



Wednesday 27 May 2020

Tokomairiro Toy Library is Open!



After its fair share of hiccups, the Tokomairiro Toy Library is back up and running. Recovering from flooding and the recent Covid 19 Lockdown, the dedicated Committee are now working hard to update their collection of age appropriate toys.

New toys are arriving every week as stocks are built up following flooding which wiped out a huge amount of toys. This has enabled the committee to take their time researching and purchasing toys which are durable and will provide hours of interest, with the biggest advantage for members being that they can be replaced on a regular basis or taken home over and over again.

The Toy Library is situated in the Scout Hall on the corner of Gray St and Elderlee St, providing good parking and a safe place for children to test out the toys. The committee are hoping to employ a Toy Librarian in the next month as they continue to rebuild their great community service.



Family Memberships are \$40 for a year, or you can pay \$10 per term. Community Service Card Holders are able to join for \$20 per year. More information can be found on their Facebook page - Toko Toy Library, or you can contact Kate on 0274168967.



Clutha District Youth Council Youth Development Fund

The Clutha District Youth Council is looking for residents of the Clutha District aged between 12 and 24 years who are looking for funding to help themselves, or a group they are involved in. Applications can be for a range of opportunities - events, trips, projects, courses or training, and comes from a \$2000 Annual Fund that the Clutha District Youth Council has set up to help young people in the district.

Applicants must be prepared to check their eligibility through a meeting with the Clutha District Youth Council, and the project/ activity should not have started before 1 July 2020.

Applications Close on Friday 29th May 2020. For more information and an application form, go online to www.cluthadc@govt.nz or phone 0800 801 5350



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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter ...

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

Tēna koutou katoa

We have completed a very successful first week at school and it has been wonderful to have the young people back in their classes.

Although not all students are back yet, we have been very pleased with the commitment to learning of the majority of our students. When talking with the students, many say they are happy to be back, working with their teachers and enjoying being with their friends.

I think the hardest thing for us all has been getting up early, especially on those frosty mornings!

Health & Safety at School

Health & Safety continues to be a focus for us all. Frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing, along with spray sanitizer being used on desks between lessons, are all in place. Frequently used places like stair bannisters and door handles are being sanitized frequently. Any students who show any signs of illness should stay at home.

Online lessons

For those students who have been unable to return to school, lessons will continue to be posted on Google Classroom however 'live' lessons will not occur on line. Students are still able to email their teachers for some individual support.

End of Semester

Friday 19 June is the end of Semester One with Semester Two beginning on Monday 22 June. All students will have changes of courses at this time. Senior students have received a list of the modules available for Semester Two, along with the choices they made late last year or earlier this year. We know some students

will have changed their minds about the direction they are heading and will need to change their choice of modules. Year 9 & 10 students also change courses – these will be confirmed with the students over the next couple of weeks. Year 7 & 8 students will move on to their third rotation for the year.

Online Student Assemblies

Our Prefect Team will continue 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.

Students Pastoral Support

Our student support systems are in place here at school. Parents and students are encouraged to reach out to our House Group teachers, Deans and/or our Guidance Counsellor if they need extra support, or someone to talk to.

Deans

Daryll Reddington – daryll@tokohigh.school.nz

Gemma Cowie – gemma@tokohigh.school.nz

Guidance Counsellor

Ross Mackinnon - ross@tokohigh.school.nz

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

Parent Survey

Thank you to those parents who have completed the survey about experiences with online learning during lockdown. We appreciate receiving your feedback as it gives us an indication of areas we need to adapt here at school. We would still like to hear from more of you so, please, if you have the time, complete the survey using this link - <https://bit.ly/ParentSurveyMay2020>

School Uniform

Now that we are into the cooler months, students are expected to have jerseys, jackets, beanies, etc that are part of the school uniform. Hoodies are not to be worn to school.

We do have a good supply of the woollen jerseys from the previous uniform available for sale at \$50 (original price \$140) – these can be worn with the new uniform. We also have a supply of black or navy tights for sale (\$10). For those students still in the old uniform, you must now be in full winter uniform.

Sport at School

We are expecting an announcement from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education today and are hoping school sport will recommence very soon. Teams are starting to get their training programmes sorted. Thank you for the support from members of our community.

Queen's Birthday

A reminder that next Monday is Queen's Birthday so school will be closed on Monday 1 June.

Finally, let us all continue to work together to keep New Zealand a safe place and make sure there is not a resurgence of Covid-19 in our country.

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Blast from the Past...

This Letter to the Editor featured in 'The Tokomairirian,' in December 1958.

Dear Sir,

It is our opinion, it is about time something was done to remedy the many faults in our classroom. When the rain pours through the roof, and the wind blows through the chinks and broken windows, we at the back of the room shiver from the tops of our heads to the tips of our toes. The selected few, who sit immediately around the dilapidated old stove, absorb what warmth there is coming from it. Doing nothing to enlighten our dismal thoughts and feelings is the ceilingless roof, wrapped in a filmy shawl of cobwebs, and a wooden draughty floor.

I trust this building will acquire your immediate attention and be serviceable for 1959's Third Formers.

*We are, etc
Three Shivering Thirds*



House Points

Update

Reid 2106
Ross 1871
Ayson 1779
Malcolm 1759

At 4pm, Monday 25th May

Genesis Next Week

The Genesis Office will be closed on Monday, 1st June due to Queen's Birthday. Genesis will be delivered a day later next week.

News From the Trenches

Well I can give a detailed report on the first week of being open since Covid 19 played havoc with our fun times.

Thursday night drew a large expectant crowd all thirsty to reconnect and catch up with all the news over the previous couple of months.

All obeyed the social distancing requirements, as well as the sanitising and the ever present signing in/out book. Was good to see the place buzzing with positivity again.

Friday night also drew another large crowd with the Handle Club kicking off another tenure.

Saturday morning dawned sunny and clear, not ideal duck shooting weather. Paddy and I took cover and bolted to Queenstown, as sometimes pigeons can be mistaken for ducks in early morning raids. Paddy has drawn criticism at times and there may be the odd person lining him up in gun cross-hairs. But my informants have relayed me with stories of varying degrees of success re totals, including some unlucky stories of weapons jamming at vital times, and other takes of fallacy. Canadian geese who have become temporary residents of George Street have also taken flight.

So get along to the RSA this week, especially on Thursday night for raffles, as one lucky punter cleaned up with numerous meat packs from Tiny. Lets ensure more prizes are claimed. Friday night Handle Club also is gaining mass popularity, so don't miss out!! See you there, under the camouflage.

Private Pike



Bible Reading for Today

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5:55

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Lockdown Reflection

On Monday 23rd of March, we received an alert that we were going into lockdown. Covid-19 was now spreading around the world. Everyone was in a rush to get ready for Wednesday when we officially went into lockdown.

In this report I will tell you how my lockdown went from one month to almost two months. From happy to sad, from family time to staying in my room.

Staying in your bubble speaks for itself. Those words put a picture in your head. Many people may imagine grandparents in a house making cookies with their grandkids, like you see in the movies; others imagine sitting in their room playing video games, YouTube or Netflix.

Well my experience was both. Siblings were getting annoyed and passing their boredom onto you, but I found it easier to survive with them than I thought. Sometimes you would just keep to yourself or we would just annoy each other.

Mandi, mum's work partner at the salon, came over for the news when the government decided that we were going into Level 2. The next days after that they were busy rebooking everyone's hair appointments, cleaning and changing the salon around to stick to some of the government's requests.

We were able to talk to our neighbors during lockdown, but we still kept our distance from them. When we walked our friend's dog and someone was heading our way, we had to walk on the road. There were hardly any cars on the road.

I guessed managing your time with online learning was going to be hard. For someone who loves lists and making lists, that was the best way to manage my time and get through most of the work.

It's sometimes hard to get motivated to do your school work. There are more distractions at home than there are at school because it's so easy to play video games, go on your phone or watch YouTube on your chromebook. At school you're forced to do school work or you stay in at lunch (and everyone loves lunch) or you can do it at home. Doing school work at home has its advantages such as; you can do it any time, anywhere you want (as long as there's wifi) and you don't have to go to school. For someone like me who slept in all lockdown, I found it easier to work on warm days and not cold wet days.

I kept up with Covid 19 news by watching the news at 1pm with my mum or going onto Facebook. I loved how they had a new update every day.

After almost two months of this lockdown, I'm glad to be finally back at school to see my friends and reconnect with them and get back into a routine to finish this term off.

Bethany Bransgrove



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Project Bruce

It's great to be back in the Hub and catching up with the community after lockdown. The last couple of months have been unprecedented and we are undoubtedly living through a time that will be noteworthy in the history of the planet.

Project Bruce has its ear to the ground, finding out the needs of our community at this time and we have come up with a couple of ideas...

Business Catch-Up

We have had a suggestion that it would be great for local business owners to get together to chat and support one another post-covid lockdown. The ripple effects of the loss of business during Level 4 are just starting to become more apparent, with restructuring and changes in customer numbers only really taking effect now.

So, we are facilitating a group at Kelly's Kitchen, starting on Wednesday 3 June at 7:30pm for employers/businesses to discuss their challenges, worries, experiences and solutions. It

will give people a chance to work through some ideas and simply know they are not alone.

Internet Help

We are also very aware that our daily processes have become extremely reliant on the good old internet. This has forced the hand of many of our community members and has accelerated the move to online systems. This has been highlighted with the move away from cheques and toward internet banking. To help with this transition we have created a time-slot on a Monday at the Hub between 11am-12 where anyone who is struggling with the onslaught of technology can pop in for some assistance. Many of our people are struggling with paying bills, banking and general computing issues so we are offering casual and confidential help with a cuppa around the desk at the Hub.

As we move back into (semi) normality we are also cranking up the Bruce Community Shed, Goldies Patch community garden and working on our raft of workshops. If you would like more information on any of our projects, please pop in to the Hub, email us at brucecommunities@gmail.com or give us a call on 027 513 1775.

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This Week's Menu:

Tuesday Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veggies & Gravy	Wednesday Mac'n'Cheese with Bacon
Thursday Roast Beef with Roast Veggies, Baby Peas & Gravy	Friday Pizzas, Burgers, Fish'n'Chips



NGA WHANAU O TOKOMAIRIRO

This year Nga Whanau O Tokomairiro will be celebrating Matariki within our whanau bubbles

SHOW CASE WHAT MATARIKI MEANS TO YOU

We are inviting whanau to get creative through waiata, haka, matariki tik tok/snap chat, mahi toi (art), whaikorero (speech), kanikani (dance) and maara kai (garden)

Send your entries to the Nga Whanau O Tokomairiro email: ngawhanau.tokomairiro@gmail.com or upload to the Nga Whanau O Tokomairiro Facebook group
Entries close: 20th June 2020

Age groups: Early learning, Primary, High School and Whanau Groups

Prizes for the winner of each category
Head over to the Nga Whanau O Tokomairiro facebook group and like your favourite post

Genesis Classifieds ...

Public Notices ...

Waihola Bowling Club AGM

Sunday 31st May 2020

2pm at the
Clubhouse



Public Notices ...

Milton Area Promotions AGM

8th June 2020
7:30pm @ The Hub
All Welcome!

Enquiries - Phil 027 346 7818

Milton Bruce Returned Services Association (Inc)

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Milton Bruce Returned Services Association Inc, will be held in the Club Rooms, 31 Union Street, Milton on Sunday 28th June 2020 at 11.00am.

Business:

1. Apologies.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM.
3. Adoption of Annual Reports.
4. Adoption of Accounts for the year ending 31.12.2019.
5. Election of Executive Committees.
6. General Business
7. Adoption of Subscriptions for 2020.

A Notice of Motion has been received: A motion has been put forward for the Annual General Meeting to consider moving future Annual General Meetings to the month of May.
Motion moved: Nick Mckay, Seconded: Gavin Good.

D Williams
Secretary

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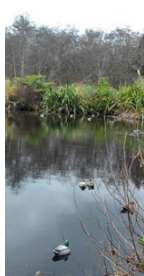
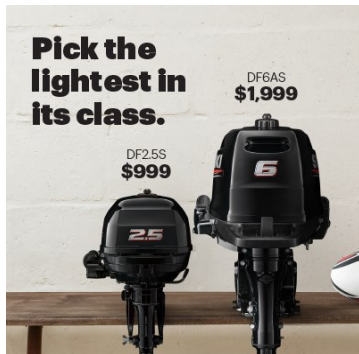
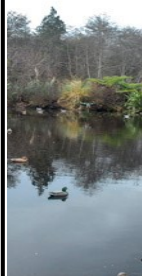
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