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Left: Myckaella Right: Mereana

Two of our senior students, Mereana Phillips and Myckaella Mesquita Mapurunga are doing a Level two salon skills course at Otago Polytechnic Secondary Schools programme. The girls travel through each Friday of term to Dunedin. They are finding the course interesting, already learning about treatments and terminology.

The photo shows the girls practicing on mannequin.

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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter

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Tena koutou katoa

Our focus in assembly this week was on the importance of regular attendance at school. We monitor attendance very carefully and celebrate each term those students who have the top levels of attendance. This week we celebrated all those students who had achieved at least 95% attendance for the year in 2019. These young people are great examples to others.

Congratulations to the following students who received recognition for their excellent attendance rates: Hope Hunt, Vinnie Tahiti, Toby Greene, Emily Scanlan, Seth Black, Alaysha Wihongi, Angus Lloyd, Baylee Weatherall, Robert Wilson, Grace Michelle, Hayley Huang, Tyler Stephen, Ella Thompson, Harley Butler, Zayde Francis, Mia Flannery, Callum Davie, Tarryn Roxburgh, Kaleb Fegan, Heather West.

Attendance

By international standards, regular attendance at school is measured as being at school 90% of class time. At Tokomairiro High School one of our annual targets for the past few years has been 90% attendance across all year levels. Research shows that every day away from school can affect results. The Associate Minister of Education stated that for students attending 95% of days in year 10 later get an average of 75 credits at NCEA Level 3 - more than enough to gain the qualification. On the other hand, for students attending for 85% of the time, only about half go on to achieve NCEA Level 3.

In 2019 the average attendance rate for all students was 85% and only 43.5% of our students had at least 90% attendance; this compared to a national average of 57.7%.

20 students had at least 95% attendance last year, with one student having 99% - the only day she missed was for a justified absence for a funeral.

We encourage all our students to be at school every day. When they miss school, their learning is being compromised and they are not maintaining relationships with peers and staff.

Skool Loop

This is a great way to keep in contact with the school and let the office know if your child is going to be absent. This free app can be downloaded from Google Store or App Store - just select Tokomairiro High School once downloaded. As well as reporting absentees, you can access the school notices, the school calendar, staff contacts, the

school newsletter (printed in Genesis each week), and sign off permission slips.

House Captains

Apologies - we had a mistake in our list of House Captains last week. Patrick Norman and Annabelle Philips are the House Captains of Reid House with Zayde Francis and Sariah Domb as the Deputy House Captains.

Breakfast Club

Thank you especially to Tarryn and Regan Roxburgh for their hard work with the breakfast club, and also to Mr Reddington. It is great to see some good numbers coming along each day - 8am in the canteen.

Teacher-Only Day

Please note that the school will be closed for instruction on **Wednesday 4 March** for a Teacher-only day. The teachers and teacher aides will be working with a team from the Ministry of Education as part of a pilot project on Inclusion in School.

Year 7 Parent Evening

Thank you to those parents who came along to join us for the year 7 parent evening. It was a great chance to meet other parents of your children's classmates and meet more of their teachers. Thank you to the year 13 students who came along to provide some entertainment / supervision for the young ones while the parents chatted.

Year 7 Vision Screening

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Public Health South will be visiting our school on **Wednesday 18th March** to screen all year seven students for distance vision. Distance vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia) determines how well your child is able to see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart (not required if your child wears glasses). If you **do not wish your child to be screened**, please fill out an opt-out slip, which is available at the school office, before the visit.

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. Let's make this an awesome year. Let's look out for each other, support each other, make the most of opportunities and involve ourselves in the life of the school through whatever opportunities come our way. Remember, our doors are always open.

Nga mihi

Glenis Sim
Principal

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 26 February - PTA meeting in staffroom 7.00pm


Wednesday 26 February - School Athletics Sports

Saturday 29 Feb - Tue 3 Mar - Kepler Tramp

Wednesday 4 March - Teacher-only Day

Friday 6 March - Student Interim Report sent home

Wednesday 18 March - Y7 Vision Screening



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News From the Trenches

On a sombre note, I'd like to acknowledge the passing of ex-serviceman Rev Jim Mitchell who passed away last week with his funeral last Saturday. Jim served overseas for NZ Army and Scottish battalions. It's unfortunate that we seem to have had a bad run of ex-soldiers' funerals in recent weeks. RIP Jim.

Our next major event is the annual Spud Dig contest will take place on Saturday 7th March, which isn't that far away. If you are available to be a driver, put your name down at the RSA. From all accounts, there should be some huge amounts to be weighed this year, with some very cunning green fingered magicians at work. For those wanting to partake in the afternoon festivities, ensure you are there no later than 11.30am. It should be another spectacular success and reinforce this competition as the "Best Spud Dig Competition" in Otago.

Also progressing hugely is the Handle Club which just goes from strength to strength on Friday night, a fantastic night was held last week, with another big night on Friday for the Highlanders vs Rebels match commencing at 7pm. Come down for pre-match festivities from 6pm onwards.

To conclude this report, I must reinforce my previous warning about the dangerous Sons of Arthritis motor cycle gang. Last Sunday they hijacked my wee mate Woody, and forced him against his will to jump in the back of a trailer towed by a cycle, all over Milton causing carnage and mayhem. They were spotted from Ajax St, through to Burns Street and up to Helensbrook, absolutely rampant!!!! I have an unconfirmed rumour Woody may have fallen out of the trailer due to not leaning a particular way, while the driver performed a particularly difficult turning combination. Be aware, this is a dangerous gang that is very cunning, and could strike anywhere.

Private Pike

Waihola/Clarendon Women's Institute

On the 17th of February 2020 on a beautiful summers day 17 ladies travelled to the Outram Historical Village to celebrate Waihola/Clarendon Women's Institutes birthday. After a talk by Mr. Neil Gamble time was spent looking through the School, Church and Court House all of which were shifted to the site.

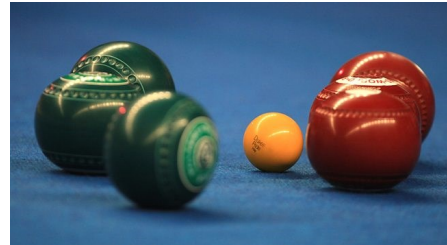
After lunch the monthly meeting was held. Preparations for Mid Otago A.G.M. were made.

Roll Call: Meaning of your name and why you were named that, was most interesting.

Summer Indoor Bowls

Another good turn out this week. There were no teams with three wins this week. Two teams had two wins and on a countback Dave Findlay, Melva Heads, Shona Preddy and Judy Fletcher came out the winners with an aggregate score of 17. Second place went to Russell Copland, Alex Benington, Raymond Perry and Rachel Fegan with their score being 12. Two teams had one win each but Biddy Craig, Jeanne Davidson and Chantelle Fegan edged out Stephen Souness, Eunice Benington and Greta Jenkins with 13 points to 12.

Just remember you are always very welcome on a Wednesday night, see you then.



Taieri Gorge Rail Walk Sunday 3 May

Presbyterian Support Otago have a fundraising walk coming up on Sunday 3 May, the Taieri Gorge Rail Walk. We are fundraising for group programmes to benefit children, parents and grandparents.

For only \$65, supporters get to walk along tracks, over bridges and through tunnels normally not open to walkers. The train departs from and returns to Dunedin Railwaystation and will pick up and drop off at Wingatui. The train trip is usually about \$115, but as this is a fundraiser we have 400 tickets for only \$65, for the train ride and walk including a BBQ lunch.

For more information and bookings:

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Bible Reading for Today

Exodus 33:14
My presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest.

Bridge Club

Summer Pairs 20.02.20

S Agnew & A Phillips	67.59%
M Kean & K Powell	65.74%
K Roughan & R Devlin	65.74%
J Walker & A Broome	55.56%
C Harrex & T Peterson	47.22%
L Clark & R Ferreira	45.83%
J Turnbull & V Stanley	41.27%
J Scott & N Viney	34.26%
T Morland & P Mallon	31.33%

Well being

Balance in life is integral to our wellbeing. Sport and exercise is good for bringing balance into our lives.

In this busy hectic world we must take time out to assess our goals and lifestyles, to create more balance on a daily basis.

When we go out for a walk, cycle or run, in the fresh air for 15-30 minutes it helps with better wellbeing overall. Choose a nice place to exercise and enjoy nature which is wonderful.

For inspiration, last year, I visited the NZ Sports Hall of Fame in Dunedin. This is a very special place of sporting triumphs. But, as the great cricket legend Sir Richard Hadlee points out:

'Winning is being happy with your performance, even if someone else does it better.'

Life is definitely all about balance, and participation in sport is beneficial.

Wendy Joy Baker

Certificate in Sports Training and Development. (SIT)



Golf

Lawrence & Toko Golf Club inGOLF Two-Course Challenge 22 & 23 February 2020

The Lawrence and Toko Golf Clubs would like to take this opportunity to thank all players, sponsors and everyone else involved behind the scenes in the recent inGOLF Two-Course Challenge held on 22 & 23 February 2020. There was a great turnout with 76 in the field, playing two-person ambrose at Lawrence on Saturday and individual nett on Sunday at Toko.

Results

1 - J Day & D Gold	196.75
2 - D Alderton & M Turner	199.75
3 - T Condon & M Mead	200.00
4 - J Good & G Sheath	201.00
5 - D & R Curd	202.75
6 - W Hepburn & C Lane	203.75
7 - T Duncan & B Taylor	204.00
8 - J Goodall & G Miller	205.00 cb
9 - J Agnew & J Calder	205.00 cb
10 - G Findlay & T Grant	205.50
11 - J Cooper & L Rutherford	206.25
12 - R Devlin & S Taylor	207.40
13 - L Bernstone & P Kirkwood	207.50
14 - R Agnew & M Scott	207.75



Fraser (inGOLF), Josh Day & Dylan Gold
with the Duncan Cup

Lawrence and Milton Golf Clubs would like to thank the following sponsors for the inGOLF two course challenge.

inGOLF, Clutha Licensing Trust, Gordon Jannick ANZCO Meats, Milton Concrete, Tiny's Milton Butchery, and all club members who donated meat for raffles, BBQ and meals.

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Quote of the week

"I can't complain, but sometimes I still do."

Joe Walsh

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Milton Primary School Athletic Sports



On Wednesday the 19th of February it was the Milton Schools Athletics day. St Marys and Tokoiti came to participate with us. All of the events started at 9.30am and went to around 2.00pm. Lots of parents and caregivers came to cheer their children along as well as their school. These were all of the events: high jump, long jump, mini hurdles, 100 metre sprints, 200 metres, 800 metres, shot put and discus. Each child put in a one hundred percent effort. It was a fine day after a bit of drizzle to start with. The 800-metre run was the longest and made us puff and slow down a little bit more at the end of the race. Everyone tried their hardest and our best wishes go to the children who qualified for the South Otago sports in Balclutha. It was a great day and we look forward to more sporting events later in the year.



Lily Taylor



Sam Clark



800m race 9 year old girls

Soapbox Sessions

Saturday 7 March

Lawrence	Prospector Market	9.00 – 1.00
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Friday 20 March

Balclutha	Cnr Elizabeth & Clyde St	12.00 – 1.00
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Tapanui	Seasons	4.30 – 5.30
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Saturday 21 March

Clinton	Food for thought	10.30 – 11.15
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Owaka	Catlin's Cafe	12.00 – 12.45
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Kaka Point	The Point	1.15 – 2.00
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Sunday 22 March

Waiholo	Waiholo corner	10.00 – 10.45
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Milton	Supervalue	11.00 – 11.45
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Stirling	Glover's workshop	12.15 – 1.00
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Kaitangata	Kai Takeaway	1.15 – 2.00
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We're back on the soapbox and with so much on the go for Council, I would love to hear from you.

Bryan Cadogan - Mayor



Milton Primary School Fair

Sat 7th March



Milton Primary School's annual fair is coming around fast! This year the Home & School have made a few changes to the fair! Outside markets stalls are invited this year to mix it up a bit. It will be a "cashless" fair – this means you purchase tickets as you enter the fair – and these are used as currency across all the school activities (excluding external markets – they will still be cash).

This year's theme is "Emergency Services" – we will be lucky enough to have representation from all the major emergency services – so come along – have a ride in a fire engine, get your photo with the local St John's! There will be the usual raffles, chocolate wheel, elegant treasures, home baking and yummy lunch options on offer – Bacon Butties anyone!?? And lots of entertainment for the kids too!

The majority of the funds from this year's fair will go straight back into the school – to develop a dedicated Outdoor Learning Space, with some going to the newly created "MPS Van Fundraising Committee" – we think it's about time we purchased a school van to help get kids to sporting and cultural events both during and after school! Watch this space – we have some more events planned for 2020 to help get this ball rolling!

MPS Home and School look forward to seeing you all at this year's Fair – Sat 7th March – 11am – 1pm. We also thank the community for all their support



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If this sounds like you, please contact our teacher in charge of students support – katie@tokohigh.school.nz or leave a message at the office with contact details (417 8620)

Situation Vacant ...

Genesis Classifieds ...

Church Services ...

Watoto Children's Choir
Free Concert
 Tuesday 3rd March 7 pm
 St Andrews Presbyterian Church Balclutha

Church Services ...

ZIMBABWE



"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"
 A Service prepared by
 World Day of Prayer Committee, Zimbabwe

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, 6 March 2020

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Prayer Night - Thursday @ 7pm

Sunday Service - Sunday @ 10am

Join us for a light lunch after our morning service.
 Zion Kids Church - activities for the children.

Ladies Breakfast Thursday 12th March @ 9.30am

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Men's Breakfast Saturday 14th March @ 7am

Come along for a hearty blokes breakfast and still have time for kids sports!

Our Monthly Breakfasts are designed to connect people in our Community, a great way to meet new people.

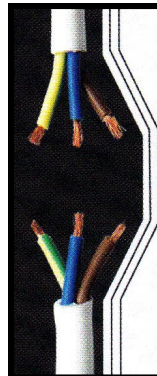
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Acknowledgement ...

Sinclair, William (Bill)

The family of William (Bill) Sinclair would like to sincerely thank the community of Milton for the support and help we received around the time of his illness and funeral in January.

We are also very grateful for the friendship, care and kindness shown to Uncle Bill by many individuals and organisations during the last few years of his life.

Thank you all.

Eric & Tammy, Neil & Milly, John & Margaret Sinclair and their families.

Public Notices ...

Friendship Group
 Meeting at Kelly's Kitchen
 5th March 11.30 am
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 3rd March 4177210

Lodge St John 461 SC
 Open meeting Thursday 5th
 March 8 pm.
 15 Elderlee Street
 Glenda Hall
 Otago Community Hospice
 'How and what they do'
 Followed by supper.
 Hospice Street Appeal
 Friday 6th March

Raffle Results ...

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 2nd: Leeanne Turora
 3rd: Josh Day

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