



Weekly Newsletter

TAKO HIGH SCHOOL - ALL THE WAY FROM JAPAN



This week we welcomed Tako Junior High School from Japan back to our College for another visit.

This continues a tradition that started over 10 years ago with alternating visits between the two schools. Such is the deepening relationship - the respect and friendships that have developed - it has now become our most significant multi-cultural event for the year.



This relationship has also extended out to the wider community, as the Te Anau Community Board and Southland District Council have formalised a friendship between the Tako and Te Anau towns.

These exchanges are important for our students, staff and others. They help teach tolerance, understanding of other cultures, lifestyles, thinking and problem solving. They build friendships and they enrich our community.

So WELCOME to Tako Junior High School, we hope your stay is enjoyable and we look forward to being able to provide some "Kiwi" hospitality.

At the welcome on Thursday morning our students were outstanding once again. They demonstrated their maturity and respect for others with their passionate performances—the haka, waiata, speeches and behaviour were just part of what they showed makes a great all round citizen of Te Anau. Well done and thank you.

Lastly, I will finish with the Maori saying I used at the welcome, one which is apt to this occasion.

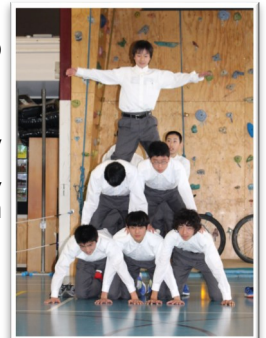
"Kotahitanga te Whanau"

Which in this context could mean all of the following:

Let us all be one

No matter where we come from we are one family

When you come to Aotearoa you are part of our family



STUDENT REPORTS

Interim Reports were sent home with students earlier this week.

We have also trialled emailing these home directly from our Student Management System.

Please let us know if there is a problem with either method.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



"I'm going to keep going until I succeed."
- Harry Potter (*Deathly Hallows*)

REMINDER - Diaries to be signed and handed to form teachers on MONDAY!

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RAIL TRAIL

The Rail Trail is a two-day duathlon event, held on the Central Otago Rail Trail. This year 25 Fiordland College students participated.

- Josh Pearson, Zac Pearson, Taisei Shimizu and Fergus Torr won the Secondary Schools Challenge Trophy
- Georgia Mullally, Abba Swanson, Erika Johnstone and Claire Hames won the Girls Trophy, that was kindly made and donated by Mr Colin Roy.
- Will Hamilton, Lucy Holmes-Crombie, Noah Cockburn and Oliver Mann gained a second placing.

Mr Colin Roy has organised this event for College students for the past 20 years! He has done an outstanding job organising, encouraging and supporting a huge number of students over the 20 years, but is now handing the baton onto Mr Wilson.

Thank you Mr Roy for your care in ensuring this event has flourished and grown in our school.



Will Lucy Noah Ollie



Josh Taisei Fergus Zac

Left-Right
Erika
Abba
Claire
Georgia



ARCHERY

Recently **Jack Light** competed at the National Indoor Archery Championships, where he placed in the following events in the Intermediate Men's Category:

- 2nd Clout
- 3rd Matchplay, Team Matchplay (with Sid Spence) and Individual Matchplay

Jack has also had successes at various other regional events, but most impressively he has qualified for the World Indoor Championships which will be held in Wellington later this year. Great stuff Jack and good luck up North.

TE ANAU ENDURO

This year we had nine teams enter our local Enduro event.

- Zac and Josh Pearson teamed up to bike 18 laps in 8 hours winning the Secondary Schools 8-Hour Division.
- Olivia Norris, Jake Tither and Tim Willans completed 9 laps to win the 4-Hour Secondary School Division.



Olivia & Jake
Tither & Tim



Josh & Zac Pearson

MEASLES

There have been two confirmed cases of Measles in the Otago/Southland region, so far.

We can only implore parents and caregivers to ensure that they follow the advice of all health professionals - make sure your child is vaccinated. The early symptoms mirror those of influenza.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Walk on the Kepler Track with DOC

This is your chance to get out into our native bush (even if it's your first time), learn about the natural and cultural history on our doorstep, and meet new people or old friends. **Date:** Saturday 23 March 2019
Time: 9 am to noon **Location:** Rainbow Reach, Kepler Track **Cost:** Gold coin donation

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri	15 Mar	Southland Secondary Athletics - IVC
Sat	16 Mar	SISS Adventure Race - Cromwell
Tue	19 Mar	Individual Triathlon - Yr 11-13 lunchtime
Wed	20 Mar	Individual Triathlon - Yr 9/10 lunchtime - Yr 7/8 lunchtime

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