!

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## THE ROSIE EFFECT by Graeme Simsion

The Rosie Effect is the sequel to The Rosie Project in which Don Tillman tries to find the perfect wife. In The Rosie Effect his perfect wife, Rosie, has become unexpectedly pregnant. Don is not your usual human being and the idea of imminent fatherhood causes, by accident, all sorts of mishaps. I loved this book – it made me laugh out loud in places. The story contains some great characters, all with their own problems to sort out, but my favourite will always be Don. If only more people were like him! A great book which will leave you feeling happy and hopeful about life.

## THE PARIS ARCHITECT by Charles Belfoure

This historical thriller is set during WW2 occupied Paris. Talented architect Lucien Bernard's is faced with life changing decisions. He is a flawed character who ultimately displays great courage and love. Though provoking and a real page turner.

## AMERICANAH by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche

This beautifully written novel is more than a witty social commentary. It's a sweeping epic that seamlessly weaves many threads throughout. Ifemelu is a young educated Nigerian woman who emigrates to America. Her immigrant experience is an integral part of the story but it is first and foremost a story of love and relationships. Soon to be made into a movie. I will definitely be reading her other novels.

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## Kaitake Community Board

As daylight saving and longer evenings brings the community out and about in the village and on the beachfront it provides an opportunity to catch up with other village people one hasn't seen that often during the winter months. The whole community seems to slow down somewhat and get into some serious outdoor leisure time as the first snatches of summer begin to unfold and embed back into our lives again. The boardriders and the surf club are back in business, there are more visitors staying at the Oakura Beach Holiday Park and it can be quite difficult getting a park up in the village. There are far more folk using the beachfront and that brings me to the question of dogs.

We are very lucky to live in a very dog friendly place. It's a great environment for a family pet and there are many pretty special dogs in our community. But we need to bear in mind there are some important responsibilities for all owners. As we walk our pet along the village streets, on the foreshore, the beach, through the campground or on other reserves there is a clear expectation to clean up when it defecates on the ground. This is the same ground over which other walkers and beach goers use. Unfortunately there is a large amount of dogs' business being left where it has been deposited and is not being cleared up by the owners.

We all need to step up and ensure this objectionable practice ceases. There is a Council Bylaw that covers this particular issue. It states: The owner of any dog that defecates in a public place or on land or premises other than that occupied by the owner shall immediately remove the faeces from that place and dispose of it in a sanitary manner into a suitable receptacle. Council can impose a \$300 fine for the transgressing owners.

The Bylaw also states that: dogs are prohibited from the foreshore and the beach in the area between imaginary lines drawn directly to the sea from the eastern side of the vehicle entrance to the motor camp and from the western side of the end of Wairau Road. Dogs are also totally banned from Shearer Reserve playground. While this prohibition is treated in a relaxed way during the colder months it is certainly worth remembering that these areas are no place for a dog when it is crowded with other users.

Well that's it for the grizzle! There's a great deal happening on the local government front at the moment and your community board's energies are being stretched in a range of ways and directions. More about that next month. The next board meeting is on Monday 10 November in the NPOB Surf Club at 4.30pm. All meetings are open to the public so come along if you wish.

Ka kite ano

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

**Above right - Jade with Dixie.**

**Right - Great school holiday weather for all things horsey!**

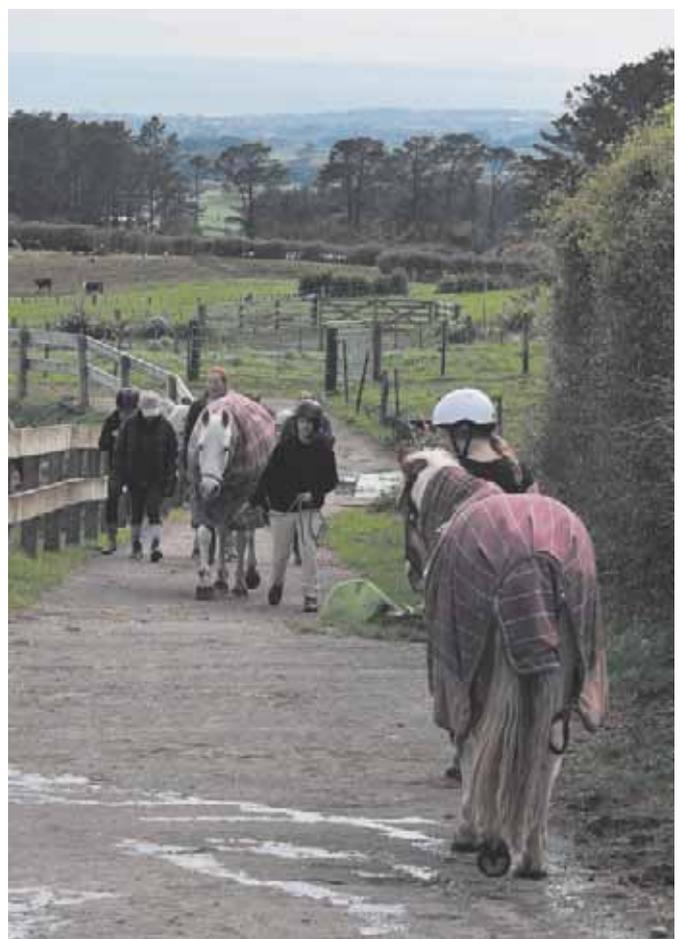
## COVER FEATURE

# School Holiday Fun at Clearwater Riding Academy

The first week of the school holidays was a cracker weather wise and it was a chance to enjoy the Spring sunshine at Clearwater Riding Academy on Carrington Rd with Lydia Quay. Lydia runs a school holiday programme for enthusiastic horse lovers.

Jade Williams loves horses and her beastie is a 5 year old called Dixie. Dixie is still being broken in albeit late. Jade and Dixie have a special bond that only a girl and a horse could have.

Every day over the week Jade was busy at the Academy helping Lydia with her riding school.



# Opportunities for Us All

## JONATHAN YOUNG -

New Zealanders have given National a strong mandate for the next three years and we intend to work in the interests of every New Zealander.

Over the past six years we have been transparent and straightforward about our decisions and the direction we have taken. We'll continue to do what we said we would do, and take New Zealanders with us. We've now put in place agreements with our partners of the past six years – Act, United Future, and the Māori Party – and announced a Cabinet with a breadth of talent and energy.

The National-led Government will be getting to work quickly on our priorities. These include implementing our education reforms to lift teaching quality and leadership in our schools, and our housing programme – which will see young first home buyers build a deposit through KiwiSaver HomeStart. We'll also continue to fast track the release of land for housing through special housing areas.

We will continue to diversify and build productivity in the economy. That includes more training places and apprenticeships in high-skill areas. We're working to finalise our free trade agreement with South Korea and we will continue to progress the Trans-Pacific Partnership with the United States and other partners.

The country's infrastructure build will continue at a rapid rate, including the expansion of Ultra-Fast Broadband and the Rural Broadband Initiative. We will work tirelessly on Christchurch's rebuild, finalise unsettled Treaty of Waitangi claims, and work on a referendum for a potential change to the New Zealand flag.

Welfare reform will continue to be a priority, as will health. New Zealanders want us to support the most vulnerable children in our society. We will continue to help people move from welfare to work because full-time, sustainable work is the best way to lift families out of poverty. There is enormous opportunity over the next few years to get more jobs and higher wages for New Zealanders.

We'll continue to spend taxpayers' money wisely, build surpluses, and responsibly manage the country's finances.

This is a remarkable country and there are enormous opportunities for us all.



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# Classical Guitar

*From the classical guitar studio of Dominique Blatti - local classical guitar teacher and performer.*

Born in Switzerland, I started to learn the classical guitar at nine years of age, under the tutelage of Senorita De Cruz - a wonderful Spanish lady and talented musician.

Later on, I entered the Geneva Conservatory but didn't complete my studies, having opted to join my parents on their migration to New Zealand. I committed fully to the playing and the teaching of the classical guitar in 2000. I have been a member of the New Plymouth Classical Guitar Society (<http://npcgs.weebly.com>) since 2003 and am now the president.



**Dominique.**

Together with Ross Townsend, the other classical guitar teacher in Taranaki, I am part of a two guitar duo called 'Guitarra' ([www.wix.com/guitarrataranaki/guitarra](http://www.wix.com/guitarrataranaki/guitarra)) which has regular private and public performances. I started and conduct a couple of guitar orchestras: Con Tempo, adults mainly, and a youth group. In 2011, I initiated and organised the inaugural Taranaki Classical Guitar Summer School (TCGSS) ([www.taranakisummerschool.weebly.com](http://www.taranakisummerschool.weebly.com)) which was first held in January 2012, and was a resounding success. Featuring some of the world's finest classical guitarists, this event brings together educators, students, professionals, amateurs, composers and luthiers, to New Plymouth for six days and nights of intense, fun and rewarding learning. The second TCGSS was held in January this year and was an even bigger success. Plans for the 2016 event are already well underway.

My next project for 2015 is to start a national youth guitar orchestra for gifted students under 18 years of age.



**Sharing the music.**



The first thing one has to learn to become a good musician is how to play your instrument properly - obvious right? Well sadly, it is surprising how neglected this approach is, especially in guitar teaching. I believe the most important thing to develop in a beginning guitarist is a solid technique. It is astounding how often the technical training is completely ignored, which regrettably means that a lot of students end up developing bad habits.

These bad habits will seriously hinder their progress and indeed their ability to make the music they play (even simple chords) sound good. Frustration will set in and the student will give up altogether. Simply put, if you are going to invest in music lessons, it is much better to learn to play the guitar correctly first time round and from a guitar trained tutor - I believe doing so will reap rewards in the future. It is all about laying the foundation that the student can then build upon, to become a better guitar player, regardless of the musical styles.

My thorough method of teaching builds a strong foundation which better prepares the student for the higher grade. Topics covered during the lessons include musicianship, musical knowledge, practice strategies, theory and of course music reading. When you learn how to read music it opens doors to a whole world of sound, across the centuries. Music reading helps to deepen you as a musician. You may want only meat and spuds right now, but someday you might like to taste a juicy tomato . . . and who knows what you might want to have for dessert!

The students develop their playing skills by exploring a wide variety of music, discovering the versatility of the classical guitar with solo and ensemble playing; ensemble playing is one of the best ways to improve musical skills such as keeping rhythm, playing without stopping, listening to

others while concentrating on a part and making new friends!

Students may want to learn for enjoyment and personal enrichment, but for those who wish to, participation to competitions, performances and exams are all available.

Trinity College London offers graded exams for a wide range of instruments and singing, from Initial to Grade 8, and diploma exams for advanced students. Their exams offer the choice and flexibility to allow candidates to play to their strengths, enabling them to gain recognition for their own unique skills as performers. Trinity College London is an international examinations board offering exams in over 55 countries worldwide.

Playing a musical instrument has many benefits: it increases the capacity of your memory, refines organizational skills, boosts team skills, teaches discipline and perseverance, enhances your coordination reading and comprehension

skills, fosters self expression, creates a sense of achievement, exposes to cultural history, sharpens concentration, promotes social skills, and promotes happiness in your life and those around you.

With its rich, warm tone and its versatility, a well played classical guitar weaves a tapestry of excitement and emotional impact - never intrusive yet always suggestive.

Many great artists have dedicated their lives to the classical guitar and have believed it to be the most beautiful and expressive instrument ever invented. Some are composers, some are players. Segovia, Taregga, Sor, Giuliani, Pujol, Barrios, Williams, Bream, Russell . . . all these artists in one way or another greatly expanded the reach and enhanced the reputation of the guitar. A good first step of course would be to listen to a few of these artists, and see what happens to your concept of what the guitar is capable of.

*Dominique Blatti*



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## Westpac Business Award Winner has Strong Roots in Oakura

At this year's Westpac Business Excellence Awards BTW Company Ltd took home the top honour of Supreme Business, Large Business Excellence and also the Service Industry award.

Three of the company directors live in Oakura: Phil Dickey, Grant Aiken and Graeme Johnston. Phil's two children who attended Oakura Primary school, now work in the business – Tanya as a Senior Planner and Mathew as a Civil Engineer.

Phil Dickey says he and all the staff are very proud of winning the awards and it confirms that what they are doing in their business is an excellent model.

There is a companywide commitment and investment in people, the latest technology, quality systems, training and a supportive infrastructure. The governance, management and quality control systems the company has established and uses on a daily basis is key to its success. A holistic approach to business has enabled it to develop into a very successful well respected leader in its industry and an integral part of the Taranaki business community.



**BTW Company Ltd at the Westpac Business Excellence Awards night from left to right Ian Steele, Tanya Dickey, Trudy Brewer, Graeme Johnston, Grant Aitken, Cam Twigley.**

BTW Company Ltd started business as surveyors in 1973. BTW started with eight people and in 2006 this had grown to 30 and today BTW employs 60 people so growth has been steady and sustainable. During the last ten years or so it has expanded into multi disciplines including resource consent and environmental planning - traffic, civil geotechnical and structural engineering - geographical information systems - project management and providing specialist services to the oil and gas industry.

Oakura is very proud of you all.

*By Kim Ferens*

# SPORTS



## Kaitake Golf Club News

The day of the Club Championship finals for the Men and Weekend Women started wet and wild, with the meanest wind imaginable. Fortunately the wind abated in the afternoon for those playing 36 holes making for an exciting finish.

### RESULTS OF THE 2014 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Men

Senior Mens Champion was Simon Spurdle and Robbie Sim was runner-up.

Craig Farrant won the Intermediate Men's Division with Wayne O'Donnell runner-up.

The winner of the Junior Men's Division was Brett Lovegrove with Dennis Harvey runner-up.

Steve Corlett won the Limited Section with Sandy Mitchell runner-up.

#### Weekend Women

Sheryl Richardson became the 2014 Silver Division Club Champion with Raewyn Hawker runner-up.

Janice Farrant won the Bronze 1 Club Championship with Diane Jones runner up.

Andrea Jarrold was the winner of the Bronze 2 division with Mary Pettigrew runner-up.

#### Midweek Women

Silver Division winner Robyn Robins with Shona Burgess runner-up.

Bronze 1 winner was Julie Reid with Betty Adamson runner-up.

Bronze 2 Ann Murdoch was the winner with Jill Gudopp runner-up.

Congratulations to everyone

### OTHER COMPETITION RESULTS

#### Men

Strokeplay Results: Geoff Farrant (Seniors), Wayne O'Donnell (Intermediate), Pat Bishop (Junior), Bill Honeyfield (Limited).

The Men's Shootout is a big day on the competition calendar. This years winner was Kevin Mancer with Craig Farrant 2nd and Ian Johnson 3rd.

#### Midweek Women

The Flo Green Memorial is a competition played for by Bronze 2 members only. The winner this year was Jessie Seamark with Jill Gudopp runner-up.

#### Weekend Women

LGU and Home Pennant - Silver Division winner Sheryl Richardson Bronze Division winner Andrea Jarrold.

Final of the Mens Trophy winner Janet Dingle with Kim Woodward runner up.

### 9 HOLE NEWS

September Super 9 Winners - 1st Section - Jo West 2nd Section - Sandra Wilkes. This was the last of the series.

#### Fun Day Accolades -

*Medley* - Pat Wood and Coraleen Le Breton.

*Twisted Putting* - Con Robertshawe and Jo West.

Taranaki Golf Top Club competition is an annual event where each club is invited to enter a player from each division. Twenty two members competed to qualify for the team to represent Kaitake Golf Club at Westown. Those successful were Kevin Mancer, Ian Johnson, James Tombleson and Deborah Johnson. It is really exciting to report that these four stars bought home the cup. This is a first for Kaitake. Well done, team!

### JUNIORS

A group of 20 enthusiastic young golfers attended the Junior Golf day during the school holidays. It is really good to see so many kids giving golf a try and having a good time. We hope they will come back again next holidays.

### CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF GOLF, 28TH MARCH 2015 - KEEP THIS DAY FREE

Plans for the day are well in hand. 9 holes of Ambrose golf, then lunch with plenty of reminiscing and catching up with old friends. For those not up to playing golf but would like to see the course, carts will be available to take you round.

The Organising Committee is working hard to find out where all those ex-members are so they can be contacted and invited to join Club members in celebrating 80 years of golf in the Oakura region. If you are an ex-member and/



Divots and cow pats – all par for the course back in the day!



Dominic Barsons school holiday golf day.

or know anyone who is and would like to attend, contact Raewyn Hawker on 06 751 3391 with contact details.

Janice Farrant is still looking for photographs to scan so they can be shown on the day. If you can e-mail them to Janice can add them to the file. If they are in hard copy and you are willing to lend them to Janice for a short time she will scan and return them. This will ensure the Club has an electronic record of its history for the future.

Janice can be contacted on 752 7845 or e-mail farrant@slingshot.co.nz.

### 2014-15 TWILIGHT GOLF

Twilight Golf starts Tuesday 11 November. Tee off between 3.00 – 6.00pm.

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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.

Andrea Jarrold, Club President

## Okato Squash Club Update

### THE HIGHLIGHTS SO FAR FOR THE YEAR ARE:

*C-grade Super champs held at Inglewood:*

Men's: runners-up.

Ladies: 3rd place.

*Taranaki Interclub:*

Men's division 1: 1st and 2nd (two teams).

Ladies division 1: 2nd.

*C-grade Central Districts Interclub:*

Men winners against Whanganui (defended title won last season).

Finnley Binsbergen selected to represent for Central Districts F-grade team to play against Wellington.

### OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS:

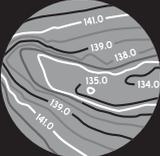
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Spring Interclub is starting up & memberships to Okato Squash Club are still available

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# Oakura Boardriders

The big news for Oakura Boardriders over the last month was our very own Ariana Shewry winning the girls division of the National Primary Schools Champs and also to Tom Butland for his 4th placing in the boys division. (Tom won this last year). The clubs focus on coaching and training the grommets is paying off as we are starting to see success at these NZ rated events. The other Taranaki local to do well was Kahana Ngaia who was second in the girls division.

Ariana has also just won the Open Womens division at the latest Taranaki Home Loans contest at Fitzroy so she has had a successful month!

Following the Primary School Champs was the Secondary School Champs and Taranaki once again had some great success with Daniel Farr the U16 champ and Zhana Hutchinson the U14 girls champ. Taranaki boys made up three of the four U16 boys finalists and Millie Crewe also came 3rd in the U16 girls final. Some great results from Taranaki and all coming from the Surfing Taranaki and local Boardrider's club incentives and club contest programmes. Great to see 'Input=Results'.



**The Taranaki Surf Team - Zhana Hutchieson, Isaac Kettle, Akhmil Smith, Toby Brankin, Joel Clegg, Milly Crewe, Joshua Farr, Sonny Rapira-Martin, Daniel Farr and Reef Matthews.**

## NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS RESULTS

### Team Standings

1, Bay of Plenty	17960.	6 Gisborne,	13370.
2, Taranaki	17293.	7 Northland,	12698.
3, Canterbury	16421.	8 Otago,	8968.
4, Auckland	15368.	9 Waikato,	1250.
5, Coromandel	13839.		

**Under 18 Boys Final:** Jordan Griffin (BOP), 13.77, 1. Harrison Whiteside (Cant), 13.67, 2. Callum Chuter (BOP), 12.53, 3. Andrew Fraser - MacKenzie (BOP), 11.9, 4.

**Under 16 Boys Final:** Daniel Farr (Tara), 14.90, 1. Jonas Tahwaru (BOP), 11.97, 2. Josh Farr (Tara), 10.17, 4. Isaac Kettle (Tara), 11.03, 3.

**Under 14 Boys Semifinals: Heat 1 -** Connor Mclenan (Cant), 11.23, 1. Shane Kraus (Auck), 10.83, 2. Joel Clegg (Tara), 9.2, 3. Jack McLeod (Otago), 6.33, 4.

**Heat 2 -** Dylan Preston (Coro), 15.17, 1. Elliot Brown (Otago), 10.33, 2. Kelly Haven (Auck), 8.5, 3. Jared Gebert (BOP), 8.47, 4.

**Under 14 Boys Final:** Connor Mclenan (Cant), 11.93, 1. Shane Kraus (Auck), 11.27, 2. Dylan Preston (Coro), 9.1, 3. Elliot Brown (Otago), 8.97, 4.

**Under 18 Girls Final:** Dayna Story (Gis), 12.10, 1. Gabriella Sansom (Auck), 11.17, 2. Bianca Sansom (Auck), 10.57, 3. Celeste Calway (Coro), 7.9, 4.

**Under 16 Girls Semifinals: Heat 1 -** Milly Crewe (Tara), 12.0, 1. Raiha Ensor (BOP), 9.27, 2. Sammy Croker (Coro), 5.43, 3. Rhiannon Fyfe (Nrth), 4.47, 4.

**Heat 2 -** Maia Reid - Bennett (BOP), 12.33, 1. Britt Kindred (Auck), 9.5, 2. Abby Falwasser - Logan (Gis), 6.77, 3. Courtney Salahub (Auck), 5.33, 4.

### Under 16 Girls Final

Raiha Ensor (BOP), 12.33, 1. Maia Reid - Bennett (BOP), 9.5, 2. Milly Crewe (Tara), 6.77, 3. Britt Kindred (Auck), 5.33, 4.

**Under 14 Girls Final:** Zhana Hutchieson (Tara), 11.97, 1. Elin Tawharu (BOP), 10.67, 2. Fritha Davis (Cant), 4.83, 3. Ella Jungwirth (Gis), 3.10, 4.

**Under 18 Longboard Final:** Jake Morgan - Kemp (Auck), 10.67, 1. Ahren Watene - Jones (Coro), 8.83, 2. Leroy Shaw (Gis), 8.57, 3. Cairo Griffen (Otago), 6.6, 4.

**Under 18 Bodyboard Final:** Toby Dobson (Auck) 15.50, 1. Shane Kraus (Auck), 11.37, 2. Kelly Haven (Auck), 7.33, 3. Sam Wallis (Otago), 6.43, 4. Max Marshall (Cant), 4.13, 5.

## GENERAL NEWS

### UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT,

There has been lots going on down at the Boardriders over the winter period so I thought it time to share what's been happening and where we are going this year.

We have organised a new social committee who will now take care of our Friday nights and social events this year. They have dates locked in already so emails will follow as and when the time fits. (I hear lots of exciting new ideas so watch out for the emails/txt's & Facebook updates).

The new Boardriders committee has been voted in with some new faces and some old grafters. It's exciting times for the club this year so a perfect time to have such a variety of ideas, opinions and people involved. If you have any ideas or wishes to put forward please feel welcome to come to a committee meeting and put it forward. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30 pm. Your ideas will only be of value if you take the time to follow them through by getting involved. Thank you again to all the outgoing committee members - your time is valued gratefully by all.

The biggest news we have had for quite some time is we have had our funding application to NZCT was approved so very very exciting for the club! We met with all of our tradesman and engineers etc to set some preliminary dates to commence works. Again we will communicate and ask members to get involved in both ideas and labour. Also in the same pool we had our lease variation approved which will allow us to use the downstairs of our building for commercial purpose. The summer is looking very positive for our beach front and its users.

## FRIDAYS

It seems the sun shine has got everyone motivated so we are now gearing up for our coming summer. We have 20 new boards and a few more to come so there is plenty of choice this year in the board room thanks to NZCT again. We have organised new T-Shirts so be in quick as we are doing small runs of many different styles and colours. You will be able to order more specific styles and colours once we get a feel for what everyone wants throughout the year. We are again encouraging everyone to bring food on 'Friday All-In Surf Nights' and spend some time together after our surf. Please remember it's about involvement, it's time with our kids, each other and surf. Lessons will be carried out on different days to give all the kids more individual time and energy. Emails will come out regarding these lessons throughout the year. If you'd like to register interest now please do so.

## COMPETITIONS

We recently competed in the annual interclub competition. Our committee selects the best and available that our club has to offer to go up against the other clubs in Taranaki. Surfing this year were, Glen Johns, Brian Clark, Manu Schafer, Eli Smith, Hayden Priest, Ariana Shewry, Dwayne Mataa, Hamish Christophers and Tom Butland. We won the majority of the heats but lost the Tag team event. However we still placed first in the heats part of the comp so a big win and kudos to the surfers in our club. We will host it next year and I'm sure we will better this great result again.

The Micro Grom Series will kick off later in the year so keep an ear to the ground for dates. We dominated this series last year so let's get all our kids back out there and do the same this season. It's a fun day on the beach with plenty of excitement for all. We have not yet set a date for the Longboard and Masters club title but will do soon, hopefully November.

## COMMUNITY

I wanted to write this into our news letter as it's so important we support those who support us. Firstly NZ Community Trust have done nothing less than give us a miracle. What their support will do for our club is immeasurable. They have also given grants many times to help with coaching etc. To see what effect this then has on our kids, come take a look

at how they are surfing and now how that is spreading to other board sports. I get to see all their growth consistently so I know its money very well spent. The new boards they have funded will again add to this, alongside giving new members the same offering.

Our primary school should also be noted as again this year they have exceeded the national average. Our school now has the highest academic levels in Taranaki including the intermediate schools. The levels are nearly 20% higher than the New Zealand average. This is a testament to the Principal, teachers, parents and the kids. To have this available in our community is something really special.

Doug Hislop has been instrumental in looking after our community wants for some time. His current effort will be something that will benefit us all for many years to come. At this point it is still under negotiation so we won't delve into detail. Just to say thank you to Doug for looking out for all of us.

Hopefully that's not all too long winded - there was a lot to go through. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the beach and in the club!

*John Shewry, President*

## NPOB Swimming & Surf Club OPEN DAY / REGISTRATION

**WHEN:** 3pm, Saturday, 08 November 2014

**WHERE:** Tasman Parade, Oakura Beach Front

All new and existing members of all ages welcome.  
Come and find out what surf club is all about.

- Lifesaving demonstration / Games
- Meet new surf coach – Mitch Owen
- Club merchandise available for purchase
- Hamburgers and sausages for sale
- Bar open

Junior surf is a fun introduction to surf skills and water safety for the whole family. Held every Sunday (with a break of a few weeks over the Christmas period), from November through to March. Our team of surf coaches encourage children to gain confidence in the surf and develop skills so they can enjoy the beach.

It's about developing tomorrows lifeguards, making friends, being active and enjoying the beach in a safe environment.

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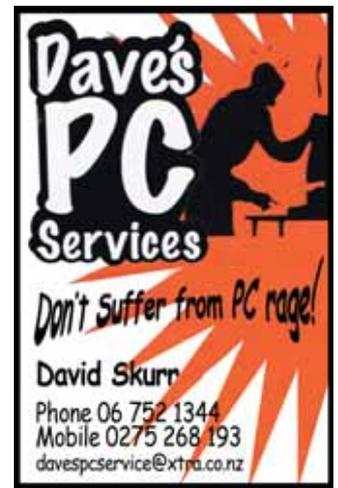
## PRESERVING MEMORIES

Dave's PC Services has been a locally owned and operating business in the Oakura area now for 14 years. Dave's computer business is based in his Plymouth Road family home under the Kaitake ranges where he repairs, services and sells computers from Rahotu to Urenui to Patea. Dave prides himself on his personal service helping the home user and small businesses where he is known to be always patient with the not so computer savvy client. His aim is to assist his customers to achieve their full computing potential.

Over the years Dave has expanded his knowledge, skill and services he provides and this year Dave, following digging out some old home videos, and many requests from customers, he is now offering this new and creative service. Dave and his wife Katy will copy your home videos onto DVD for you. Many of you in the pre digital age will have your children; grandchildren on film with no machine to play them on, so why not get those old memories out of the cupboard and copied onto a disc and be able to reminisce with loved ones. What a different idea for a Christmas gift or something to play at a family gathering.

Dave is also now able to sort some of those software issues out via remote access from his office. With your permission and all while you are sitting at your computer. This helps Dave manage his time and resources and you can have the problems solved efficiently.

Give Dave and Katy a call on 06 7521 344 and 'Like' Dave's PC Services on face book and keep up to date with what his business provides and anything new and interesting in the IT world.



## A Quiz Night with Kick!

100 locals had a great time at Butlers Quiz Night on Wednesday as part of the ongoing fundraising activity working towards the big JKA Karate trip to the World's in Australia in March next year. The evening kicked off with some great karate themed dinners, including the Jackie Chan Lasagne, Karate Chop Burger and Bruce Lee Chicken Nachos. Kim was a wonderful quiz master, having to manage a particularly loud group of enthusiastic participants, and a big thanks to Butlers who were extremely accommodating and very generous with their prizes. And thanks heaps to everyone who attended and supported Coastal Karate.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming fundraising events to watch out for in the next few months are a Hangi at the Marae in November, a carwash in December, we will be on site helping out at the Oakura Beach New Year's Day Carnival and we will be running a themed 70's Disco in February.



# IED Lifting Centre New Year's Day Carnival



**OAKURA BEACH 1ST JANUARY 2015 11AM START**

Planning is underway again for the iconic New Year's Day carnival traditionally held at Oakura Beach arranged by the Oakura Beach Carnival Trust (OBCT).



This year the OBCT has secured sponsorship from IED Lifting Centre and Cunningham Construction Ltd, who will support the event for the next three years!

The Oakura Beach Carnival Trust are really excited and appreciative of IED – Lifting Centre and Cunningham Construction's backing.

When asked for a comment, Paul Cunningham said that he was "pleased to be able to support the OBCT who are the driving force behind the carnival in providing an event that brings the local and wider Taranaki community together".

This support has enabled us to plan more exciting events for all ages and an action packed day. Be sure to see the December edition of the TOM magazine for more details of the event programme. So far we can say the popular giant Water Slide and Northwest KTM Big Dig with great prizes will happen and plenty of live music already has been scheduled, with X Factor favourite, Tom Batchelor headlining the day. Don't miss out the delicious food options, from Indian curry and Turkish kebabs to ice cream.

Admission is free again although a gold coin donation is much appreciated. The donation will support community groups who make our district a better place to live. Last year the carnival trust gave to the NPOB Surf Live Saving Club and the Oakura Fire Brigade.

Of course this day is only able to happen with the support of volunteers and sponsors from our community. If you would like to help out for an hour on the day, please contact Rowan Oldfield at [nydcarnival@gmail.com](mailto:nydcarnival@gmail.com)

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## The Teachers Conquer the Year 8's!

On Friday the 26th of September as an end of term surprise the year 8's played the teachers in a game of touch rugby. The halves were seven minutes each with rolling subs. Even though the teachers had dirty tactics (feeding us grapefruit and spraying us with water) they still came out with a 4-0 win. There were a few yellow cards in the game (Helen Lamb and Mrs Zieltjes!) Thanks to all the participants, spectators and sports leader for making it a super fun game!  
*By Hamish Goodhue (aged 12).*



Teachers versus the kids.

## COMING EVENTS

### November

- 18 Hall Committee Meeting 6:15pm.  
Home and School Meeting 7pm.
- 27 Playgroup Christmas Party  
BoT Meeting 2pm.

### December

- 4 BoT Meeting 6:30pm.
- 10 'Aladdin Trouble' -show 1pm and 6:30pm.
- 11 'Aladdin Trouble' -show 6:30pm.
- 12 Reports Issued.
- 16 Big Day Out.
- 18 Prize-giving 11am.  
School year finishes 12pm.



Omata Marimba group performing at 'The Cloud' in Auckland last term. Thanks to Jan Aiello, music teacher and conductor.

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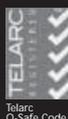
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by Bridgit Barleyman. Highlighted by Bridgit was how students are identified and monitored, and support programmes are put in place to cater for students special learning needs. Priority learning covers both children that are at risk of not achieving and those that need extension. These programmes are structured so that they benefit all children throughout the school. Throughout all of the meetings that the Board and staff have, the one message that comes to the fore is that good communication between all can only benefit our children. Remember the door is always open and staff are happy to talk to you on any matter regarding the welfare of your child.

*Hamish Logan, Chairman*

### WHAT'S ON TOP

What special times in the school calendar our cross country events are. The beautiful sunny days we had this year helped set the scene, but it is the inspiring efforts by the children that really make it memorable. Sprinting down that steep hillside, hair flying and splashing dramatically through the ford are memories to savour. Special thanks to Pat Murphy for his efforts in organising and setting up the events in partnership with Chris Hayman from Waireka. Huge thanks to Lynda and John Matthews for their ongoing support of our cross country. Being able to use the Waireka Estate makes us the most fortunate school around. You couldn't design a better course. It is challenging, has interesting terrain, set in beautiful surroundings and it is just over the fence!

Staff professional learning this year has been focused on the language teachers use to help the students develop an identity as an active agent in their learning. Our source of research has been a book by Peter H. Johnston called 'Choice Words'. We have also had the teacher only day with Nathan Mikaere Wallis to gain an understanding of how brain research has implications for our teaching and engagement with students. The 'Accelerated Literacy Learning' Ministry funded development has been to concentrate on a group of year 2 students and develop teaching strategies which will quickly move students writing achievement. All of these professional learning focuses for staff are proving both challenging and worthwhile. We set high standards for ourselves, as educators, and for our students. We are all learners at Omata.

In regards to the IES initiative you may have heard about that creates new 'executive principals' and 'expert teachers' positions. It must surely be puzzling to you, that when principals and teachers have the chance to pick up a \$20 - 40,000 salary top-up, the opportunity does not

attract any great interest or enthusiasm. Our staff and BoT have discussed this at length and feel that we would not want teachers to be out of classrooms and school for any more time than we are already. For those teachers and principals who would receive the higher pay, it means two days a week out of your class and school supporting other teachers and principals. It may work more seamlessly in secondary schools where you wouldn't notice if a teacher takes less classes but for us, positive outcomes for our most vulnerable and special needs students are more important. It is our view that smaller class sizes and more staff are ways that would really make a difference to the quality of support we can provide all students.

We look forward to our spectacular December production of 'Aladdin Trouble'.

*Karen Brisco, Principal*

### HOME AND SCHOOL REPORT

Our first attempt at the Kings Seeds fundraiser went well, even with camp fundraising and school photos happening at the same time. We squeezed it in to make the most of the change in the season and the beautiful weather. With time up our sleeve and lots of keen gardeners within the school, I am confident that next year it will be a 'King hit'.

Ann, as always, is doing a wonderful job with lunches and now by providing gluten free home baking we are getting orders from students who have not been able to in the past. Recently some students from Room 3 did a survey on lunches and found that sushi had the potential to be a popular item on the menu. So with support from Mari Clothier and Noay Saito, Ann and I prepared ourselves for a big day, and gave it a go. It turned out to be the most fun lunches we have ever made and proved to be a huge hit with students and teachers alike.

The first lot of calendars have been processed and a second round will come through when we receive the last of the artwork, early next term. Thank you to all those behind the scenes of Home and School who help with all our projects and support the school.

*Rachel Alford, Chairperson*



**QUILT SHOW** \$4 entry

(Taranaki Patchworkers and Quilt Guild)

**Saturday 8th Nov**  
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**Sunday 9th 9.30am - 3pm**

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## NZQA EXAMINATIONS

The number of students who attended extra classes, tutorials and study sessions during the holidays was encouraging; it is indicative of our developing learning culture. Students took the opportunity to catch-up on term work and to prepare for the external examinations which begin on Monday November 10th. We are excited by the focus and maturity shown by students and very grateful of the 'extra mile' given by teachers for the success and achievement of their students.

## COURSE SELECTION

Mr Knapton worked hard during Terms II and III to review our Curriculum and our Course Selection process. The focus was to ensure that the curriculum reflects student interest and need and that students clearly see the link between their current learning and their future work and study goals. The process of entering courses for 2015 was undertaken on-line by students and has led to significant efficiencies in planning classes, the timetable and the staffing of these.

The introduction of semester courses has given greater flexibility for students to align their learning programmes with their career aspirations of choice and for them to gather the full gambit of skills they require for their future.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### *Summer Reading Programme*

Research shows that reading ability can decline during the summer break. Our own data proves this. We believe that this needs addressing so we have decided to allow the school library books to be borrowed over the summer period to those students who are returning in 2015.

Parents need to sign and return a form to the Library acknowledging that their child will be returning to Spotswood College in 2015 and that they will return the books during the first week of school in 2015. A pamphlet will be given out to students and can also be accessed from the school website.

## eBooks

Students can now also access eBooks from the Library. eBooks can be accessed from the school Library system via the school website. For information and help please use the help button on the Spotswood College Wheelers site or see the Library Manager.

## SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Thank you to all the wonderful students who entered the short story competition, we have some amazing students at this school. The winners were Shiann Jolly, Kiara Quirante and Darcy Stanton – each student received a gift voucher from Warehouse Stationery

## PREFECT INTERVIEWS

Thirty-three Year 12 students have applied to be Prefects for 2015. Each student submitted a letter of application and a CV at the end of Term III and we have just completed an individual interview with each applicant. It has been a fabulous meeting with each of these positive and focused young people who value their school and wish to be part of our schools ongoing development. Prefects for 2015 will be announced at our In-House Prizegiving on the afternoon of Tuesday 4 November and the Head Prefects will be announced at the Senior Prizegiving to be held that evening at 7.00p.m.

## NEW CALEDONIA TRIP

On the last day in September, six students went off to New Caledonia for a taste of French culture and language. We stayed the whole 12 days in Nouméa this time, and the students were billeted with families. The Lycée Lapérouse has 1800 students, including a technical and a cookery school.

After two days of school, it was decided life is easier in NZ schools as their school starts at 7 am and ends at 5.15pm, the teachers are stricter, there is more homework ... The surprise was at the 'cantine' where lunch is a three course hot meal, served in a huge dining hall between 11.15am and 12.15pm.



Enjoying French culture in Nouméa.

The rest of our time was divided between various activities: visit of the cathedral and museums on the history of the Island and its people, the Centre Culturel Tjibaou, where indigenous people have a dynamic voice and look to the future with the support of communities worldwide, promoting their work (art, music, dance, festivals ...) and having debates and conferences on issues that affect us all.

We went swimming, snorkelling in an environment rich with colour and shape, we looked at native fauna and flora, we walked and bussed everywhere, regardless of steepness and rain, and of course, there was some time for hanging out in town for some shopping or browsing.

The Lycée is keen to come and visit us next year, particularly after seeing photos of the surfing and the school ball! Our students were fantastic, and did Spotswood College proud. Some of their comments were 'The food is so nice, here!' 'The people are so kind it makes me feel guilty!' Thank you all for coming on this adventure with such good spirits.

*Sabine de Crevoisier*

#### KEY DATES FOR TERM IV

10 November	NCEA External Exams begin.
18 November	International Student Graduation Dinner.
19 November	PTA Dinner.
26 November	Y8 Transition Day.
5 December	Y13 Leavers' Dinner.
12 December	Junior Prizegiving. End of Term IV.

*Mark Bowden, Principal*



## New Plymouth Boys' High School

Recently New Plymouth Boys' High School had its annual Awards Dinner where we celebrated the successes of the students in academic sporting and cultural endeavours. At NPBHS you receive a Tiger Jacket (called that because of the distinctive stripes) when you achieve excellence in one of these areas. The boys strive to be awarded the Tiger Jacket and out of all the recipients we honour the Dux, the best sportsman, the best performing artist and the best team or group.

At the Awards Dinner are assembled those who have achieved excellence in their field of endeavours. Excellence is not just a skill – it is an attitude, a desire, a passion. To accomplish anything worthwhile you have to overcome the barriers and obstacles that inevitably get in the way. On a recent trip north to a native forest, I was reminded that the strongest kauri tree is not the one protected from the storm or hidden from the sun.

At NPBHS we run a leadership programme for our aspiring leaders in Year 12. One of the speakers talked about success. He argued that the formula for success is in fact very simple, but very few people care to travel beyond the accepted road. The formula is that whatever you are doing, do it to the best of your ability. If you are wearing clothes, present yourself well (polished shoes!!!); if you are doing the dishes, do it to the best of your ability; if studying give it your best effort . . . We encourage all teenagers to hold themselves responsible for a higher standard than anyone expects of them.

Teenagers must be encouraged to believe in their dreams, to cherish their dreams. Young people must have great hopes and dare to go all out for them. We need to encourage our youth to be people of vision, who live their dreams and

accomplish great things. Above all else we want our young men to be men of respect and integrity.

Recently I was privileged to watch our 1stV basketball team in the National Competition. They had been playing for four days and were exhausted. They were behind in the score, but then I witnessed a determination and commitment that belied their sore bodies. The desire to win was strong. They had the skills and the coaches delivered excellent tactics and “plays” to succeed but it needed the boy prepared to throw himself on the ball and the floor, to sprint back in defence, to bravely take the ball to the hoop. This was a successful team. I was talking to a group of our senior boys who desire to succeed academically. Although they are highly competitive they are keen to work together to assist each other and achieve a common goal. Their study group is achieving great things. We have some superb musicians in the school. They practise for hours every day. They have the determination and commitment to achieve.

Finally to be truly successful one must have values. Our future leaders must lead quietly, subtly, without fuss, without fanfare. They must lead to make a difference in the world and make it a better world. A school must be better than the society in which it is placed or else what is a school for. Young men must learn values as part of their education because in the end, what matters is not whether you are the dux, the outstanding sportsman or the talented actor, but you are the best you can be as a person.

*Michael McMenamin, Headmaster*

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# Crop Swap Meetings a Wealth of Information

The jury is still out on whether I should feed my family raw milk or not. Su Hammond's talk on raw milk (Crop swap October 11) was good, as were the testimonies from a keen group of raw milk drinkers that were there, but as a microbiologist I am still not convinced. Su wasn't there to convince me though. She's a friendly, hard working, honest woman who was just there to talk about what she's into. And, FYI, after raising four kids, working hard on the farm and getting a cheese and raw milk business off the ground, this raw milk drinker is as healthy and as energetic as a spring chicken! Su's certified organic farm supplies milk for Fonterra. So the cows' milk that she takes three mornings a week is tested the other two when it goes into the vat. She is also particular about cleaning teats before milking to get rid of E.Coli nasties.

Supplying the container the milk goes out in, means that Su can sterilise these metal buckets when not in use. Customers pay a bucket fee so they can leave with raw milk in something that Su knows is clean. This is something to keep in mind if you are filling your own containers from a self help raw milk vending station. Plastic containers generally can't get clean enough; use metal, pottery or glass. It's taken three years for Su's farm to become certified as organic. This process costs money and can take longer or shorter depending on the history of pesticide use, residual stuff found in soil screening etc. So Su's raw milk is pesticide free.

Raw milk, by definition, is also pasteurisation free. This process kills the bad microbes but also the good. These good bugs are the ones that can help with the digestion of milk. People who can't digest the lactose or bovine proteins in milk get an allergic reaction or may produce allergic symptoms. One of the women at crop swap had a nephew who could drink the raw milk at her house but got stomach cramps if he drank milk from the supermarket. True to say that supermarket milk hardly resembles milk. It is thin and tasteless compared to the flavour rich creamy liquid that raw milk is. Some even scoop the cream from the top of raw milk and use it separately as it is too rich to drink. Drinkers at crop swap said raw milk could last for about a week in your fridge. Su has been breeding her milking cows from A2 bulls. The A1, A2 debate is about genetics, saying A2 cows produce proteins that suit human consumption better. That's another debate in itself, as is the issue of the impact of dairy farming on the environment.

We as humans are the only mammals that are never weaned. If we had veges from calcium rich soils and gnawed on the old bone or two perhaps we could avoid the milk debates altogether!

Come swap ideas and garden goods with us.

Saturday November 8 is, as well as the normal swap, a Show and Tell on Probiotics. If you have any type of kafir or sour dough or yogurt etc. bubbling away please bring a bit along to show, talk about, taste or share.

Hope to see you there, 4pm St James church hall Oakura.

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**Crop Swap.** Next Swap 8th November – every two weeks on Saturdays 4pm Oakura Church Hall.

**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, now at St James' Hall (opp. 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.

**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

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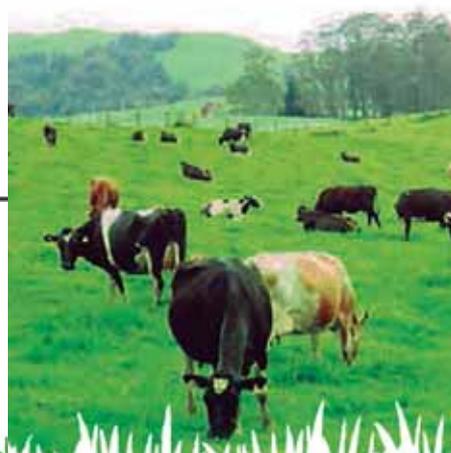
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