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## Dear Ōākura Locals

I would like to say a huge 'Thanks everybody'. Thanks to all our readers, contributors, sponsors and businesses for being a part of this community publication. This platform allows so many in our community to be connected. It is huge. I wonder if Ruth Bader Ginsberg (see Driftwood Corner) would be proud of our community? We have loved your positive feedback and more importantly for taking the time to give us a shout out, it has been very much appreciated.

On behalf of the TOP team I wish you a very enjoyable summer season. Tracey

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## Driftwood Corner

*This corner is for quips, quotes, jokes and the like that come our way.  
Send your favourite to our email address or phonetext it through.*

*"If you want to be a true professional, you will do something outside yourself. Something to repair tears in your community. Something to make life a little better for people less fortunate than you. That's what I think a meaningful life is - living not for oneself, but for one's community."*

**- Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

## Recycling Sports

Whether it be balls, boots, sticks or racquets, more than 10,000 donated items have been distributed across Manawātū and Whanganui.

The project has now started in Taranaki, administered by Sport Taranaki and supported in this region by Waste

Management. The system is simple with specially marked bins placed in easy-to-reach locations around Taranaki.

A bin is now at the Ōākura Library. All donated goods are collected, sorted and cleaned, then handed out to those families who can make best use of them.

## Kaitake Community Board

This year has definitely been a challenge in many respects and its effects on all of us certainly won't just disappear on the 1st of January 2021.

We as New Zealanders are fortunate that we live where we do in comparison with many parts of our world, and those of us who live in Ōākura are especially fortunate in that respect. We currently enjoy a lifestyle that in many respects mirrors pre-covid times and we have to be thankful for that. The downside of this of course is that we can become complacent in our attitude towards the things that keep us all safe. Recently, Covid19 aside, we have seen the devastation that nature can bring in the Napier flooding and we must never ignore the fact that we must always be prepared for the unexpected.

To that end the KCB approached Mike Pillette, our Ōākura Community Emergency Committee Chair for some wise words to include in this month's column. Here they are:

Our village has in place a community emergency plan that has been developed with the co-operation of our Community Board, NPDC and Civil Defence. This plan has been in place now for 5 years and continues to chug along in the background which includes weekly radio checks with TEMO for our civil defence post based at the Ōākura Bowling Club. We hope we never have to activate this plan. However, in the past we have suffered our share of local disasters from flooding to tornadoes that have damaged many dwellings. Our survival as a community in such times depends on our residents being prepared.

We believe now is the time for everyone to review their family emergency planning. Have you got a kit ready in case of evacuation or confinement that contains a minimum of three days of food, water etc. that will endure if the power is off? Does your family understand what to do in the event of a fire? Do you know where to go in the village if you are forced to leave your home for any reason? Do you know who the vulnerable people are in your immediate neighbourhood who may need extra assistance in an emergency? Do you really



**by Doug Hislop**

understand the implications of living in close proximity to Maunga Taranaki?

The Taranaki Emergency Management (Civil Defence) website has all the information you need to assist you in your planning and to help you understand what the major local hazards are that we, as Taranaki residents, are subject to. You can find the website here <https://www.cdemtaranki.govt.nz>

So just like we check our smoke alarms annually (you always do that, don't you?) we need to make sure we are prepared for any emergency and review our plans annually. Get to it!

Ōākura residents have recently received information in the mail from the Council regarding the trail over the top of the Timaru Headland at the end of Ahu Ahu Road. The Council has a legal responsibility to prevent ongoing damage to the archaeological site on top of the headland and is currently exploring options to do this. To help resolve this matter the Council has put out a survey through the mail drop. You can also have your say through the following link: <https://www.surveymz.com/s3/5982110/Weld-Road-Reserve>

The KCB urges all residents who use the beach trail to complete the survey. Public access over the headland coastal reserve has been a con-

tentious public issue for many years and has resulted in a lot of anti-social behaviour and ongoing public disturbances. The more comprehensive the collected data is, the better the decision-making by the Council, so please complete the survey.

Well, that's it for the final 2020 TOP issue! We all should take a moment to reflect on what an excellent job many folk continue to do in the community. The early childhood centres and school, their staff, boards and volunteers deserve our thanks for another year of service to the younger members of our district. The various sporting organisations and their volunteers have done us proud, the fire brigade members continue their sterling work, the local businesses in the CBD, the library staff, beach camp staff, the hall custodians and others in the community have helped keep our wonderful lifestyle intact. On behalf of the community, we acknowledge your immeasurable assistance for the benefit of everyone, made much harder due to the covid outbreak this year, and we thank you sincerely for it.

Ka kite anō au i a kotou.

**The next meeting of the Kaitake Community Board will be held at 5pm on Wednesday 3 February at a venue yet to be confirmed.**

(752 7324 or [douglashislop@gmail.com](mailto:douglashislop@gmail.com))

on behalf of Paul Coxhead, Paul Veric, Graham Chard and Amanda Clinton-Gohdes, who is the Councillor Rep. on the KCB

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# Beach Road Milk Shop



It's been five years since we sold our first litre of raw milk from our shop on Beach Road, Ōmata, and though the range of produce available has grown our focus is still the same local and sustainable coupled with organic and regenerative farming practises. We aim for optimum soil, optimum plant and optimum cow health to produce a healthy, premium A2 milk at an affordable price. We have an 18 year history of organic fertiliser use on the farm and try to leave as light a footprint on the land as we can. We have spent many years breeding our cows and at the end of the day we have two small, very healthy herds of gene marked A2 cows. They walk a short distance to be milked once in the mornings before spending the rest of their day foraging on lush mixed specie pastures.....Life for them is relaxed, happy and stress free! It's really satisfying to be able to farm this way.

We sell our fresh milk straight to the customer via our vending machine. It's put in fresh and ice cold everyday and at \$2.50 per litre it's affordable too. The milk machine takes coins, and there is also a credit key system that allows you to use bank notes almost like a debit card. (At this stage we are unable to take EFTPOS payments.) We also have a bottle vending machine where you can purchase reusable glass bottles for \$4 each or you are welcome to bring your own clean container. It's great having the glass bottles, the less plastic in the environment the better! It would be hard to put an exact number on it but we would have saved at least 250,000 plastic bottles since we opened and we are proud of that.

While there has always been some scaremongering around raw milk, we believe done correctly and in small herds the risk is managed and the benefits outway any risk for most people. We are registered with MPI and follow strict protocols related to cow health and milk harvesting. We are meticulous with our teat preparation and test our milk

regularly for harmful bacteria and pathogens. We have not had one unfavourable result in five years.

Raw milk is a complete food. It contains all 8 essential amino acids along with probiotics and beneficial bacteria that are now widely known to be very good for gut health. Most people probably are unaware that all vitamins and minerals, A, D, E and calcium in particular due to their fat solubility, are heavily depleted by pasteurisation up to 66%, which can be even higher for some other vitamins. This is why raw milk is now considered a super food by many. We have heard over the years many success stories of our milk helping customers with inflammatory conditions. It is also purchased by many that feel they have a lactose intolerance that is in part because of the A2 protein, but that's another story in itself. The milk also stretches beautifully for those with home coffee machines. Many customers also buy our milk to make their own yoghurt, kefir and cheese.

At the same time as getting your milk you could pick up some other local and sustainable produce. We have grown our offerings in five years and now stock organic vegetables and greens from Kaitake Farm, honey and honey products from Working Bee Honey, free range eggs, and fresh homebaked breads and spreads from the Blueberry Patch, who by the time you read this will have a abundance of plump, organic blue berries on offer at the shop. Just remember to bring some cash, or most producers do have a payment app called My Honesty Box that you can use to pay via bank or credit card.

We welcome any dialogue or questions relating to our farming practices and our milk so feel free to come and chat to us one day. Alternatively, visit our website; [www.beachroadmilk.co.nz](http://www.beachroadmilk.co.nz) - our Facebook @ Beach Road Milk Co or phone 06 751 0125



Access Radio Taranaki is your community radio station. We are based in New Plymouth, and to make sure all of Taranaki is represented, on Thursdays we take our mobile studio to a different town, park up for the day, and record conversations with locals. We call this Radio on Wheels, and on Thursday 26th November, we finally made it to Ōākura.

What an incredible day it was! The rain held off (mostly) and we were delighted to meet such a huge range of talented and inspiring people...so many folk doing so much good in the world. We were warmly welcomed by Suki Bishop and all the guests, and the hospitality was second to none.

First we met Barbara Olsen-Henderson of Lemonwood Eatery fame who whet our appetites with talk of her plant-based delights. Next, barber Ian Wallace joined us for a chat before whipping out his guitar and sharing his beautiful singing voice. Lizaan Hale and Tania Kilian were up next, to promote the upcoming Makers' Market and all that this entails. This was a great segue to the next guests, Bailey and Nixon, two young and very talented musician, who will be playing at the market.

Craig Hattle and Mary Bishop shared their thoughts on St James' Church and all it provides for the community. Moving right along, we talked to Maryanne Shearman and Toni Howison about Kapu Kōrero of Ōākura, a



Andre and Michelle from Access Radio

## Radio on Wheels

by Michelle Bent

weekly coffee group to kōrero Maori together. Rachel Hooper from McDonalds Real Estate gave us the lowdown on the property market in these parts. Tracey Lusk brought along some of her regular coffee group members, Peter, Lesley and Les, and youngsters Adam Bridges and Tom Butland shared their views on growing up in Ōākura. Rosie Moyes got us excited about her Lockdown Project - a book of photos taken during Level 4. Last but certainly not least, our guests were Jenny Ellington and Dr Lisa Connelly from Iderm who shared their passion for dermatology, as well

as their passion for this beautiful seaside village of Ōākura.

So many amazing people to meet that we ended up making 3 x one hour shows from the day. Part 1 was played on Access Radio Taranaki the next morning at 8am, then re-played on Tuesday morning. Part 2 played on 4th December, then again on the 8th, and Part 3 on the 11th and 15th. Once the show has been broadcast, it can be listened to on-demand through [www.accessradiotaranaki.com/shows/radio-on-wheels/](http://www.accessradiotaranaki.com/shows/radio-on-wheels/).

During the summer months we plan to come back and park up by the beach, so don't be shy - come and have a chat and be part of Radio On Wheels.

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# Looking after our Coast

Coming into summer I am checking on the planting we have done over the last couple of years, including in Autumn this year. Most of the plants are hanging in there though the bunnies have taken a liking to nipping the tips out of the Pingao and the Coprosmas.

One of my friends is a coastal hero so I asked her for some tips on looking after our coast:

*As someone who has a background in marine biology and has undertaken research all over the world from Iceland to the Antarctic, what do you rate/enjoy/admire about the Taranaki coast?*

The rugged, wild nature of the Taranaki coast-line definitely appeals. Because it's such an exposed wave and wind magnet, there has been a tendency for folks to underestimate quite how much lives there. Endangered seabirds, penguins and shorebirds all nest around the coast. Some of the offshore reefs have sponge diversity and fish abundance to equal anywhere else in New Zealand. Orca are frequent visitors all year round, and in winter and spring humpback whales pass by on their way up to Pacific islands to breed and on their way back down to the Southern Ocean to feed. The Taranaki coast is a very special place!

*When I first moved here in the early 90's there were little blue penguins living under the baches on the beach but I haven't seen one in years. Do you think they are still around and do you think we can encourage them to come back?*

There are some absolute hotspots for kororā in Taranaki including Port Taranaki, Urenui, Wai-iti

## Rosemary Law interviews Emily Roberts

and Tongaporutu. Ōākura used to be such a hotspot but sadly is no longer. Most of the recent recorded sightings in the area are of either dead, injured, lost or exhausted birds.

The main reason for the decline of little blue penguins around Ōākura is likely related to loss of suitable nesting habitat and lots of dogs. It might be possible to encourage kororā back to the area if nesting habitat is provided, beach goers show responsible pet ownership (keeping dogs under control and cats inside at night) and kororā are well protected elsewhere in Taranaki so there is an abundance of birds to repopulate.

*We all like walking our dogs on the beach. Is there a time of the year, time of day or other to be careful to keep them out of the dunes?*

Kororā can be found in their burrows anytime from April to February. Most are having a good feed out to sea in March, come back to shore in April, nest anytime from June onwards and moult anytime in the summer months. To be on the safe side it's best to keep dogs away from anywhere penguins might nest/rest all year around. Penguins commonly nest in dense vegetation (including flaxes), rock walls, caves and under baches. I would recommend keeping dogs away from densely vegetated dunes at all times.

Kororā tend to come ashore once it's dark and head out to sea before first light. It's worth being extra careful with dogs on the beach at

night (when it's dark) because that's when penguins will be out in the open, making them particularly vulnerable.

Currently there is a La Niña weather pattern that will likely result in warmer seas and potentially less food for kororā. It is possible that this summer kororā may come ashore during the day or night hungry and in need of rest. For this reason, it's worth keeping an eye on your dog at all times when at the beach. If you come across an injured penguin or one that clearly needs help, call the DOC Emergency Hotline 0800 DOC HOT or 0800 362 468.

*Other things to do for our beaches and coast?*

Wood gets washed down the rivers to the beach. It gets bound up with sand and becomes a really important part of beach habitat, holding on to the sand and eventually breaking down to provide a source of nutrition for sand creatures and vegetation. All this adds to the resilience of our beaches. Leave the wood on the shore, take your own wood down for a beach fire (check for fire bans).

As much as possible stay off the dunes and out of driftwood areas since this is where shorebirds hang out and nest. Lots of human foot traffic eventually pounds the dune down, making it more susceptible to big tides washing over the dunes and washing them away.

The Council is asking for comments on protecting the section of coast between Ahu Ahu Road and Weld Road. For its historical significance as a Maori Pa and Kainga site and from a coast conservation perspective I hope we can all agree to keep looking after it.



Ōākura local Rachael Hareb-Hine recently handed over 74 gift wrapped shoeboxes to 'The Gift' organisation for delivery to mums and dads in Taranaki.

Rachael read about 'The Gift' through Facebook four years ago and with a desire to support a worthy cause she thought her family would put one together. That quickly led to her asking her family and friends and then the wider community if they would like to be involved.

The response was encouraging and to make the project even easier for the gifters Rachael offered to place a collection box at her door for people to leave contributions. This could be a bar of soap through to \$100 worth of items, everything is gratefully accepted.

Rachael knows some people don't have the means to put a box together themselves so she sees herself as the 'middle man'. With her group

## Shoeboxes for Xmas

by Tracey Lusk

of gal pals they get together for an evening, and fill then gift wrap the boxes.

These boxes are filled with gifts for either a mum or a dad and each box has toiletry items, chocolates and some other small gift. To add another touch Rachael has some children from Ōākura and Ōmata schools create an artwork to include in each box. The Gift is about generosity of spirit. It's about looking out for the needs of families in our community and the opportunity to offer them a hand up. This donations scheme was created by Tu Tama Wahine kaimahi Michelle Ramage, and the call

for specific help for families is made through The Gift Facebook Page.

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## Tūrama Tūmanako

*Lights for Hope will be brightening up  
State Highway 45 in Ōākura this year*

Anyone who travels along SH45 will see an initiative by the Okato and Ōākura Christian community to create a visible celebration of lights, as a reminder of the great power of giving people HOPE over this Christmas period.

The Okato Cooperating Parish Council has entered the St James Church building into the TSB Festival of Lights, and with help from various families and organisations in the community it will be a cheerful addition to our main street this year.

Lights for Hope in the midst of a year of Covid 19!

Fear and uncertainty has affected most of us in some way this past year. Many of us have faced a change in circumstances with loss of employment, financial worries, increased anxiety and concerns for loved ones, especially those living overseas.

Hope can inspire you to make good things happen in the midst of bad times. Hope refreshes the soul and invigorates the spirit. Hope allows you to see God at work in the messiness of life.

Hope is more than wishful thinking and it goes beyond mere positivity. Hope isn't just an ethereal concept much loved by poets and dreamers. It's also for doers.

Hope is the capacity to envision yourself on the other side of a difficult situation, appropriating the resources necessary to persevere, and crafting a plan to get to a desired destination. Hope is the ability to build a better tomorrow.

May the Lights of Hope bring joy, peace and love to each one of us and our families this Christmas and in the New Year.

There will be a lit up 'gifting well' as part of the lights display, and this year the chosen beneficiaries of all the gold coins collected over the summer will be TARANAKI RETREAT and the MANNA HOME. Both organisations are delivering HOPE in spades!!!



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# Kaitake Golf Club

The 9 Hole Ladies had a beautiful day for their Club Championship finals which were won by Jo Wilson-West (Division 1) and Kay Stachurski (Division 2). Jo went on to represent Kaitake at the 9 Hole Champion of Champions at Inglewood and came second.

The finals of the 18 Hole Women's Club Championship matches have been played. The Silver Division winner was Helen Beaurepaire with Debra Johnson runner up. The Bronze 1 division winner was Denise Howe with Bronny Gower runner up. Finally, the Bronze 2 division winner was Joy Greenlees with Donna Sharpe runner up.

Other competition results include;

The 36 Hole Strokeplay Bronze 1 winners were Diane Jones (Nett) and Sally Kwon (Gross) The Bronze 2 Winner was Joy Greenlees with Donna Sharpe runner-up.

Overall winners of LGU and Spoon were Debra Johnson (Silver), Joan Gerrard (Bronze 1) and Pauline Gray (Bronze 2)

The Thomas Cup has also been completed, with Denise Howe winner and Bronny Gower runner up.

The Men held their Annual Shootout last month which is proudly sponsored by Raceway Cycles & Mowers. Great turn out with Lee Hughes as overall winner and Simon Spurdle as runner-up. A fun day was had by all.

Huge Congratulations to Diane Jones having her first Hole In One at Kaitake Golf Club, a very special moment for any golfer. Well done Diane. Also a huge congratulations to Jack Van Prehn (14 yrs old) having his 1st Hole In One on the 13th Hole in a competition played at Cambridge. Well done Jack.

New women members have had the opportunity to be introduced into golf with Quick 6 groups and 'Bring a Birdie'. The next Quick 6 will be run early in February. New players are introduced to golf, have coaching from a local pro and get out on the course with existing members.

Chippers for the 5 - 12 year olds is run on alternate Sunday mornings. Clubs and balls are available.

\$5.00 WEDNESDAYS. We run a small competition on a Wednesday that's run from 8am to 1pm and is open to everyone.

Any further info, phone Denise 06 7527 665. The office is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

This is a special time of the year winding up club competitions, Christmas Hampers to play for, prize giving and celebrating a successful year despite the interruptions Covid 19 has delivered. We must be thankful we live in this part of the world and can enjoy the pleasures sport brings.



*Above: Diane Jones with her first Hole in One. Below: Lee Hughes (left) as overall winner and Simon Spurdle as runner up*



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# Ōākura Library

## Design our new library cards

In 2021 we'll have new library cards and we want YOU to design them! Create a design that shows your love for Taranaki, enter it into our competition before 31 January and your design could feature on the cards!

There are three new card categories: Children, Teen, Adult.

You can submit a drawing, a design, an illustration, a painting or a photo. Come in and see us or visit the Puke Ariki website to find out more.

## Summer activities and programmes

Don't forget to register your 5 – 10 year olds for our summer reading programme, Splash Into Your Library, to keep their literacy levels up.

Along with a reading log we also have six activities focussing on digital resources (movies, magazines and books), crafts, coding and games.

Join us for a Christmas craft session on Monday 21 December 11am - midday. Spaces are limited so please book by coming in to see us or visiting the Puke Ariki website [www.pukeariki.com](http://www.pukeariki.com).

This summer we will also have craft tables available every Wednesday 1pm - 4pm between 23 December and 27 January. They're open sessions (no bookings) and we'll provide the craft ideas and materials.

## Regular programmes

Crackerjacks will resume on Thursday 4 February at 10am.

Join us for a fun filled pre-school story time session.

The Justice of the Peace service resumes Thursday 14 January 10am - 12:30pm.

And finally, we wanted to say a big thank you to all our customers and our volunteers who help and support us throughout the year.

Happy holidays and enjoy your summer,

Charlie and Vincenza

# Ōākura Bowling & Social Club

## Interclub Tournaments

Adam Collins and Jim Priest created a little bit of history in winning the Western Div Lambie Pairs Shield tournament played at Okato in October. Priest had previously won the tournament with Collins' father, Mark, in 2001, and in winning became the first bowler to win 5 Lambie Pairs titles.

Ōākura bowlers have continued to punch above their weight in interclub tournaments and have qualified for the final of Taranaki's premier bowls competition, the Bill Smee Div 1 Trophy. It was a fantastic effort from the Ōākura boys who finished 2nd in their group, earning the right to take on the power house clubs of West End, Paritutu and Hawera Park in the final. Well done to the squad of Steve Muller, Jim Priest, Adam Collins, Bob Anderson, Bruce Jackson, Wayne Robinson, Kurt Smith and Allan Bridgeman.

The midweek tournaments are well under way with Ōākura currently holding first place in the Avery Cup and running midfield in both the Gilmour and the Saturday Shield competitions. Well done to all players who keep turning up each week, the hard-working green keepers and also those who assist in smooth running on match days.

A solid start to the Saturday Div 1 Pennants has the Ōākura Orcas placed midfield after 5 rounds. The Orcas face strong opposition each



Adam Collins and Jim Priest

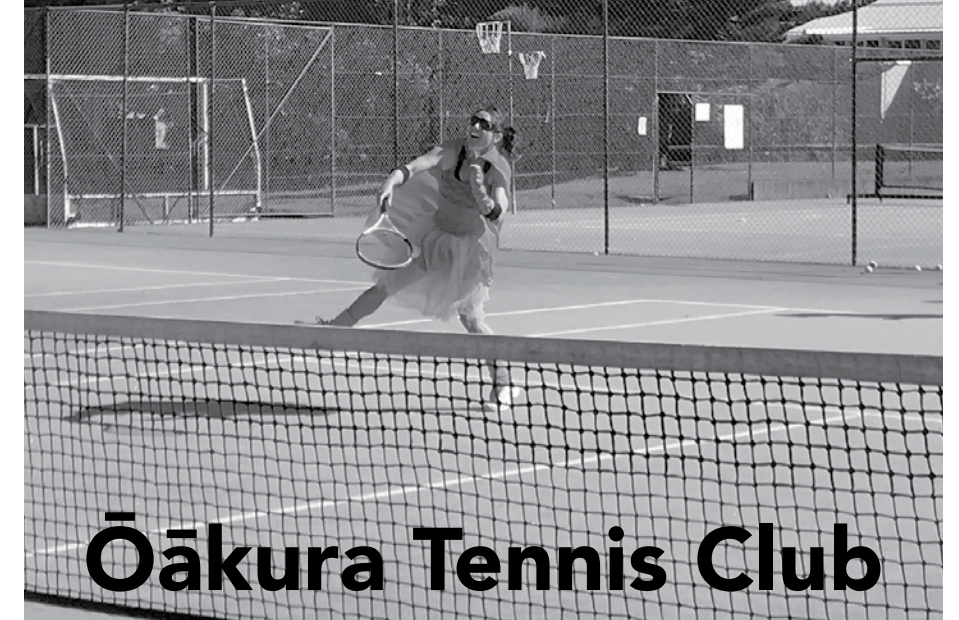
week from Taranaki's best bowlers and with more good results over the upcoming months are well placed to make a push for the Top 3.

## Club Championships

Bob Anderson has won the delayed 2019-2020 President's Cup. The cup is played under a handicap system and Anderson made it consecutive victories in this competition with a 21-14 win over young gun Kurt Smith.

## Club News

Ōākura has entered 3 teams in the prestigious Taranaki Open Fours played in late January. While there are no Australian teams this year, the competition will be fierce as always between the New Zealand entries. The Ōākura boys will be aiming to continue their impressive interclub form and go deep into this great tournament.



Interclub finally got underway with soffe being rained off the first weekend against Stratford and a bye the second weekend. We played Okaiawa at home the first weekend and was close after singles with the girls all winning and the boys all losing, but we won all the doubles and 3 of the 4 combines to give us an 11-5 win. We followed with an 11-5 win over Inglewood and have Pukekura, Huatoki and Rotokare to finish the round before Xmas. We are sitting 2nd on 35 points behind Pukekura on 52 with Okaiawa and Rotokare close behind on 32 and 31 points respectively. Wilson Trophy started strong with a decisive 16-0 win over Waitara followed by a bye and then a 10-6 win over Pukekura. With only five teams in this competition they have Okaiawa and Rotokare to play.

In the juniors Green Division the Ōākura Aces of Corey Barrett, Oli Winstanley, Eric Spencer

and Austin Fearin have had 3 wins and a draw. The Ōākura Roasters of Duncan Poole, Brody Matheson, Rafferty O'Sullivan and Emma Jackson have also had 3 wins and a loss so will be a good match up when the Roasters and Aces play each other! Ōākura youth team of Miller and Cooper Ferguson, Luke Barrett, Oskar Kleinsgorge and Maja Rung-Hansen have had a win and 2 losses.

Midweek ladies feature 3 teams in section 1, section 2 and section 4 after 3 rounds they sit in 5th, 3rd and 7th respectively.

Ladies 8's was rained off twice so rescheduled to fine weather in Feb!

Hopefully we get some sunshine so games can be played leading up to Xmas!

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# Boardriders News

We are now full swing with Friday nights with some yummy burgers on offer. Unfortunately the surf has been messy for the younger ones to get in the water. Its good to see the bigger groms down the coast getting some waves. School is nearly out for the year.

A good representation from the club at the Raglan Pro-am Kings and Queens, well done to all the competitors and to our Queen Paige Hareb for taking out the win!

Membership renewal is due and any new members welcome.

Remember the board use is for members only so please do your part in caring for the boards and ensuring they are put away after use.

The Annual Kids Xmas party Friday 11th December.

The Mike Christiansen Memorial Long Board competition Saturday 12th December.

New Membership or enquiries email oakuraboardriders@gmail.com.

Club Hireage - Colin Webber 021 936 602



## NPOB Saving

With Christmas not too far away we are looking forward to the season ahead and hoping for a great summer. By the time the TOP has gone to print our lifeguards will be on the beach patrolling and we will have attended a few carnivals.

A big thanks to our volunteer lifeguards who started patrolling the weekend of 28 November. You will see the guards on the beach every Saturday and Sunday through to Taranaki Anniversary weekend. The week before Xmas Regional Guards will be on the beach from 12-7pm Monday to Friday. Please help our lifeguards by swimming between the flags – this is the safest place to swim.

You might see our lifeguards out training on Monday nights, running through rescue scenarios, upskilling and improving their lifeguard skills.

Junior Surf has kicked off with huge numbers. Every Sunday morning from 10am you will see 120+ kids on the beach learning water skills. Thank you to those that are helping out, it is a big job for the club to organise – All help is appreciated!

As always our Oceans and Senior members

## Surf Life Club

are well into their trainings, building up to Nationals events end of February and March. Oceans 21 is back at the Mount, Seniors at Ohope and our IRB team heading up to Ruakaka. The IRB team missing out 2020 due to the dreaded COVID.

This season Fitzroy SLSNZ are hosting the 2021 Central Region Championships on 9-10 January. NPOB are hoping to have a good turn out to this carnival, normally the travel to Centrals limits our attendance.

The following week will be our annual Oceans Camp, 14-17 January. If you need any motivation to get fit and healthy, now is the time to head to the beach to get inspiration from these young kids – they are impressive to say the least. Three full days of trainings, games and team building, finishing up with the Dylan Dunlop-Barrett Eliminator on the Sunday morning.

As always the club can't operate without our volunteers who come in all shapes, sizes and with different skills. There is a job for everyone, please don't be shy to shout out if you can help in any way. Enjoy the beach, stay safe and swim between the flags!



Bex MacDonald at the finishing line

## Seasons Heatings from the Fire Brigade

Is that BBQ weather on the horizon? Before you bang the rust off your 3-burner for the summer here are some handy BBQ safety tips from your friendly crew at the station.

First of all, remember all that fat that you promised you would burn off when the weather got warmer, yeah well neither did your BBQ. Sitting in that tray under the burners is likely to be the lingering spoils of last summer's sausage sizzle. Make sure that you remove and clean out the drip tray before sparking up this season. Your sossies, and likely your eyebrows, will thank you for it.

It's also a great idea to check your fastenings to see if there are any gas leaks (if you have a fancy charcoal BBQ you may enjoy scoffing haughtily at this suggestion). A really easy way to check for leaks is to put some dishwash detergent in water and apply it to where the gas hose fastens to your BBQ and LPG cylinder. If it bubbles there is a leak and you will need to tighten the fastenings.

As with any source of fire treat it with care. Ensure your BBQ is on level ground, any sausage will tell you if its not - that's why they don't make them square, you know that don't you? Also watch out for kids running and playing near BBQ's. Make them aware of the dangers and keep them safely away.

Speaking of sizzling, we would like to give our own Skytower Stair climb team a huge shout out for their efforts and sizzling times. Mark 'crouch start' Town, 16.04, Sheldon 'we should probably just pull out now eh' Pritchard 17.58 and Bex 'see ya at the top boys' McDonald 16.16. All succeeded in racing to the top of Auckland Skytower in full firefighting gear to raise money for leukemia and blood cancer research. Thanks to all in the community that helped sponsor them for the cause.

Have a safe and happy festive season everyone!

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# Ōmata School Leavers

We asked the students three questions

1. What school will you be going to next year?
2. What was a highlight of your time at school ?
3. What do you want to do when you leave school ?



**Amelie Henderson**

1. **Spotswood College.** I like that the new way of learning gives you a choice of all the different subjects that you can take. To learn and practice the things that I love to do, and to get better at things that I might not be so great at.
2. Wellington camp, for the things I did there and the time spent with my friends and teachers. I really enjoyed this school, its cool experiences and opportunities, all the nice teachers and friends, I'm going to miss it very much.
3. Something with animals, like a marine biologist, something that helps animals and plants. The sea fascinates me. I also want to be a set designer or an actress, like the people who work at Weta Workshops. I also like the idea of being a paleontologist.



**Sophie Churchill**

1. **New Plymouth Girls High** because of all the opportunities they have that suit my interests and my learning.
2. Wellington Camp, and all of the people that I met and opportunities that the school has given me.
3. I want to do something that includes sport and representing myself.



**Monica Joyce**

1. **Spotswood College** has always been the school for me. It has so many amazing opportunities and there is something for all my interests.
2. Every class has its own unique culture and atmosphere and so many opportunities that can be brought to life. One of my favourite memories is when the years 7's and 8's went to Wellington, it really brought the year to a great end.
3. I don't know yet, but something around helping animals or to help the environment.



**Katana Hull**

1. **Spotswood College** has always been the top choice for me and it has a lot of learning opportunities and it seems like an amazing school culture.
2. Every year at this school was amazing, but I always remember this one time when I broke my arm. It hurt but it was funny. Aliana was saying that it was so bad and it would have to be cut off. I love everyone who has helped me overcome my fears.
3. I love writing so much and being an author has been a dream job for me. Or be a fashion designer or caretaker as I love caring for children and designing.



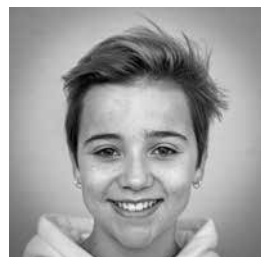
**Riley Kidney**

1. **Spotswood College,** because it will help with my learning.
2. I am going to miss the teachers because they have always helped me.
3. Engineering because it makes a good amount of money.



**Haruna Saito**

1. **Spotswood College.** I love the way that they operate in a way unique to other schools, they allow people to choose their own subjects, they can combine a certain subject with another. They have a range of different arts and sports that I am very interested in.
2. I think that it was the differences and the uniqueness of this school compared to some other schools that I have been to. The people of the community were really easy to talk to, and to get along with, which made it easier to get involved with other activities such as camp.
3. What I want to do now is - I think - a pretty big decision. I enjoy learning about the human body so something with a medical sort of future. I am also inspired by hair styling or hair dying sort of thing because it involves the arty type of skill



**Lola Crawshaw**

1. **Spotswood College.** It is a mixed gender school and the new way you learn is far more useful in the real world.
2. I really enjoyed all the different opportunities that we were given here at Ōmata, like the Wellington camp, that was one of the best experiences that I have had here. I have had such an amazing time here.
3. I want to be a teacher because they make a difference in the world by helping people learn. They teach children how to read and answer maths equations but also they are always supporting others.



**Jordan Turner**

1. **Spotswood College** for me to learn about medical science and to learn how to start a good YouTube channel.
2. Wellington camp. Doing all the fun stuff like Te Papa, swimming, all the dinners and definitely the time with everyone and how fun everything was.
3. I want to be a doctor, to help people in need and those that are sick. Or I'd like to be a social media influencer, preferably a YouTube influencer. I want to start a vlogging or gaming channel.



**Mia Matheson**

1. **Spotswood College** for all the opportunities they offer and most of my friends are going there.
2. All the camps I got to go to as I made lots of new friends, but I especially enjoyed the Wellington camp. It felt like we were free doing lots of fun activities with the class, but in an open area not the classroom.
3. I'm not completely sure, something that includes horses and animals in general.



**Aliana Scholey**

1. **Spotswood College** because it is an extension of what I currently do at Ōmata, where our learning is self driven and student led.
2. My time in Room 6 (final years) for the many amazing opportunities and experiences. I was in a class with many unique individuals, and that's what made all the experiences worthwhile. Taking part in extracurricular activities made my time here so much more enjoyable.
3. I want to pursue my love for dance or my need for speed, I'm very passionate about both dance and running. I also really enjoy fashion and design.



**Toby Denton-Woolley**

1. **Spotswood College** because I like all the opportunities that it provides.
2. Probably in Year 7 when we went to Wellington for camp and went to Weta Workshop and Adrenaline Park.
3. I'm not sure but I wouldn't mind working at Weta Workshop or doing architecture.



**Jed Reeve**

1. **Spotswood College.** I like the opportunities there.
2. All my friends and all the teachers.
3. Play NBA for the Sacramento Kings so they can win a ring or the Dallas Mavericks because two great players Luka Doncic and Krioting Porzingis will still be playing.



**Isabelle McFarlane**

1. **Spotswood College,** because they have awesome opportunities, and all of my friends are going.
2. Wellington camp, because I made lots of new friendships and had a great time.
3. I want to be a Paramedic, I want to be able to help and save people's lives.



**Madelyn Gunn**

1. **Girls High.** It's the best school for me and it has heaps of opportunities.
2. My highlight was just being in Room 6 (final year classroom).
3. I want to work at Google and be a Software Engineer or an animator because it would combine two of my favourite things. I also would like to be an Indie developer and learn c# and other scripting languages.



**Sam Pattison**

1. **Spotswood College** because my friends are going to go there and they have the best options for me.
2. Although I really enjoyed the camps, especially Wellington, I think the thing everyone overlooks, is that if I didn't go to school, I wouldn't have made any of my wonderful friends.
3. I haven't decided fully, I would like to be an author, or in the filmmaking industry, being an actor or prop maker.



**Johnathan Strauss**

1. **Spotswood** because most of my friends are going there and I like the new courses.
2. The online classes because I could just sit in bed and do my work.
3. I want to be an ER doctor so I can pop a bone back into place.



**Roxy Allen**

1. We are moving so the closest school to me will be **Waitara High.** It is a really good school.
2. I definitely enjoyed how different this school is to most, it is a lot more wholesome to learn and be in. The people that go here are easy to get along with and fun to be around. This made camp really fun and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.
3. It is a massive decision, but for now I like the idea of doing something to do with performing arts.



**George Collett**

1. **Spotswood College** because I'm dyslexic and it provides amazing support.
2. Going to Weta workshop on the Wellington camp.
3. Illustrate comic books.



**Mitchell Fraser**

1. **Spotswood College,** it gives such great opportunities towards better paths of learning.
2. I have enjoyed all of the amazing opportunities, such as the Wellington camp.
3. I want to be a professional skateboarder. I am going to make a video, send it to a company, get sponsorship and then become pro.



**Alix Gibson**

1. **Spotswood College** for the opportunities that it gives. I am looking forward to choosing the classes that I will be taking, and directing my own learning like I got to do at Ōmata.
2. Wellington camp.
3. Something with film or photography.



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# Ōākura School Leavers

Its 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...



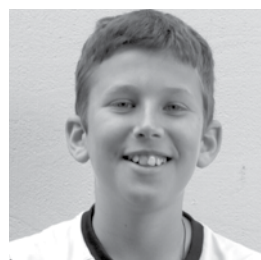
**Addison Andrews** is an Envirokura leader. He is going to **Spotswood College**. Addison enjoyed lockdown because of the style of learning he was able to do and because he'd never done homeschooling before. Addison is undecided on what to be later in life.



**Jacob Bentall** is looking forward to learning French when he goes to **New Plymouth Boys' High School**. He really enjoyed the TOPEC River Safety Education Programme. Jacob has been an Envirokura leader. He wants to be a chef.



**Gabriel Brebner** is going to **New Plymouth Boys' High School**. He has been one of our Sports Leaders. Gabe hopes to be a professional free skier. He has appreciated the opportunities he has been able to take part in as a senior at Ōākura School.



**Adi Carmi** was a Sports Leader. He is attending **New Plymouth Boys' High School** and when he grows up, hopes to be a football player. Adi's highlight was all of the opportunities he had to work with and coach junior students in sport.



**Aster Danenhauer** has been a Student Mentor this year. She will attend **New Plymouth Girls' High School**. Aster is hoping to be a screenwriter or a police officer. She loved debating as it helped her gain more confidence.



**Lucas James Death** was an ICT leader. He is going to be attending **New Plymouth Boys' High School**. Lucas really enjoyed the opportunities of Camp Wellington and being able to be on camp with friends. When Lucas grows up he wants to be an electrician.



**Scarlett Dinnis** was Head Pupil at Ōākura School and is going to **Spotswood College**. Her highlight of 2020 was being Head Pupil because it gave her lots of opportunities and it was a rewarding challenge. Scarlett is undecided on what she wants to be when she grows up.



**Hannah Dixon** has not made up her mind yet about her future schooling. She is looking forward to the opportunities any school could offer her. Hannah was a Student Mentor this year. She enjoyed the different way of learning during lockdown and the experience of this.



**Meihana Down** is going to **New Plymouth Boys' High School**. He is excited about being part of the Sports Programme. The highlight of his senior years was being a kapa haka leader. Meihana has been a Sports Leader this year. He is not sure what he wants to do as a career at this stage.



**Emma Eagar** is looking forward to her time at **New Plymouth Girls' High School**. One of the things she really appreciated about Ōākura School is all the friendships she developed. Her future career aspirations are to be a psychologist. Emma has been one of our Head Pupils this year.



**Sunny Evans** has been an Art Leader this year. He is looking forward to attending **New Plymouth Boys' High School**. One of the highlights for Sunny was his recent trip to TOPEC to do River Safety Education. He is keen on being a professional skater.



**Chloe Fenning** is going to **New Plymouth Girls' High School**. She has been an Art Leader this year. She wishes to be either a veterinarian or special effects artist. Her highlight at Ōākura School has been learning music as she is really passionate about this.



**Felix Field** is going to **New Plymouth Boys' High School**. His highlight of 2020 was all of the sporting events he took part in. Felix wants to grow up to be a football player or an engineer. Felix also was an ICT leader and helped with the Minecraft Club this year.



**Bailey Harewood** is going to **Francis Douglas Memorial College** and is looking forward to trying some new things. He has been a Sports Leader. He enjoyed the online learning experience of lockdown earlier in the year. Bailey wants to be an architect.



**Joanna Harrison** is excited about going to **New Plymouth Girls' High School**. She wants to be a Doctor, specifically a GP, in the future. Joanna was a Sports Leader. Her highlight was Camp Wellington because she was able to try new things with her school friends.



**Stella Henwood** is going to **New Plymouth Girls' High School**. She was a great Sports Leader this year and wishes to be a Silver Fern. The highlight of the year for Stella was lockdown because it was such a different way of learning and something she will always remember.



**Aiden Hocking** is going to **Spotswood College**. He has been a Media Leader this year. He liked being able to showcase his skills as a Media Leader and being able to publish to a wider audience. When Aiden grows up he would like to be an electrician.



**Neve Hudson** was an Art Leader this year, is going to **New Plymouth Girls' High School**. She felt Camp Wellington was great as she got to develop new friendships while on camp. When Neve grows up she wants to do something arty.



**Emma Jackson** was one of our Art Leaders. She is going to **New Plymouth Girls' High School**. Emma has enjoyed being an Art Leader and helping other kids. She would like to be a marine biologist when she grows up.



**Stella Johns** enjoyed being a Sports Leader this year. She is going to **New Plymouth Girls' High School**. She is excited to meet and make some new friends. Stella is interested in being an interior designer. One of the highlights was Camp Wellington.



**Alexandria Juffermans** was a Student Mentor and is going to **New Plymouth Girls' High School**. Her highlight was going to Camp Wellington because it was so much fun and she had a lot of many new experiences. Alex doesn't know what she wants to be when she grows up.



**Isla Kleinsorge** was a Sports Leader. She is going to **New Plymouth Girls' High School**. Isla's highlight was going to Camp Wellington last year. Isla enjoyed online learning and organising her own schedule during lockdown. She wishes to be a business owner or work in the clothing industry.



**Taine Knox** has been one of the ICT Leaders this year. He will go to **New Plymouth Boys' High School** next year. Taine has loved being part of the Debating Team and having so many academic opportunities this year. He would like to be a lawyer when he grows up.



**Baylin McFetridge** is going to **New Plymouth Boys' High School** next year. Baylin has been an ICT Leader. He has enjoyed being part of lots of different opportunities at Ōākura School. Baylin is still undecided about his future career options.



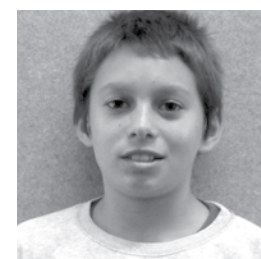
**Jason McGregor** was a Manukura Leader this year. He wants to be a professional sportsman. He is going to **New Plymouth Boys' High School** and is looking forward to being involved in a variety of sports. Jason has really enjoyed all the sporting opportunities of Ōākura School.



**Laura McNeil** was a Student Mentor this year. She is going to attend **New Plymouth Girls' High School**. Laura hopes to be an equine veterinarian. She has really enjoyed having the responsibility of being a student mentor.



**Liam McQuaig** has really enjoyed being a Head Pupil and has appreciated all the opportunities this has presented to him this year. Liam is going to **New Plymouth Boys' High School**. He wants to be a professional rugby player.



**Finley Pendleton** is attending **New Plymouth Boys' High School** and is looking forward to meeting new people. Fin's highlight of 2020 was going to TOPEC for the River Safety Programme. He has been one of 2020s many Sports Leaders. He wants to be an electrician.



**Lincoln Phillips-Lim** will attend **Spotswood College** next year. This year he was an ICT Leader. Lincoln really enjoyed Camp Wellington and making lots of friends during his time at Ōākura School. He wants to be a chef.



**Vinnie Phillips-Lim** was chosen to be an Art Leader in 2020. He is going to go to **Spotswood College**. Camp Wellington was fun, especially Ōākura Idol. He currently is undecided on what he would like to do in the future.



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**Sasha Rasmussen** has been a Sports Leader. She will attend **New Plymouth Girls' High School**. She would like to be a professional football player. Sasha has appreciated the opportunities that Ōākura School has provided her and how this has helped her to make friends.



**Jannes Reinders** was an Art Leader. His highlight of 2020 was lockdown because he got a lot of work done and got to relax when he wanted to. Jannes is going to **Francis Douglas Memorial College** and when he grows up wants to be an energy engineer.



**Beth Robertson** is going to **New Plymouth Girls' High School** for 2021. She is a Student Mentor at Ōākura School and is undecided on what she wants to be when she grows up. Beth enjoyed the River Safety Programme at TOPEC.



**Ryan Robertson** is going to be attending **New Plymouth Boys' High School**. His highlight of 2020 was all of the opportunities that he was able to be part of as Head Pupil. He is undecided on what he wants to be in later life.



**Reid Ross** was an ICT leader at Ōākura School and is looking forward to going to **New Plymouth Boys' High School**. Reid's highlight of being a senior at Ōākura School was making lots of new friends. When Reid grows up he wants to be in the army.



**Maia Schafer** is going to **Spotswood College** next year and trying some new opportunities. This year she was Sports Leader. Maia has not decided yet what career she would like in the future. Maia enjoyed a range of opportunities that she was able to participate in and meeting lots of people.



**Kai Shearer** is one of the Student Mentors. He is going to **New Plymouth Boys' High School**. Kai has really enjoyed the sports and opportunities he has been able to participate in throughout his year at Ōākura School. He wants to be a builder or a sportsman when he grows up.



**Eliya Shlosberg** was a Sports Leader this year. She enjoyed helping organise sports events and helping younger students at these. Eliya is going to be attending **New Plymouth Girls' High School**. When Eliya grows up she wants to be a psychiatrist.



**Adam Sousa** was a Sports Leader and is looking forward to attending **New Plymouth Boys' High School**. Adam's highlight of his time at Ōākura School was all the sporting opportunities. He is currently undecided on what he would like to be when he grows up.



**William Thomson** is going to **Francis Douglas Memorial College** for 2021. Will was a Sports Leader and his highlight of 2020 was lockdown because he could make his own timetable and organise his own learning. Will wants to grow up to be an anaesthetist or an orthopedic surgeon.



**Matt Weeks** has been an Art Leader this year. Next year he will attend **New Plymouth Boys' High School**. Camp Wellington was a highlight for Matt because he was out of the classroom learning new things with his friends. He aspires to be a doctor (GP).



**Graffin Wynter** has been a Manukura Leader. He is going to **New Plymouth Boys' High School** next year and enjoys being involved in mountain biking. Graffin is aiming to be a professional snowboarder when he grows up. He enjoyed lockdown because of the style of learning and the ability to choose when he learnt.

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# TOP Activities

## Ōākura

### 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 7530120

### Inferno 45- 4 X Bootcamp fitness

Monday and Wednesday 6am, Friday 9am. BoxFit Friday 6am. All 1 hour sessions. Ōākura Hall. Graeme 021 536 990

### Indoor Bowls

Enquiries to Marvin Clough 752 7531

### JKA Karate

Jim Hoskin 752 7337

### Justice of the Peace. Lynn Murray.

Ōākura Library Thursdays 10am-12.30pm. 17 Dec last day - resuming 14 Jan.

### Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust

Pete Morgan 027 372 5182  
morgpt@xtra.co.nz

### Morning Talk - coffee group

Thursdays 10-11am at NPOB Surf Club. Free tea and coffee. A donation to the surf club is optional. Tracey Lusk 752 7875. 17 Dec last day - resuming 14 Jan

### Move It or Lose It - fitness classes

Ōākura Hall, Wednesdays and Fridays 9.30am. Contact Gloria 752 7442

### Meditation Group

Kate Evans 027 203 7215

### Ōākura Yoga

Kate Evans 027 203 7215

### Pickleball Ōākura

Ōākura Hall Wed 7.30-9.00pm and Thurs 9.15-10.45am. All skill levels welcome and equipment is provided. ekesslernz@hotmail.com. Elayne Kessler 027 937 7173

### Ōākura Hall Bookings

Vicky Jury 027 215 2465

### Playcentre

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

### Pony Club

Tracey Mackenzie 027 319 0238  
traceymackkyle@gmail.com

### Pool Club

Meet Wednesday 7pm at Butlers Reef until daylight saving starts. Sheree 027 3444 723

### 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

### St James Church

Sunday Worship every 2nd & 4th Sun 10am stjamesoakura@gmail.com

### Sunday School - St James Church

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday 10am. stjamesoakura@gmail.com

### Tennis Club

Cardio tennis Thurs 9.15am, Group coaching Fri 9.15am, Development squad Tues 4.30-6pm, Junior coaching Wed before & after school, Mid week ladies 9am-2pm, Club day Sun 3-5pm, www.blitztennis.nz. Juniors Tash 027 775 5440, Seniors Jackie 027 673 2900 Jackie Keenan 027 673 2900

### Tai Chi Classes

Every Monday 9-10am at Ōākura Hall. Judi 027 268 2601  
taranakitaichichuan@gmail.com or just come along

### Val Deakin Dance School

Ōākura Hall on Friday afternoon - Pre-school dance classes at 2:45, ballet for 5 and over 3:15 to 4:15. val@valdeakindance.org.nz 752 7743 or text 027 694 0933

## Tataraimaka

### 5 Elements Fitness Bootcamps and Kickboxing Fitness classes

Mon to Thurs 5-6 pm, Tataraimaka Hall. Barney 027 752 7076 barney@5efitness.com or visit 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

## 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 okatosquash1@gmail.com. Ladies morning every Friday 9.30 -11am. First 2 sessions free, racquets available. Rachel 0204 092 5243

## Ōmata

### Ōmata Playgroup

contact Ōmata School 751 2308

# TOP Notices

### Website

Know of people outside of the village that would like to be kept updated? Share the website and they can click on a button to subscribe.

### Got a burning question?

Send it in and we will endeavour to answer.

### Got a story idea?

Make contact with us by phone or email

### Next Issue

This is the last issue for the year and we will be back in your letterboxes in February.

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# BLACK SAND PIZZERIA & BISTRO



We are all so fortunate to live in this little slice of paradise and we feel so inspired each day to work at Black Sand Pizzeria and Bistro. Sunshine or storm, our views from the restaurant are magnificent and our location on the beach creates a unique dining experience, whether just taking in the vista, or letting your children run wild on the beach while you dine.

We wanted to take this time to update you all on the new and exciting changes that are happening down here at the beach.

Like many, we have had some time during lockdown to pause, step back, and reflect on what we are and where we wish to head in the future. As many of our regulars will know, our new chef Matt has created quite a buzz in the kitchen over the past few months with his small unique 'bistro style' menu to complement our pizzas. The idea always was to extend the menu and had been looking for the right chef to make this happen. Well the stars aligned and now the Black Sand's family has expanded as we start a new chapter with Matt and his family joining as part owner in the business.

With this new collaboration there are lots of exciting offerings that we hope you will find as refreshing as we do. One of the first changes is our seasonal bistro menu. The menu includes a selection of small plates, mains and desserts driven by fresh, seasonal and local ingredients. Matt's aim is to keep the menu small yet constantly revolving. This not only keeps the menu fresh for you guys but also aims to achieve something different with interesting seasonal produce.

Black Sand is well known for its Neapolitan certified pizza but now our restructure and fine casual approach has something for everyone. Are you a meat lover or hater? Are you dairy free or gluten free? Obsessed with vegetables? Of course we can accommodate pizza lovers but if pizza isn't your thing tonight we've got you covered.

We can do big groups or intimate dinners and you know we love kids. An example of the diversity on our menu is the Charred Broccoli, Labneh, Tomato XO and Puffed Grains dish. The labneh can be substituted with white bean hummus for our dairy free friends. Or perhaps if you are gluten free, try the Smoked Snapper Tostada and replace the snapper with charred courgette for a vegetarian option. Order up a variety of these dishes to share around within your group, or a meal just for yourself. Enjoy



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good tunes and those views, as it's the only place you can eat dinner on the beach and not get sandy!

We also have some really exciting drinks and a new wine list when summer hits. We are a small family owned restaurant, so naturally we want to work with small family owned winemakers who are just as passionate about making their product by hand, with minimal intervention and additives. This concept aligns with our food: handmade, fresh and interesting. For our beer drinkers, you can't get anymore local than Coast Brew Co from Johnsie.

Keep up to date with our changes on Facebook and Instagram and you can now book a table with our new booking system on Res Diary. Also don't forget we can accommodate your next party or work. Do just call and speak with Shelly our bookings coordinator.

Both Matt and I are really excited about working together. We have found a positive synergy in the kitchen with a big focus on creativity and quality. These are some of the things happening inside Black Sand Pizzeria right now but watch this space as there are more exciting things in the pipeline.

As always we are truly thankful for the support locally and from the district. We love what we do and we love to share good food and times with good people.

***The Barloks and the Brocks***



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