



Kia ora everyone

The children are very concerned that our new worm farm lid blew away in the wind yesterday. If you see a rectangular black plastic lid that has come off our worm farm, please return it to the school office. The wind has really got it in for us this spring!

We had a furry visitor to our Assembly last Friday. Percy the Possum was watching us from on the roof! He caused great excitement and luckily didn't fall down. We think the roof might have been too hot for him to scuttle across.

Magic show – last Friday our students were treated to the Vas Kovalski Magic Show around healthy eating.

I was interested to see in this month New Zealand Education Gazette a study that a group of schools had done using Tuakana-Teina to improve oral language skills. They have found not only an improvement in the oral language skills for both the tuakana (older child who tutor) but also for the teina (younger child who is being tutored), but improved playground relationships and behaviour.

*“... the relationships that the kids built together are just phenomenal in that they go and talk to each other in the playground. In that one school, all the behaviour problems they had in the playground basically went away because there was the positive mixing and role modelling.” (NZ education Gazette).*

We run our Tuakana-Teina programme every morning for the first 15 minutes of the day. The routine is clearly established with our younger tamariki taking their books and racing off to meet up with their buddy. When observing the children during this time they are seen engaged, on-task, relaxed and learning. One of the most powerful parts of this programme is the relationship built and the connection between the tuakana and teina and this carries over into our playground. Buddies are carefully matched and change each term. During this time the children read, practice their Early Words, share their writing or other tasks that arise. They are also building their oral language skills as they cooperate together. The learning happens for both the tuakana and teina.

Today we have Constable Rosie back in the school to deliver the second part of the Kia Kaha programme with our students.

Ka pai to wiki

Kate Stevenson Principal

“Wake up with determination. Go to bed with satisfaction”.

### Calendar of Events:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Board of Trustees Meeting – 7.30pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Teachers Only Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Enviro School Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Menzies College Discovery Day

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – HPV Seniors

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Last Day for Year 7 & 8 Technology

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Mitre 10 Tough Kids – Year 8

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Book Bus

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Year 8 Leavers Dinner

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Final Assembly

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Break Up

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Final Day – End Term 4

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 – First Day Term One

### Out of School Events Coming Up that may be of interest

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Southland Secondary Schools Junior Adventure Race – Sandy Point (Year 7-10)

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Northern Southland Cycle & Celebrate – Lumsden – all ages

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Family Adventure Race -Sandy Point – all ages

### Class Reports

**Team Kikorangi:** We all really enjoyed the Magic Show on Friday. Mrs Callahan is in this week doing some Science with us.

### Team Kowhai:

We are starting to think about how we've been naughty and nice this year to write our letters to Santa. Also, we are going to do Secret Santa in Team Kowhai this year so look out for a note coming home about this. Thank you.

**Team Karaka:** Last Friday we had Vas the Magician at Tokanui School sharing his magic tricks to the school. Alexis and Jack were chosen to help Vas with his tricks.

**Team Papura:** have been getting into our projects for our Nature's Space school kit unit. The tables are looking really good and we have learned a few things about painting. The plants are beginning to grow in the garden and tunnel house. Our kowhai seedlings are now about 10 cm high.

### Southland Athletics

Well done to all the Tokanui School students who competed at the Southland Athletics. You all tried your best and showed positive attitudes.

A huge thank you to Jillian Strang, who helped at the finish line of the running.

### Pre-schoolers

If you have pre-schoolers in the Tokanui areas, please phone the office with details so that we can ensure you are on our pre-school list. This helps us with staffing.

**This week's joke:** What makes music on your head?

A headband,

### Library Books

There are still a large number of Library Books overdue. We ask parents to help children to look for any Tokanui School books including readers.

The Book Swap which was scheduled for later this term has been postponed until next year.

Please keep looking out for suitable books.



Twilight Golf – at Fortrose  
Wednesdays at 6.00pm

Wanted: School age children interested in being part of the Arts Trust Improv Night (loosely based on “Whose Line Is It Anyway”) on December 5<sup>th</sup> at Tokanui Hall. If this sounds like you – contact Marylyn (03) 2468 446 or Janice (03) 2469 566.

There will be a couple of run-throughs before the night.

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Please expect logging trucks along these routes during November and the remainder of the summer months

### Tokanui Medical Centre –Phone 2468 850

Doctor Days: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Abraham  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Abraham

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We have volunteers who have volunteered for a long time so we need new 'blood'. The best way for you to help out is to volunteer your time. If you feel like this is something you can help out with and are willing to train contact either Selwyn Earwaker 2468 520 or Jan Douglas 027 4877 318

Congratulations Selwyn Earwaker on obtaining 22 years of voluntary work on the Tokanui ambulance. A fantastic achievement.



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Tokanui Church

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Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November at  
10.30 am at the RSA Hall.

Theme: I Am, I Can, I Will

Shared lunch to follow. All welcome.



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### Movement for Learning & Active Play

The Tokanui Tamariki Trust, along with Southern REAP, invite **all pre-schoolers** in the **Tokanui area** to join us for 3 sessions at the Tokanui School Hall.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov and 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 10:00am

These interactive, movement based sessions are based on the Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP) which uses a variety of movement based physical experiences to build gross and fine motor abilities, hand eye co-ordination, concentration and many other things that are important for a child's development. Sessions will be targeted towards mobile toddlers and older pre-schoolers but all are welcome to come along and join in. There will be a baby friendly play space.

Contact: Megan Lamb - [meganlamb@outlook.co.nz](mailto:meganlamb@outlook.co.nz) - 027 353 8984  
Please RSVP by Friday 6 November to register your interest.

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The diary of me, Possum Pete.

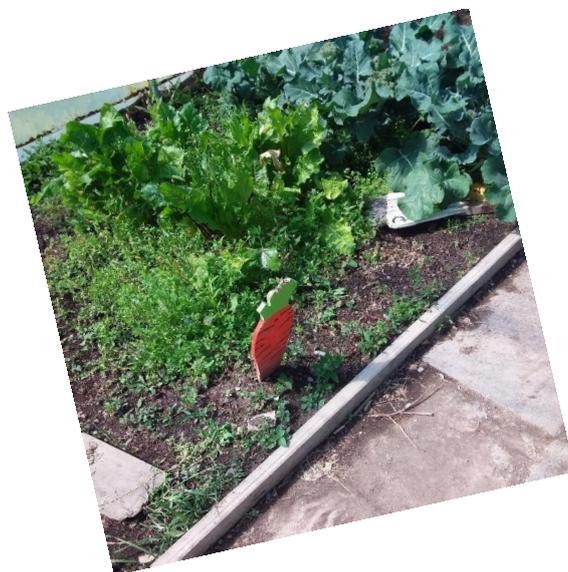
I was looking for a cool, cold spot to lounge around in during the day, when a huge broom was trying to hit me! I played dead so they thought I was hit. Smart right? After that, a bunch of kids came in and looked at me like I was wearing the wrong fur coat! They started singing in this weird language. I tried to block my ears but it didn't work. Finally, they stopped that racket and went quiet. I only clapped when a kid with short, brown hair and a black shirt got a little ball. After a while I went out of sight and took a nap.

Until tomorrow.

Possum Pete

By James McKenzie

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