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## Coastal connections morning talk

Remember every Thursday once a month from 11-12 you are welcome to pop in for a coffee and a chat. The monthly guest speaker day is on Thursday 15 November. Jaynie from NPOB Surf Club has answered some questions I sent her and if you would like to hear more, come along. Tea and coffee provided, bring your own mug if possible but not essential and a coin donation to the surf club if you choose.



Q and A with Jaynie McSweeney

### How long have you lived in Oakura?

*12 years, we moved down for Rods work.*

### What are three things you enjoy about living in the village?

*The people, the beach, the outdoor lifestyle.*

### What is your involvement with NPOB surf club?

*My kids have been doing surf club for about 5 yrs and I have been doing admin work for the last 3.5 years.*

### What is something people may not know about the club?

*There is a role for everyone in surf life saving, from 5 years of age to 105! You can become a lifesaver, a trainer, an administrator, an event manager, a Nippers age manager - everyone has something to offer surf lifesaving. You not only meet new people, but have many opportunities for training and skill development and get to enjoy the beach in a whole different way, you will also be contributing to the safety and security of your local community. Surf Life Saving in NZ began in 1910 with Lyall Bay and New Brighton, by the end of the year, four more clubs had sprung up and started patrolling. But women still had to battle for equality. When NZ's men went overseas to fight in World World II, women took up the reel and*

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## From the Editor



I have just returned from a month in Africa to the realisation that 2018 is fast running out and in fact there is only one more TOM issue for the year.

2019 heralds the last year of the second decade of the new millenium - what a scary thought. I can still remember wondering as a child "what will I be doing in the year 2000?" That year seemed so far in the future I couldn't even imagine it, now it is nearly 20 years passed.

And the unknown future of that little girls wonderings has delivered! Life in Omata has been good. I may not have lived in Hong Kong, UAE or Indonesia like some of my peers but the world is just a flight away and I have a fabulous base here in a small community where people care for each other.

I visited Zimbabwe while in Africa - what a sorry mess that country is. 80% unemployment, a currency worth nothing and a large chunk of the population living outside of it's borders. The future doesn't look too bright either - there is talk of adopting the South African rand as the local currency but it will take years to recover. The people I met working in tourism were friendly and on the face of it unaffected but I guess those working are the lucky ones. Interesting to see people crossing the border back into Zimbabwe with wheel barrows full of goods because the shop shelves are empty.

I wonder how they view their future? Does a little girl ponder her future and wonder if there is hope of a happy prosperous life like I have had the privelege to enjoy and most of us here in New Zealand enjoy?

*Kim*



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*patrolled the beach on summer weekends. Surf history shows a string of mass rescues performed by women lifesavers in the 1940s. However when the men returned, those women were often relegated to fundraising, tea making and cake baking. Many broke off and started 'ladies' lifesaving clubs, often near the clubhouses of their former colleagues. These days women stand alongside men on surf patrols throughout New Zealand and compete in all the same events.*

**Tracey Lusk 752 7875**

# Oakura Makers' Market

Oakura's creative talent will be celebrated during the Oakura Makers' Market in December.

More than 40 stall holders will sell their wares at the market including baked goods, wax wraps, clothing, terrariums, natural skincare products, paper art, bird houses, Christmas decorations and sustainable products.

The market was held for the first time last year and will also feature a face painter as well as slushies, ice cream and coffee.

Co-organiser Lizaan Hale says the market is an opportunity for local makers, crafters, artists and authors to share their talents with the community. It was created to show case local talent and bring a craft market to Oakura as the village did not have anything like it on offer for quite a few years. "As a lovely spin off, the bake sale table funds and stall fees went to a local charity meaning many children had a much brighter Christmas morning with the support of our community."

The market is being held on Saturday, December 1 at the Oakura Community Hall between 2pm and 6pm. Buskers are also welcome.

One artist participating is Alice Cowdrey. Alice is a needle felted who lives near Okato and makes brooches, dolls, animals and 3D art from wool. Check out her Facebook page Folk Felt. Her number is (06) 752 4407 or 027 569 1331

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## When putting out your trap – think like a rat!

That's the trapping advice from Josh La Franchie, one of New Plymouth district's most committed and youngest urban trappers.

About 1100 traps have been set in the district's urban backyards by residents, who like Josh, want to protect native wildlife and plants and have joined Towards Predator-Free Taranaki.

"They like to hang around under trees and we seem to catch more down by the river, says Josh (7), from Oakura as he checks a rat trap nestled under vegetation next to a retaining wall.

Josh and his sisters Indy and Ella have caught rats, mice and a possum since the Project started in Oakura in September this year.

Josh's parents are also pleased with efforts to reduce predator numbers, which will mean a bumper crop of fruit for their urban Linda St garden this summer, as well as encouraging native wildlife to thrive in their backyard.

Many Oakura trappers talk about the huge rats which hang around the Waimoku and Wairau streams weaving through the township.

However, Toby Shanley, ecologist and Towards Predator-Free Taranaki Project Manager, says even if rats are abundant, traps needs to be in the right spot to catch them.

"Rats like to stay under cover and may be hanging around food or water sources. Good places for your rat trap are against a wall where rats might run along, next to your woodpile, compost, recycling, or under vegetation," Mr Shanley says.

"Coming into spring we are likely to see more rats so try shifting your trap around every few weeks and try different lures/bait if you aren't catching anything".

Like Josh, many New Plymouth residents swear by peanut butter as a lure in their trap, but you can also try nutella, or nuts.

*Below is Oakura urban trapper Josh La Franchie*



Josh and his family are also recording their trap catches on Trap NZ, a nationwide database being used to record where traps are located and what is being caught. Logging trap and catches on Trap NZ provides valuable data to track predator control around the region, assessing progress and helping identify gaps in the region's trapping network.



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Alibi Home is coming soon to Oakura and will be located at 4 Butlers Lane.

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# Kaitake Community Board

Wasn't it a great Labour Weekend? It was certainly nice to see so many people, both locals and visitors, out and about and really enjoying our superb environment. As summer approaches no doubt we will start receiving more and more visitors and a large part of that group will be those known as freedom campers.

Freedom camping issues have tended to polarise people's views to a large extent. I have been reading through the 800 or so submissions to Council on the subject as it works hard to come up with a coherent district-wide strategy for the summer. As I have waded my way through the submissions there appear to be 4 distinct groupings. There are those who are absolutely opposed to freedom camping in any shape or form, just as there are those who are keen to welcome all and sundry to our district. Others take a more moderate position somewhere in the middle of both extremes, and then there are those who are quite happy to allow freedom camping as long as it's not in their backyard. The Council is certainly between a rock and a hard place on the issue, but councillors do have to come up with a plan, and they will. In fact, you will probably know what it is by the time you are reading this.

The KCB took the opportunity to canvass the community and make a submission, as reported in last month's TOM. This brings up the following point. During the last few years, there have been many opportunities for members of the community to make their views known on various Council activities. The views of those who do make the effort are factored into final decision-making. After consideration sometimes those views change the scope of what is to be done, sometimes they don't. However if one doesn't make the effort to make their views known through the consultation systems provided by Council then there is little point in being critical after the decisions have been made if you don't agree with them.

At long last, there is a public toilet in the Oakura CBD. It's been an inordinately long gestation period, in fact, the KCB started the campaign way back in March 2004. However, it's here now - yippee. Our thanks to Stuart Skene from Council who has steered the project through to its final conclusion. Thanks also to Stu Robertson and his Parks team for the great tidy up down on the beachfront by the Oakura Boardriders. The Parks team works particularly well with the community and after everyone discussed what needed to be done the project has proceeded with very few hiccups.

There has been a great deal of consternation about the speed of vehicles along Tasman Parade so another initiative will come to fruition this side of Christmas. The speed-reducing hump by the public toilets is to be removed and two more built in more appropriate locations nearer to the Wairau Road intersection. Our Council contact has been Liz Beck who is also working very hard to get the work done this side of Christmas. Thanks from all of us Liz, now it's just down to driver behaviour!

Well, that's it for this TOM issue.

The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be held at the NPOB Surf Club at 4.30pm on Monday 12 November. 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.



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Here is a photo from our Robots Landed holiday programme last month.

We had a cheerful capacity crowd! Charlie and I were most impressed with the children's behaviour. Those who were playing with the robots were sharing in a timely manner. Those who were waiting were doing so in a patient and engaging manner. It was wonderful to see families enjoying this event.

If you enjoyed Robots, you will definitely enjoy Illusion: Nothing is as it Seems...an exhibition suitable for all the family that will test and make you question all of your senses! Showing at Puke Ariki 10 November – 5 March 2019.

*Happy reading Charlie and Vincenza*




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**Govt Ignores Energy Security, Risk of Balances**

The Government continues to display its ignorance about New Zealand's energy security and appears to have forgotten the economic damage that can be caused when there is a shortfall. The Energy Minister can't guarantee New Zealand won't face power blackouts and doesn't accept the warnings of advisers and stakeholders that a ban of new oil and gas exploration reduces the options for maintaining our energy security.

Energy security is a very real concern for the New Zealand economy and ordinary New Zealanders.

It was only seven years ago that Northland farmers had to dump millions of litres of milk when Fonterra dairy factories lost access to gas. Some 180,000 Auckland homes and businesses lost power last April after storm damage and during the long hot summer of 1998, power to the CBD was out for five weeks.

New Zealand's energy systems are under pressure again now with low lake levels and gas outages, which has meant coal must be burned to ensure there's enough electricity to keep the lights on, something which the Government have said today, they don't support.

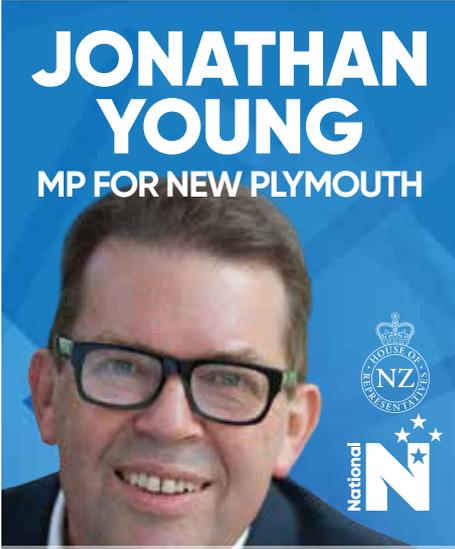
However, the Government appears to have no idea of the current state of play and no answer to how New Zealand will ensure its energy security as gas supplies dwindle.

Gas is an essential element of our energy security and up until the surprise ban on new exploration, the Government had said gas would be looked at as a fuel during New Zealand's transition to a low-carbon economy.

It now seems to be living in hope that enough renewable energy sources will come on stream to fill any shortfall. But New Zealanders can't take much reassurance from a Government that ignores advice from officials that its exploration ban may actually boost emissions of greenhouse gases.

New Zealand's energy needs are complex and shouldn't be boiled down to political slogans to suit this coalition. A National Government would repeal this ban and take a rational approach to transitioning to a low-carbon economy.

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## Just in time.....

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Dancing in the Dance Theatre's forthcoming programme entitled *Just in Time* has a very personal meaning for choreographer Val Deakin and for several of the dancers involved.

Val had her struggles for equality. She worked at a bank before she went overseas to continue her dance studies, and was unhappy to find that the junior mail boy was earning more than she was, despite her more senior job and higher qualifications. A visit to the bank manager was horrifying in that he informed her that as Bill was a man he might one day be a manager, and therefore he was paid more!!! So despite being told by her father that "girls can do anything", the rest of society had some catching up to do! This was the first of many experiences that determined her to fight for equality and women. For this work she was awarded a Suffrage Centennial Medal by Queen Elizabeth II – one of only 5 women in this area.

Only this year, Val learned that her great grandmother was a signatory to the Suffrage Petition that went to Parliament in 1893 (along with about 25,000 others), and her name can be seen right below that of Kate Shepherd! Things run in the family.

Leading dancer Jane Roseman also has some very personal experiences of the fight for suffrage, as one of her grandmothers marched for women to get the vote in the USA – something they didn't achieve nationally until 1920. That same grandmother also marched for better working conditions in the sewing factories (sweat shops) of the early 20th century.

When Jane first came to New Zealand in 1973 and realised that an electrician was needed to do the lighting work when on tour (and touring electricians were hard to come by) she inquired at the local polytechnic about an electrical training only to be asked was it for her brother or son. When she replied no, for herself she was told that they didn't train women as there were no electrical apprenticeships available for women!! Fortunately things have changed in that regard – although women are still in the minority in the trades.

For Davina Moffat, the story of her grandmother is inspirational and motivating: She writes: My grandmother was running a clothing manufacturing business in the Chancery district in Auckland to support herself and her family. She worked as a seamstress and studied pattern making and design from her employers.

It's not a story of inequality as such but of women's resourcefulness in order to make lives for themselves. Because of that she has been a huge inspiration to my family for being that person who you definitely didn't want to tangle with!

She also worked during the depression years as a dressmaker and later started Heather Millinery in Fitzroy. I think it was her strong will and fortitude in a very patriarchal society that makes me understand how people like Kate Sheppard used her influence and leadership of disenfranchised women to make the vote happen for women."

The cast for *Just in Time* includes some of the Dance Theatre's most experienced and skilled dancer/performers. Three of them, Jane Roseman, Shelley Prestney and Donna Kelly, were in the original production of *Steps in Time*. The work was presented in New Plymouth and then toured to Palmerston North, Auckland, Wellington and Eltham – to excellent reviews. They are really

enjoying the chance to reprise sections of this wonderful, powerful and celebratory dance work.

Inge Vink, Davina Moffat, Rosanne Taylor and Catherine Donlon have all danced with the Dance Theatre in many productions, and are also enjoying the chance to revisit some of their favourite parts in *Forever Bubbles* as well as performing new works. Inge and Davina were a part of the Dance Theatre cast that traveled to Arundel, England to perform in their arts festival – and *Forever Bubbles* was part of the programme there. Mandy Gilchrist danced as a child with the Dance Theatre, including as Clara in the Dance Theatre's full-length version of *The Nutcracker* in the TSB Showplace, and is loving the opportunity to get back into dance again.

But it is not an all female affair as the two stage managers for the programme – Michael Takarangi and Mervyn Chivers have both danced with the Dance Theatre many times – and are familiar with and have been trained for the work involved.

Performances will be at the Dance Theatre's historic home – The Dance Centre, 306 St Aubyn Street in New Plymouth, on November 9 (7:30 pm), November 10 (3 pm and 7:30 pm) and November 11 (3 pm). Tickets are a very affordable \$20 for adults \$15 for seniors and students and \$10 for children. There are door sales and advance bookings can be made at [www.trybooking.co.nz/372](http://www.trybooking.co.nz/372).

**The Dance Theatre is also running a series of performances in New Plymouth rest homes The performances are at :**

**Tainui Friday, November 16 3:30 pm**

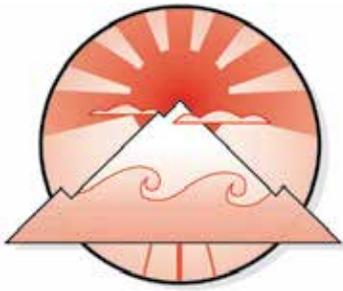
**Molly Ryan Saturday, November 17 10:30 am**

**Summerset Saturday, November 17 1 pm**

**Jean Sandel Sunday, November 18 1:30 pm.**

The programme will be a wonderful mixture of types of dance and live music by Dominique Blatti. The dancers enjoy bringing dance to an audience usually less mobile than others, and sharing their enjoyment of the wonderful dances on the programme. There will be the Fairy dances from the Prologue of *Sleeping Beauty*, some delightful little children doing a Milkmaids dance, some children/teens dancing a jazz dance depicting a day at the beach, a new contemporary dance work with a New Zealand flavour and a segment of the comic work, *Forever Bubbles*. Members of the public are invited to attend with tickets at the door \$10. This *Dance Delights* programme is supported in part by a grant from the Creative Communities Scheme, New Plymouth District.





# Oakura School

## Summer Term

Yay! School is back. The children all appreciated a well-earned break and are ready to enjoy the final term of the year.

We had an action packed term three and ended it on a high note when we performed our school production, Te Wheke - What's In A Name? We would like to thank all of the students for participating in the performance, whether it was dancing, singing, acting or helping out backstage. We would also like to thank Sarah, Raeleen and Sam for coming up with fantastic music, choreography and helping us with our acting skills. The audience reaction has been overwhelmingly positive.

Everybody at school is in for good times this term with awesome new activities and exciting opportunities.

The kids from Year 1 through 4 are discovering the exciting topic of space. Their inquiry will include learning about rockets, the solar system, stars, planets and almost anything you can think of in the night sky. Room three has even made their own space corner in their classroom!

In our new entrant classes, the children are working on their writing skills. They have already written lots of fantastic stories, with subjects ranging from trips to the South Island, to the recent earthquake drill, and everything in between. When we asked the younger children what they were looking forward to this term, they said that they were excited to get back into doing an online learning program called reading eggs.

The Year 6s get to take part in an awesome swimming safety course this term, sponsored by Tamarind. Some of the activities the kids will be taking part in are safety jumps, group huddles, floating and using floating devices, tows and kicking, line throws, boats and life jackets, sculling and deep water retrievals. They will be well-prepared for water activities later in the summer.

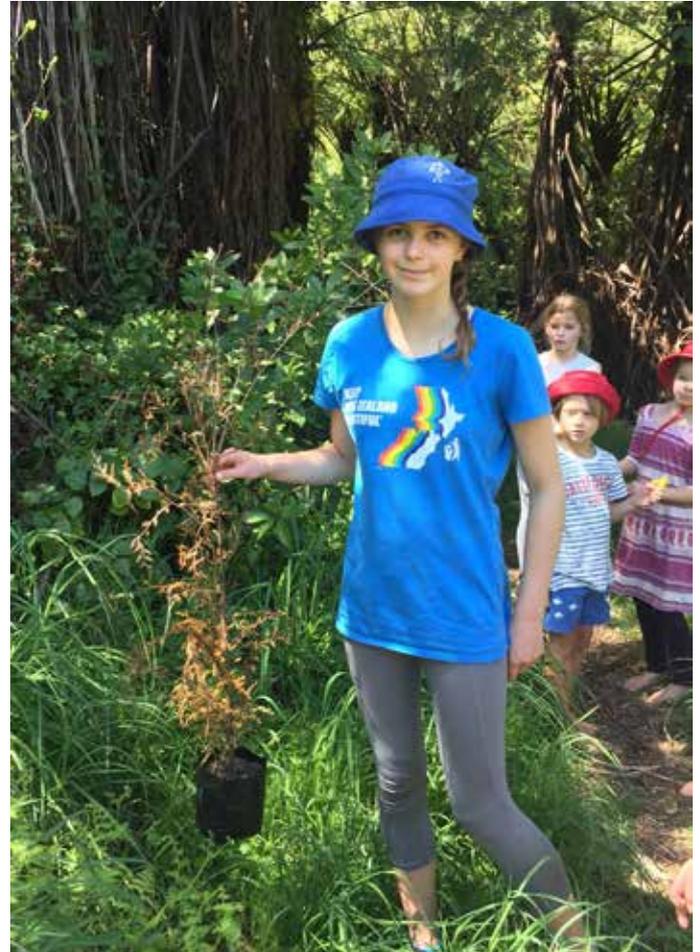
In Year 7 and 8 the children have been working on some incredible art for the Festival of Lights. They are doing some awesome science around our environment. Some of the activities include a stream study, trapping pests and planting in our enviro centre. The senior students are also working on running some events coming up for the whole school to enjoy, such as the school fun run and athletics.

Our amazingly talented kapahaka group have been preparing for the Puanga Festival, where they performed recently. There was a competitive (Oakura-matapu) and non-competitive (Okorotua)

group. Each group performed Maori songs and dances and some children gave speeches in Te Reo.

After all this hard work the students and staff of Oakura School will be ready for a good, long Christmas holiday.

*By Catherine and Hana*





**November**

- 6 Home and School Meeting 6:30pm
- 7 1 and Y2 Ball Skills at Oakura School
- 8 Y3 and Y4 Ball Skills at Oakura School
- 16 Hall Committee Meeting 12pm
- 20 Parent Help Morning Tea 10:30am -Hall
- 27 Year 5/6 Athletics at Okato
- 28 Year 7/8 Athletics at Okato
- 29 Playgroup Christmas Party

**December**

- 4 BoT Meeting 5:30pm
- 12 Production 11am and 7pm
- 13 Postponement date for production

**Learning Te Reo Māori**

Staff development this year has centred around our involvement in the 'He Papa Tikanga' course run by Te Wānanga o Aotearoa; up-skilling ourselves and then passing this on to our students. Learning languages helps expand our cultural horizons and also helps exercise our brains at the same time. Understanding language is one of the hardest things our brain does and any additional language learned adds to heightened neuroplasticity. The evidence is clear - it's never too early to expose children to a second language. Harder for us as adults I must say, but we are giving it a go.

For New Zealanders, the learning of Te Reo Māori also leads us to a greater understanding of our people and our land. As teachers, we are better able to deliver the curriculum to all of our students and be culturally responsive. It is interesting to hear how many of our whānau are also learning Tikanga and Te Reo. We are hardly going to be fluent speakers, but as we learn we are feeling more connected and more confident.

We often talk about languages as if they are people – talking about language health, strength and revitalisation. So when we say 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' we're saying 'Let's make the Māori language strong'. Our students and teachers are showing genuine interest in learning and practicing the language through waiata and through everyday interactions in the classroom.

**Sports**

What wonderful sports seasons our teams have had. Huge thanks to all the coaches and managers out there for making it all happen for our children. Encouraging children to play sports doesn't just help with physical development and health, it also develops social skills, leadership, self esteem, resilience and confidence. The dedication and practice required to play sports also translates into academic pursuits, where hard work and practice gets results.

Well done to our Jump Jam team who came second in their competition and also to our Marimba Group who performed in Auckland at the Marimba Festival. Thanks so much also to Jan Aiello, Jemma Glasgow and Karyn Humphries; our staff who make these things happen.

Thanks again to our neighbours, Lynda and John Matthews, for their ongoing support of our cross country last term. Being able to use Waireka Estate for our event makes for a stunning course that challenges all of our runners. It is also interesting to see the latest developments down at Waireka and how much the plantings have grown.

**New Teachers for 2019**

We are very pleased to announce the two new teachers who will be joining Omata in 2019. Reece Williams (R6) comes with a wealth of experience from Spotswood and prior to that, from Highlands Intermediate. Reece will be teaching in the Year 7/8 class. Laura Jensen (R5) comes from Palmerston North and has been teaching year 3's at Fairfield School in Levin. Laura will be teaching in the Year 1/2 class. Welcome to the team.

Ngā mihi nui  
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As a learning community we have been doing extensive work around our future focus curriculum and this is now available online <https://sites.google.com/spotswoodcollege.school.nz/students/home> As part of this we held two well attended community events to explore the exciting additions to our school curriculum 2019. We have also been fortunate to have the support of a Championing Parent/Student group who will be organising a range of get togethers to delve into the future focus programs of learning for 2019 and other opportunities for our learning community to work together.

We invite you to connect with us as we position ourselves to be a leading school of future focused learning.

**Global Citizenship**

As part of our commitment to be inwards facing while outwards focused, in addition to offering the languages of French, Spanish, Te Reo Maori and Japanese we will also be the first Secondary School in New Plymouth to be offering Mandarin lessons. In 2019 students will also be able to select from a wide range of Culture is the Widening of the Mind Programs from Dance to Environmental Advocacy Groups and valuable Community Connect Programs which ensure our students are actively learning alongside, problem solving, innovating and supporting our wider community. These programs range from Duke of Edinburgh to Community Mural Painting If you have a community and/or a global project that you would like to connect with us about we would love to hear from you. Phone the school office on 751 2416 or email [admin@spotswoodcollege.school.nz](mailto:admin@spotswoodcollege.school.nz)

**Cultural And Sporting Success**

Recent weeks has been a flurry of cultural and sporting achievements with our young people achieving amazing accolades on local, national and international stages. From top placings in motor cross racing to club volleyball. A special acknowledgement to:

Erin Metcalfe (Yr 11) who gained a medal at the NZ Swim Championships; Darcy Collins (Yr 11) who won gold at the National Wrestling Champs in Dunedin; Lyndon Foley (Yr 11) who has been accepted into the NZ School of Dance; Nadia Hill (Yr 13) who has been accepted into the National Academy of Singing & Dramatic Art; David Jeffery, Keegan Joe and Coach Anthony Joe who travelled to Buenos Aires to compete in the Youth Olympics

**Nicola Ngarewa**  
**Principal**

Be sure to Like and follow our journey on FB: Spotswood College Events and Twitter: Spotswood College



*Above top Lyndon Foley and above the Youth Olympic Team Members in Buenos Aires*





### **Monthly News:**

We have had some awesome weather lately and you can feel summer is round the corner.

We have had some great days with plenty of green fee players coming to Kaitake for a lovely round of golf in this beautiful weather. It is so encouraging to see quite a few new faces that have joined up for our summer

membership. We welcome all our new members and look forward to seeing them out on the course. As a few of you might not have been on our course lately, we have a new bunker in front of the sixth green. We also have the first bunker up and running as well and it is catching quite a few of the local members out.

A couple of our board members have bought scooters and they are having so much fun and it is making golfing a breeze. They manage to go round the course in 90 mins.

### **Womens Division News**

Ladies had a successful 72 Hole Tournament. We had a total of 65 competitors in the field. Visitors came from Thames, Taupo, Upper Hutt and most Taranaki Clubs were well represented. Though the weather wasn't kind on the Wednesday, Thursday afternoon turned out brilliant sunshine.

Congratulations to the winners: Kaitake Section:

Winners Verna Bourke & Gareth Hughes (Patea)

Runnersup Diane Morresey & Jill Evans (Stratford)

Tapuae Section:

Winners Diane Jones & Janice Farrant (Kaitake)

Runnersup Kim Woodward & Karen Avison (Kaitake)

Kaitake ladies would like to thank all the businesses donating prizes to the impressive raffle table.

**Jenny Ross Mid week Co-ordinator**

### **Hole In One**

Another Hole in One – Well done to Mark Hayward and Geoff Andrews who have both had a hole in one this year already. Very impressive boys well done.

### **New Members Welcome:**

New golfers are encouraged to give "golf a go" - there is still plenty more days of golf to go before the end of year so come take advantage of this weather and get out into the fresh air and enjoy a leisurely walk and great exercise round the golf course.

Age between 19-35 years of year? This is a good opportunity to join at a very special rate. Many have already taken advantage of the new \$10 rate per years of age membership fee to become a full playing member. For example if you are 22 the membership fee will be \$220 per year.

### **Kaitake Golf Club Chippers**

At last a sunny day for the Kaitake Chippers after several wet Sundays. Dominic Barson comes one Sunday each month courtesy of the Taranaki Golf Association and offers additional coaching. We have so many keen chippers out there and it is so awesome that they are joining up for this year and coming year. 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.

### **Golfing Gals:**

Let's have another shot at this social/fun golf idea.....on Fridays this time!!!!

Gather at 9:30 for 9:45 tee off. Play 9 holes, scoring is optional, having a laugh is compulsory. Finish with a lovely chicken salad or something similar prepared by the French L'Epicure boys Francois and Pascal, along with a wee vino to wash it down. More story telling and laughs then come back the next week and do it all again.

We'll do reduced green fees, so \$10, and should you find you love it and want to purchase a summer membership, what you've paid will come off the cost. Register your interest with Denise, let us know if you need clubs as I'm sure we can rustle up some sets. Tell your friends, the more the merrier. And any helpful ideas let me know. Hope to see you next Friday!!!

### **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.

Follow us on Facebook for more information or phone Denise in the office.

Twilight Golf will be starting on Friday the 2nd November 2018 3pm – 6pm. So come out after work and finish the week off with a good game of golf and great bunch of people and socialise afterwards with a couple of drinks and our new caterers will be on board and hopefully have awesome snack food. Call Denise in the office for more information. Bring on summer. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Phone 7525667





## Oakura Tennis

The season has begun with some great weather to get everyone out on the courts hitting.

Coach Jaime is busy with junior coaching and a few adult sessions too.

Competition tennis has kicked off for the season and we have a good representation in all grades.

In the Junior tennis teams starting with Orange grade - we have the Rockets which has combined with a couple of Rotokare players. The oakura players are Eric Spencer, Connie Matheson and Orr Carmi. In the next grade up the Green Grade we have 3 teams entered. The Drop Shot Divas - Pearl Shearer, Milla Lash, Siena Watson, Emma Jackson and Eliya. The Hard Hitters- Luke Barrett, Corey Barrett, Adi Carmi, Brody Matheson and Matt Weeks. The Roasters- Combined with Rotokare- Gabe Brebner, Duncan Poole, Calum Lewis, Liam McQuaig plus two others. In the Youth Grade we have the Spinmasters with Cooper Ferguson, Miller Ferguson, Otis Dixon and Kai Shearer. The juniors all play on a Friday night.

On Saturdays we have a team in each of the 3 grades and a B grade team of Anne Bridges, Adam Bridges, Noah Lash and Ryan Waite. All A grade tennis is one round only so finals will be played before Christmas. The format is being reviewed for the second half of the season. Taranaki Tennis is keen for any suggestions to help encourage people to play competition tennis so we are keen to here from you. Drop me a text or email if you have any great ideas.



On the national scene Daniel Lewis has been selected for the 12 and unders central team to play in the National teams event in Christchurch in January. Well done Daniel.

On the 25th October the Taranaki Primary Schools event for both Primary Schools and intermediate players was held. Representing Oakura School was Miller and Cooper Ferguson, Kai Shearer, Gabe Brebner and Otis Dixon. From FDMC Daniel Lewis. Daniel was runner up in the intermediate boys to Will Roberts and Cooper won the consolation plate. Daniel travels to Palmerston to represent Taranaki for the central intermediate schools champs.

See you on court or cooling off in the sea!

**Jackie Keenan Secretary**  
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# Successful launch of Pickleball in Oakura

The Oakura Community Hall became the launch site for the game of Pickleball in Oakura. A total of 31 people showed up to see what Pickleball is all about and why it's becoming so popular right across New Zealand. By all accounts, everyone thought the game was a lot of fun and a good workout and here are some of the comments: "This is a great game." "I'm surprised at how good at it I am." "I can't play because I've had surgery on my right hand". (10 minutes later.) "I'm doing fine with my left hand!" "Our whole family can play this together."

From now on, the Pickleball nets will be set up in the Hall most Tuesday evenings 7:15 - 8.45pm and Thursday mornings 9.30 - 11.30am. There will be exceptions when the Hall is in use for other activities. To keep up-to-date with the schedule look on the facebook page Pickleball Oakura or let Elayne (0279377173) know you want to be on the phone notification list.

Paddles (often called bats) and balls will be provided. There will be a \$5.00 charge per session to cover the equipment costs and Hall rental.

See you at Pickleball

*Elayne*



TAKE NOTE of schedule changes for some of the upcoming sessions:

Wed 7 November 7.15pm

Thurs 8 November 9.30am

Thurs 15 November 9.30am

Tues 20 November 7.15pm

Thurs 22 November 9.30am

Wed 24 November 7.30pm

Thurs 29 November 9.30am

No evening session Tues 6 November

**Keep current on facebook Pickleball Oakura.**



### Club Championships

The hotly contested Championship Fours sectional play has finished with 4 teams qualifying for the semi-finals. The line-ups are very evenly balanced creating an intense atmosphere and keen rivalry as the teams battle it out for a place in the final.

### Interclub Tournaments

The midweek and Saturday tournaments are in full swing with the Oakura Bowling Club fielding strong teams and looking forward to a successful year on the greens. Congratulations to Ted Barrett and Roy Phillips for their great work in organising and selecting the teams for the mid-week competitions and a big thanks to all players who compete each week hail, rain or shine. Keep up the great work.

November bowling action will see Oakura field a side in the Division 2 TSB Reality interclub competition and the new fast and exciting Taranaki

Bowls3five tournaments.

The Bowls3Five will be played on Tuesday evenings starting on 20th November. For further information please check the Bowls Taranaki website.

### Club News

The Oakura Bowls and Social Club warmly invite the Oakura community and friends to their "Have A Go" day on Saturday 24th November from 1.30pm to 5pm. The club is situated behind the Oakura Community Hall on South Road Oakura. All equipment will be provided, attire is casual, so all you need is to turn up on the day with some flat shoes, jandals or joggers and a desire and willing to "Have A Go!"

Entrance is free and a BBQ sausage sizzle will be provided from 3pm. The bar will also be open all afternoon to purchase your favourite refreshments.

### *The Underarm Bowler*



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## Oakura Pony Club

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On the 15th September we held our first rally for the 2018/2019 season. The sun shone and we were pleased to welcome two new members to the club.

We are a small friendly club of pony and horse enthusiasts and are keen to grow our membership this season. You do not need a pony to come along to pony club. You can be an unmounted member to begin with and our network of knowledgeable equestrians are very happy to help parents to find a suitable pony if they have a child who is desperate to join the fun.

Why join pony club? Our members receive excellent instruction on a regular basis and there are heaps of fun games, competitions and positive learning about all aspects of caring for a pony. Ponies are some of the best animal companions a child can have and the partnerships formed are second to none. Encouraging your child to ride teaches them empathy, responsibility, time management and keeps them physically fit and enjoying the outdoors.

If you are interested in finding out more then jump on to Facebook and go to the Oakura Pony Club page. Message us any questions you may have you can also stay in touch with all our news.

*Pictured left is new member Jesse Tscheuschler on his pony Belle*

# Oakura Community What's On

**5 Elements Fitness:** 5 Elements Fitness: Bootcamps and Kickboxing fitness classes: Weekdays 5-6 pm, Tataraimaka Hall. For more details contact Barney 027 7527 076, barney@5efitness.com or visit www.5efitness.com

**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 15 November 11am at NPOB Surf Club - locals catch up. Contact Tracey Lusk p. 752 7875, m. 027 636 8060

**Craft Makers Market:** 1 December Oakura Hall 2-6pm. Contact Lizaan Hale on Lizaan\_vn@hotmail.com

**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.

**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.

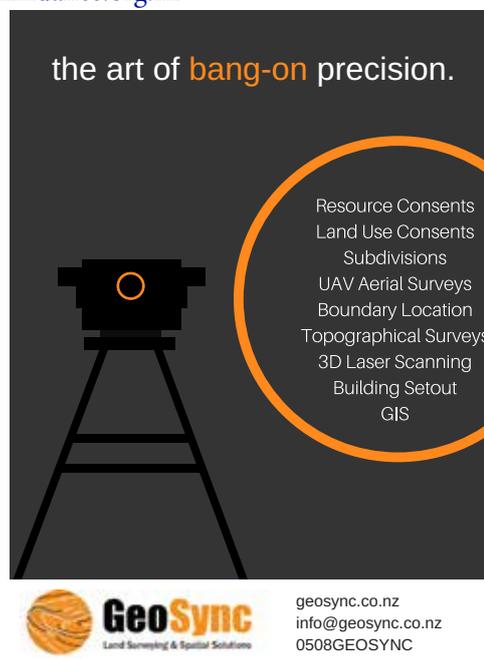
**Omata Playgroup:** Meets every Thursday, 9.00am at the Omata Community Hall. Ring 751 2308 for next session date. All parents and pre-schoolers welcome.

**Pickleball Oakura:** Come along and give Pickleball a go. Oakura Hall Thursday mornings 9.30am and Wednesday evenings 7.15pm. 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



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