



Tena koutou katoa

Welcome to the start of the school year and the first rain! We have eased in to the start of the year with short weeks. Next week our Year 7 & 8 students will be off to camp at Cromwell. With kayaking, sailing, swimming in the lake, biking and other outdoor activities in store we hope that the weather plays fair!

The builders have been working hard to get our new classroom built over the last month and it is really starting to take shape now. We hope to have it up and running for Term two. The two junior classes will be operating out of the new room in the mornings and it will be the Home Room for the New Entrants.

We had some very exciting news in the holidays when Van Coley had his letter to the Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, answered. What was most interesting about this was that he gave it to someone that he knew to see if they could pass it on to someone that might get it closer to the end recipient. He was one of 18 students across the country to get his letter to the Prime Minister with it passing through a maximum of five hands. Van was even mentioned in the Guardian, for "sending the furthest letter travelling more than 1,000km to Parliament House in Wellington from Tokanui at the bottom of the South Island and home to less than 200 people." Other students sent letters to someone of their choosing and Anna McMullen received a reply from Jenny Mitchell.

We welcome Stacey McKenzie to our staff. She is teaching the Year 1 and 2 children. Raewyn Stronach is taking learning support this year and will mostly be based in the Rainbow Room. Tina McWilliam is providing learning support in the year 5 and 6 class with Miss Cahill, during the mornings. We have had a swap around in the Office with Marylyn Hayes working in the Office as our school secretary/receptionist and Patricia Poole is looking after books with responsibility for the Library and managing all of the reading resources.

Welcome to the new students at the start of the year, Aliya and Manaia Hakaraia who live at Curio Bay and our new entrant, Carter Wright. We are so pleased to have you here and wish you many happy school days.

Have a great week.

Ka pai to wiki
Kate Stevenson
Principal

"When you are grateful, fear disappears and abundance appears." Anthony Robbins.

Calendar of Events:

- Friday 9th February - Team Kowhai (1) Assembly
- Monday 12th- 16th February - Year 7 & Camp Cromwell
- Thursday 15th February - Steel visit
- Friday 16th February - Team Whero (2) Assembly
- Monday 19th February - Home & School Meeting. 7.30pm
- Thursday 22nd February - Bible in schools start – 2.20pm
- Friday 23rd February - Team Kakariki (5) Assembly
- Monday 26th February – 6th March - Swimsafe

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:

Team Kowhai: We welcome Carter to our class this term. We are busy going over our school values and painting self-portraits.

Team Whero: This week we have all been getting to know each other, and our new teacher Miss McKenzie. We are drawing self-portraits that we are going to be displayed in our new class Whero.

Team Kakariki: Welcome back to school. It has been great getting to know the students in my class. Please ensure students are bringing togs for swimming on Monday and Wednesdays.

Team Karaka: It is great to be back. We are in full swing with our learning and excited about our sustainability.

Team Papura: is getting into work quickly. We are preparing ourselves for camp next week by learning a bit about the history of Cromwell and gold mining. We are using Banqer this year to improve our financial literacy. Team Papura's swimming days are Monday and Thursday. Our library day is Monday.

Camp Reminder - please have all non-perishable food and items to school by Friday.

Each child also needs to take two named tea towels as part of their camp gear.

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.

If you wish to subscribe to our online newsletter, please go to tokanui.school.nz; what's on; newsletter and subscribe.

Book Club

Please have all book orders in before 16th February.



Change of Address for newsletter advertisements

patricia@tokanui.school.nz

Advertisements cost \$5 each and to be at School Office or above address by 12 noon on the Tuesday.

Join us at our school picnic on Thursday 8th February at 5.00pm. Hear from classroom teachers about their programme and visit your child's class and have your input into our Strategic Plan. Followed by a picnic tea. Bring your own picnic – BBQ provided.

Tokanui Home and School meeting: Monday 19th February at 7.30pm in the Library (slightly late due to Waitangi Day and camp). All welcome. All school families belong to Home and School. Home and School exists to support our Tokanui children (e.g. fundraising to provide access to trips/ visits, providing extra resources and encouraging collaboration between home and school). Come along to find out more!

Tokanui Home and School Super Rugby Sweepstake 2018

It is that time of the year again for the Tokanui Home and School 2018 Super Rugby competition proudly supported by VETCO. This is a really cheap way of supporting the Tokanui Home and School, it is only \$5 to enter and is 19 weeks of fun and competition. We will be sending out the entry form to each household with children at the school to make sure everyone gets the opportunity to enter. If you wish to enter but did not receive a form please contact Nicola (027 406 5204) or Cala (027 374 6101). All entries must be in by 4pm Friday 16th February 2018. We thank you in advance for your support of the Tokanui Home and School.

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All year 8 students will be given a consent form to take home which includes detailed information about the immunisation. Please complete the consent form, either consenting or declining to the school based immunisation programme, and return the form to school before Friday February 16th.

For more information:

- www.health.govt.nz/hpv
- contact the HPV Immunisation Team at WellSouth (03)214 6436, 0800 800 249 or hpv@wellsouth.org.nz

Tokanui Medical Centre – Phone 2468 850

Doctor Days –Wednesday 14th February – Abraham
Wednesday 28th February – 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

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



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Sunday Service 10.30am

All Welcome

Celia & Paul Watson 2468 431



A huge thank you to everyone that helped with Mud Mania in November last year. We could not have done it without you. You all helped us have an amazing day and loads of fun, you also helped us raise \$3262.96 for Waimahaka / Tokanui Plunket along with the Tokanui School Pool. (\$1631.48 each) look forward to seeing you all again this year. Cheers from Darlene McCabe, Dee McKenzie, Emma Anderson and Kristie & Logan Simpson

AQUAROBICS 2018

Time to dust off the swimsuit again!

This season will start on MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY at GORGE ROAD SWIMMING POOL 9.15am -10-15am for 8 weeks Cost thanks to Rural Women NZ for sponsoring the tutors expenses. This makes the classes FREE for current key holders \$4.00 per class for casual uses (03)239 5744

Pilates – Tokanui Hall

Wednesdays 9.30am

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Tokanui Golf

Monthly Medal Rodd McCleery 99-36-63

Putting Steve Ferguson 28

Ravensdown N T Pin Murray Peter

Sat 10th Roger Golden Memorial Tee off 1.00pm

Pot luck tea to follow.



Odd Spot: A body temperature of over 42 degrees is fatal

Otara Anglican Church Service

Sunday 11th February, 2pm. Afternoon tea to follow. All welcome. Any inquiries phone Barbara Morrison 2468 403.

This week's joke: What did the traffic light say to the motorist?

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