



Term 3 No 7 5th September 2018

Tena koutou katoa

I am so proud of our students that took part in the Zone Speech competition. They all presented well written speeches. It was a real treat to hear from all of the participants on Monday. All of our students were recognised with a place or Highly Commended. Congratulations to Caitlin Callahan who came 1st in the Year 5 & 6 competition and Anna McMullen who was Highly Commended. In the Year 7 & 8 competition Piper MacRae and Hazel Cowie also received Highly Commended. Our children were very good at dramatising their speeches and painting mental pictures. Thank you to Jenny Brown, Paul Duffy and Moira Short who gave up their time to judge. Tina McMullen and Stacey McKenzie took the Kapa Haka group to Polyfest last Wednesday. They performed with real attitude and sang beautifully. The costumes look fantastic and they really feel the part with the Moko stamped on their faces. Thank you to Steven Hayes who accompanied them on the guitar and has been helping at school practices. We are so lucky to have such committed teachers and talent in our Community to support us. Thank you to the whanau that supported this group on the day.

Suicide: You may have read about the horrendous suicide statistics for 2017/18. These statistics are deeply concerning and it's important we all continue to raise awareness of the help that is available. As a community we all try to look out for each other and sometimes it can seem impossible to know what to do. Some resourcing that is available includes:

- Support is available from a trained counsellor anytime by calling or texting 1737.
- A guide to open conversations with family about suicide <https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/connecting-through-korero>
- Worried about someone website for support <https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/a-z/resource/48/suicide-worried-about-someone>

Look out for the next 'Advocate' as our journalists have written some reports on the happenings over this term.

Ka pai to wiki
Kate Stevenson
Principal

"Tiro whakamuri, kirkiri whakamua – Look back and reflect so you can move forward"

Update on Current Contract Negotiations for Teachers

NZEI completed an email survey last week, asking principals how the teacher shortage was affecting their schools. In less than 24 hours, 700 principals responded and the results prove beyond doubt that we are in crisis.

Findings include:

- 30% of principals had no suitable applicants for a vacancy this term
- 90% struggle to find relievers
- 52% do not have all the teaching staff they need this term, and the problem is much worse for low decile schools (62.5% in deciles 1-3, compared to 39% in deciles 8-10).

Principals shared stories of splitting classes, having to teach classes themselves, sick teachers coming to work because they know there are no relievers, and the despair as teaching staff quit and Principals not knowing how they will replace them.

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:

Friday 7th September - Sausage Sizzle
 Friday 7th September - Assembly Team Karaka 2.20pm
 Tuesday 11th September - Year 5 Netball Tournament
 Thursday 13th September - Southern Zone Yr 7/8 Trip
 Friday 14th September - Year 7 & 8 Netball Tournament
 Wednesday 12th September - Year 6 Netball Tournament
 Monday 17th September - Book Bus
 Tuesday 18th September - Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
 Friday 21st September - Assembly Team Whero 2.20pm
 Monday 24th September - HPV Immunisation
 Friday 28th September - Sausage Sizzle
 Friday 29th September - End Term 3
 Monday 15th October - Term 4 Starts
 Friday 19th October - Pet Day
 Monday 22nd October - Labour Day
 Monday 29-31st October - Life Education Van
 Friday 9th November - Southern Zone Football Tournament
 Monday 17th December - Last Day of School 2018

Odd Spot: Each year insects eat one third of the world's food crop

Class Reports:

Team Kikorangi/Kowhai: We are starting our second round of Clubs today, the children are very excited about this. We are constructing Artwork that represents us and things we like. They will hopefully be finished at the end of this week. Our children that went to Polyfest were amazing last week, a big thank you to Mr Hayes for playing the guitar and Cala for the mokus.

Team Whero: In Mathematics we are learning all about division. Division is proving quite a challenge for our students but they are working solidly on their family of facts to reverse equations to work out the problems.

Team Karaka: We are on Assembly this week, come along to see our descriptive poetry.

Team Papura: Congratulations to Piper and Hazel who were both Highly Commended at the Southern Zone Speech Competition yesterday. We are designing and making Marble Runs using Lego to build simple machines that help our marble move. We are also painting some abstract art in the style of Piet Mondrian.

Golf

If you are able to help coach some keen golfers at lunchtime in preparation for the Eastern Southland Golf Tournament please contact Sue at Tokanui School.



Tennis

If you are able to help coach some keen tennis players in preparation for the tennis tournaments in Term 4 please contact Sue at Tokanui School.

Please send a fork or spoon to school if your child needs one to eat their lunch.

School sores/Impetigo/Foot, hand and mouth virus are doing the rounds again. If you have concerns about a sore on your child, get it checked out as these are very contagious conditions. School sores usually occur around the mouth/face.

Headlice: Once again these nasty critters are at school so, could you please check your child/ren's hair. It is recommended that hair be checked two or three times weekly as eggs can hatch in that time. If you want information on how to treat or even to look for contact the School Office.

If you wish to subscribe to our online newsletter, please go to 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.

Below are the dates for our Zone events for 2018

Football Tournament Friday 9th November – Tbc – run by Tokanui

Reminder- No Cattle at Pet Day this year



Otara Anglican Church Service Sunday
9th September beginning at 2.00pm.
Afternoon tea to follow, all welcome,
Any inquiries to Barbara Morrison 2648 403.

Tokanui Medical Centre – Phone 2468 850

Doctor Days: Wednesday 12th September – Abraham
Wednesday 26th September - 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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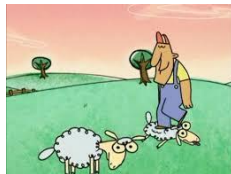
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Niagara Hall Meeting to discuss 90 years celebrations will be at
Niagara Hall on 12th September
at 7-30pm

All welcome apologies to Janice Broad 2469 566

Pilates:

Btpilates bookings are now open for Pilates Term 3 at Tokanui

Pilates: Tokanui Hall Wednesdays, 9.30am

- 10 weeks - \$120
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This week's joke: Why did the bald man put a rabbit on his head?
Because he wanted a head of hare!



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Special General Meeting
10th September 2018 7.00 Pm
Papatowai Fire Station
3 Alexandra Street, Papatowai

The Special Meeting is to pass the revised Constitution. For electronic copies of the Constitution, Apologies contact Dianne Miller (Chairperson) 03 4158 669 waybackstation@farmside.co.nz or Lisa Biginato (Project Coordinator) projects@catlins.org.nz

2018 Dot Shooting National competition is now on.

A fun and challenging Postal Shooting competition. Suitable for teens and older, you can shoot the match anywhere you can safely use a .22 rifle. You have 3 months in which to practice and to get your competition targets returned by mail. For information or entries, please contact Harry, 027 667 4079.



Interested in Target shooting?

Something new and different with rifles and pistols? The opportunity exists to start a Rifle club at Fortrose. Perhaps a pistol club as well, depending on the numbers who may be interested. Maybe represent New Zealand at Olympic or Commonwealth games? Please contact Harry, 027 667 4079 for further information or to express your interest.

The AGM of the Wyndham Athletic Club will be held on Thursday 13th September at 7.30 pm at the Pioneer Tavern in Edendale. All parents and caregivers of children wishing to join the club this year are urged to attend. A general meeting will follow the AGM. Apologies to Jane Muir 03 2066334

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