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DANCE DELIGHTS

From cats to swans to butterflies with
The Val Deakin Dance Theatre Trust.
Cover photo: Jane Roseman dancing as Summer in Cinderella.

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EDITORIAL

One of the many things that gives me pleasure when putting the TOM-Oakura together is talking to my advertisers about the success they are experiencing in their businesses.



We all measure success differently, for some it is about the bottom line and others its about providing a quality service or product, others like to provide employment for themselves and others or it could be all factors or many other factors.


This month I talked with a group of people who live in the village and who work at btw company. I was inspired by their commitment to their employer and to the place they live in - Oakura. They are passionate about the region and they are all involved in different ways at the grass roots level of the community with their children and community projects. This makes for a very strong culture at their place of work.

Many other local businesses have excelled recently - at the Master Builder House of the Year competition Pepper Construction took out supreme winner and Navigation Homes took out New Home of the Year up to \$300,000. Featured in these homes are many other local businesses - Glen Johns Kitchens being one who received numerous awards at the National Kitchen Design Awards - second runner up in the National Kitchen Design of the Year, Lower North Island Regional Kitchen Design and Best Drawing Standards Award.

All these business people have strong links in the community and we need to recognise the excellence we have living amongst us by keeping our community a strong vibrant place to live - support local business where you can.

I also went along to a dance performance by the Val Deakin Dance Theatre, held at Jean Sandel Retirement Village - what an inspiration Val and Jane are, delivering a quality performance to a large group of people. Val has been involved in dance for over 40 years and her unflagging enthusiasm is incredible. Success in all its forms makes us all richer.

Kim



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Mayor Andrew Judd

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If you haven't, please call us on 06-759 6060 or email enquiries@npdc.govt.nz with your address and we'll get it sorted.

However the key thing to remember is these bins should not be used before 1 October! Until then, keep using the current system for kerbside rubbish and recycling. (Also, the new branded rubbish bags will be delivered to properties in the next few weeks.)

The Great Fresh Air Challenge

Let's Go has a great challenge for you in September – The Great Fresh Air Challenge, in fact.

People in workplaces, high schools and primary schools are encouraged to swap their car journeys for active transport, such as walking, scootering, biking, bussing or carpooling, during September.

Our district is recognised as one of the better places in the country to walk and ride, given our network of off-road paths and on-road cycle lanes, good crossing points and street-to-street access-ways. Even so, 40 per cent of all our car trips are within 5km – so building more active travel into our days is quite possible.

You don't need to ditch the car entirely. In fact, if everyone left the car behind just one day in 10 we'd have 1,000 fewer cars on the road in our district each day.

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**Prisoner of Night and Fog* by Anne Blankman is set in 1933 Germany, where Hitler is on the rise and it's dangerous to be a Jew. A compelling historical fiction novel.

**I will always write back: how one letter changed two lives* by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda. A true story about an all-American girl, a boy from an impoverished city in Zimbabwe and the letter that changed both of their lives forever. A touching and poignant book.

Our meeting room is completed and ready to use. It offers a quiet and private space for small groups. You can see us about bookings.

Crackerjacks, pre-school story time will be held September Thursday 17th at 10am.

For our school holiday programme we will be making marvellous maracas in keeping with Puke Ariki's Musik exhibition. It will be held here on Wednesday 30th September 10am-11am. Numbers are limited so please book ahead.

E-books for everyone Monday 28th September from 4pm-6pm. Bring your devices and our digital librarian can show you how to borrow free e-books and audio books. We'll do our best to answer your questions no matter what your device.

Happy reading,

Charlie and Vincenza

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More Elective Surgery Improving People's Lives in Taranaki

New Zealanders across the Taranaki region are getting the surgery they need to live longer and more active lives. Increasing the number of elective surgeries being carried out is a priority for National, and more operations are now being performed each year.

Last year 5,293 people in Taranaki received elective surgery, compared to 3,759 in 2007/2008. That's a 41 per cent increase, a result which is a credit to the hardworking health region's professionals.

The number of New Zealanders receiving elective surgery across the country has increased by 42 per cent in the last seven years, from 117,954 in 2007/08 to 167,188 in 2014/15. That's around 50,000 more surgeries being performed than when National came into Government.

In May we announced \$98 million from Budget 2015 to boost elective surgery and improve the prevention and treatment of orthopaedic conditions. This funding is helping deliver an average extra 4,000 elective operations per year over the next four years, meaning New Zealanders can live longer, healthier lives, free of pain.

The health budget has grown to a record \$15.9 billion this year, including over \$300 million for district health boards to help meet demand from population growth and provide extra services for New Zealanders. Taranaki District

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Health Board's funding has increased by \$65 million over the last seven years. That funding increase is part of the \$400 million invested into health this year in Budget 2015.

We are funding areas which make a real difference to Kiwi families. All children under 13 are now eligible to receive free doctor's visits as part of the Government's \$90 million investment to extend free doctor's visits to 700,000 children. So far 97 percent of general practices with enrolled children aged 6-12 have opted in to this scheme, with 99 per cent of children under 13 receiving free healthcare.

Labour oversaw a wasteful, inefficient health system, with bloated back offices and poor investment which did not deliver the services New Zealanders needed. Thankfully those days are over, as National's record investment in the health sector is delivering better public health services for New Zealanders.

Jonathan Young, MP for New Plymouth

Kaitake Community Board

Next year during the first weekend in March the Oakura School community will commemorate 150 years of education at Oakura, Koru and Kirihaui Schools. You can read some of the details elsewhere in this issue. There is a huge amount of work in the preparation of a jubilee and we certainly commend those community minded folk who have offered to help.

Another local committee is also hard at work planning an event. I refer to the Oakura New Year's Day Carnival Committee. Its members are putting together another superb programme to entertain residents and visitors on the very first day of next year. If anyone wishes to support the carnival in any way, shape, or form contact Sara Greensill-van Prehn by email nydcarnival@gmail.com

The consultation period on the council's very important representation review has now started and continues until the close on 2 October. A hearing is planned for 4 November for those who wish to speak to their submissions. Councillors have decided to support the status quo. For the Kaitake Ward this means a continuation of the present situation - no locally elected councillor with some of our community being represented by the ten city councillors and the rest being represented by the two Inglewood councillors. However the status quo is only one of a large number of possible options and any resident can make a submission supporting an alternative model. Therefore I do urge everyone to take the time to get acquainted with

the review information available on the Council website, as the final outcome will certainly impact on us one way or another. If there was strong support for different representation model then councillors would be required to give it due consideration and may well change their initial decision as a result. Councillors did support the continuation of community boards, which is a relief as this is the only valid local government representation with local knowledge from Spotswood to the Stony River.

Consultation has closed on proposed changes to the Solid Waste Bylaw to align this with the new collection that starts on 1 October. The key change is a proposed reduction in the maximum bag weight from 20kg to 10kg. Most residents will have now received their new recycling bins. A kerbside collection information day will be held from 10am to 1pm on 20 September by the Wind Wand Car Park where you will be able to see the new trucks close up and ask questions of Council staff.

It has been brought to the KCB's attention that a couple of absolute idiots have been riding bikes on the beach and dunes at the end of AhuAhu Road and causing a lot of unnecessary damage. They have also torn up the turf in the parking area at the end of the Oakura Beach walkway. Information about the riders and an accompanying vehicle has been passed on by local residents to the council's enforcement team and the police. The board will fully support any action those organisation decide to take. The Beach Access sign at the entrance to the parking area states: 'Vehicles (including motorbikes) are not permitted on the



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beach at all times between Weld Road Rivermouth and Tapuae Rivermouth except for emergency vehicles and vehicles launching and retrieving boats - these must be removed immediately after use.' It is clear that these fools either can't read or are somehow convinced the rules don't apply to them.

Well that's it for this month. The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be at the Hempton Hall, Okato on Monday 28 September at 7pm.

Ka kite ano

Doug Hislop (752 7324) on behalf of Keith Plummer, Mike Pillette, Paul Coxhead and Councillor Richard Jordan who is the Council representative on the KCB.



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SPORTS



Kaitake Golf Club News

CLUB RESULTS

The weather has had an effect on club competitions being completed so there are less results this month. There have been qualifying rounds played for the annual Club Championships so September will be a big month. Good luck to all entering these competitions.

MID WEEK 18 HOLE WOMEN

K. Brown was the winner of the Askew Plate, with C Robinson runner-up.

The Fougere Cup was won by M Barrett, with L Regan runner-up

WEEKEND WOMEN

Weather has been against us this month with two weeks being rained off. Some of us were lucky enough to go to Fiji to play in The Denarau Women's golf tournament. We had a fantastic time and missed the bad weather. Looking forward to spring weather and lots of good golf.

MID WEEK 9 HOLE NEWS

Still celebrating the success of winning the Taranaki 9 Hole Pennant Competition, the girls will donate their winning shrub to the club gardens. Soon to be planted will be "Constance" – a Rhododendron growing to around two metres in height and offering a display of large lilac pink and red blotched blooms. Look out for Constance along the path garden on the sixth fairway soon. Taking accolade in the winning, White team composed of Jo Wilson-West, Heather O'Sullivan, Jean Keegan, Coraleen Le Breton, Christine Alexander and Ngaire Grundy. Well done to both Kaitake teams in the competition with Blue being edged out on count back to 4th place.

On the home front - the 4th round of the Super 9 has been played with another win for Susan Cottam of the 2nd section taking home the spoon and first for the season in the front section Jo Wilson-West.

Thursday haggie saw the group play Bisque Par for the first time and whilst the girls felt a tad daunted at the prospect, all revelled in the fact that perhaps it wasn't that bad and had some calculated risk/fun. Taking the prizes this week were Heather O'Sullivan and once again Susan Cottam.

Coming up soon will be Club Champs, with current Champion Yvonne Coxhead keen to prove she has what it takes to continue her running form. New to the format this year the first section has introduced a strokeplay competition to run alongside and in keeping with that, the 2nd section will play a nett play competition.

Well done to all players in the teams play and individual play.

COMING UP

Kaitake Ladies Golf Club, 72 Hole Matchplay Foursomes Wednesday, 28th and Thursday 29th October. Now is the time to decide on entering this popular tournament as the first 48 pairs will be accepted. For further details contact Robyn Robins, Tournament Secretary.

Kaitake Monthly Open Wednesday 30 September.

Andrea Jarrold, President

Oakura Lawn Bowls

COME ALONG FOR OPEN DAY

Date: Saturday 12th September 2015.

Time: 1 pm.

The Oakura Bowling and Social Club would like to welcome all past, present and future bowlers to their opening day Saturday 12th September. The bowls will begin at 1pm with an array of delicious afternoon snacks provided after the bowling. The day game format will be a 2-4-2 pairs event, enabling bowlers plenty of time to roll out their winter blues. It is also a great opportunity for new bowlers to participate in a social game of bowls, meet new people and enjoy the hospitality of the Oakura Bowling club. The clubrooms and green are situated behind the Oakura Community hall on South Road, Oakura.

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

Kaitake Junior Rugby Going Strong

The closing tournaments a couple of weeks back saw three Kaitake Junior Rugby teams make their respective grade finals in the Taranaki North Championships. Kaitake Junior rugby is very strong these days thanks largely to the efforts of parents whom make up the convenors and various coaching staff – all of whom clearly have a passion for our national game.

Kaitake U'9s, in their 2nd year of tackling, prevailed and won the U'9 North Taranaki Championships. Remarkably this is their 3rd tournament win in four seasons. TOM spoke with one of their coaches to find out what makes this team seem special.

"We are very fortunate to have 14 kids (and 28 parent / coaches) who have nearly all played for four seasons together. They are all sports mad, and like most kids, they simply want to win – particularly when there is a trophy and bragging rights at the end of the season. The team is primarily made up locals from Oakura School, with two kids from just down the road at Omata School. This close knit community is home to a number of ex and current well-known rugby players, e.g. Beauden Barrett, Paul

Tito to name a couple. Undoubtedly their involvement in the local community, be it school visits or helping with rugby muster days, aids in the growth of rugby in a small community like Oakura/Omata”.

TOM also learnt that not being content with winning the U’9 North Taranaki Championships, a private game was arranged to play the U’9 South Taranaki Champions – Toko. Obviously both teams wanted to determine who was the best from the Taranaki Region.

Toko Primary School hosted the game in what was an incredibly friendly and fun morning of grass roots rugby. Kaitake visitors were really grateful to the Toko team for not only a great game, but also placing a great food spread after the game. The game was tied up at fulltime and certainly reflected a fair result. Both coaches were happy to leave it at that, but you guessed it . . . not the players. They wanted a winner! For the record, Kaitake won on golden point – but it could have gone either way.

Toko game.



KAITAKE U’9’S,
Rear Row: Hamish Tait, Kalani Watts, Nate Florence, Niwa Shewry, Zach Phillips-Lim, Jack van Pohn, Jake Berridge, Jack Parr, Mack Newton, Obie Roberts.
Front Row: Sam Hemara, Daniel Lewis, Kingston MacArthur, Connor Day.

GETTING WET



Oakura Boardriders

Unbelievably another year is almost over as far as club years go. It’s been a busy year with loads of change and lots of fun. We have nearly finished all the major projects we set out to do so the club should now have some great facilities for some time. Obviously we always want to be moving forward and with so many new members available ideas won’t be hard to come by.

A new committee with new ideas always keeps things fresh but also some club traditions are what makes the club what it is. After such a cold winter everyone is looking forward to summer, our surf coaching and Friday evening get together’s will start again. Remember the Club Champs are planned for Labour weekend,



Tyler Anderson at Fitzroy.



Kalani Watts at Oakura Beach.

The much needed and anticipated new improved Oakura Skate Park is in the planning stages and there is hope it will be completed early in the New Year all going well with a bit more funding secured, this will be a further asset for the community and entertainment for the huge group of kids in the village.

On the contest front, Taranaki surfers had great success in the recent (Indigenous Pacific Islands) Melanesian Surfing Cup held in New Caledonia. Jamie ‘Chip’ Andrews won the SUP wave division, Reef Mathews won the U18 boys shortboard division and Zhana Hutchinson U18 Ladies shortboard division. Great results Taranaki Surfers!

Locally there have been some good waves in between the constant cold fronts, some great snow to be had too, if you have been lucky enough to get to Ruapehu mid week some great conditions with minimal crowds the same up on our local mountain, well worth the trip!

Brent Anderson, OakuraBoardriders.

President: John Shewry, 027 252 9190

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- HEART IN THE COMMUNITY

They say it takes a village to bring up a child, equally you could say it takes a village to make a successful business. In the case of btw company, local entrepreneur/philanthropist Phil Dickey has embraced this concept with five of his employees gainfully employed and living locally in the village and involved in village life. A sixth man Sean Zieltjes while not currently living in the village is part of the Oakura Focus Group and a NPOB member. Russell Harrison is a senior civil and structural engineer working on commercial and residential building projects as well as municipal projects. Russell studied at Canterbury University and has a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons). He has worked at btw company since April 2013. Russell and his wife Bridget have two children who attend Oakura School. Russell grew up in the village as a teenager in 80's, and developed a career in engineering working in New Plymouth, Auckland, and overseas in Great Britain. Russell and Bridget returned to put down roots in Oakura in 2007 to enjoy the Oakura and Taranaki Lifestyle. Russell is a member of the Kaitake Riders motorcycle club. He rides a 2011 Triumph 1050 and gets together with other riders for regular monthly outings.

Graeme Johnston is a director of btw company and also the energy team manager. He studied at Otago University and is a registered professional surveyor. The energy team is involved in well-site and pipeline development and construction. Graeme, wife Davina and their two sons have lived in Oakura since 2007. The family came to Oakura from Hong Kong and fell in love with the area when they came over for a week to look at working in the area. Graeme has travelled and worked all over the world including Turkey, Egypt and Brunei.

The family has been involved in many village activities including, dance, drama, surf club, and karate and Graeme let slip he is a MAMIL! They live on a lifestyle block on Surrey Hill Rd where they grow fruit and vegetables.

Mathew Dickey is carrying on the family name in the business. It is wonderful to have our young people returning to the village with their skills. Mathew has a Bachelor of Engineering - civil (1st Class Hons) from the University of Auckland. Mathew is well known to readers as a champion show jumper. He continues this interest and has four horses in training. When he is not busy with his horses Mathew likes to get out on the mountain or to the beach for fun. The ex Oakura School student and Spotswood College Head Boy is working on civil projects for btw company including water reticulation projects in South Taranaki and also assessing Taranaki buildings for earthquake strength.

Ian Dickey, nephew to Phil grew up in Herekino and studied commercial surveying at Otago University. He spent three years

working in Kaitaia and five years in London before coming to Oakura to visit 'Uncle Phil'. Ian joined the energy team and specialises in using 3D laser scanning, 3D scanning and UAV drone technology. His work is both onshore and offshore.

Ian is married to Jen and they have three boys, two go to Oakura School and the youngest is at Sophia's. The family is involved in the boardriders club, soccer, athletics and rugby and generally they all enjoy the outdoors - snowboarding, surfing and kayak fishing.

Grant Aitken has a long association with Oakura having spent his teenage summers at a private camp site on the Jans property (now Lovell's) on Jans Tce. His is a family of carriers and carters from Toko and dairy farmers from Wharehuia, Stratford District. Grant studied at NPBHS and Unitec Auckland and returned to work in New Plymouth following studies and working overseas in Australia, Canada and the Middle East. In 2002 he returned to Oakura with wife Jennie. Scarlet-Rose their five year old daughter attends Oakura Primary and Jennie manages their design business (Hall of Design) from their home in village. Grant has been at BTW Company since 2003 and became a partner in 2008. He is a director and is part of the energy team.

Grant is passionate about Oakura developing its own community swimming pool and is involved with the Oakura Community Swimming Pool Trust.

Sean Zieltjes has been a senior environmental planner at btw company since the beginning of 2014. He works on environmental resource consents, planning, policy writing, regulatory and development advice. Sean grew up on Petone Rd and many will know his mum Judy who teaches at Oakura School. Sean has attended NPOB for the last 17 years. His expertise has been invaluable with the clubroom upgrade. He is also involved in fundraising, planning and training at the club. Sean is part of the Oakura Swimming Pool Trust and Oakura Focus Group.

btw company also sponsor Coastal Rugby, the Kaitake Golf Club and the Oakura Pony Club and were last year's Westpac Bank Business of Excellence Supreme winner - a well rounded and successful local business doing 'good in the hood'.

by Kim Ferens



Russell Harrison, Grant Aitken, Ian Dickey, Mathew Dickey and Graeme Johnston.

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Dance to Delight Young and Old

Last month The Val Deakin Dance Theatre Trust put on a dance and musical show called "Dance Delights". Local guitar teacher Dominique Blatti and fellow guitarist Ross Townsend played Latin pieces from France to Argentina during the show.

The programme included ballet performances from Jane Roseman, Davina Moffat, Inge Vink and Rosanne Taylor in 'Pas de Quatre', a cute rendition of 'butterflies' by aspiring dancers Emily Bird, Siobhan Dobbin, Alyssia Fairweather, Holly Hughes and Robyn McClure. In the 'Cinderella' performance Morris and Lynda West, Melvyn Chivers, Madinina Nordin and Zara Erol-Watt added a 'circus' element to the story line.

Some very feline dancers swished their tails under the leadership of top cat Rosanne Taylor in 'Alleycat' - a great group of young dancers and tap dancers - Jaimee Bloor, Zara Erol-Watt, Madinina Nordin, Brooke Pickett, Catherine Rielly-Leadbetter, Ellas Simpson and Karina Tamaiparea.

Jane Roseman performed a solo dance called 'My Old Flame' amidst a continuing afternoon of colourful dances, poem and guitar. The afternoon finished with a 'Swan Lake' waltz rendition choreographed by Val as were many of the other pieces.

What a great afternoon's entertainment! The dance theatre has a French Cabaret evening at the Dance Theatre on Saturday September 26 with French food, fun, flair and frolics. Tickets \$30, phone 7527 743 for more information.

by Kim Ferens



The beautiful little butterflies.



Rosanne Taylor in Swan Lake.



Dominique Blatti and Ross Townsend.



The Alleycats.



Morris West looking his best.

CLASSICAL CONCERT

On Tuesday the 11th of August we had some talented Japanese university students play and sing classical music to the whole school. There were three artists; one played the marimba and the ocean instrument, another was a pianist, and the last was a vocalist (soprano). They performed four songs, all separate styles and all from different countries.

The performers showed amazing dedication, and told us how long they had been playing or singing. One artist had been playing their instrument for over 20 years! We all enjoyed their precision and accuracy and how the instruments harmonised perfectly. The songs seemed really difficult to play as there were multiple melodies to be placed together in time. Overall the performance was breath taking.

Some lucky students learnt how to play Frere Jacques on the marimba. The performers were very encouraging to the students of our school and told us how you should always persevere when learning an instrument. They told us that if you work hard you can play any instrument. We really enjoyed the performances and learnt about some amazing instruments.

Chloe Walshaw (12), Adam Bridges (13) and Maya Jackson (12)



Juri, Yoki and Yoshiko.



Students learning how to play the marimba.

YOLO!

You Only Live Once was the theme of the 2015 LEAD conference held at City West church for young leaders of Taranaki.

The year 8s of Oakura School were lucky enough to attend this inspirational conference. There were many inspiring speakers who shared their stories. Some funny, some sad and some incredibly weird.

We were first greeted by the host, Ash, who told us about the theme (YOLO) and told us what to expect from the day. The first speaker, Te Waka Ruapounamu McLeod, spoke about the hardships of losing both parents at a young age of 21 but also told us about how she and her brothers got over it and decided to keep living life to the fullest. The next speaker was Dan Anckerman (or as we like to call him 'Dan the puberty man'), who was hilarious and spoke about superpowers such as laughter, kindness, smarts and of course leadership. The following speaker was Kate Broadmore who has represented New Zealand in the White Ferns cricket team at the highest level. Kate spoke about the importance of setting goals to help achieve and become successful, as well as about the wide array of sports she has played.


Then it was... well, morning tea, but after that Guy Honnor hosted a Q and A (a question and answer interview session) with some local high school sports stars featuring Zoe Hobbs, Emma Daniels, Felix Webby, Olivia Eaton and Angus White (an ex Oakura school Head pupil). They spoke about their achievements, training and how to live a balanced life.

Then it was lunch and after a pretty epic dance contest, Ayla Hutchinson (a young Inglewood inventor) came out and told us about her invention the 'Kindling Cracker', which was a genius idea and a much safer way of chopping fire wood. Then Dan came out for one last speech and he told us that our story isn't over, which means if you're in a pretty bad chapter of your life things will get better over time.

After the last speech Ash came out to conclude the day with a final "YOLO". The students filed out of the church and returned home.

It was a great day and we'd like to thank the parents for taking us there and the teachers for organising everything (and ordering us pizza). The Year 8s of 2016 are in for a treat!

By Melanie Bishop (12) Adam Bridges (13) Chloe Walshaw (12) Michael Gibbon (13)



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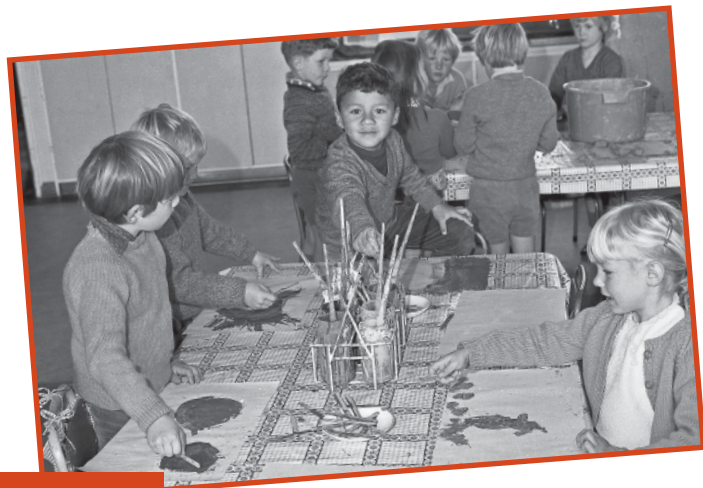
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To keep up to date with 'Jubilee News' and share your memories and photos on our Facebook page – Oakura 150th Jubilee.

Oakura School 150th Jubilee Committee needs your support to be able to stage this significant event. Please contact Rose Bruce to discuss sponsorship options or visit our website for more details – Rose 027 220 8840. For more information please contact: Lynne Hepworth – Principal Oakura School 06 752 7719, Claire White – Chairperson Oakura School 150th Jubilee Committee 027 653 3466.

Oakura School was established in 1866 to provide an education for 16 students in the village. A bottle of whiskey and a five pound note were what was paid for the three and a half hectares of land that the school occupies today! The first school buildings were erected on the present day site in 1880. Prior to this the school operated from a private residence, which was common practice in many rural communities back then. Koru School was established in 1879 and Kirihaui School started in 1924. They existed to support families of the local timber mill workers and farmers in those areas. As the timber ran out and mills closed, Kirihaui amalgamated with Koru School in 1934 with its seven pupils transferring. Then in 1939, Koru School joined forces with Oakura School boosting the roll by a further 25 pupils.

The jubilee celebrations recognise not only Oakura's role in the delivery of education in our community but also the important contribution that these two smaller schools had in the story of education in the Oakura District. From a single room school with a roll of 16, Oakura School has grown to its present day size of 13 classrooms with a roll of close to 340 students. Currently the Jubilee Committee is hard at work putting together an excellent programme for the celebrations. There will be opportunities to attend the formal part of the celebrations, see the school in action, meet and mingle with friends that you may not have seen in years, attend the dinner and enjoy the accompanying entertainment as you relax and reminisce about times gone by. This will also be an opportunity for visitors to enjoy our unique environment, take a walk on the beach or visit local artists and gardens.



Who remembers having to mix the powder paint with water from the tap under the drinking fountain and making sure the lid was on the clay bin so the clay didn't go hard? Here are the Oakura School infants enjoying 'Developmental Period' in 1972.

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Spotswood College

Planning for 2016 is now well underway for schools and students as well as families. Year 8 students are making decisions about which High School to attend next year while students already at High School are selecting courses of study for 2016. Teachers are completing curriculum changes and alterations as well as putting the final touches to new courses – a busy and exciting time for everybody.

We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting Year 8 students in their current school and we appreciated the opportunity to 'show off' our students and our school at our Open Evening. If you are still undecided about secondary schooling for your son or daughter please contact me to discuss how Spotswood College can meet your child's secondary education needs.

Significant social change and constantly changing work environments require everybody to carefully plan their education and career pathways.

JACKETS

Students, staff and BOT members on the Uniform Committee have worked hard to find a new school jacket. During the review of the Uniform Policy the Committee received clear feedback that the current jacket was not warm enough nor waterproof enough and that it was too expensive.

With advice from Rob Needs (PTA member and owner of Kiwi Outdoors) we have sourced a high quality black jacket at the very good price of \$80.00.

The new jackets feature a detachable hood, lined sleeves, Velcro adjustable wrist bands, secure pockets and it is made of a highly durable waterproof material that can be machine washed. The Committee felt that keeping the jacket emblem free could mean that it could be used at all times.

A large number of jackets have already been purchased. Please check the website or contact Mary Turner (753 3296) or the school office to check on Uniform Shop hours to purchase a new jacket.

HATSUKAICHI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL VISIT

Hosting our sister school from Hiroshima was another wonderful cultural exchange opportunity. The six students and their teacher spent a week in our school staying with families of our students. It was wonderful to observe the strength of the relationships that developed in such a short time.

Special thanks to Mrs Smithers and Mrs Cast for organising the exchange. Sixteen of our students will travel to Japan in April of next year and will visit Hatsukaichi High School as part of the trip.

SENIOR EXAMINATIONS

Senior students will be sitting School Examinations during Week 8. These exams are extremely important for students to gain external exam experience and to get a sense of what

they need to be focusing on in their preparation for the NCEA externals in early November.

During Exam Week teachers will be offering tutorials for students requiring extra assistance – "Learning is our Focus".

Should you have any queries regarding our school please do not hesitate to contact me.

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The NZSS Rogaine Championships was held recently at Waitare Beach. Senior Boys - Angus White and Calum Sutherland placed second (by only 30 points out of 1300) behind Whangarei Boys' High. Sam Evans and Josh Turner came in 3rd. The Junior Boys - Oak Jones and Jack Elliot placed first. Jason Bond and Sam Weise came 4th (got the same score as 3rd team but finished 10 seconds behind them in a 3 hour event).

New Plymouth BHS 1st XI won the Super 8 Football final 2-nil against Tauranga Boys' College. The tournament was hosted by Gisborne Boys' High School and it was the first time NPBHS has won the Super 8, since 2000, at the same venue.



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MANU KORERO results from Taranaki regionals:

Michael McLeod 1st - Korimako: Senior English
1st - Senior English Impromptu
1st - Senior English Aggregate

Michael represents Taranaki/Wanganui at the National Manu Korero to be held in Porirua, September 21-24.

Emerson Gray 1st - Pei te Hurinui: Senior Maori
8th - Senior Maori Impromptu
6th - Senior Maori Aggregate

The annual Fonterra Science and Technology Fair was held recently. Once again NPBHS boys performed with distinction. They not only created exceptional exhibitions, but represented themselves and the school very well, on the awards evening. A special thank you to the teachers involved in inspiring and encouraging these students.

SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS			Prize	
Student Name	Level	Entry		
Ryan Anthony	9	Scientific Investigation "How clean is your mouthguard?"	Special	The Taranaki MedLab prize for the best projects in human biology/health.
Zac Betteridge	9-10	Water Rocket Challenge	Second	Water Rocket Challenge Senior
Neo Brookes	9-10	Technological Development "The bag jacket"	Merit	Technological Development, Years 9 & 10
Sam Dingle	9-10	Water Rocket Challenge	Merit	Water Rocket Challenge Senior
Kieran Gillanders				
Gavin Bishop,	9-10	Technological Development "Gold rush"	Second	Technological Development, Years 9 & 10
Alex Briggs,				
Oak Jones,				
James Lee-Sanderson	10	Year 10 Quiz	First	Year 10 Quiz
Toby Larsen	9	Scientific Investigation "Ignition and burning time of various fabrics"	Special	Dairy NZ Scientific Endeavour Prizes
James Macey	9	Journalism	First	Scientific Journalism, Year
James Macey	9	Scientific Investigation "Ditching the battery"	Merit	Scientific Investigation, Year 9
Liam Megaw	10	Photographic Section	First	Photographic Section, Year 10
Fletcher Moles	9	Scientific Investigation "Super sand"	Merit	Scientific Investigation, Year 9
			Special	Geological Society of NZ prize for the two best entries in the Earth Sciences
			Special	The Taranaki Regional Council prize for the best project demonstrating some aspect of environmental science
Kristian Revfeim	9	Scientific Investigation "Unexpected shower"	First	Scientific Investigation, Year 9
			Special	Outstanding Experimental Technique
Leon Schnetzer	9	Scientific Investigation "Heating water for free"	Merit	Scientific Investigation, Year 9
Cameron Sharpe	10	Advertising Poster	First	Advertising Poster, Year 10
Cameron Sharpe	10	Observational Drawing	First	Observational Drawing, Year 10
Finn Stokes	9	Journalism	Second	Scientific Journalism, Year 9
Finn Stokes	9	Photographic Section	Merit	Photographic Section, Year 9
Brayden Thompson	9-10	Technological Development "Retractable walking stick"	Merit	Technological Development, Years 9 & 10
Joe Wagstaff	9	Scientific Investigation "Wood fired"	Merit	Scientific Investigation, Year 9
Lachlan White	9	Scientific Investigation "The biofuel burn off"	Merit	Scientific Investigation, Year 9
			Special	Outstanding Experimental Technique

OAKURA

COMING UP

September

- 11 Y1-6 Disco 5:30-7pm.
- 16 Oakura Marae visit.
- 25 Music Assembly 9am.
- Term 3 ends 3pm.

October

- 12 Term 4 begins.



Soccer ends on a high note.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the Omata Chess Team who competed in the recent Taranaki Intermediate Schools' Chess Tournament. The team of Tim Hobson, Ido Doron, Connor Eldershaw and Ben Andrews (Reserve: Adam Mckenzie) finished in 4th place. The boys did a wonderful job and should be proud of what they achieved. A big thank you goes out to their coach and manager, Steve Hobson.



Omata Chess Team.

SEVEN ASIDE RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Well done to the Year 7/8 boys who recently competed in the Taranaki Seven aside Tournament. It was wonderful to see the boys being so proactive and showing so much initiative. The boys organised their entry to the competition, they organised their own coach, and prior to the tournament, they spent most of their lunchtimes practicing. A big thank-you to their coach John Williams.



SOCCER SEASON ENDS ON A HIGH NOTE

With the sun shining, the tui's singing, and the mountain forming a stunning backdrop, Omata School played host to the final game of the season for all the Omata football teams. As a fundraiser for the Year 7/8 camp, there was a sausage sizzle, cake sale, second hand book sale and the Omata Café was kept busy serving up coffees.

The importance a community plays in shaping a school is often talked about, and was something that really stood out on this morning. From the parents who coached the teams and gave up their time during the week, to the parents, teachers, siblings and grandparents who lined the fields supporting the children. From the parents who organised and ran the fundraising events, through to the past pupils who served coffees and cakes. All of those people coming together really make this a great community to live in and helps make Omata such a wonderful community school. Thank you to everyone!

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

Mini Groovers. Music and movement for preschoolers! Tuesdays 10am during school terms, now at St James' Hall (opp. Oakura Hall). Gold coin donation. Contact Sara Matheson on 021-294 6896.

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 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 Robin King ph 751 0300.

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

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

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

Oakura Tennis Club
 Monday 9am-2pm - Ladies Midweek Competition.
 Tuesday 3pm-5pm - Junior Coaching.
 Wednesday 3pm-5pm - Junior Coaching / Hot Shots Tennis.
 6pm-7.30pm - Ladies practice night.
 Thursday 5.30pm-7.30pm - A Grade players practice.
 Friday 4pm-8pm - Junior Interclub competition.
 Saturday 9am-4pm - Sofie Cup and A grade Competition.
 Contact Club Secretary, Jackie Mitchell on 06 752 7013.

Probus Club. Meets once month at Kaitake Golf Club rooms on the 3rd Friday of every month at 10am - 11.30am. Contact Barry Goble 752 7254, or Betty West 752 7816.

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

St John's, Omata. Morning worship 10.00am, 2nd Sunday of the month.

Val Deakin Dance School. Oakura Hall. Saturday mornings. Pre-school dance classes 9:30 - 10 am. Beginners' Ballet dance class 10.00 - 10:45 am. Contact Val on 752 7743.

Also classes for pre-schoolers to adults in ballet, jazz, tap, modern and ballroom (beginners to advanced) at the Dance Centre in New Plymouth.

Vigor Fitness. Tuesday and Thursdays 9am - Outdoor Pure Grit Training. Phone Anneka Carlson 021 404 642.

Volkswagen Club. Regular events range from car rallies, the YMCA climbing wall, camping, BBQ get togethers and sharing good family times and knowledge. Contact President: kirk@taranakivw.co.nz and Secretary: bryan@taranakivw.co.nz

Yoga Classes. Oakura Church Hall, Wed at 9.15am, Fri at 6am, (call Kate to book your class), Fri at 9.15am. Everyone welcome. Contact Kate Evans 027 203 7215.

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