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## PTA Fundraiser – Jared Fell Magic Show

There is still time to capitalise on the opportunity to support our PTA and enjoy what promises to be a fantastic evening at the Jared Fell Magic Show on 18 September. Tickets are $50 each, with food provided and drinks available to purchase. Doors open at 6.00pm, with the show beginning at 7.00pm at Coronation Hall. Tickets are available through Eventbrite, or you can scan the KINDO QR code in this newsletter or on the school Facebook page. Fundraisers such as this are a chance not only for an enjoyable night out, but also to support the work our PTA does for our students and school. We would love to see a strong turnout from our community.

## Dedication and Determination Pay Off




First he takes out the Swimming Otago Multi Class Athlete of the Year... and now he's been selected for the NZ Para Swimming National Development Squad!

Kithmi, this is a massive testament to your dedication, your willingness to take on feedback, your hard-core determination you bring to every session.

You keep showing up, and finding another gear and it's pretty awesome to watch. As a club, we couldn't be prouder of you. What an absolute legend.

Now the big question... what's next?!







## Speakers Perform Well

A huge congratulations to our four incredible students Stevie-Leigh, Mark, LyriQ, and Nathan, who represented our school with immense pride and passion at the South Otago Speech Competition on Monday, September 14th!

Competing against top speakers from across the region, our two Year 7 and two Year 8 representatives were absolute stars on stage. Every single one of them was amazingly well-spoken, confident, and a brilliant ambassador for our school.

A special shout-out to Nathan, (second from right), who took home 2nd place in the Year 8 division!

We are so proud of all your hard work and outstanding effort. Ka pai, team!



## Upcoming Events

**Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori** Monday 14th – Friday 18th September

**End of Term 3** Friday 25th September

**Term 4 Begins** Monday 12th October

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# 16th September 2026

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**Tēnā koutou katoa,**
This week's whakatauki is taken from Paulo Coelho's Te Ruānuku / The Alchemist: Ko te whakatinanatanga pea o tētahi moemoetā te take e ngahau ai te ao - It's the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting. For many students, the dream might be earning a qualification, achieving a particular result, being accepted for a chosen course or pursuing new and exciting opportunities for the future. Dreams, however, become reality based on the many ordinary choices we make every day. Choices like attending regularly, completing thOur whakataukī this week is "Kia rite mai koe ki ngā āheinga katoa – Be ready for every opportunity." It is an especially fitting message during Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, when all of us are encouraged to take the opportunities around us to hear, learn and use te reo Māori. You do not need to be an expert to participate. Sometimes taking an opportunity simply means trying a new kupu, using a greeting, learning to pronounce a name correctly, or being willing to have a go even when you are unsure. Learning requires us to spend some time being not very good at something, and there is nothing wrong with that. The message for us and our ākonga is that our willingness to begin is what matters. Last week's Otago Polyfest provided a wonderful example of what can happen when opportunities are embraced. We were extremely proud of our kapa haka rōpū and the way they represented our kura on stage. Our thanks go to everyone who contributed their time, expertise and encouragement to make that opportunity possible.

**Making the Most of the Final Weeks**
With only two weeks remaining in Term 3, this is not the time to mentally pack up for the holidays! There is still plenty of valuable learning to be done, and we encourage all students to remain engaged, attend regularly and make the most of every lesson. This is particularly important for our senior students, with Derived Grade Exams beginning in Week 1 of Term 4. Preparation is rarely one dramatic burst of effort immediately before an exam. It is what happens now: completing the practice question, acting on feedback, asking for help when something is unclear and making good use of the time available in class. Ten school days represents a significant opportunity to make progress.
Our year 10-12 students also need to ensure that their 2027 subject selections are completed by the end of this week. We encourage whānau to continue those conversations at home. Students do not need to have the rest of their lives mapped out, but they should make thoughtful choices based on their interests, strengths and possible future pathways. Where there is uncertainty, please encourage them to ask questions and seek advice rather than simply guessing. Good choices now can help keep future opportunities open.

**CACTUS Programme**
Another excellent opportunity available to our young people is the 2026 CACTUS Programme (Combined Adolescent Training Unit Support). CACTUS is a seven-week bootcamp for students in Years 8–13, running on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6.30am–8.00am, with breakfast provided. Paperwork for students wanting to take up this opportunity to challenge themselves is available from the school office. Application forms can also be requested by emailing stephanie@projectbruce.org, and further information is available on the THS Facebook page.

**Be Ready for the Opportunity**
Kia rite mai koe ki ngā āheinga katoa – Be ready for every opportunity. Notice what is in front of you, have the courage to give it a go, and make the most of where it might lead.

Kia kaha te reo Māori. Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

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## Kapa Haka at Otago Polyfest 2026

This year, Te Kapa Haka o Tokomairiro worked incredibly hard to prepare this year's Ōtākou polyfest. The festival is an amazing celebration of culture, identity and whanaungatanga. We dedicated our performance to our Year 13 students, who will leave us at the end of this year, acknowledging their contribution and the journey they have shared with us throughout the years.
We also acknowledge our senior students who composed the final waiata we performed. This waiata pays tribute to the history and identity of Tokomairiro, highlighting the places and features that make our town unique.
We are incredibly proud of our students and the way they represented our kura with ihi, wehi and mana.
Lastly, a huge mihi to our staff, whānau and supporters who helped us get to polyfest. Your support, time and mahi made this experience possible and is greatly appreciated.



## Clash of the Colleges

We set off to Telford with 12 students, making up 3 teams of 4. Sixteen schools competed with around 250 students taking part, so competition was fierce!.

Our team of Matthew, Daniel, Ayson and Leon won the team work award for their break fencing. A perfect day, a great opportunity for a look around the Telford campus, and topped off with sausages and meat patties for lunch.
Well done to our teams!







### Bible Reading for the Week

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.. *Psalm 16:11*

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## Daffodil Day Cancer Appeal

Another successful Daffodil Day is behind us! We're thrilled to announce that we've raised over $6,000, which is truly a fantastic achievement! Even though the weather wasn't the kindest, our volunteers wrapped up warmly and did an amazing job, and we couldn't be more grateful for their dedication. We'd also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the generous businesses who donated prizes for our raffle - thank you to the following:
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And finally, a special thank you to John, Nelson, and Nicole from Stihl Shop Milton for looking after and displaying the raffle prizes, and to the Milton RSA ladies for letting us use their space and for hosting a lovely afternoon tea. Thank you all for your incredible support.






## Waihola Clarendon Women's Institute

We met on the 17th August in the Waihola Hall with a good attendance. Members filled in a survey on attendance of Women`s Institutes as one body, rather than each doing our own survey.
Our roll call was about our personal experiences with Ambulances, some were humorous, some not so, but all were very grateful we have this service in NZ. The kindness and compassion shown by the ambulance officers is outstanding.
Our speaker was Eileen Steven talking on Medical Alarms and how they work within the home environment.
Our September meeting involves a book exchange, a homemade book mark, and glass bottle auction. We meet in the Waihola Hall at 10.30am and luncheon follows. All welcome - see I Michelle for more details

## Toko Golf Club Results

**Game of the day - Stableford 8 September 2026**
**0 - 54.0**

L. Mitchell - 30 stbs
H. Vollweiler - 27 stbs
P. Keddell - 21 stbs
J. Good - 28 stbs
M. Cain - 24 stbs

**Nine Holes**

Smales - 12 stbs
L. Rogan - 10 stbs
N. Cubitt - 10 stbs

**Closest to the Pin -** A. Smales

**1st Round Fourball - 12th September**

B Sheath & B Frost bt N Taylor & Te
M Clark & A Hale bt M Harwood & B Carruthers
G Findlay & P Adams bt G Sheath & P Sheath
B Dunlop & L Day bt M Adam & M Scott
H Dawson & L Moana bt J Day & K Katipa
B Adams & S Scott bt J Calder & B Lawlor

**Two's** G Sheath, G Findlay, B Frost, P Scott & B Dunlop

## News from the Trenches

On Saturday night we had an awesome night as the RSA hosted the Patriots Motorcycle Club where we were presented with a very outstanding large donation. We thank them for their very generous gift. This club continues to do fantastic things raising funds for the community. Always a guaranteed fun time when Patriots are in town.
Don't forget not many weeks until our Quiz night on Friday 2 October so lock it on your calendar for an excellent time with our magical Quiz Master. There is also some great auction items on this same night. I've heard a couple of rumours there are some very cunning teams forming a Super Power!!!
The Pick the Scores jackpot was almost struck on Saturday with an RSA member missed out by one point. This now jackpots to next month Bledisloe Cup tests. Also our NPC Comp is starting to get very interesting. Only 3 more weeks to play your joker if you haven't already.
I haven't issued a public service warning for a while but I understand an RSA member was lucky to not incur a serious knee injury when he accidentally lost his balance and tripped over some long grass. Just be careful. And we would like to take this oopportunity to wish Norm Macleod a happy 90th birthday on Friday - runour is he's shouting all night!
Finally for this week Pikes Fact Hunt the human brain is only powered by 15 Watts. Some people I know have their Dimmer Switch set too low
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**Genesis Classifieds** **Raffle Results**

### Daffodil Day Raffle Winners.

Congratulations to the winners of the Daffodil Day Raffle : Peter O'Neill, Craig Irvine, E. Morton, Wayne, Barbara Lowery, Darz, Graeme Powell, Colleen Mackie, Sarah, Des, Robyn McElrea, Tash Brookland, Grace S, Carter Calder, Paul, Healey, Tarnz, Raewyn Gray, Adam Woodhead, Chris L, K Roulston, Bev, Bob Clark, Kate, Katherine, Christine, Raeleen Cockburn, Kristelle Wills, Kim Scott, Alexia Black, Kelly, Mel, Jason Hill, Rob McElrea, Christin, Tracy Hall, Phil, Paula, P Mathieson, Mykah Marsh, Stella, Robyn Lunn, Bruce Good, Clare Healey, Riette, Deidre Scott and Kat Guest. All winners have been notified.

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New members welcome - come along and give bowls a try!

### SPECIAL MEETING

We will also be holding a special meeting to form a committee to begin planning for the Milton Bowling Club's 150 Year Reunion in 2028.
If you would like to be involved in helping organise this very special milestone, we would love to see you at the meeting.
Come along, have a bowl and be part of the club's future!

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### MILTON INDOOR BOWLS SUB ASSOCIATION

hereby give Notice of their Annual General Meeting
To be held on Monday 28th September at 8pm
At the Milton Outdoor Bowling Clubhouse

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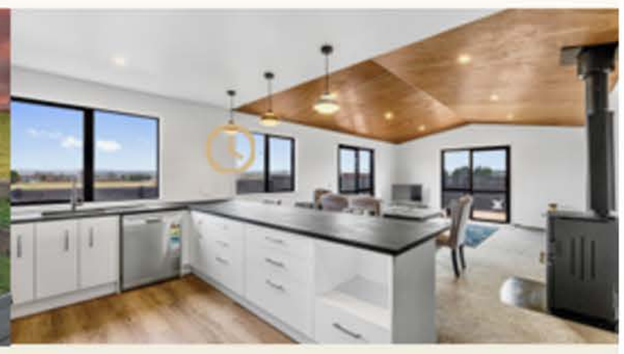

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with MP for Taieri **Ingrid Leary** and Labour Spokesperson for Local Government **Tangi Utikere**

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