



Thursday 30 April 2020

ANZAC Day 2020

The Bruce RSA commemorated ANZAC Day a bit differently this year. The crowds were missing, but that didn't stop the officials turning up individually to remember, with the wreath laying ceremony going ahead at the Cenotaph at 11am. Many locals also made the pilgrimage to their front gates at dawn, to stand in silence, and reflect on the sacrifices made.



Flag Marshall, Bert Pringle



Gavin Good lays the RSA wreath



Drummer, Jacob Murray and Piper, Don Wilson.



Ross, Wendy and Colin Flett watch from their car.

New Wahine Toa Group

Mau rākau has been so successful with our male ākonga that our female ākonga have organised a group of their own. Wahine toa brings wahine together to work on traditional Māori crafts and skills. In the weeks leading up to lockdown, we have been working on creating patu and mere.



Kaylee-May Turora-Phillips, Mereana Phillips, Sarah-Jane Norman and Quinevanja Phillips prepare templates for their patu.



Daiha Coulter-Lawlor rasps a sharp edge onto her patu.

Holiday Competition Winner



Leo Lister designed and built his maimai from scratch – an outstanding effort.



Tokomairiro High School Newsletter ...

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Tena koutou katoa

As we continue in Covid-19 lockdown we know the end is in sight and, as a nation, we are beating this. We encourage all members of our community to continue to prioritise our health and unite against COVID-19 by sticking to the rules. We have up to 10 students attending school at present – these are in one bubble supervised by a small group of staff.

ANZAC Day this year was certainly different to what has become the norm. An ANZAC Assembly video clip was put together by the Head Prefect team. A special thank you to Zayde for the time he spent collating and editing the video—he did a great job.

Check it out—<https://bit.ly/THSANZACAssembly2020>

Holiday Make Something Competition – we had some great entries for this competition, thank you to all those students who took part.

The results of the competition are:

Highly commended – Ryan Shanks (drawing of a truck), Kaitlyn Burgess (flower design), Zoe McElrea (Easter baking).

First Prize—Leo Lister, who designed and built a maimai from scratch – an outstanding effort.

See below for photographs of their work. Congratulations to you all – there will be canteen vouchers waiting for you when school resumes.

John Parsons link - Safety in the digital world is important for all us and not more so than for our young people.

John Parsons is a NZ guru who has been working in the area of digital safety, especially for young people, for some time. Live streaming is everywhere around us at present. In this video, John Parsons shares his thoughts on Live Streaming: Understanding the Risks for Children.

I encourage parents to take the time to see this and discuss with your young ones. Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/johnparsonsS2E/videos/244747619971043/>

Student leadership activities – thank you to our Prefect Team for organizing the live streaming of the student assembly each week. They have some great competitions running. Make sure you check this out on the school Facebook page.

Online Lessons – we encourage all students to keep up to date with their online learning. Be sure to reach out to your teachers if you need some help. They are there to support you in your learning.

Remember also that your House Group Teachers and Deans are there to support you, along with our Guidance Counsellor, Mr Mackinnon, if you need someone to talk to – ross@tokohigh.school.nz

Finally, stay safe, stay strong in your bubbles.

We are looking forward to the time when we have you all back with us here at school.

Nga mihi nui

Glenis Sim

Principal



Ryan Shanks—truck



Kaitlyn Burgess—
flower design



Zoe McElrea's Easter baking



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Take care and be safe.
Tiny & Wendy

South Otago Triathlon Results

The results for the Triathlon have finally come through.

Well done to those students who gained a place, either individually or in teams.

Year 7 Boys—3rd Marcus Wills, 4th Archie Finch
 Year 7 Girls—4th Pippa Greene, 8th Caitlyn Scott
 Year 7 Boys Team—2nd place
 Year 7 Girls Team—12th place
 Year 8 Boys— 13th Hayden Jenkins
 Year 8 Girls Team—7th Jessica Allan
 Year 8 Boys Team—7th place
 Year 7 Mixed Team—3rd place
 Year 8 Mixed Team—2nd place

Learning at Home—TELC

The teachers at Tokomairiro Early Learning Centre were very keen to stay connected with our children and their families during the lock down period, so we set up a Facebook messenger group chat for each centre, and invited all our parents to join. Each day Kim MacDonald has read a story and uploaded this to the Spenser Street group page, and the Johnson Street children have been entertained by Michele Lane hosting a daily mat time session, complete with a wig and fun outfit. Jane Gillan has also uploaded several fun science experiments she has done with her son Deacon, and other teachers have been posting messages of support and photos and videos of their experiences during this time. The children have loved this and our families have got on board by also posting photos and videos of their responses to the teachers and the cool things they have been doing too. The pages have also been used to post new ideas of fun things to do with children and the range of ideas has been amazing.

These pages have been great for keeping our families connected with both the teachers and each other and for keeping the children engaged remotely. Parents have reported that their children are just loving seeing their teachers and their friends, and the teachers are really enjoying seeing and hearing all about what everybody has been up to during lock down. Below are a few photos of the cool things our children have been doing to keep themselves entertained.



Good morning from Jonty and Phoebe

Bible Reading for Today

Psalm 9: 9-10

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

News from the Trenches



Another week has passed and we now enter Level 3 of the lockdown phase, here's hoping we are getting closer to being able to open up our doors again. Mind you we will have to observe social distancing protocols and most likely numbers will be limited that will attend any one time - so cuddling may have to be put on hold temporarily.

Last Saturday saw Anzac Day being observed in a most surreal fashion. Where I was located in my secret bunker, I could hear the sounds of the Last Post being played at 6am and I understand buglers and bagpipes were also heard around Milton at this time, heart warming to hear.

At 11am, members of various RSA Committees laid wreaths at locations around the district. Don Wilson also played a moving tribute on bagpipes at the Milton Cenotaph - thanks for that. Even though there wasn't any official service held, those that took the time to 'never forget' by stopping in on their daily walk, showed that they felt it necessary to mark the day and it was accordingly held with due respect. We may feel that we are currently sacrificing a lot in current times, but in the grand scheme of things - this is nothing compared to what these soldiers gave.

Paddy is still practising Yoga with all sorts of feathers being contorted in various positions. He's also attempting to learn how to landscape paint, but he is having difficulty gripping the paint brush in his talons.

Will keep you up date for any future announcements to any potential re-opening dates/times.

Remember to stay safe, and practice safe distancing.

-Private Pike

Flu Vaccines

Milton Medical Centre is now taking bookings for Flu Vaccinations. Please contact reception on 03 4178226 to make an appointment.

Eligibility for Free Vaccines:

- *Those aged 65 and over
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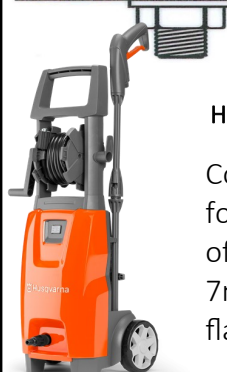
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