



Kia ora tatou

Congratulations to our Enviroschools leaders that shared with Whanau the journey that we have been on at Tokanui School over the last three years, developing as an Enviro School. They have well and truly earned the Bronze Award and our certificate is proudly displayed in the Office area. Come along to our Break Up and see us get presented with our big sign that will show everyone who visits us that we are an Enviro School. Next year we will continue our journey and we aim to achieve our Silver Award.

The children are continuing to work hard as they near the end of the year. The three senior classes are all inquiring about famous New Zealanders and will be writing letters as part of this project. As we get close to the end of the year, our Year 8's will have mixed feelings about leaving what is known and safe to moving into the unknown with excitement and trepidation. We are confident that we have prepared well rounded young people who show respect to others and know how to organise themselves and their learning.

The Board and Teachers are currently looking at what we consider is important to be a Tokanui School graduate and considering this for our strategic plan. Our values are the cornerstone of this document. We also think that being a good leader and good at being lead is important; honesty and being responsible are too, along with being an advocate for the environment. The teachers also felt that being a team player is important, being culturally aware and accepting of differences and being an effective communicator including being able to speak to and write for an audience. Something that the children do very well here and that we really do value is the way that they help each other, in particular, the way that the older children support and help the younger ones. We will be looking for input from you early next year to help us put together our strategic plan.

Be aware that Chickenpox are around. Children need to be kept home and rest until the spots are dried up.

Ka pai to wiki  
Kate Stevenson  
Principal



### Calendar of Events:

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Menzies College New Entrant Day
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Assembly Room Rua presenting – 2.20pm
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Year 7 & 8 Rugby Tournament
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November- Sausage Sizzle
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Assembly Room Rima presenting – 2.20pm
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December- Tough Kids Competition
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Final Assembly
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Book Bus
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 8 Dinner
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Breakup – 7.00pm
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day School

### Below are the dates for our zone events for 2018.

- Athletics:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, postponement date Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Run by Gorge Road/HMB.
- Swimming:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March (Easter Weekend). Held at Gorge Road School, run by Myross Bush.
- Cross Country:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June, no postponement date. If the weather bad Juniors will not attend, only Seniors who can qualify for Southland's.

Held at Woodlands Research Centre, run by Woodlands.

**Moffett Cup:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Held at Pirates Old Boys Rugby Ground and ILT Stadium Southland, run by Ascot.

**Football Tournament:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Tbc - run by Tokanui.

### Class Reports:

**Room Tahi:** We have been writing our Santa letters this week and enjoying Swimming with the nice weather.

**Room Rua:** This week we have been busy writing our letters to Santa asking very nicely for some Christmas gifts. We are also learning about o'clock and half past times. Please remember our swimming days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**Room Toru:** Last day of Technology today. The Seniors have enjoyed learning new skills up at Menzies.

**Room Wha:** This week for reading we have been busy researching famous New Zealanders. Students have been using good research skills to find out, sort and display information about their famous New Zealander.

On Thursday Room Wha are heading down to the Tokanui Stream to release our Salmon. Thank you to the parents who are coming down and helping us release them. By Kate Wilson

**Room Rima:** We are looking into money and how we spend our money. Check out Seesaw for our results. Could Room Rima please have flyers to help with our Maths Unit?

We have 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 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** The Facebook Group called 'Southern Zone Schools Sport' has useful information, draws, news and some photos on it for those in Zone teams.

### Toe Toes Pool is now open.

Season keys can be purchased at the School Office for \$70 (season runs until April 2018) or casual swim keys available from the Tokanui Food Centre.

### VESTS

*If you have any orange or spare school vests, we would appreciate them being returned as soon as possible.*

### Library Books

The Library is closing this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November for stock take. Could you please ensure all books are returned before this day.

Found one pair of black adult 'Speedo' togs  
Please ask at School Office.

**ODD SPOT:** No piece of paper can be folded in half more than 7 times.

**First Aid:** A First Aid Revalidation Course has been booked with the Red Cross for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. If you are interested, please let us know. This course will be half theory on line (4 hours) and half practical to be held at School (4 hours).

### Tokanui Medical Centre – Phone 2468 850

Doctor Days – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Abraham  
(please note: only one Doctor Day in December)



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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Sunday Service 10.30am

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Ceilia & Paul Watson 2468 431



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Wanted – Large Child's Playhouse

Please send a photo and price to Tony on 027 311 9564

The Annual General Meeting of the Waikawa Cemetery Trust will be held in the Waikawa Hall on Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm.

All welcome. Apologies to Mereze Yorke 2468 884

### 'Cavalcade Line Dancing'

Thursdays at 7.00 pm, Fortrose Hall. Gold coin donation. No experience or talent necessary. We'll soon be the best self-taught, YouTube inspired rabble of line dancers around.

All welcome. Come and feel the joy of 'boot scootin' boogie.

Ph 027 2289 747



The **Tokanui Church Service** will be held on

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 10.30 am

Message: The Potter's Hands

A warm welcome to all and a shared lunch to follow.

Any adults interested in swimming lessons contact Moira 2468 707. Group sessions or one on one.



GRAND OPENING

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

7PM

(and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am-4pm)

Come and join us for a glass of bubbles and Generally Fab Stuff!

**This week's joke:** Which vegetable goes best with jacket potatoes?

Button mushrooms.

### Lower Mataura River Catchment Group

During the election we have all seen that the environment is an issue to all New Zealanders. Farmers have been singled out as a major contributor. Dr Clint Rissmann is an Adjunct Senior Fellow of the University of Canterbury/Lincoln University and Director of Lands and Water Science Ltd and specialises in environmental forensics. Dr Rissmann says "I'm really just interested in understanding how natural systems tick and how to derive the best value out of matching our understanding to real world/applied solutions and better outcomes for people and the environment. The two are not mutually exclusive despite popular opinion".

This is a great chance to come and learn from an expert in their field, voice any concerns and at the very least socialise with local farmers with similar issues.

**Gorge Road Country Club,**

**Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.**

**Guest Speaker: Dr Clint Rissmann**

Come and join us for an informal discussion, questions and answers

All welcome, enquires: Mark Hamill 027 2395 021

Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon

Dunedin 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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**Wanted** - Decoy Magpie

Phone Ian or Janette on (03) 2469 557 or 027 2469 557.

### The Southern District Spinners' Group

is celebrating over 50 years of craft evenings and to mark the occasion we are planning lunch at Fortrose Café.

Date: Monday 27th November 2017 Time: 1pm

Price: \$18-\$25 from the menu

Or just pop in and chat between 11.00am & 3.00pm.

Display of crafts and there will be a spinning wheel in action to have a go.

RSVP very soon to:

Jane 03 2469 816 [maccraske@farmside.co.nz](mailto:maccraske@farmside.co.nz)

Janette 03 2468 499 [thickthorne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:thickthorne@xtra.co.nz)

We look forward to seeing you!

For any enquiries, contact one of the above.



### The Wyndham A & P Show is on Saturday 2nd December 2017

The Flower Show Schedules can be found at the Local Shops or you can go online to <http://showday.online/>.

There is a Colouring Poster for Children. Four sections - preschool to 13yrs. All entries receive a Prize.

Children's section 5yrs - 7yrs, 8yrs - 10yrs, 11yrs - 13yrs.

Junior Baking and Microwave Cooking (U 17yrs)

All Children's entries are Free

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For more information contact:

Julie Clarke 027 4454 719 or Bev Howe 03 2064 947



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