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# The Family's Coming for Christmas

The family's coming for Christmas, I'm looking forward to it so  
The girls are bringing bread makers in case supplies get low  
I hope the weather's fine  
Beds may be a problem,  
but they're not going to sleep in mine

They're bringing down their horses, and the dogs will come along too.  
The family's coming for Christmas, it'll be a great do.  
We'll have to build a privy, maybe one or two,  
A solar shower under the trees will need a thought or two

We'll get them onto weeds said Pete with a grin,  
To waste those labour units would be a terrible sin  
They are bringing tents to sleep in, and they're bound to make a din

The girls are getting bossy but the boys are just the same  
Wrestling in the dining room and rugby in the lounge  
Get out you great big fellows, there are acres for your game  
No, no those cushions you certainly cannot scrounge

The family's coming for Christmas, it certainly won't be tame  
They'll think of lots of things to do, and every kind of game.  
They'll have lots of discussions and arguments aplenty  
Lots of music also, guitars and dancing too  
Lots of singing and laughter and even a tear or two  
But when the Christmas fun is over it'll be so very quiet  
I hope they will enjoy it so they come again and again.

by A Farmers Wife



## Ella Kitson Media Leader Ōākura School

I have enjoyed writing articles for the Ōākura Post throughout 2021. It has given me a better understanding of how the media and deadlines work. It has been challenging at times but a great experience writing for you all. I hope you have enjoyed reading my articles. A huge thank you to Mrs Jackson for her supporting and guiding me throughout the year as Media Leader.

Ella Kitson (Age 12)



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# Kaitake Community Board

Sitting down to produce my second column for The Ōākura Post, our community has just experienced the disruption of ferocious winds that caused extended power cuts, traffic accidents, failures of cellular phone networks, and a fair amount of damage to trees and property.

At the same time we have found ourselves bombarded with reports of anti-vaxxer protests, anti-lockdown protests, anti-vaccination mandate protests. We are also being subject to a barrage of controversial, contradictory, outlandish, and sometimes frightening social media and mainstream media content.

I hear from many that I have spoken to in our community that they are experiencing a range of emotions including a fair amount of anxiety. These feelings are further intensified by the ever changing COVID-19 landscape with constant changes in levels around the country, the fear our region will be the next to be impacted, uncertainty heading into the Christmas holiday period, and the fear of how much worse things might get.

It can become easy under the pressure of all these things, on top of normal everyday life "stuff", to view those to whose opinions are diametrically opposed to ours with antagonism, anger and venom, or to personalise anything that is done or said by those people, and even

to seek some form of retaliation or retribution towards them.

I spent a large part of my life in the NZ Defence Force working throughout New Zealand and around the world, preserving the peace and security we all want and protecting the liberties and freedoms we all enjoy - the very freedoms that allow others to safely hold and express beliefs that are fundamentally different to ours.

While we may not agree with what is being said, and while it may sometimes rile, aggravate, or even anger us, it is important as a community that we all respect the right of another to hold and express their opinion. After all, if everyone displayed that same level of respect towards one another, the conflict and aggression we are starting to see around the country may not have occurred.

Similar levels of polarisation, with opposing parties holding differing opinions, have been evident during the representation review process in the lead up to next year's Council elections.

We want Maori Wards! There is no place for separatist, apartheid type policies!

We should only have Ward councillors! We should only have at-large councillors!

We want to be in this Ward, not that one.

We have too many councillors! We should have more councillors!

It was wonderful to see however, that individual passion for personal view points during the

review submission sessions didn't flow over into a loss of mutual respect for one another during the consultation process.

The Kaitake Community Board has worked hard during this process to ensure that the concerns with past levels of effective representation were brought to the table. We are confident that outcomes of the review process will see an improvement in the opportunities to get your voice to the Council table.

One of the beneficial steps that has already been taken is that Community Boards have been provided the ability to fund projects and events within their geographical area. While there are boundaries and limitations that have been imposed on what has been introduced, we now have the opportunity to progress ideas and aspirations that have been put forward and detailed in our Community Board Plans and to consider projects that have been brought to the Board's attention by members of the community.

So, if there are projects that you would like us to consider please contact one of the Community Board members listed below so we can get things started.

And to finish on a lighter, more cheery note, on behalf of Kaitake Community Board, I wish you all a safe, merry and relaxing Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

Tangohia tiaki tātou katoa, kia tūtaki ā tērā Tau Hau – Take care everyone, see you all in the New Year.

**The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be held on Monday 14 February at the Ōākura Bowling Club at 5pm**

Graham Chard (027 220 4549, [thechardz@gmail.com](mailto:thechardz@gmail.com))

on behalf of Paul Coxhead, Paul Veric, Renee Hohaia and Amanda Clinton-Gohdes (the Councillor representative on the KCB)

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## Mike's and Ton's Business Timeline

1977 - early 80's

Mike started in the motor trade industry working for Tony Florence Cars at yard where they are now and moved to Strandon Cars a year later, then amalgamated to Wade Cars Strandon branch with Bob Wade. Mike and Bob bought the land on St Aubyn St and traded as Wade Cars St Aubyn St branch. Mike traded under the Wade Cars licence for a few years.

1987

Ton came on board at Wade Cars.

1991

In May Ton and Mike formed a partnership. As they stopped trading under Bob's licence and obtained their own motor vehicle trading licence, they became Hareb Deken Motors.

1991 - 2021

Their customers were farmers looking for 4WD utes and flatdecks, families wanting SUV's and 7 seaters and this is how they became widely known as Taranaki's 4WD Dealers. Since then they have imported many Japanese and European cars and a tally in early November showed in the over 30 years of trading they have moved over 15,700 vehicles.

# Hareb Deken Motors End of an Era

Having spent over 30 years selling used motor vehicles from their St Aubyn St premises, longstanding Ōākura locals Mike Hareb and Ton Deken are making changes. Mike has decided to retire from the car yard and Ton is staying on as director of Deken Motors.

While their place of work may be New Plymouth, the support they have given to the community is very much Ōākura focused. During this time they have sponsored many individuals, groups and clubs and like their business their focus is very centred on providing a personal service. Testament to this are the vast number of cars sporting a Hareb Deken bumper sticker or wheel cover. Many of their customers are repeat business and most likely second generation too.

Mike was born in New Plymouth and has lived in Ōākura with his family for 45 years. If you didn't already know, Mike is the father of 'our local surf legend' Paige Hareb.

Ton grew up in Christchurch and came to Taranaki in 1972 as a national surfing competitor. Soon after he moved up he spent his time shaping boards. Mike and Ton met through surfing.

Ton's passion for cars - which he got from his fa-

ther - soon had him visiting Mike's yard and their surfing friendship soon turned into a business relationship. Ton and his family have lived in the village since 1974. Ton is the father of the current Boardriders' surfing coach, Simon Deken.

The knowledge and connections have put these two guys in a good position for their future dealings. Early in the New Year Ton will become the sole proprietor - same place, same service, different name. And while Mike is intending to enjoy retirement from 45 years in the trade he will operate a smaller home based business 'Pioneer Imports' selling late model vehicles and the odd Motorhome.

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The club was started 23rd Sept 1971. Local Borthwicks' stock buyer Allan Madgwick was the man that got things started.

Being a good sportsman himself and a good community man he could see, with the development of Corbett Park and Kaitake Rugby Club thriving, a cricket club could be a definite possibility. Allan canvassed the local farming area with an idea which he thought could be starters.

After a week of doing the rounds and buying a few livestock as well he reckoned there was enough interest so he organised a meeting at the Ōākura School for the 23rd September 1971. Those present were Lyndsey Benton, Gavin Benton, Peter Benton, Steven Pope, Graeme Guildford, Allan Madgwick, Matt Redshaw, David Christiansen, John Parkinson, Stan Betts, Brian Burnett, George Rogers and Keith Sarten.

The Ōākura Cricket Club was duly formed with the first office bearers being Patron Stan Betts, an ex Olympic javelin thrower, President Allan Madgwick, Secretary/Treasurer Matt Redshaw and Captain Graeme Guildford. Then came the hard work to be organised, geared up, fit and rearing to go for the first game against Ōmata where we got a bit of a lesson on how a well balanced team plays to win and enjoy it.

Fundraising was quite interesting, including cutting and selling firewood, possum shooting, fencing, laying field tiles, generous donations from locals, raffles and helping the Rugby Club to get new club rooms with Cabarets and Calcutta evenings. Initially we played on mats made of coconut fibre bought from the Korito Club. They were stretched and pegged down on a rolled strip of grass with old valves from old engines. We made a practice wicket with concrete and a galvanised frame with netting fixed in place.

A huge moment in the club's progress was when the artificial turf wicket, which was the first in Taranaki, was laid for the 1984-85 season. An invitation match was held with Taranaki and Central Districts players involved, and Patron Allan Madgwick produced a bottle of Champagne, with the clinking of glasses to start the match.

The club progressed with generally good player numbers and good leadership at the top.



*Back L to R – Josh Ryan, Josh Thomson, Jack Wagstaff, Brett Cursons (C), Dion Ryan, Isaac Cook, Les Nairn. Front L to R – Devin Lewis, Troy Jury, Liam Nelson, Lee Hughes, Greg Shearer*

## Ōākura Cricket Club 50th Reunion 4th-6th March 2022

Two anniversary reunions have been held at the 10th and the 25th years. The club has survived its ups and downs and is now the only surviving one team club in the North Taranaki Senior Competition.

In recent years the club has experienced quite a lot of success, winning 2 titles and making the semi finals most years. To recognise the contribution of Les (Whiskey) Nairn over a number of years as a player, administrator and unofficial groundsman he was recently made the only Life Member of the Club. The club has also been the subject of a Sky Sport 'Club is the Hub' documentary, much to the envy of other cricket clubs.

To manage the jubilee celebrations, an Organising Committee has been set up. This comprises Secretary/Treasurer Greg Shearer as convenor, Les Nairn (President), Brett Cursons (Team Captain), as well as past icons Bob McLean, Gavin Benton, Gordon Blyth, Matt Redshaw and Allan Madgwick.

So the 50th Anniversary Reunion is coming up next March 4th-6th.

Friday 4th - nine holes of golf at Kaitake

Meet and Greet at Butlers Hotel Friday night

Saturday 5th - Anniversary Dinner

Sunday 6th - cricket match at Corbett Park as well as photos and T-shirts etc.

Recently, as part of a growing community and resurgence in users of Corbett Park, the club has joined forces with Kaitake Rugby Club, Kaitake Football Club and the Ōākura Junior Sports Club to become a member of the Kaitake Community Sports Hub (KCSH).

If any ex-member reads this and wants to register please send your email or phone number to Les Nairn at les.nairn@meganewplymouth.co.nz or Greg Shearer at greg@gregshearer.co.nz

**On behalf of the  
organising committee  
Greg Shearer & Matt Redshaw**

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# Ōākura Library

Hello All/ Tēnā koutou katoa

## Christmas Craft

Wednesday 22 December, 2pm – 3pm.  
Join us to make Christmas decorations.  
For ages 5 – 12, spaces limited,  
booking essential.

## Summer reading programme

Register here between 12 - 24  
December. The programme starts 3  
Jan 2022 and ends 28 Jan 2022. Check  
in with the librarians about what you've  
been reading over summer and your  
name will go into our weekly prize  
draw.

## DIY Christmas gifts

You'll find plenty of inspiration on  
our shelves from cookery books,  
magazines, gardening books, and  
crafts books. Make your own gift cards,  
tags and baubles as well.

'Christmas Things to Stitch and Sew',  
'Macraweave', 'Boho Felt Crafts',  
'Home-Made Simple for Kids',  
'Women's Weekly Christmas Express',  
and '52 Nature Craft Projects' are just a  
few recommended titles.

## Holiday hours:

Ōākura Library is closed from 25th -  
28th December 2021 and reopens on  
Wednesday 29th December at 11am.

We are closed from 1st - 4th January  
2022 and will reopen on Wednesday  
5th January at 11am.

**From the team at  
Ōākura Library**

**Merry Christmas/  
Meri Kirihimete**



# Cathy's Care Centre is Underway

## Kia ora koutou katoa,

It is so heartening to see the efforts of all involved coming together in the building structure of Cathy's Care Centre. We are so very grateful for the amazing tenacity of Jamie, Suzie and their Retreat Team to pull this all together.

A shout out of thanks and appreciation to those who have helped out with Phase One (getting the site prepped and the slab down): Ernie, the amazing digger man who has completed all of the earth works on the Retreat site since the days when it was simply a paddock, KiwiHire, Mahoney's Transport, WestPoint Engineers and Wells Construction.

Mark Wells, the Retreat's builder, and his crew have been progressing the work on site efficiently, awesomely, and always with a smile. Team Retreat have been involved wherever they can help. Retreat host Mac even got stuck into digging the power cable trench - GO MAC!

It is fantastic to see the roof go on to the Centre! Many thanks to Roofing Industries who kindly donated the iron as their support for Cathy's Dance for Hope in October 2018, and to RTL Roofing Taranaki Ltd for the install and guttering.

We will continue to keep you updated as progress is made.

**Nga mihi nui,**

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*Anita with Sonny and  
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*Feona Scott entertaining the mini groovers*

Mini Groovers Ōākura was created 22 years ago by a group of local mothers and is still as popular today as it was all those years ago.

For those who don't know, Mini Groovers is a community run non profit music and dance group designed for toddlers and preschoolers. The children and their caregivers have a great time singing and dancing to a variety of music including some kiwi classics. Our active 30 minute sessions are led by early childhood teacher, Feona Scott, followed by snack time and a story. Caregivers can grab a coffee and cake too.

Mini Groovers is held every Tuesday during term time, 10am-11am at the Ōākura Church Hall. We have recently changed our payment system so we no longer accept gold coin dona-

tions. Instead we have a set price to pay online or in cash. The membership for a family is now \$35/term or a reduced cost of \$125/year.

As our community grows we must adapt our systems to ensure that our sessions are a safe environment for all our families. Therefore, we require that all families who attend our sessions are enrolled. You are welcome to come along and try out the session free of charge before you enrol.

We are always looking for creative ways to improve the resources for the children and we welcome any sponsorship or donations from

local businesses when possible. Please get in touch via our Facebook page Mini Groovers - Oakura.

A few other notes: If we go into lockdown, sessions will be held online via Zoom. We often hold sessions in the school holidays, however these will be charged separately.

Hope to see you at the next session.

**Feona Brown, Session Leader**  
**Louise Bain, Secretary**  
**Rebecca Maxim, Communications**  
**Sarah Cunningham, Treasurer**  
**Yifat Carni, Support**

# The Ōākura Fire Brigade

Kia ora koutou katoa.

After what seems like a long period of cancelled events, extra precautions and general party pooping, it was a huge relief for the crew to be able to get together for a desperately needed social event.

The Kaitake Golf Course was the scene of much mirth and little skill as the crew donned their finery for 9 rounds of ambrose golf. Prizes were awarded for best dressed, most impressive score, biggest cheater and closest to the pin.

The crew would like to give thanks to the Kaitake Golf Course for letting us loose on their fine greens and also to Butlers Reef for hosting us for the prizegiving.

It has also been a delight for our crew to present the Firewise programme to Ōākura School. Nick Manning, Karley Maetzig, Andrew Butterworth and Lizzie Beveridge have done a superb job presenting such an important message to our Tamariki.

Here's to a safe holiday period!



**The crew from the Big Red Truck**

*The fire crew teaching Ōākura School children the dangers of fire*





# Kaitake Football Club

In 2021 Kaitake FC has grown to new heights in this its third year as an established club. Following two seasons of great success on the field with two successive promotions, forcing its way into the Taranaki Premier Division and an increasing number of members, the club ambitiously voted to start a third senior men's team for 2021 to continue its strategy of giving as many players as possible the opportunity to play for the community.

The Club also appointed new head coach to lead the club's premier-ship campaign, Manuel Luque, an Ōākura local who previously coached the New Plymouth Rangers. The club president Jimmy Bevington said, "Manuel has been an immensely impressive asset to the club this season. From the outset Manuel made his intentions clear, to coach every player across all three teams who wanted to improve.

His ambition and attention to detail in training has been nothing short of exceptional and greatly appreciated across the whole club".

## Season Review

The Vertech Kaitake FC Social team had a successful season, finishing a very respectful 4th position in the Second Division and making it to the semi-final of the Nimmo cup! Richard Kurta (Ōākura) took the accolade of players' player of the year in a fine season for the striker.

The newly created Kaitake FC Reserve Team led by manager Teo Armes

finished 8th in the Championship Division, a very respectful finish. Diego Romero (Ōākura) showed he still has the South American flair in the mid-field, taking the Championship Players' Player.

The Cunningham Construction Kaitake FC had a difficult start to the season in the Premier Division with several key players picking up injuries early on. However, they pulled back strongly to finish a very respectful 6th position which could have easily been much higher. Congratulations to young defender Simon Henderson (Warea) for receiving the player of the year.

## Women's Team

There has also been strong interest from within the community to start a Women's Team for the 2022 season. This is a project the club strongly supports and would like invite anyone interested in getting involved to email [kaitake.fc@gmail.com](mailto:kaitake.fc@gmail.com), or call Jimmy on 0272056570 or Molly Lumb on 0272681790.

A big thank you to our sponsors this year. Cunningham Construction, Vertech NZ, Fast Pace Solutions, Three Sisters Brewery, Butlers Reef and High Tide Café!

Pre-season training will begin early in the new year. To keep up to date please follow the posts on our Facebook page. Thank you to all the players and coaches for your hard work this season. We look forward seeing you all again in the new year and having another great season in 2022!

## Ōākura Barbershop Gets Smart

### Let's face it, no one likes to queue.

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As Ian Wallace (owner of Ōākura Barbershop)

describes it, he's taken the plunge and dived into the digital world kicking and screaming, but smart and welcoming. Wallace says "I've been the resident Oakura barber for the past 18 months and love being part of the community and living in such a magical place. As a barber for many years I have learned over time that being a great listener and keeping conversations confidential are as important as giving a great haircut.

The arrival of Covid 19 and lockdowns has meant challenging times, particularly for small businesses, the world has changed and a large number of clients continue to work from home. People's lives seem to be very busy these days, haircuts are often done 'on the fly'. They may have a window

between zoom meetings, dropping the kids off or grabbing a sneaky pie at the 4 Square.

Enter Matt from Tuipoint! Brilliant, an online live booking system which allows the client to simply download the App, register their details securely and pick the day and time that works best for them, it couldn't be easier. I've been using the system for two weeks now and it's amazingly easy and fast for the client. For those rockers uncomfortable with technology, walk-ins are most welcome and I'm still more than happy to answer my mobile and have a yarn!

I hope the people of Ōākura jump onto this system and I am so grateful for their growing support. I might be a 'little fish' in a funky cabin behind the 4 Square, but I take great pride in and absolutely love making the community look as sharp as possible. I reckon that's a job well done!"

Wallace acknowledges that the Tuipoint smart queuing system is much better for his customers as they get a significantly more enjoyable and seamless experience. He says it's awesome and the smart choice if you're in a hurry, don't have time to waste and want to know exactly when it's your turn for a cut.

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Locals know their roads best so before we make any changes, we want to hear what you think.

#### To find out more and have your say visit:

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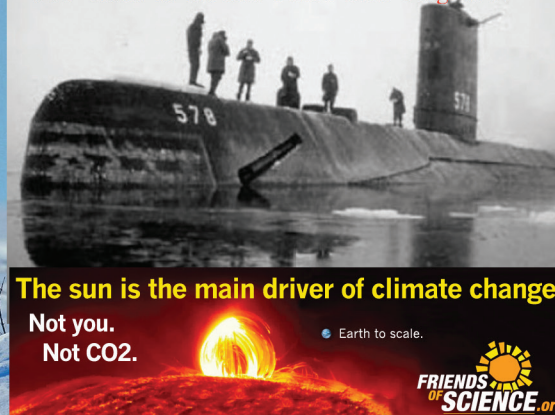


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**Ōākura Tennis Club**

The tennis courts have been a hive of activity with juniors, adults and competition tennis all underway. This season we have 8 teams in total entered, involving over 50 players.

On the junior scene a massive thanks to Tash Lewis for all her hard work organising junior teams, coaching and junior club champs, and a warm welcome to Yifat Carmi who has taken over this role.

Competition tennis has had two rounds played so far. Our soffe team suffered a close defeat round one to Pukekura 10-6 and beat Okaiawa convincingly 12-4 in round two. Our Wilson trophy A2 team lost to a very strong Waiwaka side 9-2, then managed a good win against Waitara 7-4.

We have a Ferguson family A four team as well as a high school boys A four team. In midweek ladies we have a team in section 1 and section 3. In section 1 we are sitting top of the table, equal with Manaia after 3 rounds, section 3 is middle of the pack.

For the juniors we have the Ōākura Smashers in the green grade and an Ōākura Youth team in Youth 1 grade. Junior coaching is busy with sessions before school Mon-Fri and after school Mon-Wed. Go online to blitz tennis website to register.

Coach Monika is also taking some adult sessions with a beginner and an advanced group both on Wednesday mornings and a beginner and an improver on Friday mornings.


Practise night for Saturday grades is Thursday's from 5pm. Plenty of tennis action - those new to the area are welcome to come along on Thursdays to our practise night and meet some other potential hitting partners!

The sea is warming up nicely for a post tennis cool off. See you on court or in the ocean.

**Jackie Keenan contact 0276732900**

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# NPOB Surf Life Saving Club

Voluntary weekend patrols begin on 27 November and go through until Taranaki anniversary in March. Our NPOB guards are in the process of being refreshed for the season. NPOB had seven new guards qualify at the recent Taranaki Lifeguard Camp and we have another seven qualifying in December.

This summer regional patrols (Monday to Friday) will begin at Ōākura, Fitzroy and East End beaches a week earlier, starting on 13 December and going through until the end of January, and hours have been extended for weekdays from 4.30pm until 7.30pm for all of February.

We have had a great start with Junior Surf and we couldn't have asked for better weather or conditions. The weather really turned it on for us and allowed all of our participants to dip their toes in the ocean. Let's hope this lasts.

With such big numbers for Junior Surf we have had to adjust start times and meeting points to operate under Covid-19 guidelines. We really

appreciate your support in adjusting to the new Junior Surf operational plan and guidelines as it is necessary to allow us to continue the programme this season. Thank you to all Junior Surf families for your understanding.

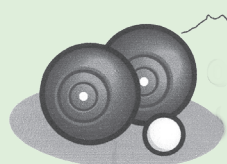
Big thanks to those that turned up and helped out with the working bee, a top effort and great to get everything tidied up and ready to go for summer.

Also big thanks to all our volunteers, the club can't run without you.

Any membership inquiries or inquiries in general please email npob-surfclub@extra.co.nz and for updates join the NPOB Surf Club Facebook page.

Lastly it is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Don Harvey. Don was a long standing, true and passionate NPOB club member. His support particularly for Junior Surf and our local kids was amazing and very much appreciated, we will miss seeing him up on the deck overseeing Sunday mornings.

Thank you Don, RIP



## Ōākura Bowling & Social Club

### Opening Day

A brisk and cool Taranaki afternoon welcomed in the opening day Club Championships

"Bowls is a game of millimetres" is a well-used saying around the greens of Taranaki and nothing was truer as Alan Bridgeman, Bob Anderson, Kevin Fleming and Paddy Mullin won the coveted Championship Fours with well-earned victory over the Pat Walklin lead team of Peter Radich, Andy Shearer and Ray Haslip.

Walklin had the opportunity to drag the jack on his last bowl to secure victory. However, his well pointed bowl sailed agonising past, handing the win to a deserving Bridgeman team.

The club Pairs and Triples championships will also be played throughout November and December and all members of the community are welcome to come on down and enjoy the hospitality of the club while watching some of Ōākura's finest bowlers in action.

### Interclub Tournaments

The Ōākura teams have performed strongly in the 1st round of the Div 1 (Bill Smee) and Div 2 Interclub competitions. Both teams are sitting on 10 points from a possible 18 and with a strong 2nd round are well placed to make a push for a finals position.

The Summit Refrigeration sponsored Div 1 pennants completion has two rounds to play, with the Ōākura Orcas placed 3rd in this very highly competitive tournament.

The pennants competition provides a great opportunity for the Ōākura bowlers to test themselves against Taranaki best bowlers and as always, the boys punch above their weight.

### Club News

Congratulations to Adam Collins and Kurt Smith in making the Taranaki Representative teams for the upcoming games against Whanganui. Both Collins and Smith are play-

ing great bowls and well deserving of their higher honours. The club wishes the boys all the best and great bowling.

The club has been the recipient of a very generous New Zealand Community Trust grant towards the upgrading of the club's green maintenance equipment. A big thumbs up to organisations such as NZCT who 'walk the talk' in their support of local communities and organisations.

The Taranaki Open Fours is scheduled for play late January with the club very confident of securing a round of sectional play.

The club has entered three teams. The teams are: (1) Jim Priest, Adam Collins, Kurt Smith and Wayne Robinson; (2) Alan Bridgeman, Bruce Jackson, Bob Anderson and Kevin Fleming; and (3) Steve Muller, Pat Walklin, Craig Murray and Peter Radich. Good bowling to all.

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## Term 4 has been a time for action, reflection, connection and understanding at Green School New Zealand.

While much of the term has seen learners focus attention towards their entrepreneurial projects, it was the school's newly developed He Taonga tō Tinana - Your Body is a Treasure programme that has formed a special foundation for community learning.

Focused on celebrating and honouring the changes that take place as girls and boys transition from child to teenager, this week-long programme was co-created by Green School staff, whānau, wider community members and health professionals, to support the school's akonga (learners) to become confident young people.

During the week, learners took part in open conversations and activities designed to prepare them for navigating their own journeys. From building healthy relationships, to celebrating rites of passage, normalising typically "taboo" topics, and teaching young women how to understand their cycles, were all part of the programme.

GSNZ Heart of School, Whaea Di Hoskin, says the importance of dedicating learning towards what is such an important time in a young person's life, is critical, particularly since access to public health nurses was no longer funded for most schools.

"It was really important for us to create a safe, open, honest space where the children could ask curious questions, and we could answer them without embarrassment.

"The activities helped to normalise things, make it fun for learners, and allow space for

relationships and understanding to build between learners, as well as with learners and their caregivers."

Whaea Di says it was great to witness the learners being so open to the learning, while also being reflective of what each other is going through.

"The conversation just flowed and our learners were so inquisitive and respectful of each other which was so cool.

"This is by far one of the most amazing programmes I've helped to create in my time as an educator."

**Green School developed the programme with a desire to make it shareable and transferable to other schools in the region. If you would like to hear more please contact Whaea Di at [di.hoskin@greenschool.nz](mailto:di.hoskin@greenschool.nz).**



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## Mens Report:

We have just finished the Mens Shootout which was very well represented with players and supporters. The final playoff was with Craig Farrant and myself, Geoff Farrant. It was a great day and the weather was perfect.

The Top Club Competition was played at Inglewood on Sunday 17th October and representing Kaitake Golf was Chris Ferguson, Grant Hildred, Alan Bennett and Bronny Gower. Hawera won on the day but well done for being there for Kaitake Golf.

*Geoff Farrant, Mens Club Captain*

## Ladies Report:

The golfing calendar is drawing to a close, the 18 Hole Women's Club Champs Finals were played Saturday 13th November. Our finalists were as follows.

Debra Johnson v Denise Howe (Silver)  
Winner - Denise

Kim Woodward v Jacquie Koch (Bronze 1)  
Winner - Kim

Joy Greenlees v Janet Dingle (Bronze 2)  
Winner - Janet

The Silver and Bronze 1 final is over 36 holes. Bronze 2 play 18. The winners went on to represent Kaitake at the Champion of Champions and Rosebowl, at Te Ngutu, on Wednesday 17th November.

Raewyn went on to win the Taranaki Champion of Champions at Urenui. Yvonne was third in the 9 Hole Open, which was held on the same day. Fantastic achievements by these ladies.

On Sunday 7th November we hosted the Taranaki Women's Golf 'Bring a Birdie' day. This is a way to encourage new women to give golf a



*L - R Kim Woodward, Denise Howe, Janet Dingle*

# Kaitake Golf Club

try. We had 38 ladies playing in the Foursomes format, with 19 new golfers having a great time, playing alongside experienced golfers, on a brilliantly sunny day. The prizegiving and lunch that followed their 9 holes, gave them a taste of the enjoyment of the full golfing experience and hopefully they will join a club and continue on to play.

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP has started from 1st November 2021 – 28th February 2022. There is still time to become a member for the summer season. Speak to Denise in the office and she will extend your membership for another month if you wish to join for the 1st December 2021.

XMAS FUNCTIONS: Are you still looking for a venue for your Xmas function. Why not come

to Kaitake Golf Club and have a fun 9 Holes Ambrose and have some food and drinks in our Club House.

You could also hire out our club rooms for any big function. We have L'Epicure Catering onsite as our caterers and I'm sure you will have heard very good reports on their catering. We have a projector and screen for PowerPoint presentations so it's a great venue for any type of function. FIREWOOD: We still have dry pine firewood for sale at the golf club.

CHIPPERS: We will be in touch and hopefully we can get some coaching for the kids.

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# Ōākura School Leavers

It's been an interesting last year for our Year 8's - but where are they off to next? and what are their dreams for the future...



## Imogen Webber

is heading to New Plymouth Girls' High School. Imogen's advice for the future leaders of Ōākura School is that year seven is a breeze and it's very easy, you expect it to be easy in year 8 but it's not. You have a lot of responsibility but it's really fun. Imogen's highlight of Ōākura School was seeing everyone everyday and all of the opportunities she had.



## Maia Dinnison

will be going to New Plymouth Girls' High next year. Her advice for future leaders of Ōākura School is to be the best person you can be and put your hand up for new opportunities. Maia's highlight of being at Ōākura School was Camp Wellington because it was fun and challenged her to step out of her comfort zone.



## Keziah Fakavamoenga

will be attending New Plymouth Girls' High School. Keziah's advice for new leaders of Ōākura School is to step out of your comfort zone because you never know, you might actually enjoy it. Keziah was a Sports Leader. She enjoyed this because she got to work with a range of people in our school.



## Myah Stolte

is off to New Plymouth Girls' High School. Myah was a Sports Leader. She enjoyed running sports activities for the school and helping out the younger children. Myah also loved being in an environment where everyone knew everyone and people at Ōākura School always had lots of opportunities to try new things.



## Indie Shearman

will be on his way to Spotswood College. Indie's advice for any of the future students of Ōākura School is that you should never be nervous to ask people to be quiet and focus. Indie enjoyed the fact that he had lots of friends, different learning experiences and extra curricular activities.



## Shayla Young

is going to New Plymouth Girls' High School. She was a Sports Leader. Shayla said that she loved being a Sports Leader because she got lots of opportunities to meet new people and try new sports. Over the years, Shayla has liked that she had the chance to meet tons of new people and had loads of fun at Ōākura school.



## Robert Harrison

will attend New Plymouth Boys' High School in 2022. Robert spent his last year at Ōākura School being a Sports Leader. He said that the role gave him lots of opportunities. This also includes helping at lots of sports events. One of the highlights of Ōākura School for Robert was Camp Wellington.



## Pearl Shearer

is going to New Plymouth Girls' High School next year. She was a Sports Leader. She enjoyed working with the younger students, giving them sports advice and working with her friends. Pearl's highlights of Ōākura School were all of the opportunities she had, trying new things and meeting new people.



## Ella Kitson

is going to New Plymouth Girls' High School next year. The advice she has given the future leaders of Ōākura School: take your leadership role seriously and take all the opportunities given to you. Ella was a Media Leader she said it has improved her writing skills and her ability to get work done on time.



## Kohen Hareb-Hine

is going to New Plymouth Boys' High School. During his time at Ōākura School he said that one of his favourite accomplishments was that he won Ōākura Idol and had the chance to try out lots of different sports. A Sports Leader was Kohen's leadership role. He enjoyed his friends and he got to do lots of different types of sports.



## Jonty Hilliam

will be attending New Plymouth Boys' High School. Jonty was a Head Pupil. What he liked about his role as Head Pupil, was that he had loads of opportunities to visit so many people around Aotearoa. Jonty's highlights of Ōākura School were all of the productions that he participated in.



## Rio Pendleton

will be attending New Plymouth Boys' High School. For advice he said to make sure that you put lots of effort into the leadership role you get. Rio was a Sports Leader. What he liked about his leadership role, was getting first dibs on all of the sports activities and helping out others when it came to sports.



## Brody Matheson

is going to New Plymouth Boys' High School. One of Brody's many highlights was Camp Wellington. His leadership role over 2021 was ICT Leader, which he said involved keeping the technology working. Lockdown stopped us from running our ICT clubs, those would have been pretty fun.



## Lia Barton

is going to New Plymouth Girls' High School. Lia really enjoyed novel studies because she got to discuss with a group of people their opinions on the book rather than just forming her own. Lia was a Student Mentor. One of Lia's favourite things about it is that she got to help the younger children gain confidence.



## Arla Bennett

will be attending Sacred Heart Girls' College. Arla was a Sports Leader. She really liked all of the extra activities we had and liked being outside trying out all of the different sports. Arla's highlight of Ōākura School was Camp Wellington because it was so much fun and she learnt loads from the experience.



**Annie Fisher**

will be attending New Plymouth Girls' High School. Her advice for future leaders of Ōākura School is to have lots of notebooks so you don't forget anything. Annie's highlight of Ōākura School was meeting new people.

**Libby Tito**

is attending New Plymouth Girls' High School. Libby was a Head Girl this year. She liked being a leader of Ōākura School. Libby built a lot of confidence and friendships during her time at Ōākura School.

**Jessie Burnand**

is going to Spotswood College. Her advice for future year 7 and 8's is don't choose a high school because your friends are, choose one that you think will suit you. Jessie really enjoyed Camp Wellington.

**Zac Court**

will be going to Spotswood College. Zac was an Art Leader and he enjoyed all the fun activities at Ōākura School. Zac really enjoyed the Fun Runs and all the events the school had to offer.

**Joel Dickey**

is going to New Plymouth Boys' High School. He loved having Mr Laird as his teacher. Joel's last year was spent as a Sports Leader. He said one of the best things about being a Sports Leader was helping out at sports activities.

**Oralee Rodger**

will be attending Spotswood College. Oralee was a Sports Leader and really enjoyed doing lots of activities and hanging out with her friends while doing it. Oralee loved Camp Wellington and all the fun activities.

**Taylor Jensen**

will be attending Spotswood College. Her advice for students is to stay on task otherwise you'll regret it. Taylor's highlight of being at Ōākura School was that she enjoyed being an Art Leader and all the opportunities the school had to give.

**Duncan Poole**

is going to New Plymouth Boys' High School. Duncan was a Manukura leader and kapa haka leader. He enjoyed performing kapa haka and helping promote te reo Māori around the school and community. His highlight was Camp Wellington.

**Logan Wood**

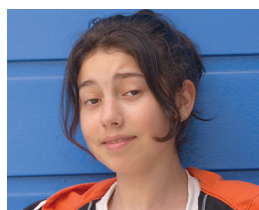
will be going to Francis Douglas Memorial College. Logan has some advice for the future leaders of Ōākura School: be responsible and don't be mean to others. Logan was an art leader. He liked creating animations on his computer.

**Miller Ferguson**

has chosen New Plymouth Boys' High. This year Miller had the chance to be a Sports Leader. The opportunities it offered gave Miller a reason to like this role. One of Miller's favourite things to remember about Ōākura School was Camp Wellington.

**Cooper Ferguson**

is going to New Plymouth Boys' High School. Cooper was a Head Pupil. He said the best thing was all of the opportunities they got given like organising fundraising events for charities. Cooper's highlights of Ōākura School were all of the opportunities he got.

**Poeti Green**

will be at New Plymouth Girls' High School. Poeti was a Student Mentor. She loved hanging out with the small children and helping them gain their confidence. Camp Wellington was one of Poeti's highlights of Ōākura School because she got the chance to make new friends.

**Kenzie Gray**

will be attending Spotswood College. Kenzie had the role of being a Student Mentor. Kenzie said that her favourite part was helping the younger students. 'It felt like I was making a change in their lives,' she said. Highlights of Ōākura School were definitely Camp Wellington.

**Ana Reinders**

is going to Sacred Heart Girls' College. Ana said to be careful because not everybody will always agree with you and it helps if you can be flexible. Ana loved all of the opportunities she was given in year 7 and 8. She also enjoyed that Ōākura School accepted you no matter what.

**Ethan Peacock**

will be attending New Plymouth Boys' High School. Ethan has been a Sports Leader. He said that it was fun and he enjoyed all the opportunities and sporting opportunities. Highlights of Ōākura School for Ethan was Camp Wellington because he said it was fun.



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### Samantha Bentall

will be going to New Plymouth Girls' High School. She said to never ever put down an opportunity, always raise your hand for something even if you're unsure and give everything a go. She also loved helping out the younger students while doing Envirokura.



### Melissa Kilian

is attending Spotswood College next year. She was an Art Leader and enjoyed sharing her passion with younger students. Melissa's highlight of attending Ōākura School was Camp Wellington because it was a new experience and she met new people.



### Freya Kleinsorge

is going to New Plymouth Girls' High School. Her advice for the next year 7 and 8s is take every opportunity possible. Freya was a Sports Leader. She said the good thing about being a Sports Leader is that you get the first opportunity to help at sports events.



### Felix Town

is going to attend New Plymouth Boys' High School. His favourite time at Ōākura School was Camp Wellington because it was so much fun and such a new experience. Felix's advice to future senior students of Ōākura School, is to step out of your comfort zone and try every new experience possible. Felix's leadership role was an ICT leader.



### Miley Blakers

is going to Spotswood College next year. Her leadership role was an Art Leader. It was a new experience, she liked painting and she and the other art leaders had an idea for a project but then COVID-19 happened... One of the highlights she had at Ōākura School was Camp Wellington because she got to learn in a new environment and go ziplining which was really fun.



### Ella Stockman-Fowler

will be attending Spotswood College. As a year 8 Ella was a Student Mentor and she enjoyed helping younger students gain confidence. While attending Ōākura School Ella enjoyed meeting new people, making friends and having fun over the years she has been here.



### Milla Lash

is attending New Plymouth Girls' High School next year. Her advice for future leaders of Ōākura School is if you're a Sports Leader, you must commit to your days being on Sports Shed. Her highlight of Ōākura School was being in Mrs Batley's class. Mrs Zieltjes was very energetic. She loved being with her friends.



### Lincoln Jacobs

is attending Spotswood College in 2022. Lincoln advised that you should not always hang out with your friends so you can get more done and to know more for high school. Over the years that he spent at Ōākura School he said that he enjoyed making friends and meeting new people the most.

### Adam Palmer-Johnson

is going to New Plymouth Boys' High School next year. He was an Art Leader. Adam enjoyed creating art. One of his favourite activities at Ōākura School was Camp Wellington. Adam also enjoyed literacy and inquiry.

### Evelyn Palmer-Johnson

is attending New Plymouth Girls' High School. She was an Art Leader and enjoyed painting some of the poles in the junior school playground. Evelyn's highlights of Ōākura School were making new friends, having new teachers and the environment of the school.

Written by Abbi Walbank, Miri Sandbrook, Hannah Stanley, Charlotte Haskell (all age 12)



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# **Ōmata Leavers**

1. What school are you going to in 2022?
2. Highlights/ memories of being a student at Ōmata School
3. What are your aspirations for the future?



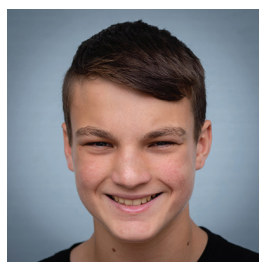
**Amber Baxter**

1. Spotswood College
2. Wellington Camp, I was able to get to know people better and make new memories. I will miss all of the opportunities that we get in Ruru and that everyone is friends no matter the gender or year group. I have had such amazing teachers that have supported me through everything. I have really enjoyed the PCT Challenge. We had such an amazing team who worked well together.
3. Hopefully to do something to do with drama and get a good acting job either in New Zealand or overseas but it would be cool to do something local in New Zealand and hopefully be on TV or in a movie.



**Emma Marchant**

1. Taranaki Diocesan in Stratford
2. The best memories I have had at Ōmata are going to our Wellington camp and all the other cool opportunities I have had like the PCT challenge and getting to be a leader for the Te Ara Taiao project and all the other sporting opportunities.
3. I have 3 ideas, one of them is to be a tradie or a surgeon. I'd also like to be Black Sticks player, to go to the Olympics and represent New Zealand in hockey.



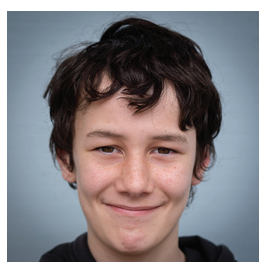
**Reef Bell**

1. Spotswood
2. Wellington camp, making new friends and seeing them push themselves beyond their limits
3. I am going to join the airforce, learn to fly, get paid, then come back to New Zealand and start flying helicopters as a job.



**Noah Glasgow**

1. Francis Douglas Memorial College
2. My highlight is Wellington camp and being in Ruru with all the opportunities and a really strong class culture.
3. In the future I hope to ride bikes for Red Bull because I am really keen on mountain biking. I'd also like to be a civil engineer because I like projects that involve designing and building.



**Hunter Hendry**

1. Spotswood College.
2. Having lots of fun and making good friends.
3. That I get to do really good things. I don't really know what I want to do when I grow up. I'll think about it.



**Jaimee Bloor**

1. Spotswood College
2. Wellington Camp, this was such an amazing week and I learnt so many new things that I know will help me in the future. Another highlight from my time in Ruru is all the new friendships and the relationships I have built with my classmates. This year I feel like our whole class, especially the year 8 group, have such a strong bond and we are all really close.
3. I hope to become better at speech and drama which I am working on now. In maybe ten or so years I hope to be a successful actress and still be in contact with my current friend group.



**Luke Haldane**

1. Spotswood College
2. I enjoyed the fun and useful way of learning, similar to what Spotswood will offer me. The guidance from my teachers, without taking over. Also the friends who I became particularly close with when we went on our Wellington Camp. I am thankful for all the amazing opportunities offered to me, most of which I accepted happily.
3. My current thought is I would like to be a pilot but I could still find another career.



**Isaac Butler**

1. New Plymouth Boys High
2. I really loved how many opportunities there are to choose from. The teachers and staff are really supportive.
3. I'd like to be a PC builder because I enjoy technology and building. Sporting wise I'd like to continue to develop my cricket and basketball skills.



**Lily Coutanche**

1. Spotswood College.
2. Wellington camp because of how much everyone encouraged each other and showed teamwork and I also liked going to Government house.
3. To be a vet or an actress because I'm really interested in animals and I enjoy acting.



**ZKarnh Kahui**

1. New Plymouth Boys High
2. Going to the PCT challenge and going to Adrenalin Forest when we were on camp in Wellington.
3. Learning Russian and being a NBA player for the Celtics or the Bucks or to be a professional rugby player.



**Natalie Withers**

1. New Plymouth Girls High
2. Making new friends when we went to Wellington camp. And also all of the opportunities that we have been given. A highlight for me is all the friendships I have made during my time at Ōmata. Being part of the Ruru class in 2020 and also in 2021 was the biggest highlight of my eight years at Ōmata.
3. Have successful years at high school and to have some sort of success doing sport. In the future I would like to be a professional hockey player and get involved in doing triathlons or adventure racing.



**Louis Hickson**

1. Spotswood College
2. My favourite memories have been the ones involving my group of friends that I have built up since I started at Ōmata when I was 5 years old, to now when I'm off to high school in a few short months.
3. In the future I am going to study to be a civil engineer. I really want to be an engineer because of the elements the job involves such as designing, creating, and planning new bridges or roads and seeing through those projects to a high standard.





### Ella James

1. New Plymouth Girls High
2. I loved how we got so many opportunities outside of school. Making new friends with both genders and still being able to go on camp and have a great time with different people.
3. Have successful high school years and to be a successful hockey player. Possibly to be a photographer and do adventure racing.



### Brayden Duggan

1. New Plymouth Boys High School
2. Having a great class and everyone getting along, which was great for camp because everyone got on really well and we all had fun.
3. I don't know what I want to do as far as a career goes. I am keen to continue playing cricket and develop my skills as a bowler.



### Dylan Miller

1. New Plymouth Boys High
2. The skate park, the pump track, pet week, building as part of our passion projects. The sports - I've played cricket, rippa rugby and touch rugby.
3. I'd like to become a farmer as well as build my knowledge and skills as a mechanic. I'd also like to further develop my skills and passion as a glider pilot.



### Callum Thomson

1. New Plymouth Boys High
2. Wellington camp because it was so much fun doing it as a class and watching everyone working together and supporting each other. Also I really liked the PCT challenge. It was a fun physical challenge.
3. Become a professional sports player in rugby or mountain biking or a race car pit crew or work on cars.



### Mason Timanus

1. Spotswood College
2. Wellington camp and all the opportunities that we were given throughout the year.
3. I haven't decided what I want to be in the future. It will possibly be something to do with engineering because I like to be involved in hands-on practical projects. I'm also going to continue my Muay Thai training.

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**Ōākura Hall Bookings**  
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### Bowling and Social Club

Bowling tournaments September through to April. Both mid-week and weekend games. Steve Muller 757 4399

### Dancing in the Dark

Glenys Farrant 027 753 0120

### Golf

Practice net. Non members welcome. Clubs and balls can be supplied. \$5.00 WEDNESDAYS. Casual competition for non-members. 8am to 1pm open to everyone. Denise 752 7665

### Inferno 45- 4 X Bootcamp fitness

Mon and Wed 6am, Fri 9am. Boxfit Friday 6am. All 1 hour sessions. Ōākura Hall. Graeme 021 536 990

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### JKA Karate

Jim Hoskin 752 7337

### Justice of the Peace. Lynn Murray.

Ōākura Library Thursdays 10am-12.30pm.

### Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust

Pete Morgan 027 372 5182  
[morgpt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:morgpt@xtra.co.nz)

### Morning Talk - coffee group

Thursdays 10-11am at NPOB Surf Club. Free tea/coffee. Tracey Lusk 752 7875

**'Move it or Lose it' Strength and Balance Fitness Classes** Ōākura Hall, Wednesdays and Fridays 9.30am. Contact Gloria Zimmerman 027 284 9111

### Meditation Group

Kate Evans 027 203 7215

### Mini Groovers - Music Group

All parents welcome with babies/under 5's. Every Tues during term time 10-11am at the Church Hall. Visit their Facebook page: Mini Groovers - Ōākura. Fe Scott: 027 228 9113

### Ōākura Yoga

Kate Evans 027 203 7215

### Pickleball Ōākura

Ōākura Hall - Wed 7.30pm, Thurs 9.15am. All skill levels welcome and equipment is provided. Elayne Kessler 027 937 7173

### Playcentre

14 Donnelly St. Sessions run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am - noon during school terms. Visitors welcome. [oakura@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:oakura@playcentre.org.nz)

### Pony Club

Tracey Mackenzie 027 319 0238  
[traceymackkyle@gmail.com](mailto:traceymackkyle@gmail.com)

### Pool Club

Meets every Wednesday night 7pm over winter commencing April at Butlers Reef. All welcome. For more info call Margaret 027 232 1899

### Probus Club

Meets once a month at Ōākura Bowling club rooms on the 3rd Friday of every month 10-11.30am. Contact Brenda Ryan 757 3537 or 027 748 9698

### Te Reo Māori Lessons

Toni Peacock 021 661 912  
[thowison@hotmail.com](mailto:thowison@hotmail.com)

### St James Church

Sunday Worship every 2nd and 4th Sun 10am [okatocp@gmail.com](mailto:okatocp@gmail.com)

**Sunday School - St James Church** Every 2nd and 4th Sunday 10am. [stjamesoakura@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesoakura@gmail.com)

### Tennis Club Winter Coaching

Junior coaching Mon-Fri before or after school, check [www.blitztennis.nz](http://www.blitztennis.nz). Adults Wed 9-10.30am advanced, Fri 9-10am adult returner/improver, 10-11am adult beginner,

contact Jackie 027 673 2900

### Tai Chi Classes

Every Monday 9-10am at Ōākura Hall. Judi 027 268 2601. Just come along or contact: [taranakitachichuan@gmail.com](mailto:taranakitachichuan@gmail.com)

### Val Deakin Dance School

Ōākura Hall Friday afternoon - Pre-school dance classes at 2:45, ballet for 5+ 3:15 to 4:15. [val@valdeakindance.org.nz](mailto:val@valdeakindance.org.nz) 752 7743 or text 027 694 0933

## Tataraimaka

### 5 Elements Fitness Bootcamps and Kickboxing Fitness classes

Monday to Thursday 5-6 pm, Tataraimaka Hall. Barney 027 752 7076 [barney@5efitness.com](mailto:barney@5efitness.com) or visit [www.5efitness.com](http://www.5efitness.com)

### Gymnastics Group for children age 5-7 years.

Tuesdays after school at the Tataraimaka Hall for basic level gymnastics sessions. Rose at [rosem@realfoodnutrition.co.nz](mailto:rosem@realfoodnutrition.co.nz)

## Okato

### Okato and District Historical Society

Meg Cardiff 752 4566

### Okato Lions Club

John Hislop 757 9696

### Okato Squash Club

Monday nights from 6.30pm. Everyone welcome. Ladies morning Friday 9.30 -11am. All levels welcome. Rachel 0204 092 5243

### St James Church

Sunday Worship every 1st and 3rd Sunday, 10am. Evensong, 2nd and 4th Tues each month, 5pm. [okatocp@gmail.com](mailto:okatocp@gmail.com)

## Ōmata

### Yoga Classes

For info - Annalisa 027 444 8345

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