

Tokomairiro High School Newsletter & Community Noticeboard

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Year 11 Material Technology - Clocks



Year 11 Material technology students have made clocks as part of their NCEA Level One this year.

They were able to select which materials to work with, but were encouraged to recycle where they could. The mechanisms for the clocks were supplied. Some students used the laser cutter to work with wood or plastic, others created an embossed pattern by cutting wood then painting over it and others recycled cogs, cleaned them up and mounted them onto the face. They look amazing!



Clocks were made by: (Top, Ben Lister and Nathan Davie, Bottom: Ali-Mae Michelle, Seth Black and Shayden Brown-Reynolds)







Girls Group Spreads Christmas Message

Recently, the Girls Group who meet at the Milton Church Gym have been helping to paint up an awesome reminder of the Christmas message which will be displayed at the Heritage Church.

The group of about ten girls has been meeting on Wednesday's from 5pm-7pm, with Sue Nelson and Joan Clarke providing a range of different activities for them.

Over the next couple of weeks they are making Christmas decorations for the Christmas tree outside the church, and are looking forward to some more interesting activities in 2021.

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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter...



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

Week 8, Term 4, 2020

Tena koutou katoa,

We are now into the second last week of the school year. On Monday morning a sports competition was held during Period 3 and 4 followed by a barbeque for all the junior students. Thank you to the PE department for their organisation.

Toi Ora

On Thursday evening, the celebration of our Hangi Wananga was held with shared kai. It was wonderful to see the involvement of our tamariki, and whanau members, in the preparation for the hangi, with the kai being available to the community in the school hall at 5.30pm on Thursday. We were thrilled to see so many people from the wider community come along and enjoy the company of each other along with outstanding kai. A special thank you must go to Clare Healey and Kara Whaley for their amazing organisation, and to their amazing group of helpers - both in preparation and on the evening. A very special thank you also goes to Brendan Potae and his team, who worked with the boys in preparing the hangi site and laying down the food. The learning for our tamariki over the two days was huge and we are very grateful to the members of the community who have led this initiative.

Summer Reading Programme

Want some books over summer? Want to binge read that series you've always wanted to but never had the time. Students are now able to sign up for the Summer Reading Programme for Summer 2020 – 2021. Sign up at the Library. Choose as many books as you like (or ask Mr Daniels to help you choose). Collect your book bag and other treats the last week of Term Four. Year 8 will be at camp next week but Year 8 students can choose their books this week and pick up their bags on Friday. Thanks to University Book Shop, Dunedin, Office Max



and Tokomairiro 4 Square for their support of the Summer Reading Programme. (Year 8 students can collect theirs the week of the 1st to the 5th of December). All books are due back the first week of Term One 2021. Students must return any overdue books to be able to sign up. Talk to Mr Daniels now!

There is an interesting article in the NZ Herald about kids and reading - here is a link to check it out: Kids turn off reading -The Principal Herald Article

Library Books

Overdue library Items - there has been a real rise in the number of unreturned items in 2020. Many students still have books from previous years. The cost of replacement and repair falls on the school and that means that there is less money to invest in new items.

parents encourage and to remind their caregivers children that these books need



to be returned. If items have been lost or damaged ring the Librarian (Greig Daniels) on 03417 8620 or contact him at greig@tokohigh.school.nz

Activities Days

Activities days for Year 7, 9 and 10 students are on Monday 7th - Wednesday 9th December. Students can wear mufti for these three days. This will be a great opportunity to get uniforms spruced up for our last day on Thursday 10 December. There will be a final junior assembly in the morning and prizegiving that evening.

Final Junior Assembly

This will be held at 9am on Thursday 10 December. This is when we celebrate the success through the year of our junior students and present some awards - others will be presented at prizegiving. We have some musical items also planned for this assembly. Parents are welcome to come along. The prize list will be read and prize-winners will remain for prizegiving organisation.

School will finish at 12 noon with a BBQ on Thursday 10th December when students will be released for the afternoon. Students will have reports and their junior diploma certificates to bring home, along with school magazines for those who have ordered and paid for them. Students are expected to return at 6.30pm in full school uniform for the prizegiving.

Prizegiving

Mark the date in your diary - Thursday 10 December 2020, 7pm. Our speaker is past pupil, Paul Keast. Paul has been an economist with Shell and worked in countries all over the world, before settling in Alexandra where he has a boutique winery. We are looking forward to hearing about Paul's experiences. Prizegiving is the opportunity for us all to celebrate the successes of our young people and farewell our Year 13 students as they move on to the next phase of their lives. All whanau and community members are welcome.

2020 School Magazines

These can be ordered and paid for through the school office -\$15 each. The magazines will be available for the last day of school.

NZ Uniforms Pop-up Shop

The full school uniform is in stock at the NZ Uniform shop in Lower Moray Place, or can be ordered through the website https://tokohigh.nzuniforms.com. Items are then couriered to your home. A Pop-up Shop, where all items will be able to be tried on and bought, is scheduled for Thursday 21st January from 12 - 3pm in the school hall.

Remember, our doors are always open. Please come and talk to us if you have any concerns.

Regards Glenis Sim,

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.

CHROMEBOOKS

ALL chromebooks AND chargers are to be returned to the office by Friday 4th December please.



Dates to Remember...

Mon 7th - Wed 9th December - Year 8 Camp/ Activity Days Thursday 10th December - Juniors Finish/ Final Assembly/ BBQ Thursday 10th December - Prizegiving Friday 11th December - Teacher Only Day. 2021

Thursday 21st January - NZ Uniforms Pop-Up Shop Tues 26th/ Wed 27th January - Senior Course Confirmation Thurs 28th/ Fri 29th January - Teacher Only Days Monday 1st February - Year 7 & Year 13 Peer Support Leaders Tuesday 2nd February - Full School

Junior Touch Tournament

In mid November, Tokomairiro High School entered two touch teams into the junior tournament week held at the Kensington Oval. The girls team drew a tough pool coming up against favourites St Hildas Year 10A and Otago Girls' High School Year 10A, before having a tight battle with Kavanagh College and narrowly losing by one point right on full time. The girls dug deep and managed to come back and beat Kavanagh College in the last game of the day.

The mixed team played a range of schools across Otago in which was a tightly contested pool. They came away with two wins from five games. It was a great day of touch, enjoyed by both the players and teachers/coaches! Well done to all who participated and represented the school well!



Bible Reading for Today

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

News From the Trenches

Last Saturday we held our prize giving for the NPC Tipping Competition. This was highly successful with Gavin Good retaining his crown as Tipping King. Snow Cowie and Mary-Ann Good were tied on second, not many points behind. These competitions have been thoroughly enjoyed with the addition of different sports and competitions adding a new twist. Look out for competitions kicking off in 2021 which should provide lots of banter and competitiveness.

This coming Saturday commencing at 6pm we will be holding our annual Christmas Party, so come along and get all dressed up in festive outfits. Prizes going to most creative. Also on this night, we will be holding an Awards Night where we will be acknowledging the efforts of two recipients. Should be an absolute enjoyable night, one not to be missed.

On the subject of birthdays, last Friday, the most devastating fast bowler in South Otago cricket history, blew out another candle. Happy birthday Lammy, Paddy gives you two feathers up in celebration. Not many weeks until Genesis shuts down for an annual holiday, but just enough time to mention the Christmas Hams are still selling quickly. Along with Thursday Raffles and Joker draw, still chances to win on a weekly basis. *Private Pike*

In the past few weeks at Toi ora, we have created Kirihimete taonga. Akonga were able to decorate laser printed designs and some even had time to make amazing jewellery with whaea Clare.

We have also looked at pūrākau of Maui and Mahuika. We'll see how early Māori were able to light fire and have a go at trying ourselves. There was mixed success using traditional methods, but we managed to cook up some marshmallows after resorting to matches!

We had an afternoon at the pool which was really well attended, and everyone seemed to have an awesome time.

Last Thursday, Brendon Potae facilitated a hangi wananga at Tokomairiro High School on behalf of Toi Ora. With the help of Tess and many members of the Tokomairiro community, various students learned the process of putting down a hangi and fed hundreds of whanau, family and community. The Tokomairiro kapa haka performed while people enjoyed catching up with each other and the delicious meal. Toi Ora would like to extend a huge thank you to all the people who contributed and came along to support the evening.





Toi Ora

Left-Right, Kaylee-May prepares the kai, Brendon adds more wood to the hangi, Millanian and Tane carefully remove the kai.



Year 7 Cook Up A Storm!

Kia ora from the wharekai.Yr 7 Pr & Lm created their own version of a healthy pasta salad. They explored different cutting techniques, how to cook pasta al dente and how to present them in a visually appealing way. I kakato nga huamata (the salads were delicious).



Cam and Liam



Connor and Shane



Hayden



BIOOKE

Otago/Southland Touch Tournament

Jaxson Wood, Jenna Griffin and Millar McElrea competed in the Otago/ Southland Touch Tournament on 21st November in Invercargill.

Millar played in the Under 16 team, who won all three of their games.

Jaxson and Jenna played in the mixed Under 16 team. All had a great day!



*CONGRATULATIONS to Pippa Greene (Year 7) for getting into the Otago Under 12's Girls Touch team.

Toko Gym Report

It has been a super exciting week at the gym with three brand new pieces of equipment installed. A Pec Fly and Rear Delt, a Leg Press, and a Multi Chest and Shoulder Press. We are thrilled to be able to offer these quality items to our members and community. Watch this space as there is more to come and we are expecting another item of equipment to arrive before Christmas. 24 hour access and a more solid membership base has enabled us to make these purchases.

If you are interested in a membership, please call in and see us between 8am and 5pm on weekdays to fill out your membership and 24 hour access contract forms. We would love to see you enjoying our fabulous facility.

Enquiries to: tokogym@gmail.com, find us on Facebook under Tokomairiro Community Recreation Centre or phone 03 417 7066. Staff are available between 8am-5pm weekdays.





Christmas Holidays – Do you have family coming to visit over the Christmas period who are gym users? If so, please make contact with us before the holidays as a short term fob access key and membership can be arranged. Call at the gym or phone Robyn if you would like to organise this.

Rebus Club of Milton

President Alan Strain welcomed members to the meeting on November 17.

Jean Proctor, the Clutha Development Support Advisor, talked about her earlier life in South Otago and 28 different jobs so far! Her role is to support about 300 different community groups to give advice and make the connections that they need. She works with the Youth Council to help run meetings and undertake projects. At present they are running a Methamphetamine Awareness Campaign and have had a speaker visiting each community in the district. Support is also needed for families of addicts and the Brave Hearts group has been established to allow them to discuss and share in a safe environment. The Youth Council has also put out a questionnaire about smokefree and vapefree areas in Clutha and is keen to have feedback from the wider community.

Jean works as a facilitator for groups, ultimately doing herself out of a job when they are up and running. She is the "Go To" person when help is needed for funding or assistance and is also involved in Civil Defence.

The long term plan for council is now underway and Jean manages the community grant funding applications for halls, swimming pools, museums etc and is helping resources and experiences be shared. The Clutha District Settlement Support Group has had tremendous support from the public and now has its own website and co-ordinator.

An investigation is underway into transportation to help those having difficulty with no public transport available. Jean has looked into the Community Vehicle Trust in Canterbury for ideas and a submission is being prepared to see if a similar scheme could be introduced in Clutha.

Jean was thanked by Donald Gordon and given a gift of fruit. A reminder that the December meeting for members and partners is a week earlier than usual on Tuesday December 8 at 10.30 am. Committee please meet at 10 am. There be no morning tea, but a finger lunch will be provided, the bar open from 11.30 am and musical entertainment to enjoy.

Milton Elder Care Report

Welcome to the last report for Milton Elder Care for 2020. We have had a busy month in November and are now heading into the last few weeks before we close for Christmas.

Ruth has been busy getting the rooms looking festive for Christmas, and maybe a visit from Santa Claus.

Last month we had several entertainers; Colleen and Sharron, Trevor Graham, and Pete and Eve.

The ladies had an outing to the Kindergarten which was enjoyed by all of the group. We also had a trip to JTee's for an early Christmas lunch. This was enjoyed by all, and we even had an early Santa with presents!

With only three weeks left in December, it is going to be a busy time. Coming up we have a trip to the Casino, Bill Darling and Slyvia and Eddie entertaining us, and not to forget - a game of Housie. Break up day will be Wednesday 16th December.

During the year we have lost a few of our clients. To those who moved away, we hope that they enjoyed their time with us, and to the families of those who passed away, thankyou for sharing your family member with us.

Thankyou to all those volunteers who give their time, and especially to Ruth for an interesting selection of activities during the year. Happy Christmas to everyone, we hope to see you all back in January.

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Christmas Pairs 25.11.20

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Tokomairiro High School Sports Co-Ordinator

We are seeking an enthusiastic, sports-oriented individual with excellent organisational and communication skills and a passion for working with young people.

This position involves co-ordination of all our school sporting events and activities.

Ability to network with students, teachers and the sports representatives in our local community is vital.

20 hours per week, term time only.

Beginning Term 1 2021

Application pack is available from: ths@tokohigh.school.nz Applications close Monday 9 December 2000 at 12.30pm

Public Notices ...

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The Tokomairiro High School Board of Trustees did not receive the required number of requests to trigger a by-election.

Glenn Johnston has been selected by the board to fill the vacancy.

Lawrence Golf Club Tournament Thanks

The Lawrence Golf Club would like to thank the following sponsors. Without your support, we could not run a successful tournament.

Absolutely Lawrence, Advance Agriculture, Andrew Haulage, ANZ, Bazley Enterprises, Beaumont Hotel, Bernsport, Bill Fitzgerald Contracting, Carrfields Livestock, CLAAS Harvest Centre Otago, Clutha Vets, Coach & Horses Tavern, CrutchMaster Otago, Davidson Honda, Dion Morrell Shearing, Farmlands Balclutha, Findlaters Yamaha, gift saint, Gordon Duthie Water Filtration, Havelock Decorating, Pharmacy , inGOLF Jafa's Motels, Jock Martin Highland Management, Joss & Geoff Davidson, JR Farm Supplies, Lister Helicopters, Lockhart Lawrence 4 Square, Contracting, Contracting, Lyders McKnight's Honey, Mornington Taphouse, Navigate Insurance, Night 'n Day Ótago Farm Machinery, Patsy & Dave (Lawrence), Middleton Crutching, Peters Genetics, PGG Wrightson, The Prospector, Ravensdown, Robbie & Viv Warhurst, Rowdy & Margaret Aitken RTL, Sam Chapman Builder, Sam Smith Plumber & Gasfitter, Shand Thomson, South West Shearing, Stihl Shop Milton, Tuapeka Gold Print, Tuapeka Hardware, Unique Living, Wholesale Seeds, 26 on Ross.



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