

Tokomairiro High School Newsletter & Community Noticeboard

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Term Three at Waihola District School



In class, Room 1 have been observing Extraordinary Earthworms. We observed earthworms as they stretched and shortened their strong muscles. Children drew diagrams of worms and recorded the information learnt through observing, questioning and reading books and websites. Room 2 is exploring a new Integrated Curriculum topic this term: Rights, Roles, and Responsibilities. Students are working collaboratively to research and build a shared understanding of what these terms mean. They are drafting a WDS Bill of Rights and will work through the consultation process with various groups to gather their input.

Technology Morning

A large group of parents attended our technology morning. The children were excellent teachers, demonstrating how we're using digital tools and to support learning. Various apps, including a digital newsboard and Google docs for writing, allow us to work collaboratively, at home and school, whenever it suits us. Writers enjoy a wider audience and use feedback from their peers and teachers. The online tools make children's learning more visible to parents and whanau.

Maori Studies at THS

Ngā mihi nui o te tau hou kia a tātou katoa!

Greetings at this time of the Māori new year to us all! Most people now know that Maori is an official language in New Zealand, along with English and Sign language. In class, students of Maori Studies learn with a focus on using and speaking Te Reo Maori. Throughout the year, students practice pronunciation – which is essential to knowing our geography and the history in our place names.. For many, this is the first encounter with Te Reo Maori, which is important for future learning.

Like students up and down Te Ika a Maui (North Island) and Te Wai Pounamu (South Island) at Toko they learn introductions and sentence starters in class, with opportunities to extend into performing arts. Over thirty students take part in the Kapa Haka group, and the option to learn and share experiences through Kapa Haka is a valuable one. Importantly, students who become confident share their skills and knowledge in performing waiata and haka with their house, in preparation for term three Cultural competitions.

At this time of year, more and more students can confidently find Matariki and Pūanga in the eastern sky before sunrise, and recognise the groups of stars signify the Māori New Year. Senior students explored concepts in the stars more thoroughly, reflecting on messages of wellbeing (hauora) and mahi-tahi (collective work).

For many students, travelling in New Zealand is a richer experience with a little learning of Te Reo Maori behind them. Understanding the values in Te Reo for instance, makes it easier to understand very important issues for this generation - like caring for land and water in this world.

No reira, Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui – be strong, persevere, and Korero Maori.





Sariah's Work Experience



One of our Year 13 students, Sariah Domb, has been gaining work experience at *The Breeze* radio station in Dunedin.

MediaWorks has been really helpful and Sariah has been

given her experience in all four of their departments. She has covered voice overs on advertisements and written some as well. Last week, Sariah was learning to merge music so it plays seamlessly on air. Radio announcing is Sariahs' dream job.

A big thanks must go to

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organisation for this.

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Hannah

Tokomairiro High School Newsletter...

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

Tena koutou katoa.

Week Three of Term Three

Students are working hard and settled in classes. There are some great things happening in our classes all around the school. We have had a group of Year 7 & 8 students finishing their Science Fair entries - and what a great job they are doing. Senior students are busy preparing for and completing internal assessments, with some excellent grades being gained. Other groups of juniors and seniors are busy in horticulture, potting vegetable seedlings for sale later in the year and for use by the community garden. Year 9 and 10 students are well into their second semester options and are settled well in their learning.

Cultural Competition

We are into the second week of practices for the annual Cultural Competition - it is great to see and hear the groups practising around the school. The competition is being held on the afternoon of Friday 14 August - parents and whanau are welcome to come along. This is a great chance for our young people to stand up and lead their houses as we celebrate our cultural heritage in New Zealand.

Kahui Ako

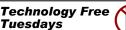
The Tokomairiro Kahui Ako is a collaboration between all the schools in Milton, Waitahuna School, the early learning centres in Milton, Milton Kindergarten and Goldfields Kindergarten in Lawrence. The purpose of the Tokomairiro Kahui Ako is for our learners to achieve their full potential throughout their entire educational pathway as they progress



meat packs, etc.

through our early learning centres and primary schools, and then transition at Year 7 into their secondary schooling years. It is through focusing on well-being and collaboration that we will be able to support our in achieving our

Last week Kara Whaley was appointed to the Across School teacher role, vacated when Katie Moodie moved to Balclutha School. Kara joins Victoria Stephen as the other Across School teacher in supporting the development of the children and staff within our community of



There are to be no chromebooks phones. or devices at morning interval or lunchtimes in the library.

Apology

My apologies to Milton Kindergarten for accidentally cutting off the last few words of their article about their fabulous Mud Kitchen in the printed copies of the Genesis last week. The last sentence have read..."The tamariki have been having so much fun and it is definitely the new hot spot of our outdoor environment!"

learning. We are excited about the strength Kara brings to the role, especially with her experience of teaching across the primary and secondary sector. Kara will continue to lead and teach in our Science Department here at Tokomairiro High school.

The whakatauki of our Kahui Ako is: 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 think this whakatauki suits our wider community in Milton. The strength of our community is the way in which we work together to support each other, especially when times get difficult.

NCEA

Our senior students are continuing to work towards reaching their goals and we are carefully monitoring their progress. Mrs Wish has analysed where each Year 11 to 13 student is at, in terms of reaching the required level to gain their qualification this year, and supporting students to make sure they have a plan for the rest of the year. We are thrilled with the number of our senior students who are striving for Merit and Excellent Endorsement awards this year and are there to support them on their journey. This is such an important term for our senior students and we encourage them to really focus on their goals over the rest of the term.

Gateway Courses

Many of our senior students are now out in their work placement one day a week. The programme provides structured workplace learning and the students can work towards qualifications in the six vocational pathways: Creative Industries. Primary Industries. Service Industries. Social and Community Services, Construction and Infrastructure, Manufacturing and Technology. We are very grateful to the businesses, both within our Milton community and the South Otago and Dunedin areas, who provide a workplace training opportunity for our young people. Thank you to you all.

Year 6 Students and Parents

It is getting to that time of year when you are no doubt thinking about school for 2021. We are very happy to show any prospective students and parents around our school at any time and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to come for a tour please contact the school office (03-4178620) to organise a time that suits you.

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

Regards **Glenis Sim** Principal



Dates to Remember...

Tuesday 12th August - PTA Meeting Friday 14th August - Cultural Competition Tuesday 18 August - Year 7/8 Netball Tournament Sunday 23 - Tuesday 25 August - Senior Ski Camp Wednesday 26 August - Sports and Cultural Photos



Junior Diploma Update

With another week of school over, we are celebrating our fantastic Year 8 students. This week there were seven students who had a perfect week in all their classes. They have shown a commitment to our school values of respect to responsibility and excellence by putting in a top effort. Don't forget to log in on the portal and check in with how your student is going. If there are any questions or you need help please let me know tom@tokohigh.school.nz. The fantastic seven were Elliot McDiarmid, Jayda White, Deacon Gillan, Lochie Dunbar, Sophie Restall, Ranui Jury, and Bella Goddard.



Senior Citizens Report

On Friday 31st July we had a mid winter feast! We had a pot luck lunch enjoyed by 20 members. There was a pleasing variety of food from pies, casseroles, chicken cooked in different recipes, rice, potatoes, spicy beef, and much more! Dessert was amazing! Beautiful huge pavlova, berry cheese cake, steam pudding with custard, all the favorites! Once we had finished eating, a meeting was held with Olive thanking those who brought food.

The market Olive organised for last Saturday was guite well supported with the baking table being the most popular sales!

Margaret Wright won the raffle, a fruit bowl.

John Stewart who recently passed away, was remembered and a card was sent from the club.

Our concert is all go with great entertainment lined up, stalls and raffles and afternoon tea. Mark that date on your

calender, Friday 28th of August.

Members, please donate groceries and tinned food for the raffle to Maureen Little.

On 14th August, a our next meeting we are having Rochelle Fox from Disability Services to demonstrate useful aids to use to help ourselves to open jars,, to reach something on the floor or up high. walking aids and appliances designed to be used safely, that reduce the chance of being burnt cooking or boiling a jug etc. . Just some of the conveniences for those who have difficulty with doing some things.

Visitors are welcome. You may find just what you need to ease those frustrations and struggles.

Euchre

22nd July Winner: R Harry Loser: C Bloxham (Owaka) Raffle: D Le Sueur

29th July Winner: R Harry Loser: A Adams Raffle: A Adams

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Bible Reading for Today

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

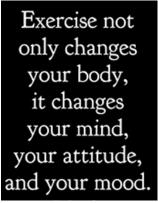
Toko Rec Centre - Gym Report

The days are drawing out and it is easier to get motivated once there's a sign of Spring in the air. 24 hour access at the gym makes it easier to fit in a workout regime. We have a good range of equipment in both cardio and weights something to suit everyone. We all know exercise is good for you. Whether it's running, walking, gardening - it's all good. Regular exercise and physical activity is the path to good health and wellbeing. Exercise burns fat, builds muscle, lowers cholesterol, eases stress and anxiety and lets us sleep restfully. Most adults need at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity 3 times a week.

Call in and see us for a look around the gym and fill out a membership form if you'd like to sign up. Staff are at the gym from 8 am - 5 pm Monday to Friday. Email: tokogym@gmail.com or phone 03 417 7066. You can also find us on facebook under Tokomairiro Community Recreation Centre. Forms can be emailed if you're unable to call in at those times.

Keep Moving class continues to run on a Tuesday and Thursday at 2.30 pm

Statistics show that doing a few simple exercises to improve strength and balance is a huge help in preventing falls in older people. I would love to have more people come along and join our class as it is so Come along and beneficial. give it a try. The class is fully supervised in a relaxed and friendly environment and the and your mood cost is just \$3.



Milton Elder CARE Report

Yes, we are all up and running, and were happy to get back to the group in the second week of June, when everyone was in Level One, so we have been open and working again for six weeks.

We have a few changes in face, with a couple of volunteers leaving, and new ones coming on board.

Over the last six weeks, we have had games of Housie -(always popular!), cards and crafts, a games afternoon, a quiz afternoon and a fish'n'chip lunch. Sylvia and Eddie came and entertained us - this couple are always welcome! We also had Trevor Graham in to sing, Ingrid Leary from the Labour Party came and gave an interesting talk, we had an afternoon with Pete and Eve, and the month finished with a trip to the Concord Hotel for lunch. I also believe that the men had an afternoon out on their own to do some male things and enjoyed that.

It was good to hear that none of our group caught the virus when it was at its worst!

If anyone out in the community feels lonely, come along and give us a try. It is worth giving Ruth a phone call first on 417 8843, but if you just turn up - you are still very welcome!

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The Challenge Laid

Mrs Sim recounts the amazing skydive she shared recently with her sisters...

Last week my younger sister, Lynley, celebrated her 50th birthday. My twin sister, Jill, and I decided we needed to buy her 'an experience' to celebrate this milestone and a skydive seemed like just the thing.

Lynley did somewhat 'freak out' when we gave her the voucher and then said she wouldn't do it unless we did it too. Jill and I looked at each other and said "okay". Well, what had we let ourselves in for! It was easy to say but would we follow through? Jill booked us in and Sunday morning arrived. I must say, by this time I was looking forward to the challenge. I thought I would have been very nervous, however, up to this point I felt pretty relaxed – almost excited. There were five of us booked in for this skydive – us three and two other young women. While we were waiting for the briefing Lynley had to visit the bathroom three times – she was very nervous!

After the safety briefing and instruction video off we went to meet our instructors. They immediately made us feel at ease, joking and laughing with us.

Into our bright red and orange overalls, harnesses helmets and gloves, and we were ready. After posing for a few photos by our mates, out we walk to the plane sitting on the tarmac. The plane loaded with ten people and off we went. The flight up was great – the views were amazing. There was lots of enthusiastic chatter which kept us at ease.

One of the girls was jumping from 12,000ft so she and her buddy were first to go. The door on the side of the plane rolled up and out they went – just disappeared, we couldn't see them.

The rest of us were jumping from 15,000ft so the door was shut and we continued to ascend. Then the light comes on, the first couple more into position, green light, door open and they are gone.

Lynley, Jill and I, and our buddies, are left. Next to go was Lynley – and, no, she didn't try to hold back. Door open and they were away, followed a short time later by Jill and her buddy – gone!

That only left me and by this time we were right beside the open door. Legs out the plane, lean back, look up, hands on harness – next minute we were out. Tap on my shoulder meant arms out, back arched and we were flying! The screams were screams of delight – wow, amazing, unreal! It really felt like we were floating, except I could hear the wind in my ears, which meant we were falling. In no time at all we had reached terminal velocity (now falling at 200kmh) and it feels like we are floating. The views were amazing – across Lake Wanaka, Lake Hawea. Spinning around – there was Mt Cook then Lake Wakatipu. I couldn't see Lynley or Jill anywhere but I assumed they were loving this as much as me.

After freefalling for about a minute the ripcord is pulled and we stand up into a vertical position and now we really are floating. I continued to be overawed by the views. Zac showed me how to control the parachute and let me take over. We turned one way then the other and there I saw the parachutes of the other jumpers.

As we got closer to the ground, probably still 1000ft up, Zac reminded me of what we have to do on landing – lean back and legs up. We quickly head in to landing and come sliding in on our bottoms.

Zac released the harness and I gave him a hug. Jill came sliding in beside us and Lynley was already down. We were all highfives, hugs and whooping together; the adrenaline was flowing and all three of us were so excited.

That was the most amazing experience of my life and I would recommend it to anyone.



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L Rutherford	37	J Jones	33
L Rogan	34	D Kennedy	32 C/B
G Coote	33	J Clark	32
D Lawlor	32 C/B	J Pierce	29 C/B
S Bearman	32	H Volweiller	29
		P Keddell	28
9 Holers (4 played)			
A Adams	32	L Glassford	30

Indoor Bowls



Another good turnout, with South Otago president Gordon Duthie being present. Six teams played with Russell Copland and Moira Hastie winning their three games and coming first. There were three teams with a win and a draw, but counting back their scores Ray Low, Barbara Read and Greta Jenkins with 26 were runner up. Gordon Duthie, Dave Findlay and Eunice Benington were third with 24 and Alex Benington, Alwyn Read and Raymond Perry were fourth with 11. Alastair Allison, Lynn Copland and Chantelle Fegan were fifth with one win, while this week in sixth place were David Gorton, Melva Heads and Rachel Fegan.

We are now at the half way stage and have only another four weeks left. There is still a chance for you to join us - come along on Wednesday nights and have some fun.



Toko Rugby Club

Milton Night'n'Day Junior Rugby Awards

UNDER 7 BLUE -POD - Jack Smaill; Coaches Choice - Adam Woodhead UNDER 7 GOLD -POD - Kaleb McDonald, Coaches Choice - Oliver Burns Reynolds UNDER 7 WHITE -POD - Hunter Wardell, Coaches Choice - Kohatu Bishop and Regan Lister UNDER 9 GOLD -POD - Matthew Greer; TOD/ Coaches Choice - Hemi Birch and Jake Johnson UNDER 9 BLUE - Bye UNDER 11 POD: Xavier Ter Woorst, Coaches Choice/ TOD: Eli Thompson UNDER 13 - Bye

Hockey Report

Toko Senior Boys 1st XI (2-1 loss against JMC U15) The boys got away to a good start and were able to dominate the early exchanges, but unfortunately, the goal scoring opportunities that were created did not quite make it into the goal. We started the second half positively but couldn't get the dominance we had in the first quarter of the game. JMC's well organised defence was slowing our passing game down and we were unable to get any rhythm going on attack. With 5 minutes to go we kicked into life again and our superior fitness and athleticism finally started to show and we scored a brilliant goal off a long pass from Millar McElrea to Lachie MacDonald on the post to deflect in. Another game of what could have been, but plenty of positives to take away. **Toko Senior Girls 1st XI** - *Bye*

News From the Trenches

WOW we are already in August! Paddy is starting to get his plumage ready for hopefully longer nights spent at the RSA as daylight lengthens.

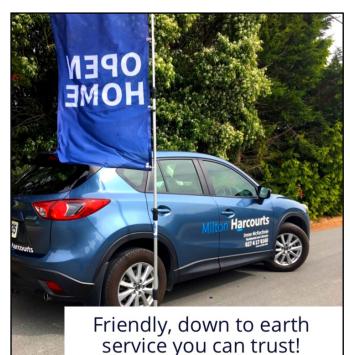


The Land Raffle has been launched successfully and already some members have grabbed prime sections of complete rows - so get in quick. Also steaming along is Friday night "Handle

Club" which has exceeded all expectations as we are getting huge numbers of members enjoying a games night atmosphere. Thanks to Steve Gillies for helping driving the coach - we could do with more volunteers to assist.

The Thursday membership draw and Joker draw are getting up their in amounts. Snow Cowie unfortunately missed out on the bar tab when his number was drawn out, but Woody reaped the rewards as his number was drawn out next!!! Just another example of getting there on a Thursday night. Unfortunately Paddy got his messages mixed up last week as the prize giving for Tipping Competition will be held on Saturday 22nd August. The leaderboard is closing up with Greg Manson making a huge charge to the lead. Will be a tight finish! *Private Pike*





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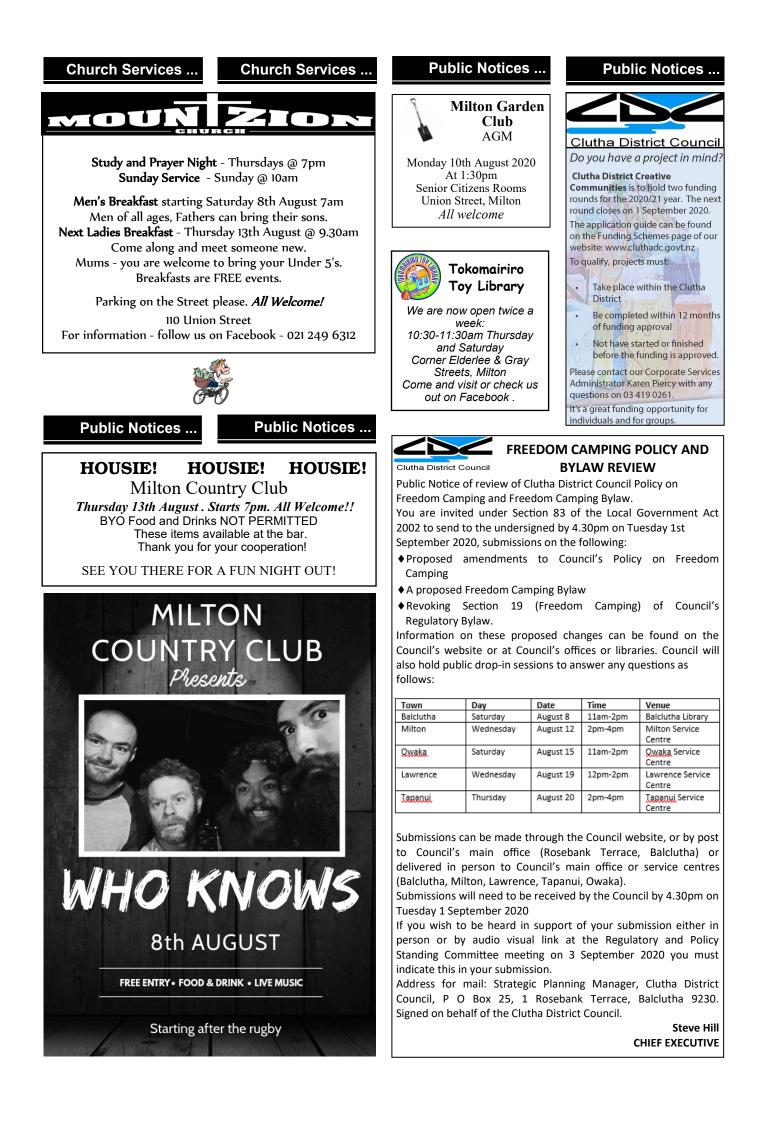


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Quote of the week: 'I hate television. I hate it as much as I hate peanuts. But I can't stop eating peanuts!' Orson Wells (1915 - 1985) For all your legal requirements, contact our friendly team at

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