



Tokomairiro High
School Newsletter &
Community Noticeboard

Wednesday 17th June 2020

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Exploring our Backyard



Our two International Students, Hiroki Nagase from Japan, and Eike Flath from Germany, experienced the New Zealand back country last weekend. Mr Gilling and Mr Devlin took them to the Mavora Lakes area in Southland, where they followed a 4WD track up the side of the North Mavora Lake to DOC's Carey's Hut. Mr Gilling shares their experience...

With snow in the forecast, we loaded the truck with plenty of firewood and good food. Friday was a beautiful, clear day and we stopped to walk the track around the South Mavora Lake through native bush.

The 4WD track up the side of the North lake is in reasonable condition, and after 45 minutes driving, we arrived at Carey's Hut on the edge of the lake. Fortunately we had the hut to ourselves and got all our gear unpacked. Hiroki and Eike spent the afternoon walking around getting acquainted with the area and taking photos of the beautiful surroundings.

On Saturday morning, we woke to about 10cm of snow. After bacon and eggs for breakfast, we walked for two hours up the valley to another hut. We spent a while looking around, then after lunch, headed back to Carye's Hut.

On Sunday, the weather was poor, and it lightly snowed again after lunch. We had a go at climbing a nearby hill, but got beaten back with thick scrub and snow. The boys had a great experience, doing many things they had never done before - lighting fires, walking in snow, eating bacon and eggs, staying somewhere so remote and catching mice in the trap in the hut! We are very fortunate in New Zealand to have such beautiful country to show off and share!

Eike's Story

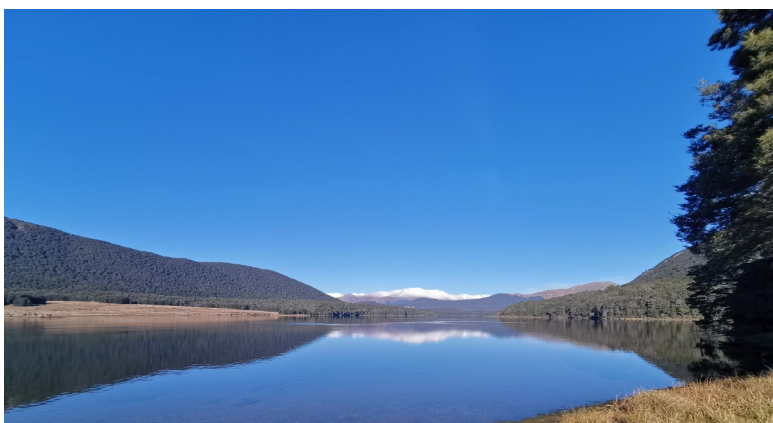
Many of the events of our trip to the Mavora Lakes were enjoyable but the one I found most interesting is our walk to Boundary Hut.

On the second day of the trip we walked from Careys Hut (which we stayed in) to Boundary Hut. It snowed that night so we walked over a snowy hillside down into a valley.

During the walk, Mr Gilling and Mr Devlin told us interesting stories about men hiding in the nearby forest because they didn't want to join the army during World War II.

When we arrived at the hut after two hours of walking, we made soup and ate it with bread. After eating the soup and washing the dishes in the river, about ten trucks arrived with about two people each doing a

day trip. We actually planned on staying at the hut for another hour but the hut got so full of people that we started walking back. Unfortunately, the snow had almost completely melted but the scenery was still very beautiful.



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Tēna koutou katoa

A week completed in Level 1 and life is almost back to normal for most. For some, we know that Covid-19 has not been kind to them and our thoughts go out to all those who have been left in difficult situations. We urge all members of the community to get behind those in need.

For us all at school, Level 2 has been almost normal, apart from all the bottles of hand sanitizer about the place. Level 1 will allow us to have large groups of students together again. Assemblies are about to start up - it will be great to have all the students together and to celebrate their achievements.

As you may have noticed, there has been a group of builders busy around the school. We have had leaky flat roofs in the technology block fixed, all the windows in the hall replaced, double glazed windows in the admin offices (to block out road noise and the cold!) and roofing over my office and the school office fixed (to stop the water running down the inside walls of my office!). We still have the new stairways to go in, at each end of C Block, to replace the current fire-escapes.

Feed Our Kids

This programme, where we are supplied with a number of free lunches for those students who do not have food, began again this week. We are extremely grateful to the chefs at the prison for preparing this food for the students, and to the Project Bruce team who have organised the delivery of the lunches to our local schools. Our Pa Kākanō group at THS, led by Mereana Phillips and Sariah Domb, are managing the distribution of the lunches from the whare each lunchtime.

Students do need to have parents sign the permission form, available at the whare, for them to be able to receive lunches. If you would like a lunch to be kept for your child, feel free to ring the school office and let them know.

Building Capabilities - Resilience and Wellbeing

Reducing tense feelings and reducing stress helps build our emotional resilience. Feeling tense at times is a natural part of life. Building our emotional resilience helps us deal with stress in a much better way.

Things like sleeping well, eating well, being organised, exercising regularly, learning to relax, avoiding arguments and sharing our problems, all help us to develop our emotional resilience. If you are needing help in any of these areas it is a good idea to talk with someone about it – at school there is your house group teacher, dean, and guidance counsellor.

End of Semester

This is the final week of Semester One, with Semester Two beginning on Monday 22 June. All students will have changes of courses at this time. Our senior students in particular are very busy this week as they complete assessments for their Semester One courses. I encourage them all to work hard to gain the highest grades they can – it is all worth it in the end.

NCEA

Our senior students are working hard towards their goals and we are carefully monitoring all our senior students to support them in their journey. We are thrilled with the number of senior students who have set their goals to gain endorsements in their NCEA qualification.

School Sport

It was great to see the Highlanders back playing last weekend – with a live crowd and a win! The school competitions are also beginning this week. Thank you to all those parents and members of our community who do support our teams with coaching, managing and with transport. We are very grateful to you all.

PTA Meeting

The AGM is being held on Wednesday 24 June at 7.00pm in the school staffroom. We are very keen to have more parents come along and join our committee. Our PTA do an amazing job raising a considerable amount of funding to support our students. The vast majority of the funding is generated from the one major fundraising event - the Lake to Sea Trail Bike Ride. The committee meets two or three times per term with meetings lasting less than two hours. If you are interested in helping out we would love to have you come along.

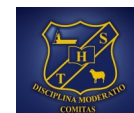
Junior Young Farmer

Ryan Clark and Miller McElrea have been working hard, preparing themselves for the Junior Young Farmer Grand Final that concludes on the 19th of June. Thank you to all those who have supported these two outstanding young men, with a special thank you to their mentor and coach, Sue Nelson. We wish the boys all the best for their final preparation and competition.

Nga mihi nui

Glenis Sim

Principal



Young Farmers Grand Final Update

Ryan Clark and Millar McElrea competed in the practical section of the Young Farmers Grand Final, at the end of last week. Their challenge was to construct a rotating compost tumbler, with two hours to plan and build it. Results will be added to their other competitions to determine their final placing. This week, they are working on a Farm Innovation Project and a Biosecurity Project

The results for the Grand Final Competition will be announced at the end of this week. All the best boys!!



House Points Update

Reid 2106
Ross 1871
Ayson 1779
Malcolm 1759

At 9am, Tuesday 16 June

Dates to Remember...

19 June - End of Semester One
22 June - Start of Semester Two
24 June - PTA AGM 7pm
3 July - End Of Term Two

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On Tuesday, 9th June, Miss Cowie's Year 9/10 Food Technology Class delivered some baked goods to members of our community and businesses who played such an important role as Essential Workers during the Covid 19 Lockdown. The students discussed what they thought the workers might like, and then made lolly cake and chocolate brownie and wrapped these to give as a thankyou to these people for going the extra mile.



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News From the Trenches

This weekend saw our sporting tipping extravaganza kick off with varying degrees of success being obtained, and over 30 participants taking part. Those punters that stayed loyal for both the Highlanders and the Warriors were rewarded. Don't forget this week the introduction of South Otago club rugby and ANZ Netball will add another dimension.

Put Sunday 28th June 11am on your calendars for our AGM - come along and join the fun!

Thursday night raffles are going strongly with good crowds partaking and reaping the benefits. As an added bonus, its a wee secret but its Sara Gillies birthday as well on Thursday, so come along to wish her well - she has forbidden me to mention her age, (t could be &%#@.) - Paddy get away from the laptop - I won't mention it.

This week will be showing Chiefs vs Blues and Hurricanes vs Crusaders matches on our TV's. Apparently another venue in town had difficulties with their TVs, not able to access trackside. Supposedly the problem (after calling a sparky), was TV was on wrong channel! Wouldn't happen at RSA...

Another rumour going around is that a certain RSA Vice President has been given access to the Highlanders changing rooms for future home games.

This column seems to have descended into a gossip page this week. If you have any news, pass it onto Paddy. All views and opinions remain the sole ownership of the writer, if anyone this week is considering legal ramifications.

Private Pike

RSA



Bible Reading for Today

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Primary School Memories

Stevie Gunion (Year 11) writes about a place she remembers well - Waihola School.

When I was 5 years old I started school at Waihola District School. It was a small school with only about 30 kids attending, so everyone knew everyone. The teachers were fun and would always make learning excited basing it around art, pe or even cooking. Everyone was friends with each other; I never experienced bullying there.

Since it was a small school we only had two classrooms with a staffroom in between. The playground had different levels, each level had something different on it, slides, fireman poles, climbing walls and bridges. After school a group of us kids would go down to the school and hangout. One day we were all jumping off the third level of the playground onto the padded mats they put around rugby poles, it was always so much fun and felt like you were flying, until one day my friend Tamaiti jumped off and hit his nose when he hit the pole on the way down ending with him at A&E. Although this did scare us we still went back to the school to jump off the platforms but this time staying away from the fireman's poles. There were plants growing everywhere, rose bushes, cranberry plants, daffodils and all types of veggies growing in the garden. A lady named Jean used to do the gardening at the school and us kids would help her. We used to grow tomatoes, lettuce, strawberries, carrots and so many other veggies. After the plants were finished growing we would go down to the hall and make lunch out of everything we had grown. We would cook all the veggies up and try them; they always tasted really good knowing we had grown them ourselves.

I went to Waihola school for almost 5 years and it is an amazing experience to look back on: the easter egg hunts; everyone being friends; and having heaps of opportunities like staying the night at the butterfly museum; going for week-long camps at Pounaweia and other places like the beach or walks down to the lake. All these things made my first school years some of my favourite years.

Lovell's Flat Women's Institute Report

Lovells Flat Women's Institute members were very happy to be able to meet once again, having missed two meetings due to lockdown conditions. President Bronwyn welcomed all along, especially two new ladies to the group. Following regular business and National WI correspondence, five members received bouquets made by member Gay for their birthdays and also chose a gift from the Birthday Bag. These were very much appreciated, the colourful flowers bringing some brightness over the cooler days. Over a welcome cuppa we shared what we did over lockdown, how we did at making do with what was on hand in our reserves – amazing how resourceful one can be. Many phone calls, cooking, sorting, cleaning, gardening and crafts were some of the things that filled the hours no problem. A collection of personal items was gathered together from donated items by the members, for the Hub to distribute to folks in the local Community who are in need. We hope these things will also bring some cheer to others. These items were gratefully received, with thanks to all.

Materials Technology

There are thirteen senior students studying NCEA Materials Technology (Textiles). Their projects range from dog blankets, period costume making, casual street wear and knitted headbands. During this module students considered brief development, planning and procedures, stakeholders and conceptual statements and all learnt new skills and techniques relevant to their product proposal.



Leah Wright using sewing and applique techniques.



Amanda Hutton's knitting in preparation for a headscarf.



Mia Flannery's pattern ready to cut.



Regan Roxburgh working on her proto type neckline.

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Toko Rugby Report

On Saturday in beautiful, but coolish conditions, Toko finally kicked off the 2020 campaign with a pre-season match against new comer West Taieri at Outram. West Taieri started off the match in ominous form with six tries in the first half, running out what potentially looked like a cricket score of 38-0 lead at halftime. However the second half was a complete turnaround and Toko actually outscored West Taieri in the second half with an excellent solo try to Jacky Scott, to have the final score 43-7. Now this score appears bad, but overall this flatters West Taieri who were clearly the better side, but Toko would have gained plenty out of this match. They stuck to the task well and defensively in the second half were rock solid and as the game progressed, combinations started to gel. This was a typical first up performance with the boys looking a tad rusty, the scrum came under unexpected pressure, and some option taking at times was a bit of a head scratcher. On the plus side, crowd favourite Arnold Dinh IS BACK!!!! He came on in the second half and lifted the team with his usual enthusiastic manner. Jacky Scott looked sharp at fullback and the forwards eventually got into their work with plenty of willing runners with the ball in hand. Next week the competition proper commences with first up game vs Clutha away. Toko should have a couple of forwards available and will be keen to battle the old foe.

In the curtain raiser, Toko Seniors ran out strong winners 17-5 vs West Taieri. This team was battling for numbers pre Covid, but looked as if they had good young players coming through. This team struggled for consistency last year, so was pleasing to see the season started off with a win.

The Judge



Milton Smallbore Rifle Club

Shooting has finally commenced for 2020. Results from 8th June 2020 are:

Graeme Hanson	95.4
Lex Adam	95.2
Neil Walker	94.3
Alister Lister	94.2
Paul Griffin	91.2
Ben Lister	89.3
Kain Walker	82.1
Josh Lister	77.1

Because of Covid 19, this year's interclub will be a postal competition. Beginning on 29th June 2020, there will be an interclub each week until it is finished.

The Representative season has now been curtailed, and the South Otago Champs will be restricted to South Otago shooters only.

Golf

Results from 9 June 2020
LGU and Putting.

0 - 26.6

S Bearman	87-19-68
G Cootie	98-25-73 C/B
W Agnew	89-16-73
L Rutherford	100 -26-74
D Lawlor	96-20-76
R Reid	102-25-77

26-7 - 40-4

C Scott	15-33-72
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K Drinnan	107-31-76
H Vollweiler	109-30-79 C/B
D Kennedy	116-37-79

Best Nett LGU/ day (0 - 40-4)

S Bearman	87-19-68
E Kennard trophy -	
P Keddell	27 putts

9 Holes - Stableford

J McIntosh	14 stb C/B
N Cubbit	14 stb



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23rd - 25th June

Tuesday

Orange Chicken on Rice

Wednesday

Roast Beef with Seasonal Vegies and Peas

Thursday

Silverside with Whipped Potato,
Baby Carrots & Savoy Cabbage

Week Two

30th June - 2nd July

Tuesday

Beef Stroganoff with Baby Beans

Wednesday

Roast Pork with Fennel
Potato Bake

Thursday

Chicken with Vegetable
Medley

Week Three

7th - 9th July

Tuesday

Japanese Chicken Curry and Rice

Wednesday

Silverside with Mustard Sauce

Thursday

Beef Casserole on Winter Mash

Week Four

12th - 16th July

Tuesday

Sweet & Sour Pork on Rice with Baby Beans

Wednesday

Roast Chicken with
Seasonal Vegetables

Thursday

Bangers and Mash with
Baby Peas

Tokomairiro Urban Backyard Project

What a memorable start to the year we have had. Back in February we moved our entire garden to its new and permanent home. It was hard work moving all the raised beds and compost, and a lesson all by itself was moving our tunnel house. But of course, moving it all was only the start as we had to reassemble it again. The upside to our tale was that we were able to plant brassicas ready for the winter and as you can see they are all growing really well, especially as we constructed insect net frames to protect them from the Cabbage White Butterflies.

Just as things got underway again we were abruptly stopped by the rahui period – or lockdown, and we were unable to get together, but fortunately the demonstration garden was able to be watered and nourished. We have had some awesome food from the garden. With the recent change to Level 1 we are once again able to get together and are once again planning our yearly celebration for Matariki where we look back over the growing year and look ahead to the next one. Our purpose has always been to share our knowledge, skills and support for growing food in your own backyard. This message has been loud and clear to everyone in NZ, throughout the lockdown. Those fortunate enough to have a supply of food growing outside did indeed feel more secure during those uncertain few months, than those that were relying on Supermarkets. Even seeds were hard to obtain. Thankfully the Government acted swiftly but it did bring home the importance of our mission.

With the new season only a few months away, we welcome anyone who would like to be interactive in helping themselves and others in growing food in your own backyards. We can help you get started and offer ongoing advice and support both in the garden and over a cuppa. We like to share seeds and resources, swap stories and have fun, all while getting stuck in to each others gardens. We are a small group of approximately ten people but we welcome anyone who has an interest in growing healthy kai for their whānau.

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