

Tokomairiro High School Newsletter & Community Noticeboard

Wednesday 19th August 2020

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Tokoiti School Hosts Cross Country



Milton Area Cross Country took place at Tokoiti School on Tuesday 11th August. An amazing day was had by all and the weather was on our side. We started with the Year 1 races at 12pm and gradually worked our way through all the year levels. This year the course had to change a little bit due to the building project in progress at the school, and the students all rose to the occasion with winners across all the schools. This day would not be possible without all the Staff and Whanau who generously give their time to help the day run as smoothly as possible. For this we are extremely grateful.

The Tokoiti Trekkers have been working on Design Thinking for the Cross Country, and

have come up with some creative ideas for the Cross Country course. They first had a look at the things they liked. Some examples were

jumping in puddles, having Whanau watching them run, seeing the students from the other schools and the food and drinks. Secondly they looked at the things they didn't like, such as having sore legs, family that were not able to make it, training everyday, other people bragging that they got in the top five and getting puffed. Finally, they thought of creative ideas to make the cross country better. Their ideas ranged from ball pits to run and jump into, becoming Sonic for the day, dressing up in crazy outfits, water balloon fight, run through mud, live streaming it with a drone, a water slide, free fizzy and ice blocks and more fun obstacles.



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A Visit from Helen Clark

On Tuesday last week, the team at Project Bruce and the Tokomairiro Community Hub hosted a morning tea for former Prime Minister Helen Clark. Ms Clark was in Otago to meet with local Labour party candidate Ingrid Leary and took the opportunity to visit our community organisations while she was here. Project Bruce was able to share the story of our community-led initiatives and explain our projects to Ms

Clark. During the visit, the Hub's weekly Free Market was operating as usual and locals popped in for chat and a cup of tea with the former PM who shared her ideas and building experiences of community resilience.

Bruce Project volunteers, associates and Clutha District Mayor Cadogan were chuffed to spend the morning with Ms Clark and extended an open invitation to pop in again any

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Tena koutou katoa.

Week five of term three – this has certainly been a strange week and I know there are many concerned and disappointed people in the community. Last Sunday I went to Rotorua to the national secondary principals' conference. The event was planned to finish on Wednesday 1pm, however, on Tuesday night the decision was made to cancel the last day. There were many principals from the Auckland area and it was important for them to get back to their schools. Trying to change air tickets online at 11.00pm, for 6.55am the next morning, is not easy. However, the three other principals I was travelling with and I all managed to get onto the flight, arriving back at Dunedin airport about 10.30am – a day earlier than expected.

Covid-19 – we are determined to keep this virus out of our school and community. While most of us are familiar with requirements at Alert Level 2, we will continue to emphasise the importance of:

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- Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily
- Displaying QR code posters at our entrances and encouraging all of our community to download the NZ COVID Tracer App and use it if they come on-site
- Keeping a visitor register for anyone who cannot use the app and for other essential visitors **Cultural Competition** sadly, we have postponed the event as we are not allowed to have gatherings of more than one hundred people. We are hoping to hold this once we get back to alert level one.

Horticulture – our Horticulture Department has been busy as we head towards the spring. The classes have been very busy growing vegetables from



Technology Free Tuesdays

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

seed and now looking after the seedlings, ready to go into their school garden plots in the spring. Our large greenhouse is full of young seedlings. The students are about to now prepare the vegetable plants, from seeds, for the Milton Hub. Another area they are focusing on is on propagating young plants from cuttings (they can earn NCEA credits for this) and growing seedlings of native trees. These will be used for planting around the stream through the school – a lot of work has been done on this area over the past couple of years, thanks to our property manager, Alan Robinson. A group from the Milton Rotary Club are also working at growing more seedlings to be used for local plantings of native trees. Our thanks goes to Mark Anderson for the work he has done in potting up more than 500 seedlings. We are now raising funds to purchase a second greenhouse to house the native seedlings.

Senior Ski Camp – a group of our senior students heads off to Coronet Peak on Sunday for two days of skiing with Ms Cowie and Mr Sinclair. We wish these students safe and

happy travels, and two days of great skiing. We will keep our fingers crossed for the weather!

Blue Mountain Sports Exchange — unfortunately this exchange has been postponed. We are hoping to fit it in before the end of this term once we get back to alert level one. Focus on Positive Relationships — when we returned from lockdown late last term, we found our students were really happy to see each other and to be back at school. Unfortunately, this term has seen a number of young people become intolerant of others and students saying nasty things to each other has become far too prevalent. We are working on trying to encourage our young people to show empathy towards each other and to bring back that lovely positive atmosphere we are used to. We are asking that whanau support us in this endeavour by encouraging positive talk from their young ones. It would be great if you could talk about this with your young ones and we will all work on this together.

Year 6 Students and Parents – just a reminder that we are happy to show 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

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...

Wednesday 19th August - Year 9/10 Horticulture trip - Blue Mountain Nursery

Sunday 23 – Tuesday 25 August - Senior Ški Camp Tuesday 25th - BOT Meeting

Wednesday 26 August - Sports and Cultural Photos Wednesday 9th September - Year 12 - Love me not Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th September - Year 10 Camp

Monday 14th - Tuesday 15th September - Year 9/10 Netball Tournament

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PE and Health Department

The Physical Education and Health Department has had a busy term so far. Our main focus has been on

assessing our students in the junior school on the volleyball. This sport of is sport many our students are not familiar with so it has been

challenging yet rewarding for students to progress over see their time. Next, the junior school moves ont focusing on

social responsibility. In Outdoor Education, the seniors are getting ready for the up and coming ski camp which is always a highlight works on his volleyball skills. of the year.



Camrin Stephen (Year 10)

In senior Physical Education, both the Year 12s and 13s are working with groups to demonstrate leadership and event organising. This is always rewarding and they get to work with other students in the school.

In Health, the focus has been on healthy relationships, team building and online safety. Getting students to reflect on these issues is always topical and having meaningful

discussions helps to develop understanding and empathy. Next up we are hoping to run at some stage a cross country and continue to get students through assessment while developing critical thinking skills. Watch this space for an update after ski camp.

Year 9 and 10 Junior Diploma

Last week we took a look at Diploma grades for our Year 9 and Year 10 students. It was great to see this group of students doing so well across their different subjects.

Our continuing focus is to make an effort in class, and it is great to see students engaged in their learning across the school. Next week the focus will be on our seniors who are continuing to focus on achieving at NCEA and putting in the effort to do so. Keep checking in at home and having conversations with your students. In this way, we can work together to make sure everyone succeeds.



Left to right -Zoe McElrea, Ezekiel Scurr, Emily Scanlan, Millar McElrea, Camrin Stephen, Ryan Clark and Toby Greene. Absent is Makayla Wills

Bible Reading for Today

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

2020 Genesis Appeal

This year, our appeal will be held in the first week of September. A prepaid envelope will be included with your Genesis publication on 2nd September, and there will also be the option to use internet banking if you wish to make a donation.

This is an opportunity for our community to show their support of the Genesis, which is dedicated to providing the Milton and Waihola districts with a community noticeboard and a platform for local businesses to advertise, as well as being a way for local schools and groups to share their news and events.

We cannot take continued publication of the Genesis for granted, as the effects of social media and Covid-19 show in the reduction in advertisers.

If you value the Genesis and its role in our community, then please show your support - every little bit counts!

News From the Trenches

This coming Saturday sees the prize giving for RSA the Ultimate Sporting Extravaganza

Competition commencing at 5pm. This competition has re-energised those members with a new competitive edge and brought together a whole new exciting programme of sports tipping. Due to Covid 19, the last round of games took a slight hit, but still didn't distract from an exciting competition.



I've just returned from a successful mission to Oamaru where I had to clean up a mess that Woody was meant to complete. All he had to do, was arrange for lollies to be picked up, but he failed miserably. One job, Woody??? I hear he is still being asked if he is Private Pike, which drives him crazy as he is trying to find my identity. Paddy is sworn to secrecy.

Our Friday numbers are increasing with someone making comment there were "more people there on a Friday than whitebait caught up the Toko". Darts matches are fully competitive with some new stars coming out. Boo Moana throws a mean dart! Just another top night.

I've even quizzed my Information officer, Sqt George Schultz, if he had any news for me, his reply was "I know NOTHING!!!" So on that note, ends this weeks column. Private Pike

Genesis Office Hours

8:30am - 3:30pm Monday 8:30am - 3:30pm Tuesday

Wednesday , Thursday, Friday - Closed.

If the office is unattended, articles, advertising or payments can be taken to the school office or left in the box in the door.

We are still having issues with our telephone messaging service, so if you want to leave a message for the Genesis outside our office hours, please phone the Tokomairiro High School office (417 8620) and it will be passed on.

Genesis is delivered free to your letterbox from Tuesday 4pm to



Sumpter Moore –Barristers & Solicitors

Quote of the week:

Learning to dislike children at an early age saves a lot of expense and aggravation later in life (Robert Byrne)

For all your legal requirements, contact our friendly team at

5 Eden Street, (PO Box 16) Milton.

Phone (03) 417-8004 Fax (03) 417-8002

Last Call for Recipes

As was published in the Genesis last week, Project Bruce and Otago Polytechnic are teaming up during August and September to make a difference for whānau/families in the Bruce Ward. As part of the collaboration, Mesha

Fraser and Clare Green (two third-year Occupational

students) Therapy producing a recipe book that will be stacked with low-cost, simple and nutritious meal ideas. It will be available for free from Project Bruce. But this isn't going to be another book that has lists expensive ingredients that nobody has in their cupboard. The idea behind the recipe book is to take the skills and knowledge that already exist in the community and share them, so that everyone can benefit from some new ideas for turning those everyday into affordable foods nutritious meals. If you have a recipe to share, send it to bruce.recipe20@gmail.com so it can be included in the

Deadline for submissions is this Sunday 23rd August.

book

Forestry Pathways Training and Tokomairiro Training

Within our small town of Milton, we have an opportunity for young people, interested in finding out about the Forestry Careers Pathway, to undertake a pre-apprenticeship programme while continuing to work towards NCEA level 2 and 3.

This course set at Year 12/13 level is perfectly placed to introduce students thinking of an outdoor vocation to the forest industry with all its different career opportunities. This course could lead to higher levels of education or more likely employment in the local industry which is in need of young motivated people with good base training.

Milton is an ideal site for this course as there are many corporate forestry companies and contractors in the vicinity and Otago/Southland is the second largest forest region in the country. Farm Foresters and other small-scale forest owners in the region are also plentiful and are currently limited in their ability to maintain the silviculture levels in their forests they would like by a shortage of skilled labour. Many blocks planted in the 1990s are nearing harvest and a

shortage of reputable logging crews is a looming issue.

Within this course, students will have the opportunity to achieve 58 credits at Level 2 and 30 credits at Level 3 from six strands: Forestry Knowledge, Forestry Operations, Forestry

Silviculture Operations, Forest Foundation Skills, Tree Felling. Learning involves both theoretical and hands-on practical components, with the students gaining experience with our local forestry companies. The tutor of this course is Alistair McKenzie, from Johnston Forestry, a highly regarded trainer and moderator in the industry.

There is no cost for this course. This year we have had funding from the Provincial Growth Fund, the NZ Forest Owners Association and local forestry companies, as well as a grant for

Tutor Alistair McKenzie with MPs Mark Patterson and Shane Jones, and forestry trainees in mid July.

personal protection clothing from Otago Community Trust.

Forestry companies are crying out for more workers and our students are all but guaranteed positions on completion of their course, which runs from February to October. The course runs for two days per week and the students return to school for the other three days.

If you would like to find out more about this course please feel free to contact the Tokomairiro Training Manager, Lynda Allan on 0800 223328 or 022 018580.

Paul Griffin

Josh Lister

Lex Adam

Neil Walker

Kane Walker

Milton Smallbore Rifle Club Results from 10th August 2020

96.4, 95.2, 191.6

95.3, 96.4, 191.7

97.3

91.2

87,86, 173

Indoor Bowls

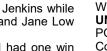
It was pretty scary this week with the possibility of a further lockdown, but luckily for us it just wasn't to be. Considering all the ups and downs it was a great night with a couple of newbies there.

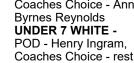
After three games there were four teams with two wins each and with a count back on scores they were between 16 and 21. Fairly close.

The winner for the night was Dennis Hayes and Melva Heads with 21. Runners up with 20 points were Russell Copland. Eunice Benington and Raymond Perry, third with 18 were David Gorton, Alex Benington and Greta Jenkins while in fourth place were Ray Low, Barbara Read and Jane Low with 16.

Dave Findlay, Alwyn Read and Lynn Copland had one win and Alastair Allison who had two new bowlers with him had good games but didn't manage a win.

If all goes well there is only two nights left of a very unusual season. Hopefully we'll see you on Wednesday night.





Toko Rugby Club

Milton Night'n'Day Junior Rugby Awards

UNDER 7 BLUE -

POD and Coaches Choice -Whole team!! **UNDER 7 GOLD -**

POD - Taya Robinson, Coaches Choice - Annaleese

Coaches Choice - rest of the

UNDER 9 GOLD -POD and TOD/ Coaches Choice - Whole team! **UNDER 9 BLUE -**POD - Fergus Finch TOD/Coaches Choice -Saffron Healey UNDER 11 and Under 13 -Did not play.



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