



Term 4 No 3 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018

Tena koutou katoa

I had an inspirational time at the National Principal's Federation Conference last week. We had a number of outstanding and thought provoking speakers from around the world. These are changing times in education where we need to rethink how we are preparing our students for futures in a world that is full of change and where their occupations will be different to what we have experienced. Employers are looking for people with skills in problem solving, working collaboratively, creativity, good communication skills and critical thinkers. We need to ask our children open ended questions to encourage them to think and develop their critical thinking skills. Our theme at the conference was creativity and we were entertained by talented young people but also had opportunities to be creative ourselves. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to a young lady that shared her work experiences at Weta Workshop. What an incredible place to work if you are a creative person.

I have some excellent news; we will be holding on to our five classroom teachers for next year. Two positions will be advertised this week as two of our current teachers are in fixed term positions. This will make the classes smaller than I had anticipated which is good for everyone. Saskia Van den Beld has resigned from her permanent position and is going to be an at home mum with her two young children. Hopefully we will still be able to get her out here on occasions to relieve.

We have been analysing our attendance data and it is concerning that when compared to other schools in Southland, other similar socio-economic schools, and all other schools we have low attendance. Of particular concern is the fact that 60% of our children were absent for 90% or more in term two. Regular attendance is considered over 90% of half days. We have a lot of children leaving early in the afternoons. Some of this has come about because of sport that starts at 3:30 in town. If you are the coach of a team in this situation, please ask that our teams not be played in the first round. Think carefully before taking children out of school. Is it because they are sick; is it educational for them? If not, then work out how you can get them to school. It is unsettling for children not to be part of a regular programme and difficult for teachers to provide the programme that they need.

At the end of the year, we will be taking the whole school to Curio Bay to take part in a learning programme where they can learn from our environment first-hand. Our local community has put so much work into Tumu Toka CurioScape and it is important for all of our children to see this and take advantage of optimal learning from this wonderful facility. We will be working in house groups and taking part in a number of activities in the Curio Bay area while we are there.

Ka pai to wiki  
Kate Stevenson  
Principal

"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed." Maria Montessori

**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> November - Southern Zone Football Tournament
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November - New Entrant for Secondary Schools
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November - School Photos
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Last Day for Technology
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Choir on Tour
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of School 2018 and Breakup
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February - First Day 2019

**Hot Lunches**

Please only send heat-ups that can go in the pie warmer. No microwave heat ups or noodles. It has become very time consuming for support staff to make these non-nutritional lunches that come with various instructions.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

**Book Club** – this will close on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.



**Class Reports:**

**Team Kikorangi/Kowhai:** We have Life Education this week, we are learning about friendships. We are practising for our end of year item for the break-up. There is a sausage sizzle on Friday.

**Team Whero:** This week for Science we are investigating blowing up balloons using plastic bottles, baking soda and vinegar. The chemical reaction that occurs produces carbon dioxide to allow the experiment to work. As a class we have also created Halloween art and written horror stories to coincide with the day.

**Team Karaka:** We have had Harold this week and we have learnt about peer pressure. Ask your children what the acronym for WITS.

**Team Papura:** have enjoyed visiting the Life Education van this week.

**Odd Spot:** It is estimated that at any one time, 0.7% of the world's population is drunk.

**Tokanui Medical Centre – Phone 2468 850**

Doctor Days: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November- Abraham  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November- 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.  
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Curio Bay Christian Fellowship  
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Sunday Service 10.30am  
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**Pilates:** Tokanui Hall Wednesdays, 9.30am

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*This week's joke: Name three famous poles.  
North, South and tad*



**POETRY BOOK LAUNCH**

Sunday 18th November

Tokanui Tavern 2pm

Poems written by local

*Les Macdonald* of Niagara.

Come and enjoy a few being read by the very talented man himself and a couple of tunes by Steven Hayes.

**Tokanui Volunteer Fire Brigade**

Celebration Cabaret for Brigade Members

Tokanui Hall

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 8.00pm

Tickets available at Tokanui Shop  
or door sales - \$15 per person

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Tokanui Golf Club - Fortrose  
Twilight Golf

is starting for summer months  
Wednesdays at 6.00pm.

**Mataura Licensing Trust and Wyndham Community Pool  
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**A Fireworks Extravaganza** At The Wyndham Racecourse  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November (Postponement Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November)

\$5 per head entry, pre-schoolers free

Gates open 7:00pm with entertainment from 7:30pm

Fun for the whole family Food for sale Cash Only

Entertainment while we wait for the dark and the fireworks!

Bring your friends and enjoy a relaxed evening culminating in a  
huge pyrotechnics display. **Please Note:**

**This is an alcohol free family friendly event**

**Postponement will be announced on Hokonui Radio, Menzies  
Website and Facebook page**



We are running The Hits Mud Mania again this year  
on Sunday 2nd Dec 2018 and really hope you guys  
can come and enjoy our event this year

Find us on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/thehitsmudmania/>

This year we are raising money for Tokanui Home &  
School along with Tokanui School Pool



**Lower Mataura River Catchment Group**

The Overseer programme is going to be used as a regulatory tool to measure nutrient loss and greenhouse gas emissions when limit setting comes into place. What in Overseer creates its outcome, what inputs in Overseer have the greatest effect on the outputs. Overseer is going to have a significant impact on the way you farm regardless of your farming operation. With 30 years experience in dairy farm systems, Miranda works with farming clients (in Southland and Otago) and also undertakes project work for Industry and Government organisations. Miranda has an extensive knowledge of the overseer programme. Come and hear how Overseer functions and gain an understanding on how to achieve the best outcomes for your farming business. Miranda enjoys working with farmers (and their supporting Rural Professionals) to discuss improving environmental outcomes as part of the whole farm system.

**Gorge Road Country Club,**

**Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.**

**Guest Speaker: Miranda Hunter  
(Roslin Consultancy)**

**Southwood Export** wish to advise they will be aerial  
fertilising in the district from 29<sup>th</sup> October for two weeks.

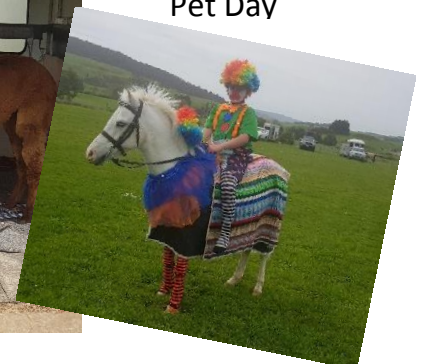
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