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Enrolments for 2027

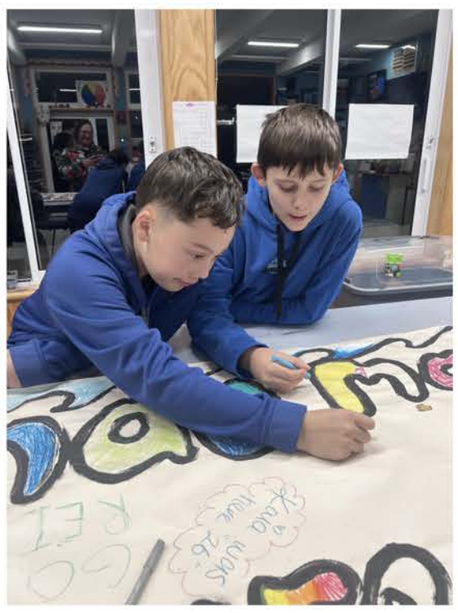
It was great to welcome so many prospective students and their whānau to our Open Evening last week. We enjoyed the opportunity to show families around the school, introduce them to our staff and students, and share some of what Tokomairiro High School has to offer. The students were able to explore our school and see lots of different things happening in our classrooms. We had drama games, welcome artwork signs, dodgeball, workshop tour, taste testing biscuits and dissecting cow's eyeballs, just to name a few!

Enrolments for 2027 are now open. There is plenty to look forward to, with our new all-weather turf already creating new opportunities, further development planned, and a continued focus on strengthening teaching and learning. Most importantly, we remain a school where students are known, valued and encouraged to get involved.

Early enrolment helps us plan effectively for next year. If you know a family considering Tokomairiro High School for 2027, please encourage them to get in touch. We are always happy to arrange a visit and show families around our school.

If you would like an enrolment pack please call into the office or email Erica on erica@tokohigh.school.nz.

We are very excited to see everyone in 2027!







CONGRATULATIONS!

Students who visited our Open Evening went into the draw to win one of three $50 NZ Uniform Vouchers.

The winners are:

- Axl Sutton
- Kaleb McDonald
- Talisa Pulu

These can be collected when you drop your enrolment form into the office!

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Japanese Boys arrive for Visit

Kyonosuke, Go and Yusei arrived in Milton from Tokyo last Friday and are slowly acclimatising. They will be here for two weeks, experiencing school life at Tokomairiro High School and doing some sightseeing. They are the second group we have hosted from Yasuda Gakuen this year.





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

Literacy and Numeracy CAAs
Monday 14th – Friday 18th September

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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter
19th August 2026

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Tēnā koutou katoa,
It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through Term 3. After a period of widespread illness across our school community, it has been good to see more students back at school and attendance beginning to return to normal. Thank you to families for continuing to keep students at home when they are unwell, while also supporting regular attendance when they are well enough to be at school.
This week brings another busy programme, including our rearranged Blue Mountain Sports Exchange. These exchanges are always a valuable opportunity for students to represent Tokomairiro High School. I wish all of our students a great day of competition and encourage them, as always, to represent our school with pride.
With half of the term still ahead of us, there is plenty happening both inside and outside the classroom. For our senior students in particular, the weeks ahead become increasingly important as NCEA assessments, examination preparation and decisions about 2027 begin to come into sharper focus.

Nau mai, haere mai
A second group of students from Yasuda Gakuen arrived last Friday, and it is a pleasure to welcome them to Tokomairiro High School and to our wider community.
A particular thank you must go to the families who have opened their homes and hosted our Japanese visitors. Homestay is such an important part of the experience for visiting students, giving them an opportunity to experience everyday life in New Zealand and build relationships that often become one of the most memorable parts of their visit.
We hope our visitors enjoy their time with us and take home many positive memories of Tokomairiro High School, Milton and the friendships they make while they are here.

Parent–Teacher Meetings
Parent–teacher meetings will be held on the evening of Wednesday 26th August.
This is an important opportunity to talk with teachers about your child's progress, engagement and next steps. For senior students, discussions may also include NCEA progress, upcoming assessments and examinations, and planning for 2027.
We strongly encourage families to attend. Good communication between home and school makes a real difference, particularly at this stage of the year. Bookings are now open. Please scan the QR code below to book your appointments. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 26th August.

NCEA – Making the Most of the Weeks Ahead
We are now into the final full term before NCEA external examinations begin in early November, making the coming weeks particularly important for our senior students.
Students should have a clear understanding of where they currently sit with their qualification. They should regularly check their credits through both the school portal and their NZQA account, making sure that the credits they expect to see are showing. Any discrepancies should be raised with their subject teacher.
Students should also know what assessments they still have ahead of them and what they need to achieve their NCEA certificate and, where appropriate, an endorsement or University Entrance.
There is still plenty of time to make a difference, but attendance, organisation and making good use of every learning opportunity really matter. If students are unsure about their progress, we encourage them to ask for help early. Teachers, Deans and senior leaders are here to support them.

Literacy and Numeracy CAAs
The next round of Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities (CAAs) will take place in Week 9, from Monday 14th to Friday 18th September.

The Literacy and Numeracy co-requisites are an important part of NCEA. Students need to demonstrate the foundational reading, writing and numeracy skills required for the qualification, and the CAAs provide an opportunity for students to meet these requirements.
Students who are entered for this round should be taking their preparation seriously now. Success in the CAAs is not about last-minute revision; it comes from developing confidence in applying the reading, writing and numeracy skills that are assessed.
Regular attendance between now and Week 9 is particularly important. Students should make the most of preparation opportunities provided in class, complete practice activities carefully and use feedback from their teachers to identify areas they need to strengthen.
Students also need to take some responsibility for knowing their own position. They should know which co-requisites they have already achieved, which they still need to complete, and whether they are entered for the September assessment round. If they are unsure, they should speak with their teacher.
For students sitting the assessments, the basics matter too: arriving on time, having a charged device, being well rested and approaching the assessment positively can all help them perform at their best.
The CAAs are an important opportunity, and we want students to go into them prepared, confident and ready to show what they can do.

Ngā mihi,
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Sports Results



Hockey
Toko Wahine 1st XI v Queens High School 2nd XI - Loss (Final game for the season)
Tokomairiro Gold (Yr 7 & 8) v Abbotsford - Loss

Netball
Toko Senior A v SHCS Senior C - 36-25 WIN (Semi Final)
Premier Senior Secondary Blue - Dunedin Competition Final this Saturday

Booking for Parent Teacher Meetings

Swimming Star Excelling



Kithmi Kandegoda Gamage (left) has made remarkable progress since beginning competitive swimming in mid-2025, quickly establishing himself as one of New Zealand's emerging multi-class swimmers.
His achievements include a New Zealand Multi Class Age Group record in the 1500m Freestyle, multiple national backstroke records, podium finishes at the National Age Group Championships, and the New Zealand Swimming Championships. He has also been awarded the Otago Multi-Class Swimmer of the Year for 2026.

Rugby Selection

Congratulations to Ty Fraser on being selected in the Otago Country U14 Squad



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Bible Reading for the Week

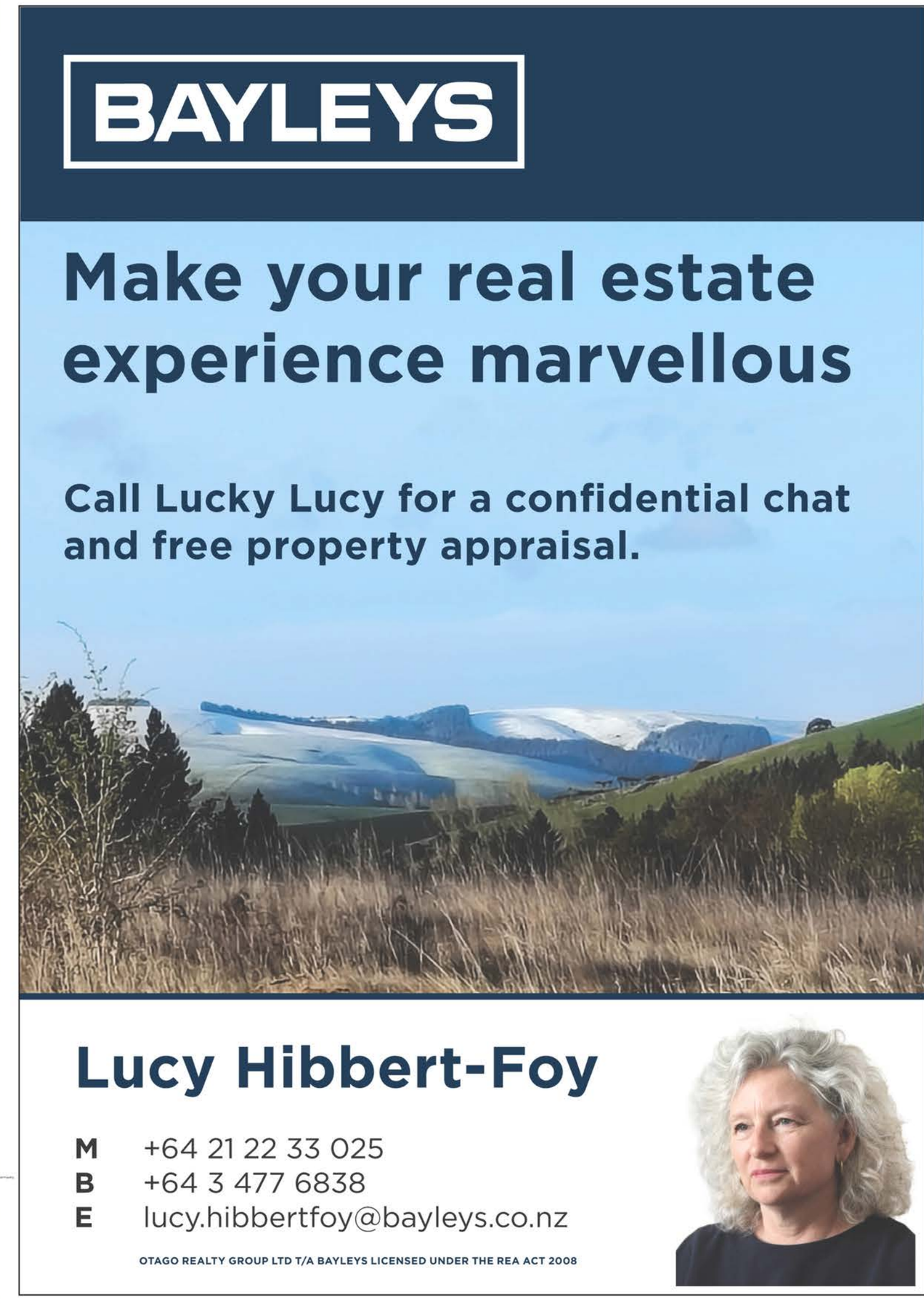
For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. *1 Corinthians 13:12*

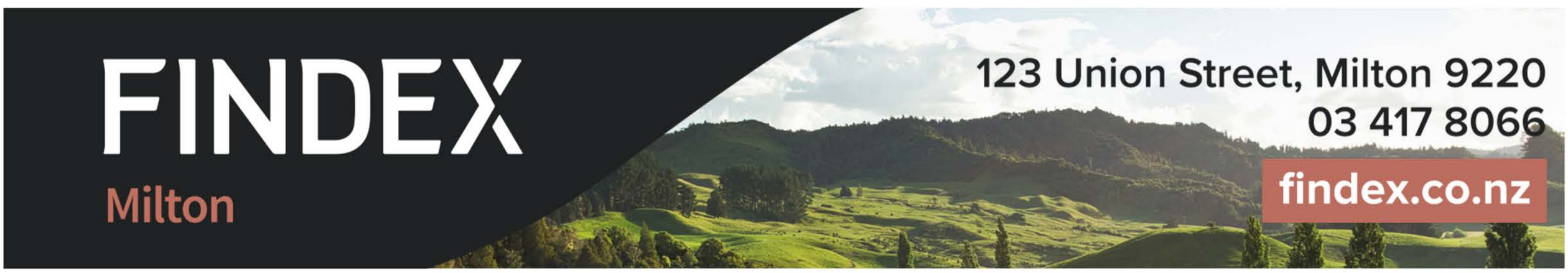
Caltex Star Cash

We are very grateful to Caltex Milton for once again nominating Tokomairiro High School to receive support through the Caltex Star Cash programme. Through this initiative, Caltex provides secondary schools around New Zealand with $1,000 in fuel sponsorship to help students travel to training, competitions and school sporting events.
For a school like ours, where teams regularly travel considerable distances to participate in sporting opportunities, support with transport costs makes a genuine difference. Thank you to Caltex Milton for continuing to support our students and our school.









TOKOMAIRIRO HIGH SCHOOL
School Board Elections Student Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of **one** student representative to the school board.
A nomination form and a copy of this notice are being issued to all eligible voters on the student roll.
If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.
Nominations close at noon on W**ednesday 26th August 2026.**

Voting roll
The voting roll is held at the school office and can be viewed during normal school hours.

Candidate Statement
If you are a candidate, you are invited to submit an optional statement (up to 400 words) and photo. Make sure your statement is received by noon on **Tuesday 1st September** so that it can be sent to voters with the voting papers.
The returning officer may remove or edit any part of the candidate's statement if it exceeds 400 words or is offensive or defamatory.

List of candidates
There will also be a list of candidates' names kept at the schooloffice up until election day.

Voting
Voting closesat 4pm on **Thursday 17th September 2026.**

Scrutineers
A candidate may nominate a person to sit with the returning officer during the vote count to make sure it is done correctly. Please advise the returning officer in writing of your scrutineer's name and contact details before election day. Candidates cannot be scrutineers.

Signed
Carolyn Shanks
Returning Officer

Articles & Reports

Genesis relies on articles and reports supplied by the community to fill our pages. Please email these to genesis@tokohigh.school.nz



Toko Junior Netball prizegiving

Toko Silver - Year 3&4
Player of the year - Alice Soper Most improved - Ellie Lennon

Toko Gold - Year 5&6
Player of the year - Tatiana Clark
Most improved - Jaelyn McDonald-Hardaker

Toko Steel - Year 7&8
Player of the year - Ava Mitchell Most improved - LyriQ Pedofski



Winter Sports Wrapping Up

As our winter sports season begins to draw to a close, it has been great to see so many of our students finishing strongly and enjoying some well-earned success.
Last weekend was a particularly good example, with a number of our students in the First XV playing rugby at Forsyth Barr Stadium as part of composite teams involving other South Otago schools. Playing a final at Forsyth Barr is a great experience in itself, and our students can be proud of the part they played having an incredibly close game, eventually losing by just three points. Two other teams, the Intermediate and Junior Blue team came away with wins in their finals. We have a number of year 9, 10, and 11 students playing in these teams.



Right: Ollie R, Rory, Dom, Ollie F and Marshall (in SOHS Junior Blue) played against Cromwell RFC and won their final 68-27!

There have been some close contests elsewhere too. Our basketball team made their final a couple of weeks ago and narrowly missed out on the win, while our Senior A Netball team has their final still to come this week. We wish them all the best as they round out their season.
Success has not been confined to our team sports. Four students represented the school at the South Otago Primary Schools Cross Country last Wednesday, with Jack Scholten winning the Year 8 race and Riley Milligan finishing third. Congratulations to all four students who competed.
As the season winds up, it is also a good time to acknowledge the many people behind our winter sports. Thank you to the coaches, managers, whānau and supporters who have given their time, transported students and stood on sidelines throughout the winter. These opportunities simply would not happen without that support.

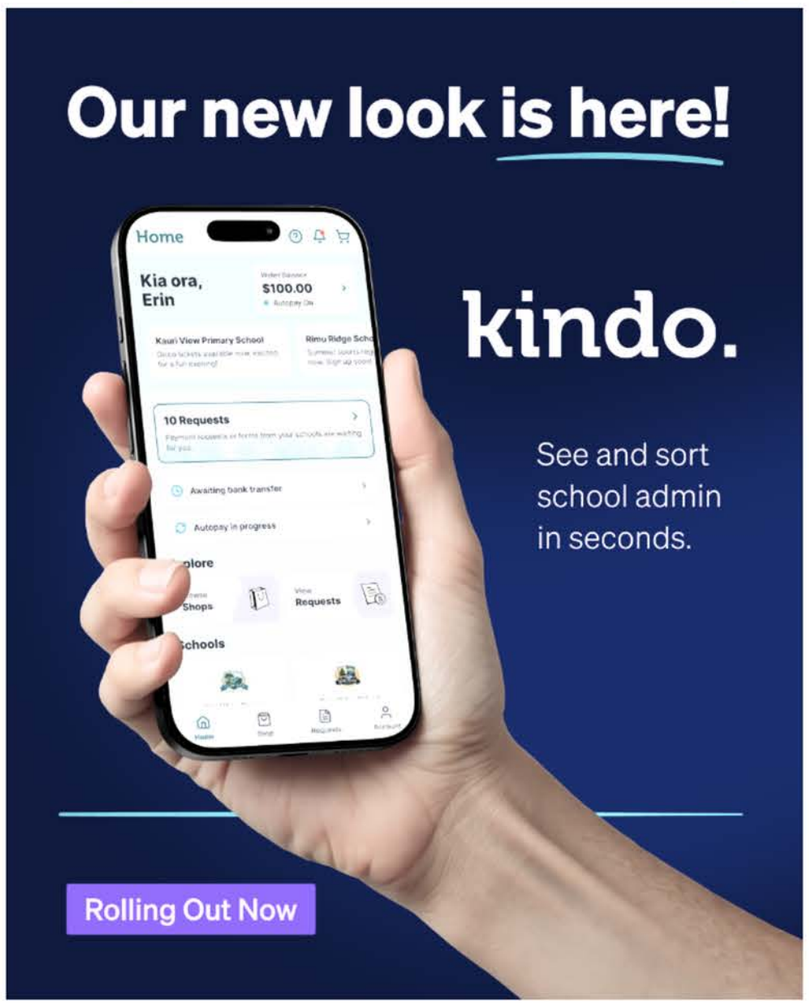


Jack Scholten



Riley Milligan

Update for Kindo app



Kindo has a fresh new look. The updated experience is now rolling out, making school admin even easier to manage.
Watch what's new (2 mins) 👉 https://bit.ly/4fWYaMc

Community Thank You and Shop Update

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful community for your ongoing support. Your generosity and encouragement continue to make a real difference, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do to help our shop thrive.
Over the past few months, we have welcomed a new board and Shop Manager. The team has continued to build on the success of the shop. Their commitment, and dedication have helped create a positive environment for customers, volunteers, and supporters alike.
A special mention goes to our Shop Manager, Fiona, who has been doing a fantastic job. Her leadership, hard work, and passion for the shop have been instrumental in keeping everything running smoothly, and we are delighted with all that has been achieved under her guidance. We are also pleased to welcome Ben as our newest board member. Ben will bring valuable experience and fresh ideas, and we look forward to working together as we continue to grow and serve our community.
As always, we are on the lookout for volunteers. Whether you can spare a few hours a week or more, we would love to hear from you. Volunteering is a rewarding way to meet new people, learn new skills, and support a great local cause.
We have also been overwhelmed by the number of quality items being donated. The generosity of our supporters means we always have lots of great stock available, with new treasures arriving regularly.
To stay up to date with the latest news, new arrivals, and upcoming events, please keep an eye on our Facebook page. We regularly share updates and would love for you to follow along.
Thank you again to everyone who supports us. Together, we are making a positive difference in our community.
Gwynneth Butler, Chair

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Significant Boost to Elsie Stewart Community Library and Pool funding

The Bruce Community Facilities Trust is very excited to acknowledge that it has been successful in receiving a $1m grant from the Otago Community Trust alongside $700,000 from the Lottery Community Facilities grant received in May to go towards its target of raising $2m to assist fund the new Pool.
Trust Chairperson, Marie Smith said this is a significant contribution to our community to assist fund the Elsie Stewart Community Library and Pool. Our Trust is absolutely delighted to receive the news and we thank the Otago Community Trust and Lotteries for their support.
Fundraising Committee Chairman Stephen Woodhead "We are thrilled to secure these grants. They are major contributions towards our fundraising target and validates the hard work of so many people who have dedicated countless hours to making this vision a reality. However, community funding would continue, allowing project “enhancements” to be added in the wider build. “We’re absolutely rapt that these grants give stakeholders and the wider community certainty as the build progresses.
The project will deliver a modern, fit-for-purpose Aquatic Centre, Library and Service Centre in Milton, replacing ageing infrastructure and creating a welcoming community hub for generations to come. The facility will improve accessibility, support lifelong learning, promote health and wellbeing, and provide a space where people of all ages can connect, learn and thrive.



Genesis Deadline - Monday at noon



Milton Indoor Bowls

The Open Champion pairs were played at the Bowling Club last Tuesday. Players were playing for the Joan Brown Trophy.
Round 1: Russell and Lynne Copland 13, Elizabeth Read and Bronwyn Woodhead 1; Barbara Read and Stephen Woodhead 9, Gary Foster and Carol Rutherford 2; Graeme and Maree Hill 9, Ray Low and Carol Smaills 4; Alwyn Read and Dave Sutherland 5, Alistair Allison and Judith Hand 3.
Round 2: B. Read 18, R. Copland 2. G. Hill 10, A. Read 1. G. Foster 9, E. Read 3. A. Allison 9, R. Low 3.
Round 3: B. Read 9, G. Hill 8. A. Allison 9, G. Foster 5. R. Copland 7, A. Read 4.
Round 4: A. Allison 9, B. Read 6. G. Hill 10, R. Copland 5
Round 5: A. Allison Bye. B. Read 7, G. Hill 5.
Final: Alistair Allison and Judith Hand 10, Barbara Read and Stephen Woodhead 3. All players in the final were from Moneymore.
The South Otago Open Champion Singles were held in Balclutha on Saturday with 12 men and 11 ladies playing. Local Peter Grant was the men’s winner, he plays for Milton Country Club, Te Houka’s Ian Bennett was runner up and Paretai’s Chris Moffit and Waitapeka’s Mark Kingipokiti third equal.The ladies was won by Alanna Moffit, with Jane Wintringham second and Lily Paterson third.

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Pole works in Milton - 27 August to 8 September 2026

PowerNet will be carrying out work in Milton during the period of 27 August to 8 September 2026, which will involve temporary road closures and traffic management.

Affected routes include Macandrew and Lisburn streets, Burns and Dryden streets, Shakespeare Street, Tokoiti and Toko Mouth roads.

SCAN ME TO READ MORE

Works are scheduled to take place on five separate days: 27 August and 1, 2, 4 & 8 September.

Road closures and traffic management will be in place from 9am to 4pm each day. Maps showing the sites and specific details are on our website. Scan the QR code to read more.

We will be sending out reminders via our website and Antenno closer to the time and any further details that relate to the traffic management that will be in place at each site.

PowerNet has sent a letter notifying affected residents of the works and planned power outages. If you did not receive a letter please call PowerNet on 03 211 1899.

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