

Kia ora everyone

What a wonderful Spring day we had yesterday. So good to feel some warmth and sunshine and it looks like there are a lot of lambs and calves about. I hope that lambing and calving is going well for you.

Yesterday I was at a meeting for the Kahui Ako (Community of Learning). The Principals from the Kahui Ako were working on our Strategic Planning. This group has provided many opportunities for our school including the support from Learning Support Coordinators and Social Worker in Schools. This has meant that we have been able to quickly access support when the need has arisen. The Learning Support Coordinators have been able to offer support to classroom teachers around specific student's learning and also supporting transition to High School. Our over-arching theme for next year is "Growing Great Kids".

Today we are celebrating Wiggy Day to support Child Cancer. We have some very interesting hair dos and colourful wigs around the school. Thank you for supporting this good cause with a bit of fun.

The children all took part in 'First Aid in Schools' last week. Have a talk to your children to see what they learnt about.

Congratulations to Caitlin Callahan who went on to the second to last round of the Southland Speech Competition. Although not placed, she performed her Speech about Gender Equality very well.

Look out for a new publication called 'Peptalk'. This is a New Zealand Mental Wellness magazine that has lots of positive ways to build mental wellness. Half of it is aimed at adults and the other half at youth. Icons including John Kirwin and Dr Libby back this publication. You can find it online.

Ka pai to wiki  
Kate Stevenson  
Principal

"You don't have to see the whole staircase. Just take the first step". Martin Luther King

### **Disturbing Clip on Tik Tok**

You may be aware that there is a disturbing clip which has gone viral on Tik Tok.

Netsafe are working on removing the clip from sites where possible.

Netsafe have advised the following:

For now, we recommend that students are being made aware not to share or view the footage as it can be highly distressing content. Our webpage has information about [helping tamariki exposed to upsetting content](#) that you may find useful. We have also provided some support lines for students and staff if they need to reach out for support below.

- [Need to talk](#) - Free call or text on 1737 and there is support available 24 hours a day
- [0800 What's Up](#) - Available Mon-Fri 12pm-11pm Sat/Sun 3pm-11pm on 0800 942 8787

• [Lifeline](#) - call on (0800 543 354) or text HELP (4357) for confidential support. This content can have an impact beyond those immediately engage with it. It is likely to have had a range of impacts on each person – some may be severely affected and others may not be affected at all. It is important to be aware of the need to talk with young people who have heard about it and to encourage them to express their feelings in response to the video. We recommend that having regular, open conversations at home around online safety is important to help young people navigate the myriad of digital challenges they will experience.

You can read more on our parental control advice page [here](#). There is an option to switch to [Safe Search](#) when using Google search or alternatively, you can consider looking into this [article](#) to block Google images without blocking Google search.

This [staying safe online guide](#) and some of our [printed resources](#) may be useful.

### **REMINDER**

No cell phones to be brought to school.

### **A Reminder to Families around Communication:**

The School App is used for immediate notification to families of any information. You can contact Marylyn at the Office if you have a notice, relating to school, to go out on the App. Those without the app should have made arrangements with Marylyn about how to be contacted. If you have concerns or complaints, please arrange a time through the Office to meet the person concerned letting them know what the meeting is about so that they can gather information. Complaints via email/Messenger will not be investigated or actioned.

"Four websites that can help when you're feeling stressed or anxious or out of your depth for 12 to 19 year olds. They are NZ, free, safe and private.

[thelowdown.co.nz](http://thelowdown.co.nz) [youthline.co.nz](http://youthline.co.nz) [sparx.org.nz](http://sparx.org.nz) [commmonground.org.nz](http://commmonground.org.nz)"

**Headlice:** Once again these nasty critters are at school so, could you please check your child/ren's hair. It is recommended that hair be checked two or three times weekly as eggs can hatch in that time. If you want information on how to treat or even what to look for contact the School Office

### **Calendar of Events:**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Assembly  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Book Bus  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Board of Trustee Meeting 7.30pm  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Last Day Term 3 - Assembly  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October – First Day Term 4  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Book Bus  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Pet Day  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Labour Day  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> October – Life Education Van  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Zone athletics for those who qualify  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – School Photos

**This week's joke:** What has forty feet and sings

*The School Choir!*

### **Class Reports**

**Team Kikorangi:** We have been working hard on our writing this week and wrote great stories about kiwis. Get well soon Mrs M.

**Team Kowhai:** are loving the sunshine and also used this word in our writing today with plenty of other compound words. After that we discussed the meaning of compromising and then got into a little weeding in our garden plot. Have a fabulous week.

**Team Karaka:** have been out and about in the garden this week. We have weeded and planted carrots in our garden plot.

**Team Papura:** Welcome to Lachie Morton, who is the new Teachers Aide in our room. We enjoyed working with Felicia from St Johns and thinking about being safe and preventing injuries when playing sport.

We are in need of a Beekeeper to help support our school hive. If anyone in our local community is interested in helping our hive get back up and running please contact the school.

We're fundraising with the Entertainment Book APP.

Normally 20% of the sale price goes back to our fundraising but from now until 13<sup>th</sup> September we get

an extra \$10 for any single city membership or \$20 for the multi-city membership!

If you haven't had one before, this is a great APP with heaps of discounts at local restaurants, cafes, retail outlets, accommodation, car rentals, and tourist attractions.

Your digital membership can be accessed from up to four different devices so it's perfect for sharing with friends/family.

There's never been a better time to help

us: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/9b31766>

### **SCHOOL VESTS**

Could we please have all borrowed school vests returned as soon as possible.

## Tokanui Medical Centre –Phone 2468 850

Doctor Days:

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Abraham

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Abraham

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Abraham



A reminder that Tokanui medical centre can see ANY patients regardless of whom your GP is (or isn't!)

The clinical nurse specialist will liaise and talk to anyone's GP in regards to management of care as well as discussing treatment with the relevant specialities at KEW if required.

No fees apply at all, however charges do apply for overseas visitors

Full vaccination service and Plunket is always available

We are open for a walk in service 9-12 Monday to Friday and are available by phone 9-5pm 03-246-8850.

**If anyone is exhibiting signs and symptoms of a cold or a flu PLEASE do not come to the medical centre but ring instead –especially on GP day  
If need be we can come and see you and organise a swab if you need one**

Tokanui Medical Centre is part of Southland DHB .

All medical emergencies ring 111 and we will be paged immediately alongside St. John providing 24 hour emergency cover

Jony Lawson RGN.dip/hsc

Clinical Nurse Specialist – Tokanui / Stewart Island

Smear Tests at Tokanui Medical Centre – 7<sup>th</sup> October – appointments necessary.

To make an appointment phone 03 4190 400

## Toi Tois Playgroup

Come and join us for a play

We welcome children (0-5 years) parents and caregivers to come along and check out our playgroup.

We are a baby friendly playgroup and offer facilities for under two's.

When: Tuesdays 9.15am – 12.15pm (during school term)

Where: Corner of Tokanui-Invercargill Highway & Tokanui/Haldane Road

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## Waikawa Hall AGM

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 7:30 pm

At Waikawa Hall

Members required.

All Welcome

## Toi Tois Playgroup AGM

The AGM will be held at the Niagara Café on Friday,

16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 6.30pm

Present, past and Life members & friends of Toi Tois Playgroup are welcome

RSVP to Jolene by 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – [jmt2603@gmail.com](mailto:jmt2603@gmail.com)

## Wanted

Voluntary Gardener for Tokanui Medical Centre required.

Creativity welcome – No boundaries

Contact Jony (03) 2468 850



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

Otara Church Anglican service

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept beginning at 2.00 pm.

Afternoon tea to follow. All welcome.

Any inquiries contact Barbara 2468 403.

## Skits in the Paddock

The SDAT are planning on holding a "Skits (and one act plays) in the Paddock" on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of December. We hope this will be an opportunity for the audience to bring along a picnic tea or buy some chips and watch a few skits and plays performed outside. This will be an opportunity for actors to be involved in a shorter version of acting than previous years with practices being able to be more versatile with timing and length, as in the main you will only need to work in with your group. The Arts Trust hope that this will present an opportunity to act in a fun event without being too time consuming. Please register your interest with either Marylyn Hayes 03 2468446 or Janice Broad 021 167 0110



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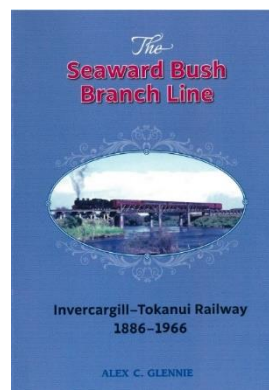
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Toi Tois Tokanui Lions Club along with Alex Glennie are involved in producing this book. Over 280 pages full of colour photographs, documents and printed matter on the history of the railway.

The book launch is Saturday 17 October 2020, 2pm at the Tokanui Hall, if you would like to attend please RSVP by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Books will be available to purchase on the

day. Eftpos available.

Pre-orders are being taken \$59.95 + \$8 postage & packaging.

Payment to be made by internet banking prior to receiving the book. Toi Tois Tokanui Lions Club

03-1355-0588848-01, reference your surname and initials please.

To place an order or RSVP to the book launch please email [toklions@yahoo.com](mailto:toklions@yahoo.com) or phone/text 0272135657, please leave your name, address, email address and contact phone number. Thanks.

**BOOK LAUNCH WILL ONLY PROCEED IF WE ARE IN COVID 19, LEVEL 1.**

## DRAW FOR TOKANUI JUNIOR RUGBY SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**LAST GAME FOR THE SEASON, BOTH AT TOKANUI**

Callahan Transport Tokanui Ripa U7's v Star, 10am

Titiroa Transport Tokanui U10's v Waikiwi, 10am

Tokanui Bistro Players of the day from weekend were:

U7's Rosie Buckingham, and U10's George Jennings





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