

Tokomairiro High School Newsletter & Community Noticeboard

Wednesday 17th April 2024

# Genesis

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Mrs Gill Ferguson Retires
In 2004, Gill joined the staff of Tokomairiro High School as our Food Technology teacher, making a significant transition from her previous role in primary education. Remarkably, she not only adapted to the changes but also thrived on the new challenges. In 2008, she ascended to the position of Head of Technology and later took on the roles of Quality Manager and Dean, which she held for an impressive 12 years.

In 2017, following Dylan Algie's departure. Gill fearlessly embraced another unfamiliar role, taking on the responsibilities of Careers, Gateway, and STAR. Her dedication included guiding senior students in transitioning into the workforce, which involved arranging work placements, visiting students at their workplaces, and negotiating with employers to secure opportunities for our students. Her extensive knowledge of the South Otago region, stemming from her previous experience living in Kaitangata and working at South Otago High School, undoubtedly played a crucial role in her effectiveness in this capacity.

Throughout her tenure at Tokomairiro High School, Gill consistently maintained a high level of professionalism, approachability, and a jovial demeanor. She actively participated in various school social activities, and she and Stephen were frequent attendees at the school's annual balls over the

years.
Gill's "no-nonsense" yet compassionate and dedicated approach to teaching undoubtedly contributed to the success of her students, earning her the admiration of many over the years.

As she embarks on new adventures, we are confident that Gill's contributions to our school community

will be remembered fondly, and many of us wish her all the best for the future. We hope she can find the time to pursue the multitude of interests and aspirations she holds, which she has been eager to explore.

Whaiwhia te kete mātauranga - Fill the basket of knowledge



#### Genesis Deadlines

12 Noon Monday for all Articles and Advertising

Away For The Day
As you may be aware the Government has introduced regulations that require all state schools to put in place school rules regarding the use of phones.

The regulations require that schools must ensure students do not use or access a phone while they are attending school, including during lunch time and breaks. This includes students who are on a school course or visit outside the school grounds.

International research indicates that phones in schools are not conducive for learning and for student wellbeing. Therefore, these regulations have been put in place to ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction and cyber-bullying.

In order for this to be effective and not to disrupt our learning programmes we ask parents/caregivers to speak to their child about these rules and reinforce the expectations of the school

Exemption forms are available from the school office during term time for students who might need their phones for exceptional circumstances.



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Wednesday 24th April Board meeting Monday 29th April Term Two Begins **Tuesday 30th April** School Photos Wednesday 1st May PTA Meeting



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#### Tena koutou katoa

The first term of the 2024 school year wrapped up last Friday. I hope that all our students and staff have made some time to relax and recharge over the first few days of a well earned holiday and continue to do so for the remainder of the break.

Haera Rā Mrs Ferguson

Last Thursday we bade farewell to Mrs Ferguson who has retired from teaching. Mrs Ferguson came to Tokomairiro in 2004 for a term! Twenty years later and after extending her original leaving date by a term she eventually left us. During her time at Tokomairiro, Mrs Ferguson taught in a variety of curriculum areas including Science, Food Technology, Health and PE and most recently Careers and Gateway. Mrs Ferguson has been a valued member of staff and will be missed by her colleagues but we wish her all the best for her retirement and we are very grateful for her long service to our kura.

#### Toko TV 2024

Mr Simpson along with a team of students recorded and produced the first episode of Toko TV 2024 last week. This was shared on our Facebook page on Sunday evening. This is going to become a regular event and I am looking forward to seeing the upcoming installments about all the amazing things that happen in our school. You can find our first episode on the school facebook

page, or by following the link: https://www.facebook.com/tokomairiro/videos/1103432234210539



Starting high school is a major milestone in everyone's educational journey. It is both scary and exciting all at the same time; last week we asked some of our Year 7 students what they thought of the first term. Here are some of their comments and some photos of their first term.







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The position is 20 hours per weeks which are negotiable.

To apply in writing, or for any enquiries and further details, please contact Vicki Wish at thsprincipal@tokohigh.school.nz

#### **Genesis**

The Genesis is a free publication, delivered weekly to homes and businesses in Milton, and is available on the school website, Facebook or via email. The Genesis office is open Tuesday 8:30am - 3:30pm and Wednesday 8:30-12. 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.

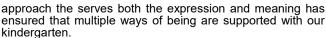
**Genesis Deadlines:** Advertising and Articles - **Monday 12 noon**. These can be emailed to the Editor at genesis@tokohigh.school.nz. Genesis is delivered FREE to your letterbox on Wednesday afternoons. Any payments or donations can be made to *Tokomairiro High School*, account number 03 1736 0009803 000. Please use GENESIS and your name as reference. - *Carolyn Shanks*, Genesis Editor

# Milton Kindergarten Report Ko wai au? Ko wai tātou? Ko wai rātou? / Who am !?

Who are we? Who are they?

This term the whole kindergarten community has been on a learning journey in response to the identity of our group. This has included many new children, and many young children, as well as children that speak more then one language and children who are learning sign language or using chore boards to support their communication.

Teachers have been facilitating learning for our community to develop their ability to interpret meaning and communicate. This balanced



As the term has drawn to an end we can see the difference this has made for children, their whanau and teachers. Much of this learning has been driven through our partnership with whanau, as they have shared their interests and activities from home, provided pictures and stories that children have been able to make links to at kindergarten, facilitating both their communication and their sense of mana whenua/

Rangatira/leaders in the group are displaying greater empathy and determination to understand and interpret the meaning of their younger peers communication, which can often be non-verbal. Rangatira are feeling whakamana to develop whanaungatanga (reciprocal relationships) with their younger peers and support their increasing contribution and

participatation in the learning environment.



Children know their voice matters and they whakamana/ empowered and motivated to find ways communicate others. This takes shape in different many gestures, facial expression, body language, verbal and nonverbal, sign language and more.

As we have gained insight from our whanau about their child's communication, in turn whanau have learned ways they do, and support language development at home.

Teachers have upskilled on different forms of

communication, including sign language and received support from outside experts to support their learning. We are a Community of Learners - me mahi tahi tatou mo te oranga o te katoa we work together for the benefit of all.

Bible Reading for the Week "I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. - Ezekiel 11:19

# New Gateway Coordinator from

The Gateway Programme has been running at Tokomairiro High School for over 20 years. The purpose of Gateway is to enable schools to provide individual senior students (Years 11-13+) with opportunities to access structured workplace learning, gain workplace communication skills, and qualifications to pursue a career path.

Leanne Burgess will be taking on the role of Gateway Coordinator from Term 2, replacing Gill Ferguson after her recent retirement. Leanne has been involved with our School for four years as Sports Coordinator, but will now recent retirement. move over to the Careers Department.

Tokomairiro High School is very grateful for the cooperation of employers locally and as far as Dunedin to Balclutha. Leanne will be maintaining contact with employers, and would be happy to have calls from anyone able to give a student an opportunity for a work placement, usually one day a week, term time. Because of a lack of public transport, local employers are especially valuable for our Year 11 students who do not yet have a driver's license. It is heartening to see the success of many of our Gateway students in their chosen fields, often developing and running their own businesses.

Leanne is looking forward to her new challenge from Term Two. She can be reached through the School Office 03 417 8620, careers@tokohigh.school.nz or on 021 801 098.



## End of an Era

After 25 years working for and serving the community, Rachal Fegan is hanging up her togs and finishing in her role at Milton Community Pool.

Over the years Rachal has taught many of our local children water safety and 'how to swim'. Rachel was employed by Clutha District Council as a lifeguard and swim instructor and Milton volunteered for the

Swimming Club for a number of years.

Rachal will be greatly missed, as will her lollipops, her Christmas inflatables, lights and music, not to mention her Mrs. Claus outfit.

A farewell and 'Thank You' party will be held for Rachal on Thursday 18 April, 5.30 to 6.30pm at Milton Community Pool. You are welcome to come along and share your stories and wish her well for her future.

Enquiries - Lynne 027 4174489

# **Euchre**

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Raffle: Pat (Owaka)



Winner: Maureen (Owaka)

Loser: Lyn

Raffle: Lorraine (Owaka)

### **Bridge** 11th April 2024





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#### **Quote of the Week:**

'Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please' -Mark Twain





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# RSA News from the Trenches...

Booya!!! Spike continues to bring you all the news that you need to know and all the other news you never asked for!!!

These next couple of weeks are our most important on every level so I strongly encourage to everyone to come out for our Anzac Day. Our Poppy Day commences on Friday 19th April so look out for our wonderful volunteers and grab a Poppy to show your support.

We are also asking if anyone can assist with Traffic Control on Anzac Day for just over an hour on Thursday 25th April. Let RSA know you can assist and be there around 10am.

All other arrangements are coming together nicely to mark this significant day with outstanding work behind the scenes to ensure it goes smoothly.

Also coming up on Sunday 21st April is a clay bird shoot where it gives all the duck shooters final chance to get their aim in before they fire their loads. Look out for lots of bangs. Don't forget our AGM is rapidly approaching so the nominations are open to put your name forward. If you want things changed, put your name forward to make a difference Private Spike Pike

# Toko Rugby Report

Boom!! Toko Axemen are back!!! After a rough start to the season, Toko travelled to Owaka to battle for the Dean Miller Trophy and Reg Phillips trophy in another torrid battle. In previous years this clash has been hard fought with nothing separating the two teams.

Toko scored tries though quick thinking Jared Hayes, Shelford Meads and Lightening Lockie Finch who gets a lollie every try he scores. First half was an even battle with both teams looking for expansive rugby on attack and tenacious on defence. Halftime score was a narrow 19-17 lead to Toko.

Second half was a mirror image with both teams hammering away with Josh Huddleston kicking plenty of penalties to give Owaka a narrow lead after Shelford Meads scored second try. With full-time virtually up, Bulldozer Billy Greer crashed over and Jared Hayes kicking conversion, Toko took out the victory 31-29.

Huge game for Toko were Jimmy Agnew, Billy Greer and Liam Kingma while Ethan Harrex ruled the lineouts. This was easily best performance from Toko this season as they look to improve each week. This week they take on Lawrence at home which should be another opportunity to put more points on the board.-The Judge

#### **Articles and Reports**

The Genesis relies on articles and reports supplied by the community to fill our pages.

Please email these to genesis@tokohigh.school.nz so we can share what is happening in our area.

# Toko Golf

9th April 2024



Jo Hitchon Brooch - Best nett for Month - Helen Vollweiler May Murdoch Tee - Best Stb for the Month- Helen Vollweiler Anna Burnett Brooch - Best Nett on LGU day -

Lyn Rogan 97-31-66

Eileen Kennard Trophy - Best Putting on LGU Day

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Longest Putt #9 & 18 —Wendy Agnew

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R Reid	97-28-69	J McLeod	104-35-69
H Vollweiler	99-27-72	J Clark	117-43-74
J Good	89-16-73	J McDonald	116-34-75
S Bearman	88-13-75		

**Nine Holers** Lorraine Glassford Nett 32 Noeline Cubitt Nett 35

## Milton Sub Association Indoor Bowls



The Milton Sub Assn Indoor Bowls had their Opening Night at the Church Gymnasium on Tuesday night. President Alistair Allison welcomed a good attendance and after teams were made up a snowball ensued.

Round 1: Murray Scott, Maureen Little, Bronwyn Woodhead, Chris Savage 5, Shaun Scott, Alex Benington, Elizabeth Read, Raymond Perry 4: Barbara Read, Ray Low, Jan Low, Tyrese General 6, Peter Grant, Alistair Allison, Europe Benington, Donna Richards 6: Graeme Thompson, Jimmy Phillips, Alwyn Read, Jackson Savage 12, Russell Copland, Gary Foster, Judith Hand, Roger Tapp 4: Round 2: R. Copland 6, M. Scott 5: B. Read 8, S. Scott 2: G.

Thompson 10, P. Grant 1.

Round 3: P. Grant 6, M. Scott 5: B. Read 10, R. Copland 6, S. Scott 6, G. Thompson 4.

The winning team was Barbara, Ray, Jan and Tyrese with two wins and a draw, runner up was Graeme, Jimmy, Alwyn and Jackson and in third place was Peter, Alastair, Eunice and Donna.

With the Sub Assn in the throes of restructuring, snowball tournaments will be held for at least the next two weeks in the church gymnasium on Tuesday nights. These will start at 7.30 so ideally be early to make sure your name is in a team or ring either Barbara 027 417 8145 or Denise 417 8340.

We would love to see you there. You might have played years ago or you could be an absolute newcomer, whatever! You may be sure you'll be warmly welcomed.

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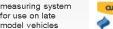


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Sunday Service - 10am.
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#### **Community Singing Group**

4th Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm Church Hall (by Heritage Church) All welcome





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The Toko Gym runs Keep Moving classes

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These are suitable for ALL ages and levels of fitness. Come along for some light exercise, stretches and a laugh.

#### **Genesis Articles**

We are very grateful for articles received about any news that is happening in the community. We try our best to publish articles on the week provided but due to space restraints we are not always able to. If your article is not printed in the week submitted, our goal is to publish it in the next Genesis issue.



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Public-facing roles and life, in general, are becoming progressively hazardous due to the uncertainty of individuals under stress or influenced by mind-altering substances. Ensuring safety extends beyond the duty of employers to include personal responsibility in safeguarding oneself and others.

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Enquiries:

Sensei Kelvin McSkimming (4th dan Black Belt) (Co-Founder and Head Instructor)

Ph: 027 300 9153

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