

Tokomairiro High School Newsletter & Community Noticeboard



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Tokomairiro High School Prizegiving - 7th December 2023

We would like to congratulate all students who received prizes on Thursday night. Below is a list of Scholarship, Study and Special Awards. A full prize list is on page 4.



During the evening, Lake to Sea Trail Bike Rider organiser Brian Griffin and his partner Laureen Buchanan were presented with gifts to acknowledge the 20 years that he has contributed his skills and time to the school fundraiser.

Guest speaker for the evening was Ms Ailsa Cain, an ex-pupil of the school who has started her own business and reflected on how growing up in Milton gave her the edge to succeed. Her speech is also on page 3.



Griff receives his gift from Tracy Coulter, President of the Tokomairiro High School PTA Committee.



Genesis Christmas Information

The last Genesis for 2023 will be printed on Wednesday 20th December. The office will be closed from then until Tuesday 16th January 2024, with the first Genesis for the year being printed on Wednesday 17th January.



Ryan Clark





Dates to Remember...2024

Wednesday 24th January—Course Confirmation day 25th & 26th January—Teacher Only Days Monday 29th January—Year 7's and Year 13's attend Tuesday 30th January—School Starts –All Students

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Acting Principal's Report Prizegiving Speech Yr 9 & 10—Outdoor Ed Tramp New Defibrillators Club and Sports Results and Reports







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

Tena koutou katoa

Last Thursday we marked the culmination of our school year with Prize Giving. This was a fabulous evening where we acknowledged the hard mahi and outstanding achievements of our ākonga throughout the year. Ryan Clark was awarded Dux for 2023 with Camrin Stephen awarded Proxime Accessit. We were also fortunate to have musical items from Jacob Murray who piped the staff and invited guests into the hall and then a piano duet from Makalya Wills and Marcus Wills both of these musical items were excellent. Wyatt Mallon and Makayla Wills were named as Head Prefects for 2024 with Jacob Murray, Elsie Clarke, Murphy Lister and Tāne Nicol all named as prefects for 2024.

Our guest speaker was Ailsa Cain, who was Head Girl in her final year at Tokomairiro High School in 1997 since then she has forged a very successful career in and around public policy, she also recently won the Maori Business Woman of the Year Award for Te Waipounamu. Ailsa's speech about how having a foundation in Milton can give you an edge in the big wide world was an inspiration not only to the students in the room but also a number of the teaching staff. It was such a pleasure to see so many parents, grandparents and community members come and support our brilliant students.

I left Thursday evening with a huge sense of optimism for next year and I know that this sentiment is shared with the teaching staff. We look forward to welcoming some amazing young teachers and building on the successes from this year.

Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu. Adorn the bird with feathers so it may soar.



Nga mihi Vicki Wish, Acting Principal



Letter To The Editor

Taylor Park Reserve – Do the Milton Community and Rate Payers Have a Say? Some time ago we had an offering from the Clutha District Council to view the cabins they were installing without public consultation on the playing fields at Taylor Park Reserve. We have had the opportunity to respond by submission. While I received a read receipt which stated that submissions are being reviewed, I have received no further information with regard to the Council's intent and work has re-started apace.

From the start this has been a poor showing on the part of the Council. Valid questions from the community have been met with a reactionary "we don't have to consult" response. On receiving that public response via submission we are now being ignored.

The Clutha District Council is in the midst of creating a new camping ground, they have no previous plan lodged per the Camping Ground Act, nothing was lodged through the Ministry or Regional Council. The Council still has to go through the right processes to create a camp ground and variously retrospectively updating plans, putting them on their website.

Almost all of the community that attended the viewing agreed in principal that a camping ground was a good idea in theory. Generally people were opposed to the installation of the cabins on the playing fields (the current site).

The Council has not provided us with any sound reasoning or supporting evidence behind their decision to pursue this project - there appears to be no foundational market research report or business plan. Will these tiny cabins be suitable as long stays to cover a housing shortage? Or will droves will appear wanting overnight stays every night of the week as they ride the cycle track making leasing a campground a viable proposition for the expense to the township?

During discussion at the public showing the Mayor was at great pains to make it clear that the cabins can be moved without difficulty or much cost. Are any of us really happy with having no say in losing our public recreational amenities to private business when there are sites that would better suit its needs?

As the work continues it appears that we do not have a say in how the Council uses our resources because they are quite happy to send out a brief missive saying they're looking at our submission, but carrying on as if there never was such a response. Clearly moving the cabins and re-siting them off the main botanical park is preferred by Rate Payers but construction is moving forward.

The Council's own website shows nearly all submissions oppose the current site. We have unresponsive and absent Councilors representing our town – only one elected Milton Ward Councilor bothered to show. Surely we deserve better from our representatives and our Council? Surely we should not be losing our public accessible amenities. Taylor Park Reserve greenspace retention is vital for a growing community.

B Śmith

(To read more and give feedback on the Draft Reserve Management Plan, go to www.cluthadc.govt.nz/milton-reserve-management before 2nd February 2024)

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 Tuesday 8:30am - 3:30pm and Wednesday 8:30-12. 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 and Articles - Monday **12 noon**. These can be emailed to the Editor at genesis@tokohigh.school.nz. Genesis is delivered FREE to your letterbox on Wednesday afternoons. 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

Bible Reading for the Week "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

- Romans 12:12

Prizegiving Speech -Ailsa Cain

Who am I? My name is Ailsa Cain I carry the names of my mother's homeland and was raised in my father's. I'm a Virgo. I'm older than you, maybe the age of your parents? I am the oldest sibling. Mrs Cain is my Mum. I had a cat called Topsy that I made my family feed

I went to school at Milton Primary and then Tokomairiro.

I pushed through my schooling, sometimes it was easy, mostly it was hard. I did bad in tests. I really liked the speech competition and school camps.

I was Malcom House Captain and Head Girl.

In my last year, I received the school motto award -Disciplina, Moderatio, Comitas. I was stoked.

I went to Uni in Dunedin because I was an average shedhand allergic to wool and a very bad speller so couldn't be a secretary at Calder Stewart. What other options did I have?

And that was the end of my time living in Milton. It should have also been the end of my Milton story but, in fact, my Milton story hadn't yet begun.

My three years at university were confused. Like most kids who grow up in rural areas, I was intimidated by the city kids, especially those from private schools who seemed to have everything figured out. At times I struggled to find my place, wavering between wanting attention and invisibility. I got a Bachelor of Arts in History and Politics; just.

Then I went to Wellington and applied for coveted a new graduate role at the Ministry for Culture and Heritage. And this is where Milton becomes pivotal to my story.

Over 100 applicants and I got the job. Why? Great question. Degree – yeah but everyone else had that. What made me stand out? Well, I had the experience and soft skills that you subconsciously develop in a town like Milton.

I had worked in the shearing sheds throughout high school and uni – my employer saw that as an advantage because I knew how to be part of a team. I understood hard work and I



knew hierarchy. I grew up in a close-knit community - my employer saw that as evidence that I could talk to all different types of people and

generations. I was not easily offended nor quick to gossip. It was at this point that started to dawn on me that what I had observed and learnt growing up in Milton gave me an edge. Now I had confidence in the skills I brought to the table, confidence to take on new challenges because I knew the value of perseverance and being underrated.

And as I have moved through my career, nothing has undermined this point. Time and time again, being from Milton is my strength and secret weapon; my competitive advantage and what gives me confidence to be at the table or do the work

Fast forward, and I'm now running my own policy and re-search company founded on my ethics and interests. I've grown a business in an emerging sector, pushed for our work to be acknowledged and valued, and even received the Te Waipounamu Māori Businesswoman Award this year. I can argue with someone and continue to work with them. I can be in uncomfortable situations and keep ongoing. I can make something amazing from the most frugal of starts. Like many other people in this room have done.

So, my point for you students, is don't underestimate what this town provides. Have confidence to do what you want to do next. Stay grounded in the foundations set here. Kei ou ringaringa te ao - the world is yours. My journey is ongoing, but the most formative chapters started right where you sit now.

I implore and wish for you to have the confidence I didn't necessarily have. Have courage; don't let your memes stay dreams! Your backgrounds matter. Your skills matter. You matter. The world awaits all the good you will achieve. And no doubt that when you do, there will be someone else there from Milton too. Mauri ora

Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Education—Mt Aspiring Tramp

On Monday 27th November and Tuesday 28th November the Year 9 and 10 Outdoor Education class participated in an overnight tramp to Mt Aspiring Hut. This involved a long drive to Wanaka where we stopped for

lunch and fed the eels in the lake. Then onto the back country roads up the Matukituki River to a carpark.

We tramped for three hours into the hut. Along the way we had many stops and times to readjust our packs. A nice stop beside the river meant some brave people got in for a quick dip. Following this stop was a steep climb up the hill then onwards to the hut. We found our beds and set up for the night.

A few other trampers were there so the students learnt to share the area in true tramping style. A trip to the river allowed for more swimming. Cooking their own dinner was fun then some games outside. After some sleep overnight we woke to rain, had breakfast, packed and cleaned up and set on our way back down the same track. Another stop at the same site and only one person in the river this time. The walk out seemed a lot quicker but gave a different perspective to what we tramped into. Another stop at Wanaka for lunch, then we drove home. This trip allowed for the students to experience a tramping trip in an introductory tramp that was a lot of fun and rewarding.

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Tokomairiro High School Prize List 2023

Year 7

- Zorawar Aujla Year 7 Rotary Oral Competition Prize,
- Ivy Clarke First in Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Physical Education, Personal Excellence Award,
- Minor Girls Swimming Champion Payton Collins Personal Excellence Award
- Sarah Geary First in Science, Minor Girls Athletics Champion Minor Girls Cross Country Champion
- Leon Healey First in Physical Education, Minor Boys Athletics Champion, Minor Boys Cross Country, Bruce Cup for Best All-Rounder - Junior Hockey
- Rory Lister First in English, Science and Social Studies Year 7 Rotary Oral Competition Award Ben Scott First in English
- Elijah Wicks First in Mathematics
- Year 8
- Hamish Attwell Littlejohn Prize for First in Year 8 Mathematics First in English
- Olivia Bradley Personal Excellence Award
- Samuel Clark Junior Boys Swimming Champion, Most Valuable Hockey Player (Years 7 9) Chloe Clarke Personal Excellence Award
- Natalie Dobson First in Social Studies, Junior Girls Athletics Champion
- Tremaine Fraser Contribution & Achievement in Junior Rugby Sophie Greer First in English, Science and Physical Education
- Kithmi Gamage Minor Boys Swimming Champion Kelbie Manson Personal Excellence Award
- Shilah Milligan First in Social Studies and Physical Education Year 8 Rotary Oral Competition Award, Personal Excellence Award, Most Valuable Touch Player (Years
- 7 8), Junior Girls Cross Country Champion Tukahia Morton Most Promising Junior Basketball Player Fletcher Savage First in Social Studies, Mathematics and
- Science, Year 8 Rotary Oral Competition Award Andrew Scanlan First in Science
- Year 9
- Bea Clarke Personal Excellence Award
- Joelle De Seymour First in Māori and Art
- Shannyn Ferguson First in Digital Technology
- Tyrese Gemmell First in Art, Graphics, Physical Education & Health, Most Valuable Player - Indoor Bowling
- Nelly Graves First in Social Studies and Textiles Technology Nevaeh Hayward First in English and Food Technology
- Saffron Healey First in Music, Māori, Physical Education & Health, Personal Excellence Award, Netball Junior Merit
- Izzy Leyden First in English, Science, Graphics, Hard Materials Technology and Food Technology, Most Improved Netball Player
- Troy Mallon First in Mathematics and Business Studies Personal Excellence Award, Junior Boys Athletics Champion
- Ruby McDonnell First in Horticulture
- Dion Nichol First in Mathematics, Science and Business Studies, Junior Boys Cross Country Champion, Contribution to Basketball
- Elizabeth Walker First in Hard Materials Technology and Textiles Tec, nology
- Arni-ka Williams First in Music, Social Studies and Digital Technology, Anderton Trophy for the most promising musician
- Year 10
- Keanu Attwell First in Music
- Jacob Booth Most Valuable Chess Player & Most Improved Chess Player
- Kaitlin Burgess First in Social Studies and Textiles

Technology, Intermediate Girls Swimming Champion Connor Clark First in Business Studies

Kendra Clark First in English, Mathematics, Science, Food

- Technology, Horticulture and Art, Personal Excellence Award
- Daiha Coulter-Lawlor First in Science, Intermediate Girls Cross Country Champion
- Kalya Gamage First in Art, Personal Excellence Award Intermediate Boys Swimming Champion

- Pippa Greene First in Mathematics, Māori, Physical Education & Health, Personal Excellence Award, Most Valuable Girl Touch Player, Most Valuable Junior Touch Player Contribution to Netball
- Liam Keoghan First in Mathematics
- Jack Leyden First in Music
- Leo Lister First in Social Studies, Graphics and Hard Materials Technology
- Reily Mathieson First in Business Studies, Food Technology and Textiles Technology
- Millanian Potae First in Māori
- Jackson Savage First in Physical Education & Health, Graphics and Hard Materials Technology
- Ryan Shanks First in Horticulture
- Manaia Taylor Intermediate Girls Athletics Champion
- Shane Taylor First in Digital Technology
- Marcus Wills First in Horticulture, Personal Excellence Award Intermediate Boys Cross Country Champion
- Year 11
- Nate Black First in Horticulture
- Madeleine Clarke Agnes and John Littlejohn Prize for First in Mathematics, First in Science and Hospitality, Level One NCEA Endorsed with Merit
- Nirvana Collins First in Digital Technology
- Deacon Gillan Rosslyn Art Gallery Trophy for the Most Improved Student in Year 11 Art, Level One F Level One Physical Education Endorsed with Merit
- Annie Graham First in Art, English, Music and Applied Mathematics, Most Valuable Senior Girls Hockey Player, Level One NCEA Endorsed with Merit
- Brendon Greer First in Gateway, Horticulture and Hard Materials Technology
- Nicholas Healey First in Horticulture
- Alec Murray First in Financial Literacy, Geography and Physical Education, Intermediate Boys Athletics Champion
- Cambell Savage First in Hard Materials Technology
- Milton Čup for the Most Improved Hockey Player Will Williams First in Food Technology and History
- Year 12 Lucy Carruthers Senior Netball Merit
- Elsie Clarke First in Chemistry and Mathematics with Statistics, Senior Girls Áthletics Champion, Senior Girls Cross Country Champion, Level Two NCEA Endorsed with Merit
- *Kieren Haar* NZ Certificate in Skills for Living (2 modules) *Matt Hutton* First in Hard Materials Technology and Horticulture
- Murphy Lister First in Geography Wyatt Mallon First in Art, English, Outdoor Education and Hard Materials Technology, Senior Boys Cross Country Champion, Burgess Award for Services to Sport
- Marcello Mapurunga Placido First in Hospitality
- Connor Milburn First in Food Technology
- Jacob Murray First in Gateway and Physical Education, Senior Boys Athletics Champion, Most Valuable Senior Boys Hockey Player, Most Consistent Player at SSIS Tournament (Hockey), Burgess Award for Services to Sport
- Analise Scanlan First in STAR Most Consistent Player at SISS Tournament (Netball)
- Kaylee-May Turora-Phillips First in Financial Literacy Vinnie Tawhiti First in Digital Technology
- Baylee Thomas First in Applied Mathematics and **Financial Literacy**
- Makayla Wills First in English, Biology, Physics and Mathematics with Calculus, Senior Girls Swimming Champion





Tokomairiro High School Prize List 2023 Year 13

Alyse Butler First in Applied Mathematics

- Ryan Clark First in Gateway, Geography, Mathematics with Statistics and Physical Education, Jean Littlejohn Prize in Mathematics, Greatest Contribution to Rugby Level Three Physical Education Endorsed with Merit Level Three NCEA Endorsed with Merit
- Bronson Davey First in Horticulture
- *Toby Greene* First in Hard Materials Technology and Horticulture, Most Valuable Touch Rugby Player (Boys)
- Senior Boys Swimming Champion
- Jenna Griffin First in Outdoor Education, Level Three Physical Education Endorsed with Excellence
- Micaela Laing NZ Certificate in Skills for Living (four modules)
- Logan Lambert First in Digital Technology, English and Media Studies
- Danielle Mathieson First in Hospitality and Outdoor Education, Level Three Physical Education Endorsed with Merit
- Lachie MacDonald Merit for Most Improved Rugby Player
- *Camrin Stephen* First in Biology, Physics, History and Maths with Statistics
- Briana Wicks Roslyn Art Gallery Trophy for Excellence in Visual Arts

Prefect Team 2024

The Prefect team for 2024 was announced at Thursday night's Prizegiving.

- These students are: Head Boy - Wyatt Mallon Head Girl - Makayla Wills Prefects - Tane Nichol Murphy Lister
 - Murphy Lister Elsie Clarke

Jacob Murrav

These students have great aspirations for next year—we look forward to seeing them in action!

Genesis Deadline 12 Noon Monday

Planning an Overseas Trip?

If you are looking for a romantic couple's escape, to reconnect as a fun family, a paradise island, a voyage of discovery or just an escape from life's hustle and bustle I can make that happen. I can manage every aspect of your next trip to ensure it's truly a holiday-of-a-lifetime. For inspirational ideas, professional advice, efficient service and the reassurance that I'm here while you're away, contact me today.



New Defibrillators for Milton

Building on the success of Hato Hone St John's Shocktober, the Hato Hone St John Area Committee in Milton has installed two automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in the community to help build resilience.

The month-long Shocktober campaign during October saw more than 13,000 people participate in the *3 Steps for Life* programme across Aotearoa, New Zealand to learn what to do when someone goes into cardiac arrest (including calling 111 for an ambulance, starting CPR immediately, and applying a defibrillator),

The new AEDs are located at **Night'n'Day Milton**, 24 Union Street in a secure lock box requiring 111 to be called for the code to access the unit, and at Chrystalls Beach at **239 Chrystalls Beach Road**.

Cardiac arrest remains one of the leading causes of death in Aotearoa New Zealand with more than 2,000 people suffering a cardiac arrest in the community each year. Of those, only one in 10 patients survive through to discharge from hospital. These new community AEDs will help save lives and are two of 14 located in the local community.

If you would like to learn more about Hato Hone St John's 3 *Steps for* Life programme or how to purchase an AED, contact Oli Blackbourn at oli.blackbourn@stjohn.org.nz

Committee members with the new defibrillator at Night'n'Day Milton



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 so we can share what is happening in our area.



Results from Tokomairiro A&P Show



Champion All Breeds Cow- TS & KJ Button, Anglo Baxter Shimmer ET Champion Pet Sheep -Frankie Nurse & Pink Champion Pet Lamb – William Malcolm & Romney Champion Sheep – Symon Howard Dog Trials:

Open – 1st V Stanley & Jay - 97, 2nd R Sellars & Patch - 96, 3rd C Milburn & Blue -95 Maiden - 1st R Sellars & Patch - 96, 2nd K Thompson & Streak - 94.5, 3rd G Finch & Rick - 94

Supreme Champion Horse -Lockslea Pride & Joy, Sarah Stalker

Supreme Champion Paced & Mannered Pony

Lockslea Pride & Joy, Sarah Stalker Toko Talent Competition Winner: Kiera Wallace,

2nd SSICK, 3rd Liv Butler. Peoples Choice Winner -SSICK

Mullet Champion: Steve Mears (Palmerson)

Best Photography Exhibit: Black & White taken by Jean Girvan **Best Craft Exhibit**

Article in Counted Thread by Margaret Stevens Best Craft Site: 1st Inch Valley Preserves,

2nd Otago Gold Honey, 3rd St John (Milton) Best Trade Site: 1st Clutha Vets (Milton), 2nd Stihl Shop Milton, 3rd The Country Vet

Milton Country Club News Christmas is approaching and this Friday the 15th from 6.30

pm till 8.30pm we are having our Christmas Bash with our 12 days of Christmas giveaways, with lots of cool prizes to be won. We of course will have our regular raffles, joker draw and membership draw along with some other surprises

Our team in the kitchen will once again be creating tasty affordable meals for all to enjoy, so come on down and join us. Meals are available from 5.30pm. Last Saturday we had our Christmas dinner which was very tasty and well done to Danette and her catering team for a job well done. The music with Henare was wonderful, and we hope we will have him back to entertain again.

All of us at the Club would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and if you fancy a cool refreshment, a game of snooker over the festive season, then come on down to the club and join us, you will all be very welcome. Until next time, See You At The Club



Museum / Information Centre **Report** The Museum / Information Centre has been operating in the

former Post Office building for 25 years now. A lot has happened in that time with many people through our doors. A huge thankyou to all who have volunteered or assisted with management over this time.

It has been a busy few months for us, we held a very successful exhibition of Miss Anne McMillan's artwork. I thank everyone for their support and the extra information that came forward.

The next exhibition will be medical related with Victoria showcasing the history of Chemists and hospital related memorabilia with some interesting pills and potions on display. Watch out for this on Facebook or our foyer billboard.

There has been an increase in tourist numbers stopping in. The bike trail is bringing folks to the district which hopefully will benefit the businesses also.

We wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and holiday time. Usual opening hours will operate, we will observe the Stat days closed. Noeline Milne

RSA News from the Trenches

Not many weeks left until the jolly guy in the red suit arrives and he is checking his naughty and nice list, and discovering plenty on the naughty list this year. And no, I'm not talking about Chuck Littlejohn who took on the role of Santa last

week. So not long to get into win our Xmas Ham raffles which are selling quickly, five have been won so far. Also the membership draw is over \$300 to be won, so make sure you are there on a Thursday night 6pm to ensure that you are

eligible to win. It's that time of the year, subs for 2024 are now due to be paid and the new cards have now arrived so get in quick to secure your entry to the most popular social environment in Otago.

Finally with the holiday season coming up, plenty of people will be out boating this time of the year. Make sure you have everything in regards to safety as a father daughter combo have taken to driving their boat up and down the river bank along with forgetting to take keys to the boat and having to travel back home to retrieve the keys.- Private Pike



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