



Term 3 No 6 30th August 2017

Tena koutou katoa/Hello everyone

Our Maths afternoon on Tuesday was successful as a vehicle to help Caregivers to understand some of the strategies that are taught throughout the school. We wanted to show the progress as children moved up through the levels and to teach parents some of the terminology and ways that we teach concepts that may be different to when they were at school. It was interesting, from a teachers perspective to find that parents didn't realise that children are taught at the level they are at. This means that there is not whole class teaching where children have to do what is expected at their age no matter what they are ready for; children are grouped and taught at the level they are at, no matter what class they are in. It is to be expected that we are all at different stages in our learning; we haven't all had the same experiences that help our understandings and it is normal for children to progress at different rates. We notice that children will have times when they steam ahead and then they might plateau for a while; much like how they grow physically where we notice growth spurts. While the teachers demonstrated strategies from a stage that they teach in their class, they normally teach from at least three stages to cater for all of the children's needs. If you want to take home some Maths games like the ones demonstrated, call in at the Office and you can borrow some.

Meal time! Talk time! Did you know that eating a meal together as a family with the television turned off is incredibly important in terms of healthy eating and being mindful of what you are doing? Did you also know that the simple act of sharing a meal can improve your children's vocabulary? Family therapist Anne Fishel says researchers have found that for young children, conversations at the dinner table boost vocabulary even more than being read to. Researchers counted the number of "rare words" – those not found on a list of 3000 most common words – that the family used during dinnertime chats. It may seem odd, especially if you feel like the only things you say during dinnertime are, "Sit down!" and "Pass me the salt, please", but young children learned 1000 rare words at the dinner table, compared with only 143 from parents reading aloud from a book. Vocabulary is important with helping children to read. Children who have a large vocabulary read earlier and more easily. Reading to children is still important though.

Congratulations to Zoe Stratford who has been selected to play hockey for Invercargill. Good luck with this competition, Zoe and well done in your first season of hockey; I know that you and Manea have really enjoyed playing with Woodlands. I hope that many of you can come along at lunchtime on Thursday to hear **John Parsons** talking about how to build digital citizenship and keep our children **cyber safe**. Come along at lunchtime and help yourself to a **cup of soup** and savoury while you are enlightened from John.

Ka pai to wiki
Kate Stevenson
Principal

"Your child learns speech, language and social skills from interacting with real people; not from an app or TV show." Anon

Calendar of Events:

- Thursday 31st August - Cyber Safety – John Parsons
- Friday 1st September - Sausage Sizzle
- Tuesday 5th September - Speech Area Finals
- Friday 8th September - Room Rua Assembly
- Monday 18th September - Book Bus
- Tuesday 19th September – BOT Meeting
- Thursday 21st September – School Photos
- Friday 22nd September - Room Rima Assembly
- Tuesday 26th September - School Production Dress Rehearsal – 1.00pm
- Wednesday 27th September – School Production – 7.00pm
- Friday 29th September - Last Day Term 3

Class Reports:

Room Tahi: are working hard on their reading, writing and maths with Mrs Callahan. Welcome to Jaxson and Harrison McCleery who joined our room on Monday.

Room Rua: Thanks to all of the parents who came to the Maths afternoon yesterday. We hope that it was valuable for you to see how maths runs across the school. Remember to keep up the Mad Maths basic facts practise at home.

Room Rima: We are writing character description around the "Three Billy Goats Gruff." Then we are going to turn the descriptions into an I-movie.

Room Wha: Yesterday we baked chocolate cakes in small groups and got to ice them as part of our writing as we are looking at recipes. We worked out how many pieces to cut them into and we shared them with staff members. We think we are amazing bakers as they were delicious. (So do the staff)

We have just signed up as a drop off location for Terracycle. We will collect your old Colgate products and send them away to be recycled. This includes toothpaste boxes, empty toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, packaging for toothbrushes and empty floss containers.

Send them to school with your child or drop them at the School Office. Please remove any excess product before you send them to school. Thanks for your support.

If you have an orange school vest or spare yellow high vis vest, please return them to School.



If you have any unwanted Tokanui School hoodies or want to order a second hand hoodie (\$10) then please contact Beth 2468 558



Tokanui Home & School new updated telephone lists are now available from the 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.

ODD SPOT: Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis collected beer cans



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Tokanui Medical Centre – Phone 2468 850

Doctor Days: Wednesday 13th September – Abraham
Wednesday 27th September - Abraham

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

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John Toole 027 2237037 or 03 2064 540

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This week's joke: A teenage girl had been talking on the phone for about half an hour, and then she hung up.
 "Wow!," said her father, "That was short. You usually talk for two hours. What happened?"
 "Wrong number," replied the girl.

"Faulty Towers"

Saturday 2nd September

Owaka DKCM are bringing this uproarious night to Owaka with funds going to the local swimming pool.

\$65, three course meal, entertainment then dancing.

Bar available, raffles and auction. R18

Contact Sally Kerr 03 4158 724 or 027 3665 524

WYNDHAM ATHLETIC CLUB AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Wyndham Athletic Club will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 7th September 2017 at the Pioneer Tavern, Edendale. All parents of children interested in coming along to Athletics this summer are encouraged to come along. Apologies to Jane Muir 03 2066334



ICE-WORLD

Ice Fest southland

The Ice World pop-up Ice Rink is coming to Invercargill for Ice Fest Southland. Located in Gala Street Reserve from 23rd September until 15th September.

Open 9.00am to 9.00pm daily (10.00pm Fridays and Saturdays).



Fitness Time



"Hot Topics in New Zealand Forage"

With spring now upon us, it's time to start thinking about re-grassing and cropping options and how to maximise profitability.

Farlands would like to welcome you to an afternoon of presentations and discussions from industry experts Allister Moorhead from Agricom on forage options and their fit into various farming systems and Jason Gray from Infield Group on Livestock nutritional requirements.

**Join us for a bite of lunch with presentations to follow
 Tokanui Tavern -13th September
 12pm – 2.30pm**



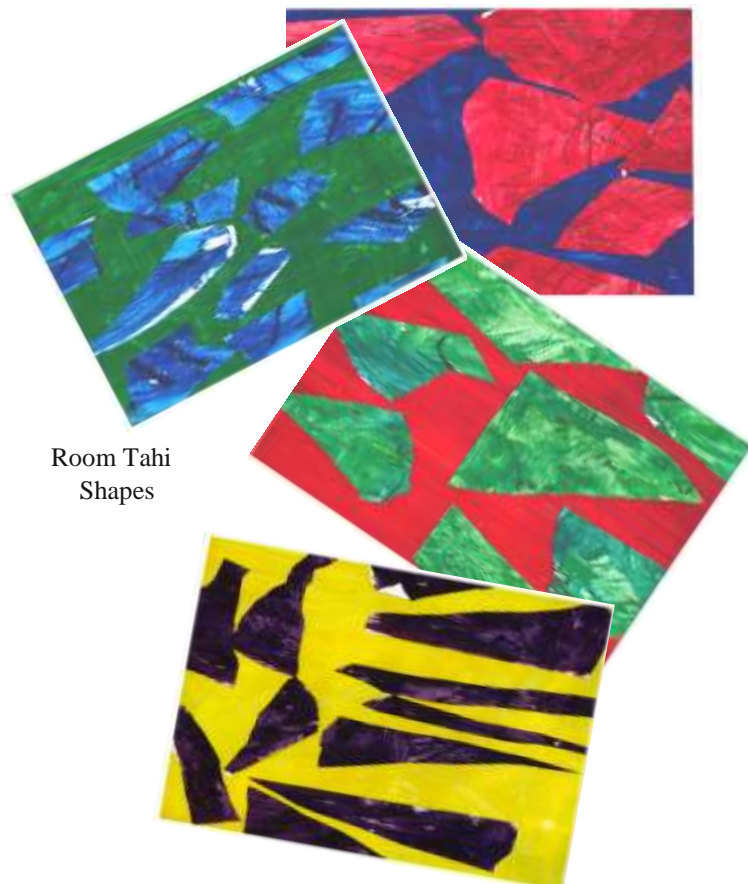
Allister Moorhead – Agricom

After leaving Lincoln in the early 90's with a Masters in Ag Science in focusing on plant science I started career associated with product development and extension that has encompassed all of NZ, temperate farming in Australia and South America. Now based in Canterbury involved in R&D and product development role. Highlights for me included the continue development of Agricom's plantain's from what was thought to be just a weed species to the acceptance of our genetics as a forage plant to a potential environment tool. Being part of the release and successfully commercialisation of AR37 endophyte, and developing the path for such trusted brands as One50 Perennial ryegrass and Relish Red clover.

Jason Gray – Infield Group

For the past 20+ years, I've been involved in the Rural Agricultural Service industry, firstly in Merchant Retail then Veterinary Retail followed by 8 years in a Technical Sales Role for a multinational animal health company specialising in anthelmintic, ectoparasites and vaccines. In recent years an opportunity presented itself to be involved in a NZ owned nutritional company Infield Group in a business development role along with ownership within the company.

Contact Brad Downey from Farlands on 027 652 5546 for more info.



Room Tahī
 Shapes

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