

Tokomairiro High School Newsletter & Community Noticeboard

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Wednesday



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### **Tokomairiro High School Athletics Day 2021**



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The annual Tokomairiro High School Athletics Day took place on Thursday 25th February. The day consisted of many students giving their best efforts in a multitude of athletic events. A special thank you to Leanne Burgess, our Sports Coordinator for her efforts in organising this successful event, and to the staff of Tokomairiro High School for their efforts in overseeing individual events. It was also great to see many whānau and friends. We look forward to seeing you all at the Cross Country and Swimming Sports events later this year.





Ross



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Loose Chilean Red or Green Seedless Grapes



Fresh NZ Pork Loin Chops (Excludes Free Range)

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



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

#### Week Six - Term One

Tena koutou katoa,

Greetings to you all - it is hard to believe we are now halfway through the term.

It is great that we are back to Alert Level 1 and events can go ahead.

#### **Progress Reports**

These were emailed home on Monday afternoon for all students and give you a snapshot of how well the students have settled into their learning this year. Please make contact with teachers at school if you have any concerns. Teachers email addresses are all available on the school website.

#### Assembly

Our focus on developing leadership skills and making the most of opportunities continues. This week we talked about how, if you want to develop leadership skills, you need to practice being a leader. You need to show commitment and enthusiasm. You need to be an upstander – standing up for what is right. You need to be involved in activities – around school and in the community. You need to be role models. You need to gain the trust and respect of your peers, teachers and whanau, and support those around you. A leader does



not need to be the best at everything. A real leader works with the strength of those around them.

practice to develop these skills – you are not born a leader; you get there by practising the skills needed and taking a positive attitude with you.

"Practice Makes Perfect"

The other focus in assembly week this was on importance of practicing if we want to improve our skills - no matter what the context. Think back to when you were learning new things in life. You may not remember learning to walk that is one of the most fascinating things to watch. The toddler will start by letting go of things, then taking a step - so often they end up on their bottom. That doesn't stop them - they get back up and try And they keep trying adain.

until eventually they can walk across the room. It is not long before they can walk along the house. And then they start to run. They fall over time and again, and they don't give up. And then they start running everywhere. They don't give up, they keep practising and improving until it becomes the natural thing for them to do.

Examples of practice making perfect occur all around us every day - learning to ride a bike, learning a new mathematical skill, using a machine in technology, reading (the more we read the better we get and the more we enjoy it), playing a new sport.

Is it really practice makes perfect - or is it practice helps us improve? We can always get better and better. No matter how good we are, we can continue to improve. What would you like to be better at? A particular sport? Playing a musical instrument? Maybe just getting better grades in school? What can you do to improve in these areas? You've probably guessed it already: practice! Of course, practice might not always lead to perfection, but it will help you get better.

#### **ICAS Assessment Certificates**

Kyle Cochrane and Marcus Wills each gained a Merit award in the Year 7 & 8 ICAS Mathematics Assessment last year their certificates were presented in assembly. Congratulations to them both.

#### Whanau Ora Kamahi

Ra-ana Gardner is working as a whanau support worker for our school community, until the end of term two. Ra-ana will work with whanau to support our young people to engage in education. If you would like Ra-ana to work with your whanau please make contact with her (ra-ana@tokohigh.school.nz) or Students were encouraged to ring the school office to leave a message for her (03-417 86ŽO)

#### **Healthy School Lunches**

We are currently looking into the options for suppliers for this programme. All students in Milton schools will be provided with a free lunch every school day. This will begin at the start of term two, if not sooner. We will keep you informed.

the Nga mihi Glenis Sim 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...

Fri 19 - Sun 21 March Monday 22 March Tuesday 23 March Tue 23 – Fri 26 March Touch Tournament (Chch) Otago Anniversary Day (school closed) HPV Vaccinations - Y8 Kepler Track Tramp - Y11-13

### 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.

### Building Experience at Big River Homes

Big River Homes, Balclutha, facilitate a building programme for high school students through Otago Polytechnic. Jon-Duncan McLeod, Teimana Rewita and Tama Wawatai from Tokomairiro High School are attending two days a week, and are working towards practical and theory NCEA credits relevant to the building industry.

Behind them in the photo, is a house they will be finishing with their Otago Polytech tutor, Jamie Todd. Due to the enforced Covid 19 lockdown last year, this project was unable to be completed by the 2020 students. When this year's group finish their house, their next project will be a refurbishment of the Big River Homes office building, and the addition of a brand new classroom which will be used for future students.

Big River Homes support the programme to encourage young people into the building industry. The boys are working together with students from South Otago High School and Kaikorai Valley College.

This is a great opportunity to learn skills and share experiences which may lead to gaining an apprenticeship later in the year.





Wednesday 17th March Tinana - Ki O Rahi Meet after school in the whare. All welcome!



#### **Bible Reading for Today** He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. *Psalm* 25:9

### What's Cooking in Food Tech?

The food department is in full swing, creating a wide variety of products this year, with the Year 13s researching the perfect breakfast to Year 12s looking at cooking sustainably and an emphasis on being how to make the most of what is in the pantry or garden. The dishes we have included are frittata, upside-down pear cake and a weetbix challenge to name just a few.



The juniors have also been busy practicing their skills in hygiene and food safety, so that food not only looks great but is safe to eat as well. This has been made easier with brand new colour coded chopping boards that help stop cross-contamination. A word they are all getting to know on a regular basis. They are also I earning about food presentation and food photography. This then allows them to share their skills with family and friends, as the food may never get out of the classroom!

This year we are very pleased to have new windows in the room and this has given the area a bright airy feeling, which has been



great during the hot summer days while the ovens are all on!!

Above: Year 7 students chopping and cooking apples ready to make Apple Crumble.



Main, dessert, tea or coffee

Bookings Essential. Courtesy coach available for pick up and drop off between 11:30am and 2.00pm ALL FOR \$15!

White Horse Inn 147 Union Street, Milton 03 417 8049

Bruce Stewart Leadership Programme Supporting future leaders. Are you a future leader of the Tokomairiro region? Check the eligibility criteria and apply online.

### brucestewartleadership.org



Grants Awarded May and October each year

### **Outward Bound Opportunity**



Spending my summer at Outward Bound would definitely have to be up there in the opportunities I've taken. From the daily ocean swims, the endless days spent navigating through the bush and the sailing in 30 knots of wind everyday was another challenge.

My highlight of Outward Bound would definitely be the coasteering where we explored the coastline by jumping off the rocks into the sea and swam through the caves along the coastline but most of importantly jumping off the 10 metre high cliff into the sea

below. Other highlights were white water kayaking, running the half marathon on the 20th day, sailing the cutter for four days and seeing who could pop the biggest manu into the 10°C river after a day of tramping.

The biggest challenge I faced was heights, but every time I was challenged with heights I took the opportunity to face my fear and by the end of two weeks I was racing up the rock climbing wall blindfolded.

You never knew what was around the corner "ma te wa" (time will tell) was what our instructors replied with when we asked what are we doing tomorrow. On day four we were off for an overnight tramp - little did we know it would take us until 930pm to reach our destination due to some technical difficulties gelling as a group to use a compass and map.

One thing I took away from my time away was to appreciate those around me and the environment more, not having any distraction such a phone made the friendships I made seem like they had more value. Its strange how you can go from absolute strangers from different ends of the countries to being referred to as the little sister to the boys and being best friends with someone by the end of three weeks. I learned a lot about myself during Outward Bound, and it has given me some insight on what I want to do when I leave school.

I would 100% recommend it to anyone who is considering taking up the opportunity.





For three weeks during the Christmas holidays in January Morganne-Lee and I travelled to Anakiwa in Marlborough Sounds and completed the 21 day Mind, Body, Soul Outward Bound course.

When we arrived at Anakiwa we were split into groups of 14 people which was called our watch. I was in Huria watch and in our watches we spent everyday together and completed all activities together.

Some highlights of my trip were definitely me completing a half marathon, completing the high ropes course, completing my two night solo trip in the bush alone and our four day sailing trip around the Queen Charlotte Sounds. All these activities didn't just push you physically but mentally. Completing and overcoming these challenges as a watch brought us all closer together and created super strong friendships by the end of the 21 days.

Going on Outward Bound pushed me to my physical and mental limits and I came home a much stronger person. Outward Bound has been one of the best experiences so far in my life and I'm so glad I took the opportunity to go. *Holly Griffin.* 







## Toko Rugby Report

I realise it's only March, but the rugby season is about to kick off. For the next two weeks Toko is having pre-season games commencing with a

home match this Saturday at 2pm vs Eastern. The following week Toko travels to Taieri to play for the highly treasured Ken Bloxham Trophy..

The Premier squad is coming together well and have been sweating doing the hard yards in order to be ready. Most of the players from last year have returned along with a couple of very handy additions. Hopefully the team has better luck injury wise this season. At this time of the season, I'm always confident Toko will have a good season, but there is good depth in most positions. If you're still keen to have a run, come along, bring your boots and get stuck in. We're still hopeful of getting a Toko Senior squad up and running this year, so make yourself known if you are wanting to play. Junior section is looking strong again with good numbers

playing wise, with lots of talented future stars coming through...

We will give you supporters plenty of time to get ready once the competition dates have been finalized.

A new feature this year is increasing our supporter base. We will include our Toko Rugby Club bank account and if you join up (\$20 individual, \$30 couple), you will go into a monthly draw to win some fantastic vouchers from our excellent sponsors. Keep an eye out for that in this report on our Facebook page.

LETS GET IT ON!!! The Judge

Sumpter Moore –Barristers & Solicitors

Quote of the week:

'If I only had a little humility, I'd be perfect'

-Ted Turner For all your legal requirements, contact our friendly team at

5 Eden Street, (PO Box 16) Milton.

Phone (03) 417-8004 Fax (03) 417-8002

### The Rebus Club of Milton

A good attendance was seen at the February meting and members were welcomed by President Alan Strain. A minute's silence was kept in memory of two former members. Mention was made of the lack of banking facilities in the town and the Secretary was asked to enquire further into whether there was any possibility of some assistance from the two main banks who withdrew their services.

Bronwyn Alexander, from Garvan, introduced herself and went on to talk about her experiences on The Great NZ Trek. Her first time associated with it was when money was being raised for the Mulligan Institute in Wellington to do research on Multiple Sclerosis. This affects the brain and spinal cord causing hardening of the tissues and is prevalent in countries further from the equator. NZ has the highest rate in the world. The Great NZ Trek was open to walkers, horse riders and mountain bikers and took one week every year for fourteen years to complete. Participants paid to join and also raised funds through auctions during the week. Each day was planned with the route covering farmland in many places, never on roads, and usually completing 35 to 37 km. A day pack was carried and food and meal breaks provided along the way. Accommodation and meals were all arranged by volunteers. About 250 to 260 trekkers took part so the logistics of planning were considerable and paramedics with them all the way.

Bronwyn found it most comfortable walking in bare feet in the North Island but resorted to boots in the South Island where routes were much stonier. It took 14 years to complete the total distance. Some were there throughout, while others did just some of the walks. By the finish, \$450,000 was raised – a mammoth effort.

Bronwyn was thanked by Malcolm McElrea and given a gift of fruit.

The next meeting is on Tuesday March 16th at 10am in the RSA hall. The speaker is Kevin Baff, a pilot who has worked in Afghanistan for the Red Cross. Committee please meet at 9.30 am. Remember that the AGM will follow. A new member is required for the committee and someone to organise the speakers.

# News From the Trenches

Right let me get this straight from the start. Paddy is in trouble for dropping a page from last week's report

that never made it to the Editor. It was important that we thank the major sponsor of last week's fishing competition, Andrew Haulage who's excellent assistance contributed to a hugely successful competition. Also I'd like to thank Ellen Hall whose outstanding generosity in donating two fishing rods provided a welcome addition to the Auction Funds we raised last week. As a punishment, Paddy is now digging a new latrine for the boys in the trenches.

Coming up rapidly in our annual Spud Dig competition on 20th March kicking off at 11am sharp - you must be there by that time. DON"T BE LATE!!! There are an excellent number of entries, with lots of garden magicians putting together their secret potions in order to grow huge spuds. Guaranteed to be one of the best days of the year, so come along for plenty of laughs. If you are willing to be a driver, come along and put your name down.

The following week on Saturday 27th March at 7pm is our Land Raffle where we will be giving away prizes, eg accommodation in Queenstown, Monarch Cruises, Highlands Motor Park vouchers, chilly bins you plug into your car and numerous others too many to mention. Should be another top night - mark both on your calendar.

As you can see, plenty going on, I can hardly fit it all in this week. Don't forget we still have our highly successful Handle Club on a Friday night where you can watch Super Rugby with this game between Crusaders vs Chiefs. *Private Pike* 





#### LGU and Putting - Aotearoa Cup.

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Gail Coote	96 - 28 - 68
Judy O'Connor	99 - 26 - 76
Diane Lawlor	96 - 20 - 76
26.7 - 40.4	
Lyn Mitchell	99 - 34 - 65
Quinette Tatupu	105 - 37 - 68
Joan McLeod	105 - 36 - 69
Helen Vollweiler	98 - 29 - 69
Kay Partridge	107 - 38 - 69
Lynne Lister	106 - 36 - 70
Kay Drinnan	107 - 37 - 70

#### **Monthly Medal Winners**

Eileen Kennard Trophy - Best Putting on LGU Day Lyn Mitchell 32 putts Anna Burnett Brooch - Best Nett on LGU Day Lyn Mitchell Nett 65 Jo Hitchin Button - Best Nett Over the Month P Keddell Nett 60 May Murdoch Tee - Best Stableford Over the Month J Clark 42 Stableford

National Home Links Competition Coronation Medal (Silver Best Nett) Wendy Agnew Nett 77 Aotearoa Cup (and Bronze Best Nett) Lyn Mitchell Nett 65 Best Gross (Silver and Bronze) Wendy Agnew Gross 93 Veterans Trophy (Silver and Bronze) Over 70 years Best Nett Gail Coote Nett 68



# Genesis Classifieds ...



**Bridge** 

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# Are you aged 8-18 and looking for a new challenge for 2021?



Come along and visit our St John Youth Division held and run by locals in Milton. St John Youth offers young people a range of activities across a wide range of various engaging topics which grow general knowledge, life skills, first aid and healthcare skills all in a fun engaging environment while encouraging growth and discovery. Join others on division nights, camps, adventure activities, courses, badge days, festivals along with much more!

We welcome anyone to come and visit the division to see if it's right for you.

- Mondays during term time, 6.00-7.30pm
- Milton St John Rooms, Eden Street.

For further information contact Oli Blackbourn Acting Divisional Manager; 0273540519, oli.blackbourn@stjohn.org.nz



### Situations Vacant ...

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# Primary School

Koru Time After School Care for Children of the Tokomairiro District

Programme Supervisor - Permanent

We are seeking a permanent programme supervisor for Koru Time, our very successful OSCAR programme.

- To be successful in this role you will:
- Be reliable, fun and outgoing
- Enjoy working with children
- Be able to implement an exciting and fun-filled after school and holiday care programme

The hours of work will be 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm Monday to Friday during term time (permanent hours).

Pay will be based on responsibilities and experience.

Application with supporting CV information by **Friday 12th March 2021** to The Principal, Milton Primary School, P O Box 73, MILTON Phone (03) 417 8720 e-mail: principal@milton.school.nz

(Job description and application form available from the Milton Primary School office or by above e-mail)



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