

No 4

Term 2

24th May 2017

Kia ora koutou/ Hello everyone

There is a lot of sickness around so please keep children home until you are sure that they are fully recovered to try to stop the spread of germs.

We have some exciting school trips planned for next week with two classes away to learn more about our local environment and many of the Year 7 & 8 class off to Dunedin to take part in National Young Leaders Day. The Young Leaders Day is a wonderful opportunity to hear from some inspiring young people who have taken on big challenges and overcome massive obstacles. I am looking forward to seeing what they have lined up for us this year. In the past our students have come back from this event inspired and feeling ready to push themselves outside of their comfort zone.

I am so pleased that the children at Tokanui School are confident in the water and by the time they leave at the end of Year 8, they are capable swimmers. The National statistics for drownings in New Zealand are devastating. We have one of the highest fatal drowning rates in the OECD. In 2016, there were 81 preventable deaths. At the same time the standard of aquatic education in schools is declining according to Water Skills for Life aquatic education. A study recently carried out by the New Zealand Council for Education Research found only around a quarter of schools, provided a minimum acceptable combination of eight or more lessons of 26-30 minutes duration per year. At Tokanui School we run a block of 10, 20 minute sessions every year where children are taught in ability groups by gualified swimming instructors and we get good results. On top of this, teachers take children for some class swimming where they build on confidence and fitness. What really helps our Community is the Swimming Club that reinforces what happens in school time. Thank you to all of the volunteers that help to run the pool and take Swimming Club. To get real results with swimming the children need to keep at it and the Monday nights make a big difference. If you aren't already involved in the Swimming Club, make sure you get your children along to it in term four this year. Being able to swim provides so many opportunities for us in New Zealand where we have the sea on our back door, lots of beautiful lakes and rivers to enjoy. It is also, an excellent form of fitness training that can be used throughout life.

Thank you to those parents that came along to the Home and School AGM on Monday night. A big thank you to Rebecca Weir who has just finished her term as President and we welcome Katrina Templeton to the Chair now. Look out for the next meeting in the newsletter; we have one a term. Come along to get involved in the school. The fundraising done by the Home and School allows your children to attend two awesome Year 7 & 8 camps at no or little cost and it also tops up our

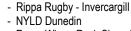
funding from the Ministry and helps us to have a well-resourced place of learning. We need more teams at the Quiz nights so get some mates together and go along on Wednesday nights for a bit of fun, some socialising on those dark, cold winter nights and maybe even win some raffles. Ka pai to wiki Kate Stevenson

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." Phil ficksm

Calendar of Events:

Principal

Friday 26th May Monday 29th May Monday 29th May Wednesday 31st May Monday 29th May Tuesday 30th May Thursday 1st June Friday 2nd June Monday 5th June Tuesday 6th June Tuesday 6 – 8th June - Firewise Friday 9th June Friday 23rd June Friday 30th June Friday 7th July Friday 7th July Monday 24th July



- Room Wha Rock Shore Trip Waipapa Point
- Room Wha Cancellation Date for Rocky Shore Trip Book Bus
 - Room Tahi & Rua Estuary Trip Fortrose
 - Room Tahi & Rua Cancellation Date for Estuary Trip
 - Sausage Sizzle Queens Birthday
 - Winter Hours start

 - Cross Country Woodlands
 - Southland Cross Country
 - Sausage Sizzle
 - Winter Hours end
 - Last Day Term 2
 - First Day Term 3



Class Reports:

Room Tahi: We had Mrs Callahan yesterday teaching us Science which we all really enjoyed. Next week is our trip to Fortrose, please look out for the notice coming home today or tomorrow, if you don't get one please let me know. Room Rua: Remember that we are going on our trip to the Fortrose Estuary next Tuesday the 30th of May. The postponement date is Thursday the 1st of June. A notice is coming home with further details. We had a fun day with Mrs Callahan yesterday learning about why sea water is salty and why it rains when the clouds get too full and heavy.

Room Toru: We are starting to look at how we can improve the quality of the stream. We will spend some time researching options. We are looking forward to NYLD in Dunedin on Monday. The people who are staying at school will be preparing some information for Assembly on Friday about Sustainability.

Room Wha: Good luck to the Year 5/6 Rippa Rugby team on Friday. Reminder: we have our Rocky Shore class trip on Monday. Please make sure you dress up warm with a jacket, hat and gloves, bring a water bottle and lunch. Please wear gumboots or a sturdy pair of gym shoes and bring a change of socks. If this is to be postponed it will be on Facebook on Sunday night.

Room Rima: This week we are focusing persuasive writing about if animals should be kept in Zoos. This has brought up some very interesting discussions in our class.

Southern Zone Cross Country.

Can we please have any trophies returned to school so we can clean them and ensure they are engraved. If the trophy needs engraving please label it clearly with your child's name

The School Enviro Group is selling "worm juice" from our worm farm. We are asking for a donation of \$3 or more for a 2L bottle of worm juice. This juice needs to be diluted down at a ratio of 1:10 and is great on the garden. If you are interested in buying some please contact the School Office or Kate Jarvie kate@tokanui.school.nz. Thanks for your support.

If you have any unwanted Tokanui School hoodies or want to order a new hoodie then please contact Beth 2468 558



Tokanui Home & School Quiz Raffle Roster 31st May Tokanui Junior Rugby 7th June Southern District Arts Trust

Parents:

We require helpers to put journals/readers away. Flexible times. Any help big or small will be appreciated by the Teachers.



Tokanui Home & School new updated telephone lists are now available from School Office- \$10 per list.

Zone Sports News A Facebook Group called 'Southern Zone Schools Sport' has been started; it will have useful information, draws, news and some photos on it.

Entertainment Books have arrived - If you would like to purchase a copy please go here

http://www.entbook.co.nz/9b31766 or please contact Angela on 2468 741 to purchase one through making a bank deposit or chq or cash. Cost \$60

ODD SPOT: Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

All Welcome

Come along and hear from Environment Southland's water quality specialist James Dare about the testing they are doing locally, including in The Reservoir (Watson's Lake) and Waikawa River.

The Land Sustainability team will be there to answer your questions about good management practice on farm and provide an update on the Water and Land process.

Wednesday 31st May 2.00pm, Waikawa Hall.



Fly and Spider Control (locally based) are in your area, treatments for flies, spiders, borer, clusterfies etc for any more information you can ring Glenis on 0800 277 933 or email pestcontrol@thenet.net.nz

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This week's joke: Is this a second-hand shop? Yes Can you fit one to my watch then please.

Fortrose Dinner

Friday 9th June 2017 Fortrose Café & Restaurant – 6.20pm Phone Leigh 2469 546 by 2nd June to book.



 Rugby Jersey Roster

 May 27th
 Paulette Poole

 June 10th
 Carmen Stratford

Tokanui Medical Centre – Phone 2468 850 Doctor Dave: 14th June Abraham



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 Doctor Days:
 14th June – Abraham

 28th June - Abraham

 Flu vaccinations will be available on these days. You don't have to be

Flu vaccinations will be available on these days. You don't have to be enrolled in this practice to have this vaccination at Tokanui. Please contact Balclutha Medical Centre to make an appointment and for repeat prescriptions – (03) 4190 400 Anyone wanting a smear test, contact the Tokanui Medical Centre

Emergencies phone 111 Ambulance, Fire and Police.

The Gibson Group from Wellington are doing the interpretation in the Heritage Building and have asked if anyone has photos taken at Curio Bay Or Porpoise Bay in the last 100 years if they would be prepared to share them if so could you contact Bruce Lamb gaye.bruce@farmside.co.nz or phone him on 2468 402



Curio Bay Christian Fellowship

Sharing the love of Jesus Sunday Service 10.30am All Welcome Ceila & Paul Watson 2468 431

AGM for the Ambulance Society will be held on Monday 29th May 2017 at 7:30pm at Tokanui Fire/Ambulance Station Any apologies please contact Angela 2468 741



Fortrose Café and Restaurant is proud to support NZ Breast Cancer Foundation on Saturday 27th May, 3.00pm, by holding a Pink Ribbon event to fundraise for Breast Cancer Research and to support patients. Our guest speaker is Laura Fahey (nee Callahan), who is keen to share her story with us all.

Tickets: **\$30** with \$5 going towards NZBCF. Tickets can be purchased from Fortrose Café and Restaurant; this includes canapés & a glass of bubbles. There will be a raffle as well as artwork donated by local artists to be auctioned on the day.

Tickets are limited, so get in quickly so you don't miss out. Last day to purchase a ticket if they are available is Wednesday 24th May. Come along for a great afternoon to support New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation. We hope to see you there!



Tokanui Church Service - Sunday 28th May at 10.30am Message - Encounter with Jesus – Zaccheaus - The Man Who Was Vertically Challenged All welcome - Shared lunch to follow.



Project Coordinator - Part Time Catlins Coast Inc requires an 80 hr per month

fixed term contractor to help deliver the Catlins Community Tourism Strategy implementation plan and other tasks as per our Aims and Objectives. This will require working with our committee, stakeholders and the community.

Candidates need exceptional organisational and communication skills and would ideally have a good knowledge of The Catlins. For more info and or job description phone Bobbi Brown 03 2111 411 or email bobbi@venturesouthland.co.nz Applications close 1st June 2017



SBHS - Coldstream Hostel Information Evening Thursday 25th May, 7.00pm Fortrose Café & Restaurant Come and meet staff & students for an informative evening.

Pilates in Tokanui Hall Wednesdays, 9.30am

Scientifically designed to tone you up and stretch you out. If you're stiff and have a sore back or knee, then save yourself a trip to town: Try my Pilates first! brucethomson@btpilates.co.nz





Tokanui Outdoor Bowling Club AGM 29th May 2017 - 7:30pm at Clubrooms

Toi Tois Lions Hay and Baleage Competition



We are once again holding our annual Hay & Baleage competition/auction on Friday 14th July 2017 @ Tokanui Tavern Car Park. Should we be fortunate enough to enjoy your continuing support, beneficiaries this year will be Stem Cell Research, Tokanui Hall, Waipohatu Walking Track. It is only with yours and our generous sponsors, that we are able to continue this Community support. Last year we distributed \$30,000 to our extended Community from this fundraising event.

We welcome entries for baleage, wholecrop baleage, round bales of hay and conventional bales (10). You will be contacted by a Lion for donations, but, if for any reason you do not get a call, please contact any Lions Member or Ernie 0274 437 643 & leave a message.

Tokanui Junior Rugby draw – Games at Tokanui

10:30 RippaTitiroa Transport Tokanui Vs Kracker Jacs On TheSpot Pirates Old-Boys BlackGround 1A10:30 U8Tokanui Bistro Tokanui Vs McIntyre Dick andPartners WaikiwiGround 1B10:30 U9Borlase Dipping Tokanui Vs BluffGround 2AGround 2A10:30 U10Callahan's Transport Tokanui Vs CollegiateNewfield AutoGround 2B

CANTEEN DUTY: Georgette Karamaena, Missy MacRae, Tina Thomson, Shirley Munro

Tokanui Rugby Club

The Seniors play Blues (Snr B) at 3.00pm on Saturday. Get along and support the team please, we are still in need of players if there are any keen out there and they need your support.

Next week they have the Bye (Queens Birthday weekend), Then it is back home again on 10th June vs Ohai/Nightcaps.

Kapa haka making poi



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