



Tokomairiro High
School Newsletter &
Community Noticeboard

Wednesday
14th October 2020

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Water - A Vital and Precious Resource!

Waihola District School children have been learning about water, investigating where our water comes from, how much of the world's water is available and the wide range of activities and life forms that rely on us having access to clean, fresh water. Children of all ages undertook a water audit - investigating how water gets to us at school and home, and what happens to the waste water we create. They monitored their own use of water over time and made efforts to reduce their use and waste of this resource.

Children have made various models to explain the water cycle and explore how water moves within our catchment. The children have generated questions and started to research who and how water is managed in our local area. Laura Gourley, Environmental Education adviser from the CDC, visited us with a new EnviroScape model to show how our water can easily become contaminated when land is cleared for building, agriculture or industry. The children were able to see how rainfall and run-off could carry contaminants into streams, rivers, lakes or the ocean. They could see that taking action, such as riparian planting, could reduce the negative impact of run off on the water quality in our streams and rivers.

Children investigated the states and properties of water, evaporation, surface tension, how some things dissolve in water, and other key concepts. Students predicted how many drops of water would sit on a coin and discussed how water molecules stick together, observing how they formed a dome on the coin.



Left:
Room 2 made posters to show how riparian planting can protect waterways.

Playing Shops at Milton Kindergarten



Following on from our tamariki interests, Milton kindergarten have been holding regular shops on a Friday for the last couple of weeks. It all started when we introduced some milkshake cups into our family play area and there was a lot of imaginative play happening. Katrina came up with a plan of holding our very own Milton Milkshake Shop. Each tamariki had their money that they had to hand over, and then had a choice of chocolate, strawberry or vanilla milkshakes to enjoy. It was such a hit that we have made it a more regular thing.

For daffodil day we had a yellow shop which consisted of banana smoothies and banana muffins, and then last week we had our very own ice cream shop. The tamariki worked with Sacha to make our caramel ice cream the day before to enjoy on the Friday.

It is great to be able to provide these experiences for our kindergarten tamariki and following on from their interest. It is always exciting to see what shop will pop up next.



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Tena koutou katoa,

A special welcome back to all of our students and staff for the beginning of Term Four. I hope you all had a well-deserved rest over the break and are ready to settle in for a busy final term. This is a term where it is important we focus on our learning.

Co-ed Sports Tournament

Tokomairiro High School was awarded the fair play award for co-ed Basketball, voted for by the referees – well done to all those who took part. The team have won a basketball for the school.

South Island Secondary Schools Hockey

Congratulations to Jacob Murray for being named the Most Valuable Player for the Tokomairiro High School Boys Hockey Team. A great effort by a Year 9 student.

Class Act 2020

Two of our outstanding Year 13 students this year have been named the Class Act recipients for 2020. We have a number of deserving students who could have been nominated for the awards this year. The two we chose certainly deserve the recognition. Congratulations to Callum Davie and Tarryn Roxburgh. Check out their resumés in next weeks Genesis.

Term 4 – Change of Afternoon Times

As from the first day of term 4, **classes will finish at 3.00pm** at the end of the day. This will allow more time for students to finish

off with teachers before heading to their buses – note that buses will still leave at the same time – 3.15pm. It will also allow extra time for tutorials for senior students as they head towards the external examination period.

Pink Shirt Day

Friday 16 October is Pink Shirt Day. This is a day when we wear pink to show our stance against bullying. Students can wear pink or wear their school uniform. “Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!”

Junior Options

Early this term, Year 8 and 9 students will have an opportunity to select their option subjects for next year. Information will be sent home for students to discuss choices with parents / caregivers / whanau members. We will also provide an opportunity for parents to come into school to discuss option choices with teachers.

Hort Shop is OPEN - Great Plants! Wednesday 12-4pm.

Year 13 Scholarships

We have a number of scholarships available to school leavers and applications are now open. Applications must be in by Wednesday 28 October. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the prizegiving on Thursday 10 December.

Wanted by Tokomairiro High School Library

A small fridge or fridge shaped cabinet to be repurposed as a “Lilliput Library” by students. If you can provide one, please call our librarian Greig Daniels on 03 417 8620.

Trail Bike Ride

Plans are underway for this year’s trail bike ride. The PTA are on track with their planning and Griff and his team are organizing the route. Online registration is now available – there is a link on the Tokomairiro High School website. Be sure to mark the date in your diary, **Saturday 31 October**. We will be looking for members of the public who may be available to help out on the day – marshalling, helping at food stations, etc. If you are able to help out please contact the school office (03 417 8620).

Healthy School Lunches

We are very excited that all the schools in Milton are to become part of the Healthy School Lunches programme. This means that all of the young people of school age in Milton will be provided with a free healthy lunch through their school. This is an opportunity for local business. Please email me at thsprincipal@tokohigh.school.nz if you would like more information about this opportunity.

Hockey Turf Fence Repair

We are looking for someone with some fencing skills to volunteer some time to repair some of the fencing around the hockey turf here at school. If you can help out please contact our Property Manager, Alan Robinson (0274178744). Your help will be very much appreciated.

Student Profiles

You will find a student profile, for our senior students, in each edition of the Genesis over the next few weeks. We want to share the success and passions of our young people and what has been special for them at Tokomairiro High School. This week is perfect Heather West who is planning to go on to the University of Otago next year.

Year 6 Students and Parents

All Year 6 students should have received information packs and enrolment forms for 2021. **We ask that enrolment forms be completed and handed in to Tokomairiro High School office by Friday 16 October.** If you have any questions, or would like to have a look around the school at any time, we are happy to organise this – please contact the school office. A transition programme is currently being put together and Year 6 students will have an induction programme this term. We also organise an interview time for each Year 6 child and their parents, early in the term.

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

Regards
Glenis Sim,
Principal

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Dates to Remember...

Friday 16th October - Pink Shirt Day
Wed 21st-Fri 23rd October - Year 9 Camp
Wednesday 4th November - Sports Awards Evening
Monday 9th November - HPV Vaccines
Friday 13th November - Seniors finish classes
Mon 7th - Wed 9th December - Year 8 Camp

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Student Profile - Heather West (Year 13)



What is your favourite subject and why? Chemistry- because I am interested in producing different reactions and understanding how different chemicals work, and their effects.

What opportunities have you had at our school? Opportunities such as school camps, school balls and the opportunity to prepare for education outside of high school.

How do you think Tokomairiro High School has set you up for life after school? By giving me the knowledge

that will allow me to succeed in my tertiary learning.

What is your favourite thing about Tokomairiro High School? The small school environment where everyone knows everyone, because it allows a special support system to occur.

What will you always remember about school? The memories I have had with my friends and the different classes and teachers that I had throughout my time here.

Year 9 /10 Netball Tournament

Our Toko Gold team participated in the Otago Secondary Schools Netball Tournament, on the 13th/ 14th of September, at The Edgar Centre, Dunedin.

The team demonstrated the Tokomairiro High School values of excellence, responsibility and excellence both on and off the netball court to the highest standard. Despite defeats, our girls continued to produce a team effort out on the court and I could not be more proud of the efforts they demonstrated! Well done on what has been a challenging season girls. I look forward to seeing what progress can be made next season when we have more time and consistency.

A special thank you to Megan O'Donnell who has been a fantastic team manager this season.



Ex-Milton Paralympian Recognised

Paralympics New Zealand has recently recognised 209 athletes that have competed at a Paralympic Games under the New Zealand flag. One of these athletes is ex-Milton man, Devin Shanks.



As a skier, he represented New Zealand at the Albertville 1992 Paralympic Winter Games in the Giant Slalom, Slalom and Downhill skiing. He officially received his Paralympic pin (#72) and a certificate in September.

Devin now lives in Wanaka, running his own business and he still gets up the hill for a ski occasionally.

Bible Reading for Today

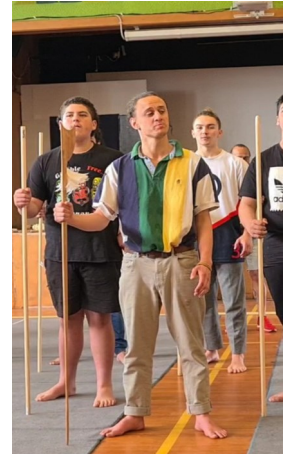
You Lord, are my lamp; the Lord turns my darkness into light. 2 Samuel 22:29

Students Excel at Mau Rakau Workshop

A Mau Rakau workshop was held in Mosgiel over the last week-end of the holidays.

Mau Rakau is a martial art based on tradition Maori weapons. The course catered to multiple kura within Otakau. Soul George and Jahqiel De Seymour attended and continued to hone their craft. One of the senior students present was former Tokomairiro High School student, Hoani Wipaki.

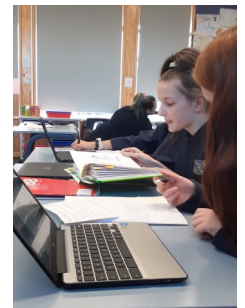
The tutors commented on the progress of both of the Tokomairiro High School students, but stated of all the students present, Soul was exemplary and he was awarded the Wairua Award for Discipline in Mau Rakau.



Soul George (left), and Jahqiel De Seymour participating in the Mau Rakau workshop last weekend.

Year 7 and 8 Literacy

Literacy is found everywhere, as Ms Pierre's class has learnt recently. Classes include games, reading and online work to promote literacy and to see it in action!



Sumpter Moore –Barristers & Solicitors

Quote of the week:

"There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full"
Henry Kissinger (1923 -)

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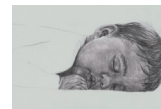
Bridge

Toko Champs 07.10.20

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| M Cain & A Phillips | 63.89% |
| J Scott & L Clark | 55.56% |
| K Powell & A Broome | 54.17% |
| M Kean & J Taylor | 50.00% |
| J Turnbull & K Roughan | 45.83% |
| T Motland & V Stanley | 45.83% |
| C Harrex & S Agnew | 34.72% |



Toddlers & Sleep (part 3)



"Dad! Is it time to get up now!?"

You reluctantly look at your phone and see it's 5am. Again. Hearing your toddler demanding food and tv, you drag yourself to the kitchen to fix them breakfast. How can they have so much energy at this time of day!?

Helping your toddler learn to sleep closer to 7am will be covered in detail at the Toddlers & Sleep evening in Milton on Friday 30th September. Tickets can be purchased from The Hub, 61 Union Street or from www.littlesleepcoach.co.nz/events

Toko Golf



Mens Golf

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|---------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 1st S Taylor | 40 | 7th C Macauley | 34 C/B |
| 2nd M Mead | 38 | 8th B McKechnie | 34 C/B |
| 3rd G Wyndham | 36 | 9th D Gutsell | 33 C/B |
| 4th B Lee | 35 | J Calder | 33 C/B |
| 5th T Condon | 34 C/B | M Cain | 33 C/B |
| 6th G Hastie | 34 C/B | | |

Oliver Trophy: Kai 3½ Toko 3½

Ladies Golf

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| LGU 0-26.4 | L Rutherford | 97-23-74 |
| 26.5 - 40.4 | D Kennedy | 113-3875 |
| | L Graham | 111-35-76 C/B |
| | H Vollweiler | 105-29-76 |

E Kennard Trophy - Best Putting, LGU Day - L Rutherford 29
 Anna Burnett Brooch - Best net, LGU Day - L Rutherford 74 nett
 Jo Hitchon Trophy - R Devlin 74 nett
 May Murdoch Tees - R Devlin 34 st

Milton Senior Citizens Club

Senior Citizens meeting was held on 9th October with thirteen present and many apologies received.

The speaker was Trina Newdick who spoke on scams on the internet we should be aware of. The current scam is a fake call from Spark saying we will have everything disconnected for not answering their calls, any inquiries, press 1. If you do they can find out your details. Another scam was Inland Revenue. She also talked about not opening an email you are not sure about or someone asking you to be their friend when they already are?? She spoke for about an hour and was very good. Olive thanked her with a gift.

Audrey Adams is recovering from an operation she had last Tuesday. She was wished well for a good recovery.

Eunice Benington won the raffle. (Fruit bowl).

The Christmas dinner is on the 27th November at the Country Club with Kellys Catering. Names due please of those intending to come along.

The Masters games are all set with transport organized.

The next meeting is 23rd October which is to be decided. Oh, and cheques will soon be a payment option which will be a thing of the past! Internet-based payments will be the modern way to pay our bills etc. All the best!

The Rebus Club of Milton

President Alan Strain welcomed members to the meeting on September 15. Our speaker was Steve Newall, who has a nursery at Finegand. He described his job of 25 years as seed collecting, with a bit of water sampling now as well. Although his Dad is a keen gardener, his interest began when he was working in the Eglinton Valley. The variety of plants to be found around the roadsides fascinated him and he started collecting their seeds. This became three months a year gathering seed and the other nine as house husband. A German company saw the potential for NZ's unique seeds to be harvested here and sent overseas to be sold to keen collectors worldwide. He has been five times to Europe (all expenses paid) to talk about NZ flora. He also spent a lot of time in the USA collecting seed.

Now he makes money from weeds. Marram grass seed sells for \$500/kg and in one shipment, bales totalling 100kg were sent. This is grown overseas and used for grass roofs on houses. Likewise, pampas grass is popular although it is regarded more as a weed here.

Steve was thanked by Noel Aitken and given a thank you gift of fruit and a petrol voucher.

The next meeting is on Tuesday October 20 at 10.00 am at the RSA hall. Committee please meet at 9.30 am. The morning tea will be followed by a brief meeting and cars will be organised to take members to visit Sarah Gillies at her home to look at her metal sculptures and plants.



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All members are requested to attend please.
Apologies to the Secretary

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Whanau Ora Navigator – Youth Justice (part-time, fixed term position)

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A copy of the Whanau Ora Navigator – Youth Justice Job Description can be requested via office@tokomairiro.co.nz. Please include a CV in chronological order, and a cover letter with your application and email to office@tokowaiora.co.nz. Applications close Friday 23rd October 2020.

For more info about the Tokomairiro Waiora Inc. visit <https://www.tokowaiora.co.nz/>

Public Notices ...

Do you have an art project in mind?

Clutha District Council is to hold an additional Creative Communities funding round this year. The next round closes on 20 November 2020.

The application guide can be found on the Funding Schemes page of our website: www.cluthadcc.govt.nz

To qualify, projects must:

- Take place within the Clutha District
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