



Tokomairiro High  
School Newsletter &  
Community Noticeboard

Wednesday  
15th February 2023

# Genesis

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## Attendance Matters

Here are five ways to slay at school:

- 1) form positive relationships with your teachers and peers
- 2) Stay motivated, and don't lose focus on your goals
- 3) Keep on top of your homework and get a good night's rest
- 4) If you are struggling, reach out to your friends, whanau and teachers for support
- 5) Don't stress! Know that everyone learns differently. Just work to the best of your ability

**Plus - Remember to have FUN:)**



## Donation to Helicopter Trust

On 8th February, 2023, Bruce Lynds and Stephen Green from the Calder Stewart Coastal Classic MTB/RUN/WALK group donated a cheque for \$8400 to the Otago Southland Rescue Helicopter Trust. This donation was an outstanding result from the November 6, 2022 Calder Stewart Coastal Classic held in Taieri Mouth. What a fantastic effort from all those involved with this event. Special thanks to all 400 + participants who crossed the Finish Line and to all those who registered and couldn't make it on the day. This event is a true community effort involving landowners, locals as marshals, road crew, trail markers, setup crew, etc. And thank you to the major sponsors of the 2022 event: Calder Stewart, Downer, Tall Poppy Real Estate, Hirepool, CRS, Wenita and Bike House. For more information, go to coastalclassic.org.nz. Our next event will be held November 5, 2023.

Pictured in this photo from left: Bruce Lynds, Vivienne Seaton (Secretary Manager Otago Rescue Helicopter), Monica Aarsen (Flight Paramedic), and Stephen Green.



## PTA needs your support!

The Tokomairiro High School PTA have their next meeting on Wednesday 15th February at 7pm in the school staff room. I encourage anyone thinking of joining the PTA to come along to one of our meetings, it is by far the easiest committee to ever be involved in. We only do one main fundraiser a year which is the Lake to Sea Trail Ride. The money this provides the PTA with helps with so many things for all our kids at school, including subsidizing school camps, funding individuals to represent the school in things like Sports Comps, Spirit of Adventure, Science camps amongst other things. In the past we have also helped the school with contributing a large amount towards a new school van and also upgrading the Canteen lunchroom.

Without members the PTA cannot continue, and without contributions from the PTA means school camps, sports trips and interchanges will cost students more to be able to attend. So please if you can spare an hour a term to come to our meetings, then we would love to see your face. Everyone is welcome. Any questions please feel free to contact [tracy@sumptermoore.co.nz](mailto:tracy@sumptermoore.co.nz) or you can pass your number onto the school office and I can contact you.

*Tracy Coulter  
President*

## What's On Offer at the Hub?

The Tokomairiro Community Hub is open three days a week Monday, Tuesday and Thursday providing essential health and social services to the Bruce district. Appointments can be made directly through each service or alternatively you can pop in and see Arna the Hub coordinator. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we have a food sharing shelf that is free and open to everyone, people can also drop surplus fruit and vegetables off should their garden be overflowing with produce! Check out some of our fabulous services:

- Southern Stop Smoking
- Plunket
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- Parliamentary service support- Office of Ingrid Leary
- Adventure Development
- Stopping Violence Dunedin
- Wellsouth Brief Intervention
- Oasis Gambling Support
- EAP Services
- OSPRI New Zealand Limited- Rural Farmers Support
- Wax Out
- Project Bruce
- Clinical Psychologist
- Massage Therapist
- Time Out
- Community Chaplain Support

### Inside this Week

- Principal's Report
- Sports Round Up
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- Real life English skills
- Maths update
- Ear Clinic in Milton
- Club and Sports Results and Reports

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# Tokomairiro High School Newsletter...

**SCHOOL MISSION: Inspiring Excellence in Education, in Character and in Life.**

*Kia ora,*

Welcome to another week where we are grateful that the inclement weather has not reached us and we can concentrate and focus our efforts on our studies. We are all sympathetic to the plight of our friends' families and colleagues who are being hit once again with some pretty severe weather conditions. Heavy rainfall is due to reach us by Wednesday or Thursday and we will be monitoring the situation closely to determine how we need to proceed.

We begin a week of testing with our junior students (Years 7-10) to gauge their abilities in a formal setting. Students will be taking a variety of tests in an examination type environment which will give us the data we require and an experience of exam conditions that they will meet later in the educational pathway.

You may be aware that Athletics sports are coming up on the

22nd of February. These will finish promptly at 2pm as teachers across the country are currently taking limited industrial action and we are obliged to give them breaks in the day as part of their contracts. Teachers have agreed to forgo the breaks at their normal assigned time and defer them to the end of the day. In this way our students will not be disadvantaged during this event. We expect the day to be fairly hectic trying to fit everything in with a shorter timeframe but are confident that we can do this. If you are able to support us on the day this would be most appreciated.

**Nga mihi,**  
**Declan Sheridan, Principal**  
**Principal**



## PE Gear - Years 7-10 Requirements

It is a requirement that all students in Years 7 - 10 wear PE gear to Physical Education classes.

We have noticed that many students are not changing for PE and this is becoming a hygiene issue. Please encourage your student by checking if they have their PE gear with them before leaving for school. As some students have multiple classes of PE and if their top is in the wash, then a note is required along with an alternative change of top. We are working with NZ Uniforms to provide us with a PE top so if your student does not yet own our PE gear then please send them with a t shirt and shorts to wear.

## Sports Round Up



Please watch the daily notices, gym noticeboard, Genesis and Facebook for sporting updates and results. Any pātai (questions) please īmēra (email) the Sports Coordinator Leanne Burgess sports@tokohigh.school.nz or phone 4178620 ext 722.

Financial aid is available to whanau on application. Please contact me if you would like to know more. 100% confidential.

**TOUCH RUGBY: Toko Gold & Toko Blue (Year 7-8):** TIC: Mrs Milligan. First practice and games Thursday 23rd Feb 3:15pm. Please bring your PE Uniform and touch shoes (no metal sprigs) or sneakers.

**Toko Taika & Toko Tōtara (Year 9-13):** TIC: Mr Brown. Practices run Monday & Thursday lunchtimes. First game Tuesday 21st Feb.

Sign Ups and first practice 13th Feb 3:15pm - TIC: Mr Thomas

**FUTSAL:**  
**COMING UP:**

21/2 Year 9 - 13 Touch Rugby begins

23/2 Year 7 - 8 Touch Rugby begins

28/2 SOPS Swim Meet - Sign up through the Sports Coordinator

3/3 Top Team - The Kaiako (teacher) in charge will select a team and invite students from Year 7 & 8

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**Dates  
to Remember...**

*Wednesday 15th February*  
PTA Meeting 7pm

*Wednesday 22nd February*  
Athletics Day

*Tuesday 28th February*  
BOT Meeting

*Wednesday 1 March*  
Parent Teacher  
Conferences

**Articles and Reports**

The Genesis relies on articles and reports supplied by the community to fill our pages. Please email these to [genesis@tokohigh.school.nz](mailto:genesis@tokohigh.school.nz)

## Genesis

The Genesis is a free publication, delivered weekly to homes and businesses in Milton, 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.

**Genesis Deadlines:** Advertising - Monday 9am, Articles - Monday 12 noon. Articles/ advertisements can be emailed to the Editor at [genesis@tokohigh.school.nz](mailto:genesis@tokohigh.school.nz). Genesis is delivered FREE to your letterbox from Tuesday 4pm to Thursday 6pm.

Any payments or donations can be made to Tokomairiro High School, account number 03 1736 0009803 000. Please use GENESIS and your name as reference. - Carolyn Shanks, Genesis Editor



## Reading and Writing: real-life skills

We often get media stories about the low levels of reading and writing for students in our New Zealand schools.

In recent years, many employers have expressed concern about young people struggling with essential reading and writing tasks required in their jobs. The education sector has also expressed concerns.

In response to these concerns, as part of the forthcoming changes in NCEA, students will be required to pass a separate reading and writing assessment in order to get NCEA. Our current Year 9 students will be the first to have access to these assessments. They will need to be able to demonstrate understanding of real world texts. For example, they could be asked to read a selection of advertisements about cleaning services, and select the company which will help to solve a particular issue and explain why that would be. Writing is expected to be accurate: students must be able to communicate in a range of situations.

How is this different from what is currently the case with NCEA? Since 2012, students have been able to gain literacy credits in a variety of subjects. So if the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) has said this particular standard in Science, PE, Maths, Food Technology requires a certain level of literacy, students will automatically be awarded literacy when they pass that standard. The teachers of those subjects did not have to check for spelling, punctuation or grammar. Yes, they might be able to achieve the particular subject task, but they did not necessarily have to do it in a literate way. This is why, in recent years, some of our students have gained Literacy without credits in English.

How can you help your children with reading and writing literacy at home? Allow time for reading for enjoyment, and for shared reading. Enable your children to participate in all those household tasks which require literacy: get them to write the shopping lists; get them to help you word that letter or email of concern where you are expressing a point of view or asking for information.

In essence, make time for reading and writing at home, and keep up to date with where your children are with respect to their reading and writing. You might not want to wait for report times or parent evenings. That is fine. Just contact your school. There will be people there to help you with your questions.

## Making a Splash

Students in Ms McEntyre's Year 9 and 10 Art class had the opportunity to create some Jackson Pollock inspired art today. They took turns adding different coloured splashes to a strip of paper, which ultimately ended up completely covered creating an amazing effect.



## Bible Reading for the Week

'The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.'" - Mark 12:31



## Ear Service in Milton

Since January 2023 Ruth O'Neill of Wax Out (a travelling health professional) has been offering ear wax removal micro-suction clinics at the Tokomairiro Community Hub here in Milton.

I am an experienced registered nurse, with extensive general practitioner work, who has been specially trained in micro-suction. Micro-suction involves using a specially designed head torch with magnification called an OScope. This is used to carefully examine the ear canal, then using a fine, low pressure suction device the ear wax and debris is removed. This is all done under direct vision meaning I can directly view the ear canal and ear wax with the OScope and suck the wax out at the same time. Compare this to ear syringing, where ear wax is flushed out without a view of the canal, meaning it is being done 'blind'. Micro-suction is less invasive than ear syringing and has less chance of causing pain and infection. If you experience hearing loss, feedback/whistling from wearing hearing aids, feeling of fullness, itching, pain, tinnitus, discharge or odour you may have a wax build up. If you feel you have a wax build up it is a good idea to administer olive oil drops twice a day for three to five days prior to attending your appointment. I will be at the Tokomairiro Community Hub fortnightly on a Tuesday and occasional Thursday evenings. This month I have a Thursday evening clinic on 16th February 5-8:30pm, and Tuesday 21st February 8:20-2:40pm. No referral is necessary, you can call or text me on 027-419-6463 for an appointment. My costs are reasonable, \$50/adult, \$25 follow-up, \$40 Child/Student, \$20 follow-up. I will be advertising once a month the clinics that will be available in the Milton area. I look forward to hearing from you.

## From the Mathematics Department

The Mathematics Department is off to a positive start in 2023 by welcoming Erica Milligan and Sharlene Goodwin into the Department. With the Census fast approaching for all of us in the community, Year 7-10 will be investigating Statistics and how the census provides integral information which allows decisions to be made about future infrastructure, projects and spending. It also gives us the opportunity to learn about each other and connect to our community.

In the Senior School, all Year 11 students are starting the year by completing a numeric reasoning NCEA standard which sets a foundation for the rest of the year. Year 12 are completing Simulations, which ties into the Mathematical concepts of elements of chance and experimental statistics. Year 13 Statistics has started the year investigating Bivariate Data using data sets of runners from last year's Boston Marathon. Calculus students have started the year with Critical Path Analysis - learning how to network projects and use Mathematical reasoning to order and reorganise tasks from a calculus perspective.

Financial Literacy also returns to the Mathematics department in 2023. It is a unit standard based course that allows students to learn about banking, goal setting, home purchasing, insurance, personal income, investing and taxation. It remains a popular subject that can be taken for half a year in the senior school at Level 1, 2 and 3.



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*Quote of the week:*

*'I generally avoid temptation unless I can't resist it'*  
- Mae West (1892 - 1980)

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# RSA News from the Trenches



WOW Another hot weekend temperature wise, but also things are absolutely heating up at the RSA. So much going on, I won't be able to mention it all in this report.

Coming up quickly is our annual Fishing Comp on Saturday 25 February, with proceeds going to the Otago Southland Rescue Helicopter Trust who do sterling work in providing an awesome service in saving lives. Milton RSA is proud to be able to assist with raising funds, so looking forward to an outstanding day of fishing with some excellent prizes waiting to be won. I've had a look at the long range forecast, and it looks promising for huge catches, so get in quick to secure your ticket.

Also rapidly approaching is our Super Sports Tipping Comp which kicks off Friday 24th February, so get your name down. Plenty of candidates already signed up with them all looking at climbing Snow Cowie mountain to see if they can knock him off his perch. Make sure you have your Round 1 picks entered by Friday 24th February. Its always a highlight of the year with prizegiving, so don't miss out!!!

Speaking of winning, the Joker draw is starting to get up to a rather large amount, so it pays to get there Thursday night to enter. Last week we had our biggest night of raffles which may have had to do with the "eye candy" of the two new hot sellers. Take note in your calendar but RSA is fortunate to receive funds from Milton Op Shop+ for April 2023 so have a look through your house and donate worthwhile household goods. If you are at a loose end on a Friday afternoon at 2pm the Milton Library is showing classic movies, so could be a good way to end the week.

Finally, I've heard of a new food delivery service in Milton, which has been created by Tony Everest. From what I've heard, he was heard promising delivery of a superb roast meal for a member of the media whose name may appear at the bottom of this report. You may need to ask him why it hadn't arrived???? - *Private Pike*

## Toko Golf

Toko vs Lawrence  
Len Davis Memorial Cup



Lawrence 6½ beat Toko 4½

Stableford:

S Taylor	39
B Potae	36
R Agnew	36

Longest Putt - Margaret Cain

Best 2nd Shot - Nic Clark

## Milton Country Club News

Hot Mic Night this Friday 17th starting at 7pm. If you want to come along and show off your talents or just enjoy the talents of others then come along, you are all most welcome. Don't forget to get your names on the list for this year's sports picks which kick off on Friday 24th February, lots of different and interesting sports will be on the list this year. Even if your picking skills aren't that great the function at the end is definitely worth being part of. Also we have the comedy hypnotist Rob Young coming for a night of suspense and hilarity on Saturday 4th of March, tickets are \$35 and are available at the club. For more info Phone 0274595968 or check out our website.

*Until next time, see you at the Club*

## The Rebus Club of Milton

The last meeting for 2022 was held at the Waihola Tavern. . Thankyou to all at the tavern for accommodating us.

The speaker was James Pemberton, a cardiologist from Dunedin Hospital. He trained in Newcastle, UK, worked in the US before moving to New Zealand and has been in Dunedin for seven years. He works with others in the Echo department; his main work being the insertion of pacemakers and treatment of congenital heart disease. He is often on call.

Pacemakers are mini computers that regulate the heartbeat, filling in where beats are missed. They are checked once a year with a magnet that "talks" to the pacemaker and is able to reprogramme it if necessary. Other devices sometimes needed are small defibrillators which can shock the heart if it stops, and stents which are metal scaffolds, used to enlarge and support blood vessels which have narrowed. These can be inserted without the need for open heart surgery.

Drugs are important for treatment to prevent further problems. Heart tissue forms scars rather than repair so prompt attention is vital for the best outcome. James had samples of the devices to illustrate exactly what he was talking about. He also answered questions from interested listeners. James was thanked by Donald Gordon and given a gift of fruit.

The first meeting for 2023 will be held on Tuesday 21st February at 10 am in the RSA hall. The speaker is Kim Schiller who will talk about her work with Project Bruce. Committee please be there at 9.30 am



## Toko Rugby Report

Here comes February, going full charge like Michael Aitken off the back of a short pass towards the line. You may have noticed that rugby season is rapidly approaching with the rugby posts going up and everything starting to fall in place.

Speaking of upcoming, on Sunday 26th at 10am kicks off our Toko Junior Club Registration Day, so come along and join up to this fantastic club and experience what its like to play the greatest game at the greatest club. You'd be mad to sign up anywhere else.

Just a reminder to drop off your household goods end of February to the Milton Op Shop+ as Toko Rugby Club is recipient of funds for the month of March, so come along and drop off gear as it benefits a lot in our great community.

My spies tell me that the Premier players have been sweating out bucketloads of sweat in pre season training as they put in the hard yards for upcoming season. The first pre season match is on 11 March vs Green Island for a special Kingston Beer-Williams trophy, which will hold an important place for a truly wonderful wee soldier who held a special place in a lot of people's hearts. Also that day we host Toko (North Island) vs Toko Senior Bs. Later that night we will have a huge Auction Night to raise funds for our rebuilding project - so will be kicking this season with a massive start.

Our South/West Otago competition kicks off 25th March with the draw to be confirmed. Stay here or check out our Facebook Page for all the news. This season promises to be exciting!!!!. - *The Judge*

## Euchre



1st February 2023

8th February 2023

Winner: Carol (Owaka)  
Loser: Larissa (Owaka)  
Raffle: Larissa (Owaka)

Winner: Steven  
Loser: Ellen  
Raffle: Steven

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## STUDENTS AGAINST DANGEROUS DRIVING

**WHAT:** Students Against Dangerous Driving (SADD/Kaitiaki o Ara) empowers young people to make safer and better choices on the road by using best practice, evidence-based, road safety education approaches to influence their peers & promote safe road user behaviours. It offers youth-centred leadership development, & builds relationships with road safety partners and community groups. All who have a collective goal of reducing harm on our roads and improved well being for our rangatahi.



**WHO:** supported by, and run out of your local high school, SADD is open to all high school students and is supported by Kaitiaki O Ara Programme delivery Lead Mark Unwin.

**WHY:** using the 6 principles the SADD team supports each other to create meaningful activities to promote safer driving and ultimately, safer communities. Activities such as: **Games! Kahoot! Safer September! Phone Free 48! Fund Raisers! Post-it pledge! Influencers! Snap happy! Road Safety week!**

### 6 Principles of Kaitiaki O Ara SADD:



KEEP SUMMER GREAT,  
**Look Out**  
FOR YOUR MATES!



For more information go to [www.sadd.org.nz](http://www.sadd.org.nz) or ask your school about the programme!

We ♥ SADD



## CLUTHA DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

**WHAT:** The Clutha District youth Council is made up of 14 representatives, two from each district secondary school, two from Telford SIT and two workplace representatives.

The Clutha District Youth Council's main objectives are to:

- Encourage youth involvement in the planning and development of Council services
- to provide a youth representative to the Council on a range of issues
- to act as a consultative link between young people and Council
- to provide a forum where the views of young people are voiced and heard.

**WHO:** anyone aged between 14-24, anyone that lives and studies in the Clutha District and anyone that has a passion to work with others to make a difference.

**WHERE:** In the Council Chambers at the Council's Rosebank Office, there are 7 formal meetings and workshops a year, held six weekly.

**Sounds like you?** Find out more by contacting Jean Proctor on 0273185555 or email [jean.proctor@cluthadc.govt.nz](mailto:jean.proctor@cluthadc.govt.nz)

### What have we been working on?



Methamphetamine Awareness Campaign (M.A.C) Billboards. This is a key component of the Youth Council "Not Even Once Campaign."



The Ripple Effect - a short documentary where Youth Council and SADD students interview people who have been affected by road accidents in different ways.



Musician and motivational speaker - King Cass (Hunter Wilson). The awakening from dark to light will be presented in Milton on 4 March 2023.



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Diversity Clutha - an initiative to increase employment opportunities for those with disabilities, who struggle to find employment within the district.



Float in the 2022 Clutha Country Christmas Parade showcasing the emblem for Diversity Clutha.

## Summer Indoor Bowls

The first Wednesday of February saw Russell Copland, Alwyn Read and Greta Jenkins as well as Barbara Read, Rachel Fegan and Kevin Anderson tie for first with both having two wins and an aggregate score of 20. Doug Grant, Elizabeth Read and Corey as well as Alex Benington, Raymond Perry and Chantelle Fegan both had a win and a draw.

Last week in the first round Shona Preddy, Alex Benington, Donna and Greta Jenkins 6, Doug Grant, Vicky Galbraith, Eunice Benington and Rachel Fegan 5. Russell Copland, Alwyn Read and Chantelle Fegan 4.

Round 2: D. Grant 7, R. Copland 7, B. Read 7, S. Preddy 3. Round 3: D. Grant 10, B. Read 6, S. Preddy 7, R. Copland 4. The winner was Shona Preddy's team with two wins and on a count back Doug Grants team was second with a win and a draw.

Come along on a Wednesday night, there is room for lots more mats and you will be made very welcome.

## Genesis Articles

We are very grateful for articles received about any news that is happening in the community. If you would like help to write up an article, please ring 417 4483 or email [genesis@tokohigh.school.nz](mailto:genesis@tokohigh.school.nz)

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### Situation Vacant

### Church Notices

#### Tokomairiro Co-Operating Parish

Sunday 19th February 2023

9.00 am Waiholo Church 10.45 am Milton Church Hall

All Welcome!



## MOUNT ZION CHURCH

Sunday Service - 10am.

110 Union Street. All Welcome!

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**YOUTH UNITED** (For teens intermediate to High School ages)

Saturday 18th Feb, meet at Mt Zion 6pm

Bring togs, towel & water bottle

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## Keep Your Contact Details Updated!

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### Public Notices

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### Toko Junior Rugby Club

Registration Day 2023

Sunday 26th February, 10am - 12pm at the Rugby Club



Flicks at the Library  
Milton Community Library

17th February | 2pm

Showing:

To Kill a Mockingbird



[www.miltonsaturdaymarket.net](http://www.miltonsaturdaymarket.net)

### Community Singing Group

4th Tuesday of the month

7:00 pm Church Hall

(by Heritage Church)

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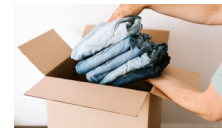
See you Tuesday 28th February

Bring a song or two....



## Milton Op Shop+

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