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TOM okato

This term the junior students at Coastal Taranaki School have been studying fairy tales. Classes have been doing a variety of activities around this topic.

On Friday all the junior school teachers dressed as characters from some of their favourite tales. Teachers swapped classes to read to and the children had fairy tale discovery time activities.

More fairy tale
fantasy on page 10



*Our new entrants
class in their
lovely costumes.*

ONCE UPON A TIME...



Our thoughts go out to the Cantabrians who have been dealing with the physical and emotional after-effects of last month's devastating earthquake and its after-shocks. Kiwis are very good at helping each other out in such circumstances, either in a physical way, or through donations of goods and money. Every little bit adds up to a lot and we're sure that every gift, large or small, has been thoroughly appreciated.



Doesn't it make us aware of our own vulnerability to natural disasters and emergencies? Which is a reminder that we need to be vigilant about our own contingency plans. Go to <http://www.getthrough.co.nz> to find out how to get ready for various types of emergencies. The site includes information about how to prepare household and business emergency plans, and emergency and getaway kits. It also outlines other measures you can take to reduce the impact of disasters and to help you recover quicker. How about checking it out now, while it's fresh on your mind?

On a lighter note... We've seen a few whitebait nets out recently and have heard of a few large hauls further north. So, here's to whitebait fritters on the table!

Milly and Kerry

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Rebecca Ripia, mother of two has seen the need for a home based care facility and is aware of the benefits this could bring, as her eldest son also attended in-home care when Rebecca was working full time.

Rebecca and her many friends and associates have chatted about the lack of child minding facilities within Okato and how beneficial it would be to have these available.

Rebecca understands the need for families to have the flexibility of working and parenting and with this facility nearby it can alleviate the stress of working to structured deadlines as Rebecca can work around each individuals' needs and working hours. "I am pretty flexible," says Rebecca "and with having juggled work commitments and childcare myself I totally understand where parents are at in regards to this."

The organisation Rebecca works with has been operating for a number of years and allows people the option of choosing "homes" rather than a childcare centre. The programme she will be following is family directed using in-home and community learning settings. The programme also focuses on nurturing the child and building respectful relationships between children, families and Rebecca.

Hours are negotiable and the days available are Monday to Thursday 8am –5pm. (Fridays are negotiable). This does not mean your child has to be in care for the entire day, you may wish to opt for just a few hours, maybe to fit in with milking times. An option of after school care can also be provided if the need arises. Another advantage is there will be no charge to the parents if your child is sick or if you have a planned holiday coming up. Fees are \$6 per hour, however subsidies are available if applicable to your family.



Simon, Rebecca, baby Luccas and Jaxin at their home.

Each child is given their own hand book which is similar to a diary, with daily recordings of their day – what activities they have been involved in, achievements, photos and much more. Rebecca aims to utilise the facilities available within the Okato township which will include walks to the domain, visits to our community library, outside play at their fully fenced section which includes a sandpit, swing, trikes and maybe even collecting the fresh eggs from their chooks. They can also do some home baking, play with the playdough, read books, puzzle time or get creative with some paint! The only thing you will need to provide is food and clothes, nappies and bottles if required.

Rebecca is situated in Okato, therefore nice and handy for drop offs etc. Contact number (06) 752 4501. From here, if applicable, subsidies can be discussed with the organisation Rebecca is involved with, as well as hours, days etc.

If anyone else is interested in working alongside or with Rebecca, feel free to give her a call.

By Milly Carr

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The Warea Tennis Club mystery

It has come to our attention that in the past our club has had some cups and maybe trophies. We were wondering if there is anyone in the community that might have some idea as to what has happened to them. They may have been missing for over 15 years. If anyone has any idea could they let us know? Thanks.

The Warea Club has had a great year and we have three very enthusiastic teams that love the game very much, especially with our new astroturf courts. We are all looking forward to starting competitions on 11 October. We all went to a tournament in Waitara and all did very well, though a bit sore next day but a great time was had by all. We are keen to have a bit of competition throughout our club this season (hence the need for the cups).

During the year we have cemented an area in front of the clubrooms which has tidied things up tremendously. We would like to thank all those who helped especially Hugo who has finished our donation box.

So if you keen for a hit (at tennis that is!!) come along or you can ring: Maria van der Poel 067528130 or Jan Brophy 067638666 for more information.

Cape Egmont Boat Club Jubilee

Cape Egmont Boat Club is holding its 50th jubilee on the 4th, 5th and 6th June 2011.

Any past or present members interested in attending please contact Debbie and Crusty Aylward 06-7638507 or Karen Manson 06-7524117.

Okato Tennis Club President's Report September 2010

This last year has been quiet compared with the two previous years but we have still busy finishing off the tasks that were started in previous years.

We held an Open Day in November to thank all the different Trusts, community members, contractors and club members that have made the replacement of two courts and the complete re-fence of the courts possible. It was great to see a good crowd who were all impressed with what we had achieved.

The tennis being played is improving all the time with three mid-week ladies teams achieving good results, a first, and a couple of seconds and also fourths in their respective sections of the two rounds. We once again had some players playing A3 jointly with Opunake and they had improved results from the previous season. The juniors also had some awesome results with more wins than losses. So overall as a club things are heading in the right direction.



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I would also like to thank the Okato Lions Club for their continued support, the TSB Community Trust for their continued support with their annual grant and Southern Trusts who enabled us to buy three new nets as well as other donations from community members over the last twelve months.

To the organisers of our first quiz night, what a successful night that was, you are to be congratulated on your efforts, raising over \$1,500. Once again, thanks to the ladies who contributed their time to our catering at the Rugby Club.

It's been another fantastic year fundraising - we have cleared all our outstanding accounts, leaving only \$700 in debentures to be repaid, and these will be paid this coming year.

Aren't the courts looking great. A big part of that is due to the Vanderpoel family for keeping the courts looking so tidy. Thank you.

Maree Moffitt
President

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As Maree has said, we have had a fantastic year, all that we have achieved is a real reflection on the dedication of our club members and their families and the community as to how much the club means to us all. We are now looking ahead to progression of our club rooms and facilities and building up our club members. Our goals this year are to build a rebound wall for our youngsters, to get some outdoor seating and also do some maintenance on the interior of the club rooms. A big thanks goes out to Maree for all she has achieved and done for the club as president, still being a huge part of the club but resigning her presidents badge to Noeline Van der Poel. Congratulations Noeline for taking up the job.

Upcoming season events:

Twilight tennis - Resuming again on 28th October.

To be played each Thursday evening, any keen men and women can turn up on the evening with a team of four or be introduced into a team.

Midweek ladies - Resuming for new teams in term 1 of 2011.

Although this season has begun, there is room for more teams in the next round. Midweek ladies requires a team of four keen ladies just wanting some fun, some timeout and a bit of healthy competition to play doubles against other ladies teams in Taranaki on a Monday from 9.15am till 3pm at the latest.

Junior Tennis - Commencing on 15th October.

Every Friday from 3.15 to 4pm for 5 to 9yr olds.

10+ age group 4pm till 5.

Okato Tennis Club Annual Quiz Night - November 2010, details still to be determined. Keep your eyes peeled in the next TOM for more details.

If you would like to become apart of the club or would like more information, you can contact: Angela Phillips, Club captain (06) 7524451.

Father Garty: Man of God and people's priest



Okato's resident Catholic priest, Father Francis Garty, celebrated his 90th birthday on 7 September with 240 parishioners, fellow priests, family and friends, who hailed from as far away as Auckland and Bluff. To mark the occasion, I talked to Father Garty about his life.

Father Garty's family roots are in Ireland. His grandfather, Patrick, came out to work in the Central Otago goldfields, via Australia, in 1886, becoming one of New Zealand's earliest pioneers. Patrick married in Dunedin and one of his sons, Thomas, became employed by the railways there as a tablet porter, responsible for implementing a safety system which prevented more than one train occupying a stretch of line at the same time. It was while he was there that he married Margaret. After a time, Thomas's work took him, with his growing family, to the tiny settlement of Karioi, near Ohakune in the King Country. There, on 7 September 1920, Thomas and Margaret's fourth child was born, joining brothers John and Eric (who became known as Dick) and sister Margaret (or Peg) to complete the family. The baby boy was baptised Francis Patrick Garty.

When Francis, or Frank as he became known, was two years old, his father was transferred to Pukerua Bay, about 30km north of Wellington. Frank duly completed his primary education at Plimmerton and Pukerua Bay Primary Schools. Father Garty's outstanding memory of those days is of the marvellous skills of his female teacher, who was responsible for teaching all aspects of the curriculum to students ranging from Primer 1 (New Entrants) to Standard 6 (Year 8) in the single classroom that was Pukerua Bay Primary School. Tragically, Frank's father died in December 1931 when Frank was only 11 years old, and Margaret and the children had to move from their railway house in Pukerua Bay to Plimmerton, where Frank completed his Standard 6 year. His primary education had been conducted entirely at secular schools.

In contrast, between 1933 and 1937, Frank's secondary education was completed at St Patrick's Marist College in Wellington. It was there that he developed his love of sport. He earned a place in the school's first fifteen rugby team and was involved in boxing, cross country running and tennis. More importantly, the school supported his Catholic faith and, having thought quite a bit about pursuing the priesthood, he was accepted by the archbishop as a candidate for the ministry late in his fifth form year, 1937.

So it was that early the following year, at the age of 17 and a half, Frank found himself travelling on a series of trains and the Wellington-Lyttleton ferry on the long journey to Mosgiel, 15km south of Dunedin. There, he entered Holy Cross College, committing himself to a seven year course of long days, hard work and strong discipline, punctuated by games of soccer and handball for fitness and pleasure. Having entered the seminary, he never had a doubt that he was in the right place and, on 12 November 1944, he was ordained at St Mary of the Angels Church in Wellington. Now it was time for Father

Francis Garty to take up his ministry – to, in his own words, "serve and assist the people."

He has taken very seriously indeed his promise of obedience to the archbishop, and his priestly duties of offering the mass, baptising his flock, teaching (for years he spent about three hours every week day, plus travel, teaching Religious Education in state schools), praying and visiting. Father Garty says that getting to know people of all faiths and helping them if he could has been a great joy and one of the most rewarding things about his ministry. In every community he has served, and especially in those communities that surround Mount Taranaki, he has earned the love, friendship and respect of many and has been an inspiration to Christians of all denominations. His first appointment was to Lower Hutt (1945-1948). Following that, he served at Reefton (1948-1954), Linton (1954-1955), Manaia, his first parish as Parish Priest (1955-1959), Hataitai (1959-1962), Levin (1962-1967), Kaponga (1967-1977, 1986-1998) Waitara (1977-1981), Opunake (1981-1984), Brooklands (1984-1985), Marton (1998-2002) and, since 2002, Okato. As a result of his selfless ministry, he received the Queens Service Medal (QSM) for his services to the community from Dame Cath Tizard, the then Governor General of New Zealand, at Government House, Wellington, in 1993

Father Garty has been nominally retired since 1998, but he continues to serve his people with the same passion and dedication with which he started out. "If I had the choice again, I would do the same," he says. And now, seventy-two years after entering the religious life, he rises in the very early hours of each morning to pray, celebrates mass every day and continues to take to the road in his little red car to visit parishioners, friends, family and people in need.

However, this story is not complete without further acknowledgement of Father's family, "I had a marvellous mother and father," he comments, warmly, "and my brothers and sister were very important to me." Sadly, he counts off the deaths of his mother in 1946, John in 1985, Dick in 1999 and Peg in June of this year. Now, he is the only surviving sibling. His nieces and nephews and their offspring remain though, and they all hold their special places in his heart, as he does in theirs. Over the years, he has celebrated many significant occasions - births, baptisms, marriages and funerals - with and for both immediate and extended family. It must have been a great joy, then, to see them arrive from so far a field to help celebrate his special day.

Thank you, Father Garty, for your friendship, your leadership and your work in our community. We at TOM, together with the Okato community, wish you health, happiness and fulfilment always.

Story and picture by Kerry Lilley

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Okato Playcentre

What a lifesaver Playcentre has been this term, from endless days stuck indoors at home. The children have rushed into our sessions ready for some action. Despite the wild weather the sandpit has still managed to be one of the most popular play areas, with all ages piling in every time we got a wee break in the rain. The mums have also had a lot of fun doing fancy manoeuvres through the mud in the car park - four wheel drives have become the popular choice for Playcentre days. Once we get a few days of sunshine, Kathryn Moffitt will be down in her big John Deere with a load of sandstone to sort that one out!

Our theme this term has been based around animals and their babies. Of course we took the children for a calf shed visit. Patting the calves took about two minutes. Running through massive puddles on the tanker track provided another 30 minutes of fun. For an extra wow factor, the visit included rides in big John Deere and New Holland tractors. This day out continued with a picnic and exploring the sea life around the rocks down at Paora Road foreshore, then off home to tip the water out of all the kids' gumboots.

A Pet Day was held the following week, with some dogs and a lamb receiving a whole lot of love during our session. Lots of animal dress-ups and animal face painting have encouraged the children with their role-play activities, and animals have provided a big focus in our art and collage area. The children have also been engaged in an ongoing lion hunt around the centre, which was to conclude with a visit to the real lions at Pouakai Zoo. Unfortunately this trip has been shelved until next term when we shall hopefully get some nicer weather for it.

A highlight of the term was our group attending the Gruffalo show at the TSB Theatre. The children were very familiar with this delightful book from the lead-up activities done at centre, and really loved seeing the story come to life with adults dressed-up as the animals and lots of music and dancing. It was especially exciting for the children during parts that invited noisy audience participation, which also helped keep their attention on the show. A trip to 'Discover It' at Puke Ariki Library was also tied into our term theme with a great selection



Logan Komene feeds the lamb at Pet Day, watched by Austin and Riley Pollard, and Mac Moffitt.



Amelie Manella bathes her doll baby.



Mathias & Lucas Strohmeier at the mini sandpit.



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Okato Playcentre AGM

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Okato Playcentre will be held at Lahar Café on Thursday 21 October at 7pm.

Business of the Meeting:

- Annual Report;
- Financial Report;
- Appointment of Officers;
- General Business.

Queries to President, Rachel Douglas Ph. 752 4463.

Plunket photo opportunity

Once again Plunket is holding a photo day. This will be held from 8am onwards at St Pauls Hall, Carthew Street, Okato on Saturday 30 October.

Photographer Deanna Cleaver from Hawera will be taking the snaps for the day and we welcome anyone wishing to update their photo collections. This is the perfect opportunity for gift ideas, with Christmas just around the corner.

On the day, pricings and sizes of photos will be available to choose and select from. This year there will be canvas prints and CDs available to purchase. There will be a sitting fee of \$15. To secure your booking we require the \$15 upfront please.

Any enquiries or for confirmation of your booking please contact Rebecca Ripia 752 4501 or Jaclyn Fisher 752 4872

On another note Plunket are in the process of moving to new premises and Plunket sessions will be held at St Pauls Hall. Plunket nurse Kristy will advise mothers of the relocation. Look out for November issue for plans to hold a Christmas/open day.

Anyone interested in coming along to our coffee morning/meetings please contact Rebecca or Jaclyn and we can inform you of our next gathering.

Community say protect Waikirikiri Lagoon

A community initiative has seen students from Coastal Taranaki School Intermediate department involved in a project to help protect the local Waikirikiri lagoon and sand dunes situated at the bottom of Komene Road. This rare and fragile coastal environment is an important feeding and nesting ground for many birds.

Earlier in the year, students along with members of the community were involved in the restoration of the lagoon, planting out the surrounding area and sand dunes with pingao. The project has been facilitated by the Taranaki Regional Council and is supported by AWE (Australian Worldwide Exploration Company).

Recently the area has been used as an off road playground, destroying some of the plants covering the dunes surrounding the lagoon. The students and community are aware of this damaging behaviour and below they relate their opinion.

The students want the public to understand the initiative behind this project and the importance of retaining its integrity. They are very pleased with the fantastic support from the local community and hope to maintain this.

A sign has been erected at the site, reminding people to protect this fragile environment and to keep vehicles off the sand dunes.

By Milly Carr



Off-roader damage to Waikirikiri Lagoon plantings.

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Vandalism at our lagoon

Coastal Taranaki School intermediate planted over 3000 seedlings at the Waikirikiri lagoon earlier this year. This job took almost three hours for 50 people to do.

Two terms later we receive an email with photos of what someone has done to these seedlings. They have purposely driven over and through the seedlings so they can no longer grow properly.

The students involved in the planting are very annoyed: they got blisters, sand in their shoes, sore feet, sand in their hair and the list goes on. So to see that people have done this on purpose makes us mad!

The seedlings were planted to protect the sand dunes from erosion. This is where big waves come up and destroy the dunes.

If you have taken part in running over these seedlings we would like you to think about the damage you have done and the environment around you that you are ruining.

By Brianna Williams and Phillippa Grayling-year 8 reporters

I Hit A Squirrel, It Changed My Life ...

Coastal Taranaki School has a new band named *I Hit a Squirrel, it Changed My Life*. The members are Joseph Davy (lead singer), Lewis Yeats (base), Billie Cameron (guitar) and Rodney Cruden- Powell (drums).

They have been mentored by Craig Radford, from the band *Sticky Filth* and gave their first performance to our school this term.



I Hit a Squirrel playing on stage.

They said they were really nervous before they started but once they got going they were fine.

Lewis, Billie and Rodney all enjoy heavy metal music while Joseph listens to reggae. They are enjoying playing as a band and the school really enjoyed having a live performance. They wrote the songs themselves.

Reported by Liam Dobbins year 8

Creative homework

Year 7 and 8 students from Coastal Taranaki School had to plan and make a piece of creative homework over term three. You could ask family for help and make what ever you wanted. We put them on display in the classroom for other people to see.

Harmony Reid year 7

Some examples of the works are pictured below.

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Lamb and Calf Day

At Coastal Taranaki school we are holding our annual lamb and calf day on October 21st 2010, postponement day October 22nd at the school grounds.

The school children will have their classroom activities on display, so this will be a good chance to come along and check out the school and see what the children have been up to for the last three terms.

This year we are also having a chicken section. We have had lots of entries for this, so it should be a lot of fun. We have got categories like the heaviest chicken, most loved chicken, best looking chicken, supreme chicken and best decorated box. Lamb and calf judging will start at approximately 10.30am. We will also have a silent auction stall, sausages and drinks for sale, FOCTS display table and a variety of stalls.

So come on down and support your children and local school and enjoy a day full of fun.

We are still requiring helpers on the day, so if you have a few hours to spare and would like to help please phone Karen Manson 752 4117, or Kelly Luckin 752 4199 Thank you.

From the Jokers in the community!

On receiving new information about judging at the Okato Calf and Lamb day, we have decided to ignore it.

Mrs A Davies, who is judging the lambs, is totally under the control of her husband Mr P Davies, who has decided that the supreme champion lamb will only go to a child whose parents give him the most expensive bottle of whiskey they can find!

Signed Peter Davies

Girls' soccer

For the first time since 1985 Coastal Taranaki School have had a secondary schools girls' soccer team. The girls have worked with Andrew Chapman their coach and have developed their skills over the season.

Some of the girls went onto the field with no experience of competitive soccer at all and it has been great watching them develop as a team. They have had a large support network of parents, students and staff who have enjoyed their successes.

This year the girls finished third in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Girls Soccer competition which is a fantastic result for them and a credit to their coach.

Sharleen Burrows

Super Annoying Chick

Coastal Taranaki School has its own super hero. Nichole Smyth aka "super annoying chick" is taking part in a More FM radio competition.

Nichole has a number of challenges to complete to be eligible to win a prize.



Nichole with Mike King . . .

. . . and sprinting across the rugby field.



Nichole has run across the field at Yarrow stadium, met Mike King (as pictured) and done a random act of kindness - bringing her pet lamb to school for some quality time with our juniors. She also has a challenge to kidnap her "arch enemy" which will involve a member of staff.

We have enjoyed Nichole popping into school and following her antics. Everyone is able to vote for her on the More FM website so log on to have a look.

Nichole has played an important role in organising our calf and lamb day - we wish her luck with her quest.

Hop on line and have a vote!

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Get into the spirit of it

The junior students of CTS recently held a fairy tale parade marking the end of their term unit study "fairy tale stories".

The students have had an enjoyable time creating their own narratives focused around the fairy tale unit. Margaret Normanton (Deputy Principal) was thrilled with the response from the children especially the enthusiasm shown in homework tasks. Some of the children showed amazing initiative in writing their own stories at home without even being asked to do so.

The parade saw a variety of fun and fanciful outfits, with the Big Bad Wolf role playing his character well. It appeared that the children enjoyed their day immensely and it was great to see the teachers of the junior department in their finery.



Taine Baldwin won a prize for the most creative outfit, this being King Richard – Lion Heart.

Taine Baldwin (Year 6) won a prize for the most creative outfit, this being King Richard – Lion Heart. Taine thought he could be a knight so with the help of his mum they set to making an armour out of a cardboard box. "My mum is a good drawer so she drew the lion and I made the heart to go on my back. The day was pretty cool and winning a prize was too".

Carys Pullar (Year 6) was the overall winner. Carys came dressed as Cinderella in her rags for the day. "My mum helped make the outfit which was all sourced from clothes we had at home. We used an old skirt which we altered and I wore my mums' head scarf and I had a broom. I was very surprised to be chosen as the winner. I enjoyed the term learning about fairy tales and also the chance to write our own fairy tale stories".

Jordan Grylls (Year 4) was awarded second place and she paraded as Peter Pan. "This is my favourite fairy tale character" said Jordan. "It was really cool having fairy tales as our topic because we made characters in class time and we also read lots of fairy tale books. My favourite story is Little Red Riding Hood".

Alan Niwa (Year 1) was a cool looking Captain Hook and secured third place. "It was fun" said Alan.

By Milly Carr



Ted Normanton aka 'Big Bad Wolf', with followers.



Courtney Goble - Little Red Riding Hood.



Joanne Thomas with her class members.

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A gym for Okato – you can help

Coastal Taranaki School recently took up the offer of a substantial amount of quality secondhand gym equipment.

Currently the equipment is in storage but we need to move it quite quickly and would like to erect it for use.

Unfortunately we have not got the space at the school to erect the equipment and are desperately seeking a building in or around Okato that we could use as a gym facility. It is our intention that we could use this equipment as the basis for what could become a small community gym. We see this opportunity as too good to miss and it would enable many people who can't go or don't have access to a gym to be able to use one.

We envisage that the size of building we would require would be about that of a large double garage and preferably with a strong wooden or concrete floor.

Should anyone be able to help out with a building that we could use could they contact Ray Hayward or Karla Ralph at CTS.

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Cross country

Coastal Taranaki School enjoyed one of their most successful days ever at the recent Taranaki Primary Schools Cross Country Champs held in Hawera.

Early morning snow, sleet and hail along with heavy rain and strong cold winds saw many thinking that the event would be cancelled but organisers held firm with the decision to carry on and they were actually blessed with a lovely fine day. This meant competitors got to experience the feel of real cross country...mud all over but warm running conditions.



Third place getter Thomas Morgan (left) on the podium with his medal.

The day started positively for CTS with Brandi Dakin-Sperschott finishing 4th in the 9 and under girls race. She was followed closely by Jordan Grylls in 6th with Nicole Whittle in 25th place. It's important to understand that many of the races have in excess of 100 runners competing so for anyone to finish in the top 30 of their race is an excellent achievement.

Jacob Whittle – 32nd and Georgia Strachan – 30th ran well in their respective races before Thomas Morgan gave us the individual highlight of the day by finishing 3rd in the boys 10 year old race. Thomas had a poor start and was nearly 50 metres behind the leaders going into the first hill area but he ran hard to overtake everyone and arrive at the finishing arena in 1st place. Unfortunately this early effort appeared to take the energy out of Thomas and he was run down by two other runners to finish 3rd.

In later races, Mitchell Fleming was 16th in the boys 11 year old boys, Holly van der Poel 30th in the girls 12 year old race, Phillippa Grayling 17th in the girls 13 year old race while Stephen Gibson 17th and Bryce Goble 21st ran strongly in the boys 13 year old race.

Overall a team of 18 runners took part and returned results that mean CTS can stand proud as a school with real cross country running ability.

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Coastal Garden Circle

Meet every third Monday of the month. Contact Rae Hooker 752 4086.

Highway 45 Craft

Meet weekly on Monday mornings 10am - 12noon at members' houses. Contact Iris Putt 752 4182.

Historical Society

Meets quarterly in the Community Trust Hall. Contact Iris Putt 752 4182.

JKA Karate, Okato

Monday and Wednesday 6pm - 7.30pm in Coastal Taranaki School Gymnasium. Contact Nicci 752 4529 or 027 259 6223.

New Zeal Church

Service 10.30am, Sundays at St Luke's Hall. Contact Angela and Kevin McFetridge 752 4993.

Okato Bowling Club

Club day held every Sunday at 9.30am onwards. President Bruce Peacock 752 4538, Secretary Fiona Liddall 752 4509, Contact women's section Laureen Bright ph 752 4874.

Okato Co-operating Parish Women's Fellowship

Meet bi-monthly, first Wednesday of the month in St Luke's lounge, 1pm. Lorraine Whittle 752 4359. Harvey 752 4568.

Okato Fire Brigade

Weekly. Monday night trainings, 7pm - 9pm. Contact Barry.

Okato Lions

Contact Merv Hooker, ph 752 4086.

Playcentre

Main Road, Okato (over the Stony Bridge). Tuesday and Thursday, 9.30 - 12.30pm. Contact Rachel 752 4463.

Playgroup

St Luke's Hall, Main Road Okato. Wednesday morning, 10am - 12 noon. Contact Julie Moore 752 4277 or Danelle 752 4916.

Plunket

Meet bi-monthly at Jaclyn Fisher's home. Jaclyn 752 4872.

Pony Club

Contact Carey Brophy, 752 4458.

Probus

Meet every third Friday at the Oakura Golf Club. Contact Margaret Hodges 752 1371.

Squash Club

Monday evening club night. Contact Steve Kelly 027 2333 229.

St Patrick's Church, Okato

Daily mass 8.30am. Saturday evening mass 7pm.
Inquiries to Steak Goodin 752 8160 or Nora Fox 752 4062.

St Paul's Church

10am services. Congregate first and third Sunday of the month. Contact Jan Putt 752 4188.

St Peter's Guild

Meet 4th Friday of each month. Angela Montgomery 752 7738.

Tennis Club

Contact Maree Moffitt 752 8107 or Raewyn Lawn 752 4466.

Tumahu Golf Club

Roly Harvey 752 4314.
Sunday: Mens golf day,
Tuesday: womens golf day.
Every 2nd Wednesday of the month: mixed golf.

Tumahu Rural Women

Meet every second Wednesday of the month, 1pm at alternate members' houses. Contact Joyce Downes 753 4122.

Please contact Milly 752 4425 for any additional listings or amendments.



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