Tokomairiro High School Newsletter & Community Noticeboard

Genesis

Wednesday
28th January 2026

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Prefect Team 2026



Left to right: Millanian Potae, Daiha Coulter-Lawlor, Kendra Clark, Shane Taylor (Head Boy), Pippa Greene (Head Girl), Sarah-Jane Norman, Caitlyn Scott.

Congratulations to our Prefect team for 2026. They have spent their day getting to know our new Year 7 students with a range of fun activities.

Vehicle Access – Union Street Drainage Work



Drainage repair work on Union Street outside the front of the school is due to begin shortly and is expected to continue for up to three months.
This will significantly impact parking and vehicle access at the front of the school. We ask caregivers to plan accordingly and to take extra care during drop-off and pick-up times.
We will keep you informed as further information becomes available

Dates to Remember

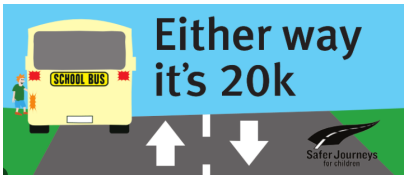
Friday 6th February - Waitiangi Day (School Closed)

Wednesday 4th February
Itinerant Music Teachers Concert (Yrs 7-10)

Wednesday 11th February - School Photos

Tuesday 17th February - Athletics Day

Friday 27th March - Swimming Sports





Support School Attendance at Home

⇒ Regularly discuss school goals and praise efforts
⇒ Have regular bedtimes on school nights
⇒ Remove electronic equipment from bedrooms, this includes televisions, cellphones and gaming consoles
⇒ Use an alarm clock
⇒ Ensure homework is done, uniform and lunch is ready, and bag packed at night
⇒ Don't wait for small concerns to grow—act sooner rather than later.

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Tena koutou katoa

This morning it was a pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 students and their whānau into our kura as they begin their journey with us. During the mihi whakatau, Mr McClure spoke about the choices we each make every day; some small, others life-shaping. We believe our Year 7 students and their caregivers have made a great choice in choosing Tokomairiro High School and we thank you for the trust you have placed in us.
We are also very much looking forward to welcoming the rest of our ākonga back tomorrow and beginning the year together as a full school community.

New Pathways Course – Years 7–13
This year we have introduced a new Pathways course for students in Years 7–13. This course replaces the previous mentoring period and will run for one hour each week.
The Pathways course is designed to support students to develop skills and knowledge that will be useful both during their time at school and beyond. It will cover areas such as careers education, digital citizenship, financial literacy, health, and other key life skills.
Through Pathways, ākonga will have dedicated time to explore future options, develop self-awareness, and build the skills and confidence they need for life beyond school.

Cellphones at School
As a reminder, cellphones are not permitted to be used at school, including during interval and lunchtime.
We encourage students to leave their cellphones at home where possible. If a student does need to bring a cellphone to school, they are welcome to hand it into the school office for safe keeping for the day.
If a cellphone is used during the school day, it will be held in the school office and will need to be collected by a caregiver at the end of the school day. We are pleased to note that since the cellphone ban was introduced in Term Two 2024, this has only been required on very few occasions.
Ngā mihi nui to students and whānau for the positive way this has been supported. This approach helps us maintain a focused, respectful learning environment and supports our ākonga to engage fully in school life.

Attendance
Supporting students to be at school regularly continues to be an important focus for us. We know that consistent attendance supports learning, wellbeing, and a strong sense of belonging for our ākonga.
Over the past two years, attendance at Tokomairiro High School has steadily improved. In Term One 2025, over 70% of our students attended school more than 90% of the time, reflecting the collective effort of students, whānau, and staff. Our aim this year is to continue building on this positive progress.
In line with Ministry of Education expectations, we have an Attendance Management Plan, which will be available on our website. Where attendance becomes a concern, our approach is to work alongside students and caregivers to understand any barriers and put supportive plans in place.
Attendance information is included in fortnightly reports. We encourage caregivers to check this carefully and to contact the school if there are any errors. Please also ensure absences are reported early in the morning by phone or email so our records remain accurate and our ākonga are accounted for.

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Turf Update
As shared last week, we are pleased to confirm that the first stage of the new turf will be installed in March. This marks an important milestone after 18 months without a turf following the severe wind damage.
We would like to thank the local businesses who continue to support this kaupapa by taking up the turf sponsorship opportunity. Business sponsorship remains open, and businesses interested in supporting the project are welcome to contact the school for more information.
Individuals and whānau are also invited to support the project by 'buying' a square metre of turf for $150. This is a tangible way to contribute to a facility that will benefit our ākonga and the wider Milton community for many years to come.
While there is still fundraising to do to complete the full turf, we are encouraged by the strong community support we are seeing and appreciate the ongoing manaakitanga shown to our school.

PTA Update
The PTA online auction is now live, with a fantastic range of auction items available. New items will be added daily on the PTA Facebook page, so please keep an eye out. All bidding will close at 12.00 noon on Sunday 15 February.
Last week I mentioned that the PTA was also considering running a Community Market Day / Car Boot Sale on Sunday 15 February. This event will no longer go ahead due to the scale of the drainage replacement work about to begin on Union Street outside the school.

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

Welcome Year 7s!

We warmly welcome our new Year 7 students who have joined us from our local Milton Primary Schools, and others who have come from further afield. We also welcome students throughout the school who are joining us this year.



Students were welcomed with a mihi whakatau, then did some team building and group activities with their Year 13 Peer Support leaders.

During the day they met their housegroup and homeroom teachers and completed a scavenger hunt around the school. The day finished with a BBQ where students were joined by families and whanau.

Bible Reading for the Week

"But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high. - ***Psalm 3:3***

For Sale: Used School Ovens



The Food Technology Department has six ovens available for sale. Used, sold as-is.

There is a mix of element coil ovens and two induction ovens.

They have been well used in a school Food Technology setting, but still plenty of life left in them. Ideal for a bach, workshop, rental or spare oven.

Available for removal in February.

If you are interested or would like more details, please get in touch.

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!

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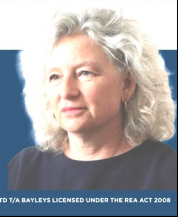

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Tokomairiro Early Learning Centre

Following the opening of our Spenser Street extension late last year, we now have spaces available at our 71 Spenser Street centre. We are open 7.am - 5.30pm Monday to Friday and are licensed for children aged from birth to 6 years We offer a fun filled learning environment and excellent teacher to child ratios that are some of the best in New Zealand.

We also offer:

:Qualified and registered teachers

:20 hours free for all three and four year old children.

: A huge outdoor area with a large sandpit, adventure playground and a bike track.

: Regular excursions out into our community

: A transition to school programme with new entrants teacher visits during term time.

Work and Income subsidies are available for families earning $140,000 or less. For example: a family with two children (one can be at school) earning less than $119,000 the childcare fees would be $1.80 an hour. If family income is less $62,000, the fees are only 48 cents an hour.

We welcome enquires from any families and whanau who are considering options for their children's education and care. You are able to contact us by phone/text 027 8113538, email telc@xtra.co.nz or bettter still call in for a visit to meet our team and see for yourself what we can offer you and your family.

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Kindo makes it easy for you to: make full or part payments, register for school sports and support fundraisers.

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Have Questions?

Call in to the school office, or visit support.mykindo.co.nz and search key words, email hello@mykindo.co.nz or phone (09) 869 5200 or 0508 454 636 for assistance - Available 8am-4pm on school days.

School Magazine 2025



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.

Genesis Deadline 12 Noon Monday

Articles and Reports

Genesis relies on articles and reports supplied by the community to fill our pages.

Please email these to genesis@tokohigh.school.nz so we can share what is happening in our area.

News from the Trenches...

And the winner is THE ENFORCER!!! We had an amazing night for our final Darts Extravaganza with a large raucous crowd packed out on the RSA. Both semi finals were close battles with Snow Mail Man Cowie sneaking passed Lenny The Lynx Graham in first semi final while Lammy The Enforcer Moana getting the victory of Jenny Goody Too Shoes. Lammy took out the final which culminating in him going back to back as Darts Champion. Size of the large crowd was testament to the excellent night which was enjoyed by all. There is a exhibition match lined up for 2027 which may need a practice as one of the entrants failed to hit the board in practice!!!

Next up we have a Wanted Person and the RSA is getting a posse together to hunt down particular person. He has stolen last 2 Rugby Tipping Comps and there is now a bounty on his head. If you see Brendan Sheath, he's the target. So come and join up this year's Comp which kicks off on Friday 13 February. This year we have new features with GOTR and a prize for leading halfway through the competition. Only 3 weeks away. I have had someone challenge me to get a certain number of entries, which I have taken. So get your name entered.

Don't forget to pay your 2026 membership subs if you haven't paid yet.

Also rapidly approaching is our Annual Spuds competition which will be held on Saturday 7 March which is always guaranteed another excellent day entertainment. Hopefully your spuds don't need a submarine to find them

Finally I can launch a wee secret. Sssssh but later in March we will be having a Wild Foods Night. More details to come in upcoming weeks. - *Private Spike Pike*

Euchre

14th January 2026
Winner: Jenny
Loser: Val (Balclutha)
Raffle: Russell

21st January 2026
Winner: Pat (Owaka)
Loser: Moira
Raffle: Loraine (Owaka)

Genesis Classifieds ...

Church Notices

Church Notices

Tokomairiro Co-Operating Parish



Sunday 1st February *10am Worship Service - Milton.*
2.30 -3.30 pm Recovery Church.
4.00 pm - 6.00 pm Whanau Funday.- Family Fun, Fellowship and Food.
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YOUTH UNITED

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Public Notices

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Support group for parents/caregivers with Neurodivergent children.

Meeting at Te Whare Puāwai
34 Spenser St, Milton.
Monday 2nd February @1pm.

Children welcome. Hope to see some new faces there!

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Bruce Community Calendar
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At the Library -
Thursday 5th 10:30 - 11am Storytime with Kim Schiller
Tuesday 10th 1:30pm - 2:30pm and 5:30pm – 6:30pm Incorporated Societies - Update your Constitution: If you're involved in a local club or community group registered as an incorporated society, come along and hear what the upcoming law changes mean, and what you need to do, to continue operating.
Tuesday 17th 3:30 - 4:30 Crafternoon

Wednesdays
WOMEN'S SPACE at the Toko Hub 2-4pm
JP Service Desk at the Library, 3pm-5pm
3:30-4:30 Board Game afternoon @ the Library (starts 11th)
Thursdays
MILTON COMMUNITY SHED behind the Showgrounds
BRIDGE at the Senior Citizens Rooms, 6:45pm—All welcome
TAI CHI at the Milton RSA, 1pm, ph 027 279 1602
Fridays
CROCHET 10-11am @ the Library
Friendship Group meets at 1:30pm at old Senior Citizens Rooms. Ph Christine 021 028 46101

Children & Youth

Every Wednesday 10am-11am –Lovell's Flat Playgroup, Bryce Memorial Hall
Every Thursday 10:30-11:30 Toddler Time-Milton Library
Thursday and Fridays, term time. 9.15-12 Playgroup 0-5yrs, Free! @ Te Whare Puāwai, 34 Spenser Street. Just turn up. Morning tea provided. E: tess@tewharepuawai.co.nz

For the full calendar, visit www.projectbruce.org/community-calendar

Council Updates & Notices

Updates from the Clutha District Council | Stay Informed, Stay Connected

A message from the Clutha District Council Building Control Team



Clutha District Council advises that, due to low levels of Building Control staff, there will be a **reduced level of service** for February for Building Control Services.

This means that we will still be processing consents and undertaking inspections as priority and within our statutory timeframes. However, other matters such as general customer enquiries might take longer for us to respond to.

What to expect:

- **Inspections:** please note the majority of inspections will be carried out remotely, (there will be some exceptions such as final inspections and migrated applications).
- **General enquiries:** we will be unable to meet walk in customers, however we may be able to meet by appointment depending on staff availability – you can arrange an appointment by phoning.
- **Phone enquiries:** you may not always be able to reach us on the phone, so instead please submit your enquiry to Request General Building or Planning Information - Clutha District Council or email us at **help.desk@cluthadc.govt.nz** and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.
- If your enquiry relates to a current building consent, please lodge an enquiry via the Objective Build portal.

How can you help us to help you?

- Consider seeking professional advice when planning to build. This can save time and money during the building process.
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- Ensure your application is complete and has all the required information.

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