



Junior Young Farmer 2020

Millar McElrea talks about his experience competing in this years' Junior Young Farmer with Ryan Clark.

We had been spending a couple of hours a week studying for regional finals and we were disappointed that it was changed from a practical fun day to an online quiz because of the lockdown.

The Regional Finals started with a quiz. There were 27 questions on various different things, mainly agriculture or general knowledge. We had 15 minutes to complete the quiz or we lost points. Since we were in lockdown and we couldn't meet in person, we had to Facetime our other team member as we are in teams of two. We had a week to complete the first quiz and after that we found out who was going through to the Face Off. The teams who got the two highest scores on the quiz automatically went through to the Face Off and the top team from each school was picked as well.

In the Face Off we joined a zoom call along with the nine other teams. We completed the quiz during the call so the officials could tell we weren't getting help. In the Face Off we had 10 seconds to answer each question in Rounds 1 and 2 (each round consisted of 10-15 questions) and then in Round 3 we had 8 seconds and the questions were worth double points. We did this quiz individually. We both did well in the Face Off, I placed third and Ryan fourth with one point between us. They had live results from the Face Off so we could see our results but still had to wait for the overall winners to be announced.

We were hopeful as we thought we had done well but still very nervous. The results were announced on Sunday night and we found out we had placed second and were going to compete in the Grand Final later on this year. We were stoked to get through!



Millar McElrea putting his skills to the test in the tractor.



Milton Medical Centre Update

The Medical Centre advises that anyone who is unwell, and still needs to see a Doctor, rings to make an appointment as they are still able to be seen. We are also offering telephone and video consultations.

It is important to note that you must call from the carpark to let Reception Staff know that you have arrived. You will be told what to do from here.

This is a very busy time and we appreciate your patience.

MEDICAL CENTRE HOURS:

9:00—5:00pm, Monday to Friday.

AFTER HOURS SERVICE:

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Genesis Office

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Genesis Office is still closed and there are no paper publications being delivered.

We welcome any articles/ photos so please feel free to send these to genesis@tokohigh.school.nz.
Stay Safe!

Tokomairiro High School Newsletter ...

**SCHOOL MISSION: Working together to inspire excellence
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Tena koutou katoa

It was with interest we awaited the announcement of the Prime Minister on Monday afternoon. As a country, and a community, it has been heartening to see how we have all banded together to fight this thing.

I am hoping this message finds you all well in your bubbles and coping with what is a very different way of life for most of us - certainly not what we were expecting life to be like just a short while ago.

Firstly, I would like to express my thanks to all those essential workers in our community who are helping to keep us all safe.

I would also like to say thank you to the parents and caregivers in our community, and to the young people of our community. I think our community has been very good at taking heed of the rules of lockdown as we all work together to lower the levels of Covid-19.

I would especially like to express my thanks to the teachers for the work they have done in organizing the online lessons for all our students, make sure all the resources were prepared and ready to go – their efforts have been fantastic. I think, as a school, we were in a very good position to move to the online system as the majority of our students already have their chromebooks through school and most teachers were using Google Classroom for some of the students work. We do still have a small number of students who have connection issues – we are assured the Ministry of Education are working hard to deal with that.

A special thank you to Mr Eaton who has dealt with any issues with students' chromebooks and fixing them as we go.

To parents, thank you for your support of the students with their learning. Please don't expect the young people to be at their devices in online classes for the equivalent of a full school day – we know they will struggle to stay engaged that long. If they completed 3 -4 hours a day of concentrated effort we know they will keep up.

As you are no doubt aware, the Prime Minister has announced that we are moving the country to Alert Level 3 next week. Exactly what this means is still to be made clear, especially in terms of schooling. What we do know is that, up to year 10, only those children where both parents are working and no other child-care is available, will have the option to return to school. When at school, students will be kept in small 'bubbles' (up to 10 students) and these groups will not be able to mix with each other. All lessons will continue to be online for all the students.



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Quote of the week:

Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not one bit simpler. (Albert Einstein (1879-1955))

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Whatever happens, we need to continue to work together and make the most of the valuable family time we have been given. It is great to hear of all the connections people are making online – perhaps making contact with extended family much more than they usually do.

With the challenges that have arisen due to the lockdown there have also been some bonuses - these include things like getting more regular exercise, baking and reading. I know a lot of people have managed to complete some of those long-awaited jobs around the house as well.

I encourage you all to continue to stay positive, support each other and those around you, and stay happy and safe in your 'bubbles'.

Nga mihi nui
Glenis Sim
Principal

COMING EVENTS:

Thursday 23 April: - Digital Assembly

Tuesday 28th April: -Teacher Only Day

Wednesday 29th April: - School reopens for Years 7-10 eligible students. More details to follow.



Online Shopping

Nathan, Amanda and the team at Supervalu Milton have been kept on their toes with the commencement of online ordering and deliveries in the first week of the COVID-19 Lockdown.

This has been especially valuable for the elderly and vulnerable in our communities, who are benefitting from this easy to use and prompt service. As well as the Milton area, deliveries have been made to Balclutha, Kaitangata, Lawrence, Henley, Mosgiel and Fairfield.

The team would like to thank the community for their understanding and patience, especially with the quick turnover of stock and the queues at the door! They also thank Civil Defence and volunteers from the community for their support in getting groceries delivered and the doors manned.

To order online, head to www.supervalu.co.nz select 'Shop Online' and make sure you select the Milton store.



Our Community and Covid-19

News from the Trenches

Greetings from inside Paddy and my Covid 19 bubble. Paddy has been kept busy with learning to how to crochet and studying French. He now has a huge blanket decorated in his bedroom.

Unfortunately due to restrictions, we are unable to hold our traditional ANZAC Day service this Saturday which had promised to be a huge event. The RSA will be marking this day with a wreath being laid at 11am. We ask that you take a moment out of your day and stand by your letterbox at 11am to commemorate ANZAC Day.

We acknowledge that this a difficult time for the country at present, but hopefully there is light at the end of the tunnel. So just another reminder to stay in your bubble.

No word on when we are able to re-open the greatest social location in Otago, but when we get approval, I'm sure it will be packed as our members catch up on socialising again.

Keep safe. Now Paddy wants to learn Yoga - he will fall off his perch doing this!!!!

-Private Pike

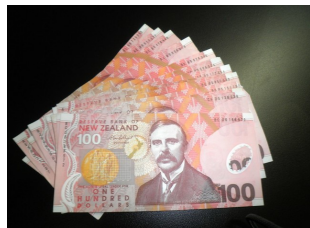


Clutha Budget Advisory Service

There have been some big changes for New Zealanders in the last few weeks with the Covid-19 Level 4 Alerts. Whilst many employees have been fortunate enough to be paid 100% of their wages to stay home during the lock-down, there are countless others whose incomes have been adversely affected. As a budgeting / financial mentoring service we are kept up to date with what financial assistance is available. The biggest piece of advice we would give to anyone who is experiencing financial hardship during this time is to reach out for help. If you are worried about how to pay your mortgage - contact your bank and talk to them. If you can't pay the rent, phone your landlord. If you have limited money and you have a loan payment due but need to buy food and your money won't stretch to both then talk to the loan provider about a loan repayment holiday, or varying your payments or terms of the loan under hardship provisions. Our experienced Financial Mentors are working remotely and are available to help you work through your options.

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A quick tip to keep your car battery alive:

If you are not using your vehicle at all, and it is not connected to a battery charger, we recommend that once a week you start your vehicles engine and leave it running in a open ventilated area (outside, not in a garage or enclosed space) for a minimum 10 minutes, with the lights on, as this will allow the vehicles charging and battery management systems to work properly. Please remember to turn the lights off afterwards, Keep your vehicle locked when not in use, as this ensures its onboard electronic systems are in their "sleep" mode and using the minimum of power.



Otago Community Trust

Otago Community Trust is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for grants from the COVID-19 Response Fund.

We appreciate that not only will this crisis impact the lives of individuals and whānau, but the community sector and community organisations are likely to face significant challenges in providing services and in doing their mahi that draws our communities together.

This Response Fund is our response to support community organisations to cope through the crisis, and thereby to support the community itself.

COVID-19 Response Fund Details

Fund Objectives

Grants will be made towards any of the following objectives:

- Additional costs incurred by community organisations in delivering services, projects or activities to members of the community most in need as a result of COVID-19.
- Assistance for community organisations who incur or have incurred additional costs related to expansion of services as a result of COVID-19.

Learn more at:

<https://www.oct.org.nz/covid-19-response-fund>

General Community Grants

We wish to reiterate that we have a good level of accumulated-income reserves in place to support Otago at this time. Our investment portfolio is robust, it is designed to navigate good and bad years and the current challenging financial downturn.

The COVID-19 Response Fund sits outside of our general community based granting and as of 1 April 2020, we have rolled into a new financial year so all organisations / community groups who received funding over the last 12 months are eligible to re-apply.

Bible Reading for Today

Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. *Lamentations 3:32*



Sports Update...

Welcome back to Sports at Toko in 2020. Results from Term One include:

South Otago Primary Swimming Sports

Congratulations to the following students who all qualified for the Otago Swimming Championships. Pippa Greene, Caitlyn Scott, Marcus Wills, Lucy Clark and Jessica Allan all qualified in either in freestyle or backstroke.

Otago Secondary School Athletics

Millar McElrea was the only student from Tokomairiro to attend the Otago Secondary Athletics Champs held at the Caledonian Track in Dunedin during March. He performed extremely well coming first in the following events High Jump, Long Jump, 200m and 400m sprints. Great job Millar!

Athletics Day Results

Minor Boys Champion - Marcus Wills, Track Champion - Leo Lister, Field Champion - Lyric PoChing

Minor Girls Champion and Track Champion- Pippa Greene, Field Champion - Caitlyn Scott.

Junior Boys Champion and Track Champion - Jacob Murray, Field Champion - Leo Wood.

Junior Girls Champion and Track Champion - Sophie Restall, Field Champion - Kaylee May Phillips.

Intermediate Boys Champion and Field Champion - Millar McElrea, Track Champion - Sheydon Brown Reynolds
Intermediate Girls Champion and Track Champion - Jenna Griffin, Field Champion - Claudia Scholten.

Senior Boys Champion and Track Champion - Zayde Francis, Track Champion - Patrick Norman, Field Champion - Kunaal Pratap

Senior Girls Champion - Holly Griffin, Track Champion - Tarryn Roxburgh, Field Champion - Nicole Keen.



Competitions!

Mrs Sim and The Prefect's Team have been working on some competitions to keep your creative juices flowing.

TikTok Sounds Competition—recreate the video for 'Renegade' and upload it to #TokoTikToks. The best videos will win House Points

Photography Competition— Take some great photos and email them to Ben at huttonb@tokohigh.school.nz. Winning pictures will be shared in future assemblies.

Holiday Competition— REMINDER! Each holiday last year we had a Principal's Challenge with Canteen Vouchers for prizes.

The challenge this holiday is 'to make something' - it can be anything. It might be from wood or metal, might be a painting or drawing, perhaps a poem or short story. Maybe out of fabric - you choose. Send, or share, photographs to thsprincipal@tokohigh.school.nz. Closing date is 27 April!

South West Otago Triathlon

A group of 21 students attended the Triathlon at Balclutha in mid-March. We had some great results including Marcus Wills 3rd & Archie Finch 4th in Yr 7 Boys. In the Mixed Yr 7 Teams Event, Lucy Clark, Riley Milburn and Ryan Shanks placed 2nd and Maddie Brookland, George Stark and Jack Leyden placed 3rd.





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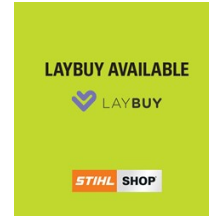
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