

## Kaitake Kindergarten on Its way towards Healthy Heart Award



For the past two months the children and parents of Kaitake Kindergarten have been busy working together to earn this year's Healthy Heart Award. To earn this award children must document their daily activities and healthy eating plans, and send them to the Ministry of Health.

The Healthy Heart Award provides children with daily physical exercises, and encourages participation and active skills young children need. These games and the exercises Kaitake Kindy creates are perfect for children to take home and enjoy with the whole family. Some of the

*George Thurman and Samuel Salisbury with great determination during their sack race.*

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## from the TOM zone

Hi, I am Rosie Moyes and I would like to thank Kim for welcoming me onto the TOM team.

I have lived in beautiful Oakura for almost four years. Originally from Kent in the UK, I moved here with my husband, Bryan, and our three girls Abi, Lycia and Eleanor. Moving here has been an amazing experience for us all. The community is so welcoming and one that I am proud to be a part of.



I have always been a keen photographer and when I arrived in New Zealand I was inspired by Taranaki's natural beauty from the mountain to coastline. I enrolled fulltime into the Witt Certificate of Photography to take my hobby to the next level. My passion for photography has continued to grow and some say become an obsession!

I will be photographing the TOM Baby of the Month, and Garden of the Month (thanks to Fairfield Garden Centre and their kind donation of a \$10 voucher each month). This is something I will truly enjoy. I have already spotted daffodils out in some gardens; spring is just around the corner. So if you pass a garden and enjoy it, or know of a new baby, please feel free to contact me (contact details on page 2).

I look forward to meeting you all, and being able to add a little to this great community.

Rosie

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A highlight last month was Library Week (16–22 August). The theme for this year's Library Week was "Ask me — you might be surprised!" The Te Reo translation, "He taonga te patai", means "To ask is precious" and signifies the importance of teaching, listening and learning (excerpt from National Library Newsletter term 3, 2010).

To celebrate, New Zealand had its biggest storytime with all libraries reading *Mr Muggs the Library Cat* by Dave Gunson on Wednesday, 18 August. This picture book is particularly significant for our library because we, too, have a visiting black and white cat that likes to curl up on his favourite chair. Oakura School Rooms 1–4 delighted in the similarities.

In July I attended the Children's Librarian Conference in Rotorua and came back brimming with new ideas. Particularly enlightening was the teen panel that shared with us their hopes that as libraries modernise they will still retain the essence of what libraries are all about.

Despite the proliferation of vampire/werewolf young adult fiction, there is an emergence of well-written adventure, humour, fantasy, romance and action series. Many of these titles have appeal for adults as well. We carry the *Gone* series, *Mortal Instruments* trilogy, Percy Jackson's new series *The Red Pyramid*, *Spud*, *Hunger Games* to name a few.

Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week is 17–24 September. If you've missed the registration deadline to volunteer for the Taranaki campaign you can still contribute. Everyone can help keep Taranaki beautiful. We carry a host of books and magazines providing practical ideas for sustainable living in New Zealand, including: *Living Green: The New Zealand Handbook*, *Good Magazine*, *Domestic Goddess*, and many more.

Please support your local library,  
Thank you,

Karen and Vincenza

## Hi folks!

The election campaigns of those who want a place around New Plymouth District Council's table are well underway! Now it's up to us to find out more about the people who have put their names forward. Watch out for advertising of Meet the Candidates meetings, and pop along to hear those people who want to be your local government representatives. And to all of you who decided to stand for election: Well done! It's great to have so many people who are willing to give their time and energy toward making a difference in their community.

In a little over a fortnight, voting papers will be delivered to those on the electoral roll — so keep an eye on your letterboxes! You can vote anytime from when you get your voting papers until midday on Saturday, 9 October (election day). Be sure to vote, and have your say on who represents you for the next three years!

Meanwhile it's great to see the Linda Street tennis courts getting a much needed spruce-up. The wire perimeter fence has been replaced and the cracks on the court should have been sealed by now (although with the rain we've been having, this may have been delayed a bit).

Thank you to those in the community who have worked to bring the issue of the courts' safety and useability to the attention of the Council. I'm very glad that we were able to reach a solution within a tight budget and bring this public facility up to a safe standard. I'm looking forward to seeing the courts well used as we step ever nearer to summer!

Also, well done to everyone who has put their hand up to be a Community Champion. These wonderful folk are helping keep residential blocks or local public spaces free of litter and glass, and are reporting any graffiti or damage they see.

It's never too late to join! If you're interested in helping out, contact us on 06-759 6060 or [enquiries@npdc.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@npdc.govt.nz) and we'll send you some information.

And remember that if you have an idea for a project that you think the Council could help with, ring me on 06-759 6100 — I'd love to hear from you!

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## kaitake community board

The TOM profiles four of the five candidates standing for election on the Kaitake Community Board and aren't we fortunate to have such a strong community base that people willingly give up their time to help see to the needs of the wider community. Take the time to read all the information about these candidates and also carefully consider who you are going to vote for as Mayor and councillors. TOM has a wide cross section of people profiling themselves throughout the pages of this issue so hopefully it helps you make an informed decision.

### Doug Hislop

I am a longtime resident of Oakura.

Peta, my wife, teaches at Oakura School and I am the editor of the national education magazine — Education Today.

I have served two terms on the Kaitake Community Board, originally getting involved because of my concern that there was no long-term strategy for sustainable management of our area's natural and physical resources, putting at real risk the very things that provide such a great lifestyle, and brought us all here in the first place. Forward planning is far wiser than retrospective actions to 'close the stable door after the horse has bolted'.

There are many issues for our community. Population growth, increasing rateable property values, and major changes in the rural/urban interface mean a continuing focus on infrastructure e.g. the roading network, water supply, stormwater and wastewater management, rubbish collection, parks and open spaces, cemeteries, coastal access and protection. We also have a burgeoning number of young families and an expanding older group whose lifestyle needs and choices differ considerably.

To protect and enhance all community values every issue must be considered carefully. Therefore the elected team must demonstrate critical judgement by constantly testing out whether this (or that) is a sensible course of action, or opportunity, for the community (or not). This makes our neighbourhood networks and breadth of local government understanding so important.

I think my representation has been and, if elected, will remain underpinned by my common sense, broad skill-set, community vision and fair-minded approach to all issues.

### Mike Pillette

I have lived in Oakura since 1980 when my wife Lynn and I built our house. Our four children were all educated at Oakura School where I taught for two years during the early 1980s. I have enjoyed a teaching career spanning 33 years during which I have been a classroom teacher, deputy principal and principal. I have also worked for Massey University as a mathematics curriculum adviser. I am currently Deputy Principal at Fitzroy Primary School.

If elected this time around it will be my second term on the Kaitake Community Board (KCB). The previous term was like a 'baptism of fire' for me with major issues such as the sewerage scheme to deal with. The processes and compliances that the KCB and the New Plymouth District Council have to contend with are complicated to say the least, but my personal belief is that the KCB did an excellent job during what was a particularly trying period.

I am all for the preservation of our beach and rural surrounds. I am not against development and progress (that is inevitable) but I am keen to see it happen in a carefully planned and sensible way keeping in mind structure plans that are already in place. Any future developments have to be for the benefit of the whole

community. Oakura is a desirable place to live; I am keen to keep it that way now and for future generations.

### Teresa Goodin

I am 32 years old. I was born and educated in Taranaki. I recently became a mother and returned to coastal Taranaki after spending 12 years studying and working in Whanganui. I have exhibited my artwork for 10 years and I have a degree and a postgraduate qualification in Art and Design.

My extensive community work includes the organisation of events and projects in the realms of the creative, environmental and heritage sectors. I am experienced in promotion, marketing and fundraising. I have worked in local government and held key positions in a number of community organisations.

I have chosen to live in the Okato area because I believe it is entering an exciting phase in its development and history, with a growing population and the recent establishment of exciting new enterprises including a bustling café, natural health clinic and organic shop.

I think it is important that someone represents Okato on the Kaitake Community Board. I feel it would also be beneficial for either a young person or a woman to join the Board. With my background I believe I can offer a different perspective around the table.

I am keen to get involved and make a positive contribution. I wish to advocate for Okato and serve the wider Kaitake community, contributing to the building of a resilient, connected, vibrant, healthy and happy community; a bright future for our children to inherit.

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### Keith Plummer

I have been on the KCB for the past two terms and feel I can provide continuity on key issues that have been worked on over the past few years. During this time I have come to see that there can be a definite and positive influence on council decisions that affect those of us that live outside the city of New Plymouth. My role has mainly been (hopefully continues) to be of support to the chairperson who has worked hard through a busy three years on projects that include the coastal strategy, Oakura structure plan, and more recently the sewerage scheme for Oakura. Okato is also a place set to grow in the future through younger families moving in - providing a revitalisation of rural areas attracted by more affordable housing and good community facilities - local representation is a must.

Apart from the community board I work as a tutor at the Pacific International Hotel School (Bell Block), keep a few bees and teach yoga at the local hall which keeps me in touch with hall users and the issues surrounding community assets outside of the city.

I have lived at Weld road on the family seven acres (3.4ha) for nearly 30 years so am obviously keeping an eye on the councils current rural land review.

I am interested in how communities (through council) work on the maintenance of facilities and opportunities in a long term sustainable way.

### Al Rawlinson

It's that time again for everybody to vote in all the local elections. I've just completed my first term on the Kaitake Community Board and there has been a number of challenges. I feel we have stood up to the task and made a positive difference. Doug Hislop, Keith Plummer, Mike Pillette and myself are all standing again this time with Teresa Goodin from Okato also in the mix. It is important for you to vote for and support our area and of course may the best candidates win!

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## Meeting the needs of young New Zealanders

Last year I wrote a column in this paper to say that the National-led Government was looking in a new way at trade training, with the intention of setting up at least five Trades Academies during the next three years to ensure more students can find what they are good at and turn their talents into a career.

National recognises that many young people are more comfortable taking an engine apart than studying the classics in English literature, and every student deserves an education system that works for them, meets their needs, and helps them realise their potential. The success of our young people, the strength of our communities, and the health of our economy rely on it.

National has announced that nine Trades Academies will open next year to provide trades and technology programmes for more than 800 secondary school students.

These Academies are partnerships between schools, tertiary institutions, industry training organisations, and employers. They are aimed at young people who are ready to move beyond school but who still want to study, learn practical skills and gain workplace experience. In 2011 Taranaki will have a Primary Industries Trade Academy, delivered through Taratahi Training Centre, focussing on delivering National Certificate Level 2 in Agriculture. In 2012 a further Trades Academy is scheduled to open in Taranaki, based around engineering.

Each new Trades Academy will provide 16 and 17 year olds with an opportunity to learn, free of charge, from a range of vocational programmes such as agriculture, mechanics and hospitality. Students will remain enrolled at their secondary school but they may study somewhere else, like a workplace or polytechnic, for some or all of the term.

This is an innovative and flexible approach to education that will keep more young people engaged in learning for longer. It's also another example of National delivering on our promise to help lift the achievement of young people in education and training, through our Youth Guarantee programme.

This year's Budget provided an extra \$48 million to boost Youth Guarantee places from 2000 to 2500.

The Youth Guarantee is just one of the steps we're taking to lift achievement across our education system. Currently, one in five students leaves school without the basic skills they need to succeed in a modern economy. Lifting achievement is vital if we are to turn things around for these teenagers.

National is working hard to help all young New Zealanders get the work experience, training and education they need. Our new Trades Academies will provide a flexible, student-focussed approach and will help more 16 and 17 year olds stay engaged in education, realise their potential, and contribute to the success of their communities.

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## cover story Kaitake Kindergarten on its way to Healthy Heart Award

exciting obstacle courses involve big jumps from hoop to hoop, walking across a balancing plank, jumping up and down like a wriggly worm, and then at the end of all that excitement the kids aim high and shoot a basketball through the hoop. Other activities include the rainbow-coloured sack race.

With active living, healthy eating is sure to follow. The Ministry of Health has provided a large colourful booklet on healthy eating from lunchtime snacks to dinners; for children to look at and read and for parents to make use of.

The children of Kaitake Kindergarten will be presented with their award in the next two months.

*Photos and story by Rebecca Cowley*



*Healthy Eating: Lily Fergus and Jesse Wickham enjoy their snacks outside in the shade.*



*Left: Yummy Homemade Lunch: Demi Hudson and Ruby Newton. Some of the yummy, healthy snacks children bring to Kindy are sushi, vegetable wraps and olives. The creative food children make during Kindy includes pikelets and soup.*



*Great Work (left to right): Cole Smither-Pilcher, George Thurman, Ben Frost, Samuel Salisbury, Bridgett Corbett.*



*Lots of fun and learning during the sack races: falling over and getting up again.*



*Ready, Spaghetti, Go: And they're off! Kaitake Kindy children during their sack race. Children exercise to gain the Healthy Heart Award.*

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# Conscious Living Short Cuts for Families

My name is C Grace Lewis and I have written a book called *Conscious Living Short Cuts for Families*. It is a book for all ages containing simple, fun ideas that support living with greater awareness. When we practise greater awareness, we strengthen our conscious community.

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When these things are added it makes the connections we have in our lives stronger and more meaningful. Our families learn how giving and receiving can be amplified with awareness. And, of course, what goes around comes around so strengthening our connections benefits us as well.

You can use "May you receive abundance" with other things also. It could be a heartfelt wish for happiness for your child or food for flood victims. To accompany my intention I add "This or something better for the greatest good of all" because sometimes 'abundance' might not be in the best interests of the recipient. Follow your intuition as to what feels appropriate. There is no right or wrong way to practice this.

While our everyday lives are so busy, short, simple things can make a big difference. Next time you open your wallet, try adding "May you receive abundance". It is easy, fun and supports conscious connections and our conscious community.

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**Tutta la Vita Davanti** (*Her Whole Life Ahead*) takes an educated young woman and puts her in the hothouse of a call centre—a world of fanatical selling, corporate jingles and motivational dances. This comedy is about “permatemps”; that’s temporary workers who effectively do the job of a permanent worker, but can be fired anytime and have no benefits at all. You will be taken through the odyssey of Marta, a young graduate in philosophy who cannot find any job related to her studies, so to keep herself alive she has to take a temporary job as a telephone-marketer. She enters an inferno...

*Comedy. 1h 57min. M. Contains violence, offensive language, drug use and sex scenes. Italy, Italian with English subtitles.*



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## Coastal Karate Group News

Osse people on the coast, just a note to let you know what's been happening lately with the Coastal Karate Group.

We have had a pretty good year to date; not too many injuries and a lot of hard training.

We have been fortunate to have had three of our members picked to represent our country at the Australasian Championships, held in Perth and Brisbane. Sempei Dominic Cooksley-Gruys (2nd dan), Sempei Connor Anderson (2nd dan), and Sempei Manu Akioka (1st dan) of Oakura Dojo competed in March and July with outstanding results, all returning home with medals and trophies.

Then in August we took a team of students to Turangi for the NZ National Championships with great results. All students from Coastal Karate won or were placed in their events. Sempeis Connor Hoskin, Jurnee Corrigan, Victory Peebles and Rhys Vickers competed in the Black Belt Division for the first time, all placing in the top three. Connor Anderson and Manu Akioka won their divisions.

It is inspiring for the other students to have so many champions to train with and to set goals towards becoming NZ's next champion, and believe me, we have many promising students in the four dojos to do it.

Recently Shihan Takahashi (8th Dan) visited our region for a training/grading seminar. Sensei Takahashi is a professor of physical education at Ayoma University in Japan and head of our organisation, so everyone's nerves were on edge at the seminar. For the senior students it was not such a big thing, many having trained and graded under Shihan Takahashi before, but for the new students the look of fear and nervousness showed in their eyes.

After three and a half hours of training the students were graded, and all passed —what a big relief for me, but I try never to show it for I am more nervous for them than they are for themselves.

After the grading a few of our first time grading students were asked what they thought about the seminar. These are some of their replies:

Matt Hooker (9 years), fourth grading: "It was the first time we have graded in this dojo (Okato). I enjoyed it all."

Morgan K. Tenana (12 years), first grading: "It was scary at first but it got better." Corbyn Sole (9 years): "I was nervous and excited, at the end I felt happy and proud."

Mason Jones (9 years), fourth grading: "It was longer than other gradings. We saw the instructor work with the brown and black belts. It was fun; the best part was doing the techniques with the bungy cords to add resistance to the technique."

Kian Abbott-Butler (9 years), first grading: "I liked it, it was cool. The instructor looked like the guy off Kung Fu Panda teaching the kids."

Richard Butler, first grading: "It was fun watching the instructor doing the moves."

Many different views and I hope Sensei Takahashi does not take offence to Kian's statement for my sake because he will take it

out on me not Kian. He looks nothing like a raccoon.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sempeis Connor Anderson and Ingrid van Amsterdam on passing their Ni Dan (2nd dan) gradings, a true testament to the length of time training in this martial art. Also to Megan Vickers, Jurnee Corrigan and Victory Peebles on passing their Black Belt (Shodan) grades. It all comes down to time and effort. Also to Nicci Hooker of Okato Dojo for setting up and keeping the students well behaved for the grading, not an easy task.

Well, with the rugby season over I'll miss seeing the kids come running into training straight from footy practice, muddy feet, sweaty hair, but keen to train. It is good to see the country in the kids. So if you are bored in the evenings, take an hour out of your boredom and come along to training. You might find it really is fun, just like the students said. There is nothing more pleasing than having adult



*Dom Cooksley-Gruys.*



*August grading with Connor Hoskin, Rhys Vickers, Connor Anderson.*



*Bailey Hooson.*



students come up to me at the end of class and say, "Thank you, that's just what I needed. I've had a hell of a day at work — I feel much better."

Training is truly a good way of relieving stress, so don't be shy. It may work for you and if it doesn't at least you can say you gave it a go. Feel free to try it, the first month is free. We train on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Oakura Hall, Mondays and Wednesdays at Omata, Okato and Opunake, or contact me at home on 06-752 7337. I will be waiting by the phone.

*Sensei Jim Hoskin, 3rd Dan*

P.S. Connor Anderson and Manu Akioka now hold the Queensland State titles in kumite (free fighting) and kata (patterns and forms). The Aussies will be a little peeved with that. Well done guys.

## Oakura Pony Club

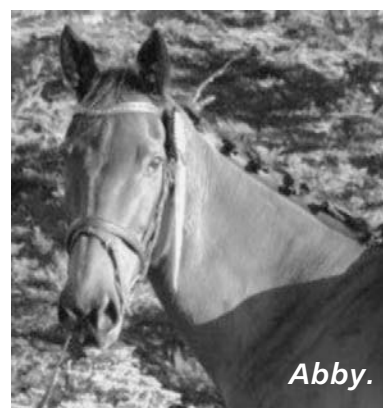
Oakura Pony Club has just finished its off-season, holding its opening rally on Saturday, 11 September. On 25 September we are holding our Oakura Jumping Day, which is our major fundraiser for the year, the proceeds of which pay for the upkeep of our shed, arena and grounds. So, while there's no real news, we thought we would entertain with a few mini-profiles about some of the ponies and horses that are a part of our Club in Oakura.

*Starshie* is a 5 year old light bay mare, and she is 14.1hh tall. She has a very cute personality, loves attention and cuddles and can be quite cheeky!! Starshie just went to pony club rallies and did a wee bit of farm hacking before moving to Oakura. Molly is planning to get really good on her and go to some A & P shows this year. Molly loves Starshie and thinks she is the best pony ever.



*Starshie.*

*Abby* (show name: Abby Caddabby) is a 6 year old, 16hh bay mare. Abby came to Oakura last year from the Waikato, where her owner used her as a farm horse and, because she was such a good keen jumper, she also took her to a few hunts. Now in Oakura she is learning dressage so she can be an eventer. Abby loves her food, and if the grass is greener on the other side of the fence she just jumps it, so she has extra-high fences to keep her contained! Abby is still young and can get upset by scary things, like the merry-go-round at Stratford A & P last year.



*Abby.*

*Sexy B* is a 15 year old, 15.3hh gelding. Sexy B is a seasoned eventer and is usually so relaxed

that he doesn't need his fence to be electrified. Last week though when his paddock mate Ziggy went out for a ride with his owner, Sexy jumped over three fences and tried to catch up with them, galloping down Surrey Hill Road! Bronte ran after him, cornered him and he jumped back into his own land. By the time she got back there he was happily grazing back in his own paddock like nothing had happened!



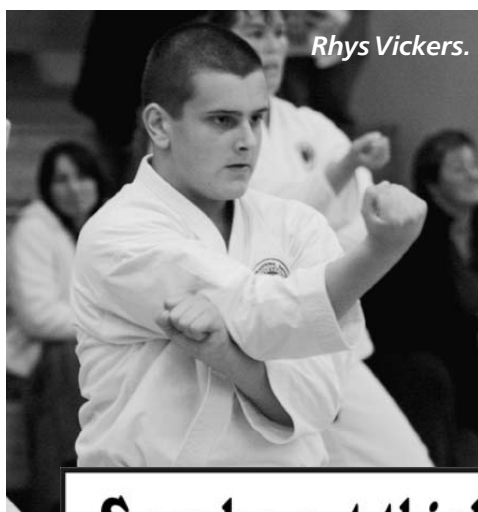
*Sexy B.*

*Ziggy* (show name: Ziginti) is a 10 year old, 15.2hh chestnut gelding. Ziggy is usually a calm and relaxed horse, but when he was out with his rider a few months ago he got a fright and flipped over the top of the Hinton's farm gate, crushing it (neither horse nor rider suffered injury)!



*Ziggy.*

*Diane Alder*



*Rhys Vickers.*

## So why not think on this?

The council has had all that they wanted, of a lot of things they had - and a lot more than they needed - of some things that turned out bad.

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But I won't spend unwisely, on those many things so grand, - and much less on those wants, that you would reject out of hand.

I won't squander all your money, and much more than you have - on ostentatious projects that will surely turn out bad.

Now the time has come around again for you good folks out there - to eject some of those reckless councillors who frankly do not care.

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# World Rankings for the Sarten Sisters

Nicole and Hannah Sarten have once again had a very successful year in their chosen sport of BMX bike racing.

At the end of July the Sarten family headed to Petermaritzburg, South Africa to compete in the UCI BMX World Championships and both Nicole and Hannah came home with trophies: Nicole with a first placing in the 24" cruiser class and fourth in the 17-45 year age group for the 20" class. Hannah placed second in the 24" cruiser and seventh in the 14 year girls age group for the 20" class.



*Nicole on left and Hannah on the right.*

These fabulous results top off a top season for the girls with Nicole holding NZ No. 2 in the 17-29 year age group in both the 20" and 24" class and Hannah retaining her NZ No.1 crown for the sixth time in the 14 year girls class. Prior to Nationals Nicole competed at the North Island Champs and finished first in the 20" class and first in the Elite Women Cruiser class. Hannah has finished first in the 14 year girls.

Petermaritzburg was an eventful trip for Hannah as she was literally knocked out of the 20" class race and out of medal contention in the opening seconds of the final by a fellow competitor. Much to Hannah's credit she picked herself and her bike up and finished the race. Nicole says she "screwed up" the second jump in her 20" class final and also finished outside the medals.

Nicole says she hasn't mastered the art of jumps yet, and as she has only been competing three years this isn't surprising. What is surprising is that the jumps can be up to 13 metres long and you can reach speeds of up to 85 kilometres an hour (heart attack material, I say!).

The girls practice every night of the week either doing road sprints, track work or gym work. Nicole has a high performance training coach working with her and Hannah has a personal trainer helping with fitness and core strength.

The sisters say they love competing against each other and it seems this happens every time they get on their bikes. Older sister Nicole says she has to keep sharp to keep ahead of Hannah and doesn't plan for Hannah to beat her anytime soon. It seems Nicole is still a tiny bit miffed about the 40 year plus women beating her at the Worlds too so that is something else to work on!

The next World Champs will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, followed by England in Olympic year 2012, then Auckland in 2013, which will be a first for New Zealand. Nicole hopes to compete in the Elite Women's races and Hannah has set her sights on competing in the Junior Elite Women's races with a further goal of competing in the Olympics in 2016.

*by Kim Ferens*

# Kaitake Golf Club News and Events

## Ritchie Hits Official Course Record

Congratulations to Euan Ritchie who shot a course record on Saturday, 21 August. Euan scorched around the course in just 63 and while he is not the first to do so it is believed he is the first to meet the necessary criteria to have it officially recorded. To be recognised as an official record the Club has to be playing the 'play the lie' rule and there must not be any temporary tees or greens in place. This is an absolutely awesome round of golf and Euan is no doubt very proud of his achievement. I am sure there is plenty more of this sort of golf to come from him.



*Euan Ritchie.*

Also mentioned in this month's TOM is the great news that local lady and golfing widow, Glenys Farrant, has got Kaitake Golf Club to join forces with A1 homes and created a Golf Day to help raise funds for the Taranaki Wanderers Cricket Club England Youth tour in 2011. The July TOM highlighted four Oakura lads who have made the team and will be representing our community. We at the Club wish them well in their endeavours. This charity Golf Day event is going to be held annually and Kaitake Golf Club is very proud to be associated with A1 homes in helping raise funds for worthy causes within the community. We see it as one way of giving back to the locals who support our Club.

The Club's season is now at the business end as the Club Championships get into full swing. The men have completed their Stroke Play and entered into the Match Play. There were some interesting results in the Stroke Play with each division going down to the wire.

Stephen Ruddlesden took out the Limit division with Ralph Ellicock finishing second. Stephen is new to the Club and is living proof that time on the course pays dividends.

The Junior Stroke Play was fought out by a couple of Kaitake's stalwarts in Marinus Quintus and Roy Spence, with Marinus getting home by three shots.

Our illustrious greenkeeper, Dominic Squatriti, won the Intermediate in what was his first attempt and Frank Regan was runner-up.

The Senior Stroke Play Champion for 2010 is Robbie Sim, who withstood a late challenge from the charging Euan Ritchie. Two course records next year should do the trick, Euan!

The Foreman Trophy for the best net in each division was run concurrently with the Stroke Play. The winners for this event were: Senior, Roger Cloke; Intermediate, Frank Regan; Junior, Barry Davies; and Limit, Stephen Ruddlesden.

Both the midweek and weekend ladies begin their Club Champs in the near future. We await the results with keen interest.

Once again congratulations to Euan for his fantastic round and a big welcome to A1 homes.

Until next month, Happy Golfing.

*Ross Benton*

## Golf and Cricket Go Hand in Hand for Charity — The Ambrose Golf Day



Dan from A1homes Taranaki and Ross Benton from Kaitake Golf Club.

Kaitake Golf Club and A1homes Taranaki have combined forces to help raise funds for charity. Local woman, Glenys Farrant, has been the driving force in getting this not-for-profit community fundraiser off the ground following a suggestion by Roger Cloke from the Kaitake Golf Club. In the July issue of TOM—Oakura we brought you the story of four local cricketers going off to England as part of the Wanderers Tour in 2011. Fundraising is a way of life for Glenys, and her efforts to help the boys has initiated the birth of this golf charity event. This year the profits from the charity golf event, held over the weekend of September 12 at Kaitake Golf Course, go towards the boys' trip.

A1homes Taranaki provided administrative support and utilised marketing opportunities to promote the golf day. They will present the Wanderers with a cheque and Kaitake Golf Club has generously provided the course free of charge for the day.

Dan Jensen, Managing Director of A1homes Taranaki, said, "When Glenys approached us with the proposal we saw it as a great opportunity to get behind the local community and support these young guys to give it their best shot."

Next year another not-for-profit family community group can utilise this great local asset to raise funds. Groups will be invited to apply to run the event and a recipient will be chosen by a nominated member of Kaitake Golf Club, the Managing Director of A1homes Taranaki, and Glenys Farrant. Contact Glenys on 027-7530120 for more details.

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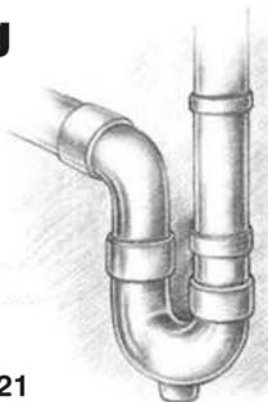
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## CPR Training with New Plymouth Old Boys Surf Life Saving Club

CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training should be refreshed every 12 months and is a vital lifesaving tool. New Plymouth Old Boys Surf Life Saving Club (NPOB) members are offering their lifesaving skills for peace of mind within the family and within the workplace.

"There are group bookings and one-on-one spots available. With the perfect location, equipment and experience to ensure your workers are the safest they can be in your workplace," Louise Stevens, Funding Coordinator of NPOB, explains.

One of NPOB's duties is to keep the community safe and they are now able to offer instruction in the following emergency training courses:

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Manage Emergency Situations/AED Training 6402, 6401, 6400, 254111

First Responder 14470, 14471, 14472, 14473

Workplace Assessment 4098

Tips for learning CPR have changed since the 1980s so please, if you think you need to brush up on skills, take part in this wonderful opportunity to save a life!

by Rebecca Cowley

## Not your ordinary fundraiser

This is an event you will not want to miss, according to Louise Stevens, Event Organiser. So open your diaries and put pen to paper...

New Plymouth Old Boys Surf Life Saving Club (NPOB) with House of Travel and The Lantern Trust present a one-of-a-kind celebrity boxing fundraising event on 9 October 2010 at the TSB Stadium.

The starting line up includes, "... Frank Bunce, Hamish McKay and Jim Hickey. On top of our wonderful line up of celebrity guests we also have Holden vs Ford, Jimmy The Grocer, Fire Department vs Police, plus so much more — but of course I'm not going to give away the night's secret!" an excited Louise Stevens explains. With so many fundraising events occurring why should the public indulge in this?

WOW... where to start... there are various options for tickets available. There are fantastic high-end ticket items being auctioned and big names and big acts coming. It was time to raise the stakes of fundraising with the help of big sponsors. The profits go towards keeping NPOB and The Lantern Trust (for families of children with special needs) serving our community.

Complete luxury is also lined up... There will be a World Rowing Package on auction, a Spa and Pamper Weekend in Auckland at Hotel De Brett, and nationwide event tickets up for grabs.

So with all of this excitement happening under one roof, where do we buy our tickets from and how much are they? Tickets are \$35 from House of Travel, Benny's Book Shop, and Butlers Bar and Café.

Doors open at 7pm, it would be great to see everyone there. It's going to be an amazing night that's for sure!

by Rebecca Cowley

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# Oakura Boardriders

Our AGM, which was held on Wednesday 25 August, was a most successful evening. It brought together many young and not so young members of our surfing community, and although it would have been great to have had more female representation, it was a relaxing and convivial affair. All helped, of course, by an open bar and a delicious supper of hot roast beef sandwiches, barbecued prawns and oil drizzled jacket potatoes!

The annual report given by our president of the last few years, Paul Christophers (who was re-elected for another 12 months), reflected on another busy year with the highlights being our Club Champs, coaching courses for junior members, and of course having our hero, Paige, and the rest of the Dream Team captivating us with their surfing prowess in Taranaki waters. I hear from Mike (Paige's dad) that the organising wheels are already in motion for next year's Women's Festival of Surfing. We, as a Club, are proud to be involved again and I quote from Paul's report, "I am sure it will be a huge success, despite some grumblings from a dissatisfied minority."

Following the presidential and financial reports was the election of the committee. While the key players didn't change from last year some longstanding committee members stood down for some new and younger ones to take their places. So the committee members are as follows:

President:	Paul Christophers.
Secretary:	Paul Lobb.
Treasurers:	Brent and Jan Anderson.
Other members:	Gary Bruckner, Phil Butt, Brian Clark, Bryan Goodhue, Mike Hareb, Glen Johns, Wade Lobb, Stu McKinnon, Ben Plummer, Adam Thame, Fiona Turner.

We all look forward to another action-packed year with the first item on the agenda of our next committee meeting being whether or not we purchase our clubrooms from the Council at a very nominal rate. I will keep you in touch with this development.

Over supper it was fitting that a group of us reminisced about a wonderful ex-member of our Club who has recently died. Don Shaw, who once ran a bakery in Oakura, always used to provide the food for our AGMs as well as for many of our Club competitions. He really embraced that community spirit and although I didn't know him well his enthusiasm, warmth and willingness to help out whenever he could stands out in my memory of him. He was always there to help Murray Laird set up the school cross-country and the local kids (young and old!) knew that if they hung around the bakery at the end of the day Don would be there handing out doughnuts and pies that hadn't been sold. Indeed Murray tells me that Don was an incredibly generous soul who had the capacity to get on well with anyone and everyone, and towards the end of his life he showed real courage and humility. Our love and condolences go to his wife Glynn, his daughter Talia, his son Nathan, his granddaughter and his extended family.

Paige is, at the time of writing this, waiting to compete in the third round of a World Qualifying Series (WQS) competition in Spain. She is hoping for a good placing in this event, as she didn't do so well in her last two WQS competitions. However Paige has the ability, both physically and mentally, to rise above any disappointments so I'm sure that that will not be a problem. From Spain she flies to Tahiti for a photo shoot with her sponsor, Billabong, at one of her favourite breaks, Teahupoo. Her next CWT (World Tour) event is in Portugal in early October but we



*Glen Johns tucking into a barrel at Oakura Beach.*

hope she is able to spend some time during the month of September at home here in Oakura.

It was exciting to read of Paige's inclusion in the New Zealand team to compete in the world surfing games to be held at Punta Hermosa, Lima, Peru from October 19–27. No doubt with Paige in the team they will be able to improve on last year's eleventh overall placing.

On the local scene the Ocean and Earth Teenage Rampage Junior Surfing Series kicked off on Saturday, 7 August at Arawhata Road. The series is being run over two events and open to teenagers throughout the North Island. The competitors were greeted with strong, cold, offshore winds straight off snow-covered Mt Taranaki with a contestable 3–4 foot swell! Unfortunately I'm not sure if any of our Club members apart from Eloise Stevens competed. Eloise was placed fourth in the final of the Under 16 Girls, which was a fabulous result. The next comp is on Friday, 10 September.

The friendly rivalry between our Club and the New Plymouth one continues out of the water with the introduction of a quiz night challenge held on Saturday, 21 August. We entered a team and were beaten into second place by only one point. Paul Christophers, who was on the very capable team, reckoned it was rigged in order to get us back next year! Or maybe it was in retaliation for us winning the cricket again!

Don't forget our clubrooms are available for hire. Phone Paul on 06-7527 126 or 027-4065 654.

*Philippa Butt*



*Ethan Brown getting some advice before hitting the waves. Oakura School surfing lessons.*

# Ten Million... and 30 Girl Guides!

On August 5, two leaders and 28 girls were enrolled into Girl Guiding at the Oakura unit. I hope we created the right mix of ceremony and fun with each person coming forward to make the Promise and being presented with a sash, first badges and flower before joining the circle. A great turnout of parents and friends made the occasion even more special.

The Pippins pictured plus others present put their names on the unit's Pippin Tree and received their sash and first badges. The Brownies said the Guide Promise and made the Guide sign with three fingers, which represent the promise to their God, promise to their country and other people, and promise to keep the Guide Law. Brownies also received their first badges including a metal promise badge and a sash onto which they will collect badges they've earned with the unit and at home. Thank you to Transfield Worley Services for their generous donation towards starting up the unit. We have already bought the ceremonial mirror, which the girls decorated with mosaic tiles and wooden resource boxes that the Brownies have painted.

So far this term we have sewn ditty bags, baked cookies, started the Band Aid 'n' Bee Stings badge and we're due to visit the hospital where we can role play getting help and practise our first aid. The girls had fun at a recent picnic with the Pippins and Brownies from the Westtown unit.

We have also learned some things about the 10 million other Girl Guides in 145 countries around the world with all the wonderful different uniforms they wear.

Catherine Cave



Pippin Ava Hill.



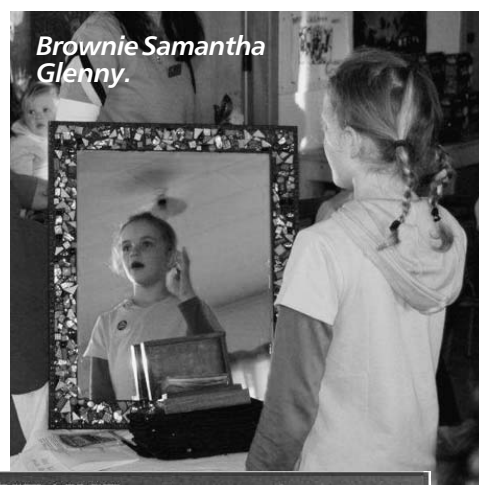
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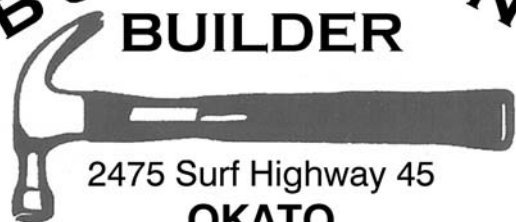
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LA Homes is a building partnership run by Kurt Lines and Rob Aim, local Oakura builders.

Kurt has lived and owned property in Oakura for years but at present resides in New Plymouth with his partner Danelle, and children, Conner (2 years) and Courtney (1 month). Rob has lived in Oakura for six years after returning from Australia with partner Jo, and sons, Tom (12 years), Ben and Jack (10 years), and Charlie (2 years). Both Rob and Kurt have been building since starting their apprenticeships at 15 years of age. Kurt and Rob still enjoy building and are both on the tools making sure all work is to the professional standard they have set themselves.

The boys have expanded their business by employing a carpenter plus two apprentices who are due to complete their apprenticeships in 12 months. In recent weeks LA Homes has also employed a local boy, Kyja Street (TOM featured Kyja last year following his rugby league success).

Kurt and Rob will build anything from 100m2 town houses to house extensions, renovations to executive type houses, and even light commercial work. They have just completed the new Westown Bar and Café known as the West Bar. No work is too small and they will even lay concrete, build fences and landscape a property. In fact 80% of the houses Kurt and Rob have built have included a fully landscaped section.

At the moment LA Homes are working on a building development at 109 Wairau Rd, which includes three houses being built for clients. There is also one section with the opportunity for a prospective buyer to have LA Homes design and build a house to their requirements.

If you wish to view some of LA Homes' work you can look at five new homes in Tui Grove, just off Upper Wairau Rd (on the right as you drive down).

Kurt and Rob would love to hear from you about any work you may have and remember nothing is too big or too small.



*Tui Grove homes built by Kurt and Rob.*



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## Oakura School Senior Cross-country

On Tuesday, 24 August Oakura School held its annual senior cross-country. Children from the age of 8 to 13 ran in this event. There were different distances for different age groups. The 8–10 year olds ran three laps and the 11–13 year olds ran four laps.



*Oscar Robertson, William Pritt and Noah Edwards in the 10 year old boys race.*

The cross-country course that the students ran went from the rugby goal post to the edge of the boundary to the bottom field, around past rooms 9, 10 and 11, and up through the middle of the field. Although the track was altered due to mud and damage of the field, everything ran smoothly.

Lots of parents showed up at the event to cheer on their children and we were very lucky with the weather, which remained fine throughout the event. The first 10 placegetters in each event were able to participate in the coastal cross-country event held on 7 and 8 September.

Overall it was a fantastic day and everyone who competed can be proud of their efforts.

*Jessie Webster (12 years)*

## Market Day

Oakura School's annual Market Day is coming up soon at the end of the first week of Term 4 at Oakura Hall.

Each class will be organising a stall that will be available on the day and there will be a wide variety of stalls selling things from jewellery, clothes and handmade items made at the school, plus heaps more. There will also be raffles and the kitchen will be open so that you can buy drinks and food.

We would appreciate it if you would please start putting aside any items that you would like to donate to the school to sell on the day. So please take the time to come to this exciting school fundraising event.

*Molly Cattell (13 years)*

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## Anticipation Finally Rewarded



*Matua Clive leading us in opening our new Pohutukawa Centre.*

In March 2009, Oakura School received a special grant from the New Zealand Ministry of Education. The grant is called a Space Deficiency grant, and it acknowledges that Oakura School has an increasing roll number, and needs more multi-purpose space for the number of children at the school. The grant guidelines state that the space has to be a fully enclosed area, and this led to the planning of a fantastic new building for the school.

On Monday, 2 August after enduring the constant sound of machinery and endless hammering, the students finally got to see inside the building they had been so eagerly awaiting. The opening ceremony began with a haka, performed by the school to welcome all visitors, and a speech from the school's kapa haka teacher, Matua Clive. Everyone then assembled outside the new building to begin a cleansing ceremony of the building, which was conducted by Matua Clive.

Once everyone was seated inside the new building there were speeches from Miss Hepworth (Principal), Pete McBreen (Chairperson of the Board of Trustees), and Amy Benton (one of the head pupils).

The ceremony concluded with Mrs Hislop (the longest serving staff member) revealing the name of the building: the Pohutukawa Centre.

A big thanks to the builders, architects, colour scheme designers and the Board of Trustees for their ongoing work and support of this project. Thank you, also, to Miss Hepworth for the many hours she put into planning and organising the building.

Oakura School is very grateful for the Pohutukawa Centre and is already enjoying the many benefits it brings to the school.

*Amy Benton (13 years)*

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# Market Day, 15 October

The big talk of the town is the new Oakura School Pohutakawa Centre. This year the focus for Oakura School (FOOS) will be raising \$10,000 to assist the school with the building costs, including a kitchen area that can be used for children and their cooking practice and experiments.



How will the money be raised? With your help of course! Market Day will be held on 15 October in Oakura Hall. Donations of quality items such as household goods, books, clothes, etc. are required. Please drop these off at the school.

Yes, we would love to have sponsors helping a great cause... this is for the children and their future (the kids will have just performed their little hearts out during the production so let's continue to support them!!). Sponsors can also donate products, vouchers for raffles, or money.

This year the famous Chocolate Tombola will be returning, there'll be food snacks, burgers, and fun and exciting interactive games for the children to play with. Last year we managed to raise just over \$8,000, so please return with your generosity. It's going to be an awesome event.

I spoke with Trish Whitney of FOOS. For those of you who aren't familiar with what they do, here is the perfect opportunity to read on... FOOS is a committee that simply meets twice a term along with Principal, Lynne Hepworth, and a teacher representative. FOOS supports the school by fundraising for the extra essentials Oakura School children need.

"Some of the amazing things that we have been fortunate to fundraise for the school have been \$8,450 in 2009! With that \$2,500 was allocated for the classrooms to spend on high priority items of their choice. Then \$5000 for interactive whiteboard installation, which is very important for children to develop their technology skills and in a fun learning environment," explains Trish. "We have also fundraised 34 laptops (18 of these mini-laptops for the junior school) since 2005. So the children of Oakura School are very lucky to have the support of the Oakura Community."

FOOS doesn't only raise money for technology, last year a Subway lunch on Fridays was available, this year changing to local pizzas with yummy toppings the children can choose from.

FOOS has also donated:

various games, puzzles and craft materials for every classroom (\$2,514.05)

sunblock for each classroom (\$213.36)

subsidies for school sunhats (\$179.50... keeping the cost to parents at just \$5 dollars!).

*FOOS would love new members!!* If you are keen to help with activities, with only two meetings a term you can provide Oakura School children with endless amounts of opportunity and fun. But please remember that you don't have to be on the committee to make a suggestion for new fundraising events or activities, simply drop a note in the FOOS box at the school office or ring a committee member. The same for your business or trade; if you think you can help we would love to hear from you!

If you can help in any way please contact Stella Bond (Chairperson 06-7527 317) or Gillian Gibbon (Secretary 06-7527 327).

by Rebecca Cowley

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## Coming Events

### September

- 15–17 Year 5 and 6 Camp  
Vertical Horizon, Inglewood
- 23 Playgroup 9–11
- 24 Omata Idol 9am

### Term 3 ends

### October

- 11 Term 4 begins
- 13 School Photos
- 15–17 Marimba Group at Marimba Festival in Auckland
- 21 Playgroup

The winter term is always the busiest sports time for us with football, netball, cross-country and interschool fixtures. Seems every year we have to purchase a new set of uniforms for another soccer team! It is reassuring to see nearly all our students are involved in physical activities for sports teams, karate, dancing, BMX, swimming, cycling, skiing, surfing and the like. Our students lead healthy, active lifestyles so that they can take full advantage of the learning opportunities at school and get involved in co-creating and playing games at break times. It has certainly helped this year that we haven't had quite so many rainy lunchtimes!

Parents have such an important role to play in ferrying children to various activities and events. My hat goes off to you all.

## Room 2 Farm Visit

Junior classes have been learning about the dairy industry and each class visited an Omata dairy farm. Thanks to Hamish and Lil Logan, and Gavin and Rachel Francis for the wonderful dairy experiences the children had on your farms, and also thank you to those cows who timed their birthing superbly.

Dear Gavin, Rachel, Miah and Libby,

Thank you so much for letting us come to your amazing farm. I loved patting the calves so much. They were very cute. The breed of the calves was called Jerseys. You have really enormous cows.

From Ned

Dear Miah,

Thank you for letting us all come to your farm. We all had a lot of fun. I liked patting the calves and putting all the hay down everywhere. The cows were really hungry. I really really liked it all. I know everyone liked it a lot. I really did.

From Ky

Karen Brisco



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##### Vegetables:

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Rosemary has successfully raised her first crop of babies – a half tray of buttercrunch lettuce so it will be exciting to plant these out in the garden shortly.

##### Flowers:

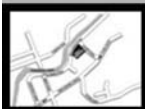
Top dress spring flowering bulbs with bulb food. Sow seeds of most hardy annuals.

##### Fruit trees:

Plant passionfruit vines in a sheltered site. Apply an all-purpose fertiliser like Thrive to strawberry plants.

##### Lawns:

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Contact Rosalina at 027 739 1380.

### Country and Western Club

Every 1st and 3rd Friday from 8.00pm. Contact Betty West,  
89 Wairau Rd. Ph 752 7816.

### 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

Tuesday mornings 10.00am, Oakura Hall.  
Gold coin donation.

### Oakura Pool Club

Meets every Wednesday evening 7pm @ Butlers Reef over  
winter. Ph Chip, 027 6214999 or 752 1004.

### Okato Squash Club

Monday Club Night.

### Omata Playgroup

Every 2nd Thursday, 9.00am at the Omata Community Hall.  
Ring 751 2308 for next session date. All parents and pre-  
schoolers welcome.

### Playcentre

Playcentre, Donnelly Street.  
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Visitors welcome by appointment. Ring Jo on 752 7144.

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Held at attendees homes Wednesday 9.15am to 11.00am  
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to find out where and/or to be added to the weekly notification list.

### Senior Citizens

Meet Tuesdays in St James Church lounge for cards and  
bowls. All welcome. Phone 753 5705 for enquiries.

### 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.

### Tai Chi

Evening classes starting 1st week Feb, Thurs 6.30pm, St  
James Church, Weds 10.30am. Ph Joanna Smith Holley 752  
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Contact Brian Goodhue,  
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### Yoga

No classes on Saturday and Keith Plummer is taking Tuesday  
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