



Tokomairiro Student is Secretary-General

On the 3rd and 4th of September, the 37th annual student CHOGM (Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting) was held in Wellington. Organised by Commonwealth Youth New Zealand, the aim of the student CHOGM was to give students from throughout the country an opportunity to experience what it would be like to represent a particular country at a commonwealth meeting. A school provides two 'delegates', who could be the leader of the country and its Foreign Secretary, who are then given a country which they represent throughout the two days. The debates are chaired by a Secretary-General who has an important role as he or she must chair the debates, sort through the resolutions to be discussed and ensure that each 'country' is given plenty of opportunity to speak. This year the Secretary-General was Bronson Blackburn from Tokomairiro High School.

Once they had passed through security, the students met each day in the old Legislative Council which had been where New Zealand's Upper House had met (until it was abolished in 1951). Over the course of the very busy two days, the students met many important government figures who provided an overview of what it is like to have to make important decisions. Lieutenant Colonel Martin Dransfield outlined a scenario – a crisis situation between two Commonwealth members. Each 'country' then had to attempt to debate and come up with a solution acceptable to both sides, as the real leaders of the Commonwealth would be expected to do. The students were also provided with a talk from a leading government security adviser who outlined the many perils which a government can face today and how these may be dealt with.

At the end of the first day, students and teachers were invited to a meal in the banqueting hall of parliament. Bronson sat at the 'head table' with the evening's keynote speaker, Guled Mire, an ex-refugee from Somalia who spoke of his experiences growing up in New Zealand, a previous Governor-General of the country, Sir Anand Satyanand, and Peter Dunne, a past MP, both long-term supporters of student CHOGMs. On the Tuesday, students spent some time in the public gallery in the debating chamber of parliament to witness question time among the MPs before returning to their own debates. For me, highlights were the tour through parliament which included video of the engineering involved in earthquake proofing the parliament building, witnessing Bronson's very confident role as Secretary-General, finding out how well-informed and articulate many of the 'delegates' were and being able to visit Te Papa and see the Gallipoli exhibition – especially the very real-looking giant-sized soldiers made at the Weta workshop.

The 'lowlights' were the wet, windy weather we experienced, but even that was a small price to pay for such as experience!

Allison Butler

Last Monday, I had the honour and privilege to serve as the Secretary-General of the 37th National Student Commonwealth Heads Of Government Meeting 2018 (CHOGM). My duties mainly involved chairing the plenary session meetings whilst delegates from 21 of the 53 Commonwealth Countries debated things like trade, human rights and a very hot topic - Climate Change. I was recently informed by the Prime Minister, I would be chairing chaos - and she was certainly right on that one. I had an amazing time overall and met some truly amazing students from all around the country, many of which will be lifelong friends. Along the way, I met many dignitaries from around the world, such as the Deputy High Commissioner for Great Britain and the High Counsellor for the Samoan High Commission. As well as all of this, we had a State Dinner in the Banquet Hall in the Beehive on the Monday night where we raised a glass in a toast to the future prosperity of the Commonwealth.

I must thank the many people who made it possible for me to attend this truly rewarding experience, especially Ms Butler for accompanying me and Mrs Sim, for making this possible. The Student CHOGM is something that is run annually by Commonwealth Youth New Zealand and I certainly hope to see some students of Tokomairiro High School attending next year.

Bronson Blackburn

Bronson chairing a meeting. (photo courtesy Office of the Clerk)



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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter ...

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We are now into week eight of term three. There are many different things happening over the last three weeks of term. Senior examinations begin on Wednesday 12 September and continue through until Tuesday 18 September. All senior students will be at school for periods 1 to 4 then on study leave in the afternoon. Study areas are available at school if they need a place to study. All exams are two hours long and students are expected to remain in the exam for the full time.

Year 10 Camp

On Wednesday, our year 10 students head off to Tautuku for their outdoor education camp. This is a wonderful venue and a great place for the students to develop their team work and leadership skills, while learning some great outdoor skills. We wish them all the best for the camp and hope the weather treats them well.

National Student CHOGM 2019

Bronson Blackburn was selected as the Secretary General for the national student CHOGM held in Wellington last Monday and Tuesday. This is an amazing feat and I know Bronson performed the role very well. Congratulations, Bronson, on being selected for this honour.

The Rotary Year 7 and 8 Speech Competition

This was held at South Otago High School last Monday evening. We had four wonderful young people representing Tokomairiro High school. Congratulations to the following candidates: Year 7 - Makayla Wills - What's important to me - Global Warming; Connor Milburn - What's important to me - Stopping Pollution, Year 8 - Bella Gordon-Glassford - What's important to me - A happy family; Zoe McElrea - Helping others - Why bother? Well done to you all and a special congratulations to Makayla Wills who gained second place in the year 7 competition - an outstanding effort.

Performances and Trips

On Wednesday next week, 19 September, we have the **Kaboom Percussion Performance** in the afternoon, followed by the **Performing Arts Night** at 7.00pm. This will be very entertaining and I encourage you all to come along.

On Thursday we have the **year 11 ski trip**, along with the **year 13 geography/tourism trip** to Queenstown.

Careers Evening

Thank you to all those parents and students who took the opportunity to attend the Careers Evening last Wednesday. I hope you made the most of the opportunity to talk with representatives of many tertiary study, career, and industry options. Thank you also to all those members of the local community who made themselves available and to teachers who were also available to talk to students about their subject areas.

Option Booklets for 2019

These were issued to year 10 to year 12 students on Monday. It is important parents spend time looking through these and discuss different programmes with their young one. Parents have also had some extra information emailed

home. The Option Booklet can be downloaded from our school website. Students' option choices must be in by Thursday 20 September. <https://www.tokohigh.school.nz/course-selection>.

School Uniform for 2019

Apologies that this information is not out yet. We are waiting for final quotes from a supplier before we send the information out to parents. As soon as this is finalised we will send a flier to all current and prospective pupils.

Student Representative on the Board of Trustees

Any student from year 9 to 13 is able to stand as the student representative on the BOT. The student rep is a full member of the Board with the same rights as any other Board member. The three candidates standing for the position for the 2018/19 year spoke to the full school assembly on Monday and voting took place on Tuesday. Thank you to Josh Cross for representing the students for the 2017/18 year.

Remember our doors are always open. Please contact us if you have any concerns.

Nga mihi
Glenis Sim
Principal

COMING EVENTS

Wed 12 – Friday 14 Sept - Year 10 Camp –Tautuku

Wed 12 – Tue 18 Sept – Senior Exam Week

Wed 19 Sept – Kaboom Percussion Performance

Wed 19 Sept – Performing Arts Evening

Wed 19 – Friday 21 Sept – Y11 Ski Camp

Wed 19 – Friday 21 Sept – Y13 tourism trip to Queenstown

Friday 28 Sept – Last Day Term 3

Monday 15 Oct – First Day Term 4

Monday 22 Oct – Labour Day

CUPS & TROPHIES

Please return all cups and trophies, awarded in 2017, to the school office as soon as possible.

Toko A Netball

Last week the Toko A Netball Team played in the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament held at the Edgar Centre in Dunedin. The girls had a mixed bag of a tournament, being a new team they were still making connections and sorting their team play. They played eight games over the four day tournament. Their best being against Buller who they only lost to by one goal. A number of their other games were close too within a couple of goals. We say farewell to the Captain Jorjah Mason-Waru who has made a considerable contribution to the team this year and wish her good luck with her netball next year.



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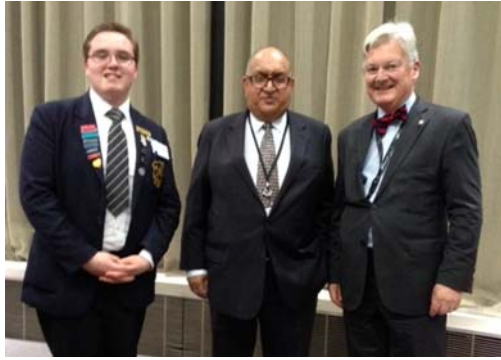
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Bronson Blackburn with the former Governor-General and Patron of Commonwealth Youth NZ, The Rt. Hon. Sir Anand Satyanand and the Hon. Peter Dunne.

The Rebus Club of Milton

At the start of the August meeting, President Stu Michelle asked members to stand and remember Bruce Stewart in a few moments of silence. After a brief meeting and planning for the November visit to the Planetarium at Otago Museum, the speaker, Jill Divers was introduced.

Jill explained what **Habitat for Humanity** does: building houses for people unable to afford their own. The international non-profit organisation was established in 1976 in the USA and relies on volunteers from all around the world to help. These people pay their own flights, accommodation and food and also contribute towards the cost of the house.

Countries she has visited in recent years are Nepal, India, Vietnam and most recently Myanmar. This is a country of 56 million people, has two child families and is mostly Buddhist with some of Christian and Moslem faith. There is a lot of corruption with some wealthy but the majority of people poor.

Accommodation was provided in Bago and volunteers travelled each day for over an hour to a village where there is no power, no running water and no sanitation. Despite this the locals are happy and friendly. In the houses there is no bedding and people sleep on the floor. Apart from the iron roof and concrete or brick foundation, all the building material is bamboo: nails, split bamboo for flooring and fibre woven for the walls. Houses here are built four feet off the ground because of the monsoons.

For the house Jill worked on, there were seven Kiwi volunteers with other locals and one member of the chosen family to help, a task which took seven days to complete. The recipient is selected on merit by the local elders and must be able to contribute US \$500. They are so grateful for the international aid and find it hard to understand why someone would pay to come from another country to help.

Members had plenty of questions for Jill with a lot of interest around how the volunteers coped with conditions. She was thanked by Gordon Adams and presented with a fruit basket. She also left a bag of home-grown lemons for the members to share.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 18 November at 10am in the RSA hall. Committee members please meet at 9.30am. The speaker is Ruth Ratcliffe from the Malmac Trust. She works as the Youth Worker for the Clutha District and also assists at the prison as a drama tutor.

Bible Reading for Today

Isaiah 40 verse 11

As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to My heart.



IT'S BACK! The Toko performing arts night is back. Come along to the high school to have a fun-filled evening with amazingly talented students. With performances from the staff, year 13 and year 9&10 music band. **Wednesday 19 September, 7pm, Free - donations welcome.**

Golf

Best Net 8-9-18

Men

65 J Morgan
66 G Findlay & B Bearman
69 S Taylor
70 B Lee, M Mead & B McKechnie
71 M Adam & B Adams
72 K Bassett
73 D Maloney, R Calder & P Sheath
74 A Hale & B Potae on c/b to A Philips
Two's: B Adam, S Taylor, F Taylor & M Mead
Sumpter & Moore 2nd shot closest to pin 9-18: K Bassett
Hidden Birdie: No9 K Bassett
Net Eagle: No10 M Adam

Next week: Michelle Shearing Stableford Cup

Ladies LGU & Putting 0-26.4

A Smales 98-26-72
S Bearman 97-24-73
26.5-40.4
J McDonald 112-37-75
L Rutherford 121-42-79
J Pierce 118-38-80
K Drinnan 121-38-83
P Keddell 129-44-85
9 holes: n/a
Jo Hitchen: J McDonald nett 69
May Murdoch: N/A
Anna Burnett: A Smales 98-26-72
Eileen Kennard Putting: A Smales 29 putts

Milton Smallbore Rifle Club

Results from 3.9.18: Self-handicap competition. Shooters nominate what handicap they will need to bring their score up to 100.10. If they over estimate then their score comes back by the amount they are over.

N Walker 94.3, 5.7 = 99.10	K Walker 94.2, 11.8 = 95.10
E Walker 96.3, 6.4 = 98.7	N Robinson 85, 11.9 = 96.9
S Davey 95.3, 8.8 = 97.9	P Griffin 96.4, 9.9 = 95.7

Bridge

Milton Pairs 06.09.18

M Kean & T McNamara 69.38%	J Scott & S Agnew 49.38%
L Clark & J Thomson 64.38%	M Cain & M Mead 46.88%
G Dale & V Clifford-Marsh 60.00%	R Ferreir & C Gorinski 46.25%
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Steve Hill
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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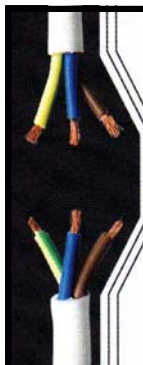


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