

Tena koutou katoa

Welcome back to schooling almost as we know it – onsite at 18 Duncan Street! It was so good to see all of the excited children arriving at school on Monday. They were so pleased to see the other children and have a good catch up. Children are washing hands and sanitising, giving others space and standing back to let others go ahead. They have adapted well and are enjoying playing together in the playground. While they may have been a bit nervous and unsure at the start of Monday, they soon adapted and found that mostly, school is the same. Ministry guidelines state: "Best practice to prevent COVID-19 from spreading continues to be asking people to stay away if they feel ill, maintaining a breathing distance from others in school, good cough/sneeze etiquette and washing hands regularly." Over lockdown the children have taken on some different learning to what it may have been at school. Teachers have noticed that a number of students learnt a lot about managing themselves so that they could get their school work done and then get out on the farm or do the things that they wanted to. With the lessons being open-ended they got creative and took on challenges that suited them and the resources that they had available. Letter writing came back into vogue. It was so good to hear of the children not only catching up with friends online, but writing letters that they posted or had delivered to neighbour's mailboxes. Many have talked about different skills that they have learnt around farming and cooking. Some have missed the exercise that they get at school and through the sport that they play so may need to work on building up their fitness again. We are so lucky to have such a supportive community that have embraced this time and made the most of it. I am very appreciative of our committed staff who quickly adapted their programmes to online learning after making packs to send home with the children on the Monday that we got told of Lockdown. The connection that the teachers kept up with the children has helped them to adapt back into class after a break away longer than the Christmas holidays. Well done everyone!

On Friday we are having a 'Camo Day' in light of Duck Shooting this weekend. Please don't send any duck callers to school due to the Pandemic. Queen's Birthday Weekend will be extended with a Teacher Only Day held on the Friday prior so that families have a four day weekend to get away if they wish and to enjoy doing things you love or catching up with family further afield. After this weekend we have another five weeks of term and this should help to carry everyone through.

After Queen's Birthday weekend we will be operating on Winter Hours until the holidays.

There will be no written reports this term. Parents have seen what their children are doing through their involvement with their learning over the last couple of months. Assessing children at this time would not be in the best interest of our children. We are settling back in gently and working our way back into the normal routine and programme. Teachers are observing where children are at and building on what they have learnt during lockdown.

Please only enter the school site if it is essential. Sanitise and write your details in the Visitor Register.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Ka kite ano

Kate Stevenson

Principal

"When you decide to collect experiences rather than things you never run out of storage space." Joshua Becker

Calendar of Events:

- Friday 22nd May - Camo Day
- Friday 29th May - Teacher Only Day - This will give you a four day weekend as the Monday is Queens Birthday).
- Monday 1st June - Queens Birthday
- Tuesday 2nd June - **Winter Hours - school starts 9.15am.**
- Monday 8th June - HPV Immunisation
- Friday 3rd July - End of Term 2
- Monday 20th July - Start of Term 3

Class Reports:

Team Kikorangi: This week we welcome Lucy and Hayze to our class. We hope they both enjoy being at Tokanui School. Please remember to get all your library books back and also the reading books.

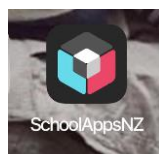
Team Kowhai: Other than being excited to see and hang out with our mates again we have been drawing windmills after watching a short story about a windmill farmer. Please also remember your library books and drink bottles. Thanks team.

Team Karaka: It's good to be back at school. Team Karaka are going to be starting basketball this week in the afternoons.

Team Papura: is enjoying being back with our friends at school. We are slowly getting back into some routines and adjusting to the new expectations. We are looking at Kiwiana - symbols that represent New Zealand, to include in our PopArt pictures.

If you haven't already got the School App, then jump on Google Play (Android) or App Store (Apple) and look for School App NZ. Download it, look for Tokanui School, click on what Alerts you would like then you will be first to know what's going on as this is our preferred way of communicating. If you have trouble or would like help to download it, then that's no worry either, just ask Marylyn and she's happy to talk you through it.

Remember if you have got it to update your Alert preferences (If your child has moved rooms or has joined Kapa Haka etc.)



Tokanui Home and School Fundraiser- Entertainment book is now an app on your phone, no longer providing a book option.

As NZ moves out of the Covid-19 Lockdown, an Entertainment membership is a great way to find and support the local businesses that have been through some very challenging times recently. Support our community, and buy your Entertainment Membership here - <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/9b31766>

We have received a donation of \$146.00 from PGG Wrightson and Balance

Agri-Nutrients. They would like to thank their suppliers and the rural community for supporting the Cash for Communities programme



Tokanui Medical Centre – Phone 2468 850

Medical centre is open but with strict restrictions.

There are no changes to the 111 service so please call this in an emergency. Please phone the clinic to

arrange an appointment time so we do not have people waiting and can clean etc. We have flu vaccines available for priority patients and have run some vaccine clinics please phone medical centre if you would like a vaccine. Nurse can be reached Mon-Fri 0800-1630 on 0278108801 and via 111 service out of hours.

Odd Spot: The poisonous copperhead snake smells like fresh cut cucumbers



In order to keep everyone safe and in following the Level 2 restrictions there will be a few changes to the way we operate. Good hygiene practices have always been something we have taken seriously but we have made further changes to ensure your safety. We have new opening hours of Wednesday - Sunday 11.00am till 9.00pm with an all-day blackboard menu running from 11.00am till 8.00pm.

We will also be using a reservation system so please phone us to reserve a table for lunch or dinner.

All customers / visitors will be required to fill in our contact tracing register and be seated on arrival. We will ask everyone entering our premises to follow these Level 2 restrictions.

Our crew will do their very best to ensure great service, so please remember to be patient and kind.

I am now running a 6001 spray tank specialising in gorse and bushweed spraying, also yard spraying and all types of hand gun spraying.

For enquiries or more information just give me a bell
027 860 1773 Kieran Duthie

This week's joke: Why did the cross-eyed teacher lose her job?
Because she couldn't control her pupils.



Niagara Falls Cafe is open again and will be running our winter hours 11.00am - 4.00pm and closed Tuesday and Wednesdays. Following the Ministry of Health guidelines for hospitality, we have implemented a few changes-including less seating, limited group sizes, table only service and a check in tracing system upon entry. The system we are using is [Checkin-19](#) There will be a QR code to scan at the door and we will have manual sign in sheets available as well as sanitiser. Looking forward to seeing you all again. Sue, Dale, Lina and Ravi



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Hi to our valued costumers just a quick update to let you all know how thing are going to pan out..

We will open Thursday 21st of May.

Here are some guidelines for opening under Level 2.
All patrons are to follow the 3 s's guided to us by law.

1. Must be seated at a table or leaner, no more than 10 people. Excluding the bar.
2. Spacing between each table and person will be 1 metre with no more than 10 max per table.
3. Patrons must not go to the bar, you will be served at your table by Staff.

Please work with us during this trying time, this is all new to us too as we all work through this together.



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027 2468 089

TOKANUI BISTRO

We will be open Thursday and Sunday 5.00pm-8.00pm, Friday and Saturday 5.00pm - 9.00pm. Takeaways and dining. The guidelines for the Tokanui Tavern apply.

Eftpos/cash payments

Thanks everyone for your patience during this trying time, looking forward to seeing you all again.



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If you would like to be part of our team then get in touch and let's discuss what that might look like.

Either ring or message us now to indicate your interest please.

Ph. 027 454 9024

Pea Straw Update

Now we are at Alert Level 2 we can move on with this. Due to duck shooting and Queens Birthday weekend we are now looking at delivery 6th or 7th June. Thanks everyone for your patience.

Any late orders or queries to Cheryl Leith 027 246 8721. Thanks.

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