



Kia ora everyone

We have received our final report from the Education Review Office after their visit to our school at the end of last year. It is very rewarding to read the following: *"The school has a strong inclusive culture. Teachers and leaders have an intentional focus on building positive learning relationships for all children. Students are well engaged in their learning and show an understanding of their role in the learning process."* It is affirming to have an outside reviewer see the things in our school that we have been working to build. If you want to read the full ERO report you will find it by Googling Education Review Reports and search for our school. You will have heard that National Standards are no longer. I want to assure you that while National Standards are not reported anymore, teachers still assessed the children to determine what their next steps are and to measure progress. Children will still be reported on their achievement and progress.

Thank you to the Home and School for providing funds to support extra Teacher Aides in our school in 2017 and again this year. This money allowed us to put extra Teacher Aide support into our classrooms, above what the Ministry funds and any learning support funding that we apply for. In 2017 Teacher Aide support was available for children in all classes based on the individual needs as assessed by the teachers. The money from Home and School was originally fundraised to provide a teacher to stay in front of a class when the school roll was expected to drop over six years ago. We have had unexpected enrolments and with large numbers moving out of the top end of the school over the last two years, the roll has only just started to drop now. Extra teacher aides have been able to support children with specific learning needs, help all children in the class that they are working in and provide more one on one support for children. We teach children at the level that they are at, not all children are taught set work simply because they are in a certain class (this is what happened when I was at school). If a class has children at many different levels they can end up with an unreasonable number of reading groups, maths groups or many children may need a lot of help with writing. By having a Teacher Aide in the room, more children can get the help that they need from either the teacher or Teacher Aide. The hours are kept to the mornings, when the core subjects are being taught.

Today the older EnviroSchools children are off to Curio Bay for an EnviroSchools Hui with other schools from around the region. It looks like it's going to be wet but lots of fun activities are planned.

Have a great week and I hope to see you at the Zone Athletics on Friday.

Ka kite ano  
Kate Stevenson  
Principal

There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.

–Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

#### 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 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  
 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Agri Kids  
 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April - ANZAC Day  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April - First day Term 2  
 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Home & School Meeting 7.30pm

Book Club – Due 29<sup>th</sup> March. All orders must be in by this date.



#### Easter Break

No school on Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Easter Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, children return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April



#### 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) Mrs McMullen & Team Whero (2) Miss McKenzie:** made bread on Monday to go with our shared book that we were reading last week called Bread. We are excited and have been practicing lots for Athletics on Friday in Invercargill.

**Team Karaka (3) Miss Cahill:** We are very excited to be taking part in the EnviroSchool Hui at Curio Bay today. Next week we will be writing reports about our fun filled day.

**Team Papura: (4) Mrs Poole:** Our athletics training is going well. We have started a unit on ANZAC Day. Walking with an ANZAC is a great website that gives personal stories about individual soldiers. It is helping us to see things from another perspective.

**Team Kakariki (5) Miss Van den Beld:** Today we are starting our School Kit #getnzwriting activity where we as a class complete a poster that is all about our class and school. We use an Ian Sharp poem as inspiration to create our own poems using metaphors, we pick our best line to write this on a post card which is sent to a buddy school. We look forward to completing this and receiving ours from our buddy school.

#### Athletic Sports

This is at Surrey Park - Invercargill on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.

No buses will be running on this day. Parents are to transport their own children to this event. Children are to wear their Tokanui T-Shirt and black shorts. Remember a drink bottle and sunhat. If it is postponed we will let you know as soon as we can. The postponement will be broadcast on the radio after the 7 am news. The stations were listed on your Athletics notice. As soon as we hear we will activate phone trees and put the message on Facebook.

**If it is postponed then buses will be as normal but please note that the Otara and Waikawa bus will be running around 20-25 minutes later due to the drivers having to travel out from Invercargill.**

If Athletics is postponed on Friday then it will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Worm Juice is still available a small donation would be appreciated.

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.

**Tokanui Home & School Entertainment Book Fundraiser**  
<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/9b31766>  
 \$60 for the Otago/Southland Version - we receive \$12 back to the Home & School for every book that we sell.  
 Once the books arrive we will be in contact with you to collect them.

**Swimming Club:** Distance Night Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March also last night of club swimming. Remember certificates and could all families please bring one item per family for the thank you gift.

**Southern District Ambulance Society**  
 If you are a member of our scheme & have used the Ambulance service and received an account, please forward the account to Kathryn Marshall, 120 Crosbie Road, Waikawa Valley, R D 1, Tokanui 9884. If you are not a member, subscriptions are only \$20 per year.



**Tokanui Medical Centre – Phone 2468 850**  
 Doctor Days – 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.

**This week's joke:**

Teacher: Your daughter's marks were underwater again this term.  
 Parent: *What do you mean "underwater"?*  
 Teacher: They were below "C" level.



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Fundraising for Shianna Templeton's touch trip to Australia  
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 Pack of 45 toilet rolls for \$22  
 Pack of 12 paper towels for \$15  
 If you would like any at all please contact 2468 466 or text Kathryn 027 8250 117. Pick up will be from 880 Niagara-Tokanui Hwy  
 Thanks in advance for your support  
 We will have some raffles coming up to help with fundraising as well so look out for them around the place. Thanks



**Curio Bay Christian Fellowship**  
 Sharing the love of Jesus  
 Sunday Service 10.30am  
 All Welcome  
 Ceilia & Paul Watson 2468 431

**AGM of the Tokanui Golf Club**  
 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm.  
 At Clubhouse, everyone welcome.  
 Selwyn Earwaker Secretary (03) 2468 520



**Fortrose Cafe, 5 Moray Terrace, Fortrose, 03 2469 888**  
 Open Monday-Friday: 9.00-4.00pm  
 Saturday-Sunday: 9.00-5.00pm  
**"Closed Good Friday"**  
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**Odd Spot:** You share your birthday with at least nine million other people around the world.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Big Rock Cougars Motor Trail Ride on April 7<sup>th</sup> is now CANCELLED.

**Tokanui Presbyterian Church**  
 Sunday, 25 March - 10.30 am  
 Topic: Looking Up  
 A warm welcome to all.



**RWNZ Dressmaking Classes**  
 Rural Women are looking to run Dressmaking or sewing classes. The tutor is Jenny Brown, who thrives on a challenge- she can get you started if you're just beginning or give advice and guidance for the more experienced! Classes run for four weeks starting 1<sup>st</sup> week of May and will be either Tuesday or Wednesday, day time 10.00am - 2.30pm or (Tuesday only) night time 7.00pm - 9.30pm. If you're interested please phone Kathryn (03) 2468 498 and let me know what day or time suits best.

**Tokanui Golf Results**  
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**Competitions**

**For Children**  
 - Make a creation out of fruits & vegetables  
 - Make a garland of harvest flowers

**For Everyone**  
 - Bring in the best of your harvest to display  
 - Show off your preserving prowess, bring in chutneys, relishes, jams, jellies, and pickles to display

**The Champion of the Harvest**  
 - Fill a basket or a plate with something you've grown and something you have preserved or cooked. Winner is crowned "Champion of the Harvest" and receives the Harvest trophy & a mini shopping basket!

**To Enter:** Bring along to the Aparima College hall after 4pm on Friday and fill in the entry form. Please pick up your entry again on Sunday afternoon.

**Harvest Feast**  
 Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7pm - POTLUCK MEAL & good music  
 Please bring a plate of food to share, and something you like to drink. Stop to catch trail fire and nibbles. Tickets \$10.  
 Palmerston Street Quarter

**The Harvest Café**  
 Open for heritage style morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea.  
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*Juniors at Swimming Sports*



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