

### Tena koutou katoa

The end of term is rolling in very quickly with the start of end-of-year events and deadlines. We are in week five of a 9 1/2 week term! Teachers are working on reports and have a Teacher's only day to support this on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. That means that there will be no school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November for the children! To help me with preparations for 2020, please let me know if your child will not be attending Tokanui School next year. We have had great success with the new PRIME maths programme in Team Karaka this year so we have decided to run it through all classes from Year three up. This will involve assessing all of these students at the end of this year so that we can purchase the necessary resources over the holidays.

On Monday night the staff celebrated with Miss Dana Gillard her full registration as a teacher at a ceremony held at the Ascot. Dana has completed her first two years of teaching as a Provisionally Registered Teacher and has met all of the requirements to graduate as a Fully Registered Teacher. We are so lucky to have her as a permanent staff member.

Our Year 7 & 8 Zone events have been a wonderful way for our students to get to know others who they may be going off to High School with. The children have really embraced this and are very good at making an effort to get to know those from other schools. Last week we had the Greenstone Tramp available for any Year 7 & 8 students who thought that they could manage the five hours walking with a pack and who were keen to take part. Zoe Stratford, Flynn Callahan, Kate Wilson and Caitlin Callahan joined myself and twenty other students from our Zone to walk into the Greenstone Hut on Thursday, camp in tents, and then walk out again on Friday. These students did some training in their own time and also completed a walk with me up the Waipouhutu in very wet conditions. They showed that they had the stamina, and a positive mind-set to complete this challenge. The children all amazed me with how they made an effort to mix with each other right from the start in the vans travelling up. They took their own food and shared cooking facilities and tents. They supported others and carried gear to lighten the load of those finding it tough. It was interesting listening to them problem solving to put up the tents and cook their meals. We saw some truly magnificent scenery and were treated to thunder booming around the mountains through the night. The girls got very wet in their tent but in Caitlin's words, "it was character building". While the adults sat on the deck of the hut and rested our weary muscles, most of the students played a game together that involved running around and tackling for about two hours. 'Where do they get the energy from?' In Term three next year Halfmoon Bay School plan to organise a similar event that includes some fishing and a tramp on Stewart Island. I can't stress enough the value of these experiences for developing resilience, team building and socialising skills.

While we are seeing Christmas decorations up in the shops and I've even heard some Christmas songs on the radio, please keep the children from sharing Christmas Cards until December and no candy canes at school. The teachers will spend some time in class teaching the children how to write cards so that they are meaningful for the recipient.

Ka pai to wiki  
Kate Stevenson  
Principal

*"The human capacity for burden is like bamboo – far more flexible than you'd ever believe at first glance."* – Gever Tulley

*"Persistence and resilience only come from having been given the chance to work through difficult problems."* – Jodi Picoult, *My Sister's Keeper*

### Calendar of Events:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Assembly Team Whero  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - SGHS and SBHS New Entrant Day  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Teachers Only Day (No school for students)  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Menzies College Open Day  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Mitre 10 Mega Tough Kids  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Mitre 10 Mega Tough Kids Postponement  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Tokanui tough Kids  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Year 8 Dinner  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day and Breakup for 2019



### Class Reports:

**Team Kikorangi:** We have Denver the Dinosaur in our room again this week doing some cool things. The children have been doing some great writing about him and his adventures in our class.

**Team Kowhai:** Team Kowhai have been busy learning how to write a narrative in writing. Please bring homework books and Maths packs to school on Friday.

**Team Whero:** We are very excited to get back into class swimming and had our first swim with Mrs. Barnes yesterday. We are going to start researching other cultures from around the world in preparation for our end of year event... watch this space.

**Team Karaka:** The last two weeks we have been working on interviewing people who have once or still are currently living on a farm and how growing up on a farm has helped them become who they are today.

**Team Papura:** We counted our steps on Monday to see how far up New Zealand we could get. We will do the Math and let you know next week. We have Mrs Callahan teaching us today as Mrs Poole is in Christchurch on a course about Learning Pathways.

We would appreciate all knitting needles that were borrowed for Knitting Club to be returned (only two sets returned to date) to School to enable us to use them next year. Thanks

Information about measles is available from the school if required.

### VIRUS SPREADING

These steps can help stop the Virus Spreading:

- Don't go to school, early childhood centre or work until well and for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.
- Don't prepare or handle food for at least 48 hours after the symptoms stop.
- Immediately remove and wash any contaminated clothes and bedding using detergent and hot water.
- Thoroughly clean and disinfectant contaminated surfaces by using a bleach-based disinfectant.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water and dry.

### Tokanui/Waimahaka Phone Lists

We now have the updated phone lists available from the School Office. \$10 per list.

### Library

The Library will be closing at the end of November to enable us to do a stock take, we would appreciate all books returned before this date.

**This week's joke:** Doctor, doctor, how can I stop my daughter biting her nails?  
'Buy her some shoes.'

Toe Toes Swimming Pool is now open for the season. Season Keys available from the school for \$70 and casual swim key available at Tokanui Food Centre.



### Tokanui Rugby Club AGM

The Tokanui Rugby Club AGM will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 8pm at Tokanui Rugby club rooms.

Any apologies to Daryl Johnstone 027 454 9024.

### Curio Bay Christian Fellowship

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Sunday Services 10.30am

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Ceila & Paul Watson (03) 2468 431



### We Mow Lawns

Phone Pani and Finch (03) 2468 855 in evenings or please leave a message





### Tokanui Medical Centre – Phone 2468 850

Doctor Day: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Abraham

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

**Police Non-emergency Number 105**

**Odd Spot:** Seals sleep underwater and surface for air without waking.

### Southern District Ambulance Society

General Meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm

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We are planning on having working bees at Waikawa Museum on Wednesdays in November. We have a lot of entering of items and cataloguing to be done and the Blacksmiths is ready to be finished so if you can spare an hour or two over the next month that will be great. Hours will be 10am-4pm each Wednesday.

### Chemical Handlers Course

At the Tokanui Rugby Club - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Time: 12.30pm till 5pm approximately

Price: \$430 + GST, = \$494-50 per person

The course has three parts:

1. Class room training and theory assessment
2. Practical evidence – you will receive on the day to be collected and submitted after course date.
3. Compliance Certifier to mark evidence and produce a Certified Handlers Certificate.

If when you are getting interested names you could get their email addresses please ... or get them to email us

at [info@adroitssolutions.co.nz](mailto:info@adroitssolutions.co.nz) ... as we normally send out a course reminder and confirm details week or so before the course date.

Part time cleaner required for accommodation facility in Waikawa from November – May 2020

Hours: Start time 10.00 am, daily hour's variable and fluctuate from Summer / Winter seasons (up to 10 hours per week)

Full drivers licence and own vehicle required or live locally

For further information contact Judy:

03 2468 745 or 027 275 7473

### Btpilates at Tokanui Community Hall Wednesdays, 9.30am

#### Bookings for Term 4 of 2019

9 sessions from October 16<sup>th</sup> to December 11<sup>th</sup>\* Full term 9 sessions \* \$12 = \$108.00.

\* Half a term, come when you can (5 sessions \* \$14 = \$70.00)

\* Alternatively no booking, just pay \$16.00 on the day.

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Summer flower summer shine. Bright light. Summer, summer. Green leaves and cool Summer pools. Summer, summer leaves. Santa's coming, "Ho, ho, ho". Lots of presents. Ask for something real and he might get you a picture pillow. Summer, summer. By Honor McCabe Team Kowhai

In Summer I ride my motorbike mostly every day and we go to the beach and catch some fish. I like Summer as much as Winter and my family go camping. We bring marshmallows and spare clothes. I wear a singlet and I wear shorts. I like Summer. I go in the pool and jump in the pool. I hope Summer comes soon.

By Jaxson McCleery Team Kowhai



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