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New Teachers at Tokomairiro High



Tokomairiro welcome four new teachers to school this year. Carol Bungard is a familiar face having taught as a reliever for the last two years and has been appointed as the Head of Technology. She will be teaching Food Technology and Art. Both her sons went to Tokomairiro and they still talk of the education / opportunities they received, so Carol is excited to be part of Tokomairiro High.

Gemma Cowie grew up in Dunedin, studying at Otago University, including six months as an Exchange student at the University of Toronto where she enjoyed travelling around Canada and the USA. Gemma was teaching at Mt Aspiring

College and is glad to be back in the local area. She is teaching PE and Science.

Shireen Lata who came to New Zealand from Fiji in 2014 is teaching Chemistry, Physics and Science. Shireen has been at Howick College in Auckland and is looking forward to the new experience of living in a beautiful town after the big city.

Richard Sykes is Otago educated and has just returned from the UK after six years living there. Previously he taught at Otago Boys High. Richard is Head of Mathematics and is looking forward to the new challenges it may bring.

Left to right; Richard, Gemma, Shireen, Carol.

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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter ...

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Welcome Back To The Staff

Friday was a teacher only day and it was great to see all the staff back planning and preparing for the new year. We are looking forward to a very successful year with personal excellence continuing to be a focus for staff and students. A special welcome to our new staff – Carol Bungard (Food Technology, Art), Gemma Cowie (PE, Science), Shireen Lata (Chemistry, Physics, Science) and Richard Sykes (Mathematics).

Peer Support Training

Peer Support leadership training occurred on Monday morning – it was great to see the enthusiastic team of year 13 students working under the leadership of Mr Sinclair and his team. These students will spend the first half of the year working with our new year 7 students. We thank them for their commitment to this excellent programme.

Welcome To Our New Students

Tuesday morning is when our new year 7 students are welcomed into our school. We are really looking forward to working with this wonderful group of young people and starting them on their journey through Tokomairiro High School. This is a journey which we are keen to share with the students and their whanau.

We are also very pleased to welcome a number of new students into other levels of the school. A special welcome to Abby Bugden (Y10), Tyson Kavanagh-Moore (Y13), Krishneel Pratap (Y12), Kunaal Pratap (Y10), and Georgia White (Y10).

International Students

We have two International students beginning the year with us. Robert Schaumann is joining us from Germany and is in the senior school, and Miyu Sayama is from Ikubunkhan High

School in Japan. We welcome them to our school and look forward to learning more about their culture.

Year 8 to 13 Students

Wednesday is the day when all the year 8 to 13 students return to school and we are looking forward to having them back. Most senior students had been in last week to confirm options and I know they are keen to get underway.

My message for the students is this: Engage in the learning process – ask questions, talk to your teachers, explore new ideas. Work hard to achieve to your very best – aim for personal excellence, strive to be the best you can be. Support each other – show respect for your peers and your

teachers. Have pride in your school – remember you are an ambassador for your school. Be proud to be part of the Tokomairiro family – I certainly am!

Attendance / Lateness

We are continuing to have a focus on attendance this year as we believe regular attendance and achievement go hand in hand. Research has shown that attendance to class is a key to students reaching their academic potential. It is important that all students are attending school every day. We ask that parents / caregivers / whanau ensure that their children are attending all their lessons. If there is a valid reason for a student to be absent from school, parents are asked to contact the school office first thing in the morning. Thank you for your support in helping us better monitor the student attendance.

This year we will be following up on lateness to class. We encourage all students to be in class before the second bell ready to start work. This means students need to be in class by 8.40am.

Connections With Whanau

We are looking forward to a great year and encourage member of our wider school community to take every opportunity to engage with our school. Our doors are always open and we welcome you into our school.

House Groups

A new structure within our school this year means our students are all in house groups with their mentor teacher each day. Year 7 to 13 students will work together to support each other and further develop the strength of the house system. The house group teacher will be the person who really gets to know your child well and we encourage you all to take the opportunity to contact the house group teacher if you have any concerns.

We are looking forward to a great year and welcome all our new parents to our Tokomairiro family.

Nga mihi

Glenis Sim

Principal

COMING EVENTS

Thursday 1 February - House Captains elections

Tuesday 6 February - Waitangi Day (school closed)

Wednesday 7 February - Student Council Elections

Wednesday 14 February - Student Council AGM

Thursday 15 February - Teen Ag Team Fencing Competition

Friday 23 February - Tokomairiro Athletics Day



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It has been good to see the return of visitors from far and wide over recent months. The volunteers have been kept busy assisting with enquiries about places to visit and how to get there. Many are from cooler climes so they have been enjoying the hot summer days.

We had beautiful Christmas cards and children's toys and games on display which created an interest. This has changed to elegant wraps and lacy inserts that the well-dressed lady would have worn with their gowns. Historical Society members continue to sort through the collections, storing items in protective boxes. Paper items and photographs also going into pockets or boxes. The newspaper boxes we got with a Helping Hands Grant have been put to good use. There have been several enquiries for family research which we are able to do our best to assist with.

In February we are to host the Combined Museums of the Clutha District meeting where the new camera equipment the group have purchased will be discussed. A training afternoon was held at Owaka to see how everything works. This will enable good clear images to be taken which can then be downloaded for cataloguing etc. The equipment will be used in turns between the six Museums.

Group visits over the last few months have included the Molyneux Women's Group, Clydevale Women's Institute and the Milton Cottage Craft Group spending several hours doing their craft and looking over some of the needlework collections.

This year we will mark the 80th anniversary of the opening of the Post Office building where we now occupy. Any items of interest pertaining to this historical building / business would be welcomed.

Do you have some spare time on your hands, have an interest in history or assisting the Public – We are always keen for volunteers to help as this makes filling the weekly roster much easier and doesn't overburden existing helpers. We are sure you would not like to see the Centre close for want of some assistance.

Milton Garden Club

On Monday December 11th members travelled to Waihola for the last meeting of the year. Carol Dalton warmly welcomed us to her large and extensive garden, trees and shrubs making a sheltered backdrop to the large beds of colour everywhere. We all fell for a magnificent almost black iris, which Carol kindly split up, and we all came away with treasures.

Unfortunately, Jan Haselmore was not there to show us around her beautiful garden, as she has some very unusual plants, all making this a very interesting garden to visit. Many purchased plants from her stand at the gate.

We then adjourned to the Waihola Tavern for our Christmas lunch, where we had a most enjoyable meal and a great lot of chatter and hilarity, especially with the drawing of 20 raffles.

The third and last garden for the day was to the garden of Jenni McIntosh, and as always Jenni's garden was full of interest, colour and unusual plants, making this another lovely garden to visit. In addition, the view from her terrace is quite amazing, it was a lovely way to end the year.

On Monday February 12th we are travelling to visit Maple Glen garden and visiting the nursery at Clinton. Transport leaves Elizabeth at 9am. Please bring lunch and drinks etc.

Bible Reading for Today

Psalm 139 verse 2

I know when you sit down and when you rise up.

Project Bruce

Project Bruce is a grass-roots community-led development project for the people of Milton-Tokomairiro, Waihola and Taieri Mouth. We're supporting activities and initiatives that help to strengthen our communities.

Community-led development is all about how we as a community can take action towards the things we care about. We want to hear from everyone what these things are. What do you love about your community, and what can we all do to make it even better?

Let us know by: filling in the postcards you'll find around town in community spaces, or do the online survey at www.milton-district.co.nz/project-bruce or drop into the Tokomairiro Community Hub (opposite the Supervalu) and have a chat.

We're also hosting Community Cuppas. Project Bruce is offering to serve tea and cake at your place. What's the catch? You just need to invite nine other friends, family or acquaintances and be up for joining in a conversation about your ideas for your community. Get in touch with Project Bruce if you'd like to have a Community Cuppa at your place or with your group.

Project Bruce will use all the information and the conversations to help identify community activities we can all get behind and support. We'll be doing this in March so get your responses submitted by Feb 28th.

You can get in touch with Project Bruce at:

brucecommunities@gmail.com

027 513 1775

PO Box 112, Milton 9241

Facebook @BruceCommunity



News from the Trenches

Greetings from behind enemy lines for the first report for 2018. We have a host of upcoming events and functions at the Milton RSA over the next few months to keep you entertained.

For those with a tendency to shoot things - the monthly shoot commences this upcoming Sunday and from then on, the first Sunday of every month. All welcome - details at RSA.

If your leisure activities include something a little quieter - then come along on a Wednesday afternoon to join the highly popular cards. First hands dealt at 1.30.

With all clubs in town, we need to maintain our maintenance programme and there is a Working Bee on Sunday 11th February at 10am - so more hands would ensure lots of little tidying up jobs are completed. So come along, as it's your club too - don't let the same volunteers do the majority of the work.

Finally, the best Super Rugby Tipping competition is open to all members - so come along and place your entry before the competition kicks off on 16 February.

If there is anything you would like included in this fortnightly spiel - let the bar or committee member know - they can send me a morse code message!

Just a tiny taste of what is upcoming - so get along and be part of the excitement.

Private Pike

SM

Sumpter Moore - Barristers & Solicitors

Quote of the week

"So you see, imagination needs moodling - long, inefficient, happy idling, dawdling and puttering."

Brenda Ueland

For all your legal requirements, contact our friendly team at

5 Eden Street, (P O Box 16) Milton

Phone 417 8004 Fax 417 8002

Toko Junior Rugby

I know it is still summer but preparations are underway for the 2018 season already.

We are holding a fun day/registration day at the Club Rooms on Sunday the 11th of February from 10am until 12pm. Come along and register, swap boots, order shorts etc. and have a few fun games of touch.

Under 7's (Rippers) caters for 5 and 6 year olds. Then we move up into Tackle with our Under 9, Under 11 and Under 13 teams. Our kids play all over South Otago on Saturdays with usual kick off time being 10am.

Subs for the year are \$35 per child plus a \$20 fundraising fee per family.

If you played last year, then look for your email from Toko Rugby, click on the link and register online. Easy.

Pre-season training for those that want to join in will start mid February on Wednesday nights and our season starts late March/early April.

Any queries, please feel free to contact Emma Lister, check out our website on www.sporty.co.nz or our Facebook page.

Indoor Bowls

The first night of the new year was quite successful and three ladies from Balclutha attended. After three games David Gorton, Greta Jenkins and Keith Rogan come out the winners with three wins. Russell Copland and Ray Macnee had two wins and were runners up. Biddy, Shona and Vicky had only one win and feel they could do with a bit more practice before they head north. Kevin Giles and Raymond Perry had three good games losing two 5 – 6 and one 4 – 5. Hopefully they will get their revenge this week.

Don't forget, Wednesday nights at 7.30 at the Milton Country Club is the place to be. You may be sure you will have many laughs, have a good time and you will certainly be welcome.

Euchre

17.1.18

Raffle J Thornthwaite

Winner C Thornthwaite

Booby J George

24.1.18

Raffle I Mason

Winner R Jenkin

Booby I Mason

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Public Notices ...

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Community
Bruce

- Are you involved with a community group in the Bruce ward?
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7pm
Friday 9 February 2018
Milton Coronation Hall

To register contact Project Bruce at brucecommunities@gmail.com or 027 513 1775
We're based at the Tokomairiro Community Hub, 61-63 Union St, Milton
Find us on Facebook [#BruceCommunity](https://www.facebook.com/BruceCommunity)



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Bridge

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N/S

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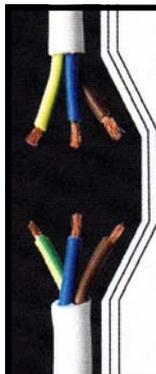
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