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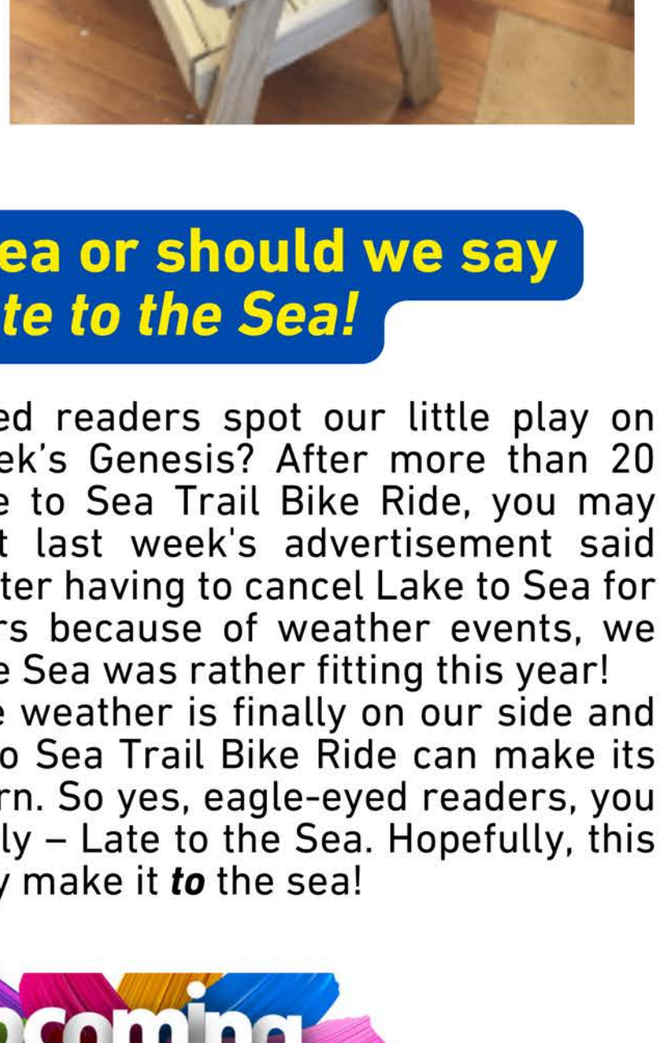
Cancer Society Donation

Cancer affects one in three New Zealanders and the Cancer Society is an organisation that Tokomairiro High School has supported in a number of ways over the years.
Each year we hold a mufti day for Daffodil Day, with the money raised donated to the Cancer Society. For the past two years our students have also been involved in designing and creating Bags of Hope, which are given to patients undergoing cancer treatment.
This year we have another contribution to be proud of. Sioeli Pulu (right) donated a chair he made as part of his carpentry course to the Naylor Love Cancer Society Spring Ball. The chair was auctioned as part of an event that raised an incredible $150,000 for the Cancer Society.
It is wonderful to see the skills our students develop through their learning being used to make a difference beyond the school gates. Well done, Sioeli!





Lake to Sea or should we say *Late to the Sea!*

Did any eagle-eyed readers spot our little play on words in last week's Genesis? After more than 20 years of our Lake to Sea Trail Bike Ride, you may have noticed that last week's advertisement said Late to the Sea. After having to cancel Lake to Sea for the past two years because of weather events, we thought Late to the Sea was rather fitting this year!
We are hoping the weather is finally on our side and our annual Lake to Sea Trail Bike Ride can make its long-awaited return. So yes, eagle-eyed readers, you did read it correctly – Late to the Sea. Hopefully, this year we will finally make it ***to*** the sea!

Upcoming Events

Start of Term 4: Monday 12th October
Derived Grade Week: Monday 12th to Friday 16th October
NCEA Exams Begin: Tuesday 10th November
Teacher Only Day: Friday 13th November
Year 7 & 8 Camp: Tuesday 17th - Friday 20th November

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7th October 2026

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Tēnā koutou katoa,
As we head into the second week of the school holidays, it was great to see some good weather over the weekend and fingers crossed that this is a sign of things to come! I hope everyone has been able to enjoy a bit of a break and some time away from the usual routines of school.
There is still another week of the holidays to enjoy before we return for what will be a very busy Term 4. For now though, hopefully the weather continues to improve and everyone can make the most of the rest of the break.

Strategic Plan

Over the next few weeks, the Board of Trustees will be developing the Strategic Plan that will help guide decision making at Tokomairiro High School for the next three years.
We want to ensure that our plan reflects the views and priorities of our whole school community. If you would like to have your say, please scan the QR code (right) and complete our short survey. It should only take a few minutes and your feedback will help us as we plan for the future of our school. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to contribute.

Teacher Only Day

We will be having our second Teacher Only Day for 2026 on Friday 13th November. This means the school will not be open for students on this day.
Staff will use this time to plan programmes that incorporate the curriculum changes that have been released over the past few weeks. There is a significant amount of work involved in preparing for these changes and this day will provide valuable time for staff to work together on our programmes for 2027.

Term 4

A reminder for our senior students that Term 4 starts with Derived Grade Week. Hopefully they are managing to enjoy some of their holiday while also finding some time to prepare for the assessments that begin as soon as we return.
Term 4 is always a very busy one, particularly for our senior students, and it won't be long before NCEA examinations begin.

BYOD

As we head into Term 4, it is a timely reminder that students in Years 9–13 need to have a device that they bring to school charged and ready to use each day. Many NCEA assessments are now completed digitally and devices are also used for SMART testing and as part of students' everyday learning.
With the Black Friday sales coming up, it may also be a good time for families to start thinking ahead to 2027 if a new device is going to be needed.

Scabies

We have been made aware of scabies within the wider community, so I thought it was worth including some information for whānau.
Scabies causes an itchy rash, with the itching often worse at night. It is easily spread through close skin-to-skin contact and can also be spread through shared clothing, towels and bedding.
If you think someone in your household may have scabies, please speak to your pharmacist or healthcare provider about treatment. Everyone in the household should be treated at the same time, even if they do not have symptoms, and bedding, towels and clothing will also need to be washed.
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Food For Thought

The Year 9/10 art class spent the last fortnight of Term 3 looking at 3D forms and scale.
This culminated in a 3D banquet feast made from recycled materials. From kina to crayfish, baked beans to beef, all our favourites were there!



Public Health Nurse - Abby Brookland

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Year 9 &10 English in Term 3

In Term 3, many students in Years 9-10 English, undertook a study of the theme, '*Kaitiakitanga*'. The focus emerged from reading a New Zealand short story, "The Seahorse and the Reef" by Witi Ihimaera which was first published in 1977.
Coincidentally, at the same time, the Māori word 'kaitiakitanga' appeared in the media after it was voted the world's most beautiful word by an international panel of linguists and cultural experts. One of the key reasons for its selection was its relevance to our times, a recognition of the importance of sustainability and the need to care for our world.
Each Monday, period 5, students took part in a recap of the previous week's learning. Interestingly, over the term, every team took a turn at being top scorers. The overall winner for the term was the George Bridge team consisting of Thomas Clark, Dominic Dobson and Daniel Woodhead. Second was the team including Tristen Pretorius, Elijah Wicks and Leo Bandelon. Placed third were Annalise Ingram and Taya Robinson. Prizes included trophies, lollipops and in the case of the winners grand bow 'crowns'!







Bible Reading for the Week

Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up.. *Proverbs 12:25*

Milton Elder CARE Trust

September was a great month for us at Milton Elder Care.
During this month we have had Housie (a favourite) for most, also Alex Sinclair came and entertained us along with his little dog. We had lunch out to the Town and Country in Balclutha, thanks to them for opening up for us specially. Rochelle from Dunedin came with all her bits to help people that are having trouble with doing things. She has the mobility aids to help.
We had a movie day and a games day.
Lastly we had a wonderful day out to Cinton meeting with around 60 people having lunch then games in the afternoon - a fabulous day for all.
In all, we had a busy month. If this all sounds like something you want to join please give me a cal,l or pop in to 185 Union Street and have a visit.
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Senior A Touch Raffle Results

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the raffle, we made $1570! Here are the results:
1st prize - Dom's card 12, #7 Greg Holgate
2nd prize - Kingi's card 8 #16 Debbie George
3rd prize - Dions card 11 #17 David Dickson
4th prize - Daiha's card 19 #2 Mel Coulter
5th prize - Staff card 27 #4 Carol Bungard

We will be in touch with prize winners.

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Hato Hone St John is offering two $1000 scholarships to Milton residents and students who are looking to take up a career in healthcare.

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Applications can be submitted from Monday 28th September until Saturday 31st October 2026, with successful recipients being notified by Monday 9th November. The minimum age for applicants is 16 years old.

Contact oli.blackbourn@stjohn.org.nz for an application form, or any questions.

Toko Golf Club Results

Ladies Golf - 30th September 2026
Game of the Day - Extra Stableford

S. Bearman 30
P. Thompson 26
H. Vollweiler 25

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News from the Trenches

Over the years this column has been accused of not self reporting this author's misdemeanors which could be put to rest this week.
Last Friday we had an awesome night with our Quiz. The place was jam packed and we raised almost $3500 which is an amazing amount. Thank you for those who supported and those fantastic supporters who donated prizes. Bruce Graham did a great job as Quiz Master along with Donna and Lenny. Winning team was Goldiscots and the 3 Beers - Snow Cowie, Michelle Williams and the rock Michael Booth. Greg's group were second and Ozzie's were close behind in 3rd.
Our NPC Comp is rapidly coming to the end finish line with the points going up in value from this week. The prize giving will be held on Saturday 31 October which happens to be Halloween so that's the theme. Not many weeks to make an impact. This weekend we are back on the pick the score between All Blacks and Australia which is playing at 7pm on Saturday. So come along.
Allegedly an RSA member attracted the attention of local constabulary last week for not wearing a seat belt. According to rumours, it was noticed by half of Milton based on messages. This same person was kidnapped on Sunday and taken white baiting by two local experts to a secret location as he was blindfolded. After five hours they had caught seven whitebait. Also I've heard of another RSA member had their waders fall to bits just as they stepped into the water.
There is a golfing dynasty let's call them the Sheath's for example. Last Saturday all 3 managed to score 2s on a difficult hole which is fantastic. However one member of the family had a misguided tee shot that rebounded and just missed playing partners and had to walk 200m down the road to retrieve it.
There was also a Red Commodore parked up at the RSA for two days. We are looking to locate the owner so we can charge parking fees.
No room this week for Pikes Fact Hunt based on all the other news. As you can tell it's where all the excitement occurs.
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: 'Lawyers, I suppose, were children once"'
- Charles Lamb (1775-1834)

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