



Tena koutou katoa,

In just over a week the children will be starting their Christmas holidays. It looks like it will be a summer for enjoying the beaches.

Our final Assembly will be on Friday the 8th December. We will be farewelling Kate Jarvie, so we would love your support at this event.

On Tuesday the 12th December we have the Year 8 dinner. This is a special event for our seniors as they graduate to High School. I am looking forward to seeing them dressed up and listening to their speeches.

Our final Break up is on Thursday evening starting at 7pm. We will be handed over the Enviro Schools Bronze award signage from Environment Southland. All of the classes will be presenting a movie and the Year 8's will be given their Graduation Certificates and Excellence Awards. I look forward to seeing many of you at this event.

We have had some very good success with the golf again this year. Our golfers made it through the first round and then went on to a Southland Competition held at Drummond last week. Hazel Cowie and Flynn Callahan were in a team with two Myross Bush students and they won the novice section. Noah Stratford, Ryley MacRae, Awatea Smith and Jorja Callahan came third overall. Well done to these students and thank you to Rata Smith for your expertise coaching them.

Miss Van den Beld is on a winning streak; her students have evidently won a Media Mash spot prize with their movie entry, and they have also won some oral health prizes from another competition.

Today the Year 8 students are away at the Tough Kids Competition. This will be a fun team building day out for them to celebrate the end of their primary school years. Last year it was put off due to the weather.

Ka pai to wiki
Kate Stevenson
Principal

"Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort". Franklin D. Roosevelt

Calendar of Events:

Thursday 7th December – Last day for Bible in Schools

Friday 8th December - Final Assembly

Monday 11th December - Book Bus

Tuesday 12th December – Year 8 Dinner

Thursday 14th December – Breakup – 7.00pm

Thursday 14th December – Last Day School

Thursday 1st February – First Day 2018

Below are the dates for our Zone events for 2018.

Athletics: Friday 16th March, postponement date Monday 19th March. Run by Gorge Road/HMB.

Swimming: Thursday 29th March (Easter Weekend). Held at Gorge Road School, run by Myross Bush.

Cross Country: Friday 8th June, no postponement date. If the weather is bad Juniors will not attend, only Seniors who can qualify for Southland's. Held at Woodlands Research Centre, run by Woodlands.

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

Football Tournament: Friday 9th November - Tbc - run by Tokanui.

Class Reports:

Room Tahī: We are busy making our special Presentation for the end of year concert. We have Carter Wright on visits at the moment.

Room Rua: This week we are learning about position and orientation. We are learning to use words to describe the position of objects and learning to give and follow instructions that involve distance and direction. We have been busy writing descriptions about Komodo dragons.

Room Toru: Hopefully the Year 8's are enjoying a fabulous fun day at the Mitre 10 Mega Tough Kids today.

We will be having our Secret Santa and shared lunch on Thursday 14th December.

Room Wha: We are currently learning about how to write letters and are writing one for Erin to thank her for the work she has done with us in regards to the



salmon. Reminders: our last day for swimming will be Monday; we have our shared lunch on Tuesday and will be doing our Secret Santa on Thursday.

Room Rima: are busy collecting goods for the Food Bank. We are very grateful for everything that has come in.

Kia Ora Tokanui School Community

No doubt you are aware Alastair Crosbie is selling his school bus operation to McDermott Coachlines in December and we will be your school bus operator from the start of Term One, 2018.

Who is McDermott Coachlines? We are a family owned company who have been in school bus transport for the past 49 years. Grayam and Marian McDermott started McDermott Coachlines and their children, Alister McDermott, Nicola Wilson and Christopher McDermott are the current managers. Currently we operate school routes for Invercargill and Central Southland schools.

We met with your Principal last week and we were very impressed with your friendly school and wonderful surroundings.

Should anyone have a burning desire to be a school bus driver feel free to contact our Invercargill depot on 03 218-2419 and ask for Kelli our HR Manager. We understand a couple of your current drivers are retiring at the end of the year.

We wish Alastair Crosbie all the best for his future endeavours and we know he will be sorely missed by the Tokanui School and wider community.

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and look forward to meeting you in the New Year.

McDermott Coachlines Management



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.

Tokanui School Sport T-Shirts.

Can everyone please return their school t-shirts (clean, washed & dried) back to school this week.



Please ensure you pop them in a bag and include your child's name/s on the outside of the bag as this helps greatly to sort them out and work out which are missing.

Lost, misplaced or very damaged t-shirts may be charged for as these are a huge cost to Home & School at approx \$35 per top to replace them.

Men Only!!!

Thirsty Thursday Christmas Shopping Event ...

Drink while ya think...let us help you fill the Mrs' stocking without the trip to town!

Thursday 7th December, 7.00pm-9.00pm

The first beer is on us!

Small Prophet & Co, 14 McEwan Street. Let's keep it local.



Book Bus - Please note the Book Bus will be at Fortrose Picnic Area 3.00pm-4.00pm on the 15th December.

ODD SPOT: A body temperature of over 42 degrees is fatal.

The South Catlins Charitable Trust are holding an Open Day at the new Tuma Toka Curioscape Visitor Centre on Saturday, December 16th between 11.00am and 2.00pm

We welcome the local community to come to see our new building and other changes at Curio Bay. Meet our business partners and operators of the new enterprise, James, Angela and Richie.

Tokanui Medical Centre – Phone 2468 850

Doctor Days – Wednesday 13th 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

Anyone wanting a smear test, contact the Tokanui Medical Centre. Emergencies phone 111 Ambulance, Fire and Police.



Curio Bay Christian Fellowship

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Sunday Service 10.30am

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Tokanui Choir

Sharing our Christmas Songs this Season

Tuesday 19th December

Fortrose Cafe & Restaurant : 10.00am

Curio Bay Visitors Centre : 12.00pm

Niagara Falls Cafe : 1.00pm

Southern District Arts Trust

for more information contact

Anette (03)2468 497



Tokanui Golf Club

Twilight Golf - Wednesdays 6.00pm. All Welcome

Saturdays Results:

Medal Round: J. Blair 62, S. Earwaker 65.

Birdies: R. Smith

Ravensdown Nearest the Pin: S. Earwaker

Twos: J. Blair, S. Ferguson



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BIG DIG - Wednesday 27th December

Sand Modelling from 1.00pm

Big Dig 3.00pm



Otara Anglican Church Service,

Sunday 10th December beginning at 2.00pm.

Afternoon tea to follow. All welcome. No church service in January.

Contact - Barbara Morrison 2468 403

This week's joke: Mother: Keep that dog out of the house, it's full of fleas.

Son: Keep out of the house Fido, it's full of fleas.



We will be delivering Christmas Boxes around the area on Wednesday 13th December. Please have any contributions to Jenny Wilson's home by 12.00pm on the above date.



Anyone interested in spraying the Fortrose Cemetery.

Please contact Ann 2469 506 or 021 396 195

DO YOU LOVE SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Join us on Sunday, 24th December at 10.30am at the Tokanui Church to sing and celebrate the **Reason for the Season!**

Morning Tea to follow. All welcome.

Tokanui Church Service January 2018

The service will be held on Sunday, 28th at 10.30am

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Christmas kai ideas

- ♥ Fruit Santas – on toothpicks or with strawberries and yoghurt
- ♥ Christmas trees made of pita bread, avocado and capsicum
- ♥ Fruit and vegetable Christmas trees and platters
- ♥ Frozen smoothie popsicles

Christmas themed activities

- ♥ Paint pine cones as gifts for whānau, using red, green & metallic paint
- ♥ Play musical chairs to Christmas music
- ♥ Play 'Santa says'
- ♥ Have a nature treasure hunt – searching for flowers, vegetables, stones, sticks etc.

For more ideas see our healthy celebrations book at learnbyheart.org.nz/resources

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