



Tokomairiro High School Newsletter & Community Noticeboard

Wednesday
26th July 2023

Genesis

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Kalya and Kithmi Kandegoda Gamage (front) with Tokomairiro High School Principal, Mr Declan Sheridan; Marie Baker (RLSSNZ President), proud parents Daminda and Asha, Judi Jessop (RLSSNZ Secretary) and sister, Thulya.

Medal Recipient is a One - in - 2.4 Billion Hero!

In August 2022, the Kandegoda Gamage family were visiting Chrystall's Beach near Milton, when a rogue wave swept Kithmi sixty metres out to sea within seconds. The brothers were playing at the edge of the water which was described as 'big seas with a 3 metre surf', when Kithmi lost his footing. He trod water for a few moments, putting into practice the water skills he had been taught in Sri Lanka, but the strength of the water was too much for him to make any traction. Kalya, his older brother, realised he couldn't get back to shore. He told his mother 'Ok mum, I'm going out. I might not be back', and he entered the huge seas to save him, utilising the lifesaving skills he had also been taught.

Yesterday, the whole school, along with Marie Baker (President) and Judi Jessop (Secretary) from the Royal New Zealand Life Saving Society of New Zealand celebrated Kalya's act of heroism. Also present were members of Fire and Emergency New Zealand, New Zealand Police and St John Ambulance who attended on the day, and local dignitaries.

Kalya was presented with the prestigious Mountbatten Medal for 2022. There is only **one** award presented within the Commonwealth (a population of over 2.4 billion) each year, and Kalya is also the youngest ever to receive this award. His name will be added to the roll of Honour at the headquarters in England, which has four other New Zealanders and two Sri Lankans on it since its inception in 1951.

After receiving his medal and a framed citation, Kalya thanked those who had played a part in his story. He made special mention of those who taught him swimming and lifesaving skills in Sri Lanka, his parents and siblings, emergency services and those who provided assistance at the beach on the day.

Tokomairiro High School would like to acknowledge Kalya's achievement—we are very proud of him!



Tokomairiro High School OPEN EVENING

For Year Six Students and Families/ Whānau



Thursday 3rd August 2023

From 5:45pm in the Hall.



Dates to Remember...

Mondays at 10:30am
Whole School Assembly

28th July
FIFA world cup trip

3rd August
Open Evening for Year 6 Students

6-8 August
Ski Trip

Inside this Week

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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter...

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Kia ora,
Exciting news!

I am delighted to share some incredibly exciting news with you today regarding one of our school students. It is my pleasure to inform you that Kalya Kandegoga Gamage has been awarded the prestigious Mountbatten Medal. This is in recognition of his heroic rescue of his younger brother Kithmimi from Chrystall's Beach last year.

The Mountbatten Medal is awarded annually for the most gallant rescue or rescue attempt undertaken in the previous year. It is awarded to only to one person in the whole commonwealth. This is therefore a significant award for Kalya who is by far the youngest person to receive this award.

As a school, we take great pride in nurturing and supporting the growth of our students. Helping them to realise their potential and live up to our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. Kalya and the vast majority of our students live up to these on a daily basis and are a credit to themselves and their families.

A special assembly was held on Monday 24th to make the award to Kalya with almost 40 invited guests, including many of the rescue services that were involved on the day, to share in this occasion.

To finish I would like to say congratulations to Kayla and his family who were most proud of his achievements but ultimately grateful that his younger brother Kithmi is still with us.

We are confident that they will continue to achieve great things and make a positive impact on the world. Their journey has just begun, and we are excited to witness their future accomplishments.

For those who might be interested here is a link to the article on the ODT website:

<https://www.odt.co.nz/star-news/star-national/mum-i%E2%80%99m-going-out-i-might-not-be-back-older-brother-makes-heroic-rescue>

Nga Mihi
Declan Sheridan,
Principal



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SPORTS UPDATE

RESULTS

NETBALL

21/7 Toko Koura vs. Lawrence Blue | 33-17 WIN
22/7 Toko Snr A vs. BHS Snr B | 32-26 WIN
22/7 Toko Marama vs. Catlins Tawanui | 10-7 LOSS
22/7 Toko Whetu vs. Clutha Valley | 29-4 WIN
22/7 Toko Whetu vs. Rosebank | 20-19 LOSS

HOCKEY

21/7 Toko Tane 78 vs. Balmac Red | defaulted
24/7 Toko Wāhine 1st XI vs. OGHs Sapphires | 1-1 DRAW
27/7 Toko Tāne 1st XI vs. OBHS 2nd XI |
25/7 Toko 6's vs. SOHS 6's |

FIXTURES

NETBALL

28/7 Toko Koura vs.
29/7 Toko Snr A vs. OGHs Snr B | 1:00pm | Edgar 12
29/7 Toko Marama vs. Rosebank B | 10:30am | Clutha 3
29/7 Toko Whetu vs. Country Saints 1 | 9:30am | Clutha 2

HOCKEY

28/7 Toko Tane 78 vs. | TBC
31/7 Toko Wāhine 1st XI vs. St. Hildas | TBC
1/8 Toko Tāne 1st XI vs. LPHS 1st XI | 6:00pm | LFT
1/8 Toko 6's vs. Taieri 6's | 5:00pm | LFT



New Jacket Now Available

The new jacket option for the Tokomairiro High School uniform is available at NZ Uniforms. The retail price is **\$100**.

The jacket is a warm, light-weight and waterproof jacket, great for all seasons. This will become part of regulation uniform by winter



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**. Articles/ advertisements can be emailed to the Editor at genesis@tokohigh.school.nz. Genesis is delivered FREE to your letterbox from Tuesday 4pm to Thursday 6pm.

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

Maanawatia a Matariki

He po ataahua. What a beautiful night we had on Thursday 13th July, celebrating Matariki.

Matariki/Puanga is the Maaori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in midwinter and for many Maaori it heralds the start of the new year, this is a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present, and plan for the year ahead. Te tau Hou Maaori.

On behalf of Union Street Connection and Project Bruce we would like to take a moment to thank all those involved for many hours of hard work behind the scenes, mihi atu kia koe! Kirst & Ryan Collins and The Family Jewels for your awhi and networking skills, kia ora. Tess Potae and our beautiful Whare Puawai o Tokomairaro for the generous kai koha, Our Ataahua Kaimirimiri Te Aomihia Rangihuna, Nikki Wood and Denise Murray. All our amazing kai Stallholders. Mrs Whippy, Mama's Donuts, Churros, Lions Club, Te Hangi, Charz Yummy Kai, Felicity and Joseph Hauraki, Rays Kai, The Holistic Bean, so much good food to choose from! Thankyou all our very talented stall holders with all your gorgeous home wares and products. The Family Jewels, She Shed, Sami Lifespark, Wild Blooms, Sonya Ingram, Four One Seven ORA, Mac & Me, Ruth Gorton, Christine Flannery and Henare the Velvet Voice Merchant. Lastly all our beautiful Tamariki who performed for us the other night, Tokomairiro Early Childhood centre and Milton Primary School, thankyou to you and your Kaiako.

Mihi Atua kia koutou katoa. Titiro Whakamuri, Kokiri whakamua.



Genesis Articles

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

We try our best 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 Genesis issue.

Please email these to genesis@tokohigh.school.nz so we can share what is happening in our area.

Bible Reading for the Week

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." - Hebrews 13:5

Library Reading Week 2023 24th – 28th July

It's reading week once again and the theme for this year is Alien Invasion!

It's a week of science fiction fun that includes a writing competition (open to all year levels), Trivia Quizzes and a "Find the Alien's Hiding Place Competition". Also look out for Alien Food capsules for chocolate treats.

The week will end on Friday with A "Dress up as your Favourite Fictional Character" Costume competition, open to students and staff!



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RSA News from the Trenches



Another week has flown by with a lot happening down at the best social environment in Otago at the Milton RSA. Our popularity is continuing to increase with an influx of new members - so welcome to you and congratulations on making a good choice.

Speaking of members, it pays to attend Thursday night raffles for our weekly membership draw with Donald Greene being the latest member to have his number pulled out. Unfortunately he missed out on collecting, even Phil Scott kindly offered to step in as a substitute. Plus the Joker Draw is getting very close to the figure when it will "have to be won", so another reason to be there on a Thursday night.

In mid August there will be a battery recycling service, so if you need to dispose of your old batteries, then contact either Marty Glassford or the Milton RSA to arrange pick ups. I'm allowed to mention Marty in these types of scenarios.

Less than a fortnight to go until our NPC World Cup Tipping Extravaganza kicks off with a special prize offered not if, but when we achieve 50 entrants. Numbers are progressing quickly with a few new competitors partaking for the first time. So make sure you get signed up before Friday 4th August. Rumour has it that a former winner of a previous comp has incurred a penalty of -5 points to start this competition. So already every other entry has a big head start for some major prizes. So get in quick!!!

Finally I'd like to clear up some rumours that Paddy and I make up stories in this column over the last 18 years which has, at last count 769 reports and over those occasions, a wee slight exaggeration may have occurred three times. Just to prove my indepth research, I can hereby dispel a rumour that George Henderson is not using bunk beds as he would have difficulty getting up the ladder.

Private Pike

Keep Your Contact Details Updated!

Please keep contact information for your business, club or group up to date with the Genesis. Just email any changes to genesis@tokohigh.school.nz.

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Milton Volunteer Fire Brigade

June Calls

June was a busier month for the Milton Volunteer Fire Brigade. We attended:

Crashes 5
Medical 1
False Alarms 7

This takes us to 84 calls so far for 2023.



Toko Junior Rugby Club

22nd July 2023



Toko U7 Blue

POD: *Max McLeod*

Coaches choice:

Elliette Anderson

Toko U7 Gold

POD: *Steven McGuirk*

Coaches Choice/ Ripper:

Julian Kohey

Toko U9 Blue

POD: *Jonty Scott and*

Emmett Johnston

Coaches Choice:

Jake McLeod

Toko U9 Gold

POD: *Regan Lister*

Coaches choice:

Adam Woodhead

Toko U11

POD: *Oliver Foster*

Coaches Choice:

Elijah Beer-Williams



Milton Sub Association Indoor Bowls

Owaka hosted Milton last week. Milton's Graeme Hill had three wins beating Alanna Moffat, Barrie Leslie and Stephen Preddy. Gary Foster beat Alanna Moffat and lost to both Stephen Preddy and Chris Moffit.

Alistair Allison only managed to draw against Stephen Preddy and lost to both Chris Moffit and Barrie Leslie. Also with one draw was Peter Grant, he drew with Barrie Leslie and lost to Alanna and Chris Moffit.

Owaka were the eventual winners with 14 points and Milton 10.

Toko Golf

Dave Dobbie Memorial Tournament

22nd July 2023

1st	B Carruthers/ T Condon	79 18 61
2nd	M Scott/ D Kennedy	Nett 63
3rd	G Findlay/ M Cain	64.5 c/b
	G Hastie/ G Sheath	64.5
5th	J Day/ D Woodhead	65
6th	T Agnew/ L Graham	65.5
7th	B Dunlop/ R McElrea	66
8th	M Mead/ D Matsopoulos	67



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Congratulations Kalya Kandegoda Gamage!




COMMONWEALTH DROWNING PREVENTION

2022 Mounbatten Medal Citation - Kalya Kandegoda Gamage

On 27th August 2022, 13-year-old Kalya Kandegoda Gamage was spending time with his family on remote Chrystalls Beach, south of Dunedin, New Zealand. He was paddling at the shoreline with his younger brother Kithmi, aged 11, when a large wave crashed into Kithmi and caused him to lose his footing. Two more waves followed in quick succession, and Kithmi was pulled out into the water. A confident swimmer himself, Kithmi treaded water and made several attempts to get back to shore, but he was tiring and being carried further away. At this point Kalya turned to his mum and said 'OK Mum, I'm going out. I might not be back' and then he dived into the waves, which on that day were approximately 3 metres high. By now Kithmi was approximately 60 metres from the shore, and becoming very cold, as the water temperature was about 10 degrees. Kalya drew on the RLSS lifesaving training he had undertaken in his home country of Sri Lanka, and swam out and rescued his brother, and managed to get him back to shore before the emergency services arrived.

One of the local police commented afterwards that no one survives in that stretch of water, it is notoriously dangerous.

Undoubtedly, Kalya's brave response saved his brother's life that day.

For his brave and selfless actions, Kalya Kandegoda Gamage is awarded the 2022 Mounbatten Medal

Mickie

Bridge

Bridge Stakes 20th July 2023

M Wilson & L Clark	62.50%
R Devlin & J Turnbull	52.50%
T Morland & V Stanley	47.50%
C Gorinski & J Walker	46.25%
R Ferreira & K Powell	46.25%
A Broome & A Phillips	45.00%



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Situations Vacant

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Tokomairiro Early Learning Centre

We are looking for a registered teacher who is passionate about infants and toddlers to work in the Under 2 area at our Johnson Street centre.



This position is full time and is fixed term to cover maternity leave from Monday August 21st 2023 to Friday February 23rd 2024. The start date can be negotiable if required.

To apply please send a copy of your cv and a covering letter to our chairperson Erica Milligan.

This can be emailed to egibson03@hotmail.com or sent to 94 Johnson Street, Milton.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday August 4th.



St Mary's School - Milton Cleaner/Caretaker

We are looking for a Cleaner/Caretaker for our school for 17 hours per week cleaning and 1 hour per week caretaking - term time only. A further 15 hours each holiday period will be in addition to these hours.

Applications in by Monday 31st July 2023

Start Date – As soon as possible

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The vacancies close 6th August 2023

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Tokomairiro Co-Operating Parish

Sunday 30th July

9:30am—A combined service at Waihola.

(Note: There will be no service at Milton)

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Flicks at the Library Milton Community Library

28th July | 2pm

Showing:

Madame Bovary

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Milton Garden Club AGM

will be held at 1.30pm August 14th

At the Milton RSA (previously senior citizens rooms)

Followed by speaker Brodie Dodds

New members welcome



Tokomairiro High School 1st XI Hockey Fundraiser for Tournament in Greymouth



When: Friday 4th August
Where: Milton Country Club
When: Doors Open 7pm

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- Tuesday 15th August
- Tuesday 12th September
- Tuesday 10th October

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