



New Tokomairiro High School Van

We were thrilled with the arrival of our new school van last Thursday. We now have two large vans to support the transportation of our students for various activities outside the classroom and for sports trips.

A special thankyou must go to the Trusts Community Grants for their donation of \$30,000, the Tokomairiro High School PTA for their donation of \$10,000, and the Board of Trustees for covering the remainder. We are very appreciative of the support from all these groups.



Clutha District Youth Development Programme

This programme is delivered by Malcam Charitable Trust for the Clutha District Council.

CLUTHA DISTRICT YOUTH PROGRAMME

Margaret Cardno and Sarah Caudwell have continued providing support and connection to the Youth of Clutha District remotely, since going into Alert Level 4.

Much of this has been done via the Clutha Youth Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Clutha-Youth-by-Margaret-and-Sarah-683349225094986/>

CLUTHA DISTRICT YOUTH SURVEY

To determine how our youth see their needs, the Youth Workers are surveying Clutha District Youth aged 12 to 24 year. They are asking for your help with this please.

If you could please forward this link to the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZR38Q8J> to any young people in your family, any young people that might work with you or for you and also your contacts no matter what age as they may know some young people that would like to take part.

A previous survey was completed 5 years ago to give the programme direction, and resulted in the delivery of the very successful B Motivated B U.

ONGOING SUPPORT

If you are a young person requiring support or you know of a young person who does, or you would like to learn more about the programme, please contact Sarah or Margaret (contact details are below) or message Clutha Youth FB page. All communication is treated confidentially.

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Sarah Caudwell
 Clutha Youth Worker, Malcam Charitable Trust
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Piano Exam Success



Congratulations to Makayla and Marcus Wills on their recent outstanding exam results. Marcus (Year 7), sat his Grade 4 piano exam and gained a Pass with Distinction, and Makayla (Year 9), sat her Grade 5 piano and also gained a Pass with Distinction. Makayla also got the 4th highest mark overall, of every grade and every instrument in New Zealand! Well done!

Online Learning

There's nothing like injecting a bit of fun into learning! This photo shows Mrs Moodie holding a Silly Hat Day zoom Meeting with a group from her Year 7/8 class.



Inside this week...

We are aware that due to the lockdown over the past few weeks that some people in our community have not been receiving any copies of the Genesis. This week, we have included some of the local stories that we shared in our online copies for you to enjoy.

Tokomairiro High School Newsletter ...

SCHOOL MISSION: Working together to inspire excellence in education, in character and in life.

Tena koutou katoa

It looks like we are about to get back to semi-normal, in terms of young people at school, anyway.

As you no doubt heard announced by the Prime Minister on Monday, schools will begin again for all students next week. It will be great to have the young people back and work with them face-to-face again. Although there has been some great work happening online, with lots of individualised help for students, it has been hard to keep track of just how well the young people are learning. A great big thank you must go out to all the parents who have supported the students in their online learning over the past month. We know many students will be excited about getting back to see friends and to their regular studies, while some may be anxious or detached from their learning. We will support students as best we can to settle back into their learning here at school.

Health & Safety at School

The Ministry of Health has sent out clear guidelines regarding the health and safety precautions at school. An email with more information about Health & Safety has been sent home to all parents & caregivers.

Online Lessons

While we are expecting most students to return to school under Level 2, some students may not be able to do so. Any students who show any sign of illness must stay at home, as must young people who have high risk

levels or family members with high risk levels.

Teachers will continue to post lessons to Google Classroom while school is in Lockdown Level 2.

Online Student Assemblies

Our Prefect Team has continued to have Thursday online assemblies. They are holding some exciting competitions and it was great to see the results of the Tik Tok competition last week. Each week Meg puts up a new audio clip to be used to present your own Tik Tok. Check this out on the school Facebook page.

John Parsons Link

Safety in the digital world is important for all of us and not more so than for our young people. John Parsons is a NZ guru who has been working in the area of digital safety, especially for young people, for some time. Live streaming is everywhere around us at present. In this video, John Parsons shares his thoughts on Live Streaming: Understanding the Risks for Children. I encourage parents to take the time to see this and discuss with your young ones. Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/johnparsons2E/videos/244747619971043/>


Students Pastoral Support

Be sure to reach out to your teachers if you need some help. Your House Group Teachers and Deans are there to support you, along with our Guidance Counsellor, Mr McKinnon, if you need someone to talk to – ross@tokohigh.school.nz

Parents – also feel free to contact your children's teachers or any of the senior leadership team.

Finally, stay safe and stay strong in your bubbles. We are looking forward to the time when we have you all back with us here at school.

Nga mihi
Glenis Sim
Principal



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Tiny and Wendy wish to let all our customers know that we will be opening our doors on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 May, from 10am until 4pm.

From Monday 18th Normal hours will be resumed with Covid19 Level 2 restrictions in place.

We wish to thank everyone that has used our online services, it is much appreciated.

Keep a look out for updates on our Facebook page.

Along with all our Staff we are looking forward to seeing all our customers again.

Sports Results - Term One

South Otago Primary Swimming Sports

Congratulations to the following students who all qualified for the Otago Swimming Championships. Pippa Greene, Caitlyn Scott, Marcus Wills, Lucy Clark and Jessica Allan all qualified in either in freestyle or backstroke.

Otago Secondary School Athletics

Millar McElrea was the only student from Tokomairiro to attend the Otago Secondary Athletics Champs held at the Caledonian Track in Dunedin during March. He performed extremely well, coming first in the following events: High jump, Long Jump, 200m and 400m sprints. Great job Millar.



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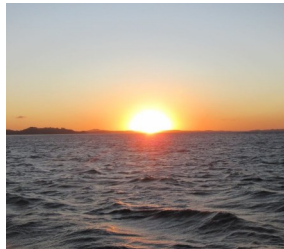
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Spirit of Adventure

From the 16th to the 26th of March I got the amazing opportunity to take part in the Spirit of Adventure in Auckland. This was a 10-day leadership course that tested our ability to lead and participate within a team. Activities were all about working as a team in rafting, climbing and the biggest thing - controlling a whole sailing ship. Each day a different watch group controlled a different mast, there were three masts, foredeck (front end), main (middle) and the mizzen (back end). We were told that eventually, we would control the ship as a group. We all thought that's not possible but after 6-7 days it was definitely possible! The first 3 days they fired information into our brains as if we were experienced sailors, all the different ropes and what role they have, all the different knots, ways to roll it up and different callouts and if you got lucky you even got to captain the ship!! Each mast had a different role; the foredeck controlled what we call the square sails. There were four layers. The top was called the Royale which from what we got told was about 40 metres up. Next was the topsail followed by the tegallan and finally the course. For all of these, you could attach yourself to a rope and climb up the riggings to reach the top where the views were amazing. Next mast was the main. Its job was to control the ship and gained the most speed so it was important to get it up. Finally the mizzen which was the easiest to put up but hardest to strike (put down). Unfortunately on Day 7, the spirit had to go back early because of the Covid-19 outbreak and the whole of New Zealand going into lockdown. Since some of us were flying we needed to rebook flights back home. At the time this was gutting; my heart sank right down, but after a week of the Covid-19 outbreak, I reckon it was a good call. After the experience, I can say I've learned so much about sailing. But sailing was half of the course. The whole experience of being isolated out at sea with 30 people who came from all parts of New Zealand, allowed me to meet and make some amazing friends who I will never forget. I would like to thank everyone that helped me get to the Spirit. It was an experience I will never forget; it helped me become a more confident leader and person as a whole.

Voyage #795
Patrick Norman



Bible Reading for Today

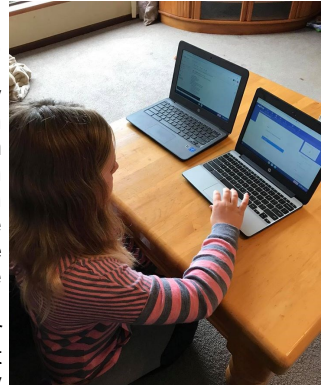
God is our refuge and strength, an ever present in our times of trouble

Psalm 46:1

Agrikids/ Junior Young Farmers

In early April, the Agri-Kids and Junior Young Farmer Competitions were held online, due to the fact the NZ is in lockdown. We were lucky enough to still have seven teams competing across both age grades. The competition started off with a 25 question general/farming knowledge quiz, and then went into the virtual face off rounds. Three teams made it through to their respective face-off's, our Agrikids team, 'Oat the Goat Gang' - (Ryan Shanks, Lucy Clark and Riley Milburn), Junior Young Farmer teams, 'My Favourite Team' - (Millar McElrea and Ryan Clark) and 'J&I' - (Isaac Herbert and Jake Heslop).. Each team member had to answer a series of questions on a live quiz, and scores were combined together with the first quiz scores to find a winner. Millar and Ryan were lucky enough to come out nearly on top of the competition, earning second place, and a spot in the virtual grand final. Congratulations to everyone for competing. We hope to see you all back next year!

-Zoe McElrea



Holiday Competition Winner



Leo Lister designed and built his maimai from scratch during the first few weeks of lockdown – an outstanding effort.

He has won a Canteen voucher to be used once school resumes. Great work!



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Quote of the week:

I once said cynically of a politician, 'He'll doublecross that bridge when he comes to it.'
Oscar Levant (1906 - 1972)

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5 Eden Street, (PO Box 16) Milton.

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New Wahine Toa Group

Mau rākau has been so successful with our male ākonga that our female ākonga have organised a group of their own. Wahine toa brings wahine together to work on traditional Māori crafts and skills. In the weeks leading up to lockdown, we have been working on creating and mere.



Kaylee-May Turora-Phillips, Mereana Phillips, Sarah-Jane Norman and Quinevanja Phillips prepare templates for their patu.



Daiha Coulter-Butler putting a sharp edge onto her patu.

Learning at Home—TELC

The teachers at Tokomairiro Early Learning Centre were very keen to stay connected with our children and their families during the lock down period, so we set up a Facebook messenger group chat for each centre, and invited all our parents to join. Each day Kim MacDonald has read a story and uploaded this to the Spenser Street group page, and the Johnson Street children have been entertained by Michele Lane hosting a daily mat time session, complete with a wig and fun outfit. Jane Gillan has also uploaded several fun science experiments she has done with her son Deacon, and other teachers have been posting messages of support and photos and videos of their experiences during this time. The children have loved this and our families have got on board by also posting photos and videos of their responses to the teachers and the cool things they have been doing too. The pages have also been used to post new ideas of fun things to do with children and the range of ideas has been amazing.

These pages have been great for keeping our families connected with both the teachers and each other and for keeping the children engaged remotely. Parents have reported that their children are just loving seeing their teachers and their friends, and the teachers are really enjoying seeing and hearing all about what everybody has been up to during lock down. Below are photos of the cool things our children have been doing to keep themselves entertained.



Junior Young Farmer 2020

Millar McElrea talks about his experience competing in this years' Junior Young Farmer with Ryan Clark.

We had been spending a couple of hours a week studying for regional finals and we were disappointed that it was changed from a practical fun day to an online quiz because of the lockdown.

The Regional Finals started with a quiz. There were 27 questions on various different things, mainly Agriculture or General Knowledge. We had 15 minutes to complete the quiz or we lost points. Since we were in lockdown and we couldn't meet in person, we had to Facetime our other team member as we are in teams of two. We had a week to complete the first quiz and after that we found out who was going through to the Face Off. The teams who got the 2 highest scores on the quiz automatically went through to the Face Off and the top team from each school was picked as well.



In the Face Off we joined a zoom call along with the 9 other teams. We completed the quiz during the call so the officials could tell we weren't getting help. In the Face Off we had ten seconds to answer each question in Rounds 1 and 2 (each round consisted of 10-15 questions) and then in Round 3 we had eight seconds and the questions were worth double points. We did this quiz individually.

We both did well in the Face Off, placed third and Ryan fourth with one point between us. They had live results from the Face Off so we could see our results but still had to wait for the overall winners to be announced.

We were hopeful as we thought we had done well but still very nervous. The results were announced on Sunday night and we found out we had placed second and were going to compete in the Grand Final later on this year. We were stoked to get through!

ANZAC Day 2020

The Bruce RSA commemorated ANZAC Day a bit differently this year. The crowds were missing, but that didn't stop the officials turning up individually to remember, with the wreath laying ceremony going ahead at the Cenotaph at 11am. Many locals also made the pilgrimage to their front gates at dawn, to stand in silence, and reflect on the sacrifices made.



Flag Marshall, Bert Pringle



Gavin Good lays the RSA wreath



Drummer, Jacob Murray and Piper, Don Wilson.



Ross, Wendy and Colin Flett watch from their car.

ANZAC Day Learning

78Mo and 78Pr have spent the weeks leading up to Anzac Day learning about Anzac Day and World War 1. As part of their Social Science work, they were to take their new knowledge and plan a commemorative event for Anzac Day, that could be held within their bubble. Students were encouraged to be creative in their preparations for their event.

The events were varied to suit the individual families within each bubble. Many families created artwork for their windows and fences while others baked and spent special time with their families. Riley Phillips looked at some family history about his Great Grandfather who was in the Navy and also did some Anzac baking. Brendon Greer made Poppies out of New World bags and baked Anzac Biscuits. Millanian Potae made huge poppies outside their gate with some white crosses with 'Lest We Forget.' Awen Wallace reflected on his parents trip to Gallipoli in 2015.



South Otago Triathlon Results

The results for the Triathlon have finally come through. Well done to those students who gained a place, either individually or in teams.

Year 7 Boys—3rd Marcus Wills, 4th Archie Finch
 Year 7 Girls—4th Pippa Greene, 8th Caitlyn Scott
 Year 7 Boys Team—2nd place
 Year 7 Girls Team—12th place
 Year 8 Boys— 13th Hayden Jenkins
 Year 8 Girls Team—7th Jessica Allan
 Year 8 Boys Team—7th place
 Year 7 Mixed Team—3rd place
 Year 8 Mixed Team—2nd place

Flu Vaccines

Milton Medical Centre is now taking bookings for Flu Vaccinations. Please contact reception on 03 4178226 to make an appointment.

Eligibility for Free Vaccines:

- *Those aged 65 and over
 - *Those under 65 with certain medical conditions
 - *Pregnant women
 - *Children 6 months – 5 years who have been hospitalized for respiratory illness or have a history of respiratory illness
- We are now able to offer nonfunded flu vaccinations to anyone who wishes to have one at a cost of \$25. Persons over 65 are also eligible for the shingles vaccine, this can be given at the same time as the flu vaccine. For all other appointments please ring reception.

South West Otago Triathlon

A group of 21 students attended the Triathlon at Balclutha in mid-March. We had some great

results including Marcus Wills 3rd & Archie Finch 4th in Yr 7 Boys. In the Mixed Yr 7 Teams Event, Lucy Clark, Riley Milburn and Ryan Shanks placed 2nd and Maddie Brookland, George Stark and Jack Leyden placed 3rd.



Genesis Information

Goals of the Genesis

- To provide news and information about our community
- To communicate and promote the activities of our schools, specifically Tokomairiro High School.
- To provide a medium for communication about local activities and events.
- To provide a medium for advertising for local businesses.

Material for Publication

First and foremost, the Genesis is a community newsletter and noticeboard. Any articles and stories are a bonus. Please remember that the Genesis has no paid reporters, we rely on *you* – members of our community – to write articles and news items. Contact can be made with the Editor if you need assistance with your article.

Suggestions for articles include;

- Club or group report
- Meeting report
- An article about people or events in our community
- Information on a new development or venture
- Book/ music reviews
- Recipes
- A letter to the Editor

The above will be included at the discretion of the Editor, and must be worded positively.

Conclusion

The main objectives of the Genesis are to communicate school news and events, and to act as a community newsletter and noticeboard. The Genesis relies on *you* to provide *us* with news and articles.

Advertising

Every care will be taken to ensure the insertion of advertisements in accordance with scheduled instructions. No liability is accepted for any loss occasioned by omission, misplacement or positioning of the advertisement. Any advertisement or article which the Editor considers unsuitable for publication, will be rejected.

Genesis Office Hours

Monday	9.00am - 3.00pm
Tuesday	9.00am - 2.00pm
Wednesday	closed
Thursday	closed
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, or please ring and leave a message at 417 4483.

Genesis is delivered free to your letterbox from
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