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Students Enjoy Dunedin Visit

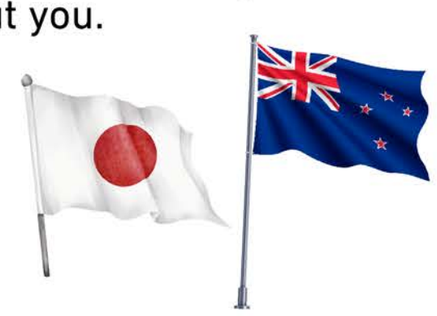


On Monday, the Yasuda Students spent the day in Dunedin where they conquered Baldwin St despite the rain, toured Toitu Settlers Museum (the penny farthing bike and police car were hits), did some souvenir shopping and had a super-quick tour of Ocho Chocolate and The St Clair Esplanade.

On Wednesday, Yuri, Ayuka and Shiho will return to Japan knowing not only have they survived the coldest week of the year in NZ, but that they also have many good memories of the time spent both with their host families and at school.

Thanks to the Taupo, Savage and Vollweiler Families, we could not continue hosting students without you.









Enrolments for 2027

Enrolments for 2027 are now open, and we are already seeing strong interest from families considering Tokomairiro High School for next year.

Our annual Open Evening this week is an opportunity for prospective students and their whānau to explore the school, meet our staff and students, see our facilities and learn more about the wide range of academic, sporting, cultural and leadership opportunities available here.

There is a lot happening at Tokomairiro High School and plenty to look forward to in 2027. Our new all-weather turf is already transforming opportunities for our students, further development is planned, and we continue to strengthen teaching and learning across the school. At the same time, we remain a school where students are known, valued and encouraged to get involved and make the most of the opportunities available to them.

Students at our local primary schools have already received enrolment packs, and additional packs are available from the school office. If your child is planning to join us in 2027, we encourage you to complete and return their enrolment as soon as possible.

Early enrolment is important as we begin planning classes, staffing, subject choices and transition programmes for next year. The earlier we know who will be joining us, the better we can plan for a positive and well-supported start to 2027.

If you know a family who is still considering their options for next year, encourage them to get in touch. We are always happy to show prospective students and their whānau around the school and talk about the opportunities available at Tokomairiro High School.

Upcoming Events

Reading Week Monday 24th to Friday 28th August

Parent Teachers Meetings Wednesday 26th August

Winter Tournament Week
Monday 31st August to Friday 4th September

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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter
12th August 2026

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

We are certainly in the depths of winter now, and last week's snow was a timely reminder of just how quickly conditions can change. Alongside the weather, we have also been dealing with a significant amount of winter illness among both students and staff. It has certainly been a time when we have needed to be flexible and adapt when circumstances change.

Unfortunately, one of the consequences was having to make the difficult decision not to go ahead with our Blue Mountain Sports Exchange last Friday. This was particularly disappointing for the students who had been looking forward to representing the school and for the staff who had put considerable time into organising the exchange. It was not a decision we made lightly, but with the level of illness and absence at the time, we simply could not run the event as planned.

We are hopeful that there may be an opportunity to reschedule the exchange and are currently looking at what might be possible. Thank you to everyone involved for their understanding and flexibility.

Despite some of these winter challenges, Term Three is well underway and there is a great deal happening across the school. This is an important term academically, particularly for our senior students, and there are plenty of sporting, cultural and community events still to look forward to.

Nau mai, haere mai

We are very happy to welcome Ms Anrozelle Lategan to our staff.

Anrozelle joins us from Southland Girls' High School and brings a wealth of experience teaching English and Social Studies. We are delighted to have her at Tokomairiro High School and know that her experience and enthusiasm will be a real asset to our students and our school.

Parent–Teacher Meetings

Parent–teacher meetings will be held on the evening of Wednesday 26th August from 3:30-7pm.

These meetings are an important opportunity to talk with teachers about student progress, engagement and next steps.

For our senior students, conversations may include preparation for NCEA assessments and external examinations, pathways for 2027, and ensuring students are on track with the credits and standards they require. For students working towards the Literacy and Numeracy co-requisites, teachers can also discuss progress and preparation for the next Common Assessment Activities.

We strongly encourage families to take advantage of this opportunity. Good communication between home and school makes a real difference, particularly at this stage of the year when students are making decisions about subjects, qualifications and future pathways. To book, go to https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/aayaa or click on the QR code below.

NCEA – An Important Time of Year

We are now into the final full term before NCEA external examinations begin in early November.

For senior students, the coming weeks are particularly important. Internal assessments are being completed, examination preparation is increasing, and students need to have a clear understanding of where they currently sit with their qualification.

Students should be regularly checking their credits through both the school portal and their NZQA account. Importantly, they should also check that all of the credits they believe they have achieved are actually showing. If there appears to be a discrepancy, students need to speak with their subject teacher rather than assuming the credits will appear later.

Students should know how many credits they currently have, what assessments they still have available, and what they need to achieve their NCEA certificate and, where appropriate, an endorsement or University Entrance.

We encourage students to ask for help early if they are unsure about their progress or are concerned that they may not be on track. Teachers, Deans and senior leaders are available to help students understand their credit position and identify what needs to happen next.

Caregivers are also very welcome to contact the school if they have questions regarding NCEA, endorsements, University Entrance, literacy or numeracy requirements, or upcoming assessments.

At this stage of the year, attendance, organisation and making good use of every learning opportunity really matter. There is still plenty of time to make a difference, but that time needs to be used well.

A Winter Health Reminder and Attendance

Winter illnesses continue to affect our school community. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. We also ask that families notify the school as early as possible each morning if their child will be absent.

We recognise that many of the absences we are currently seeing are completely genuine, and staying home when you are unwell is the responsible thing to do.

At the same time, we are required to follow the Attendance Management Plan. This means caregivers may receive communication from us when a student's overall attendance moves into the yellow, orange or red attendance tiers, even when absences have been explained.

These notifications are not intended to question genuine illness. They are part of the attendance processes we are required to follow and ensure families are aware of the amount of learning time a student has missed.

Attendance remains one of the strongest foundations for success at school. Where students are well enough to attend, we want them here, learning, participating and connected with their teachers and peers.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our school and our young people. There is plenty ahead over the remainder of Term Three, and I look forward to sharing more of our students' achievements and activities as the term progresses.

Ngā mihi,
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Toko Stars - July 2026

Congratulations to the following students:
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Arts - Zander van der Walt, Alex Blackburn
Sciences - Piki Rangipa Kohunui-Eketone, Moss Cookson, Ben Scott
English - Matthew Greer, Kelbie Manson, Iris Flett
Social Sciences - Ruby Barnett, Earl Basit, Nelly Graves
Te Kaiaka Hub - Ruby Finch, Regan Lister, Nate Falwasser
Technology - Annalise Ingram, Hemi Lambert, Kithmi Kandegoda-Gamage
Vocational Pathways - Mykah Marsh, Toby Stevenson
Physical Education and Health - Shilah Milligan, Pippa Greene, Tyrese Gemmell
Kapa Haka and Te Reo - Henry Ingram, Anaherawhetu Tamaiparea
JULY 2026 SUPERSTAR: MATTHEW GREER!!!

Great Effort for Timberwolves

The Tokomairiro Timberwolves faced off against the Taieri College Senior Blues on Friday night in the Otago Basketball B Grade final. Heading into the decider while battling the widespread illness affecting local schools, Tokomairiro delivered a good performance. Despite adjusting well to the compact facility and close-quarters court at Taieri College, the Timberwolves ultimately fell short against the home team in a hard-fought contest.
Huge thanks to Trey Willis-Croft for your time given in coaching the team this year. It's been greatly appreciated. Also thanks to Dave Smith for driving the team this season. Without the time and support of our parents and volunteers sports can't happen for anyone.



World Vision Acknowledgement



Tokomairiro High School has been acknowledged by World Vision for an outstanding fundraising effort to help children in Solomon Islands get the nourishing food they need to grow strong and healthy during this year's 40 Hour Challenge. Thank you and well done to Iris and Brigitte for organising us!

Sports Results



Hockey
Toko Wahine 1st XI v Columba 3rd XI Colts - Loss
Tokomairiro Gold (Yr 7 & 8) v Balmac Yellow - 1-1 DRAW

Basketball - B GRADE FINAL
Tokomairiro Timberwolves v Taieri College Snr Blues - Loss

Netball
Toko Senior A v Trinity CC Senior A - Loss
Balclutha Netball Competition has finished for the year

Bible Reading for the Week

For no one is cast off by the Lord forever.
32 Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. *Lamentations 3:31-32*

Leading the Way



On Monday, the Sport Coaching and Recreation class were learning how they can adapt their lessons to anyone who has a physical impairment and may need some adjustments. They had to work as a team moving around barriers and understanding what adaptations are the most useful.



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: 'The computing field is always in need of new cliches' - *Alan Perlis*

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Science Opportunities for 2027!!!

Applications are now open to anyone who wishes to attend The MacDiarmid Institutes Discovery and Nano Camps in January 2027.
This is open to this year's Yr 12 and 13 students who wish to experience a fun, hands-on environment and also you get to work with NZ's top researchers.
All flights, accommodation, meals and fun activities are fully paid for - it's free!!
For more information and to apply head over to: https://www.macdiarmid.ac.nz/events Applications close on 23 August 2026.





Rebus Club of Milton

Our July meeting was held on the 21st July 2026 in the RSA at 10.30am with a good attendance. A new member was presented with his membership badge.
A video was shown to members about the history of the Milton Potteries with many coloured photos of the pottery made in Milton and many samples of which are held in our museum. The video was compiled by the late Paul Griffin and is available at the museum for anyone to watch. A luncheon followed of savouries and sandwiches.
The next meeting is on the 18th August at 10.00am where Heidi Beckett will talk on Iceland. All are welcome to attend. Committee to meet at 9.30am

Friendship Group

We will meet this Friday (14th August) at 1:30pm at the library for Scrabble.
Enquiries to Christine 021 0284 6101

News from the Trenches

On Sunday we had a large raucous crowd watching Otago lose the Ranfurly Shield to the Evil Empire which was actually beyond the RSA control, which I appreciate you will find it difficult to believe. There was one moment of genuine panic when one member went to the toilet and suddenly Sky coverage disappeared. Accusations were thrown about this person tripping over the plug but thankfully coverage was resumed. This just reinforced our standing as the No 1 Entertainment venue in South Otago.
Based on this week results it will be interesting to see how many loyal Otago supporters went with their heart or potential bank account in our NPC Comp. From what I understand the addition Heartland along with Women's NPC games is going to add a whole new level of stress among the entrants. This author is perfectly relaxed watching the carnage unfold.
Shorter report this week based on having meetings with my legal team to confirm any legality around my previous reports. Just remember that a day without Sunshine is actually night.-
Private Spike Pike

Toko Golf Club Results

8 August 2026

Single Knockout L Day bt H Dawson T Condon bt A Hale
M Scott bt G Findlay B Cowie bt B Sheath

Plate G Sheath bt B Carruthers J Day bt B Adams
F Taylor 36 pts M Clark 35pts

Coronation Hall Gets a Fresh New Look

Milton's Coronation Hall in Union Street is looking top class following a recent makeover of its front exterior.
The work included repairs to the plaster, front doors and front step, followed by a full repaint. The result is a fresh and welcoming frontage that ensures the hall will remain a standout feature of Union Street for years to come.
Other recent improvements include upgrading all the hall's lighting to energy-efficient LED lighting and refurbishing the 'Green Room' — the room at the rear of the stage that was previously used as a dressing room. The Green Room has now been transformed into a comfortable meeting space and is available for public hire.
While the two front rooms are currently leased by Clutha District Council to accommodate the Milton Community Library while the new library is being built, the main hall, kitchen and Green Room remain available for public hire. Enquiries and bookings can be made through the Library.
The Coronation Hall is owned by the Milton community and managed by the Milton Coronation Hall Society. The Society's funding comes from hire fees, an operating grant from Clutha District Council and other grants when available.
The Coronation Hall Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 19 August at 7pm in the Green Room.
New members are needed to help ensure this valuable community asset continues to be available for everyone to enjoy. The Society meets approximately 10 times a year, with meetings usually lasting around an hour.

If you feel you could spare a small amount of your time and would like to support the future of the Coronation Hall, please consider joining the current dedicated members.
If you have any questions or would like to find out more, please phone Jill on 027 734 8716.



Waihola/Clarendon Women`s Institute

Our July meeting was held on the 20th July in the Waihola Hall with a good attendance. A special welcome was made to Kate Cochrane who was our speaker. We filled in a survey for the National Executive. Kate Cochrane then gave a fully detailed report of the National AGM of Women`s Institute she had attended in May. Our August meeting will be marking Medical Research and the speaker will talk about St John Medical Alarms. The competition is an article made from a bandage and the roll call is an experience involving emergency services. All are welcome to attend.
Any enquiries to Isobel Michelle - 03 417 7113

Euchre Results

29th July 2026
Winner: Irene (Owaka)
Loser: Una
Raffle: Lyn

5th August 2026
Winner: Kathleen
Loser: Loraine
Raffle: Di (Balclutha)

Milton Indoor Bowls

The Champion Triples were played at the Bowling Club last Tuesday night. One team from each club was eligible to play and they were Glenledi- Graeme Hill, Russell Copland, Maree Hill. Milton Country Club- Peter Grant, Gary Foster, Carol Rutherford. Moneymore - Alistair Allison, Stephen Woodhead, Judith Hand.
Round 1; Glenledi bye, Milton Country Club 10, Moneymore 6.
Round 2; Milton Country Club bye, Moneymore 12, Glenledi 9.
Round 3; Moneymore bye, Milton Country Club 8, Glenledi 6.
Round 4: Moneymore 8, Milton Country Club 6
Final: Moneymore won by default from Milton Country Club.
The evening was sponsored by Lynne and Russell Copland and Moneymore will receive the Alliance Cup.

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We're looking for people to help assess for Creative Communities Scheme funding.

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- People who know what's happening in the arts locally.
- People who have experience in one or more forms of art.
- People from a range of communities.
- People with specific cultural knowledge relevant to the arts.
- People of all ages. We would particularly like to include young people on the committee!

What's involved?

You'll help assess applications for funding from artistic individuals and community groups and attend assessment committee meetings between two and four times a year.

The Creative Communities Scheme (CCS): Each year Creative New Zealand provides CCS funding to local and district councils throughout New Zealand to distribute in their area. The scheme supports more than 1,800 projects every year.

Signing up: If you're interested, contact the Creative Communities Scheme Administrator at Council by phoning 0800 801 350, or email **help.desk@cluthadc.govt.nz** before 5pm on **6 September 2026.**

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME

Do you have a creative arts project in mind?

You could be eligible for **funding between $200 - 5,000!**

The Clutha District Creative Communities Scheme final funding round for 2026 is **closing soon!**

To qualify projects must:

- Be in the Clutha District.
- Be started and completed within 12 months of funding approval.
- Any group, organisation or individual can apply.

Visit **www.cluthadc.govt.nz/creative-communities** to find out more and get an application form, or phone Council on 0800 801 350.

Applications close 5pm, 6 September 2026.



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