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## POWER TO THE MOON

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Inspirational photography featuring a stunning composition of Paritutu, the moon and the wind wand by Fay Looney from her latest book "The Real New Zealand"

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TAKE ONE MOMENT

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## EDITORIAL

Another election year has come and gone and more of the same – a good result I'd say!

An issue that seemed to dominate electioneering and one that has fascinated me for a while is the child poverty debate. Obviously it is not an issue in the Oakura/Omata area but it is an issue that pulls at everyone's heart strings. For me the debate really is whether it exists in New Zealand or not. We've all seen the images on TV of starving malnourished children in Africa and the like and for me that is the benchmark for starving. Those families have no money, no Sky TV, no TV at all, no internet, no cigarettes or alcohol, no furniture, often no home, hardly any clothes, a lack of fresh water and definitely no food. Would there be a family in New Zealand like that - probably not because we have government policies to help families into homes and to provide a meagre allowance. Clearly there are children going to school without food in their bellies but is that a parental choice or abject poverty? You have to admire the charity groups getting food into schools with the hope of raising the educational outcomes of hungry children and hopefully this will help break the cycle of poor decision making. I hope it doesn't create a further deepening of dependence on hand outs rather than independence and self reliance.

We New Zealanders live in a food bowl without a doubt. There is no excuse for anyone let alone children to be hungry in New Zealand – most of us eat way too much because food is everywhere. You can find food growing on the side of road, you can go to a food bank, you can collect it out of the sea, you can grow it at the very least and those who care about their children and are short of money can and do grow veges.

I remember my grandmother reminiscing about the Great Depression of the 1930's and how they only had bread and dripping to eat. Times are not that tough today. I grew up poor but never hungry or lacking in clothes.

I think poverty is more about your state of mind and while I admit that I do not live in poverty and my children have never wanted for anything, my own resourcefulness and attitude would see me through another recession/depression. Maybe a good attitude and resourcefulness would go along way for others too and maybe there should be less of the blame game and demanding handouts from the government all the time.

*Kim*



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# Mayor Andrew Judd

Hello everyone.

It's wonderful that we will have three food outlets open for business in our public reserves in Oakura.

Oakura Scoops will be operating in Shearer Reserve during summer, and coffee and food outlets Holy Guacamole and High Tide will be in The Keyhole during summer.

This is part of an effort by the Council to bring appropriate commercial activities to more public areas around the district.

Our goal is to encourage activities that will enhance these areas and make visits to our parks, beaches, walkways and the like even more enjoyable, so I'm really happy to see these three businesses getting the go-ahead for Oakura residents and visitors.

Congratulations to these business owners for coming forward with their ideas – I wish you all the best for the future.

The Council is still interested in hearing from anyone who has a business proposal for a public space. If you'd like to find out more, check out our webpage at [newplymouthnz.com/BusinessTenders](http://newplymouthnz.com/BusinessTenders).

## FIFA U-20 WORLD CUP VOLUNTEERS

One of the highlights of the 2011 Rugby World Cup was the fantastic crew of volunteers who showed up to help

visitors, the rugby players, media and locals enjoy the best event possible.

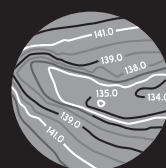
We succeeded too, with Welsh rugby writer Stephen Jones naming New Plymouth as the best host city.

So let's do it again, shall we?

The Local Organising Committee is calling for volunteers to help out during Stadium Taranaki's six matches of the FIFA U-20 World Cup (which runs from 30 May and 20 June 2015).

Hundreds of volunteers will be required as the friendly, welcoming face of the event, looking after visitors and ensuring they leave with great memories of their time in Taranaki.

You can get involved now by registering as a volunteer at [fifa.com/u20worldcup/organisation/volunteers/welcome.html](http://fifa.com/u20worldcup/organisation/volunteers/welcome.html) This will be an amazing tournament to be part of!



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# Kaitake Community Board

Many of our everyday activities are very dependent on services provided by the New Plymouth District Council. These range from water flowing freely from our taps, applying for a building permit, finding a car park so we can borrow books from the library, taking our children or grandchildren to the park, putting out the rubbish for collection, having a sports field or facility to play our favourite game on and so on. The council also makes bylaws and enforces them, (e.g. dog control, liquor licensing, noise control etc.) and plays a major role in civil defence planning and emergency preparedness.

The council is required to engage with all its communities, considering the needs of people currently living there and those who will live there in the future. Therefore developing and managing plans for each area's development, including management of the natural and urban environment is always a key focus for it.

The Council plans, manages and maintains 1440 hectares of parks and reserves land, including 48 neighbourhood parks, 13 historic reserves and 24 sports parks used by residents and visitors. That requires an ongoing focus and to that end council is currently discussing its entire operation of these areas, and the key challenges it will face over the years ahead to maximise the benefits of recreation and open space for the community.

Our district is pretty unique for its diversity of recreation and open spaces including beaches, walkways, rivers and streams, recreational trails, neighbourhood parks, swimming pools, playgrounds, skate parks, sportsgrounds, the mountain and cemeteries. The public access that is available to these recreation and open spaces, to Mount Taranaki and to the sea forms part of the district's identity. These are significant features that attract people to New Plymouth District. Consider for a moment the importance of the Coastal Walkway, Yarrow Stadium, Pukekura Park and Oakura Beach. All provide far different, yet equally beneficial recreation opportunities for the community at large.

Our population is increasing and that is likely to continue, so we need to ensure that we have a consistent long-term decision-making framework for the delivery of open space, sport and recreation. Council is therefore developing a strategy with clear goals that consider the recreation, sport and leisure needs of us all and takes account of any emerging trends. It will be a 30 year strategy, making sure our open spaces are not only appropriately located but have the necessary amenities to make it easy to exercise, play, socialise and relax. Bearing in mind of course that both biodiversity and cultural heritage come into the picture so 'protecting our important places' will be a cornerstone of the strategy.

At some stage the draft strategy will be released for community consultation and feedback. I believe residents of every generation should take an active interest and make their thoughts and ideas known so the best possible plan eventuates.

The community board continues to work on issues that affect our area. Many of these fly beneath the community's radar as they may only have an effect on a few people.

Nevertheless they still are important to progress through to a solution. We have provided advice during three recent and quite vicious dog attacks on local dogs, and spread the word around the community and alerted the police to two scams operated by fraudsters in the area. Currently we are working with residents to minimise the dangers from traffic for pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders on AhuAhu Road, involved in the development of a new section for the Oakura Cemetery, putting the finishing touches to the Okato Neighbourhood Park (fencing and landscaping), liaising with the Oakura Beach Foreshore Precinct Group (NPOB Surf Club and Oakura Boardriders developments) and keeping up with the play for the New Year's Day Carnival and the Oakura 150 Year Celebrations in 2016. It's a busy life.

By the time you read this daylight saving will have started so bear in mind the rules for horses and dogs on Oakura Beach will have changed at that time. It is an unfortunate fact that as we become more urbanised we require more restrictive rules to ensure we can all cohabit peacefully in our wonderful environment.

Don't forget the Mayor's Okato Community Conversation will be held in Hempton Hall on Monday 13 October at 7pm and the next KCB meeting will be at the NPOB Surf Club at 4.30pm on Monday 10 November.

Well that's it for this month, 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.*



There has been a host of young adult novels made into movies recently: *Divergent*, *Hunger Games*, *The Fault in our Stars*, *The Maze Runner*, *The Giver* and *If I Stay*. Read them before you see the movie - or come in and find out what happens next as most of these books have sequels. We also have other titles by these wonderful writers.

Our new graphic novels are flying off the shelves too. *Green Arrow*, *Wonder Woman* and the *Flash* are more suited to young adults and the *Amulet* would suit younger readers. We carry classic titles in both unabridged form and as graphic novels, i.e., *Huckleberry Finn*, *Sleepy Hollow* and *Robin Hood*.

The Tom Gates series, *Minecraft*, *Geronimo Stilton* and *Star Wars* books are big hits for the under 10s at the moment.

Join us for Crackerjacks, pre-school story time held Thursday 16th October at 10am.

If you need inspiration for crafts, games and other school holiday activities check out our assortment of books. *Art2-D2's guide to folding and doodling*, *Make with Maisy* and *Wearable Wonders* are just a few suggestions.

And a good thought for Spring: "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." - *Cicero*

*Charlie and Vincenza*

# Supporting Young People into Independence

**JONATHAN YOUNG MP**

Young New Zealanders deserve more than a life of welfare dependency. National is not prepared to let this be the future of our next generation. Getting off welfare and into work brings a better life, more opportunities, and a brighter future. Teenage beneficiaries are at high risk of staying on welfare for a long period of time. If they get the help they need, thousands more young adults will be able to lead productive lives.

A National Government would extend the intensive support currently provided to our youngest beneficiaries, to all teen parents on a benefit and many 18 and 19-year-old beneficiaries. The days of the “all care and no responsibility” approach are over. We are not going to throw taxpayers money at young people and leave them to their own devices. Work and Income has found many young adults who approach them for help need more than just money. They need a helping hand to get on their feet, and National is offering just that. Services to guide young beneficiaries into education or training or help them find a job will be extended so that more young adults have the opportunity to live a prosperous life.

Many more young adults will be mentored and advised on budgeting and parenting obligations with a capable adult from a community-based organisation. This is about taking a long-term approach to ensure these young people learn the skills they need to build fulfilled and aspirational lives.

Money is loaded onto a payment card for groceries and essentials – not cigarettes or alcohol. Young beneficiaries’ bills, like rent and electricity, will be paid directly to suppliers until they are ready to take this on themselves.

There are increased training and education opportunities waiting for them with 10,000 fees-free Youth Guarantee places for 16 to 19-year-olds and 20,000 places in the Apprenticeship Reboot programme. As a result, the number of people under 20 who are not in education, employment or training is now the lowest it has been since 2004. That means many more young people are getting ahead.



## Jonathan Young

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With 1,600 people going off welfare and into work every week, National’s significant welfare reforms are working well. Getting more New Zealanders off welfare and into work, is a key part of our focus to deliver better public services for New Zealanders and build a more competitive and productive economy.

New Zealanders had a stark choice this election.

They chose to continue to support National and its clear economic plan that is working for New Zealand. Under an unstable combination of Labour, the Greens, and Dotcom the economy would have stalled. National’s clear, straightforward plan will keep New Zealand moving in the right direction and I will continue to work along with my fellow National Members of Parliament to promote Taranaki as the place to live and work.

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# Soeur Design Returns to New Plymouth

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that are also practical, affordable and comfortable. The label is designed in New Zealand and manufactured in NZ, Hong Kong, China and Indonesia using fabrics sourced from some of the best mills around the world. Available from Northland to Invercargill the range is accessible through agents who show the four seasonal releases (Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter) in their homes. There are also concept stores in Merivale and Martinborough. Visit [www.soeurdesign.com](http://www.soeurdesign.com) for a look at the full offering.

Marlies Butland Delfos, Soeur Designs latest New Plymouth agent, was introduced to the brand while living in Wellington, but found it difficult to get after she shifted to New Plymouth. While visiting the concept store in Martinborough recently, she found that an agent was being sought for New Plymouth and thought 'why not me!' A couple of phone calls later and a date was set for the Spring and Summer release for 22 October. If you'd like to come, just phone or text Marlies on 0274 595 962 and she'll make sure you're included in the mailer.

The Spring / Summer releases will have beautiful clothing ranging from casual to dressy. The designs will work for any occasion and will suit women sized anywhere from 8 to 16. Bring a couple of friends and come and see the label which will be shown at Marlies's home at 2 Rahui View, Oakura, on 22 October between 11am and 6pm.



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# The Real New Zealand Grows in Oakura

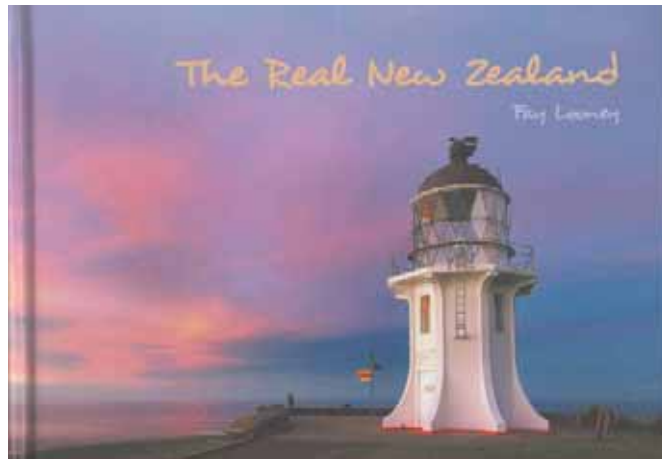
Local photographer Fay Looney has published a new book featuring pages of her glorious photographs from around the country. Her publishers New Holland commissioned the latest book and it is the fourth collection of Fay's photographs to be published.

The collection of photographs is predominately from the last 12 months' work.

Fay is inspired by the natural light we have here in New Zealand and especially early morning and late afternoon. Many of Fay's shots are beautiful accidents or happenstance – being in the right place at the right time rather than having a clear purpose.

In the book are two photographs which show this clearly. One is a sheep wandering into the street of Whangamoana – it wasn't planned nor is it photo shopped. The other is a photograph of the moon sitting on top of the power station chimney along with the wind wand bending into the picture.

Fay says she loves all her photographs and loves sharing



The cover of Fay Looney's new book "The Real New Zealand".

these with tourists and others and helping promote Taranaki and New Zealand through these images. The content of the book celebrates many of the special places in New Zealand plus its special people.

The book called "The Real New Zealand" is a hard cover A5 sized book which Fay says is "affordable, postable and packable". It is now available at the Crafty Fox or from [www.faylooney.com](http://www.faylooney.com) for \$19.99.

Fay's studio and garden will be open in October for the Fringe Garden Festival October 31-9 November and for the Oakura Arts Trail on 1-2 November and 8-9 November.

*By Kim Ferens*

## Inspirational Back Beach

Local Omata woman Anthea Poulton shares the story behind her eye catching artworks.

Six years ago my family welcomed Reo our Down's syndrome son into our life. Some Down's syndrome children like to run or wander - this is part of the syndrome. They are not aware of dangers and do not have the 'stay close to mum' development that other children have. Reo loves to be in nature, so most days we go exploring.

Being busy would be an understatement! I picked up a camera to help with the stress and took photos of all the beautiful places Reo and my other children took me, which we either walk or ride to.

Whenever I get a break I head to Back Beach to walk the dog or go for a surf. I love Back Beach and living on the coast at Omata. Back Beach inspired me to share some of these images of our way of life!

I have a Facebook business page called Sweetwater Morningstar Surf Designs where I put up new designs each week. I have 29 tee shirt, bag and cushion designs for shoppers to choose from and take orders. I also have more than 80 cards and postcards designs. I am very happy with how people are responding to my designs and I have had orders from California, London, Hawkes Bay, and of course Oakura and New Plymouth and in fact anywhere where Taranaki especially Back Beach has touched the heart!.

If you would like to order one of my designs please phone me Anthea 0226549500, or message my Facebook page. I'm happy to post anywhere. Orders can be picked up from 331 South Road Omata.

A big thank you to Top Stitch for making my creations real and to Oakura Four Square and Casey's Cafe Oakura for selling postcards and cards. Many thanks to Neil who works at Vertigo for his feedback!

*Anthea Poulton*





# SPORTS



## Kaitake Golf Club News

Much of the activity out on the course at present are matches being played towards the Club Championships. These results of these will be published in the November issue.

The Taranaki Top Club competition is an annual event where each club is invited to enter someone in each division. Twenty two members were out last Sunday playing to qualify for the team to represent Kaitake Golf Club at Westown. Those successful were Kevin Mancer, Ian Johnson, James Tombleson and Deborah Johnson. Good luck everybody.

### CLUB COMPETITION RESULTS

#### *Mid Week Women*

Fougere Cup winner was Kath Vernon with Shirley Aspinall runner-up.

Division 1 winner of the Tom Priest was Robyn Robins with Jacqui Koch runner-up.

Division 2 winner was Jessie Seamark with Jill Gudopp runner-up

Winner of the Committee Trophy was Deborah Johnson with Robyn Robins runner-up.

Robyn Robins also won the Putting with Trudy McEldowney runner-up.

The 3 day Nett winners were Shona Burgess (Silver), Jenny Ross (Bronze 1), Jessie Seamark (Bronze 2).

#### *Weekend Women*

Winners of the August LGU were Sheryl Richardson in Silver Division and Kim Woodward in Bronze .

The finals for the Weekend Women and Mens divisions are being played this month. The Silver Division is being contested by Sheryl Richardson and Raewyn Hawker while Janice Farrant and Diane Jones play for Bronze I. Bronze 2 is between Andrea Jarrold and Mary Pettigrew

#### *9 Hole News*

A good turnout on Champs finals day to see incumbent champion Yvonne Coxhead take the trophy over Raewyn Bishop. Well done to both players - Yvonne will now face 11 other champions for the best gross score at the annual Taranaki 9 Hole C of C's on October 20th. This event will run concurrently with the 9 Hole Open.

August Super 9 winners - 1st Section Raewyn Bishop and 2nd Section Pat Wood

### 80TH ANNIVERSARY 2015

All Kaitake Golf Club members and ex-members are invited to Kaitake on Saturday, 28th March 2015 to celebrate 80 years of golf in the Oakura region. This will take the form of a luncheon gathering between 11.00am and 1.30pm. Later a 9 Hole Ambrose tournament will be organised for those interested, then back to the club house for afternoon tea and more reminiscing.



### Kaitake Golf Club in times past.

The first task for the organising committee is to locate all the ex-members interested in attending. Raewyn Hawker is compiling a register and can be contacted on 7513391. If you are an ex-member and/or know anyone who is and would like to attend, contact Raewyn or Jacqui in the Office with your details, including an email address if you have one.

Janice Farrant is collecting photographs and is scanning them so they can be shown on the day. Janice would like to get as many photos as possible so if you can e-mail them they can be added 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](mailto:farrant@slingshot.co.nz)

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*

## Kaitake Athletics Club

Exciting news!!! A chance for 4-13 yr old children to learn the basic skills of track and field athletics in a family friendly environment at Corbett Park on Tuesday afternoons at 5pm. Club nights will start on 28 October and will run until March 2015.

Two Athletics NZ programmes will run alongside each other:

4-7 year olds – *Get, Set, Go* – a fun based programme introducing children to the fundamentals and encouraging development of locomotor skills (45 mins)

8-13 year olds – *Run, Jump, Throw* – foundation programme of the Athletics NZ covering all basic athletic skills. (60-90mins)

Children will be encouraged to compete at regional ribbon days as well as the Colgate Games in Wellington (9-11 Jan 2014)

We are well supported by Athletics Taranaki and will be an affiliated club with Athletics NZ.

Parents of younger children participating in *Get, Set, Go*, will need to attend club nights and help out but we would welcome as much parental support as possible in all age



groups!!! Coaching courses will be available and provided by Athletics Taranaki.

For a registration form please contact

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Registration will also be available on the opening night 28 October

**Fees** – One-off payment for whole season to include weekly training, club singlets and shorts.

1 Child: \$40. 2 Children: \$65. 3 Children: \$85

Each additional Child: \$25

See you at Corbett Park soon!

## Kaitake Junior Rugby Wrap Up

Kaitake Junior Rugby finished another very successful year recently which culminated in the annual prize giving, held this year at Butlers in mid-August, to celebrate all of the fantastic achievements by the children and teams, and to also thank all of the wonderful supporters the club has in the form of volunteers, sponsors, coaches and helpers. It was amazing to see the garden bar absolutely chocka full with families...the club has come a long way from a few years ago when there was only one junior team and it was great to see the spirit at camaraderie at the prize giving.



**A great rugby club turnout at Butlers for prize giving, led by Mark Robinson.**

This year the club fielded seven teams with two Under 6 teams, an Under 7, Under 8, Under 9 and Under 10 team in the North Taranaki competition. We also had an Under 11 team in the Taranaki wide competition where we amalgamated with Okato to form a Kaitake/Coastal team playing 15 aside rugby. It was great to be able to field a 15 aside team for the first time in several years and hopefully this will show there is a future pathway at the club for players from the age of four or five right through until they head to secondary school. One of the ongoing challenges for the club will be continuing to field increasing numbers of teams at Corbett Park but we're sure with the ongoing support of NPDC and Taranaki Rugby that this can be managed – it's a good problem to have!!

This year all of the teams had some fantastic highlights and more importantly each team maintained very high standards of sportsmanship and fair play. The club always receives very high praise for the way it hosts visiting teams at Corbett Park and for the way the players and supporters conduct themselves when visiting other clubs . . . we're very proud of this as a club. Teams which had particularly successful seasons this year were the Under 8's who won the closing tournament of the North Taranaki competition

with a great victory over Tukapa and the Under 11 team who made the grand final of the Taranaki wide competition only to lose to Patea in a very close game. Congratulations to both of these teams on such great results!

The prize winners from the various teams are listed below:

### **Under 6 Blue**

*Player Of The Year:* Carys Read.

*Sportsmanship Award:* Jonty Hilliam.

*Most Improved:* Brodie Matheson.

### **Under 6 Black**

*Player Of The Year:* Ethan Peacock.

*Sportsmanship Award:* Regan Walshaw, Chilli Kearns-Grieve.

*Most Improved:* Will Robinson, Henry Martin.

### **Under 7.**

*Player Of The Year:* Owain Bridge.

*Sportsmanship Award:* Joel Kirk.

*Most Improved:* Lucas Death Mason Down.

### **Under 8**

*Player Of The Year:* Obbie Roberts.

*Sportsmanship Award:* Kingston MacArthur.

*Most Improved:* Zach Phillips-Lim

### **Under 9.**

*Player Of The Year:* Daniel McNiece.

Stan Crawshaw

*Sportsmanship Award:* Cullann Read.

*Most Improved:* Charlie Johnson.

### **Under 10**

*Player Of The Year:* Stuart Holdcroft.

*Sportsmanship Award:* Jago Robertson.

*Most Improved.* Fenton MacArthur, Oliver Day.

### **Under 11**

*Most Consistent Forward:* Sam Chamberlain

*Most Consistent Back:* Jacob Whittle

*Sportsmanship Award:* Tysen Sullivan

*Most Dedicated:* Dane Hoffman

*Most Improved:* Damon Rikurangi.

Finally...a few thank you's . . . we need to recognise our sponsors and funding partners this year – we have great support from Mike and Rach Perrett through 'Naki Cloud and HRV, Graham and Jill Symons and the Symons Energy Team, OMV, Mike van Prehn with Navigation Homes and New Zealand Community Trust. Without the support of these organisations we'd struggle to provide all of the great resources and opportunities that we can for the kids. Thanks also to Taranaki Rugby for all of the great support with coaching and resources and many thanks to Oakura, Omata and Coastal schools for being supportive of fostering rugby...it is no surprise that the growth of the club has coincided with some great inter-school rugby performances, and increased participation in touch and rippa rugby in these schools.

Finally, thanks again to all of the folk who've been part of developing rugby in the Kaitake community – supporters, parents and grandparents, coaches, sponsors, helpers in the kitchen, coaches, refs – you're all brilliant and we look forward to seeing you all back next year for another new and improved season of Kaitake Junior rugby!

*By Mark Robinson*



## Oakura Boardriders

The Oakura Boardriders have had another official year end with the AGM being held the last week of August. The election of the officers sees John Shewry continue his good work as President, with Gina Roberts, Treasurer, and Paul Lobb, Secretary. The committee consists of some new members George Poole and Eli Smith and existing members, Mike Hareb/Fiona Turner, Gary Bruckner, Keith Bond, Luke Florence, Brent Anderson and Steve Roberts, (hope I haven't missed anyone).

It's the committee that drives the club and there are some exciting things happening with our junior surfing programmes, redevelopment of the club and the reserve area. This is where a lot of work goes in and a big thanks to all those that make it happen. The club is very strong at the moment and always open to new members. With the new financial year underway now is the time to pay your subs to join up and come along and enjoy what we have to offer.

Summer is just around the corner and some better weather and good waves have been had along with some good snow sessions.

As the TOM goes to press the last of the NZ Home Loans Series has just been completed at Fitzroy Beach. This has been a very successful series - by all accounts a few of our members have been competing. Tom Butland is having some success in his division, at only 11 years old Tom is doing well with a 3rd place in the U14's in the 2nd contest and a 4th place in the contest just held.



**Tom Butland loving surfing at 11 years old.**

Oakura Boardriders along with Surfing Taranaki hosted 'The Art of Surfing' coaching clinics early August. This was well supported and held down at Graveyards in some sizeable waves - well worthwhile for those that want to progress their surfing at a higher level. There will be more of these coaching sessions before year end so look out for when and where and how as dates are finalised.

Some major renovations and redesign of the skate park is being planned and hopefully we can see this go ahead sooner rather than later also the Club has been granted approval to use the bottom level of the clubrooms for a commercial operation. Stay tuned as further developments with this become available. A few options are being discussed and there are plenty of interested parties. It can only enhance the beach front in the long run.

Remember our Facebook page where we advertise all our goings on. Pay your subs NOW as this is what the club

runs on and get ready to enjoy the summer. The club will be open Friday nights as summer comes around so come along and support us and enjoy some likeminded company.

*Brent Anderson, Oakura Boardriders.*

*President: John Shewry, 027 252 9190*

*Secretary: Paul Lobb 06 75 27556*

## NPOB Surf Club Registration & Open Day

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Surf Club and especially NPOB's is a fun introduction to surf skills and water safety for the whole family. We encourage everyone to have fun and develop their skills, so that they can enjoy the beach and one day might be able to save someone too.



**NPOB nippers ripping into the surf.**

Junior surf runs every Sunday (with a break over Xmas), from November through to March. Our team of surf coaches help children gain confidence in the surf and develop specific skills, allowing them to enjoy their time at the beach in safety.

If you want to be part of something that is about developing tomorrow's lifeguards, making friends, being active and enjoying the beach in a safe environment then NPOB's is the place for you!

Contact Nicky Spicer, Chairperson 0274 718 101 or Nova Robinson, Junior Surf Co-Ordinator 0275 218 200 with any queries or to express your interest.





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Seafood Chowder w Sourdough Bread \$18

Caesar Salad, Cos Lettuce, Cherry Tomato, Croutons, Parmesan, Free Range Egg \$16.5

-Prawn Cutlets \$21

-Waitoa Free Range Chicken \$20

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Fish & Chips, Sauce Tartare, Lemon, Salad \$25

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Free Range Pork Belly, Mash, Red Cabbage, Apple-Onion Jam, Jus \$29

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Hay fever symptoms can also be caused by other inhalation allergens. Common ones are house dust mites, animal dander, grass and trees. Symptoms come on acutely after exposure. Some people can get chronic symptoms that never seem to go away.

The best thing is to find out what your trigger is. Your GP can arrange skin prick tests to look for common allergens. You can also keep a diary of when your symptoms seem to occur.

Once you know what your trigger is you need to reduce exposure as much as possible. This can mean wearing sunglasses to reduce dust entering your eyes, vacuuming your house more, or avoiding animals. It all depends on your trigger. Antihistamines are a good treatment. It is best to start these before exposure to the allergens - so a few weeks before pollen season starts, for example. There are also other treatments your doctor can prescribe.

A more simple treatment is saline nasal rinses. You can get these from the chemist. Also Vitamin C is a natural mast cell stabiliser (mast cells cause release of histamine in

your body) and zinc helps you immune system. There are herbal treatments such as albizzia available.

One of the best treatments for inhalation of allergens is desensitisation. This is expensive but can be the most effective

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*Dr Susan Oldfield, Oakura New Plymouth*

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# 'Fat Shaming' Weight Loss Techniques Create Obesity

Constant criticism and ridicule of overweight people does little to motivate them to slim down, and has now been proven to potentially cause greater weight gain.

A recent report titled Perceived Weight Discrimination and Obesity published in PLOS One found that those who suffered discrimination as a result of their weight were likely to either become or remain obese.

'Weight discrimination, in addition to being hurtful and demeaning, has real consequences for the individual's physical health' said study author Angelina Sutin, a psychologist and assistant professor at the Florida State University College of Medicine.

Endorsing the findings of the study, Sydney-based weight loss motivation specialist Kylie Ryan said 'There's a very unhealthy attitude that being overweight is shameful, and that it's perfectly acceptable to judge people based on their body size. What this does is intensify the problem rather than solve it. Repeated criticism of overweight people builds self-loathing which results in further weight gain from over-eating.'

Ryan believes that weight-loss reality television shows have normalised a harsh approach to obese people trying to lose weight; 'Viewers of these shows get the voyeuristic joy of watching the contestants get tortured and change their body shape, but it only works to reinforce the belief that 'I'm a loser because I'm fat' and 'I'll only be successful and loveable when I'm slim and good looking. Many of the very people who are supposed to help those struggling with weight issues have no idea that their contempt is a big part of the problem. This contempt from others echoes the sense of self-contempt, self-loathing and shame that many people who struggle with their weight feel on a daily basis.'

According to Rebecca Puhl, deputy director of the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity at Yale University, stigma and discrimination of overweight people can be chronic stressors. 'And we know that eating is a common reaction

to stress and anxiety – that people often engage in more food consumption or more binge eating in response to stressors, so there is a logical connection here in terms of

some of the maladaptive coping strategies to try to deal with the stress of being stigmatised.'

Kylie Ryan believes that unless we remove the social stigmatising of overweight people Australia is facing a bleak future; 'At the moment we're on track for 80 per cent of Australians to be overweight or obese by 2025. Imagine the knock-on effect of the majority of our population feeling shameful about their bodies and making decisions based on their own inner turmoil? It's got to change.'

SOURCE: MY MIND COACH

By Estelle Williams

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## OAKURA SCHOOL AIMS GAMES SPECTACULAR

From Sunday the 7th of September to Friday the 12th of September a football team consisting of 12 players; Jimmy Ellis, Fletcher Ferguson, Charlie Waite, Michael Spurdle, Hamish Goodhue, Matthew Whittaker, Jack Mitchell, Henri Lehrke, Alfie Armes, Zac Aldam, Ben Wilson and Daniel Williamson went on a journey to Tauranga for the AIMS Games. The AIMS Games are an international year 7 and 8 sporting competition held each year. Schools come from all over New Zealand and even overseas. The football team played nine games over a four day period with lots of tough competition from the competing schools. They are awaiting their final result.



**Left to right: Fletcher Ferguson, Jack Mitchell, Simon Bond, Charlie Waite, Matthew Whittaker, Hamish Goodhue and Zac Aldam. (Members of the AIMS Games football team).**

Oakura School also sent nine cross country runners who competed on the first day of competition. The runners were: George Clarke, Simon Bond, Jack Mitchell, Skyler Ellington, Maya Jackson, Henri Lehrke, Ben Wilson, Lachie White and Yulan Imhasly. George described the course as really challenging and that the hill was extremely hard.

Thank you to all the organisers and parents who took transport and helped out throughout the week. Also a very special thank you to Craig Waite and Stella Bond our team managers.

## JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday the 22nd of August the Oakura School junior classrooms had their cross country. The weather was great; the sun was shining and there was excitement on all their faces. All of the students ran to the very best of their ability. The year 8 sports leaders (Hamish Goodhue, Skyler Ellington, Jordan Burkett, Jimmy Ellis and Jayden Lamb) helped to lead the way and encouraged the competitors around the course.

Winners of the 5 year old girls race were: Pearl Shearer 1st, Darcy O'Sullivan 2nd and Caitlin Fleming 3rd.

The winners for the 5 year old boys race were: Ethan Peacock 1st, Miller Ferguson 2nd and Cooper Ferguson 3rd.

The results for the 6 year old girls were: Stella Henwood



## The start of the 7 year old girls' race.

1st, Hannah Dixon 2nd and Carys Read 3rd.

The placings for the 6 year old boys were: Joel Kirk 1st, Liam McQuaig 2nd and Kai Shearer 3rd.

The winners for the 7 year old girls were: Katie Clough 1st, Tori Hudson 2nd and Ariana Schafer 3rd.

And finally the results for the 7 year old boys were: Kingston MacArthur 1st, Zac Phillips-Lim 2nd and Owain Bridge 3rd.

*By Jade Maulder (12), Portia Roper (13) and George Clarke (12).*

# omata school news

## COMING EVENTS

### October

13 Term 4 begins.

21 BoT Meeting 7pm.

27 Labour Day holiday.

### November

10 Mobile Library at Omata.

18 Home and School Meeting 7pm.



## OMATA CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

### YEAR 1-3 - 500 METRES

**Girls -** 5 year: 1st Emma Marchant, 2nd Ella James, 3rd Chloe Fisher.

6 year: 1st Aliana Scholey, 2nd Monica Joyce, 3rd Lola Crawshaw.

7 year: 1st Eva Niedermayr, 2nd Sophie Campbell, 3rd Emily Parkinson.

8 year: 1st Charlotte Butler, 2nd Tasmin Reeve.

**Boys -** 5 year: 1st Oliver Treadway, 2nd Lucas Alford, 3rd Isaac Butler.

6 year: 1st Luke Haldane, 2nd Samuel Pattison, 3rd Riley Kidney.

7 year: 1st Jack Campbell, 2nd Keelan LaMaster, 3rd Cooper James.

8 year: 1st Strandyn Ripia.

### YEAR 4-8 - 1000 METRES

**Girls -** 8 year: 1st Libby Francis 2nd Jorja Eldershaw 3rd Madinina Nordin.

9 year: 1st Kate Brooke, 2nd Lisa Niedermayr, 3rd Asha Perrett.

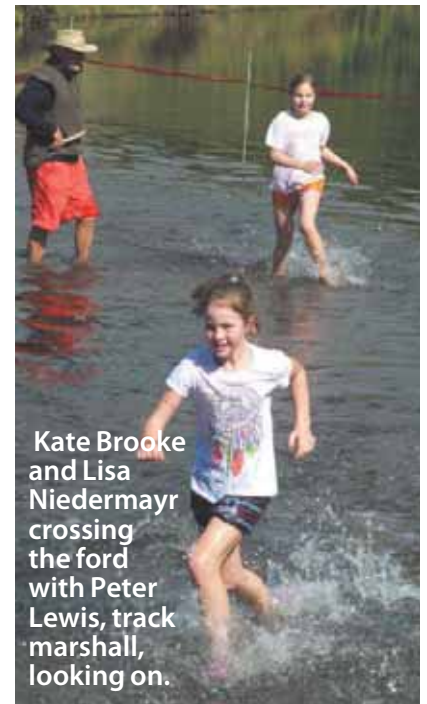
10 year: 1st Isabella Roebuck, 2nd Annie Jones, 3rd Yazmin Andrews.



11 year: 1st Isabella Borostyan 2nd Kohana Clothier, 3rd Awa Lewis.  
 12 year: 1st Megan Jones, 2nd Willow Smith, 3rd Esmeralda Dalglish.  
 13 year: 1st Kiara Farmer 2nd Katelyn Chapman.  
**Boys -** 8 year: 1st Clayton Williams, 2nd Thomas Logan, 3rd Obie Roberts.  
 9 year: 1st Reef Pratt, 2nd William Perrett, 3rd Stan Crawshaw.  
 10 year: 1st Jack Feaver, 2nd Jason Hart, 3rd Alex Roberts.  
 11 year: 1st Kalib Hill, 2nd Tim Hobson, 3rd Max Brooke.  
 12 year: 1st Chris Logan, 2nd Leo Lister, 3rd Chris Hobson.  
 13 year: 1st Joe Wagstaff, 2nd Isaac Glenny, 3rd Jackson Messana-Piggot.



Jack Campbell sprinting down the hill.



Kate Brooke and Lisa Niedermayr crossing the ford with Peter Lewis, track marshal, looking on.

## Crops, Seeds and Heritage

Having Jayne Bright from Seed Savers speaking, and giving away seeds, at our August Crop swap a few weeks ago was good timing. As I sit to write this, the Spring sunshine is warming up the garden and my heritage seeds are in pots on the window sill getting ready to go out when the winter chill finally leaves the air.

Some of Jayne's seeds I had never seen before; like Goats Eye peas and a mini broad bean. Don't worry too much if you didn't make it to the swap, the seeds are available from Hive Environmental Centre.

A donation to support Seed Savers is always appreciated and if you grow the crop, collect some seed from it for your future plantings and put some back into the bank. This is heritage seed so should produce the same crop year after year. Heritage seed suppliers are also easy to find via the internet. It's great to support Heritage seeds as they are fungicide free and will produce fertile seeds themselves. Also the old fashioned produce may not be as big or as glossy but some swear it tastes better. How cool is it to be able to grow the same tomatoes that your Granny did!

Jayne Bright suits her name. I felt as enthused leaving Crop Swap that day as Peter did when he walked in, with his sugar cane and banana palm cuttings to share. You never know what is going to show up at Crop Swap! September 13 was a swap with no organised speaker, but people going around just saying what they had. There were plum trees and passion fruit vines and, as well as the usual other stuff, an interesting Vic's plant that really smelt, well, therapeutic. Viv Gladstone was also giving away free Svastha yoga classes for Wednesday mornings. She thinks she may be the only one teaching this type of yoga in Taranaki!

Thanks very much to all those who come, and to the TOM magazine for printing the Crop Swap updates and

supporting this community initiative. Hope to see you next time. We meet every second and fourth Saturday of the month. Hope to see you 11 October, 4pm, St James Church Hall, Oakura. Gold coin donation. All welcome. We meet every second and fourth Saturday of the month. Following crop swaps are 25 October then 8 November. Like us on Facebook or contact Nathalie 824 8241 or Aileen 027 5244 007.

*By Nathalie Pronk-Jones*



Spring has sprung!  
 The calendulas always brighten the garden, and the bees are already out on the flowering lavenders. Calendulas have the added bonus of attracting pests like white fly away from roses.



**SPRAY FREE VEGGIE SEEDLING SALE**  
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# The "Bach" is 2014 Good Neighbour Award Winner

## 2014 GOOD NEIGHBOUR AWARD RECIPIENT HONoured BY THE RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

In front of industry peers the Restaurant Association of New Zealand celebrated two of its best and brightest as Christchurch's Michael Turner was inducted to the Association's Hall of Fame and New Plymouth restaurateur Barbara Olsen-Henderson was named as the industry's inaugural Good Neighbour.

Marisa Bidois, CEO of the Restaurant Association says that both Turner and Olsen-Henderson have made exceptional contributions to the hospitality sector.

"Both are full of heart and have given selflessly; in Michael's case to supporting Canterbury restaurant and café owners in the devastating aftermath of the earthquakes and in Barbara's case over a long period of time, fundraising and donating to deserving causes in her local community.

"We are extremely proud to honour Michael as a deserving member of the Hall of Fame, and equally delighted, in

conjunction with sponsor American Express, to recognise Barbara as our Good Neighbour."

### DOING GOOD IN THE 'HOOD

New Plymouth's Barbara Olsen-Henderson, co-owner of Bach on Breakwater Café is the Association's Good Neighbour for 2014, a new award sponsored by American Express, who selected the winner from a shortlist of three worthy finalists.

Bidois says that Olsen-Henderson and her business support many local schools and community organisations. In particular they are long time fundraisers for the local Hospice and Women's Refuge, including monthly donations and a major fund raising event each year for each organisation.

"Barbara and her team's backing of the community is outstanding. From donating money to fundraising events, and giving of that most precious commodity, time, Barbara and Bach on Breakwater truly embody what it means to be a good neighbour.

The ways that the New Plymouth community are assisted show real insight and innovation. From teaching kids how to cook, to helping young people succeed to and become valuable members of the workforce, there's almost nothing that Barbara won't do to help her hometown."

Olsen-Henderson and Bach on Breakwater Café will receive a \$3,000 grant to further their community initiatives.

*Restaurant Association of NZ*

## Local Fringe Gardens to Visit



### OAKURA FRINGE FESTIVAL GARDENS 31ST OCTOBER – 9TH NOVEMBER

Welcome to the 10th annual Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival, we are pleased to introduce six new Oakura/Okato gardens into the festival this year.

Hidden Delight at Prudence Place is a little village paradise offering something special around every corner with mixed plantings, exotic palms, small animals and water features.

Maureen Looney's Historical Garden includes original plantings from the late 1880's including a large walnut tree planted by Kate Julian, the youngest of the original settlers. Look out for clivias, rhodos and ferns that line the easy accessible bush walk.

Art Grazing is a Place of Interest showcasing our local NZ award winning landscape photographer Fay Looney's work. Come and visit her "My Front Paddock" exhibition and studio.

**Nienke Dashorst's garden  
– Hidden Delight at  
Prudence Place.**







## New Plymouth Boys' High School

Another term has gone and the boys have sat their practice exams – for our senior students the focus on NCEA is important – external assessments are fast approaching. It is also a time when boys who have been with us for five years, leave for their exciting future. We wish them well and will honour them at the Senior Prize-giving and Leavers' Dinner. This year's Year 13 has been an outstanding group and has represented their school very well. We have had some fine boys from Oakura and special mention must go to Farrell Robertson, Martin Leith, Matheson Lee and Toby Brankin for their contribution to the school.

We were delighted with the success of our rugby teams at the Taranaki finals. The U63kg, U14, U15A, U16 and Boarders' teams all won their finals. In the Taranaki Football finals the Year 9 Development team and the Y9 Elite team won their finals. In the Hockey A Grade final, NPBHS won 7-1.

Our Jazz bands continue to excel winning two golds at Hamilton. In the Taranaki Youth Orchestra special mention was made of Danny Jones and James Park. In the Dance NZ-Made Competition Te Whatu Ngatai-Tangirua, Hamish Phillips, Kallee Newton and Ron

Guansing came first in the Open division and won the Choreography award. In the National Culinary Fare we gained six silver medals – Braden Brooks, Troy Miller, Takarangi Henderson, Joe Franklin, Braeden Cristen and Daniel Blackburn.

Congratulations to Tyrese Ratahi, Elizaye Rei, Bailey Howard-Kingi and Bodine Dowman-Gehlhaar for their selection in the Taranaki U13 Rugby League Squad.

Max and Ben McCullum gained Silver in the National Surf Life Saving – Line Throw competition.

Teague Harvey, Matheson Brown and Malcolm Oliver won the TSSA Boulderling Competition.

Congratulations to Tai Whittaker who won a Hair Design Competition.

Chris Johnson has been selected for the Aqua Knights Swimming team to compete in Melbourne in December.

Congratulations to Jordan Williams (U14) and Ryan Cayzer (U13) for selection in the NZ inline hockey team. Joshua Gulliver made the Central U17 team, Jordan Williams, Josh Toa and Caleb Smith (Central U14) and Ryan Cayzer (Central U13)

The Speech Winners were Callum Shimmin and Gavin Bishop (Y9); Michael McLeod (Y10); Jerome McSweeney-Novak (Y11); James Donovan and Satyam Patel (Y12) and Teague Harvey (Y13).

*Michael McMenamin, Headmaster*

Ringcraft Moana Jewellers is a Place of Interest where you can experience Rob Wright's handcrafted jewellery and pearl collections. Rob is also offering morning high tea for \$5, call on 752 7772 to make a booking.

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Hikurangi offers seven acres of tranquil gardens with a large pond and historic woolshed. Bring a garden picnic and relax. Open first weekend only.

**Fay Looneys Place of Interest.**  
**Photo – Art Grazing.**

**Maureen Looney's Historical garden.**



We are also collaborating with the Oakura Arts Trail who offer the public an opportunity to visit Oakura artists in their studios. See [www.oakuraarts.co.nz](http://www.oakuraarts.co.nz) for more details.

See our website [www.taranakigardens.co.nz](http://www.taranakigardens.co.nz) or Facebook page (Taranaki Garden Fringe Festival) for more information. Our brochures are available at Crafty Fox and the Oakura Four Square or call Anne on 752-7531 for more details.



**Rob Wright's Place of Interest.**

**Photo – display from Ringcraft Moana Jewellers.**



# Spotswood College



Teaching is a little like farming – there are four seasons and within each season there are key tasks that need to be undertaken.

During Term III (our 3rd season) the key tasks have included:-

- completing internal assessments;
- preparing students for our school examinations;
- setting and marking exam papers;
- completing senior reports and feeding back to students and parents;
- assisting students to select their courses and programmes of study for 2015;
- helping senior students to prepare for the NCEA external examinations which begin in Week 4 of Term IV;
- having teams participate in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Sports Council's Winter Tournament Week;
- competing in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Concert Band Competition;
- enrolling Year 8 students for 2015;
- sending a group of French students to New Caledonia hosting schools from Japan and England;
- having the Education Review Office review our school;
- assisting Year 13 students to apply for places in hostels and tertiary programmes for 2015;
- Staff and the Board of Trustees reviewing 2014 and planning for 2015.

A busy term and like farming there is a sense that when the most pressing task has been completed there will be a degree of respite but the next task looms quickly to fill the space!

Teaching is an exciting job and time is precious. Young people move quickly through the developmental stages of adolescence and we need to be with them on that journey of change, learning, achievement and growth.

*Some highlights of the term have included –*

## **YEAR 9 & 10 METHANEX MATHS QUIZ**

Both our Year 9 Maths Quiz Team and our Year 10 Maths Quiz Team won their respective quiz competitions at the recent Methanex Maths Fair. It is really unusual for a school to win both competitions. Our congratulations to both teams for their significant success.



The team members were as follows.

### *Year 9*

Nadia Hill  
Phillip James  
Xavier Johnson  
Ronan Avery

### *Year 10*

Rhett McAlpine  
Rebecca Spindler  
Sam Holmes  
Fabian Johnson

## **TOURNAMENT WEEK**

We had 4 teams competing in the National Secondary Schools Winter Tournament. Our Boys First XI, Girls First XI, the A Netball team and our Indoor Bowls teams competed in events across the country. Of the teams the Indoor Bowls team achieved the highest accolade coming second in their event with Aidan Zittersteijn being nominated as player of the tournament.

## **CULINARY COMPETITION**

Bree Paton-Courtney and Shardae McGovern won the Taranaki Regional City Guild Culinary Competition and went on to represent Taranaki at the National competition in Auckland.



To raise funds for their Auckland trip the girls ran a school-based restaurant for 3 evenings. The girls catered for about 30 people each night and as a result raised over \$700.00

At the Nationals the girls won Silver for their entry. Each team had 90 minutes to prepare and cook their dish which was judged on taste, presentation, techniques used and their effectiveness in planning and executing the dish in the limited time available.

## **CENTRAL DISTRICTS BRASS BAND SOLO COMPETITION**

Josie Hicks and David Froom performed a duet at this competition held in Whanganui on Sunday 7 September. Josie played the Trombone and David the Tenor Horn gaining second place. Both students also gained second placings in their solo events. Well done Josie and David.

## **SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS**

We have been very pleased with the way students approached our recent Year 11 – 13 School Examinations. The School Exams provide an important practice opportunity for students as well as providing valuable feedback on strengths and weaknesses as students begin preparation for the NCEA External Exams which begin on November 10th.



## NEW CALEDONIA

A group of students studying French are having a total language immersion experience by travelling to New Caledonia over the Term III holidays. The students and their teacher along with parents will spend almost two weeks learning French and experiencing the culture of New Caledonia. The opportunity to stay with French families will enrich their adventure. We wish them well for their wonderful travel adventure.

## EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE

Our School has recently been reviewed by the Education Review Office. The unconfirmed report acknowledged that, "Purposeful and systematic self review contributes effectively to improving outcomes for students" ..... "classroom observations indicated positive, respectful and affirming relationships between teachers and students" and that "respect and concern for those of diverse backgrounds and beliefs are apparent" ..... "A strong focus on responding to the individual needs and aspirations of students is evident. Senior achievement has improved significantly since the 2011 ERO review"

The confirmed report will be available on the ERO website in about 4 weeks.

As we plan for 2015 we wish to remind you that we are now enrolling students for 2015.

Should you have any queries regarding the enrolment of your children please contact our school office to make an appointment.

*Mark Bowden, Principal*

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**OAKURA COMMUNITY - WHAT'S ON**
**PHONE 0800 THE TOM FOR ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO YOUR LISTING**

**Crop Swap.** Next Swap 11th October, 25th October and 8th November – every two weeks on Saturdays 4pm Oakura Church Hall.

**Fitness Training.** Small Group classes held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Corbett Park – Interval Training & BoxFit. Contact Estelle Williams of Functional Fitness ph 752 1001.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Oakura Pony Club.** Contact Robin King ph 751 0300.

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

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

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

**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@taranakivw.co.nz and Secretary: bryan@taranakivw.co.nz

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




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