



Tokomairiro High
School Newsletter &
Community Noticeboard

Wednesday
1st November 2023

Genesis

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20th Ride Another Success

Over 600 riders took part in the 20th Annual Lake to Sea Trail Bike ride on Saturday, and judging by the comments from those who had travelled from near and far for the experience, it was the best yet!

The school is very grateful to Griff and the PTA for pulling out all the stops and engaging the community and riders in the 140km long ride. The weather played its part in the lead up to the day, the track had just enough mud to satisfy the keenest riders.

Below is a selection of photos, more photos on page 4 and there are many more available on the Lake to Sea facebook page—check them out!



Maori Students Recognised



The Mana Pounamu Awards recognise outstanding achievement by Maori students in any of the following areas: Cultural, Sporting, Academic or Community involvement.

One senior and one junior awardee is selected from each school in Otago.

The Tokomairiro High School students who were acknowledged for their achievements were Saffron Healey and Tane Nichol.



News from the Board...

Included in this copy of the Genesis is our Community Consultation document. We invite you, as a member of our community, to fill this out and return it to the school office by Friday 10th November.

Dates to Remember...

Mondays at 10:30am
Whole School Assembly

1st-3rd November
Life Ed Bus Visit

Friday 3rd November
Last Day for Seniors

Monday 6th December
NCEA EXAMS Start

Inside this Week

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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter...

SCHOOL MISSION: Inspiring Excellence in Education, in Character and in Life.

Kia ora

We have reached that time again where our seniors are experiencing their final week of school for the year or, for some, they have come to the end of their schooling all together. Our year 13s are in their final week and for some, a mixture of sadness and apprehension as they get ready to move on to new adventures. We trust they will look back and think fondly of their time with us and also be grateful for the qualifications, experiences and skills they attained while they were with us.

Many are recovering from an exciting and exhausting time on Saturday at our annual trail bike ride. Incredible to think this has been running for 20 years. As a fund-raising activity for a school, it is very unique, and an estimation of the benefits for countless students is mind boggling. A huge thank you to all the volunteers to those involved on the day but also to Griff and his team along with the PTA who put in countless hours in preparation to ensure this is a success.

Once again, our students are excelling not only in school but in the wider community. The annual Nga Manu Pounamu awards were presented on Friday night and our successful applications were Saffron Healey in the junior category and Tane Nichol in the senior category. Well done to both of these future leaders in our community.

Our students had the opportunity to dress in "All Black" on Friday to show their support for a rather important rugby game on Sunday morning and also dress up in Halloween costume on Tuesday. It is said that our school days are the best of our lives, and we hope we are contributing to some fine memories of their time here.

Nga mihi

Declan Sheridan, Principal

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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

Year 11 Writing

Lake Tekapo - AJ Nixon

Approaching the stone house on a cold snowy night, I step onto a mix of crunchy snow and gravel in front of a gate. The crunch, crunch, crunch of gravel and snow goes silent as you reach the smooth but slippery footpath of the stone house. Stepping on to the island-like area that the house stands on, everything becomes a bit clearer. It's empty. There's no one here. I ascend the steps to see the stone house in front of me. It's a little bland. I wonder "Is this it, just a stone house?" Looking up behind the house, I see an explosion of colours. The sky brightens up in front of me with blue, purple, white and a shade of red. The stars are scattered everywhere, some bright and some dull. The fine line of the long Milky Way is climbing over top of the icy mountains in the distance. The clear as day lake reflects the stars on my face. The water is flowing quietly. I'm starting to wonder "how is this real?" I'm so immersed in the sky, I can't believe that this place even exists.

When the sun starts to change the colour of the sky to orange, the stars are erased. The sun rises and half of it is shown, peeking over the icy mountains. As the night becomes more like day, the sun presents itself to the Lake of Tekapo. Snow on the ground melts. It melts in my hand. As the snow melts, all of the gravel is revealed. Slowly, the breeze dies as a wave of warmth crawls in from the sun. The lake is shining even brighter; it is a mirror. All of the lake turns a bit more blue. I leave the stone house and start to remember the night time. I remember the clear lake; I remember the icy mountains; I remember the stone house and I remember the beautiful sky. I saw the lake at night. Cold, colourful and alone. But then warm, bright and populated in the day. Lake Tekapo is big and beautiful, day and night, and is the place I can't get out of my head.

SPORTS UPDATE



RESULTS

TOUCH RUGBY

26/10 Toko Kahurangi vs. Catlins Quarterbacks | WIN

26/10 Toko Koura vs. Stirling Warepa Sparks | LOSS

26/10 Toko Thunder Snr vs. D South | WIN

FUTSAL

25/10 Tokomairiro Hammers vs. John McGlashan | 4-5
LOSS

FIXTURES

TOUCH RUGBY

2/11 Toko Kahurangi vs. Warepa Wasted Talent | 5:30pm |
Clutha 5

2/11 Toko Koura vs. Rosebank Knights | 5:00pm | Clutha 1

2/11 Toko Thunder Snr vs. SO Knights | 6:05pm | Clutha 8

FUTSAL

1/11 Tokomairiro Hammers vs. TBC

TERM 4 - What's Coming Up

Year 7 and 8 Quadrathon - Tuesday 21 November

TIC: Mrs Milligan



**SPORTS TEAMS & CULTURAL PHOTOS
THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER**

Genesis Advertising

Contact the Genesis Office for more information about advertising with us. Advertisements start at just \$7.00, and can be run weekly, fortnightly or monthly. If you need help creating an ad - just ask!!

Bible Reading for the Week

'It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. - Galatians 5:1

Carolling is on again this Christmas.....

Plans are underway for a repeat performance of our Carol Singing around the streets of Milton again this December. We are also booked in for a concert at Ashlea Grove and a wee greeting sing song at our Community Christmas Luncheon.

If you are keen we are going to have some practice sessions in November and the start of December. These will be held at the Church Hall next to the Heritage Church, starting at 7.00pm on Tuesdays. The dates will be...

Tuesday 21st November

Tuesday 28th November

Tuesday 5th December

Tuesday 12th December.

It was an awesome experience last year and a lot of fun for the singers and the folk we entertained. We would love to see you. Any queries, phone Raewyn Devlin 027 481 6146.



Genesis Deadlines

12 Noon Monday for all Articles and Advertising

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Lake to Sea Trail Bike Ride Photos



The Tokoit Trek

The students of Tokoit School, also known as the Trekkers, have been working on a fun and challenging project this term. They have been planning a bike trip around the South Island for their principal, Shannon, who loves to ride his bike very far and safely. They have called it the Tokoit Trek.

The idea for the project came from last term, when the students ran around the school field as many times as they could. Each time they completed one round, they got a stick from their teacher. The sticks were like kilometers for Shannon. They added up all the sticks and it was 1666 kilometers. That's a huge distance!

The students were inspired by some amazing bike riders they learned about, such as Chris and Stella who rode on the Iron Butt Rally and Mark who rode across the USA on dirt roads. They wanted to challenge Shannon to do something similar in New Zealand.

This term, they helped Shannon plan his bike trip. They used their computers to find some interesting places for him to see on his way. They also learned about the geography and history of the South Island. They chose some places that were important or beautiful or funny. For example, Jamez chose Jimmy's Pies because they are the best pies in the world. One Trekker chose Big Nuts NZ because their grandfather owns it and they make different kinds of nuts. Another student chose the Dunedin Ice Skating Rink because that was a special place for his whānau.

They made a map for Shannon to follow and marked all the places they chose. They also made some pictures for Shannon to take with him on his bike. Shannon is going on his bike trip on Tuesday 31st and the students are very excited to see his photos. He said he would take a photo at each place he visits and show them he was there. He is doing it by himself, but he has a phone and a GPS to keep him safe. He has to finish in one day.

The students are very proud of him and they hope he has a great time. They think he is a brave, adventurous and annoying principal who likes to try new things. They are looking forward to seeing his photos and hearing his stories when he comes back.

Halloween Dress-Ups

Some staff and students took advantage of the fact that today is Halloween, and came to school in a range of interesting costumes!



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Cricket Report

Opening Clutha Vets South Otago Cricket T20 Sees Waihola Swans Triumph Over Milton King Crabs

The Waihola Swans have taken bragging rights in their opening Clutha Vets South Otago Cricket T20 encounter over the Milton King Crabs, played on a fine Sunday in Milton. Milton batted first and lost opener Dylan Greer on the first ball of the innings off the bowling of Jared Hayes. Things didn't improve much in the early stages for the King Crabs as they soon lost two more wickets to be struggling at 22 for the loss of three. The Powerful Jacob Jenkins managed to accumulate some runs for his side before being dismissed by Ryan Clark for 15 runs. This was Clark's third wicket inside three overs. The Milton middle order added some substance largely thanks to skipper Ben Cameron (25) and Corey Bradley (10). Some extremely tight bowling towards the end of the innings by Swans bowlers Shelford Meads and Jared Cunningham restricted the late flow of runs and Milton limped to 72 for the loss of nine wickets from their 20 overs. Cameron was the pick of the batters, opting to run quick singles early before unleashing with a couple of sixes towards the end of his innings. Jenkins and Bradley both looked in good touch at times too. Ryan Clark was the pick of the Waihola bowlers with tasty figures of three for nine off three overs. In reply Waihola didn't have it all their own way, losing opener Toby Greene in the first over and first drop Levin Coulter-Butler at the start of the second. This gave Milton confidence, and they bowled in some decent areas at the start of the innings. Waihola opener Ryan Clark built on his fantastic first innings by carrying his bat through the innings for an unbeaten 38. Clark was ably assisted by Rowan Craw who looked as composed as ever on his way to an unbeaten 22 as Waihola chased the total down with seven overs to spare. Milton opener Corey Bradley was dangerous with the cherry and took away steady figures of one for nine off three overs. Daniel Samson was the other Milton bowler to take a pole in the match as Waihola gain hold of the Burt Pringle Trophy and the Bungard Cleats for the inaugural time. Waihola Swans 73/2 (Ryan Clark 38*, Rowan Craw 22*; Corey Bradley 1-9) beat Milton King Crabs 72/9 (Ben Cameron 25, Jacob Jenkins 15; Ryan Clark 3-9)



News from the Trenches

And the winner is???? the winner of our fantastic World Cup & NPC Tipping Competition is..... to be announced on Saturday 11th November at 6pm with the winners being announced at our prize giving, commencing from 4pm. Based on the results over the next couple of weeks, the winner will be a very tight scenario with plenty of candidates making a late charge. I have a big feeling we have a new winner along with some new candidates looking at making a new splash. Congratulations to Mary-Ann Good who scooped the pool with our Pick the Scores jackpot, which her score of 12-10 South Africa clearly shows she knows what the right score would be.

This coming Saturday we will be laying our crosses out for Armistice Day on 11th November so would be good to have plenty of volunteers to help out as this is a very important day in our history.

Don't forget the Melbourne Cup which is coming along on the first Tuesday in November which promises another big afternoon - so come along to make your fortune.

Last Saturday we had an excellent day with RATS (Riders Against Teen Suicide) just shows the importance of supporting this cause.

Don't forget we have our Thursday meat raffles along with our weekly membership draw along with the joker draw which is getting up.

Lets not talk about TMO and officiating and come down to the RSA for a good time.

Private Pike

Keep Your Contact Details Updated!

Email any changes to genesis@tokohigh.school.nz.

Women's Institute Awareness

Last Sunday saw a gathering for Women's Institute, held at the Lovell's Flat Hall.

But what is Women's Institute about?

It began in 1921, and is a voluntary organisation where women can come together and take some 'me' time—no one is expected to do more than they feel they can achieve.

The women's Institute is one of the largest women's organisations in New Zealand and encourages women to reach their potential by sharing talents, having fun and learning a variety of skills amongst like-minded, diverse women on a regular basis.

The Institute serves in the community, supports local organisations and helps with fundraising for worthy causes.

Women's Institute gives Women a chance to try new ideas, be involved in their community and make great friends.

For more information about our local Women's Institutes, please phone Gay Bloxham on 027 774 9910 (Lovell's Flat), or Izzy Michelle (Waihola Clarendon).



Bessie Spenser OBE who founded the New Zealand Federation of Women's Institutes in 1921

Friendship Group Update

On Friday 27th October, Ashlea Grove Rest Home invited the Friendship Group for an afternoon of entertainment with Colleen Hosken. Colleen sang many songs with her guitar and we all sang along and did actions with gusto to old favourites like The Hokey Tokey.

Afternoon tea was served and enjoyed by all with lots of chatter and laughter.

Thank you to Ashlea Grove and Kimberley for inviting us.



Year 11 Golfers

Recently the Year 11 PE class travelled to Wals Driving Range in Mosgiel to practice their Golf drives. Each student got a bucket of 35 golf balls and took shots in their own zone. The highlight was being able to have a collection of balls that didn't go too far when everyone put their clubs down. It was a fun and enjoyable experience to end the year with.

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Milton Country Club News

Well we came so close to lifting the trophy, but it was not to be. Well done to the All Blacks, bring on Australia 2027. Here at the club we have had a lot of our community using our great function room for many different occasions, so if you have an event, birthday, reunion, etc coming up then get in touch and we will try and accommodate your needs. Our AGM will be held on Sunday 5th November at 1pm. All members are welcome and indeed encouraged to attend and have your say about the clubs future. We are hosting a Christmas dinner on Saturday December 2nd, where Danette our caterer for the evening will be serving us a two course meal, whilst we will be entertained by the wonderful Henare. (The Velvet Voice Merchant) A great chance for business breakup, family groups, friends and neighbours to get together and enjoy a fun night out in your home town. Potatoes are now available for the annual spud dig and can be purchased at the club, so get yours now. For further info on all of the above please contact the club on 417-8456 or call Sharlene on 0274595968 . Until next time , See You At The Club

Milton Angling Club

Hospital Shield Clutha River
29th October

Seniors

S Souness 3 trout 3.565 kg
D Rosson 1 trout 1.615 kg

Juniors

J Nicolaou 1 trout 1.395 kg

miltonangling@gmail.com

Next competition 18th November
Hook Cup Mataura River



Toko Golf

Medalford—31 October 2023

1st	Suzie Bearman	69 39 30
2nd	Gail Cote	73 37 36
3rd	Wendy Agnew	c/b 73 35 38
4th	Margaret Cain	73 35 38

Longest Putt #9/18 Wendy Agnew
Best Shot onto #7/16 Suzie Bearman



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Genesis Classifieds ...

Situations Vacant

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TOKOMAIRO EARLY LEARNING CENTRE Office Administrator Position 18 hours per week

Experience in working with invoicing systems and Xero would be desirable but not essential as full training will be given prior taking over the role on Tuesday January 9th 2024. Please apply in writing and include a copy of your CV to our manager Joanne Mead and forward to telc@xtra.co.nz or 94 Johnson Street Milton. **Applications close on Friday November 10th.**



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Situations Vacant

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Waihola District School Office Admin Position

Permanent - 15 hrs per week



We seek a friendly, positive, person with good initiative and administration skills. Needs to be self-managing, hard-working, efficient and open to new learning. **Key responsibilities include:** Administration, maintaining school records and online file management systems, and support of the principal and school. Experience with Google Drive and Xero are preferable but not essential.

For further information and an application pack, email principal@waihola.school.nz
Applications close 4pm on Thursday 9th November, 2023

Church Notices

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Tokomairi Co-Operating Parish Sunday 5th November—Holy Communion

9:00am Waihola Church
10:45am Milton Church
4pm-6pm Whanau Sunday
All Welcome!

MOUNT ZION CHURCH

Sunday Service - 10am.

110 Union Street. All Welcome!

For information follow us on Facebook - 021 249 6312

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TOKO JUNIOR RUGBY

Invites all members to attend their AGM

Date: Tuesday 14th November 2023
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Toko Rugby Club Milton

For further information please contact Simon Scott
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Tokomairiro Historical Society & Bruce Museum Trust

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 14th November
7.30 p.m. at the Museum
All Welcome, supper provided

Apologies to N Milne 027 7262520

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Milton Country Club A.G.M 5th November at 1pm



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We are very happy to have our personal trainer Mahalia taking classes in Milton starting Thursday 2nd November.

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6 sessions for \$50 or \$10 per session.

Grab a friend and come check it out! Don't forget a towel and water bottle. Exercise mat optional.

For enquiries or personal trainer information call Lily at the Toko Gym on 034177066



Bruce Community Calendar NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday 5th November—Calder Stewart Coastal Classic, Taieri Mouth

Tuesday 14th November – Tokomairiro Historical Society & Bruce Museum Trust A.G.M. 7.30 p.m. at the Museum

Friday 24th November—Tokoitia School Food Truck Night from 5:30pm

Saturday 25th November 9am Blessed Box cook

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

For a full list of the Bruce District's clubs and organisations visit www.projectbruce.org or pop into the Hub for a comprehensive pamphlet

To be added to the calendar, please text 027 513 1775 or email brucecommunities@gmail.com.



EXERCISE CLASSES FOR SENIORS

Do you think you or someone you know could benefit from getting out of the house and moving their bodies?

Or meeting some new people? *Send them our way!*

The Toko Gym runs Keep Moving classes at 2.30pm on Tuesdays for \$3.

These are suitable for ALL ages and levels of fitness. Come along for some light exercise, stretches and a laugh.

Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund 2024

Applications are being called for the 2024 Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund. The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund is designed to help subsidise travel for junior teams participating in local sport competition.

Applications are open to rural sports clubs and rural school teams with young people aged between 5-19 years who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions (excluding travel to regional or national events). Applications will be for travel expenses to be incurred for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

Applications close on Friday, 24 November 2023.

The application form and additional information is online at www.cluthadc.govt.nz or phone Council 0800 801 350 or email help.desk@cluthadc.govt.nz


Articles and Reports

The Genesis relies on articles and reports supplied by the community to fill our pages. Please email these to genesis@tokohigh.school.nz so we can share what is happening in our area.



Genesis Classifieds ...

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**The Tokomairiro Waiora Inc
Annual General Meeting**

Will be held 6.00 pm
Wednesday 15th November 2023
4 Shakespeare St, Milton
All welcome

Super will be served on the conclusion of the meeting
Normal Board of Trustees meeting to follow.
RSVP by: Friday 10th November 2023
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**Milton
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AGM**

Thursday 9th November
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- Tuesday 7th November
- 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.



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2023/24 GRANT FUNDING ROUND

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15 NOVEMBER 2023

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So much to see at this Year's A&P Show

25th November 2023

WHAT TO SEE AND DO . . .

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