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School Newsletter &  
Community Noticeboard

Wednesday  
29th November 2023

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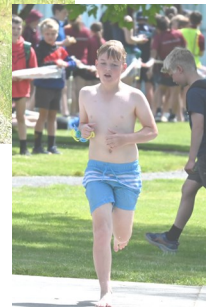
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## Quadrathon a Great Challenge

On Tuesday 21st a group of year 7 and 8 students went to the Quadrathon at Waiwera South school. The children competed as individuals or as a team. Children had to complete a swim, bike, cross country run and road run. It was a great day and the children all did extremely well. The girls team finished first in their section and Leon finished 3rd in his section. Well done to everyone who participated.



### URGENTLY REQUIRED



...by long time local couple. Semi retired, non smokers, require house or cottage to rent ANYWHERE! References. Please phone Penny on 022 164 5641

## Prize Giving 2023

Parents, caregivers and members of the community are warmly invited to attend our annual prize giving and celebration of student achievement, to be held in the Assembly Hall on Thursday 7th December. Please be seated by 6.45pm. Following the prize giving you are invited to stay for supper. Please note there are some seats reserved in the hall for PTA, invited guests and students.

### Students Assemble

Students are to assemble at 6.30pm in the gymnasium where their dress and appearance will be checked. Students who are not dressed to the required standard will not be able to go on stage to be presented formally with their prize.

### No School on Thursday Afternoon

To take the place of attendance at prize giving, there will be no school on the afternoon of Thursday 7th December. Students may go home after period 4 when they will receive their reports and school magazines. We will supervise students at school if they are unable to go home.

### Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this year is Ailsa Cain who graduated from our school in 1997. After leaving Tokomairiro High School she attended Otago University before forging a very successful career in local and central government. Ailsa is now a director of Kauati Ltd in Queenstown.

### Dates to Remember...

**Monday 4th December—Wednesday 6th December**  
Activity Days

**Thursday 7th December**  
9:40am Final Junior Assembly / School finishes 1:20pm / 7pm Prizegiving

### 2024 Dates

**25th & 26th January—Teacher Only Days**

**Monday 29th January—Year 7's and Year 13's attend**

**Tuesday 30th January—School Starts**

### Inside this Week

Acting Principal's Report

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## Tena koutou katoa

As we enter the final week of classes for 2023 and plan for our end of year celebrations I think of the whakatauki 'Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua. I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past'. I really hope that all our students can reflect over the past year and can feel proud of their accomplishments and learn from things that may not have gone as well as they wanted. I would also like to acknowledge all of the hard work that our teaching staff put into planning, preparing and assessing units of work throughout the year. I would also like to thank our team of Teacher Aides who play a vital role in supporting our ākonga in lessons.

### End of Term Activities

This year we will be having three days of activities in the final week of school. The activities have been structured around the key aspects of wellbeing; being active, giving, taking notice, keeping learning and being connected. This year students will be competing in the Amazing Race around school on Monday. We are asking students to donate some of their time to take part in some community service on Tuesday and on Wednesday there will be a range of activities that students can choose from.

### NCEA Exams

We are now in the last week of the NCEA exams for 2023. The exams have gone smoothly and I am looking forward to

seeing the results of the hard mahi that our students have put into preparing for their exams in January when the results are released. I would also like to Thank Bill McClure, Trudi Cameron and all the other members of our community who have administered and invigilated the exams this year.

### Staffing Update

Sadly we need to farewell some staff at the end of the year. Regan Thomas will be leaving us to take up a position in Western Australia. Anthony Sewell will be leaving to take up a position at St Margaret's College, Otago University. John Nicholson and Justine Pierre will both be leaving to take up teaching positions in Dunedin. We are very grateful for their contribution to our kura and while we will miss them we do wish them all the best for their new ventures.

We do have some great new members of staff starting in 2024. Emily Curran will be starting as Head of Science. Natasha Freeman will be starting as a homeroom teacher and we welcome back Elijah Smiler, who was a student teacher here earlier in the year who will be taking up a teaching position. We are looking forward to welcoming these staff into our Tokomairiro whānau in 2024.

### Nga mihi

**Vicki Wish, Acting Principal**



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### RESULTS

#### TOUCH RUGBY Semi Finals

23/11 (1v4) Toko Kahurangi vs. Romahapa Rockets | LOSS  
23/11 Toko Koura vs. BPS Racers | 4-2 WIN

### FIXTURES

#### TOUCH RUGBY : Finals

30/11 (3v4) Toko Kahurangi vs. Catlins Touchdown | 5:00pm  
| Clutha 4

30/11 Toko Koura vs. Valley Vikings | 5:30pm | Clutha 1

#### FUTSAL

29/11 Toko vs. Balmac | 5:15pm | Edgar

## Toko Golf



### Closing Day Results

#### Matches:

Tiny 5/4 vs Fred  
Richard 2up vs Murray Scott  
Suzie 5/4 vs Murray Mead

Stableford: Rob McElrea 35  
Dylan Gold 34

#### Closing Day Canadian Foursomes:

69.4	Brendon Sheath	Deanna Matsopoulos
72c/b	Keith Haslemore	Kay Partridge
	Sid Taylor	Kaye Drinninan
74.4	Greg Findlay	Pam Keddell
75.4	Grant Sheath	Janice Pierce

## Cricket Report

Friday night in Kaitangata saw the Kaitangata Kings triumph over the Milton King Crabs by 13 runs in the final round of the Clutha Vets South Otago Cricket T20 Competition. Milton put up a good fight, with Dan Samson scoring 59, but ultimately fell short, reaching 140/8.

The Waiholo Swans faced their first loss of the season as the Owaka Bandits secured an eight-wicket victory at the Crab Grounds in Milton. Batting first, Waiholo posted a total of 106 all out, with openers Ryan Clark (36) and Toby Greene (15) making early contributions.

Owaka Bandits 107/2 beat Waiholo Swans 106.

Owaka claimed the Bungard Cleats and the Burt Pringle Trophy. Next weekend the T20 finals take place in Kaitangata. The Owaka Bandits face the Kaitangata Kings in a curtain-raiser to the main event where the Waiholo Swans take on the Clutha Comets in the final.

## Genesis

The Genesis is a free publication, delivered weekly to homes and businesses in Milton, and is available on the school website, Facebook or via email. The Genesis office is open Tuesday 8:30am - 3:30pm and Wednesday 8:30-12. 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.

**Genesis Deadlines:** Advertising and Articles - Monday 12 noon. These can be emailed to the Editor at genesis@tokohigh.school.nz.

Genesis is delivered FREE to your letterbox on Wednesday afternoons. Any payments or donations can be made to Tokomairiro High School, account number 03 1736 0009803 000. Please use GENESIS and your name as reference. - Carolyn Shanks, Genesis Editor



## News from the Trenches

I'm back baby, just suffered a slight flesh wound that laid me low for a couple of weeks. Rumour of me ending up in hospital were greatly exaggerated, didn't happen. Never mind there is so much going on at RSA.

This Saturday 2nd December at 10am we are having an Awards Presentation to 2 exceptional members. We are fortunate to have RNZRSA National President Wayne "Buck" Shelford attend to present a special award to Bert Pringle which is a NZ Gold Star which shows how much highly regarded Bert Pringle is held. So I invite all RSA members to attend by 9 45am as timelines are tight.

On Friday night our highly successful Handle Club is having a Xmas Party, so we call on members to attend dressed in Hawaiian Shirts to reflect Summer is here.

Another public service announcement, just be careful when you are pulling into your carport that you don't run into poles that suddenly jump out.

Just a reminder that our Membership Draw amount is heading to a large amount just waiting to be won for Xmas. Powick family need to get themselves sorted as they have missed out on \$\$\$ even if one amount was 10x larger. Our Xmas Ham raffles are also selling like hotcakes.

Finally a discussion was held on Sunday where it was raised we may need to have different sports for our World Class Tipping Comp, so it looks like Julie Henderson has created a new franchise and she has mentioned that Antoinette has joined up as well. Feel free to ask her about it. See you at RSA. **-Private Pike**

## Bible Reading for the Week

*"For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving."* - 1 Timothy 4:4

## Milton Garden Club



On Monday, 13th November, we visited amazing gardens in Gore—by mini bus. We left Milton at 9am, arriving in Gore at around 10:30am.

The first garden visited was at Dianne and Stewart Hamlin's home. Dianne is one keen gardener! Their home is surrounded with beautiful rhododendrons, lovely flowering shrubs and large trees. Ornaments are hiding in the shrubs. She is also the caretaker of three cemeteries and conducts burial services. We didn't visit any, but heard that they are kept really beautiful by this lovely lady.

We had lunch at the Public Gardens—New World across the road was handy for a takeaway lunch! We wandered through the gardens, they were planting new plants so not much colour yet. The aviaries are full of lovely birds and colourful peacocks calling out.

Then we went on to Bannerman Farm, more Rhodos! It began to rain, so we headed back to Milton. The bus was filled with chatter, talking about our trip.

Nearly Christmas.....!!

**Genesis Articles:** We are very grateful for articles received about any news that is happening in the community. We try to publish articles on the week provided, but due to space restraints we are not always able to. If your article is not printed in the week submitted, our goal is to publish it in the next issue.

## Genesis Classifieds ...

Church Notices

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### Tokomairiro Co-Operating Parish

Sunday 3rd December –Holy Communion

9:00am Service at Waihola 10:45am Service at Milton  
4pm-6pm—Whanau Funday at Milton Church Hall

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## "Charming"

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- Tuesday 5th December
- Tuesday 9th January 2024

Knox Podiatry has clinics in Mosgiel, Balclutha and Lawrence so if the above dates don't suit, please contact us for an appointment at one of our other clinics.



**Bruce Community Calendar**  
**DECEMBER 2023/ JANUARY 2024**

**28th Nov, 5th Dec, 12th Dec** Carol singing practice, Milton Heritage Church hall. *Queries: Raewyn 0274 816 146*

**9th December**, Tokomairiro A&P Show

**24th December, 7pm.** Lovell's Flat Church Service.  
*All welcome*

**27th January, 9am**—Blessed Box Cook

**29th January**, Taieri Mouth Amenities Society AGM, Leitch Memorial hall.

**Every Tuesday** - Keep Moving Classes at the Gym. 2:30pm.

**Every Wednesday**—Women's peer support group every Wednesday 2-4pm @ 61 Union St. Free sanitary products & pregnancy tests available. ALL are Welcome.


**Every Thursday** - Milton Community Shed  
- Bridge 7pm Coronation Hall  
- Tai Chi - Milton RSA 1pm, ph 027 279 1602  
- Brick Club - 3:30-4:30pm at the Library

**First Wednesday of the Month** - Lions Club - Business Meeting, 7:30pm - White Horse Inn

**Third Tuesday of the Month** - Rebus Club meeting, 10am, RSA Hall

**Third Wednesday of the Month** - Lions Club - Tea Meeting. 7:00pm, White Horse Inn.

**Third Sunday of the Month** - Milton Writer's Group, 10-12pm. Contact [miltonwritersnz@gmail.com](mailto:miltonwritersnz@gmail.com)  
*For a full list of the Bruce District's clubs and organisations visit [www.projectbruce.org](http://www.projectbruce.org) or pop into the Hub for a comprehensive pamphlet.*



**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Two \$1000 Hato Hone St John scholarships for prospective new healthcare workers in Milton.

Hato Hone St John is offering two \$1000 scholarships to Milton residents and students who are looking to take up a career in healthcare.

Funded by donations from the local community, the two scholarships offered by the Milton Area Committee are to help residents and students who wish to study a healthcare-related course or degree at a time when communities struggle with the cost of living, and the country suffers a growing shortage of doctors, and nurses across multiple disciplines.

Hato Hone St John Milton Area Committee Chairperson, Marie Smith says it is important that local fundraising is used to give back to our local residents and students.

"Otago University and Otago Polytech are a stone's throw from Milton. A large portion of our local high school students typically study some form of health-related study there.

"After tremendous local fundraising, we wanted to give back to the local Milton-Bruce District, and to support the healthcare industry nationwide."

Applications can be submitted from Monday 27th November until Thursday 14th December 2023. The minimum age for applicants is 16 years old.

Contact [oli.blackbourn@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:oli.blackbourn@stjohn.org.nz) for an application form, or any questions.

**Genesis Office Hours**

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