



Term 4 No 4 7th November 2018

Tena koutou katoa

It has been so good to have some lovely warm weather for Dan's visit to take all of the children for basketball skills on Tuesday. He also took lunchtime coaching sessions with teams. Dan loves working with our students as they are all so enthusiastic and keen to get out on the court. This year we have been lucky to have Ms B'Devine also encouraging participation in this sport and her expertise on the courts has helped our children to perform very well in the weekly competition. The Tuesday night competition is great to watch. I was so impressed with the way that the Year 3 & 4 team are so keen. They had a win by one point and were very pleased with this result. The Year 5 & 6 team got it together in the second half of the game and demonstrated some classy play to take out a convincing win again this week.

It is looking like rolling strikes for teachers and principal's throughout the country will go ahead, although negotiations are continuing. This means that our school will be closed on Thursday 15th November. Teachers are pleased that more staffing is going in to schools to support our children with learning needs with 600 Learning Support teachers to work in schools from 2020. Exactly how this will be allocated to schools and assurance that staff will be qualified teachers is also being discussed. The rolling strikes are still proceeding due to no new offers on the table to address either a pay jolt for teachers to help with the teacher shortage or more teachers to give your children more attention.

It is very uplifting to hear of the outstanding achievements of our past pupils. Congratulations to Renee Wright who was awarded the Best All round Junior Boarder at SGHS this year. Being a great citizen and managing yourself are important skills for life so well done, Renee. If you know of any other recent outstanding achievements of our past pupils, please let Marylyn know at the Office or let me know. I am particularly interested in what careers our past students go on to.

We are looking forward to welcoming the Playcentre to visit our junior class next week.

The children have been practicing for the soccer tournament and spend their lunchtimes on the soccer field. They are getting quite good and seem to be really enjoying it. It will be good to see many of you at the Tournament on Friday. It is always a really good day with lots of short games. Our Home and School will be fundraising at this event as we are the co-ordinating school. Take along some dollars to purchase lunch or snacks on the day and support our school. If your child is not in the Tournament they will be having a fun day of learning at school with Ms B'Devine and Miss Cahill. Snow Devery resigned from the position of Zone Sports Coordinator last term. He has really enjoyed his time in the role but with his other commitments in his life including following his own children around their representative sport, he needed more time to connect with his family. Snow did a lot of work outside of the position that he was paid for. He was very passionate and our children got to benefit from this. He set up the sports for this term and Mel Lemmin, is relieving in the Sports Coordinator position for this term. The Zone is applying for funding to support this position next year. Please be patient as we all pull together to keep these events rolling as usual.

Thank you to Greta Buckingham, who has been looking after the seedlings that our Enviroschools group planted a couple of years

ago. Last week, Greta helped our current Enviroschools children to plant these young native trees in a rough area over the bank of the school grounds. The children were very excited about this project and Greta is a wonderful resource full of knowledge to share with the children.

Have a great week/ Ka pai to wiki.

Kate Stevenson
Principal

"Be the reason someone smiles today!"

Due to the Teacher strike on Thursday 15th November, the school will be closed and no buses will be running.
Board of Trustees

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 9th November - Southern Zone Football Tournament
- Monday 12th November - Book Bus
- Friday 16th November - New Entrant for Secondary Schools
- Friday 16th November - Assembly Team Whero
- Tuesday 20th November - School Photos
- Thursday 22nd November - Golf Tournament
- Wednesday 28th November - Last Day for Technology
- Friday 30th November - Assembly Team Karaka
- Monday 3rd December - Choir on Tour
- Wednesday 5th December - Mega Kids
- Thursday 6th December - Last day Bible in Schools
- Friday 7th December - Assembly Team Papura
- Thursday 13th December - Year 8 Dinner
- Monday 17th December - Last Day of School 2018 and Breakup
- Monday 4th 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.

Class Reports:

Team Kikorangi/Kowhai: This week we have had an exciting week filled with Dan coming to teach us basketball skills and a morning of learning through play where we pulled out the paints, mud kitchen and the water play. Mrs Buckingham has left our class, we wish her all the best and we now welcome Cala as our new Teacher Aide.

Team Whero: This week we are practicing our end of year item trying to get our singing and dance moves choreographed. In Science, we will be creating catapults. Catapults work by converting energy from one type to another and transferring this energy from one object to another. The hook is - using kebab sticks, marshmallows, and rubber bands. Currently, we are learning typing skills using the App Dancemat - then we publish writing and have a bonus opportunity to also create an animated storyboard using both these skills. The kids love it.

Team Karaka: This week has been great to have Dan out to work on ball skills. We are also writing animal reports this week.

Team Papura: enjoyed their day with Mrs Callahan on Tuesday, especially as we had basketball with Dan from Southland Basketball. We have Mrs Lamb on Thursday as Mrs Poole is at an Advanced Learning in Literacy workshop. The Southern Zone Football Tournament is on Friday. Good luck to all the players.

Odd Spot: An ant can lift 50 times its own weight and can pull 30 times its own weight

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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.

Toe Toes Swimming Pool

Is open for the season. Season Keys can be purchased for \$70 from the School Office. Please read the pool rules before signing for the key. Or you can borrow a key for one swim from the Tokanui Food Centre for \$5.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the catering on Saturday night. We have the roof completed but are now working towards raising funds to re fibreglass the inside of the pool.

Tokanui Medical Centre – Phone 2468 850

Doctor Days: Wednesday 14th November- Abraham

Wednesday 28th 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
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Pilates: Tokanui Hall Wednesdays, 9.30am

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Otara Anglican Church Service

Sunday 11th November beginning at 2.00pm.

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This week's joke: What do you call a crocodile with GPS?

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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.



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



Heads up ... We are having a "Weigh-day" workshop, 27 Nov (Tuesday) at McDonalds, Pope Road.

As a follow up from our Farm Tech day we will be running a Workshop on Eid, weigh gear and how to make it work for you!

Bring your own Scales and laptop/smart phone and learn how to make all your weigh info easier to use and understand.

Will also look into the benefits of Eid tagging for sheep, NAIT update and EASD forms.

Inviting 2-3 people per farm, limited to 10 farm businesses.

Lunch provided. \$20/ farm. More info to come

Interested? Call Dot McDonald 0274977962

Southern Districts Ambulance Society Meeting

will be held on Monday 26th November at 7:30pm

at Fire Brigade Rooms in Tokanui

Any apologies to Angela 027 650 9677



FORTROSE CAFE

COOK situation available to cover the upcoming Summer Season.

If this interests you & you want to join our team, please contact Scott 0276218733

Happy to answer any questions.




Dan the
Basketball
Man

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