

Tokomairiro High School Newsletter & Community Noticeboard

Wednesday 21st July 2021

Genesis

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The District of Opportunities!

Project Bruce has been accepted by the Department of Internal Affairs to participate in the Community Led Development Partnership which will provide awesome guidance and funding for the upcoming years! We are so grateful and happy to be able to continue our work! Our job at Project Bruce is to help turn the ideas of the people of the district into action. And boy, there has been some awesome action taking place over the last month!

We had the enormous pleasure of seeing the street-art workshop at Tokomairiro High School come to fruition. The work was done by some very talented and creative students under the guidance of teacher Carol Bungard and Dunedin mural artist Jonny Waters – and it looks great!

The first meeting for our Trans & Non-binary community also took place, offering a great support network conveniently located for our more rural people. Another meeting is scheduled for July 31, so feel free to get in touch for more information.

The Southern Dance Academy held it's first demonstration concert on Thursday 8 July to showcase the hard work of the students, who have loved attending classes.

Sebrina Sayer and Tracey Tooley held a Plant Based Living and Natural Self Care session at the Hub last Sunday which was practical, educational and highly inspirational. We have more of these sessions in the pipeline, so stay posted!

We are in the midst of setting up a car-pooling schedule to Dunedin through the week, so if you commute and would like to be part of this, let us know!

Finally, the Bruce Community Shed is having a session learning how to use a lathe next Thursday the 29th at 9.30am in the Shed. Feel free to pop along!

www.brucecommunities@gmail.com, Facebook @brucecommunity or pop into the Hub!





Elwing Discoveries Youth Voyages



Lachie MacDonald (second from right), and others, prepare for their helicopter trip on the Elwing Discoveries Youth Voyage.

I was fortunate enough to secure a place on the recent Elwing Discoveries Youth Voyages. While I was away I enjoyed my experience very much. I had a fabulous time and enjoyed every minute of it. During my week away I learnt about the history and the flora and fauna of Fiordland, went on some bush walks and collected some paua. My favorite thing however, was fishing and catching blue cod.

Another part of the experience that I enjoyed was the helicopter ride in and out of the area, the views of the area were amazing - we truly live in an awesome part of the world.

The hosts Arthur and Barbara made the experience a lot of fun with many different activities from daily bush walks, exploring the coast line, inlets and seeing the wildlife.

I would highly recommend this trip, it was great and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Milton Lions, Milton Rotary, Tokomairiro High School PTA and the local community for the funding to help make this trip happen.

- Lachie MacDonald

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.

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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter...

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

Tena koutou katoa,

Greetings to you all in week two of the term break – I hope all the students and staff are making the most of this down time. I have had the privilege of being on sabbatical for all of term two and am now ready to return to school. I would especially like to thank Vicki Wish for taking the helm in my absence.

During my time away, I had the wonderful opportunity to spend time with my grandchildren in Brisbane, share the journey of the growth of the youngest one from 5 weeks old through to 14 weeks old, and also share the second birthday of the older one.

I also had the opportunity to do a lot of reading and thinking and, having visited a number of schools in Auckland in term one and a school similar to ours (although much bigger) late June, reflect on how well we are providing for the tamariki of our community. Are we preparing our students for a world of the future or are we still clinging onto the world as it is, or was? We need to make sure we are focusing on the skills that will make people successful for life.

Whanau / Student Feedback

In April, a whanau survey was sent to all parents asking them to identify what they believed were the top five capabilities for young people to develop over their time at Tokomairiro High school taken from a list of twelve capabilities listed in the school strategic plan. A student survey was also sent to all students in the school.

Capability	% Support
Have developed their self control	77% whanau, 65% students
Respect others and their beliefs	66% whanau, 70% students
Have Empathy for Others	69% whanau, 58% students
Have developed their sense of Identity and Self-belief	63% whanau, 43% students
Can work Collaboratively	31% whanau, 52% students
Are resilient	54% whanau, 34% students
Have a sense of purpose	46% whanau, 43% students

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35 parents responded to the whanau survey, 80 students responded to the student survey. Our teaching staff also discussed this and listed the following as their top choices:

Sense of Identity / Self Belief, Resilience, Self Control / Self Management, Empathy for others, and Respect for Others and their Beliefs. As you can see, there were very similar responses from all three groups.

Our challenge now is to make sure we are providing opportunities for our young people to develop these skills - both at school, at home and in the wider community.

What is Restorative Practice?

Restorative practice has been a characteristic of our school system for many years. Here is an overview of the system.

Restorative Practice is widely accepted in New Zealand schools and a growing number of schools worldwide as a more effective alternative to traditional punitive behaviour management systems. The premise of Restorative Practice is a relational approach to school life grounded in beliefs about equality, dignity, mana and the potential of all people.

The system is designed to help students to build empathy and understand what harm has happened and then try to put right that harm. In contrast, with traditional punitive systems students receive an often pre-determined consequence for an incident. Once this consequence is completed the student is inserted back into the flow of school without learning how their actions have affected others or without learning any skills to try and stop repeating the same behaviours.

Restorative Practice works by understanding the story behind the story. This is done by listening to all of the people involved or close to an incident, this can be students, teachers and whanau. The stories are used to:

- explore what has happened and who has been affected
- hold those who have caused harm accountable for their actions
- provide support to those who have been harmed, and others involved.

Resolving incidents using Restorative Practice can vary in formality and number of participants depending on the incident. However, a Mini Conference, Classroom Conference or Formal

Restorative Conference all require commitment from all the participants and preparation to be successful.

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Dates to Remember...

Monday 26th July Tuesday 27th July Friday 30th July Thursday 5th August Wednesday 11th August

Start of Term Three Sports and Cultural Photos Tokomairiro Senior Ball Teacher Only Day Senior Ski trip

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.

Newsletter Continued...

Bible Reading for Today

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

Mark 12:30

Tokomairiro High Schol Diploma

The Tokomairiro Diploma is a system we use to monitor your

child's progress over the year. It's primary focus is about learning, making sure that students are aiming for and working towards their best. Students earn points towards their diploma each lesson. These are awarded for their effort in class. Each subject teacher awards points, from 1 to 4. Over the course of the year students gain an average for their different subjects. This average is made up of all their subjects and is out of 4. We combine this score with their attendance rates to determine at what level they graduate at. We give these out in the final assembly of the year. Students can gain a diploma at Achieved, Merit or Excellence level.

Below is an example of what we as teachers are looking for in terms of effort and demonstrating our school values in the classroom.

Values	Criteria	Points
Respect	 Positive attitude towards peers Positive attitude towards staff Respect for the environment Appropriate language 	
Responsibility	 Punctual Has the correct equipment Correct uniform On task in class Participates in house activities Participates in housegroup activities 	 4 - all criteria met 3 - most criteria met (one or two missed) 2 - at least one criteria met for each value 1 - less than one criteria for each value
Excellence	Works hard to meet expectations Homework completed Meets deadlines	

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.



I encourage all the students and staff to make the most of the rest of the term break and I look forward to catching up with them all next week.

Remember, our doors are always open. Please come and talk with us if you have any

Nga mihi Glenis Sim Principal

Mobility Access Improvements

Work has begun on a project to provide mobility access to the school Whare. A ramp is being built to allow wheelchair access - this goes from the path around the back of the hall to the side door of the whare. The design provides some lovely garden areas for plantings of native bushes and flaxes.

The contractors are also replacing concrete around each end of C Block, to provide a much safer area, especially for those who are challenged by rough ground.

The work will take a few weeks to complete and will result in an improvement to the quality of our grounds.









Senior Creative Writing

My Younger Sister

My sister is like a cat, with mood swings faster than you can blink. One moment she is content, the next she is slamming doors and hissing at everyone in her path. She lazes around as a cat would, sitting around on her phone but then will suddenly have all the energy in the world, dancing around and making jokes (though not very funny ones).

She's very extroverted, always hanging out with friends and family, and often going out. I can sometimes hear her talking on the phone with her current boyfriend; she's very secretive though.

She's an expensive little thing, always asking for materialistic things that we can't always afford. She currently owns an Iphone 11, though she has to do the dishes everyday to pay our mother back for it. Sometimes when we go shopping, she'll ask me to get something for her though most of the time it'll cost forty dollars or above. She hates it when people say "no" to her, always getting persistent, not taking it as an answer. She gets fed up with you once you start getting annoyed; she'll go back to her room and sulk over it for hours and hours on end.

We are very different in our appearance, the only thing we have in common being our height. She has long, fiery, red hair while I have shoulder length, straight, black, dyed hair. almond shaped, wide, brown eyes and I have She has round, tired looking, blue-grey eyes. She has eyebrows that are blond and hardly visible while I have thick, dark ones. She likes wearing all sorts of colours, though she has recently started wearing more black or white, I've only recently started picking up colours other than black. She does her makeup religiously while I'm only just trying to figure it out.

My sister and I are very different in many ways, her being more playful, me being more meek. We look nothing alike; our personalities are complete opposites. People have all different reactions when we tell them that we're siblings, but I don't blame them. I'm surprised as well.

- Anonymous

Genesis Deadlines

Advertising - Monday 9am, Articles - Monday 12 noon.





MineOn Minecraft Competition Winners

The Digital Technology Department at Tokomairiro High School organised a Minecraft competition for the Milton community in the second half of term two.

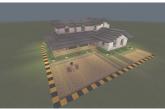
The focus was on the future of farming - SMART Farms. We provided some examples of modern farming on the contest's website participants, regardless of age, had the chance to build something unique.

Five judges (teachers and students) had a hard time deciding who won. The best build in the Junior category (9-12 years) was Jayden Bennet, the joint winners of the Senior (13-18 years) and Architect (18+) category were Seth Black and Reddington (teacher).

Thank you to all and I hope have more even participants in future events.

- David Yilma







Winners -Top: Jayden Bennet, Middle: Seth Black. Bottom: Daryll Reddington.

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RSA News From the Trenches

Last Thursday was a big night at the Milton Bruce RSA with the Joker Draw having 32 cards left and around 60 troops all eager for their chance at

winning the prize. It was a very social evening with much laughter and tactical discussions surrounding which card to chose while wetting your whistle. A couple of members were lucky enough to get three chances however eventually with only nine cards remaining Mr Tapp turned over the joker to walk away with the cash - congratulations.

It was great to see so many troops at headquarters and even though a certain female didn't keep track of who won the members only draw, we got the name on the board in the end - thanks to the members who assisted her with that. Remember rugby enthusiasts add your name to the NPC Rugby Pics list as the more people that enter, the better the competition - just to give you all heads up though this Sergeant is planning on getting the bragging rights this time. My wireless has reminded me that this Friday the Gore RSA troops are coming here to experience our unique brand of comraderie. Darts, pool and quoits will be played and we ask members to please bring a plate of something delicious to share. Visitors are expected to arrive at 5.30pm so come on members let's show them a good time and work on your best game strategy so we can prove our troops are the best.

Thank you to the troops that have volunteered to play sober driver on Thursdays, much appreciated and a few more putting their hands up will ensure the load is well spread. It's good to know we can all play a part in getting members to headquarters and home again safely.

It's getting closer to August so not long now till the next Clay Bird shoot which I've heard a few troops are hanging out for - I'm quite keen to show how much of a crack shot I am so I'll see you there.

Becoming a member of the RSA is easy, just wander in, fill out the form, get two existing members that have known you for a year or two to nominate you, pay the annual fee and enjoy the banter and excellent discussions regarding tactical manoeuvres.

Stay healthy, have a good week everyone and keep making sensible decisions. - Sergeant Smith.

Bridge



Toko Champs 15th July 2021

Vic Stanley/Lester Clark	68.75%
Jo Turnbull/Heather Gardner	57.50%
Darrell Macaulay/Tony Morland	55.00%
Clare Harrex/Melvin Cain	45.00%
Kay Roughan/Ann Phillips	41.25%
Peter Mallon/Avis Broome	32.50%

Genesis Articles

We are very grateful for articles received about any news that is happening in the community. If you would like help to write up an article, please ring 417 4483 on Mondays or Tuesdays, or email genesis@tokohigh.school.nz



Toko Golf



Medal Rounds 13th July 2021

0-26.4	
D Lawlor	96-22-74
W Agnew	91-16-75
L Rogan	104-27-77
26.5-40.4	
J McLeod	110-34-76
R Reid	108-28-80
L Lister	118-35-83

Milton Senior Citizens Club

On the 16th July, our Senior Citizens enjoyed a comedy DVD called *Mrs Caldicots Cabbage War* - there was lots of laughter during the DVD and chatter afterwards.

This was followed by a cuppa and delicious scones made by Olive, our President.

Our next meeting will be on 30th July at 12:30pm with a midwinter meal to be served with all the trimmings.

Euchre



7th July 2021

Winner: Maureen (Owaka) Loser: Di (Balclutha) Raffle: Carol (Owaka)

14th July 2021

Winner: Russell Harry Loser: Rebecca (Balclutha)

Raffle: E Morton





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COVID-19 Vaccine Drop-In Clinics

Tokomairiro Waiora Inc. is supporting the Southern District Health Board to roll out the:

COVID-19 Vaccinations (South Otago)

We will be hosting the Southern DHB and the local community on:

Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st July 2021 (Clinic 1)

> Tuesday 17th & 18th August 2021 (Follow-up Clinic 2)

Venue: 93 Union St Milton (the Coronation Hall)

Time: 12 pm - 7pm

The vaccination clinic is for all members of the local community. Refreshments Provided.

Nau Mai Haere Mai

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Milton Garden Club

Annual General Meeting

1:30pm, Monday 9th August 2021 Senior Citizen's Rooms, Union Street, Milton

> **Election of Officers** Speaker: Sara Gillies

All Welcome

Annette Gillies, President ph 417 4173



Church Services

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Tokomairiro Co-Operating Parish

Sunday 25th July

10:45am - Milton.

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Tokomairiro High School is looking for someone who can prepare and sell food for morning tea for our students. You will also be required to order supplies and manage costings as part of the role. It is important that you enjoy working with teenagers.

2.5 hours per day (9:15-11:45am), Monday to Friday, term time only.

If you are interested please contact applying, Gelnis Sim or Vicki Wish at school (03 417 8620). thsprincipal

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