

Tokomairiro High School Newsletter & Community Noticeboard

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Students Discuss Lockdown and Returning to School

Now that we have reached Covid 19 Alert Level One, the students are reflecting on how lockdown affected them and how they have found returning to school.



Tarryn Roxburgh Year 13

Independent learning was something I really enjoyed about lockdown. I could work away on the same subject for a long time if I wanted to. It was really good because you didn't have to stop when you got 'in the zone'.

It is really nice to be back at school though. I can ask teachers for more help and it is much easier to get that in a conversation than over a video call or email. It is also good seeing my friends again, school is a lot more social than being at home.

I wouldn't change anything about being back at school, I like it - but sticking to a timetable is hard!



Alex Cox-Herring Year 11

Being able to wake up late, play video games and spend time with family was really good during lockdown.

However, online learning was not something that I enjoyed!

I need interaction with the teachers, so I have to admit that I really enjoyed coming back to school (apart from having to wear regulation uniform). It's good to have routine, even thought I don't like it.

If I could change one thing about being back at school, it would be that I would be able to wear my nonregulation hat.

Sophie Clarke Year 7

I enjoyed spending more time with my family. I enjoyed learning online.My grandmother taught us to knit, and we went for lots of walks.

It is great seeing my friends and teachers. Learning is easier when we can ask questions of our teachers too. I am looking forward to sport starting up again.



Deacon Gillan Year 8

It was good spending more time with family members. We watched lots of movies and played board games.

Learning with teachers is easier than online learning. I like being able to do my Wood Tech project at school.

I wouldn't change anything about school.



Nic Healey Year 8

I really liked not having to get up and go to school, and being able to sleep in during lockdown.

I like being back at school so I can see my friends. It is much easier learning with the teacher at school, than online.

I don't think that there is anything I want to change about school.



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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter...

SCHOOL MISSION: Working together to inspire excellence in education, in character and in life.

Tēna koutou katoa

New Zealanders appear to have combated Covid-19 and it is exciting to finally be at Level 1 with more normality in our

NCEA

Last week we received some information from NZQA that will relieve the pressure on completing their qualification this year for some of our senior students. Due to the interruption to the school year, the Minister of Education has announced changes to the requirements to gain NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3. Students can be awarded up to ten extra credits at Level 1, and eight at Levels 2 and 3 – this means that the students will be required to gain at least 72 credits this year to gain Level 1 The requirements for merit and excellence endorsement have also been changed - this will take a little of the pressure off those students aiming for endorsement. With NCEA external examinations being put back ten days, this should allow all students to reach their goals this year.

Feed Our Kids

This programme, where we are supplied with a number of free lunches for those students who do not have food, begin again on Monday 15 June. We are extremely grateful to the chefs at the prison for preparing this food for the students, and to the Project Bruce team who have organised the delivery of the lunches to our local schools. Our Pa Kākano group at

Tokomairiro High School, led by Mereana Phillips and Sariah Domb, are managing the distribution of the lunches from the

> whare each lunchtime. Students do need to have parents sign the permission form, available at the whare, for them to be able to receive lunches. If you would like a lunch to be kept for your child, feel free to ring the school office and let them know.



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Support Staff Week

June 8 - 12 is School Support Staff week. I would just like to acknowledge all our support staff and thank them for the wonderful jobs they do in our school. We could not do without them.

Building Capabilities -Resilience and Wellbeing

Now that winter is here it is imperative that we all look after our wellbeing. This is especially important for our young people - looking after both their physical wellbeing and their mental wellbeing. I encourage all our young people to find someone at school to support them someone they feel comfortable talking to, someone they feel is Principal

there to help them if they need support. It might be one of their class teachers, or their form teacher. This is not just for our young people – as adults, we all need to find that person who is there to support us.

Lead by Example

Lead by Example is a video series for young women https://bit.ly/ResilienceLeadByExample_is the link to a video focused on developing our resilience. I encourage our young women to take the time to listen to the messages.

Fnd of Semester

This is guickly coming upon us. Friday 19 June is the end of Semester One, with Semester Two beginning on Monday, 22 June. All students will have changes of courses at this time. Senior students have received a list of the modules available for Semester Two, along with the choices they made late last year or earlier this year. We know some students will have changed their minds about the direction they are heading and will need to change their choice of modules.

Year 9 & 10 students also change courses - these will be confirmed with the students over the next couple of weeks. Year 7 & 8 students will move on to their third rotation for the year.

School Sport

Sport is beginning again this week with hockey matches in Dunedin on Monday, Tuesday and Friday nights, and rugby practice in Balclutha on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. It will be great to see our students back into practicing and playing sport - we know how good it is for their own wellbeing and health. Thank you to those parents who are supporting our young people by either coaching, managing or transporting them to their practices and matches; we couldn't do this without you.

Winter Uniform

We do have a good supply of the woollen jerseys, from the previous uniform, available for sale at \$50 (original price \$140) - these can be worn with the new uniform. We also have a supply of black or navy tights for sale (\$10). For those students still in the old uniform, you must now be in full winter uniform.

Guitar Lessons

There are spaces available for guitar lessons for students and members of the community. If you would like to know more, please email justine@tokohigh.school.nz or phone the office to leave your contact details.

Matariki Competition Entries

Nga Whanau O Tokomairiro are running a competition for Matariki this year, inviting whanau to get creative through waiata, haka, matariki tiktok,/ snapchat, mahi toi, whaikorero, kanikani and maara kai. Age groups are: Early Learning, Primary, High School and Whanau Groups - remember to celebrate in your bubble! Entries close 20th June 2020 and

can be sent to ngawhanau.tokomairiro@gmail.com, or uploaded to the Nga Whanau O Tokomairiro Facebook page. Remember to head to the Facebook

page to like your favourite post.

Nga mihi nui Glenis Sim



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At 5pm, Monday 8th June, 2020

Dates to Remember...

15 June - Feed our Kids lunches begin

19 June - End of Semester One

22 June - Start of Semester Two

News From the Trenches

Blimmin' Paddy! You give a pigeon one job and he messes it up! So much for proof reading the report before delivering it last week. Genesis contacted Paddy about a section, but he was snoring and didn't notice it till after the deadline.... but I digress!!!!

This week commences a truly unique sporting extravaganza with a Sporting Tipping competition that includes Super Rugby, South © Otago Club Rugby, NRL League and ANZ

Netball. This intense competition only runs for 10 weeks, and will provide a different challenge for punters to partake. If you were currently entered in Super Rugby competition, you can transfer those funds and for a small entry of \$15, you can delve into the best competition ever launched. So get your name down quick before the first game on Saturday. We still have a number of outstanding subs waiting to be

We still have a number of outstanding subs waiting to be paid. I know a few members usually pay on ANZAC day, but with this being cancelled this year due to lockdown, here is a not so subtle reminder to pay up. Also let the RSA know if you have a change of address.

Paddy informed me he had a fantastic night on Friday at the Handle Club as there was an excellent sized crowd having fun with intense battles on both the dart board and pool table. Paddy was just sipping water apparently.

The Thursday night Joker draw is also getting up in value, with well over \$500 waiting to be won.

The longer report shows how much is happening at the RSA so you will have to come down and see what all the fuss is about.

Private Pike

Yoga Classes in Milton



Yoga classes are offered at The Hub on Monday nights from 6-7pm. Classes are taught by a Yoga Alliance certified instructor as a package of four. Yoga is a holistic practice; by offering class packages students can access a variety of techniques. A new package of classes begins June 29th for \$50. Although classes are suitable for students at many levels, each class is rooted in the vinyasa style and is designed to be challenging. Classes include breath work (pranayama), movement (asana), and meditation. The benefits of yoga include and

are not limited to; an improvement of circulation both of blood flow and lymphatic movement, digestion, body awareness, bone and joint health, builds strength, stamina, and flexibility;

promotes balance physically and mentally; facilitates overall feelings of calm, relaxation, and regeneration.

For a commitment of only one hour a week, you could participate in an experience that brings you closer to yourself and others in the community looking for a better quality of life. Price is adjusted so classes are accessible to a broader community which you will not find in town. For more information or to reserve your space, contact Frequency Yoga International on Facebook or 021 101 3149. *Namaste*

Bible Reading for Today

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

Project Bruce and the Hub



In collaboration with the wonderful teams at KiwiHarvest and Cargill Enterprises in Dunedin, Project Bruce has been able to access extra supplies for our community.

Due to the Covid lockdown and continued restrictions, there have been disruptions to the usual supply chains and food distribution around the country. We have been very lucky to receive bulk amounts of different products (including pork, Weetbix and chocolate) over the last few weeks and will continue to do so for the next few. We are never entirely sure what we will get so it's always a lovely surprise!

The Hub also has its Free Market Day – usually on a Tuesday – with extra bread, Project Bruce's potatoes and sometimes veges available.

So, if you are feeling the pinch during this challenging time PLEASE pop in to see us at the Hub and keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates. You can also ring us or text on 027 513 1775.

Don't forget if you would like any confidential assistance with internet-based banking and bills, or any other tricky tech issues, we are here to help on Mondays between 11am – 12pm. Happy winter!





Good Luck!

Good luck to Millar McElrea and Ryan Clark as they compete in the Junior Young Farmers Grand Final at the end of this week!! We are looking forward to hearing how you get on! The FMG Young Farmer Of The Year competition series extends and challenges the competitors well outside of their comfort zone, builds character, develops leadership skills and pursues excellence. The goal is to show the stimulating and fun side of agriculture to students from all walks of life, you don't need to be off a farm, you just need to have a love of the land and



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be keen to get your hands dirty.

Quote of the week:

'The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook'
William James (1842 - 1920)

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Celebrating Support Staff

This week is Support Staff Week, acknowledging those who work alongside our children, behind the scenes or under the radar and are vital in keeping our schools running. This year, the theme for Support Staff week is 'Celebrating the Wins', one of which was the move to pay all Support Staff the Living Wage,



and in the last few weeks, the process of establishing a pay equity settlement for teacher aides.

Tokomairiro High School Principal, Glenis Sim, commented, "As we celebrate Support Staff Week, I would like to say a great big thank you to the support staff in our school – we really appreciate the contribution you make. I would also like to congratulate the support staff for the wins they have gained through the pay equity claims – very well deserved".

The Rebus Club of Milton

With the country now in Level 1 of Lockdown, meetings for the Rebus Club are set to start again. New members are always welcome.

At the March meeting, Laura Gourley introduced herself as the Waste Minimalisation Management Officer for the Clutha District Council. One aspect of her work involves working with schools to focus on sustainability around the schools but also to look around the community to consider how people deal with waste, water, the living landscape, vegetables, plants and the use of energy.

The consent for the Clutha landfill expires in 3 years and decisions must be made now for disposal of waste in the future. The transfer stations reduce the load on the landfill but there is a real need to carefully look at goods no longer needed - to redesign, reuse and repair or recycle before just throwing away.

The amount of waste has increased and the cost of transport in the large Clutha district inhibits collection. Product recycling facilities are few across the country, limiting options for the local council. With China no longer taking our waste, other options have to be found. Advice for care in reducing waste included washing not squashing recyclables and not using plastic bags to put it in. Put a NO JUNK MAIL on your mailbox to reduce the amount thrown out. Use newsprint in your compost. Make a conscious decision to buy only one or two plastics which are the best to recycle and throw away the lids of the containers as they are a different quality. If possible, take tape off cardboard first. With polystyrene packing, ask the retailer to take it back.

Electronic waste can be taken to Mt Cooee at a cost. Laura was thanked and presented with a gift of fruit. The next meeting is on Tuesday, June 16 at 10 am. The speaker is Tania Lowery from Balclutha, who is currently the Rotary District Governor.

Committee please meet at 9.30 am.

Public Notices ...

Milton Bowling Club Inc AGM & Prizegiving

Sunday 21st June 2020 3pm at the Club Everyone Welcome

Enquiries to 417 4593



Public Notices ...

Tokomairiro High School PTA

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 27th June 7pm in the Staffroom

All parents and staff are welcome.

Toko Rugby Report

Finally we have some club rugby to watch!

Toko's season kicks off on Saturday with a pre-season match vs newcomer West Taieri at Outram at 3pm.

West Taieri have joined the local competition from Dunedin and they will be a formidable opponent as they have come close to obtaining Premier status in Dunedin Club Rugby. From what I hear, Toko will be up for the challenge, and the players are just itching to get the boots on and rip into it. Unfortunately due to a variety of reasons, Toko player resources are stretched a bit thin, so if any player is

contemplating have a blast, bring your boots, good attitude and a willingness to get stuck in and come along and join, (especially if you play in the backs, or else we might have to wheel out a couple of veterans!!).

The competition proper kicks off on Saturday 20 June with one round of games with eight teams involved. Toko has drawn Clutha first up at Balclutha, but playing them first could be the best time to play them as all teams will be rusty. Toko has gained a favourable draw with four home games vs, Valley, Owaka, West Taieri and the big one, Crescent. So join up and pay a supporters sub and come along for a short but highly entertaining season.

Also starting on June 20 are the junior stars of Toko

Rugby. Toko has seven junior teams this year and there is nothing better than watching these wee kids running around in sometimes frosty mornings having a blast. Unfortunately the season isn't very long this year, but at least they are having a run. Due to the short season, Grandad will have to

get creative with his reports to ensure he covers all teams so everyone gets a mention. One report may have to include two Under 7s Toko teams...

Lets play some footy!!

The Judge



Milton Senior Citizens Club

On Friday the 5th of June with the sun shining brightly outside, the Milton Senior Citizens Club opened its doors for the first time in just over 2 months. We had 15 members attending our opening day and what an afternoon it was.

There were happy faces and smiles all around, as everyone greeted and chattered to each other. The talk for the afternoon was all about what the members had been doing during the Covid 19 lock down.

Some members had knitted baby garments and toys, one crocheting two blankets, while one member knitted herself a new jersey but got so bored that she unpicked a jersey that she had already knitted and re knitted it, others spent time reading, and drawing, while others made relishes and jams. Another member had uploaded a photo of the Red Rooster on to Facebook and got over 200 hits, one as far away as Australia, which started everyone talking about the Red Rooster, with one member having worked there. There were some interesting stories being told about the people there and some events that took place.

After all the talking and catching up, afternoon tea was a very welcome sight, and we all sat down to a lovely cup of tea/coffee plus sandwiches and scones that were provided by our new Club President Olive Williamson.

On Friday the 26th June at 12:30pm, the Milton Senior Citizens will be gathering for a soup and bun lunch, and as something different the Committee asks that the members bring along a guest.

Genesis Articles

We are very grateful for articles received about news that is happening in the community. If you would like help to write up an article, please ring 417 4483 and leave a message.

Church Services ...

<u>Tokomairiro Co-operating</u> Parish

Sunday 14th June Combined Service 10.45am Milton Church Hall



Contact: Rev Malu & Rev Luisa Fruean Ph: 417 4228

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Tokomairiro A&P Society Annual General Meeting

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You are invited, under Sections 83, 83B and 102(4) of the Local Government Act 2002 to send to the undersigned by **4pm on**Sunday 14 June 2020, written comments on three proposed Rates Distress Policies, as follows:

- Additions to Council's existing Policy on Rates Remission 2018 under the section Remission of Penalties
- Policy on Short Term Rates Deferral 2020
- Policy on Rates Postponement 2020.

Information on the policies can be found on Council's website. Submissions can be made through the Council website or delivered in person to Council's main office or service centres (Balclutha, Milton, Lawrence, Tapanui, Owaka). Alternatively, submissions can be posted to Council's main office.

Email: help.desk@cluthadc.govt.nz Subject: Rates Distress Policies Address for mail: Strategic Planning Manager, Clutha District Council, P O Box 25, 1 Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha 9230.

Submissions will need to be received by the Council by **4pm on Sunday 14 June 2020**.

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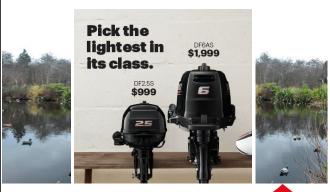
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