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# TOM

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## From the Editor



I don't know if it's my imagination or not but there seem to be a lot more native birds around this year - maybe it's the work of the trappers - see page 4

If an increase is indeed occurring then we are all benefiting because native birds are so interesting - both to watch and to listen too. I recently saw a native falcon in the neighbourhood - the first I've seen in

nearly 30 years of living at Omata.

Tuis and pigeons frequent my garden every day and both breeds take a daily bath in my bird bath conveniently located in my deck garden for easy watching - who knew birds were so concerned about grooming?

The long awaited public toilets have arrived so no doubt stopping off under the pohutakawa tree will be a very popular village activity!

As you can see on page 8, TOM has a birthday to celebrate - 18 years old! By the end of this year we would have published our 200th edition - a very proud moment in the age of diminishing print mediums.

Mother Nature needs a good old shout out for turning on such beautiful weather for the start of spring - the warmth in the sun reminds me its nearly beach bathing time and time to get the first summer vegetables into the garden in time for Christmas.

*Kim*

C'est la vie!

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## Arts Trail thrives in Oakura

The Oakura Arts Trail has preparations well in hand for this year's open studios event. This very popular trail coincides with the Taranaki Powerco Garden Festival / Fringe Festival and is held on the weekends of the 27th and 28th of October and the 3th and 4th of November. Open hours are from 10 to 4pm.

Last year there were over 6,500 visits where guests enjoyed seeing the environment where artists work. The artists involved in 2018 are Kris White, Richard Landers, Margaret Scott, Linda Barbour, Sally Laing, Diane Loake, Jeff Salisbury, Leonie Brown, Rob Wright, Susan Imhasly, and Steve Molloy. Although we have lost some of our members due to some artists leaving Oakura, we are excited to welcome on board three new artists. Diane Loake paints wonderful studies of animals and does commissioned work. She quotes "the bond between animals and humans is unique and I strive to create this in fine art for my clients." Also Jeff Salisbury is exhibiting his wheel thrown and sculptural pottery for the first time. The other artist Leonie Brown uses leather, natural fabrics and recycled material to create bags, furniture and jewellery.

Sarah Smither will open her home as a Place of Interest and will be showing recent prints and work from her private collection of Michael Smither. Although he no longer lives in Taranaki, Smither has always been regarded as one of our major and much loved artists who was born and lived in New Plymouth for most of his life.

The Arts Trail Exhibition with a sample of work from all the artists on our trail will be at the Molloy Gallery and Sculpture Park in the old Tataraimaka Factory. This will be open daily during the festival and is a way to help plan your visit to see the artists involved in the Trail. The opening of this exhibition will be on Wednesday the 24th and is open to the general public from 6pm to 8pm.

Brochures on the trail can be found at all studios, the Information Centre, the Crafty fox and on the notice board next to the chemist. Look out for the large yellow and the turquoise flags which will help to guide you to the artist studio. For details on the artist and the location of their studios go to [www.oakuraartstrail.co.nz](http://www.oakuraartstrail.co.nz) or join us on Facebook.

*Below left is Diane Loake from Kaitake Art and below right is Jeff Salisbury from the Dog Box Studio*



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# Trappers in it for the birds

Pete Morgan is one of the lucky ones. Lucky enough to live in a spot, in Taranaki, where there's native birds in his backyard every day.

"There's always tui, bell birds, white eyes, wood pigeon, they're there every day. And in the evening there's Moreporks," the busy vet says.

After a busy day at work covering Oākura and Okato to Oaonui, these beautiful birds remind Morgan of the big picture, helping recharge his batteries when he returns home to Lucy's Gully, in Oākura. "It's quite cool, they're just nice to come home to after work."

However, Morgan's surprised and overwhelmed by the Kaitake community's drive to get trapping too. Residents who don't live on the edge of Egmont National Park, like he does, but who still want to help remove predators. They want to support the native wildlife that will one day spill over into urban and rural areas, as predators are removed, becoming a regular attraction in their lives too.

The dozens of unsolicited offers he's received to help trap predators have come from Oākura, Ōkato and Omata to Oaonui locals of all ages, from young children, teens, mums and dads, through to grandparents. They've trickled in since about 300 residents came through the door at a community open day to rejuvenate biodiversity, called Restore Kaitake, on Sunday 5 August.

"I've been flat-out co-ordinating heaps of people wanting to help, getting more traps and managing who'll set the traps then monitor them. Everyone's really keen to get involved, it's just great," he says.

There's been more offers to help trap predators than ever before in the past 11 years that Morgan's been Chairman of Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust, formerly Ōkato Development Trust. An increase in membership at the local conservation group, jumping from eight to about 40 in the past year, is an example of how the community's interest in supporting local biodiversity has

exploded. Residents are lining up wanting to help native wildlife and plants, by trapping stoats, rats and possums – the Trust is planning for another 36 traps to be set on the private land that borders Egmont National Park. In total it looks after about 200 traps.

Morgan hopes the community's unprecedented demand signals a shift that people are more aware and value biodiversity, helping to protect and support it, before it disappears.

He sees the trapping work by his community, on private land and Egmont National Park, as complimenting Towards Predator-Free Taranaki and the work of Taranaki Mouna Project, large-scale projects which are scaling up predator control. The work is also feeding into the region-wide biodiversity plan, Restore Taranaki, overseen by Wild for Taranaki.

"It's all working towards the same thing – having more native birds, wildlife and plants, intertwined within our daily lives. It's pretty cool," he says.

It's just a matter of time before more residents wake up to the beauty he experiences on a daily basis.

To start or expand trapping in your backyard, order your subsidised traps here: <https://www.trc.govt.nz/environment/working-together/pf-taranaki2050/#Getinvolved>



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# Kaitake Community Board

I am writing this after spending the best part of two days getting everything shipshape in the garden. Like many in our community, I've been gardening for many years. I do know I have always learned more from my mistakes and the vagaries of the weather, than any successes I've had along the way. This season, just like all the others, I start out with much anticipation for a bountiful and satisfying harvest - time will tell.

I must say I'm very impressed with the folk who have set up the Oakura Community fruit and veg sharing stand. It's located on the outside of the Oakura St James Church building, corner Donnelly St and South Road (SH45), Oakura. Inspired by the Good Sort who set up a community fruit and veg stand where people could give what they could and take what they need, and the number of others set up around the country as a result. The organisers hope to share what might otherwise go to waste in our gardens, increase the joy of healthy food, save food waste from landfill, and encourage community togetherness. This is a great idea and well worth supporting.

Also I want to give a big shout out to our Restore Oakura Community Champion, Sam Mortensen. She is enthusiastically going about her role to encourage our community to get involved with urban trapping and other local initiatives to protect and restore wildlife in our area. Oakura is one of the first NPDC communities to tackle this project. Sam is regularly posting on the Restore Oakura Face Book page and can help to connect you with the answers to any questions you might have, share more information, and encourage development of ideas. Feel free to get in touch through the Restore Oakura Face Book Page if you are keen to get involved, and you can become a Restore Oakura champion too.

Most of you will be aware of the ongoing debate about freedom camping in the district and what rules (if any) should be applied. The public was invited to make submissions on the Council's proposed amendment to the bylaw it passed in December last year. We have made a submission accordingly. The KCB takes the view that our community is already doing more than its fair share of freedom camping provision, and therefore does not support any additions as suggested in the Council resolution. As well, the KCB has determined not to comment on freedom camping proposals outside our geographical area. We believe those deliberations rest with the decision-makers and the various communities concerned.

Last summer all freedom camping was banned on the Oakura beachfront between 1 November and 30 April. We believe that should go further and there should be a total ban on freedom camping of any description on any area of the Oakura beachfront throughout the year. KCB members have canvassed opinions on this, and there is a clear community message that freedom camping here is inappropriate. During the summer months parking is often at a premium on the beachfront and providing freedom camping spaces is nonsensical. All possible beachfront parking spaces are within 400 metres of the Oakura Beach Holiday Park and the close proximity of residential housing to the beachfront is another reason. During the winter period much of the parking area is roped off to allow the grassed summer parking surface to recover, horse floats regularly park on the hard parking area (as they are quite entitled to do) and the other parking spaces are invariably taken up by locals accessing the Shearer Reserve playground and skatepark, or walking their dog.

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There are also more parking requirements generated by customers to the Vertigo surfshop and the Black Sands restaurant.

Council is proposing to require non self-contained freedom campers to stay at specific areas near suitable public toilets within the district. It is suggesting there should be designated spaces in the Oakura CBD for non-self contained campers. We believe there should be no such designated parking spaces in the village CBD. Parking is already at capacity in that location and there is no support for such a freedom camping 'solution'. Local residents already are coping as best they can with the parking issues and designation of any such spaces will only add a further layer of discontent. There is also the question of the nuisance of extra generated rubbish. Currently, the provided rubbish bins do not cope with the demand. For example, the Oakura Four Square is emptying the overflowing public bin into its skip daily. It would be an ill-conceived outcome to allow any designated spaces in the village CBD.

Council has asked how long non self-contained vehicles should be allowed to stay in the same public area within a 30-day period i.e. one, two, or three nights. The KCB view is that at Corbett Park these campers should only stay one night during the summer period (1 November to 30 April), and three nights during the winter period (1 May to 31 October). On the AhuAhu Beach, throughout the year campers could stay three nights and the same at the Weld Road Beach.

Council also asked how it should manage tents and other temporary structures when freedom camping in the NPDC district by allowing them for one night or having a total ban. We support a total ban in our area.

We believe that the Oakura community is already 'pulling its weight' on this issue, with the provision of both self-contained and non self-contained camping at Corbett Park, AhuAhu Beach and Weld Road Beach. There is also camping allowed on the Doc site at Lucy's Gully. As stated we already have parking issues on the Oakura beachfront and in the CBD so why exacerbate the matter further? Under the Council's proposal, there will be no non self-contained camping at Greenwood Road Beach and Fort St George - we support that. We also believe that all Corbett Park freedom camping needs to be closely monitored. Corbett Park is the communities' only sports field and a very popular summer recreation spot. Parking is at a premium there on many days.

The KCB's submission only related only to freedom camping in the Kaitake Ward. Our responses did not relate to other geographical areas as we believe that is for the other respective communities to comment on.

By the time you are reading this, there will have been that public message to put our clocks forward an hour as daylight saving commences. After the wet winter this year I certainly look forward to the onset of those long summer evenings when everyone can get out and about to enjoy our superb environment. It's a pretty special place and we all want to keep it that way.

Well, that's it for this TOM issue.

The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be held at the Omata School Hall at 7pm on Monday 8 October. Ka kite ano Doug Hislop (752 7324 and douglashislop@gmail.com) on behalf of Mike Pillette, Paul Coxhead, Graham Chard and Roy Weaver who is the Councillor representative on the KCB.

# Oakura fruit & vege stand

Oakura now has a community fruit and vegetable sharing stand. A place where anyone can donate fresh backyard surplus, or pick up something they want...or both, at any time of the day or night! Like crop swap on steroids, or a very accessible foodbank, this is something that appeals to many.

Community fruit and vegetable stands have been spreading around the country. While we ensure that our stand benefits people in need, we include the whole community. For our stands to be sustainable, it is important that everyone in the community benefits from them. There is an abundance of fresh fruit and vegetables generated in our backyards, that is going to waste, and the stands provide a way of sharing and enjoying this excess. The stands are a local sustainable solution to address food poverty, food waste in the garden, food waste going to landfill, unnecessary plastic packaging, as well as to increase the joy and variety of healthy food we eat, and encourage community generosity and togetherness.

All the gardeners out there have had the awful guilt of a laden citrus tree and not having enough people to offload those lemons too, or the courgette bonanza that sees the children complaining..."not courgettes again". Or the opposite end of gardener's luck...just one thing their garden cannot grow (I have killed so many mint and parsley seedlings gifted to me by my poor mother). Anyone who has moved houses knows the long wait for a newly planted vegetable garden to grow or fruit tree to bear fruit. Many of us will have had a time where we've just been too busy to plant a garden. Or the finances have been tight. Or we would just love some feijoas but they are so expensive in the supermarket. The community fruit and vegetable stand helps with all of these issues! Our stands are for everyone.

Our stand is focussed on fresh fruit and vegetables. While we can take a small amount of pantry items, we encourage people to share these things with the local foodbank which can be found on Vivian St, behind the St Mary's Peace Hall. As our stand grows, when we run a surplus, we also hope to share the community's fresh produce with communities and groups less fortunate than us, such as foodbank. So far, in the first 3 days, we have had citrus, herbs, pumpkin, avocados, spinach, silverbeet, kale, cabbages, reusable bags, and a few pantry goodies, the stand is fuller every time I pop by! The other lovely surprise has been a visit from a local crochet fairy with handmade baby booties. Just lovely what people will do to put a smile on someone else's face anonymously!

Our stand has been kindly supported by our local church who offered not only the site, but also the handiwork of Rod Smith who built the stand. Rachel Hooper and the local McDonald's Real Estate team generously sponsored the building supplies. And even before it was operational for it's first day on Sunday 16th September, the local community has been supplying the fresh fruit and vegetables! Thank you Oakura for supporting this movement.

What you can share: Fresh fruit and vegetables. Herbs. Fresh eggs (please date these with the date they are collected). Seedlings (please keep at the bottom, away from the food). Fresh baking (must be in a pest proof container, with the date written on). Preserves made from excess fruit or vegetables from the stand (again, please write the date).

Please: No cooked food. No expired packaged food. No meat No dairy. No animal food. No clothes or household items (the hospice would love these). No sanitary products. No supplements or health items.

If you are interested in following the progress of the group, or getting involved, please join our Facebook group "Oakura Community Fruit and Vege Sharing Stand", or if you want to help out, get in touch with Angela Veric, preferably via Facebook, or on [angela.veric@gmail.com](mailto:angela.veric@gmail.com).

*Below Joe and Max Veric enjoying visiting the stand to see what new produce people have shared.*



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## Long live community news!

Late last month I was privileged to be asked to write for the newly-revived Waitara Angle - a community newspaper that closed in 2012, the Angle had proudly served its community for 22 years. Now it's back and I'm sure will be an asset for the people of Waitara.

Oakura of course has been faithfully served since 2000 by the TOM. I think it's good to step back from time to time and appreciate the value that these ventures add to our place. As your local MP I'd like to acknowledge Kim for the work she does each month assembling editions that are vibrant and relevant.

With the rural-to-urban drift of the last century, many of our smaller districts suffered 'death by a thousand cuts', losing local stores, dairy factories, and other services. Of course, Oakura has bucked the trend as one of the magical coastal townships New Zealand is famous for. It's encouraging to see talented people prepared to step up with all sorts of initiatives to showcase the positive things that serve to enrich our communities.

Members of Parliament share common ground with newspapers in the important role we play in representing and reflecting the interests of local people. The Taranaki Daily News does a great job as our provincial newspaper, and the North Taranaki Midweek is also a must-read. However as the TOM shows, there is room for alternative publications that cater to specific communities within the region.

To me, the TOM has never looked better, and long may that continue!

## Oakura Sunday School

The Okato Co-operating Parish is very excited to introduce our new Sunday School at St James' Church in Oakura. This is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, starting at 10am. It runs along side the morning worship at St James'. The new Sunday School teachers, Jo and Kate live in the area with their families and are keen on making a Sunday School part of the community.

Our purpose at St James' is to help encourage children to talk and learn about Christianity through fun activities and to introduce them to the church family. The congregation love hearing about what the children have learnt and eagerly discuss the lesson over tea and cake at morning tea time. We will be in the church hall creating, crafting, singing, baking, having fun and learning about God and faith.

All families are welcome to join us! We're open to all ages, preschool and up. Hope to see you there, Jo and Kate.

If you have any enquiries, email us at [stjamesoakura@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesoakura@gmail.com)



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# Puke Ariki

## Oakura Library

Spring into Lego is our first school holiday programme, to be held from 2pm to 3pm on Wednesday 3 October. Please book as spaces are limited.

Robots land at Ōākura Library for the second session from 2pm to 3pm on Wednesday 10 October. No booking required.

Two new fabulous must-see temporary exhibitions have just been installed at Puke Ariki.

50 Greatest Photographs of National Geographic is on from 19 September to 28 October 2018 and showcases a selection of photos from the magazine's 130-year history.

Hina: Celebrating Taranaki Women features the stories of 11 Taranaki women and commemorates the 125th anniversary of New Zealand women's suffrage. 7 September 2018 to 3 March 2019.

Also, make sure you visit the Puke Ariki air bridge to view Viv Davy's Suffrage Day Peace Project art installation featuring dove shaped peace messages.

"Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere" Mary Schlich.

*Happy reading Charlie and Vincenza*



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### PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT PLAN WAIRAU ROAD, OAKURA REZONING

New Plymouth District Council has prepared a summary of all decisions requested by persons making submissions on Plan Change PPC18/00048 (Wairau Road, Oakura Rezoning) to the New Plymouth District Plan in accordance with Clause 7 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

Plan Change PPC18/00048 proposes rezoning approximately 58 hectares of land on the southern side of Oakura from Rural Environment Area to a range of zonings, including residential, business, rural lifestyle and open space to facilitate residential and rural lifestyle development and use. The plan change also proposes a Structure Plan and a specific suite of new rules and standards for subdivision and development in this area.

Copies of the **summary of submissions** are available from:

- Civic Centre, Liardet Street, New Plymouth;
- Puke Ariki and community libraries;
- Library and service centres at Bell Block, Inglewood and Waitara; or
- Online at [newplymouthnz.com/planchanges](http://newplymouthnz.com/planchanges).

Certain persons may make a further submission in support of, or opposition to, the submissions received. The following persons may make a further submission on the plan change:

- Any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest; and
- Any person who has an interest in the plan change greater than the interest that the general public has; and
- The local authority itself.

Further submissions must be in writing and be in the manner prescribed in Form 6 of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees and Procedure) Regulations 2003 and must state whether you want to be heard on your further submission.

Please send further submissions to New Plymouth District Council, Private Bag 2025, New Plymouth 4310, Attention: District Planning Team or email to [submissions@npdc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@npdc.govt.nz).

**The closing date for receiving further submissions is 5pm on Monday 15 October 2018** and within five working days of lodging it with the Council you must serve a copy of it on the person(s) who made the original submission(s).

If requested the Council will hold a hearing on the further submissions received. Anyone making a further submission will have the right to be heard by the Council and will have the right to appeal any decision made by the Council, in respect to their further submission, to the Environment Court.

**Craig Stevenson**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**  
**1 October 2018**

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Dear Oakura,

With a gestation period of 3 years inside my head, LEMONWOOD plant-based Eatery is almost ready to get the final push!

The combination of 'Indian Pink' walls alongside rustic old crate timbers, sumptuous floral wall coverings, zinc-topped tables and revamped Indian furniture is - as Lyn of Tawa would say - "a visual symphony". A Bohemian Rhapsody as it were!

These progress shots show the beginnings of an idea following right through to the fruition of my imaginings. While I'll let the pics speak for themselves, I would like to let you know that I'm hoping that LEMONWOOD will be open around October 25th, serving you delicious plant-based meals and treats. While we'll have soy and almond milks for your coffee and teas, I've decided to offer dairy for hot drinks as well - in case coffee without dairy is a bridge too far.

Initially I plan to open Wednesday to Sunday during the day - opening at 9am, and finishing late on Friday and Saturday nights. Mondays and Tuesdays will be closed initially.

Daytimes will offer fresh delicious cabinet food and cakes, complemented by an extensive menu. Evening offerings will be platters and other light meals to share, accompanied by organic vegan wines and interesting craft beers as well as the usual hot and cold drinks. I look forward to two things - a) being open on time and b) seeing you there - oh and one more thing - having a little rest before we open. Bon Appetit Peeps  
From Barb the Boss

Almost done.....

Giving New Life - vege crates become  
cosy corners.







# Greetings to Oakura and Omata Communities

## Greetings Oakura and Omata communities

New courses to engage and inspire

In week 9 we introduced our 2019 curriculum to the community. A huge thanks to the staff for their passion and enthusiasm in this new innovative curriculum design.

The new curriculum allows the opportunity to put students at the centre of what we do and helps connect the curriculum to students' passions and interests. There is greater flexibility, which allows students to have a truly personalised learning pathway. The possibilities are exceptional.

Ok, so let's think about John... John loves science and always has; he wants to be a doctor (at least for the moment!). In his timetable below John is able to pick from a wide range of programs on offer that will keep his passion at the centre of what he does. Here are his options for Semester One:

JOHN'S TIMETABLE				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
LITERACY				Learning Advisory
NUMERACY				Widening of the Mind
BREAK				
STEAM MONDAY	INQUIRY	STEAM WEDNESDAY	INQUIRY	STEAM FRIDAY
LUNCH				
Learning Advisory	Active Movement	Clubs	Active Movement	Community Connect

What about Emily? She is passionate about the arts and loves being creative. Emily has chosen a pathway that keeps her thinking, designing and creating. Here is her timetable:

EMILYS TIMETABLE				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
LITERACY				Learning Advisory
NUMERACY				Widening of the Mind
BREAK				
STEAM MONDAY	INQUIRY	STEAM WEDNESDAY	INQUIRY	STEAM FRIDAY
LUNCH				
Learning Advisory	Active Movement	Clubs	Active Movement	Community Connect

This is only a small window into all the possibilities. We look forward to sharing our journey with you over the coming months. Feel free to visit the school by arranging an appointment or download the curriculum booklets via our school website.

*Martyn Knapton*  
(Acting Principal)

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## October

- 15 Term 4 begins
- 18 'Shake Out' Earthquake drill
- 22 Labour Day holiday
- 29 Y6 People Savers first aid course
- 30 Y5 People Savers first aid course

## November

- 7 Y1 and Y2 Ball Skills at Oakura School
- 8 Y3 and Y4 Ball Skills at Oakura School

## Digital Technology

You may have noticed that all students have been involved in learning digital technology, which is a newly created area of the NZ Curriculum. This is to teach students how digital technologies work (the computer science principles) and how they can then use that knowledge to solve problems and become creative innovators of digital solutions.

The algorithmic thinking required is mathematics as much as it is technology. Algorithmic thinking is a way of getting to a solution through the clear definition of the steps needed. From five, children learn to plot paths with obstacles and debug if there is a problem with their instructions. This can be done without computers or devices. With growing complexity, our year 7/8 students are now creating their own coding to create games and programme robotics. Teachers will be happy to share with you what they have been doing.

## Omata supports 'Taranaki Taku Tūrangā' - Predator Free Taranaki

Students from Omata School have been helping with the Taranaki Regional Council's initiative to become predator free by 2050. Some Year 7 and 8 students have been trapping in the school's large native bush area which is used as an outdoor classroom, and other Year 5 and 6 students are supporting the Taranaki Mounga project to monitor hours of live video footage from motion cameras set up in the Egmont National Park to identify predators. The school aims to work with the community to establish traps in the Omata area to provide a predator-free buffer zone between Omata and the Kaitake Ranges. Students being involved in this project is providing an authentic platform

to engage the students in a real conservation effort. There has been so much rich learning happening along the way and in the future the students will be helping the community to join them in this initiative.

Ngā mihi nui

**Karen Brisco**  
*Principal*





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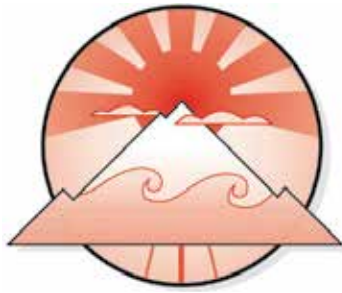


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# Oakura School

## Te Wheke – What's in a Name?

Students across our school have been working really hard on getting our 2018 production, 'Te Wheke – What's in a Name?' to stage. We are looking

forward to our performances during the last week of school.

Te Wheke, (the octopus), is the main character throughout our production. This character is based on a Māori health model which outlines a philosophy on how a person needs ten elements to maintain their personal health. Te Wheke leads our four main characters, who represent our school house colours, through learning about the origins of the house names.

A few years ago, Angus White, a student of our school, won a school competition to name our house colours. These were Patuha, named after the highest peak in the Kaitake Range; Koru, after Koru Pā; Matekai, after Matekai Park; and Wairau, after the stream that runs through Oakura.

More recently, we have been working with Keith Manukonga from Ngāti Tairi, our local hapū in Oakura. He has given us some more understanding about these local sites and the important history and significance of the four places.

We have learnt that Patuha was named by a chief, one of the first ones that arrived in the area in the first migration with Kupe. Patuha chose the highest peak and named it after himself as was the tradition of chiefs when they arrived in Aotearoa. Many people lived in the surrounds of the Kaitake Ranges and there were many great gardens and pa in the area. Ruhira Matekai (Lucy Stevens) and her husband had strong links to Patuha and Oakura.

We learnt about Koru Pā, and how it was a very predominant and busy pā in its time. It was named after Te Koru, who was a

great warrior princess who also arrived in the first migration with Kupe. Many people of Ngā Mahanga a Tairi lived in the area surrounding Koru Pa before it was taken by the warriors of Te Ātiawa in early tribal wars.

Matekai Park, matekai meaning starving, is a local site that students have strong links to. The creation of this reserve to protect the gold striped gecko is an important part of Oakura's recent history and emphasis on protecting our local environment. Wairau Stream was named by early Māori. Wai means water, and rau means leaves, so Wairau is the stream with leaves in it. The stream travels through Oakura to the beach.

As always, our production has been a huge collaboration of a number of people, with excellent support from our school community of which we are always very appreciative. Sarah Ashworth and Raeleen Luckin have been mentoring groups of students in writing the script, teaching choreography and drama skills. They have been busy working with the whole school to develop the performance. Sam Johnson has brought a musical flair to the production with live music and use of students' original sound recordings. Hailey Foster has spent the last few weeks working with our Year 8 art leaders to develop artworks to represent our house colours for the backdrop during the production. We also wish to thank the number of parents that have helped with costumes, moving staging, painting and constructing props. TSH Sound and Audio have sponsored the lighting and sound technics for our show with huge generosity, and we thank them for that. And last, but not least, our teachers and students, for their hard work practising the dances, dialogue and movement and the development of costumes and art for production.

## Coastal connections morning talk

Thursday 11 October NPOB Surf Club

Remember every Thursday from 11-12 you are welcome to pop in for a coffee and a chat.

The October guest speaker will be at NPOB Surf Club on Thursday 11 October.

Tea and coffee provided, bring your own mug if possible but not essential and a coin donation to the surf club if you choose.

Tracey Lusk 752 7875



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# Oakura Tennis

The tennis season is firing up again with some beautiful sunshine to dry the courts out and give us some longer daylight to enjoy an evening hit. The AGM was held on the 18th of September and saw most of the old guard remain with Graeme Mitchell as President,

Chris Ferguson as Treasurer and Jackie Keenan as Secretary and Craig Waite, Sue Oldfield, Roseanne Donovan and Becs Scott remaining as committee members. Anne Bridges is handing over the junior organising to Tash Lewis and new recruit to the committee, Lee Lash. The Ted Normington Trophy for services to the club went to Anne Bridges for her great organisational skills and work with grant applications, a great doer to have on any committee! Thanks Anne!

A junior's tennis muster was held on the 20th of September with the courts being packed with eager kids, and a big queue at the barbie for a sausage afterwards. Coach Jaime had all the kids hitting and enjoying themselves and everyone keen to get into coaching sessions and teams for competition for term four. Adults interclub tennis starts up late October so if you were missed off Jackie's phoning list or haven't received an email and are keen to play competition or just get back on court then give Jackie a call. The netting has been replaced around the courts thanks to a grant from TSB and Jeremy Pritt for installing.

Membership for the 2018/2019 season are due in October, email oakuratennis@gmail.com for a membership form.

Any queries contact Jackie 0276732900 or for coaching go to Blitz tennis website and book online or contact tash on tashlewis7@gmail.com.

Coach Jaime with juniors on open day

**Jackie Keenan Secretary 0276732900**

## Just in Time.....

A fantastic and fun programme of dance celebrating women and Suffrage 125 will be given by the Val Deakin Dance Theatre at the beginning of November. Entitled Just in Time, the programme will include parts of the wonderful dance work Steps in Time – created originally for the centennial of women's suffrage in New Zealand 25 years ago. Choreographed by Val Deakin it depicts the struggle by women to gain the vote, and a more equal place in New Zealand society. It also celebrated the pioneering work of four of the great women dancer/choreographers of the early modern dance movement – Loie Fuller, Isadora Duncan, Ruth St Denis and Martha Graham. They were not only pioneers in dance but also in the use of costume, stage lighting, ethnic dance and psychology in dance.

For her work for women and dance, Dance Theatre choreographer and director Val Deakin was awarded a Suffrage Centennial Medal from the Queen in 1993 – one of only 5 women in this area.

Also on the programme will be sections of Forever Bubbles. It was created as a celebration of New Zealand women in the 1920's, 30's and 40's who were confined to the home and domestic duties, and whose lives were brightened by the music and dance of the times - music that came to them via gramophones or the wireless (radio). It is also a look at how World War II impacted upon women with the influx of American GI's and the gifts they brought with them.

On the programme too will be a new abstract contemporary dance entitled NZers. Live music by guitarist Dominique Blatti will complete this exciting and celebratory programme.

Performances will be held at the Dance Theatre's premises, the Dance Centre, 306 St Aubyn Street. The tiered seating allows for all members of the audience to get a good view, and be close enough to be able to enjoy facial expressions of the performers.

Tickets for the programme are only \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$10 for children – enabling them to enjoy the works and also be educated as to the struggles for Women's Suffrage and the role of women in society.

Performances will be on: Friday Nov9 at 7:30 pm, Saturday Nov 10 at 3 pm and 7:30 pm, Sunday, Nov 11 at 3 pm. Tickets can be reserved by phoning 7527743 (after 9 am).





### Mens Division News

This years Shootout is progressing well with 33 members entered vying for the top 19 places to qualify for the shootout final..

Leading the table currently is Colin Webby with an aggregate of 121 points for his best 3 rounds.

Two members are tied for the

19th place cut-off : Derek Jones and Gary James both with 105 points aggregate. Only 3 rounds remain so those below the cut line will need to put in some good scores or they will be watching the final from the side-line. The final is scheduled for 13th October weather permitting.

The new local rule trial is proving a success with the majority of members enjoying the new spacing between groups and having less hold-ups during their round. Apart from a bit of a reshuffle of tee-off times the change has been smooth and accepted by most as a more pleasant way to play. The safety of members is the real bonus from the new rules and near-misses on the 2nd tee-box are hopefully now a thing of the past.

*Geoff Andrews Mens Club Captain*

### Womens Division News

Summer is coming. The days are getting longer and are definitely warmer. Now is a good time to get out on the golf course. Entries for the Kaitake Women's 72 Hole Matchplay Foursomes Tournament being held on 17th & 18th October, are starting to come in. This is a sought after event and we see women from near and far try their hand at the challenges of Kaitake. If you know of anyone interested we are happy to forward information and a registration form. Phone Denise in the office.

### 'Bring a Birdie'

Coming up later in October is the Taranaki Women's Golf 'Bring a Birdie' day this year being held at Urenui Golf Course. This is a time for new players to join with experienced players for 9 holes of Canadian Foursomes. This day is generously sponsored by The Nice Hotel. If anyone is interested please contact Kaitake Golf Club.

### 'Give Golf a Go'

If you are keen to give golf a go contact Andrea (0273587001) or Denise in the office and leave your details. We will arrange a few sessions in November to get you started. Summer is the best time to learn the game, meet likeminded friends and get out in the open for a bit of relaxation. Clubs and balls are available. 18 Hole results Tuesday/Thursday women have been playing Buttons. Winners this year were Trudy McEldowney and Sharleen Robinson with Robyn Robins and Mary Barrett runners-up.

A few other competitions to be completed so we will have to wait for more results.

*Andrea Jarrold Ladies One Club Captain*

### 9 Hole Update

Competitions are not far from being completed and very pleased to see some different players about to stand on the podium. Our group has been fielding some good numbers through the winter - making their pilgrimage through the school traffic from as far away as Mangorei Road and Glen Avon over the Waiwakaiho Bridge.

Tuesday competition gridders belong to Lorraine Parthemore for Stableford 5 and LGU 7, Coraleen Le Breton for Strokeplay 1 and Winter Medal 4 with Yvonne Hildred for Nettplay 1, Thursday haggler recipients go to :PAR - Jean Keegan 1st Div and Chrissy Warden 2nd Div, STABLEFORD - Angela Hitchman, NETT - Margaret Briscoe and Coraleen Le Breton. MEDLEY Marg Mills and Chrissy Warden.

Finally - leaving the biggest accolade to last - Club Champ Winners. It was fantastic to see a full field for both divisions leaving byes to an absolute minimum. Congratulations to all 4 finalists and as we know there can only be one winner. Incumbent title holder for 1st Division 1 is Margaret Mills. Opponent Raewyn Bishop being down by 3 at the 5th played the following 3 holes with determination to make it all square at the 9th. A tee shot through the green for Raewyn and some excellent putting from Margaret gave her the win. Margaret will go on to defend her Taranaki title in October when all the club finalists meet at New Plymouth GC to determine the 2018 TKI Champion.

Meanwhile following behind were our division 2 finalists Anne Murdoch and Kay Stachurski. With plenty of holes being halved it was hard to bet on which way the match would go. With 1 up and 1 to play Anne managed a super drive, one chip and 1 putt to take the title. Well done to all participants - next competition up for grabs is our Shootout on Tuesday October 16th followed by a shared lunch.

*Jo W-West*

### Hole In One

Another Hole in One – Well done to Roger Cloke. So far this year we have had 4 hole in ones. Lets make this year a record. Come on golfers you can do it.



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## Summers coming - Summer Membership – Come And Give It A Go!

1st November 2018 – 28th February 2019

We are offering a special Summer Membership of \$200 for this period. Summer will soon be upon us and we are running our summer membership again so take the opportunity and join Kaitake Golf Club.

Should you want to become a full time member, \$100 will be deducted from 2019 membership.

Phone the office for more information on all categories of membership or contact the Club Captains

Follow us on Facebook for more information or phone Denise in the office, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Phone 7525667

### Kaitake Golf Club Chippers

At last a sunny day for the Kaitake Chippers after several wet Sundays. Dominic Barson attended for his monthly coaching with the group. What fun they had. Dominic comes one Sunday each month courtesy of the Taranaki Golf Association and offers additional coaching.

October school holidays. Are you wondering what the kids could do? Well what about a game of golf. Each Tuesday of the holidays at 1.00pm, Chippers can come and play a few holes of golf. They will be supervised by club members. Parents / caregivers are welcome to stay.

New players are always very welcome. Chippers ages range from 5 – 12 years. Just bring them along with flat soled footwear, a hat and perhaps a drink. Clubs, balls and coaching are provided. It costs \$40 to join as a member for the year allowing the children access to the course at any time as long as they are under supervision.



Not long now before hopefully another fabulous summer is upon us, as I write it is a beautiful spring day – fingers crossed it lasts.

The 2018/19 season is slowly starting to kick in. Our lifeguards are getting refreshed to be ready for volunteer patrol

which starts Saturday 24 November and every Saturday and Sunday thereafter until Taranaki Anniversary Weekend, 11 March. The beach will be patrolled from 1-5pm. We are always looking for extra lifeguards, if you can help in anyway please contact us.

Our Club Open Night is Friday 2 November 4.30pm onwards. Call in register, get your subs paid, uniform, find out how you can get involved within the club and then relax on the deck. Junior surf will kick off with its first Sunday morning, 11 November at 10am.

This year again our Junior Surf Co-ordinator is Victoria Robinson, 021746656 and our Senior Surf Co-ordinator is also again Nicky Spicer, 0274718101. Both have WhatsApp groups running for the Oceans group and the senior group with communication of training schedules, times etc. If you aren't already included and wish to be so, please drop them a message to be added.

For those that are interested we have swimming sessions at the Aquatic Centre every Tuesday 6.30-7.30am for Seniors/Advanced Juniors, Thursday 6.30-7.30am for Seniors and assessed Juniors 10yrs and up and Sunday mornings 9.30-10.30am.

The cost is \$5 per session to be paid direct to our coach Corney Swanepoel, ex NZ Olympic Butterfly Champ. You can either pay per session directly to Corney or purchase a concession card. A great way to get fit for the upcoming lifeguard and surf season and to start building some great club spirit!!

Thank you to TSB Community Trust for the grant we received at the end of last season. Our new equipment is starting to trickle in ready for this season. Very exciting!

Labour Weekend, 21 October 1-6pm, in conjunction with Black Sand and Three Sisters Brewery we are jointly hosting a community focused and collaborative Three Sisters Brewery tasting experience. This will be a fun event, where locals and visitors get a chance to get together and enjoy what Oakura has to offer.

Enjoy the rest of spring, make the most of any skiing and winter sports that are still happening and then bring on summer!

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Gloria and Fernanda are very happy to work with you and offer assistance or alternative exercises to suit your individual needs. Come and give it a go and remember you only get out of it what you are willing to put in, and we will help that happen!

Wednesday and Fridays at 9.30am to 10.30am

\$5.00 per class

First class FREE

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Contact Gloria on mobile: 0272849111 or 067527442







### Opening Day

A sensational spring afternoon welcomed in the beginning of the Oakura Bowling Club 2018/2109 calendar. It was great to see a number of new members alongside the usual crowd enjoying the friendly banter around the green and later in the club rooms. As per club tradition, Roy Phillips (club patron) expertly delivered the first jack and Spud Andrews (Taranaki board member and Oakura old boy) deftly rolled down the opening bowl to start the season.

Big thanks to the green keeping team of Allan Bridgeman and Wayne Robinson for preparing the green, Andy Shearer and Bob Anderson for organising the refreshments and also to Rod Smith, Mike Vickers and Bruce Jackson in keeping the surrounds in superb condition over the winter break.

### Special Offer

The Oakura Bowling Club is offering all first-time bowlers a package deal with the offer of half priced membership fees for the initial year, club polo shirt, the use of new club bowls and coaching sessions. Contact Steve Muller – Match Convenor on 06 7574399 or 0211695863 for details.

### Tournaments

The Barry Agnew Pennants season is already under way where the newly promoted Oakura team will be facing off against some of Taranaki's best bowlers. Other October bowling action includes the start of the Avery Cup, Gilmour Shield and Saturday Shield interclub competitions. The club Championship Fours also begins on Sunday 7th October at 9.30 am.

### Bowls3Five

Bowls3Five is a new and exciting fast paced format of this great game. Bowls3Five aims to fit into busy lifestyles of those finding themselves short on time and those who are stepping up to accept the challenge of the shorter format. Oakura is entering a team in the Taranaki competition starting in November. Keep an eye on the TOM for further details.

### Bowls3Five LIVE!

This is the televised New Zealand league that is broadcast live on SKY Sport for six weeks from October 23 to November 28 2018. Make sure you tune in as if you like bowls you will love this game.

### Club

Building the social and community playing base is a key challenge for all bowling clubs. The Oakura Bowling Club will introduce two "Have-a-go days" bowls afternoons where the local community members can try this great game in a relaxed and friendly environment. Details of the afternoons will be confirmed in the next edition of the TOM.

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# Oakura Community What's On

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**Body Transformer:** 2 x ladies group sessions at 6pm every Tuesday & Thursday evening from my home studio in Koru Rd, Oakura. And 2 x 1 hour sessions at Oakura Hall 6am on Monday & Wednesdays. ph Joe on 021 110 1215

**Coffee and chat group:** Every Thursday from 11 October, 11am at NPOB Surf Club - locals catch up. Contact Tracey Lusk p. 752 7875,m. 027 636 8060

**Dancing in the Dark:** Every second Tuesday from 5th June, 7.15pm. A fitness, movement class open to all. Contact Glenys Farrant 027 753 0120.

**Fitness Training/Touch:** Thursday nights on back field at Oakura School 5.30 pm to 6.45ish. For all age groups - gold coin donation. Contact Lara Churchill - 0275922320

**Functional Crosstraining by Nakifit:** Saturdays 7.40am. Ph 021 297 5465 or nakifit@gmail.com

**Indoor Bowls:** Mondays 7.30pm at Oakura Hall. Contact Marvin Clough ph 7527531.

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

**Kaitake Netball Club** - Sundays 2pm at the Oakura School Tennis Courts. Contact Toni Peacock at thowison@hotmail.com or phone 021 661 912.

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

**Oakura Bowling and Social Club:** Bowling tournaments begin September through to April with both mid-week and weekend games. For information contact Steve Muller on 06 757 4399.

**Oakura Meditation Group:** - Mondays 8.10pm 37a Donnelly St, ph 0272037215, email kate@shineyoga.co.nz

**Oakura Playcentre:** 14 Donnelly St, Oakura. Sessions run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am-noon during school terms. Visitors welcome. Ph Kate Garner on 021-254 4769.

**Oakura Pony Club:** Contact Marlies Butland Delfos ph 0274595962.

**Oakura Pool Club:** Meets every Wednesday evening 7pm at Butlers Reef over winter. Phone Sheree 027 3444 723.

**Oakura Sunday School - St James church:** Every 2nd and 4th Sunday 10am. Contact stjamesoakura@gmail.com

**Oakura Tennis Club:** Thursday 9.15-10.15am Cardio Tennis with Blitz Tennis at Linda Street courts, members and non-members welcome. Contact Club Secretary Jackie Mitchell 027 673 2900.

**Oakura Yoga:** - Shine Yoga Studio, 37a Donnelly St, www.shineyoga.co.nz for days and times, ph 0272037215.

**Okato and District Historical Society:** Houses a large collection of local family histories and photos in the Okato Community Trust Hall, Cumming Street, Okato. Open to public every Wednesday 10 am to mid day or by appointment. Phone Anne Bolton 7524499 or Meg Cardiff 7524566.

**Okato Lions Club:** continues to have activities in Oakura, as well as Okato. Meet on the first Wednesday each month, except January, at the Hempton Hall, Okato at 7.00pm, and we do appreciate enquiries from people seeking membership or assistance for funding, projects etc. Contact John Hislop Ph 06 7579696

**Okato Squash:** Club nights on Mondays from 6.30pm, everyone welcome. Contact okatosquash1@gmail.com for further information.

**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.

**Omata Yoga:** Wednesday evenings 5.15 - 6.45pm and 6.45 - 8.15pm. Omata Community Hall \$15 per class casual rate, \$80 for 6 class sessions. Contact Annalisa Facer 027 444 8345

**Pickleball Oakura:** Come along and give Pickleball a go -its free!. Oakura Hall 29 and 30 September 2-4pm. Contact Elayne Kessler at ekesslernz@hotmail.com or ph 0279377173

**Probus Club:** Meets once month at Oakura Bowling club rooms on the 3rd Friday of every month at 10am - 11.30am. Contact Brenda Ryan ph 7511633.

**St James Church, Oakura:** Morning worship 10.00am, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

**Val Deakin Dance School:** Oakura Hall. and the Dance Centre in New Plymouth Phone 7527743 or email val@valdeakindance.org.nz

**Creating Connections Workshop:** Level One Creative Connections Workshop beginning October 22, happening in Oakura - 5 consecutive weeks. For more information contact : FB: CreativeConnectionsnz www.edelbaumlifecoach.com