

Tokomairiro High School Newsletter & Community Noticeboard

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# Milton Primary Enjoys Duffy School Performers

Milton Primary is very proud to be a Duffy School. This is a national programme, supported by our school. It helps to inspire a love of books, provides students with free books to have in their homes, and enhances the desire for our students to want to read.

Being a Duffy School means each student receives up to six free books during the year, our school library receives exciting new books, and a visiting theatre show performs. Our vision at Milton Primary is for students to be competent and confident literacy learners who have a love for reading and being a Duffy School is one way to support this.



Last week we were excited to host a group of Duffy's travelling actors bringing the message "It's Cool to Read and Cool to Achieve". This exciting show is a highlight of our school calendar and is always an entertaining experience. This year the story was set in lock-down due to Covid-19. Duffy's parents were essential workers and we watched Duffy tackle online learning, hand sanitising and were enthralled by his adventures that reminded him, and us, why reading is so important.



# Milton St John Community Initiative

Recently, the Milton St John Area Committee provided over 100+ free child Car Seat Identification Stickers to some of the local early childhood centres. As part of our Community Initiative plan, the area committee identified that there was interest for these ID stickers in the community.

During the 2018-2019 financial year, St John attended 449 car crashes involving children aged under eight years old nationwide. As children are unlikely to have other forms of ID in the car, the stickers are designed to be an identifier in a motor vehicle crash if a child is left without an adult who knows them at the scene of the crash. The sticker is placed on the side of a car seat and has space for parents or caregivers to write the child's name and date of birth. There is also space on the sticker



for two emergency contacts, such as next of kin, which will allow support to be accessed faster.

If you are interested in grabbing a few of these ID stickers, flick Oli an email at Oli.blackbourn@stjohn.org.nz .

## Inside this week....

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As Tokomairiro High School is closed for a holiday on Tuesday 6th April, there will be no Genesis published next week. Deadlines for the following week are Monday 9am for advertising and 12 noon for articles. Happy Easter!

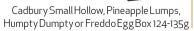


secretary Oli Blackbourn.

head teacher Michele Lane, and Milton St John Area Committee

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# **Tokomairiro High School Newsletter...**



SCHOOL MISSION: Inspiring Excellence in Tiny's Milton

### Week Nine - Term One

#### Tena koutou katoa.

Greetings to you all. After this week, there are only three weeks of school left this term, two of those being shortened weeks due to Easter. Students are encouraged to make the most of these three weeks of classes, especially our senior students who should now be gaining credits towards their qualifications.

There has been a lot happening over the past few weeks.

#### Kepler Tramp

Last week we had a group of ten Year 11 - 13 students. led by Mr Yilma and parent, Lynne Johnston, tramp the Kepler Track in Fiordland.

They had a great trip. Unfortunately, the second day, which is the day with all the spectacular views, was wet and they missed out on some amazing sights.

The group had a great tramp overall and got to explore some of the most amazing parts of our country. Thank you to Mr Yilma for his organisation and time.

#### Guide Dog Appeal

On Friday, a group of our students were out helping to collect for the guide dog appeal at the Four Square. This was organised by the Milton Lions Club. Thanks to all who helped



#### out - great community service. Blue Light Take A Kid Flying -Sunday 18th April 2021

In conjunction with the South Otago Aero Club, we have the opportunity for 2 or 3 students to go flying on Sunday 18 April. This is open to any Year 7 - 13 students. Interested students should collect a parent/caregiver consent form from the school office and return it before Tuesday 13 April. If you are interested, make sure you complete the form - sometimes we get offered extra seats! Forms available at the school office.

## Schools

On Thursday and Friday I had Nga mihi the opportunity to join about 18 Glenis Sim other Principals, DPs and IT Managers on a tour of five different secondary schools in Auckland. We were looking, in particular, at their eLearning within their schools. Of all the

schools we visited, and the schools represented by the group, Tokomairiro High School was the only school which provide each student with an eLearning device. Most of the schools required the whanau to provide students with a device, some even prescribing which device was to be purchased. I saw some great eLearning activities, and learning management routines, as I do in our own school. In all cases students were required to bring their device fully charged ready for their learning each day, just as we do. I felt satisfied that Tokomairiro High school was in as good a position as any of the schools I visited and was proud at how far our school has moved with eLearning in the past few years. I recognise there is still more to develop, especially in supporting our students to develop independent learning skills - it is a continuing journey.

#### Principal's Sabbatical

Next week will be my last week at school until Term 3, as I am heading to Brisbane on 12th April (although Brisbane went into 3 days lockdown on Monday). I am on sabbatical for all of Term 2 and will be visiting schools in Australia and New Zealand over that time, looking specifically at programmes to support learners, especially in the senior school, to develop the capabilities to help them be successful, both across curriculum areas and in life beyond school. Currently, I will have two weeks quarantine when I return to New Zealand late May (although I am hoping the Australia New Zealand bubble may be open by then). If not, it will be a great opportunity for me to do some more reading and research, and prepare a report.

Mrs Wish will be the Acting Principal in my absence and will be supported by Tom Sinclair as Deputy Principal and David Gilling as Assistant Principal. Please remember that our Deans of Carol Bungard (Y7/8), Gemma Cowie (Malcolm / Reid) and Daryll Reddington (Ayson/Ross) are always available - by email or a phone message.

#### Lunches in Schools

We are starting the Ministry Healthy Lunches in Schools programme, Ka Ora Ka Ako, at the beginning of Term 2. Our providers will be Kelly's Kitchen, Milton Subway and Kaan's Catering. Dietary requirements can generally be catered for. All students in the Milton schools will receive a free lunch every day. Note that our school canteen will still be open for morning tea or students can bring along food from home. Principal's Visit to Auckland More information coming soon.

Principal

Ki to kohahi te Kākaho ka whati, ki te kāpuia, e kore e whati When reeds stand alone, they are vulnerable, but bound together they are unbreakable.

Dates to Remember... Friday 2nd April - Good Friday Monday 5th April - Easter Monday Tuesday 6th April - Easter Tuesday - School Closed Wednesday 7th April - University of Otago Liason Officer Visit Tuesday 13th April - Year 7 Vision Screening Friday 16th April - End of Term One - Reports Issued Monday 3rd May - Term Two Begins

House Points Update

**Ross 963** Ayson 945 Reid 826 Malcolm 736

## Genesis

The Genesis is a free publication, delivered weekly to homes and businesses in Milton and Waihola, and is available on the school website, Facebook or via email. The Genesis office is open Monday and Tuesday 8:30am - 3:30pm. If the office is unattended, any articles, advertising or payments can be taken to the school office or left in the secure box in the office door. If you want to leave a phone message for the Genesis outside office hours, please phone the Tokomairiro High School office (417 8620). Genesis Deadlines: Advertising - Monday 9am, Articles - Monday 12 noon. Articles/ advertisements can be emailed to the Editor at genesis@tokohigh.school.nz. Genesis is delivered free to your letterbox from Tuesday 4pm to Thursday 6pm.

# Year 9|10 Soft Materials

There is a hive of activity happening in P Block as the Year 9/10 Soft Materials class explores the techniques, processes and procedures needed to create individual products from soft materials. Students decide what they want to make then use problem solving skills to investigate suitable materials, quantities, costs, time and what skills they will need to learn. To date, the students have been exploring and developing a range of skills related to the fields of Hand and Machine Sewing, Knitting, Cross stitch and Crochet, in preparation for their final product. This will be made in Term 2.

At times this "hands-on" craftsmanship has proven to be difficult yet entertaining, and I am so proud of the progress, resilience and engagement these students have demonstrated.





Photos (clockwise from above left):



Wednesday 7th April - Waka ama

Ella Thompson - variety of knitting stitches; Annie Graham tries a bracelet on Breanna Baird while Ella Thompson concentrates on her knitting; Jayden Arnold using decorative stitches, Izieha Joass cross stitch and Tarlia Bennet knitting and joining wool.

## Everyone Welcome at Death Café

What is a Death Café?

It sounds a bit grim, maybe a bit morbid, but Death Café is none of those things. At Death Café people of all ages and stages in life gather and talk about all things to do with dying, death, mortality and, of course, life. Some people come along when we have a guest speaker, others come along every time to join in the conversation. It is totally your choice.

Death Café is hosted by The Clutha Budget Advisory Service, and came about after we saw a number of people seeking help from our service after losing loved ones. We noticed that many people were unprepared for all the administrative tasks that came with the death including not knowing what their loved one's wishes were, trying to pay for a funeral they could not afford, not having a Will, trying to figure out how to administer a small Estate.... all while dealing with grief and loss.

The first South Otago Death Café was held in Milton in mid 2019, quickly followed by Death Café's in Balclutha. This year we are alternating Balclutha and Milton so a Death Café is held in each town bi-monthly. Some of the topics we have discussed in the past include DIY and family led funerals, Wills, Powers of Attorney, small Estates, funeral / farewell options, Advance Care Planning, getting your affairs in order, making a "When I Die" file, the complexity of grief and creating a Bucket List. The list of topics for discussion is endless, unlike the time we have here on earth.

Everyone is welcome at Death Café. All you need to bring is yourself, an open mind, and a sense of humour. We will bring the coffee and cake. The first Death Café for 2021 in Milton is on Tuesday 27 April, 7pm at the Toko Hub.





White Horse Inn 147 Union Street, Milton 03 417 8049

Bruce Stewart Leadership Programme Supporting future leaders.

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Milton

Toi Ora

Wednesday 14th April - Tinana - Multisport Competition Meet after school in the whare. All welcome!

> Are you a future leader of the Tokomairiro region? Applications closing soon.

## brucestewartleadership.org

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## **Bible Reading for Today**

"The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him", *Daniel* 9:9

# Senior Citizens Report

Fifteen attended a finger food lunch while listening to Daniel O'Donnell on DVD, plus lots of chatter and catching up.

After lunch, the minutes of the previous meeting were read. We all sang Happy Birthday to our birthday girl, followed by the raffle and the lucky recipient won a basket of fruit. The meeting closed at 1:45pm.

Following this was our AGM. The previous years minutes and treasurers reports were read, and then the president called for nominations of Office Bearers. The following were voted in:

President - Olive Williamson

Vice President - Christine Weir

Secretary - Eunice Bennington

Treasurers - Moira Hastie and Pam Wells, plus five committee members.

We all enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea following the AGM, and the meeting closed at 4pm.

Next meeting is 9th April - come along!!

## Euchre

#### 17th March 2021

24th March 2021

Winner: R Jenkins Loser: C Bloxham (Owaka) Raffle: A Adams Winner: Pat (Owaka) Loser: R Cull Raffle: Irene (Owaka)





## RSA News From the Trenches

Last Saturday night we held another successful night at our Land Raffle extravaganza which

brought along a good sized vocal crowd. They all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves, even if it was at the expense of one of the number callers who tended to come up with a variety of descriptions when calling out the numbers - the odd one, not suitable for general publication. We had 93 prizes to give away with plenty of members getting their hands on prizes, but especially Colin Calteaux and Brian Forde - they both would be delighted at their success.

The RSA would like to publicly acknowledge all the businesses who provided such a excellent range of prizes with special mention to Highlands Motor Park (Cromwell) and Monarch Cruises (Dunedin) who donated special prizes which made the night even more enjoyable. Looking forward to hearing how Marty Glassford survives his ride in a 220km Ferrari.

Moving forward as we gallop into April, just a reminder to those in our sporting competition that we will be closed this Friday, so make sure your picks are in by Thursday night. Competition is very tight at this early stage.

Paddy is already hoarding a pile of Easter eggs to devour. Note in your calender our AGM isn't too far away on 4th May, so put your name forward for the Executive Committee *Private Pike* 



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# Toko Gym Report

Memberships are steady and the flexibility that 24 hour access offers having proved its worth. With the times that people come to the gym spread out, there is plenty of space for everyone which is great. Along with our rehab people through SPS Physio, Keep Moving Classes (held twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday at 2.30 pm) and Pilates, the gym is being well utilised. Some year 13 students from Tokomairiro High School have also been enjoying the gym as part of their PE programme this term. We have people from student age through to those well into their senior school years enjoying the gym which is great to see and are proud of our community facility.

We have just got some new sets of dumbbells in as these are very popular and can be used for a lot of different exercises. There are some spare 4, 5 6 and 7 kg sets now and also two sets of super heavy dumbbells for those who wish to challenge themselves to the max!!

Please call and see us between 8am and 5pm on

weekdays or email: tokogym@gmail.com if you would like any information emailed about membership costs or have any auestions.

Happy Easter everyone. See you at the gym.

intends to do over the next 10 years.

Saturday 3 April 2021

Lawrence

Balclutha

Waihola

Stirling

Owaka

Clinton Tapanui

Kaka Point

Sunday 18 April Kaitangata

Saturday 17 April

Monday 12 April Milton

Wednesday 14 April

Let's talk

Kia korero

Soap Box Sessions

**Prospector Markets** 

Waihola Corne

The Point

Catlin's Café

Kai Takeaways

Food for Thought

Four Seasons corner

More information online at www.cluthadc.govt.nz or phone 0800 801 350.

Glover's Workshop

Chamber Boom Coronation Hall

Tyrone McElrea Room Cross Rec Centre

"We're back on the soapbox and with so much on the go for Council, I would love to hear from you."

Visit us at any of the below locations and tell us what you think about Long Term Plan which sets out what Council's



LONG TERM

PLAN 2021/31

Bryan Cadogan

1-3.30 pm

5-6:30pm

5-6:30pm

10.00-10.45

11.15-12.00

12.30-1.15

12.45-1.30

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Clutha District Council

# TOKO

## Toko Rugby Report Toko kicked off their 2021 campaign with a home

match vs Valley who were considered in season predictions to be a strong contender for overall

success. From the opening kick off when James Agnew stormed upfield 30m, Toko told Valley they were set for a physical confrontation. Valley withstood early barrage of strong Toko forward ball runners while Toko turned down the opportunity of points, in the hope of scoring tries. Valley opened the scoring with a try, that was quickly matched by Toko when Nicholas Shaw finished off a good team effort. Both teams were evenly matched in the first half with some strong defence on both teams. Valley scored a second try which made halftime 12-5 to Valley.

Valley upped their intensity in the second half and started to run amok in the backline with their big midfield continually punching holes in the tiring Toko defence. They scored excellent team tries to run out comfortable winners 39-10 with Kane Adam dotting down in his farewell performance. The final score didn't reflect the effort Toko put in for the first 60 minutes and it was only in the last 20 minutes the score line blew out as Valley showed their class.

For Toko, Dylan Greer was outstanding in all facets of the match with strong tackling and a threat with ball in hand. Bernie O'Sullivan also was another to shine with some thumping tackles and continual charges into Valley forwards. Toko's backs, while outmatched by their physically larger opponents, hung in there defensively and showed innovation on attack. While a disappointing result on the scoreboard, they didn't lack for effort. Next week Toko has a bye and their next game won't be any easier as they take on unbeaten champion from last year West Taieri at home. The Judge



# **Project Bruce** Community **Check-In**

We want to know your aspirations, hopes and vision for the Bruce District!

Project Bruce is here to support and facilitate community-led action, so tell us your thoughts!

Surveys available on our Facebook page or hard copy from the Hub Pop in to see Kim and Catherine or email us on brucecommunities@gmail.com





Sumpter Moore –Barristers & Solicitors

Quote of the week:

1 don't give a damn for a man that can only spell a word one way" Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

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# Genesis Classifieds ...

