



Most Promising Netballer in South Otago

The 2017 recipient of the Kylie Smith Memorial Trophy for the most promising player in the Under 17 age group in South Otago has been awarded to Nikki Hall who is in year 13 at Tokomairiro High School.

Nikki has had a very full on netball season with taking part in both the Dunedin Premier Competition as well as being Captain for the Tokomairiro High School team who was promoted to South Otago's Premier 1 Grade this season and then to top it all off, she was selected for the South Otago U17 Rep team.

Nikki's game has grown this season and she is playing some amazing netball which is both skilful and beautiful to watch. Nikki who is normally a centre took on the wing attack position for the U17 team and with her positive attitude adapted very well, making her a very capable mid-courter. She is very hard working and shows a determination to be the best she can be.

Congratulations.

Aurora Science Fair Update

The high school received notification at the end of last week that three of our students were also awarded Highly Commended Certificates at the Aurora Science Fair.

Those students were Abby Walker, Claire Lockerbie and Miller McElrea. Congratulations to you all.

Support Daffodil Day On Friday

Daffodil Day is this Friday 25 August. Volunteers will be out in Milton selling raffles, produce and baking to raise funds for this worthwhile cause. Your donations will go towards vital scientific research into the causes and treatment of all types of cancer, as well as providing a wide range of support services, education and awareness campaigns / programmes for people affected by cancer in our area. Tickets in the Monster Milton raffle are available at the sales stalls located on Union street and at the produce/baking stall outside SuperValue in Shakespeare street. If you are donating baking, spare vegetables or new season plants please bring these to the sales counter outside SuperValue on Shakespeare street. Thank you for your support.



Milton Angling Club Public Competition

Calling all fishermen/women - young and a little older. This is our last competition for the season.

Icebreaker Competition on Sunday 27 August.

This competition is fresh water only, anywhere in the Otago region. The one major rule is fishing from boats is prohibited. This is open to the general public - anyone can compete providing you have a current fishing license and donate a gold coin as the entry fee.

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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter ...

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Term 3, week 5. At the end of this week we will be half way through the term.

Assembly message

On Sunday morning I was reading through the weekend Mix – the insert in the Otago Daily Times – and came across a very interesting article by a Life Coach. The article was titled True Grit and a headline at the top of the page read “There’s more to success than natural talent and intelligence.” Grit is defined as passion and persistence. It is important all our students find what their passion is and persist until they achieve. There is an old Japanese proverb that says, “Fall down seven times, get up eight”. Grit, combined with strong core values and emotional intelligence, will lead to a successful person. This was an excellent read and I encourage you all to take the time to read it.

Senior Exams

These are scheduled for week 8/9 this term, beginning on Wednesday 13 September. It is really important our students strive to achieve their very best in these examinations. Not only do they play an important part in deciding allocation of school prizes for the year, they are also a great indicator of student learning and the areas of focus before the final NCEA examinations. An important thing to remember is that if, for some unfortunate reason, a student is unable to sit their final NCEA examinations, these results can be used to generate an estimated grade for the student. I encourage all senior

students to work their hardest in preparation for these examinations and show off what they can do. Start that study programme today.

Parent/Student/Mentor Conferences

Thank you to all those parents and students who made time to come into school for the mentor sessions last week. Communication between home and school is essential if our young people are to achieve to their best.

PTA Trail Bike Ride Cancelled

It is with regret that the PTA has had to make the very hard decision, due to unforeseen circumstances, to cancel the Tokomairiro High School Trail Bike Ride for 2017. The trail ride has been a huge fundraiser for the school over many years and we are very grateful to both the members of

the PTA and of our local community who have supported us over that time. We are certainly hoping the trail ride will be back on the calendar for 2018.

Kids Vote (see article page 3)

Congratulations to the following students who were voted in to the leader and deputy leader positions of the political parties: Labour – Grace McKay, Jorjah Mason-Waru; National – Oliver Blackbourn, Micaela Laing; NZ First – Cory Samson, George Philps; Maori Party – Taumarewa Kershaw, Maddie Davidson; Green Party – Joshua Cross, Calum Scoon. The leaders will present their party ideas and policies to the school at assembly on Friday.

Careers / Options Evening

An evening is being held on Wednesday 30 August where year 10 to 13 students and parents are invited to come along to discuss option choices for next year. There will be some presentations along with the opportunity to talk with employers, teachers and tertiary sector representatives. Make sure you put this in your calendar.

Remember, our doors are always open at school and all our staff can be reached by email (email addresses on our school website). Please make contact if you have any comments or concerns.

Nga mihi
Glenis Sim
Principal

CUPS & TROPHIES

Please return all cups and trophies, awarded in 2016, to the school office as soon as possible.

NZQA FEES

All NZQA fees need to be paid to the school office by **Friday 8th September 2017**. The fee is **\$76.70** unless you qualify for financial assistance as explained below.

Financial Assistance

Who can apply for financial assistance?

Financial assistance is available to assist with the payment of entry fees for National Secondary Schools qualifications. To be eligible to apply you must be the fee-payer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit (benefit-based applications).

Have a joint family income that would entitle you to receive a Community Services Card (income-based applications).

Be a fee-payer with two or more children who are candidates, irrespective of family income (multiple candidate applications), where the total fees you would have to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum.

You cannot claim financial assistance for international fee-paying students.


How Much Will I Need To Pay

If you qualify for financial assistance and have **one** child who is a candidate, you will pay **\$20.00**.

If you qualify for financial assistance and have **two or more** children who are candidates, you will pay a maximum of **\$30.00** per family.

How Do I Apply For Financial Assistance

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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 23 August - SOPSSA Cross Country
Thurs 24 – Fri 25 Aug - Year 11 PE Ski Camp
Wednesday 30 August - Careers Evening
Thursday 31 August - Course selections for 2018 begin
Mon 4 – Thu 7 Sept - South Island Netball Tournament
Mon 4 – Fri 8 Sept - South Island Hockey Tournament
Tues 12 – Fri 15 Sept – Y10 Camp (Tautuku)
Wed 13 - Tue 19 Sept - Senior Exams
Wed 20 – Fri 22 Sept - Year 11 Geography Trip
Thu 21 – Fri 22 Sept - Year 13 Tourism Trip
Friday 29 September - Last day of term 3

Kids Voting

A new programme is being run in our school called Kids Voting. This programme sent out by the electoral commission of New Zealand, is aimed at getting people under the age of 18 interested and involved in voting so that when their time comes to vote at a general or local election, they are prepared to vote.

Kids Voting is designed to raise awareness among young people about New Zealand's electoral process. Building first-hand experience of an active participation by young people increases their personal understanding, belief and confidence in the electoral process.

Each party will elect leaders and deputy leaders and decide what issues and policies they want to campaign about. Campaigning will be for two weeks starting on Thursday 24 August and will be followed by an election on Friday 8 September, where the students will vote for real candidates, on a real ballot paper. They will then be able to compare their results with the results of the general election on 23 September.

After the election, the winning party will form a government alongside the remaining parties and meet and discuss and debate issues in our school and country.

This is a great new initiative that will broaden the student's knowledge of the electoral process and hopefully inspire some kids to take a career in politics.



A special thank you must go to Bronson Blackburn and Anna Jordan, (above) with the support of the Learning Committee, for all their organisation for this programme. Bronson is the Returning Officer and will be the Speaker of the House once the government is elected.

Bible Reading for Today

Jude 1 verse 21b

Waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

Indoor Bowls

Thursday night was our second to last Snowball. There were 17 players who took part, and a great night was held. We had four games of six ends with five teams playing triples and one playing pairs. The winner for the evening was Barbara Read, Moira Hastie and Keith Rogan with three wins and 45 points. Second was David Gorton, Stephen Souness and Alywn Read with two wins and two draws and 43 points. The team that tried the hardest was Ray Low, Sue Giles and Greta Jenkins.


Dates for your diaries: Thursday 31st August, 7.30pm - Closing Snowball and Prize giving. Sunday 3rd September at Balclutha, - Tens. Saturday 9th September at Balclutha, End of Season closing 4's Tournament and Prize giving, pot luck tea.

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Alcohol, Drugs & Young People

After careful consultation with the school community and with expert assistance from Mirror Services drug and alcohol counselling practitioners, Tokomairiro High School has produced a new Alcohol and Drug policy. In a previous article we looked at the prevalence and impact of drugs and alcohol on our young people. This week, we will look at what the New Zealand Drug Foundation considers to work with helping young people through these issues. In a further article we will explore how our new Drug and Alcohol Policy involves a whole-school community approach.

Shifting attitudes on drugs

Education Ministry figures from 2014 show drugs were the most common reason for a young person to be excluded from a NZ secondary school. There is increasing criticism that removing a student from school as a way of dealing with their drug issues also removes them from opportunities to help the student and prevents them from achieving educational success and being productive members of our communities. The Educational Review Office in their 2014 report "Wellbeing for Young People's Success at Secondary School" reported that "once students are excluded or expelled it is often extremely difficult for them to re-engage with their education, have a sense of self-worth, and achieve the skills and qualifications that will help them in the future".

The NZ Drug Foundation considers that a student that is able to remain in school, with support and opportunities to engage in drug and alcohol education and treatment, is far more likely to make positive changes and lead more successful and happier lives as adults. This doesn't mean that young people with drug issues avoid consequences for unacceptable behaviour, but rather that their drug use is treated as a health issue. Only as a last resort should a student be removed from school as a consequence of their drug or alcohol related behaviours.

Tokomairiro High School's Whole School approach to drugs and alcohol

Tokomairiro High School, as part of its investment in restorative practices, shares the NZ Drug Foundation's views of how to manage students with drug and alcohol issues and have developed a Whole School approach as the core of our new Alcohol and Drug policy. In essence it focuses on three major areas; drug and alcohol education in school, the school's response to breaches of its rules and finally, how help can be accessed for those students and their families. This will be expanded upon in a future article. If you have any comments or questions regarding our new policy or would like a confidential conversation about alcohol and/or drug use please feel free to contact me here at school.

Ka kite ano

Mark Weston

School Counsellor

Golf

Second Round S/F Cup & First Round 4BBB Stableford 19th August Seniors

39 S Taylor on c/b to J Cooper & T Condon

38 G Findlay & K Bassett

37 D McKinney

Juniors

78-25-53-53 Scott Stevenson

39 N O'Connor

38 J Fiddes, M Cain, J Day

Two's: N O'Connor,

D McKinney, W Tatupu,

S Taylor, J Fiddes

Sumpter & Moore 2nd shot

closest to pin: T Condon

Hidden Birdie: No17

T Condon, E Mills

Net Eagle: No13 B Sheath &

B Adams

Next Week: Final round of Stableford Cup and Quarter-finals of the Men's 4BBB

Draw for 4BBB to be played on or prior to 26th Sept:

1st off 1: B Sheath & M Mead

vs G Findlay & T Morland

2nd off 1: B Lee & S Michelle

vs M Adam & D Curd

3rd off 1: T Condon &

L Adam vs R Agnew &

M Scott

1st off 8: K Bassett &

W Potae vs J Morgan &

N O'Connor.

Bridge

Spring Pairs 17.08.17

N/S

L Phillips & J Parkinson

52.08%

L Clark & M Kean 51.04%

T Peterson & A Phillips

46.88%

E/W

S Agnew & K Powell 61.11%

H Gardner & V Stanley

59.72%

M Cain & R Devlin 44.44%

J Scott & K Roughan 34.72%

Euchre

9.8.17

Raffle E Morton

Winner I Mason

Booby D

16.8.17

Raffle R Jenkins

Winner C Thorthwaite

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Thank you ...

Thank you ...

Thank you to everyone who sent beautiful flowers, cards, best wishes and provided meals and baking to Barrie and I following my recent illness.

To the Milton Health team, St John's Ambulance and my carers, thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.

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regards

Lorraine and Barrie Delaney

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