



Tokomairiro High
School Newsletter &
Community Noticeboard

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Farewell to Class of 2020

Last Friday, an assembly was held to acknowledge and farewell our Year 13 school leavers. As well as being entertained by Jack Leydon (Year 7), with a wonderful performance on his drums, the Year 13 students shared some of their memories with us through their video collation – video clips they have been collecting since their early years at Tokomairiro High School, along with their baby photos and current photos – thanks to Zayde and Ben for putting this together. There was a great deal of laughter as their memories were shared.

We are very proud of this wonderful group of Year 13 students. Their commitment to school life over their years at the school is a credit to them. To Zayde Francis and Meg Clark (Head Prefects), and Patrick Norman and Tarryn Roxburgh (Deputy Head Prefects), thank you for your leadership in what has been a very difficult year. Your support of our students through lockdown has been a credit to you and the wider prefect team.

Our Year 13s are now ready to leave school and move on to the adventures that lie ahead. I encourage them to do their best over the next three weeks as they show off what they have learnt during their final NCEA exams, and leave school knowing they have done their best.

Kia kaha – be strong and make the most of every opportunity that comes your way. We encourage them to take a piece of the school with them (not literally). Over their time here they have absorbed not only information, knowledge and skills, but also the Tokomairiro values, culture and history. We encourage them to take that experience and use it to make a difference in the world, and to always be proud of who they are and where they come from. They will forever be part of the Tokomairiro High School family.



Welcome Home Aryn!!

Last Tuesday Mrs Sim had the privilege of taking a group of our students to Dunedin Airport to welcome back Aryn Amende after 10 months away on a Rotary Youth Exchange Programme in Germany. Aryn had spent the last two weeks in isolation in Auckland and was pleased to touch home soil. He was welcomed by a group of our kapa haka tamariki who gave a rousing welcome home. It was great to see Aryn again, in traditional German costume and fully grown beard, along with his western European accent. Welcome home Aryn – we are looking forward to hearing of your many adventures while overseas.

Left: Aryn arrives in full German costume, and Right: Members of the Tokomairiro Kapa Haka group who welcomed him home.



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Tena koutou katoa, Leavers Assembly

Last Friday was the last day for senior students before they began study leave for their external examinations. For our Year 13 students it was their final school assembly here at Tokomairiro High School. These wonderful young adults are a very special group for me as they began at the school at the same time I started as Principal. I can still clearly remember that first day with them all sitting in the front row of assembly. What a transformation has occurred during those seven years as they have gone from tweens to wonderful young adults and it has been wonderful to share that journey with them. These students are ready to move on to the next phase of their lives.

Year 6 Students Transition Interviews

We have a catch-up day appointment afternoon on Wednesday 25 November for those students and parents who missed an interview last week. Please make contact with the school office to book a time. If you are unable to come along on that day, please feel free to contact us at school to make an alternative arrangement. A reminder – if you have not yet handed in your enrolment form, please do so asap.

Teacher Only Day

Thank you to all parents for dealing with your young ones on our Teacher only day on Tuesday. There are some major changes happening with NCEA over the next five years and it is imperative that teachers are kept informed about the changes to support the preparation for the following year. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Activities Days

The activities for Year 7, 9 and 10 students have been finalised and a great programme is planned for 7th - 9th December. Information will be out to parents and students this week.

Prizegiving

Mark the date in your diary – **Thursday 10 December 2020, 7pm.** Our speaker is past pupil, Paul Keast. Paul has been an economist with Shell and worked in countries all over the world, before settling in Alexandra where he has a boutique winery. We are looking forward to hearing about Paul's experiences.

Junior Swimming Programme

This is planned for all junior students starting this week. All year levels will have blocks of time in the mornings, starting with Year 7 on Wednesday 18 November. The full programme has been emailed home.

Toi Ora

This programme, for tamariki from across the Milton community, continues this week with a pool session planned for this Wednesday afternoon straight after school. All young people are welcome. Meet in the Tokomairiro High School canteen for kai before heading to the pool – don't forget your togs and a towel.

Last Wednesday approximately forty young people attended and tried their hand at making fire using traditional Māori methods with sticks. Some did manage to get smoke but no actual flames appeared. After resorting to matches, we did have a fire and marshmallows!

If you have any questions about Toi Ora please feel free to contact Clare Healey, (clare.healey@tokohigh.school.nz) or Kara Whaley (kara@tokohigh.school.nz).

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

Regards

Glenis Sim,

Principal

*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.*

Dates to Remember...

Mon 7th - Wed 9th December - Year 8 Camp/ Activity Days
Thursday 10th December - Juniors Finish
Thursday 10th December - Prizegiving
Friday 11th December - Teacher Only Day.

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Year 6 Transition Classes



St Mary's and Milton Primary School Year 6 students have been taking part in a transition programme as they prepare to join Tokomairiro High School. Each fortnight they are looking at the science behind the topics they are covering in their classes.

St Mary's are looking at toys so we have investigated the big ideas behind using plastic and the density of objects. Milton Primary have been looking at Past, Present and Future, and are now focusing on ancient Egypt. In science they have studied making plastic and the process of mummification.

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Waka Ama

On the first Friday in November, our Outdoor Education Senior Module class participated in Waka Ama at the Fire in Ice club located in the Dunedin City Harbour. The students all did really well and showed quick progress in their Waka Ama skills despite rough conditions. We are looking forward to taking more students out to give it a go next year and building up on the already apparent Waka Ama skills in our students.



The Genesis Office is open Mondays and Tuesdays, 8:30am -3:30pm. Articles/ advertisements can be emailed to genesis@tokohigh.school.nz or phone 417 4483.

New Greenhouse for THS and Bike Trail.

Three weeks ago the Milton Rotary "Technical Team" arrived at the Hort unit to construct a new greenhouse that they had funded. The purpose of the new Morrinsfield greenhouse is to produce seedlings and plants for the developing bike trail. Mark Anderson has already begun work on this project and will be utilising the space along with Hort students.

The build was completed in record time by a group of experts that had a great deal of combined experience in these projects. The groundwork; leveling the space and installing drainage, had been completed in the weeks before by Ray Low and Alan Robinson.

We would like to thank all the individuals involved with the completion of this project.

The 'Technical Team' beside the newly constructed greenhouse. Left to right: Colin Tiffany, Jim Murdoch, John Morrissey, Mark Anderson, Stephen Woodhead and Robin Taylor



News From the Trenches

Our NPC tipping competition is rapidly building to a climatic conclusion with many competitors making a last ditch charge to claim some prizes. The prize giving will be held on Saturday 28th November with a BBQ and refreshments commencing at 5pm. This coming weekend will be NPC semi final time, still not sure of the draw, but be rest assured, there will be fantastic viewing on both Friday and Saturday, with the RSA the best entertainment venue around.

The following week we will be holding our annual Xmas Party. Yes, its rapidly approaching, so come along dressed up with a prize for the best festive season costume. Raid your wardrobe for flashing lights and things that go Ho Ho Ho. Some members have requested mistletoe to be readily available - Paddy wasn't so sure if that was a good idea.

Also going quickly are our Xmas Ham raffles, so get in quick in order ,to gain some "brownie points" at Xmas time when you serve up this magnificent selection from Tiny's Butchery. Our joker draw is also rapidly heading upwards, still to be struck - just the easiest way for some extra \$\$\$ upcoming at Xmas time. You must be there on Thursday night, when the name is drawn out.

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Bible Reading for Today
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Psalm 23:6



Toy Library Awareness Week

This Saturday 21st November, we are celebrating Toy Library Awareness week with a free morning tea. If you're not yet a member, you'll get a free three week toy hire so you can check out the awesome toys available.

Since re-opening earlier this year, we've had a fantastic response from the community. Families seem to be enjoying the quality toys we have for hire, and kids get so much joy from choosing new toys to play with every couple of weeks. Everyone is welcome this Saturday for toy hire and morning tea. We're on the corner of Gray and Elderlee Streets, Milton, or check us out on Facebook for more information.



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Milton Garden Club Report

Balclutha Trip, 9th November -"I'm sure that if Annette Booth said she was coming she would be here," said Isobel. But Annette B. was not here so we set off to Balclutha without her.

Our first visit was to Helen Barrett's garden at at the north end of Balclutha. It was a magnificent garden with large established trees sheltering a delightful variety of plants including a wisteria tree,, lots of aquilegias of different colours and even a red kaka-beak which is now extinct in the wild. Because it rained we left Helen's much earlier than we intended and decided to go to the Warehouse and do some shopping.

Next stop was the Wake Robin Nursery at 30 Harwich St where some of us had a good spend-up and it was there that Annette B. found us. She had turned up at the right time but to the wrong car park. Well done Annette.

We had lunch at The Captain's Cafe where Annette B. won the raffle and Coral Beattie got the second prize.

From there we headed to to Kath Scott's lovely garden and it rained on us again. Her sister, Frances helped her show us around.

Backing onto that garden was our last stop, Anne Bichan's garden. Out the front of Anne's garden is a sink-hole which swallowed up a house which used to be there. The council sold it to Anne and her husband, and they have transformed it into a spectacular garden full of such things as lupins, flax and apple trees. The rest of her garden is wonderful too.

Our next trip is on 14 December to the Wyld Willow Garden, 132 North Taieri Rd and lunch at Kay's Cafe at the Mosgiel Tavern. For further information please ring or text Annette Gillies on 4174173 or 0210786366.

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***NOTE CHANGE OF TIME AND DAY**

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2020

1:00pm at Clubrooms

1. Present/Apologies
2. Confirm Minutes last AGM
3. Matters Arising last AGM
4. Presidents Report
5. Treasurers Report
6. Election of Office Bearers
7. Confirmation of Club Patron
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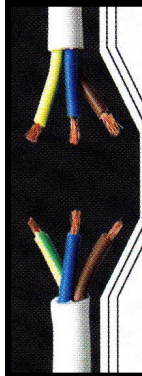
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