



Tokomairiro High
School Newsletter &
Community Noticeboard

Wednesday 22nd July 2020

Genesis

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Tokomairiro Early Learning Centre on Spenser Graduates



Kolby McAra-Peach



Bella Mathieson



Harlyn Maloney



Kadie Francis



Emily Miles



Jack Smail

In the past few months we have had six tamariki graduate from our Spenser Street centre and head off to school. The teachers at TELC would like to wish them all the best for the next stage in their learning journey and we look forward to catching up with them during 4 year old transition visits to the schools and reading about their achievements in the Genesis. Our Johnson Street graduates will feature in an edition of the Genesis next month.

With these children heading off to school, we now have some spaces available, so feel free to contact us or come for a visit and meet our children and friendly staff. We have an excellent teaching team and provide lots of great learning opportunities including celebrating Matariki, carpentry projects, new resources for role play and many other exciting experiences. Our centre is situated at 71 Spenser Street and you can contact us on 417 8185 or 027 811 3538.

New Year 7 and 8 Teacher



We are pleased to welcome Mr Juay Lim to our school. After studying and training for his teaching qualifications at Waikato University, Juay has taught at Year 7 and 8 levels in New Zealand for many years. He has particular strengths in literacy and mathematics, having been a mathematics curriculum leader from early on in his teaching career. He has been involved in training teams for regional mathematics competitions in each of his schools. Juay can speak three languages and has been a teacher of mandarin in some of his schools. He also has qualifications in teaching English to speakers of other languages. He always involves himself in the activities of the school with multi-cultural events, both in the schools and in the community. We are looking forward to having him at Tokomairiro High School.

New Pharmacist Welcomed

We have recently had a new pharmacist join our team at Milton Pharmacy.

Sean Craig will be working full-time for at least a few months, and may then reduce to two or three days per week, depending on workload.

Sean is from the USA and came to New Zealand to follow his partner, who is undertaking research at Otago University. Sean comes originally from a small farming community in Illinois, but has more recently been working in a pharmacy as manager in St Louis, Missouri.

He has spent several years working in the American health system, and has some horrifying tales to tell of the costs for patients, often for quite routine medicines.

It really makes you realise how lucky we are in New Zealand to have the system we have - in spite of the waiting lists.

If you call into the shop and meet Sean, please give him a warm welcome to show what a friendly lot we are here in Milton.



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Tēna koutou katoa

Week one of term three – it is great to have all our young ones back at school as we head into the back end of the school year. After two weeks of sleeping in and some leisure time I am sure many will find it difficult to get themselves up bright and early in the morning – staff as well as students! At least the morning and evenings are starting to get lighter, albeit cooler with the frosty mornings.

School Holiday Competition

Thank you to those who entered a piece in the literacy competition. Results will be published next week.

Parent Student Teacher Meetings

These are scheduled for Wednesday 29 July. These are a great chance for you to meet with your child's Subject Teachers, House Group Teacher and Dean. Bookings can be made on www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the password tbq7x.

Staff Change for Term Three

Last week I mentioned that Mr Juay Lim is replacing Mrs Katie Moodie for the rest of the year. We are also going to lose Mr Eaton at the end of this week as he has accepted a position at Otago Boys High School. We have appointed a Digital Technology specialist who has been teaching in Perth; unfortunately, due to Covid-19, he will not be able to join us until late this term.

We have appointed Mr Steve Walker to cover his classes for the rest of this term. We wish Mr Eaton all the very best for his move to Otago Boys and thank him for the contribution he has made to our school over the past three and a half years.

Year 6 Students and Parents

It is getting to that time of year when you are no doubt thinking about school for 2021. We are very happy to show prospective students and parents around our school at any time and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to come for a tour please contact the school office (03-4178620) to organise a time that suits you.

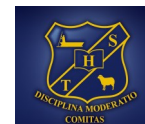
Absences

We are continuing to have our focus on attendance over the second half of the year as we believe attendance has a huge influence on achievement. The school target is to have at least 90% attendance per student. If your child is expecting to be away please contact the school before the absence – text through the Skool Loop app or leave a message at the school office.

Cultural Competition

Practices for the annual cultural competition will begin next week with the competition being held on the afternoon of Friday 14 August - parents and whanau are welcome to come along. This is a great chance for our young people to stand up and lead their houses as we celebrate our cultural heritage in New Zealand. Remember, our doors are always open. Please come and talk to us if you have any concerns.

Regards
Glenis Sim
Principal



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We vacationed there every year. 'Hot and busy' should be the dull town's slogan, especially with all the hideous caravans and tents that swarmed around us like leeches in Lake Waihola.

Mornings were the worst, waking up to Nana peeping through every crack in the tent she could find. Getting dressed in a tiny tent, my body banging on all sides, I swear I had a new bruise every day. Then I would stumble out of the tent and struggle to find food that wasn't leftover from Christmas. After eating, we would sit and wait for this creepy clown in a trailer to pick us up. I know that sounds bad - clown herding children into his trailer - but he was just there to take us to the youth group.

The youth group was held in a massive, musty, misshapen

heap of wood they called a hall, in the middle of the campground. It had a discoloured sign on the front that read 'Main Hall'. There was that much dust and cobwebs it looked like it hadn't been touched in a decade. You would come out of that horrendous hall looking like you had just travelled through a vacuum cleaner. It had a tiny stage that was just crammed in the corner. On the side, humongous terrifying Teletubbies were painted on the wall; they looked like they were straight out of a Stephen King movie. It honestly gave me nightmares! In the middle of the hall, there was a thick wooden beam; whenever we would play games at least one child would smash their nose on the beam. Also, you were always forced to wear shoes because old rusty nails were sticking out of the

ground. And, with the number of bloodstains on the floor, it had looked like all the kids in the campground had been murdered.

After a long day of dodging rusty nails, wooden beams and bloodstains we were finally escorted home. We were staying at the end of the campground so we were always dropped off last. Emily and I would run over to our family and show them whatever horrible craft or terrible song we had learnt that day. For lunch, it was a choice of Christmas meat or stale chip sandwiches. That would be our every day for about a week and a half, until we would pack up all our belongings, go back to Milton and wait till next year.

Ally-Mae Michelle

Technology Free Tuesdays



There are to be no phones, chromebooks or devices at morning interval or lunch times in the library.

Dates to Remember...

Monday 27 July - Sports Service Awards Assembly
Wednesday 29 July - Parent Student Teacher Meetings
Tuesday 18 August - Year 7/8 Netball Tournament
Sunday 23 - Tuesday 25 August - Senior Ski Camp
Wednesday 26 August - Sports and Cultural Photos



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Quote of the week:

'No problem is so formidable that you can't walk away from it'
(Charles M Schulz).

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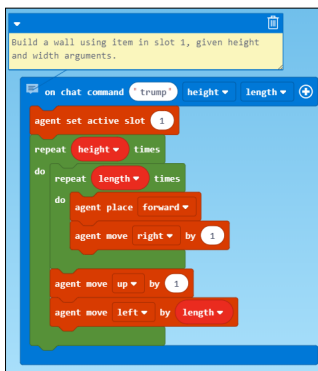
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Digital Technology

Digital Technology is a popular subject. We learn about the effect that technology has on the world and how we can develop our problem-solving and logical thinking skills to solve problems and create digital outcomes.

In 2020 it is divided into two main strands:

The first strand is digital media where the students explore creating media such as images, sound and video. We learn about branding, logos, colours and fonts and use them to create online identities. The students created websites and videos featuring their brand. Students continue to show that they prefer to use technology to be creative, rather than to simply be a passive consumer.



The second strand (A.K.A “the boring one”) is where we use Minecraft to learn about algorithms and use programming to solve problems. We explore loops, variables, conditionals and arguments that all seem abstract ideas until the students use them to create “trump walls” and to mine for diamonds.

Digital Technology at THS is very fortunate to have Mr. Etienne Johnson taking over in Term 4 and Mr. Steve Walker filling in until then.

Milton Senior Citizens Club

We had eighteen members attend our meeting on Friday 17th July.

There is to be a Market Day on Saturday 25th July from 10am - 2pm and there are to be several stalls with baking, pickles, and jams, plants, knitting & wool for sale & some extras.

Maureen asked members to please give groceries for the hamper for the concert which is to be held on August 28th 2020 from 1.30pm in the Coronation Hall.

Raelene & Greta have offered to be the sellers on the baking stall along with some jams and pickles.

The raffle was won by Judy Fletcher.

Flowers are to be taken to two of our members who have had their 90th Birthdays recently.

Colin Heads then had a quiz organised for us and as usual the murmurs with the answers went around the room.

Our next meeting is on 31st July at 12.30pm for a Pot Luck Mid-year dinner.

Euchre

8th July

Winner - S Gillies
Loser - R Jenkins
Raffle - Di LeSueur

15th July

Winner - S Gillies
Loser - R Jenkins
Raffle - I Mason

Bible Reading for Today

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

Indoor bowls

Another good night was had with six pairs taking part. The best for the night was Alwyn Read and either Greta Jenkins or Alex Benington. They had two wins and a draw. The draw was against wife Barbara and nephew Dontay. Their wins were against Russell Copland and Eunice Benington plus Alastair Allison and Raymond Perry. In runner up position was Alastair and Raymond; two wins and a score of 20 while 3rd place was Melva Heads and Steve Rice also on two wins but a score of 17. Barbara and Dontay were 4th with one and a half wins, David Gorton and Rachel Fegan were next while taking their turn at trailing was Russell and Eunice.

It would be great to see more indoor bowlers turn out each week and of course we'd welcome back those that used to play and all newbies.

Don't forget every Wednesday night, 7.30 at the Country Club.



Bridge

Handicap Pairs. Week 1. 16.07.20

R Devlin & V Stanley	65.00%
A Broome & M Cain	56.25%
H Gardner & L Clark	52.50%
J Scott & K Powell	51.25%
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Netball Report

This weekend saw a great clash between the South Otago Netball Club (SONC) Invitation team and Toko Gold - with the SONC Invitation team taking out the win!

SONC Invitation team comprised of Year 7 and 8 pupils from Tokomairiro High School so it was Toko vs Toko. Jayda White and Courtney Scanlan were able to convert the many deflections and intercepts their defensive team members turned over into points. Unfortunately for Toko Gold they were not quite able to do the same and allowed small errors to creep into our game. There were many smiles and laughs between the two teams after the game which was great to see!



Toko Rugby Club

Milton Night'n'Day Junior Rugby Awards

UNDER 7 GOLD -

POD - Kaleb McDonald;
Coaches Choice - Miller Adam

UNDER 9 GOLD -

POD - Marshall Carr;
TOD/ Coaches Choice - Kaleb Davies

UNDER 9 BLUE -

POD - Oliver Foster;
TOD/Coaches Choice - Moss Cookson

UNDER 11 -

POD - Tane Rewita;
TOD/ Coaches Choice - Isaac Foster

Public Notices ...



Clutha District Council

Do you have a project in mind?

Clutha District Creative

Communities is to hold two funding rounds for the 2020/21 year. The next round closes on 1 September 2020.

The application guide can be found on the Funding Schemes page of our website: www.cluthad.c.govt.nz

To qualify, projects must:

- Take place within the Clutha District
- Be completed within 12 months of funding approval
- Not have started or finished before the funding is approved.

Please contact our Corporate Services Administrator Karen Piercy with any questions on 03 419 0261.

It's a great funding opportunity for individuals and for groups.

Labour Candidates Visit

Clare Curran and Ingrid Leary visited our school at the end of last term.

Clare is the retiring Member of Parliament for Dunedin South and Ingrid is the new Labour candidate for the newly formed Taieri Electorate.



L-R, Ingrid Leary, Glenis Sim and Clare Curran.

Year 11 Writing - Fiordland

The closer we got to Fiordland the more excited we grew. To pass time we observed all the birds and animals that paraded around the trees and tussocks. We took note of every wave that hit the jagged rocks, and hugged the uneven sand. But, soon our eyes were taken away from these sights and met with thousands of dark trees that stood tall above us.

As night grew closer, the songs of all the birds died down; instead you could hear moreporks and kakas sweeping their wings along the gravel track, searching for food, like a dog eager to fetch a stick for his owner. We could hear footsteps that belonged to deer which were rustling through the bushes in search of a place to rest until sunrise. The bright vibrant green trees surrounding the hut swayed left to right but soon came to a stop as night fell, making them look darker than the night sky.

Yet as soon as the sun had risen, the sky became clear, the pine trees started to lighten up, again swaying side to side and showing their bright green leaves. Tomtits and robins, singing their songs, skittered along the sticks and leaves as the ground started to heat up. The roar of the waves echoed through the crevices of the hills and mountains like a trumpet alone in an auditorium. Inside the hut, the sun was shimmering through the windows, filling the room with warmth and light.

Later in the morning, we headed off back onto the road, this time making our way to Te Wae Wae Bay, a long stretch of sand and pebbles. During the bumpy ride, we encountered many tui and kereru, soaring through the treetops of rimu and beech trees. Just as we turned the last corner, we were met with a wide sand track that led right onto the beach. With so much adrenaline that rushed through our veins, we took off out of the truck. We hurtled towards the waves breaking along the shore line. When the slab of coldness slapped our stiff bodies, our screams were soon overthrown by the deafening crash from the current wave that had broken along the bay.

At that moment, we knew that when leaving, we were going to miss Fiordland and its breathtaking views and wildlife that surrounded it.

Shannon de Seymour

Milton Smallbore Rifle Club

Results from Interclub Shoot against Kuriwao 6th July

MILTON		KURIWAO	
P Griffin	94.3 - 4 - 98.3	P Falconer	99.3 - 3 - 100.3
A Lister	95.3 - 6 - 100.3	M Sutherland	96.3 - 2 - 98.3
N Walker	89.1 - 4 - 93.1	H Johnson	95.2 - 4 - 99.2
G Hanson	88.1 - 5 - 93	S Cocks	92 - 16 - 100
K Walker	83.1 - 13 - 96		

Non Team Members Scores

Josh Lister 91.2, Ben Lister 90.1, Ethan Walker 89.

Results from Interclub Shoot against Popotunua 13th July

MILTON		POPOTUNUA	
P Griffin	95.2 - 4 - 99.2	J Miller	93.3 - 4 - 97.3
L Adam	94.4 - 4 - 98.4	B Miller	98.3 - 3 - 100.3
A Lister	94.2 - 5 - 99.2	A Robbie	91.2 - 5 - 96.2
K Walker	88 - 12 - 100	L Hellier	87.1 - 4 - 91.1
N Walker	93 - 4 - 97		

Non Team Members Scores

Josh Lister 95.3, Ben Lister 95.3, Ethan Walker 93.1, Jess Walker 83.

A win to Milton in both matches.

Handicap - Milton 98.6 av, Popotunua 96
4 Man - Milton 376.8, Popotunua 369.9

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