Tokomairiro High School Newsletter & Community Noticeboard

Genesis

Wednesday
21st January 2026

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Farewell and Welcome at the Tokomairiro Community Hub



Above: New Hub Coordinator Sarah Fuller (left) with Jolz Ratana

'I just want to start by acknowledging that I'll be stepping down from my role as Tokomairiro Hub Coordinator. It's been a truly beautiful last two and a half years in this role, and I'm incredibly grateful for the time I've spent working in the Hub.

Thank you especially to Dale and the Milton Community Trust for giving me the space to be who I am while doing this mahi. Your support, encouragement, and the trust you placed in me has made all the difference. It's been a privilege to work in a space that's grounded in care, connection, and aroha, and to be part of something that supports this community in such a real way. The Hub has become a place where people feel welcome, supported, and heard, and I have loved being part of that journey alongside everyone who walks through its doors. The connections made with our community and with the many service providers who use and support the Hub have meant so much to me. The Hub has honestly been one of the best places to work, I've loved my job and have really valued working alongside the Project Bruce girls. It's been a privilege to be part of something so special.

I'm excited to now be stepping into a new journey as a Rongoā Māori Practitioner through ACC. So, if you have an active ACC client number and would like to explore another pathway of healing, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

With that, I'm very pleased to introduce our new Hub Coordinator, Sarah Fuller. Sarah comes to us from Auckland, where her most recent role was as a Team Leader at the SPCA. She also holds a diploma in Psychology and Counselling, so she brings a strong understanding of working with people from many diverse backgrounds and with complex needs. We're lucky to have someone with her experience, compassion, and leadership stepping into this role, and I know the Hub will be in great hands moving forward'. - *Jolz Ratana.*

Chinese Prizegiving



Early in Term 4, Nathan Senada (then year 7) attended a Chinese prizegiving in Dunedin. He was awarded 3rd place for his calligraphy test. Congratulations Nathan!



Dates to Remember

Thursday 22nd January Course Confirmation Years 9 - 13
Friday 23rd & Monday 26th January Teacher Only Days
Tuesday 27th January First Day for Year 7 &13 students
Wednesday 28th January - First Day for Whole School

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Happy New Year and welcome to 2026. This year is already shaping up to be a busy and exciting one for Tokomairiro High School. We have much to look forward to including sports trips to Australia and a trip to Waitangi and a range of local excursions.
Athletics Day is just around the corner and will mark the first major event in our 2026 House Competition. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new students to Tokomairiro High School next week and seeing our school come back to life.
It is not long now until the first stage of our new turf is installed – a milestone we are all very much looking forward to.

Turf Update
We are delighted to confirm that the first stage of the new turf will be installed in March this year. It has been a long 18 months since the original turf was destroyed by severe winds and we are grateful for the patience and support of our community during this time.
We would like to sincerely thank the Rotary Club of Milton for their generous donation along with the local businesses who have already agreed to sponsor the turf. This is a significant investment for our school and once complete the facility will be available for wider community use outside school hours.
While this first stage is an important step forward we still have a considerable amount of fundraising to do to meet the full cost of the project. This facility will serve not only our students but the wider Milton community for many years to come and we appreciate the ongoing support we continue to receive.
As part of our ongoing turf fundraising families and community members are warmly invited to sponsor a square metre of turf. This is a simple and tangible way to be part of a facility that will be enjoyed by our students and the wider Milton community for many years to come.

PTA Update
Our PTA have been working hard on their online auction, which will close on Sunday 15 February. There are a range of great items up for auction and we encourage families and community members to take a look and get involved.
The auction will conclude on the same day as our Community Fun Day, which will be held at school on Sunday 15 February. This event will combine a market and car boot sale and promises to be a relaxed and enjoyable day for the whole community.
If you would like to book a stall or car boot space for the Community Fun Day, please email pta@tokomairiro.school.nz

Start of the School Year
The school year begins on Tuesday 27 January for Year 7 and Year 13 students only. Parents and caregivers are welcome to arrive at school from 8:40am. The mini whakatau will begin at 9:00am, where we will warmly welcome our new students. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to stay for this special occasion.
Following the mini whakatau, students will move to their classrooms to meet teachers and spend time working alongside our Year 13 students. At 2:00pm, all caregivers are warmly invited to a BBQ to meet staff and enjoy time together as a school community. Year 7 students only need to bring a pen or pencil on this day.
All students will return on Wednesday 28 January, beginning with a whole-school assembly at 8:40am.

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Staffing Update
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Deidre Cooper – Digital Technology
Yovandi Allnutt – Mathematics
Gaoyang Li – Science and Mathematics
We are excited about the skills, experience and fresh perspectives they bring to our school.

Early NCEA Results
Early analysis of our NCEA results is looking very positive. While final analysis is still underway the early indications show strong achievement across the school and reflect the hard work of our students and staff throughout the year. Final results will be released in early March once any NZQA external remarking requests have been completed. We look forward to sharing a fuller picture with our community at that time.

BYOD
All students in Years 9–13 are expected to bring their own device to school. Having a suitable device is an important part of learning at Tokomairiro High School. There are no school devices available for students to borrow in 2026.
Information about recommended devices and education pricing is available through Noel Leeming who can provide guidance on devices that meet our school requirements. If you have any questions or need support please contact your child's House Group teacher.

Ngā mihi nui
Vicki Wish,
Principal | Tumuaki

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

Bible Reading for the Week

"The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights." - ***Habakkuk 3:19***

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School Uniform

New uniform items can be purchased from NZ Uniforms in Dunedin.

Tokomairiro High School has its own second hand uniform page on Facebook. There are a range of uniform items available, and members are invited to buy or sell their own items. You can join this page by following the link (https://www.facebook.com/groups/1056602061990214)

If you have any short-term uniform concerns, please get in touch—we're happy to help!

School Magazine 2025



This year's Tokomairiro High School Magazine is now available!

Chock full of over 80 pages of the events, activities and achievements that shaped our school in 2025.

Copies are **$15.** Order via Kindo or call in to the school office.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Students entering and exiting the bus are vulnerable to passing vehicles, and drivers must take great care when they encounter school buses.

- Reduce speed to **20km/h** when passing a school bus and keep an eye out for children who may walk out onto the road.
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'Electricity is really just organised lightning!'
- George Carlin

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RSA News from the Trenches...

And BOOM 2026 has come crashing through the door like a hurricane!!! It had started off with a blast at RSA with our annual Darts Extravaganza Competition being held over last two weekends. It now concludes this Saturday 7pm with battle of the Sexes, with both semi finals potentially going either way. First up is Mailman vs The Lynx followed up with Goody Two Shoes vs Enforcer. These promise to be high quality matches. So you need to get there and soak up the music, laughter evident from the previous two weeks. Come along in costume to fit in and have the time of your life. You will regret it if you miss out.

As it's a new year, 2026 memberships are due. Make sure it's paid so you can be part of the cheapest but highly entertaining social experience you will experience.

Our Joker Draw has already reached the halfway level before it hits the maximum level and that's after one card draw which reinforced how popular it is.

Don't forget to use our Courtesy Van facility, however if you request, make sure you don't fall asleep before it arrives.

Next week there will be Darts results along with an exciting announcement regarding a new improved competition. Stay turned for more details shortly.

Remember everything in this column has an element of being factually correct as it is being verified by my legal representative.

Let's make 2026 a bloody cracker!

- Private Spike Pike

Euchre

10th December 2025
Winner: Val (Balclutha)
Loser: Lyn
Raffle: Val & Cath

17th December 2025
Winner: Russell
Loser: Moira
Raffle: Loraine & Di

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Sunday 25th January
10am Worship Service - Milton Church Hall
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2026 SCHOOL START DATE

We look forward to welcoming our students, parents, and whānau back to school for the 2026 school year.
Our first day of Term 1 will be
Wednesday 28th January at 9am.

Our office will be open on
Tuesday 27th January 12pm to 3:00pm

Wanting to Enrol?
For any enquiries or enrolments please phone 03-4178720 or email office@milton.school.nz

Genesis Deadline
12 Noon Monday

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Tell us what you think!

Clutha District Council is inviting feedback on its proposal to prepare a Reserve Management Plan for the Council-administered reserves in the Rural Bruce area and the Clinton-Clydevale area.

We are beginning the process of creating an updated Management Plan for the reserves in the **Rural Bruce** area, and in the **Clinton-Clydevale** area, with an informal public consultation. Residents, ratepayers and reserve-users are invited to submit comments and suggestions for how Council's parks and open spaces should be managed now and in the future.

Scan the QR Code to get involved

This first phase of consultation is open now and closes on **Friday, 13 February 2026**. Head to our website to find out more and have your say.
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All players a plate please

Women's Division Opening Day
10.00am Tuesday 27th January 2026

Waitangi Day Tournament
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