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School Newsletter &
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Genesis

1st April 2026

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Swimming Sports Results

Swimming Sports was held last Friday afternoon and featured a high level of participation from across the school. Many of the races were tightly contested, and it was excellent to see our swimmers giving their best in the pool.

A final tally of house points is still being calculated, but we are pleased to announce our individual champions for 2026:



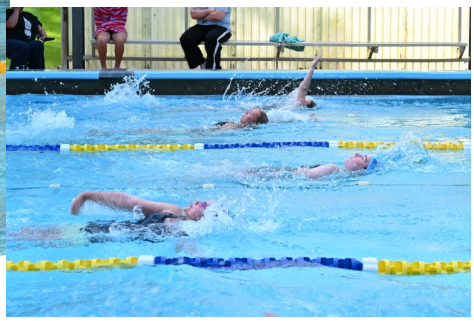
Minor Girls: *Ramona Kohunui-Paul*
Minor Boys: *Regan Lister*
Junior Girls: *Thulya Kandegoda Gamage*
Junior Boys: Jack Scholten
Intermediate Girls: *Shilah Milligan*
Intermediate *Boys: Kingi George*
Senior Girls: *Pippa Greene*
Senior Boys: *Kalya Kandegoda Gamage*

Congratulations to all our champions for their hard work and excellent results.









UNICYCLES MAKE A RETURN

Unicycling is back at Milton Primary and the students are loving it! It is wonderful to see the playground buzzing with the energy of students mastering a new skill with our treasured caretaker, Mr. Wilson, who is an expert unicycle rider.
Seeing the students out there is a great display of determination, patience, and balance. It's more than just a trick; it's a fantastic way for our tamariki to build confidence and show great sportsmanship as they cheer each other on.

Can You Help?
We would love to get even more wheels on the ground. If you happen to have any of our old unicycles (or any unicycle) that are now sitting unused in your shed or garage, we would love to share them with our students.

- Feel free to pop into the school office or phone 03 417 8720

Thank you for helping us keep this local tradition rolling!







Due to the Easter break, there will be no Genesis publication on Wednesday 8th April.



Dates to Remember

Thursday 2nd April
End of Term One

Monday 20th April
Start of Term Two

Monday 20th - Friday 24th April
SMART Testing Week

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Tena koutou katoa

With only a couple of days before Term 1 wraps up, we still have plenty to look forward to, including our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

It has been an extremely busy term for our entire community. We have seen a lot of progress behind the scenes regarding curriculum changes, and our staff are currently gaining insight into the new SMART Testing framework, which will be implemented starting in Term 2.

While our newsletters will continue to be published during the holidays to keep everyone updated on our various projects, I want to wish our families and the wider community a fantastic, restful Easter weekend. I hope our students and staff take this upcoming break as an opportunity to relax and recharge after a fast-paced start to the year.

Emergency Lockdowns

At the end of 2025, our kura signed up with Harrison Tew, a company that specialises in emergency management and lockdown protocols. Their team has spent two days onsite helping us develop a comprehensive emergency plan specifically tailored to our school's layout and location.

Today, we conducted our first practice lockdown using their methodical approach. As a school, we have learnt a great deal in a very short amount of time. This partnership ensures we are as prepared as possible for emergency situations, providing peace of mind for our staff, students, and whānau while we work toward a level of preparedness for events we hope will never occur.

Child Cancer Collection

Two weeks ago, a number of our Year 9 and 10 students spent the day manning a collection desk at Four Square to support the Child Cancer Foundation. Our students collected a total of **$244** during their shift. This is a wonderful effort for a very important cause, and we are proud of our students for giving up their time to support those in need within the wider community.

Year 11 Science Trip



Last Thursday, I had the pleasure of accompanying the Year 11 Science class to the Sinclair Wetlands. The students received a guided tour and gathered excellent information about the wetlands to support their NCEA assessment. It is not often that I have the opportunity to accompany students on trips, and I must say it was a real pleasure to be there. I certainly learnt a lot from the visit and was impressed by the engagement of our students.

The Addams Family

Rehearsals have ramped up for our upcoming production of T*he Addams Family*, with Sunday rehearsals commencing last weekend. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm amongst the students and the staff as they work together to bring this show to life. We are all looking forward to the performances at the end of May and seeing the hard work of our cast and crew culminate in what promises to be a fantastic show.



Attendance

Consistent attendance is essential for students to stay connected to their learning and our kura. As part of our Attendance Management Plan, we closely monitor student absence to ensure we are providing the right support.

A key part of this plan involves advising caregivers when a student reaches specific absence thresholds. We recognise that there are times when an absence is outside of a student's control; however, our policy is to ensure families are kept informed once a threshold has been reached regardless of the reason. For students who reach the "yellow threshold" of five days' absence across the term, this will most likely result in a communication from their Housegroup teacher. Please note that these thresholds will reset at the start of next term.

Turf Update

There is visible progress on our new turf facility, with the old fences and hedge now removed - a change that is very noticeable from Elizabeth Street. Our Stage One turf is currently in a container and about to be shipped to us.

We hope for installation to begin over the upcoming holidays, a process that will take approximately five to six weeks. During this time, it is very important that everyone stays away from the construction area, even when there is no one working on-site, to ensure safety. Meanwhile, we are still raising funds for Stage Two of the project and are growing ever closer to our target.

Signage

The second phase of our school signage is now being installed across the grounds. This is part of our ongoing work to make our kura more welcoming and easier to navigate for students and visitors alike. We are still awaiting the arrival of one final, large sign which will be positioned at the corner of our property near Park Road and Union Street.

Ngā mihi nui,
Vicki Wish,
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Bible Reading for the Week:

"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." - ***Matthew 26:28***

House Chess Tournament

The House Chess Tournament has reached its final stages after some very clever play in the library. On Monday, the semi-finals took place, and we are pleased to announce that Sloan Campfen (Year 7) and Jacob Booth (Year 13) both proceeded to the finals, with Jacob being crowned Interhouse Chess Champ in 2026. It is wonderful to see competition across the year groups, and we congratulate everyone who took part!



Union Street Upgrade News

This week, Council's contractor Isaac Construction has moved on to the section between Duthie Street and Melville Ave to continue the wastewater upgrade.

Two crews are now working to continue trenching for renewal of the stormwater and foul sewer mains.

Working safely is a priority. The worksite is isolated with safety signs to manage risks and for the safety of residents and staff.

Isaac staff will be working to minimise disruption. Residents will have access to their properties, however, there could be disruption to parking, noise and the team may require the use of driveways and road access on occasion.

Please ensure children and pets are kept clear of the worksite.

If you require urgent access to or from your driveway while work is being undertaken in front of your property, please talk to the onsite foreperson and they will be happy to help you.

Please park your car out of the No Parking marked area. Rubbish and recycling will be collected as normal.

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RSA News from the Trenches...

I can report that our Wild Foods Night was very successful with a very large crowd gorging themselves on wild delicacies including West Coast whitebait (courtesy of Calteaux Inc) along with Mutton birds, paua, marinated raw fish along with an extra spicy chicken dish that generated a fair bit of heat, especially around 15 mins after consuming. Well done to everyone who contributed to a fantastic night.

We have our annual Poppy Day drive on 17th April so if you are interested in volunteering contact Sara or the RSA before the 17th.

This coming weekend is Easter. Those entered in the Super Rugby Comp need to have their picks loaded by Thursday night. The organiser has thrown a cat amongst the pigeons with Dunedin Club Rugby including South Otago rugby. I understand a few entrants have played their Joker this week who may regret it.

Finally our Thursday night raffles took on a comedy routine last week with a duo describing the next NZ comedy show called Two Ronnie's taking charge. I understand Big Daddy might be making a rare appearance this Thursday. Based on the Joker Draw, if it hasn't been struck this Thursday it will reach the maximum level with plenty of cards left.

- Private Spike Pike

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3rd	J Calder & H Calder	68 - 2.25 - 65.75
4th	M Moeahu & B Hill	74 - 8.0 - 66
5th	J Day & G Sheath	75 - 8.5 - 66.5

Two's: Fred & Nathan, Lisa & Ben, P Stevenson & M Adam, Greg & Marty, Phil & Dylan, Lammy & B Frost.
Longest Putt #9/18: G Findlay

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Tokomairiro Co-Operating Parish 34 Union Street, Milton



Friday 3rd April *10am Good Friday Service followed by a Cuppa and Hot Cross Buns*
Sunday 5th April
10am Resurrection/ Holy Communion Service
2:30-3:30pm Recovery Church
Sunday 12th April *Worship Service*
**Services will be held in the Milton Church Hall.*
All Welcome!

Waihola Grace Presbyterian Church

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Quote of the Week:
'Older people shouldn't eat health food, they need all the preservatives they can get' - Robert Orben

Council Updates & Notices

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

School Holiday Programmes - Milton Community Library
April 2026

Clutha District Council Libraries



8th Weds — **ULTIMATE BOARD GAMES** *3PM -4PM*
It's ultimate board game time at the Milton Library, where a range of exciting games will be ready to play. Curious about what's on offer? You'll just have to show up and find out, making it a fun and surprising experience for everyone who joins.

9th Thurs — **KIDS QUIZ** *3PM - 4PM*
Test your knowledge at our kids quiz, a fun and engaging event designed to challenge young minds and spark curiosity. No bookings are required, so simply come and join in for an enjoyable time of learning and friendly competition.

14th Tues — **BRICK CLUB** *3PM - 4PM*
Join us for an hour of brick challenges these school holidays at the Milton Library.

16th Thurs — **SALON DAY** *3PM - 4PM*
Enjoy a fun and creative experience at the Milton Library salon, where you can make your own bracelets, get a glitter fake tattoo, and have your nails done. It's a great opportunity to relax, get creative, and spend time with friends in a welcoming environment.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

OTAGO RALLY - 10-12 APRIL 2026

(Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1974 Schedule 10).

Notice is given that the several roads throughout the district will be closed on 10-12 April 2026 for the purpose of the Otago Rally.

Scan QR to read more

You can read the full list of closure times and affected roads on our website. Scan the QR code or visit our website: **www.cluthadc.govt.nz/alerts**

Please note: There will be convoys of vehicles undertaking connaissance of the rally roads on the Thursday and Friday prior to the event.

It will be an offence to drive on these roads during the time of this closure. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause to the travelling public.

Jules Witt
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ANNUAL PLAN & FEES AND CHARGES

Consultation is open on Clutha District Council's Draft Annual Plan & Proposed Fees and Charges 2026/27.

Clutha District Council is seeking feedback on Council's Draft Annual Plan for 2026/27 and the Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2026/27.

This affects residents and ratepayers in the Clutha District.

For more information and to submit your feedback please visit Council's website: **www.cluthadc.govt.nz/annual-plan**.

Hard copy information and feedback forms are available at the Clutha District Council Rosebank office, as well as all Community Libraries and the Clutha isite Visitor Information Centre.

Please phone Council on 0800 801 350 for more information or to request hard copies.

The Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 and Proposed Fees and Charges 2026/27 feedback period **closes at 5pm on Tuesday, 28 April 2026.**

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RURAL WATER SCHEME ANNUAL MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that the 2026 Annual & Triennial Meetings for the following Rural Water Schemes are to be held:

SCHEME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Moa Flat	Wed 8 April	7:30pm	Heriot Church
Clydevale/ Pomahaka	Thur 9 April	7:30pm	Clydevale Community Hall
Glenkenich	Mon 13 April	1:30pm	Waikaka Valley Hall
South Bruce	Tue 14 April	7:00 pm	Council Chambers, Balclutha
North Bruce	Wed 15 April	7:30pm	Coronation Hall, Milton
Wangaloa	Thur 16 April	7:00pm	Kaitangata Golf Club, Wangaloa
Richardson North/South	Mon 20 April	7:00pm	Council Chambers, Balclutha
Waipahi	Thur 23 April	1:30pm	Waipahi Community Hall
Balmoral-Tuapeka	Thur 23 April	7:30pm	Clydevale Community Hall

Please phone Council's Water Services team on 0800 801 350 for any enquiries. All customers are welcome.

Jules Witt
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

Financial support is available to youth in the district who are looking to pursue personal development and leadership skills.

The Clutha District Youth Development Fund has been set up to ensure our youth can make the most of every opportunity available to them by helping to remove financial limitations.

For more details and an application form phone 0800 801 350 or visit **www.cluthadc.govt.nz/youth-fund**.

Applications close 5pm, Friday 17 April 2026.

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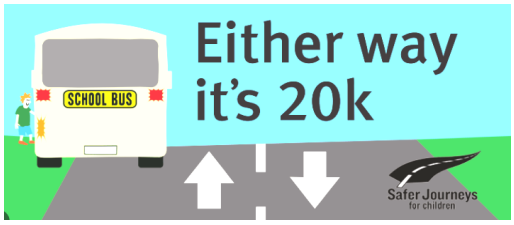

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