



Kia ora koutou/hello everyone,

What a pleasure it was to be a part of the senior camp in Cromwell last week. A lovely group of students and wonderful parent support. The students were up for the challenges and managed themselves very well over the week. Camp is not only about trying new things and challenging yourself but an opportunity to bond as a team. The teachers learn a lot about their students during a camp and even I did during the two days that I was there. Everybody completed the rail trail in very hot conditions, their skits were very funny and they all know how to wash dishes! Well done to Sue Poole who once again has organised an awesome week of learning. The Government is proposing to change the cohort entry policy so that children can start school with a group of children only after they have turned five. They wish to consult with the public prior to changing the law: Once a term at the start of the term; or twice a term at the start of the term and at the term mid-point. The consultation also seeks views on whether schools should be able to adopt either of these options, instead of only having one option in legislation. If you wish to share your views, you can find out more about the options and how to make a submission by going to education.govt.nz and looking under parents, cohort consultation. Consultation closes on 19th March.

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the surveys that we had at the picnic tea and swimming club last week. You showed support for the values that the staff felt were important to our children and within that, three stood out: Show courtesy and respect, be honest and the third one was, work hard and show resilience. These values will be reflected in our strategic plan.

The swimming pool has been very popular this summer with the excellent weather. Please always treat the pool with respect. We are very lucky to have this facility in times when many schools are closing pools due to the cost of running them. The life buoy is there for emergencies and safety only. It is not there to play with. Please leave it hanging in the appropriate place. Thank you to all of you who have given volunteer time to maintain the pool over the summer. We are looking forward to the Swim Safe programme that will start next week. Please send togs daily. This programme will change a little this year. It will be based on safety in the water more than the learning to swim. This is part of a National move to try to reduce the number of drownings in New Zealand each year.

When I was in Team Kakariki (Miss Van den Beld), on Monday, I was so pleased to see plenty of fruit and vegetables for the children to eat at Brain break during the morning. It is a long time until morning tea from when the children got on the bus in the morning, so something nutritious to snack on around 10am helps them to get through the morning. Children need good food for growth and development and to function well every day. Nutritious food helps them to concentrate and learn better. Sugary foods give short highs and then they feel tired or hungry again. Highly processed foods don't have nutritional value and make them sluggish. We only allow water and plain milk as drink options at school. Children are welcome to bring a water bottle to school to have in the classroom. The Public Health Nurse has a range of resources available to assist you with meeting your child's nutritional needs. You can contact the Public Health Nurse via our school office or contact their head office on: 02 211 0012

At the start of the year we update our records so could you please let Marylyn at the Office know of any changes to contact phone numbers, emergency contacts, address changes, custody arrangements or health issues.

Have a great week/ Tino pai to wiki,
Kate Stevenson
Principal

"The positive thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible." Winston Churchill

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.

Calendar of Events:

Thursday 22 nd February	- Bible in schools start – 2.20pm
Friday 23 rd February	- Team Kakariki (5) Assembly
Monday 26 th February	- 6 th March – Swimsafe
Monday 26 th February	- Goal Setting Conferences (School closes at 12.30pm)
Tuesday 27 th February	- Goal Setting Conferences
Thursday 1 st March	- Art Exhibition Trip – Team Kakariki, Karaka, Papura
Tuesday 20 th March	- Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 23 rd March	- Southern Zone Athletics – Invercargill
Tuesday 27 th March	- Southern Zone Athletics Postponement date
Thursday 29 th March	- Southern Zone Swimming Sports
Friday 30 th March	- Good Friday

Below are the dates for our Zone events for 2018.

Athletics: Friday 23rd March, postponement date Monday 27th March. Run by Gorge Road/HMB.

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

Cross Country: Friday 22nd 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 (1) Miss T: We are busy this week getting our recycling project up and running. We will be explaining it in Assembly on Friday and information will go home next week. Remember to check your child's homework book for the new seesaw code for this year.

Team Whero (2) Miss McKenzie: This week our shared book is Jack and the Beanstalk. We are creating a big display of Jack and the Beanstalk in our class with Team Kowhai. We are also writing our own stories using the keywords from our shared book that we are going to make into a book for our class.

Team Karaka (3) Miss Cahill: We are in urgent need of these items for our worm farm: Horse manure (that hasn't been wormed recently); bulky compost with sticks etc; Newspaper; food scraps.

Please contact me if you can provide any of these items.

Team Papura: (4) Mrs Poole: had a fabulous time at camp in Cromwell. We had fabulous parents and the weather was amazing. We were going to share our camp experiences with our families on Friday. However, this will not happen as we have a large number of children at the Southland Secondary Schools Triathlon that day. Reminder - we are using Class Dojo to share our learning and work this year. The camp photos can be accessed here and the children have put work on from camp.

Team Kakariki (5) Miss V: We will be starting athletics training next week and Swim Safe is also on. We are looking forward to sharing in Assembly this week.

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.

School Accounts:

Many Stationery and Sports Accounts from 2017 are still outstanding, it would be greatly appreciated if these could be paid asap. Any concerns please phone the School Office.

Home & School Fundraiser

Royal Gala Apples - \$8 per 5kg bag

Orders to any school parent or School Office (2468 738) by Friday February 23rd delivered Wednesday 7th March .



Odd Spot: A cat keeps purring when inhaling and exhaling.

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Tokanui Swimming Club
 Club fees, \$35 per child per season.
 New swimmers to pay \$15 for a half season.
 Pay; Tokanui Swimming Club
 031355 0567385 00. (Child's name as reference)

A reminder for outstanding fees for swimmers.
 Enquires to Pip Blair 2468453

Tokanui Medical Centre – Phone 2468 850

Doctor Days - 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.



Curio Bay Christian Fellowship

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 Sunday Service 10.30am
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 Ceilia & Paul Watson 2468 431

Tokanui Rugby Club – Prime Lamb competition
 Our annual Prime lamb competition will competition will be held on Friday 2nd March.
 Sections – Prime Lamb, Prime pair of lambs, Heaviest Lamb.

Tokanui Fire Brigade Water Slide
 Our Christmas waterslide was a washout!
 Next try **Saturday 24th February** 3.00pm
 in Boyd Manson's paddock behind Hall.
 Open to public for a gold coin donation
 Proceeds to pool roofing committee.
 Cancellation on Facebook.
 Postponement date Saturday 3rd March



Edge of the World

13th Annual Arts Exhibition
 24th Feb – 4th March 2018
 Southern District Arts Trust

Guest Artists – Amelia Guild & Stuart King

Waikawa Hall 9am - 5pm daily Entry \$3 Adult \$1 Children
 More info Contact Janice 032469566 broads@netspeed.net.nz

Cala 03 2468 434 cala.sog@farmside.co.nz

Website www.southerndistrictarts.wix.com/artstrust

Facebook: Southern District Arts Trust Dinner with Guest artists, Niagara Café, 24th February Bookings essential
 Ph Janice 03 2469 566 or 03 2468 743

Environment Southland and Invercargill City Council Parks Division invite you to a Landcare Networking Field Day. The day will be a great day out, hearing from all the Landcare groups in the morning, as well as a guest speaker from the Coastal Restoration Trust. After a lunch we will have a field trip around Sandy Point and Oreti Beach, show casing the work that the ICC Parks Division has carried out. **When:** 10am Saturday 10th March 2018. For full details see <http://www.sern.org.nz/events/> or Contact Nathan Cruickshank on 0800 76 88 45

Tokanui Golf Club - Saturday Results
 Interclub - Tokanui beat Owaka
 1st Rod McCleery
 Twos Selwyn Earwaker
 Ravensdown NTP Selwyn Earwaker



This week's joke: What did the dinosaurs do when the Ice Age?
 What else – they went skating!

McWilliam Family Picnic - Tokanui Rugby Club
 Saturday 3rd March
 11.00am onwards



Southern Districts Ambulance Meeting - Monday 12th March
 at the Tokanui Fire Station at 7:30pm.
 Any apologies or queries, please let Angela know.



Tokanui Presbyterian Church
 Sunday 25th February 2018 - 10.30 am
 Topic - Who are you? All welcome.

Jane Fox is attending the ORCA Swimming Club trip to Fiji Nationals and is fundraising for this.
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