



Hello Everyone

I have been hearing good reports from the swimming instructors about the progress that our students have been making in the pool. It is important that we know that they have water survival skills to save them if they get into difficulty in the water. It sounds like fun over the next couple of days when they have to swim in their clothes.

Next week we have the School Swimming Sports with the Zone Swimming Sports a couple of weeks later. If children want to do well at these events they will need to practice in their own time as the Swim Safe programme doesn't have much emphasis on swimming lengths. On Thursday, Mrs Short and I will be looking at who is suitable to enter the Zone and Southland Swimming sports. Children need to bring their togs if they wish to try out.

Thank you to the parents who have been coming along to help with the athletics training. You do a great job supporting the school with preparation for athletics. It is very exciting seeing the classroom moving into the final stages of building. The windows went in on Monday and it looks great. This is going to be an excellent modern learning space that our junior children will be moving into. The junior children got to visit the classroom on Tuesday and are very excited about it. Have a great week.

Ka kite ano

Kate Stevenson

“The most precious gift we can offer anyone is our attention. When mindfulness embraces those we love, they will bloom like flowers.”

— Thich Nhat Hanh

#### Change of Address for newsletter advertisements

[patricia@tokanui.school.nz](mailto: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:

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Team Papura Assembly
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Tokanui School Swimming Sports
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Southern Zone Athletics – Invercargill
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Southern Zone Athletics Postponement date
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Southern Zone Swimming Sports
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Easter break
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Team Kowhai Assembly
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April - Swimming Championships
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Team Whero Assembly
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April - School Holidays

The Board is pleased to announce that our Principal, Kate Stevenson has been successful in applying for sabbatical leave during Term two, 2018. A sabbatical is awarded to principals who have led a school for five or more years and is a great opportunity for Kate to undergo intensive professional development that will benefit our school going forward. In Kate's absence Tina Thomson will be our acting Principal and will lead day to day life at Tokanui School.

Tina's class will be covered by Sandra Earwaker and Leanne Barnes as a job shared position while she is acting Principal during Term two.

Tokanui School BOT

#### REMINDER:

Parents – If you are taking your child/ren after Assembly, please come through the Office and let us know.

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

**Athletics:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, postponement date Monday 27<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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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:

**Team Kowhai (1) Miss Thomson & Team Whero (2) Miss McKenzie:** We are all loving having Swimsafe this week. We are busy practising for our Athletics.

**Team Karaka (3) Miss Cahill:** We are excited about writing metaphors about yourself to Tauhara school in Taupo. We will send interesting information about our town and school. They do the same and send it back to us.

**Team Papura: (4) Mrs Poole:** We will be sharing our camp slide shows and some camp writing in Assembly on Friday. Please come and hear about our experiences.

**Team Kakariki (5) Miss Van den Beld:** We have started looking at reports for writing and are researching an animal of our choice to use in our writing. We are enjoying doing Swim Safe and athletics practise.

#### Athletic Sports

This is at Surrey Park on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. This year we are responsible for running the High Jump. We will need some parents to help us run both the Middle School and Senior School jumps. If you are able to help please contact Sue at school. A notice regarding the sports will be coming out on Monday.

#### Reminder:

Swim safe is on until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Please make sure your child/children have their togs every day.

Please be aware head lice and school sores are doing the rounds as well as the vomiting bug. Please be aware children must be kept Home for 48 hours after the last vomit.



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 are updating telephone lists and will be available from the School Office asap- \$10 per list.



If you wish to subscribe to our online newsletter, please go to [tokanui.school.nz](http://tokanui.school.nz); what's on; newsletter and subscribe.

**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.

**Odd Spot:** Professional ballerinas use about twelve pairs of shoes per week.



#### Otara Anglican Church Service

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March **2.00pm**. Afternoon tea to follow, All Welcome. Any inquiries to Barbara Morrison 2468 403

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### Tokanui Medical Centre – Phone 2468 850

Doctor Days – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Abraham

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - 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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Tokanui Netball Club AGM

Monday 12 March 7.30 pm at the Tokanui Tavern

Everyone Welcome.



### Curio Bay Christian Fellowship

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Sunday Service 10.30am

All Welcome

Ceilia & Paul Watson 2468 431

Arts Trust Choir starts

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

School Library Everyone welcome

Contact Anette 2468 497

*Southern Districts Ambulance Meeting* - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at the Tokanui Fire Station at 7:30pm.

Any apologies or queries, please let Angela know.



Tokanui Junior Rugby Meeting

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm

At Tokanui Rugby Club rooms

All welcome

Apologies to Kylie Manson 027 323 7270

Fortrose Cafe, [5 Moray Terrace, Fortrose](#), 032469888 Monday-Friday: 9-4pm Saturday-Sunday: 9-5pm Contact us for private bookings, all inquiries welcome. CLOSED Easter Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

### Hot Cross Buns - Pack of 6 Traditional or Double Chocolate \$4/pack

Amelia has the opportunity to travel to Florida & New York in 2020 with her dance school. \$1 from each pack will go towards her fundraising goal. Orders by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March, delivery week of 19<sup>th</sup> March

If interested contact Kate 2468-595 or [nkfarm@outlook.com](mailto:nkfarm@outlook.com)



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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018. For full details see <http://www.sern.org.nz/events/> or Contact Nathan Cruickshank on 0800 76 88 45

**This week's joke:** What's sweet and juicy, but very painful to eat?

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