



New Teachers 2020



Kirsten Flett

It is with pleasure we welcome our new teachers for 2020:

After first qualifying and working as a surveyor, and a stint overseas, Kirsten Flett decided to become a teacher and has taught mathematics in a number of schools. She has also completed officer training with the Air Force. Kirsten is an ex-pupil of our school and we are thrilled that she has now returned to take on the role of Head of Mathematics. Welcome back, Kirsten!



Kris Simpson

Hailing from Allanton, Kris Simpson joins us after a position as Acting Principal at Strath Taieri School. He brings a wealth of experience, both in New Zealand and overseas, especially in year 7 & 8. This year Kris will be teaching year 7 / 8 Homeroom, Mathematics and Science, along with a year 9 Mathematics class. Kris and his wife (an ex-pupil of Tokomairiro High School) are currently building a new house at Waihola. He is a keen runner in his spare time. We welcome Kris's expertise on to our staff.



Carmel Marshall

Coming from a primary teaching background, including a Deputy Principal role, Carmel Marshall has taken on a new role across the Tokomairiro Cluster - Learning Support Coordinator. Carmel will work with principals, teachers, students and whanau from Milton Primary, St Mary's, Waitahuna, Lawrence Area School and Tokomairiro High School. This is an exciting new role and we are looking forward to working with Carmel. Carmel and her husband reside in Allanton.



Ross Mackinnon

Ross Mackinnon is a young man who has worked for a number of years in counselling, based in a number of schools. Ross is our new Guidance Counsellor and will be in school Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The other two days of the week he will continue as a counsellor at Kavanagh College. Ross's interests include singing and music, technology and gaming. We are looking forward to working with Ross and welcome him to our staff.

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Welcome Back To The Staff


Monday was a teacher only day and it was great to see all the staff back planning and preparing for the new year. We are looking forward to a very successful year with wellbeing of students and staff being a focus for the year, along with a continuing focus of personal excellence. A special welcome to our new staff – Kirsten Flett (HOD Mathematics), Carmel Marshall (Learning Support Coordinator), Kris Simpson (Homeroom, Mathematics, Science) and Ross Mackinnon (Guidance Counsellor). We are also thrilled to welcome Wendy Baker to the role of Sports Coordinator and Teacher Aide, and Laureen Buchanan as a Teacher Aide.

Peer Support Training

Peer Support leadership training occurs on Tuesday morning under the leadership of Mr Sinclair. We are looking forward to these year 13 students running the programme for our new year 7 students over the first half of the year. We thank them for their commitment to this excellent programme.

Welcome To Our New Students

Wednesday morning is when our new year 7 students are welcomed into our school. We are really looking forward to working with this wonderful group of young people and starting them on their journey through Tokomairiro High School. This is a journey which we are keen to share with the students and their whanau.



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Year 8 To 13 Students

Thursday is the day when all the year 8 to 13 students return to school and we are looking forward to having them back.

My message for the students is this: Engage in the learning process – ask questions, talk to your teachers, explore new ideas. Work hard to achieve to your very best – aim for personal excellence, strive to be the best you can be. Support each other – show respect for your peers and your teachers. Have pride in your school – remember you are an ambassador for your school. Be proud to be part of the Tokomairiro family – I certainly am!

Attendance / Lateness

We are continuing to have a focus on attendance this year as we believe regular attendance and achievement go hand in hand. Research has shown that attendance to class is a key to students reaching their academic potential. It is important that all students are attending school every day. We ask that parents / caregivers / whanau ensure that their children are attending all their lessons. If there is a valid reason for a student to be absent from school, parents are asked to contact the school office, or send a message through the Skool Loop App, first thing in the morning. Thank you for your support in helping us better monitor the student attendance.

This year we will be following up on lateness to class. We encourage all students to be in class before the second bell ready to start work. This means students need to be in class by 8.40am.

Connections With Whanau

We are looking forward to a great year and encourage members of our wider school community to take every opportunity to engage with our school. Our doors are always open and we welcome you into our school.

House Groups

These continue to be the basis of our pastoral care processes and mentoring within the school. Our students are all in house groups with their mentor teacher each day. Year 7 to 13 students will work together to support each other and further develop the strength of the house system. The house group teacher will be the person who really gets to know your child well and we encourage you all to take the opportunity to contact the house group teacher if you have any concerns.

Deans 2019

Our deans this year are as follows:

Year 7-13 – Ayson/Ross – Daryll Reddington
daryll@tokohigh.school.nz

Year 7-13 – Malcolm/Reid – Gemma Cowie
gemma@tokohigh.school.nz

Feel free to contact these people, or your child's house group teacher, if you have any concerns.

We are looking forward to a great year and welcome all our new parents to our Tokomairiro family. Remember, our doors are always open.

Nga mihi
Glenis Sim
Principal

COMING EVENTS

Monday 3 February - ID and Class Photos

Wednesday 5 February - ITM Concert 9.00am

Thursday 6 February - Waitangi Day (school closed)

Friday 14 February – HIFOS - Year 7/8 Day Out





News From the Trenches

It is with great sadness that I would like acknowledge the passing of Bill Sinclair last weekend. Born on 10th June 1920, Bill was one of our last remaining World War 2 veterans who served his country with distinction in both Italy and Egypt. He was also involved in escorting a boatload of German prisoners from Algeria during World War 2. He received personal thanks from Prime Minister Helen Clark for his outstanding service, and was made a Life Member of the Milton RSA. His funeral on Wednesday will be a special occasion fitting for this kind, unassuming gentleman. Rest in peace.

On a happier note, this upcoming weekend kicks off a very busy period at the RSA with the Handle/Wine Club commencing on Friday night, so join up for exclusive offers. Also on Friday, Super Rugby tipping competition commences, so register at the bar to take part. First game Blues vs Chiefs kicks off at earlier time of 7pm. Here's a tip, this weekend the Highlanders are guaranteed not to lose.

Also on Saturday night we have the Land raffle prizes distributed with the best prizes yet we have had. So if you are fortunate to have a ticket, come along for pre-event drinks from 6pm to see who wins the Bungy Prize, Taxi Hot Laps, Highlanders ticket - the list is endless, along with the fun.

If you haven't had enough fun, on Sunday is the monthly Clay Bird shoot at Limeworks - so all bangers get along for that. Is there a venue that offers as much entertainment. Make sure you have paid your subs to be eligible for the most fantastic prizes you would win. Also upcoming is the Fishing Competition, tickets can be purchased for \$25 on Saturday 15th February - but I'm running out of space and Paddy is getting grumpy at the prospect of carrying this massive report.

Private Pike



Bible Reading for Today

Proverbs 13:16

Wise people think before they act; fools don't - and even brag about their foolishness.

Gym Report

Have you always wanted to be able to access the gym out of it's current hours – we are pleased to announce that 24 Hour access is going ahead at the Tokomairiro Community Recreation Centre.

We expect the required work to be completed by end February/start March. It is very exciting to be able to offer this to our community. Keep an eye on this report and our Facebook page for more details. This may suit a lot more people who would like to do their exercise at 5 am or later in the evening, any time over the weekend and even statutory holiday days!! If you'd like to come and have a look around we would love to see you. We are located on Park Road, opposite the swimming pool entrance.

Keep Moving began for the year on Tuesdays and Thursdays mid-January and we welcome any new people who would like to improve their strength and balance. This class is fully supervised and starts at 2.30 pm. The cost is \$3.

Make it your New years resolution to get fit and stay healthy. We would love to see you here.

Summer Indoor Bowls

A good turn out for the first night back at Summer indoor bowls with four from Balclutha being there. Bidy, Shona and Heather using it for practice for their Women's Institute trip to Wellington, where they need one brand new player (Heather) in their team.

Teams were pretty close this week with no one having 3 wins. Both Bidy, Craig and Russell Copland had two wins each but on a countback of aggregate scores Russell, Alex Benington, Greta Jenkins and Sharlene Renton came out top with 24 while Bidy, Shona and Heather had 18.

3rd and 4th place was again close with a win each but Barbara Read, Chris Moffatt, Raymond Perry and Stephen Souness had 14 points and Dave Findlay, Alwyn Read and Eunice Benington had 12.

Don't forget Summer Bowls are again in full swing and we would love to see either experienced or very novices there. Whatever, you'd be very welcome.

Milton Euchre

15/1/20		22/1/20	
Raffle	I Mason	Raffle	D Le Sueur
Winner	I Mason	Winner	Digger
Booby	D Le Sueur	Booby	E Morton

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Quote of the week

"The trouble with jogging is that the ice falls out of your glass".

Martin Mull (1943 -)

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New Life Member of Toko Golf Club

Tiny Agnew was helping his forestry workmate Les Scott around the course on their way to work before he joined Toko Golf Club, and has continued his involvement with the Club ever since. During his thirty years as a member he has played regularly in club days and competitions, pennant teams, and inter-club events, and sponsors a major open tournament.

Tiny has taken on various management responsibilities such as Club Captain, Greens Convener, House Convener, President - some of them several times, and has been re-elected President in 2019. Even in a club full of volunteers, Tiny's contribution is worthy of note which is why his peers nominated him for the honour of Life Membership. He accepted in his usual unassuming way.

There were around fifty people in the Clubhouse on Saturday 25 January 2020 to confirm his nomination, including Life Members Areta Smales, Dick Kennard, Bill Potae, and Lester Clark. Congratulations and support have been flowing in to Toko Golf Facebook page from around the world.



Golf

Opening Day Kennard Memorial Trophy Sat 25 Jan

Thanks to Life Member Dick Kennard for sponsoring and presenting the prizes.
Canadian Foursomes Results (best net).

1st 64.6 J McDonald & D Curd

2nd 66.8 J O'Connor & R McElrea

3rd 67.2 K Drinnan & N O'Connor

4th 67.2 P Keddell & G Findlay

5th 68.4 D Kennedy & P Adams

6th 68.4 W Agnew & G Sheath

7th 69.8 L Rogan & J Calder

Single Stableford
S Francis 42 points
Longest Putt Jenny Good
Closest to the Pin
Men D Curd
Women K Drinnan

Next week: Bisque Par

Congratulations to Robert Agnew for becoming a life member of the Toko Golf Club, your sponsorship, dedication and support of the club and Otago golf is greatly appreciated by all members.
Thanks Tiny.

Public Notices ...

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Do you have an arts project in mind?

The next funding round of the Clutha District Creative Communities Scheme closes on 1 March 2020. The funding is available to individuals and groups.

The application form and guide can be found on the Funding Schemes page of the Clutha District Council website: www.cluthadc.govt.nz

To qualify, projects must:

- Take place within the Clutha District
- Be completed within 12 months of funding approval
- Not have started or finished before the funding is approved.

Please contact Karen Piercy at Clutha District Council on 03 419 0261 with any questions.

Stay safe at the beach this Summer

The Water Safety Code is a handy way to remember what to do to stay safe in and around the water. There are four simple rules:

1: Be prepared

Learn to swim and survive and set rules for safe play in the water. Always use safe and correct equipment. Know the weather and water conditions before you get in.

2: Watch out for yourself and others

Always pay close attention to children you are supervising in or near water. Swim with others and in areas where lifeguards are present.

3: Be aware of the dangers

If you are at a beach without patrol flags flying and you are unsure if it's safe, don't risk it - stay out of the water.

4: Know your limits

Challenge yourself within your physical limits and experience. Learn safe ways of rescuing others without putting yourself in danger.

Source: [surf.lifesaving/findabeach.co.nz](http://surf.lifesaving.findabeach.co.nz)

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Koru Time Programme Supervisor - Permanent

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- Be reliable, fun and outgoing
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- Be able to implement an exciting and fun-filled after school care programme (training provided)

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School Cleaner - Permanent

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To be successful in this role you will:

- Be reliable, responsible, and honest
- Have a strong desire to get the job done to the highest standard
- Have good communication skills and a positive attitude

The hours of work will be 2.30 pm to 6.30 pm Monday to Friday during term time although there is flexibility to negotiate. There is also the possibility of some additional hours during school holidays.

Pay for these positions will be based on previous experience.

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