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Congratulations



A huge congratulations to Payton-Rose Davidson-Dickson, who has successfully achieved the MITO StartUp® Ignition – Automotive Micro-credential (Level 2).
The StartUp® programme gives secondary school students the opportunity to combine online theory with practical, hands-on learning in an automotive workplace. The Ignition micro-credential is worth 20 credits and develops knowledge and skills in areas including automotive tools and equipment, safe work practices, engineering tasks, hazardous materials, and vehicle systems.
Achieving a nationally recognised, NZQA-approved micro-credential while still at school is something Payton-Rose can be very proud of. It reflects the commitment she has shown to both the theory and practical components of the programme and gives her a fantastic foundation for further training or employment within the automotive industry.
Well done, Payton-Rose! We are incredibly proud of your achievement and look forward to seeing where your automotive pathway takes you next. 🚗🔧
More information about the programme is available from Leanne Burgess (Careers Advisor & Gateway Teacher)

Celebrating Te Wiki o te Maori



Last week was packed with activities, including Horohopu, wharewhare, Kī-o-Rahi, poi rākau, and an amazing performance by our kapa haka roopu.
While celebrating te wiki o te reo Māori, the huge highlight throughout the week has been whakawhanaungatanga between our tuakana and teina with supporting one another, learning together and strengthening connections within our kura.

A huge mihi to our kapa haka roopu for performing, and to our senior te ao haka, year 9 and Year 10 Māori classes for running the activities and creating such a fun and positive atmosphere across our kura. Your mahi, leadership, and enthusiasm have been awesome to see. And congratulations to all our winners of the kia kaha te reo Māori caps.
Ko te mea nui ko te aroha, tētahi ki tētahi, Tokomairiro e.





Pause, Breathe, Smile

For the past six weeks all the Year 7 & 8 students have been involved in the Pause, Breathe, Smile program with Kim McClure our Guidance Counsellor.
This program was developed to equip students with mind/health skills. This program has been run in schools throughout New Zealand. Its focus is to build skills in our tamariki to assist them with the emotional intelligence skills to thrive in a changing world.
Skills taught focused on how to regulate emotions, build self-awareness and relate positively to others. Research has found that children who have participated and practiced these skills were calmer, more focused and better able to relate to others with these positive effects rippling in both the school and home environment.
A key component of this program is practicing mindfulness and using the strategies taught to deal with a wide range of emotions. Of course practice makes perfect. I would encourage all parents to look at the resources on the Pause, Breathe, Smile website and download the phone app to assist your child in continuing this participation in a vital life skill. It also has amazing resources that adults can use which can assist with mental resilience.
The website is: https://pausebreathesmile.nz/
- Kimberley McClure- Guidance Counsellor

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Upcoming Events

End of Term 3 Friday 25th September
Term 4 Begins Monday 12th October
Derived Grade Week Monday 12th October to Friday 16th October

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23rd September 2026

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

After being overseas for the past few weeks, it has been lovely to return home to daffodils flowering and lambs appearing in the fields. There is something about the arrival of spring that always brings a sense of optimism and, as we head into the final week of Term 3, there is certainly plenty to feel positive about at Tokomairiro High School.

It has been great to be back to school, catching up with ākonga and staff and hearing about everything that has been happening while I have been away.

Celebrating our Students

At our Recognition Assembly this week, we celebrated the many different ways our ākonga contribute to and achieve at Tokomairiro High School.

Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond recognition badges were awarded across Academic, Sport, Cultural and Service. This is now the third year of our recognition system and it was fantastic to see so many students receiving awards.

What I particularly like about these awards is that they recognise that success at school takes many different forms. Whether students are working hard in the classroom, representing the school, contributing through performance or giving their time in service to others, all of these things help make our school the place it is.

Congratulations to everyone who received a badge. Wear it with pride!

Turf Update – Another Major Step Forward!

I am delighted to share some more fantastic news about our turf project.

We have received another grant from Otago Community Trust towards the second phase of the project. This generous support means we have now been able to place the order for our second turf, which will be marked for basketball, tennis and pickleball.

When we first began this $600,000 project, the target seemed enormous. Thanks to the generosity of the trusts, businesses, community organisations, families and individuals who have supported us along the way, we are now just $20,000 short of completing the funding for the entire project.

It has taken a huge amount of work to reach this point and I am incredibly grateful to those who have helped make it possible. We are so close now and would love to get that final $20,000 over the line.

Our Buy a Square Metre initiative and business sponsorship packages are still available. If you, your family or your business would like to help us complete the project, please contact the school for more information.

The first turf is already being well used by our students and completing the second stage will create an outstanding all-weather sporting facility. This is much more than an investment in our students today – it will be a facility for our school and wider community to use and enjoy for many, many years to come. We are nearly there. Just $20,000 to go!

PTA

Last Friday our PTA hosted a fantastic evening with comedian and magician Jarred Fell. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event and, particularly, to our PTA members who put so much work into organising it.

Our PTA is a small group of parents who make an enormous contribution to our school. The money they raise benefits students right across Tokomairiro High School – subsidising trips, purchasing uniforms for teams and groups, providing equipment for departments, contributing towards prizes and supporting events such as Prizegiving and Open Evening.

Much of this happens quietly behind the scenes and it can be easy to forget that these opportunities only exist because people are prepared to give their time and if our school community gets behind the fundraising activities they organise.

Every ticket bought, event attended and offer of help makes a difference. Ultimately, the money raised comes straight back to creating opportunities for our students.

The PTA would also love to welcome some new faces. Joining doesn't have to mean taking on a huge commitment – sometimes an extra pair of hands, a new idea or simply having a few more people around the table can make all the difference.

A huge thank you to our PTA for everything you continue to do for our students.

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Derived Grade Week

The first week of Term 4 will be Derived Grade Week for our senior students.

Students will complete practice examinations in the subjects in which they are sitting external examinations. These assessments are important because the results can be used as evidence for a derived grade if circumstances prevent a student from sitting an external examination.

Just as importantly, they provide students and teachers with a valuable indication of what has been mastered and where revision needs to be focused before the NCEA examination period begins.

For our senior students, the holidays therefore provide an important opportunity to rest and recharge, but also to begin some purposeful revision. A little preparation now can make a significant difference when examinations arrive.

Kaitiakitanga – Caring for our Environment

At assembly this week we also heard from Hannah McLeary, Waste Education Officer from Clutha District Council, who spoke to students about some of the environmental issues facing our area and about practical ways young people can make a difference.

Hannah will be supporting the establishment of an Envirogroup at Tokomairiro High School. The group will look at projects that can make a difference within our kura as well as opportunities to contribute to our wider community.

This is a great opportunity for our ākonga to put kaitiakitanga into action and take responsibility for caring for the environment around them. I am looking forward to seeing where they take this. Some of the best initiatives in schools begin with a small group of people deciding that something can be better – and then doing something about it.

Heading to Waitangi

On Thursday, a group of our ākonga will begin their journey north to Waitangi.

This promises to be a wonderful opportunity for them to deepen their understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and experience an important part of the history and identity of Aotearoa New Zealand beyond the classroom.

I wish all of our students and staff travelling to Waitangi a safe journey and a thoroughly enjoyable trip. Haere pai, kia haumaru – travel well and stay safe. I look forward to hearing their stories when they return and I hope they make the most of every opportunity along the way.

Continued over....

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Tokomairiro High School Newsletter continued...

As Term 3 Draws to a Close

As we reach the end of another busy term, I want to thank our students, staff, whānau and wider community for the many different ways you support our school.

Schools don't thrive through the efforts of one or two people. They thrive when people contribute – by volunteering, coaching, transporting students, supporting fundraising, attending events, encouraging young people and simply turning up when it matters.

We have plenty happening at Tokomairiro High School and even more to look forward to in Term 4. Thank you to everyone who continues to play a part in making those opportunities possible for our students.

I hope everyone enjoys a safe and restful school holiday and I look forward to welcoming students back for the final term of 2026.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Vicki Wish
Principal | Tumuaki

Genesis Deadline - Monday at noon

Bible Reading for the Week

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him. *Lamentations 3:25-26*

A New Chapter for Our Community Shop

Milton Opportunities Charitable Trust

Our community shop is entering an exciting new chapter. We thank past members whose hard work helped build the strong foundations we have today, and we warmly welcome Cheryl and Cath back to the team.

Our community has spoken: keep the shop going. As a valued local asset, the shop continues to support and strengthen our community through the dedication of volunteers and residents.

With new governance in place, we are focused on building a strong, sustainable future and working with local partners to deliver positive outcomes for our community.

ALL PROFITS ARE RETURNED TO THE MILTON COMMUNITY.

We invite everyone to our Annual General Meeting at The Hub on 13 October at 7.00 pm. Come and meet the team, hear about our plans, and discover ways to get involved.

We are currently seeking volunteers for the roles of Treasurer and Secretary. Interested? Visit the shop or speak with Fiona at RD Petroleum.

Together, we can keep our community shop thriving for years to come.

Gwynneth Butler, Chair

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: 'Indecision may or may not be my problem' - *Jimmy Buffet*

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News from the Trenches

Well this is a first. It would seem I may not have been completely factually correct wishing an RSA member happy birthday last week. Apparently I may have got the age slightly wrong hence the public retraction.

Firstly congratulations to Tony Allan for picking the Joker Draw last Thursday and scooping the prize. This Thursday we are having a special draw so make sure you have completed your entry form for this amazing prize. The ways to win at the RSA just continues every week.

Don't forget our Quiz night is next Friday night commencing 7pm sharp. Cost $20 per team of 4. So get your team together. I've been informed secretly that a team has a self anointed expert on subjects ranging from William Wallace (Brave heart) to popular music and John Wayne films so expecting a lot from this individual. We thank all the sponsors who have come to the party with donation for our auction. This night will be massive.

Speaking of massive, our NPC Comp is turning upside down based on results over last 3 weeks. Not many weeks left of untold stress level for the 30 entrants. As our 29 experts try to figure out who wins the games.

Now I know Pikes Fact Hunt is proving very popular so did you know that your ears don't stop growing throughout your life. Looking at some people, I think their ears are about 10 years ahead of the rest of the body. Have you wondered the following: Are there more wheels or windows in the world???

Private Spike Pike

Toko Golf Club Results

15th September 2026

0 – 54.0

J Good	2 down
S Bearman	4 down
l Mitchell	5 down c/b
J McLeod	5 down
M Cain	6 down

Nine Holes

N Cubitt	All Square
A. Smales	4 down
L Rogan	6 down

Longest Putt - J. Good

2nd Round Fourball - 19th September

B Sheath & B Frost bt H Dawson & L Moana
B Cowie & P Stevenson bt M Clark & A Hale
G Findlay & P Adams bt B Adams & S Scott
B Dunlop & L Day bt M Moeahu & M Mead

Bisque Par

M Scott 4 up
R Stringer 2up
B Carruthers 2up
G Sheath 2up

Two's: H Dawson, B Frost & G Findlay

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Situations Vacant



Euchre Results

19th September 2026
Winner: Murray
Loser: Kay
Raffle: Jenny

16th September 2026
Winner: Raelene
Loser: Trish
Raffle: Lorraine (Owaka)

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Situations Vacant

Milton Community Health Trust
Part-Time District Nurse

MCHT provides Community Nursing services in Milton and the surrounding District.

The Part-Time position has a set shift one day per week currently a Friday and a rotational weekend each month. In addition you must be willing and available to provide cover for other nursing staff including being flexible with days of work and ability to work during holiday periods.

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- Have excellent written and spoken English language skills
- Be computer literate
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- Pass a Police Vetting check
- Be available to commence employment as soon as possible
- Preferably have at least two year's post graduate experience and/or previous Community Nursing/wound care experience.

Orientation/training given and generous ongoing education hours available.

For further information contact Dale Wyber on 027 417 8861 or email: dale@milcomhealth.nz

Closing date for this position is Sunday, 11th October 2026.

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MILTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

SPRING 2026

Daffodil Hunt: Find all the daffodils hiding in the Milton Library Daily during school holidays!



30th Sept — LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP
10am - 12pm

Unleash your creativity as you craft a glowing lantern to celebrate the Moon Festival! Community members of all ages are invited to come along for a morning of fun, culture, and art.

1st Oct — ZINES 101 WORKSHOP
2pm - 4pm

Share your thoughts & art with the world! You can fill your zine with comics, art, poems, and collage. The only limit is your imagination!If you are unsure if this is suitable for your child, give us a ring.

6th Oct — FLOAT MY BOAT BRICK CHALLENGE
3pm - 4pm

Create a boat and put it to the test at our Float my Boat Brick Challenge. Be prepared to get wet! All ages welcome. No bookings required.

7th Oct — BINGO
3pm - 4pm

Come along to the library for a game or two of bingo! It's a fun and welcoming event for the whole whānau.

8th Oct — BUBBLE PARTY
3pm - 4pm

Mix up your own bubbles and create a bubble wand at our Bubble Party these school holidays! Please note that this programme starts with bubble wand making at Milton Library, then relocates to the Milton War Memorial for bubble fun, before finishing back at the library.

9th Oct — KITES
3pm - 4pm

Enjoy getting creative as you make your very own kite to take home - then head outside and see if it flies!

have you registered yet?

REGISTRATIONS WELCOME

Second-hand SUNDAY

Secondhand Sunday is a free, annual event where Clutha residents can put unwanted items out on their driveway for others to collect. You can also collect items you want from others for free.

4th OCTOBER

between 9am – 12pm



Register online before Monday 28 September at:
www.cluthadc.govt.nz/second-hand-sunday

WHAT'S ON GUIDE OUT NOW!



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