

Tokomairiro High School Newsletter & Community Noticeboard

Wednesday 15th September 2021

Genesis

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Retirement Looms

Kia ora koutou

After much deliberation I have made the decision to retire as Principal of Tokomairiro High School.

During term two I had the opportunity to spend two months based in Australia with my daughter and granddaughters (now aged two and a half and 7 months) and I realized how much I wanted to be able to spend more time with family (Covid permitting), both in New Zealand and in Australia.

When I was interviewed for the Principal's position here at Tokomairiro, I was asked how long I expected to stay. I replied that I didn't know but at least seven years. At the end of 2020 I completed that seven years and had seen one cohort of students through

This is now my eighth year as Principal and I have decided it is time for someone else to take the reins and to lead this school into the future. I have handed in my resignation and will be finishing at the end of 2021. I will have then completed forty-three years of teaching.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Tokomairiro High School and am proud of many

of the things we achieve as a school. We have a great staff and great kids. I encourage all our young people to make the most of every opportunity that comes their way, to engage in their learning, and to take advantage of the support available to them in this small semi-rural school. Most of all, never under-estimate what you are capable of.

We have great teachers across all our schools in Milton and it has been a privilege to work with them through the Kahui Ako over the past four years. I will continue to follow the accomplishments of Milton young people well into the future. Nga mihi nui

Glenis Sim



Annual Genesis Appeal

The prime task of the Genesis is to communicate school news and to act as a community newsletter and noticeboard. The Genesis has now been running for twenty five years, with similar goals now as to when it started.

Each year we appeal to the Tokomairiro Community area for support of the Genesis Newsletter and Community Notice Board.

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 rely on funding from Tokomairiro High School, advertising sponsorship and community donations to produce this FREE publication each week, which has a circulation of 1600 households and businesses around Milton and Waihola. Our major sponsors are the regular advertisers you see featured weekly, fortnightly and monthly.

This week a postage prepaid envelope has been distributed with the Genesis. We ask for your help in supporting your Community Newspaper, by dropping your envelope into the slot in the Genesis Office door, or the Tokomairiro High School Office. Alternatively, you can donate using online banking. Our account details are:

Account name: Tokomairiro High School, Bank: Westpac account: 03 1736 0009803 000. Please use GENESIS DONATION as your reference.

How much to give? All contributions, from large to small, are appreciated. For example some people calculate their contribution at \$1 per week and send a donation of \$50. If you value the Genesis and its role in our community, then please show your support - every little bit counts! Do not take its automatic continuation for granted.

The Goals of the Genesis are:

- · To provide positive news about our community.
- To communicate and promote the activities of our schools and especially Tokomairiro High
- To provide a medium for communication about local activities and events.

We look forward to the continuing support of our Community for their Newspaper.

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Inside This Week...

Newsletter Sports Reps Named Canteen Makeover **Building Projects** Year 7 and 8 Maths Club and Group Reports and Results





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Kaikōhau – an expression of hope and an invitation of all good things to come into your life.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori - 13 - 19 September. This is Māori Language Week. There will be activities run by students from Whaea Clare's Māori classes. Hopefully, on Tuesday at 12pm, many of our teachers and students will have taken part in the Māori Language Moment - setting a world record for people speaking and celebrating an endangered, Indigenous language at the same time.

Week Eight of Term Three It was great to have staff and most of our students back in school on Thursday and Friday last week. These last three weeks of term are an opportunity for all our students to get back into the routine of school - good sleep patterns, concentration in class, engaging in learning. Remember, your teachers are always there to support you.

For those students not yet able to return to school, it is important you keep in touch with your teachers and keep up to date. Your lessons will be provided through your Google Classrooms.

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Wednesday 15 September, however they have now been postponed one week. until Wednesday 22 September. These will be for Year 10 to Year 12 students and their whanau. As the term moves on, we need to be planning for next year and these students need to meet with mentor teaches to discuss their option choices for 2022. There will also be information about NCEA, especially for year 10

> House Group Changes Last week you will have received an email about the changes we are making to our House Groups. Starting this week, we have changed the groupings of our House Groups and teachers, with groups now being Year 7-8, Year 9-10 and Year 11-13. This will allow us to focus on the particular needs of the students at different year levels.

students and parents.

Wellbeing The wellbeing of our Glenis Sim young people is paramount at Principal

this time. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of any of our young people, please contact us. Ross MacKinnon, our Guidance Counsellor is available to meet with young people, either online or by phone, and he will help them if they need further support. ross@tokohigh.school.nz

NCEA Examinations The Ministry of Education has made the decision to move the NCEA Examination period two weeks later. It will now go from 22 November to 14 December. As well as that, the dates for the arts portfolios have also been delayed by two weeks

Junior Curriculum Review Over the past few weeks our planning for making changes to the Year 9/10 curriculum has gained momentum. Our current model of five core classes and two option lines has been the status quo for decades. As a school we feel that this model no longer inspires or engages our learners to be the best they can be or prepares them fully for the future of changing workplaces. Our vision is that we have a curriculum that allows each and every student to have a unique learning experience that reflects their unique personality, learning style and aspirations. We are currently working on some of the finer details of how we can offer a more individualised curriculum for our students and are planning to have a new look Year 9/10 curriculum in place at the start of 2022. There will be an information evening in Term Four for caregivers to understand the changes we are making and to ask any questions.

Policy Review Thank you to the small number of parents who have given some feedback on the policies under review this term. We are keen to hear from more; we need your opinion and ideas to help us be the best school we can be. As part of self-review plan our Concerns and Complaints, and Behaviour Management policies are now needing to be reviewed. We are asking parents to review these policies by visiting the SchoolDocs website tokohigh.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm. The login is tokohigh and the password is *genesis*. Once you are logged onto the website follow the link to the policy and once you have read it click the 'Review Policy' button on the top right-hand corner of the page. You can then leave ratings and any comments you wish to

Year 6 Students and Parents If you do not yet have an enrolment form, please email office@tokohigh.school.nz with your phone number and address, and we will get one delivered to you. If you have enrolled, interview times for the

students and caregiver(s) will be organised over the next couple of weeks.

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

Nga mihi

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...

*Please note a change of date from previously advertised for some events.

Monday 20th September Wednesday 22nd September Friday 24th September Mon 27th - Wed 29th Sept

HPV (second round) Family Learning Conferences (Yr 10-12) *Note new date School Cross Country

Year 10 Camp

Genesis

The Genesis is a free publication, delivered weekly to homes and businesses in Milton and Waihola, and is available on the school website, Facebook or via email. The Genesis office is open Monday and Tuesday 8:30am - 3:30pm. 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. If you want to leave a phone message for the Genesis outside office hours, please phone the Tokomairiro High School office (417 8620).

Genesis Deadlines: Advertising - Monday 9am, 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.

Sports Round Up



Congratulations to the following people for making the representative teams for their

given sport/s.



Pippa Greene SO Netball Year 8, SO Touch Rugby U14 girls



Saffron Healey SO Netball Year



Troy Mallon - SO Rugby Touch U14 Boys



Leo Wood SO Touch Rugby U16 Boys



Samuel Norman SO Touch Rugby U16 Boys



Ryan Clark Otago Metro Rugby U16

Year 7 and 8 Maths

Year 7 and 8 Maths have been looking at Geometric shapes and how they fit together to create many different images. Below: Chloe (Year 7), created this face using a variety of shapes.



Toi Ora

Wednesday 15th September Taha Wairua - Harakeke Poi



Wednesday 22nd September Taha Wairua - Harakeke Poi continued.

Meet in the whare after school. All welcome!

Bible Reading for Today

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters' Colossians 3:23

TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI

13 -19 MAHURU 2021



LET'S CELEBRATE MAORI LANGUAGE MEEK

RĀHINA (MON) 13TH: CROSSWORD RĀTU (TUE) 14TH: MĀORI MOMENT RĀAPA (WED) 15TH: OAMARU STONE RĀPARE (THURS) 16TH : KAHOOT RÅMERE (FRI) 17TH : TIK TOK CHALLENGE

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Milton

Canteen Makeover

Our canteen is looking great - the floor has been stripped, walls painted, doors replaced, new servery sliding windows installed and new double glazed windows are to be installed soon. Thank you to the Board and PTA for their contributions to this makeover.

Last week the new furniture arrived and looks fabulous - very special thankyou to the Trusts Community Foundation for their donation to cover the cost of this. We are very grateful.

Thank you to Mrs Wish and her team for all the planning. They have done a great job.

The students are enjoying having a bright and colourful new space to sit in for lunch.



The vibrant pink, purple and grey colour scheme was chosen earlier in the year by a team of students who conducted a survey around the school.





There are plenty of seating options to suit different sized groups, from booths to round tables with moveable seating to allow for extra



Building Projects

Access to different areas of the school is being hampered at present as the project for improving the grounds and making the surfaces less of a trip hazard continues. All the concrete at the west end of C Block and the back of the Science block is being replaced. Unfortunately, our contractors have come across some issues with old water pipes collapsing and electrical cabling being exposed. They are working closely with the Ministry of Education to make sure this is all fixed and site plans are updated.

Although the access

issues are an

inconvenience to many, we know it will all be worth it in the end when we have lovely smooth surfaces around the school. The east end of C Block is certainly a huge improvement to what it was.

The ramp into the whare is also under construction, although has been on hold over the lockdown. This will be completed during the next term break.



Toko Gym Report

Welcome back to the gym. We are open again with 24 hour access during Level 2. We look forward to seeing everyone back again.

There are guidelines to follow as we get through Level 2 and appreciate everyone's co-operation.

Things to be aware of:

- * Stay home if unwell
- Masks to be worn in the entrance foyer area upon arrival and departure but do not have to be worn during exercise.
- Scan the QR Code or be manually signed in (Covid contact tracing).
- Fob holders scan on arrival and departure (Health and Safety).
- * Hand sanitiser is provided.
- Bring a sweat towel. This is a MUST.
- * Keep to the 2 metres distance from others rule.
- Wipe down equipment with disinfectant provided. (before and after use)
- Bring your own filled water bottle. Our water dispenser is disabled during Level 2.
- Members must shower at home during Level 2.

These instructions have been put up as signage at the gym. We've done this before and can do it again. Look forward to seeing you all back at the gym.

RSA News From the Trenches

Other than the changing of lockdown levels its been quiet here on the eastern front with not a lot of news to report, although it has been great to be back at headquarters discussing tactics with troops

over a thirst quenching brew. Thursday night was well attended with witty banter and tall stories being shared and plenty of laughter bouncing of the walls at the Milton Bruce RSA. New members are always welcome so if you're interested come on in and join the organised mayhem.

Raffles resumed last week with both the members only draw and the joker draw jackpotting - so come on troops this thirsty Thursday could be your chance to win.

Listening to the lambs frolicking in paddocks around the township has made me think about how quickly the year is racing along. I've been reminded via my wireless that it won't be too long until spuds are ready to be sold for the very popular annual spud growing competition. What's your secret to growing the most abundant crop? Or the heaviest spud? Fertiliser, watering daily or a secret growing method passed down through the generations? Who will be the 2022 winner - you or me? With rugby resuming the popular Rugby pics competition is back this week, good luck troops however I'm still quietly confident I can win this.

Please reminder when entering headquarters either scan in via the NZ Covid Tracer app or write your details on the paperwork provided, thank you. Best wishes to any RSA members celebrating a special event this week.

As always take care, stay safe and make sensible decisions troops.

- Sergeant Smith.

Probus Club of Milton

After due consideration, the committee has agreed that there will be no September meeting. With the protocol required and unknown time of return to Level 1 it was the best option. We look forward to the next meeting in October.

Last month the speaker was Aaron Whitley who introduced himself as a boy growing up in Milton and attending school here. He now works at HeliOtago, mostly as an agricultural pilot but also as chief instructor, examiner and relief rescue pilot. He left school to join the air force and train as a mechanical engineer as at that time his eyesight precluded him from flying. He started with three months of intensive training and when qualified worked on Skyhawks with 75 Squadron in Ohakea. After three years he relocated to Australia to join Number 2 Squadron working with the Australian Navy. Exercises included simulating air attacks for the navy vessels to deal with.

He always wanted to travel so after leaving the air force he spent months in Egypt and Europe and later in Africa. He was based in the UK working on Boeing aircraft before changing to helicopters then trains.

The desire to fly never left so when he returned to NZ he trained as a helicopter pilot in Blenheim before moving with his family to Mosgiel. HeliOtago supports the biggest air ambulance service in NZ covering rescue, accidents, serious medical events and inter hospital transfers. Other work undertaken is agricultural spraying, fire fighting, reconnaissance after floods and dropping off farmers and dogs to snow rake and make tracks for stock during heavy snow storms. Aaron was thanked by Philip Lindsay and given a gift of fruit.



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Milton Senior Citizens Club

On the 10th of September, the Senior Citizens attended their first meeting since lockdown. Olive the president opened the meeting, the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurers report. Maureen read out the raffle number - the prize was a bowl of fruit.

Pam held a NZ Quiz, and prizes went to those who won 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Afternoon tea was served and the meeting closed at 3pm. Our next meeting is 24th September, with a fish'n'chip lunch followed by a DVD. Everyone welcome.

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The Blessed Box Annual General Meeting

will be held on Monday 11th October at 7:30pm at the White Horse Inn.

Members of our Community are invited to attend.

Daffodil Day Day 2021



Daffodil Day was cancelled by Covid 19, and unfortunately our Multi-Draw

Raffle has also been choked at the halfway stage!

Many thanks to the generous people who donated prizes, and to Annette and Rob for organizing this raffle. The draw will be on Friday 17th September.

-Peter Mallon, Co-Organiser

FOUND

On Friday 10th September. Presciption glasses in case. Ph 021 210 3182



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