

#### Tena koutou katoa

The end of the school year is getting very close. Seniors have attended open days at their new high schools, they have had their last Technology session at Menzies yesterday and today the Year 8's are off to the "Tough Kids" competition in town.

Last Friday the children took part in an exciting day of learning based around EnviroSchools. Josh Sullivan, the EnviroSchools educator, supported us to make this day happen. The children worked in their House Groups which meant that the older children could support the younger ones. I love seeing our older students taking on the role of guide and helper for our younger ones. They all got to make a Beeswax Wrap, weave a Harakeke flower, make a tukuku (Maori kite) using toitoi in a group and they made predator tracking stations to see what predators they have around their place. The children appreciate the help and support from our wider whanau at events like this and it was a great opportunity to work with the children in their classrooms. Thank you to those who came along and helped especially with the weaving and knot tying! The children learnt about the protocols around using harakeke (flax) and toitoi. The left overs were gathered up and returned to the base of the plants to help it to continue to thrive and grow. Once again I was very proud of their courtesy to those helping, patience and perseverance to complete the tasks. We finished the day in the crazy wind with planting some more native trees. These are going to be fantastic in a few years' time when they grow and the children can see that their efforts planting and looking after them will have paid off.

Our final Assembly will be held on Friday of next week. You are all welcome to come along to farewell Miss Georgia Taylor and any students leaving at the end of the year. We have all loved having Georgia work at Tokanui School and her smiling face will certainly be missed around the school by all of the students and staff. The staff got to celebrate Georgia's registration at a special ceremony last week recognising that she has successfully completed her teacher training with the two years of practical work that she has done at Tokanui School. Congratulations Miss Taylor.

During the January School holidays there will be a hui for the launch of Te Hurihanganui. If you are interested in attending on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January from 2-6pm at the Hokonui Rununga, in support of success for Maori students, please contact me at the school.  
Ka kite ano  
Kate Stevenson  
Principal



#### Calendar of Events:

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 – 6.00pm  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Final Assembly – 1.30pm  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Break Up – 7.00pm  
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

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

#### Class Reports

**Team Kikorangi:** We have been creating some Christmas artwork this week. We all enjoyed the Enviro Day at school on Friday.

**Team Kowhai:** It was a buzz seeing the kids so engaged in our Enviro day last week. Thank you parents for coming along and helping out. We are getting into the Christmas spirit by making our own class Christmas tree and decorations or the class.

**Team Karaka:** We have been busy practising our end of year song for the Break Up.

**Team Papura:** have almost completed their projects to add colour to the school. We will be swimming tomorrow. The Year 8 students are at Mitre 10 Mega Tough Kids today. Hopefully, they will have fun and get wet.

Parents must come through the Office and NOT go to Classrooms without an appointment, also let the Office know if your children are absent NOT send messages to teachers.

#### Please Note:

**We will be unable to accept cheques next year**

#### Breakup – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm

Families please bring a small plate for supper.

Year 8 parents please stay for clean-up

We are making bottle top art in February 2021. If you have any clean bottle tops that you have lying around we would love to have these for our art next year. These can be any shape or size. Please drop off to the School office.

If anyone has staples for concrete posts lying around, we would love some for our boundary fence.

Please contact the Office or Les McWilliam if you can help.

#### Pre-schoolers

If you have pre-schoolers in the Tokanui areas, please phone/message the office with details so that we can ensure you are on our pre-school list. This helps us with staffing.  
Phone 03 2468 738 Text 022 467 06208

**This week's joke:** Why was the music teacher arrested?

**She got into treble.**

#### Toe Toe Pool

The newly surfaced pool is up and running and a balmy 28+ degrees.

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**Odd Spot:** The word 'lethologica' describes the state of not being able to remember the word you want.

#### Annual Meeting Niagara Hall

will be held in Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7-30pm

Apologies to Gay Lamb 2468 402



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Any emergencies ring 111 24 hours a day and we will be paged immediately alongside St. John

**Doctor Days: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Abraham**



### Gardener Wanted

Someone to do gardens for approximately 6 hours per week.

Could be split to suit School hours etc.  
Phone Pamela 03 2468 494



Do you want a tractor driver or a hand in the yards?

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### Christmas Boxes

We will be delivering Christmas boxes around the Toi Toi area on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Could you please have all contributions to Jenny Wilson's home by 12.00pm on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Many thanks Jenny

Niagara Falls Café

Bluegrass Festival

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – details to follow

Wednesday Night Touch &  
Friday Night Netball  
at Tokanui.

Starting December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Come as a team of 7  
or an individual

Message Cala Paenga or Ben Buckingham



Eggs For Sale:

Golden Yolk Eggs would like to thank everyone who has bought eggs from us this year.

We still have eggs available for purchase if you would like any from dozens to trays

Thanks Kathryn and Johnny Voice-Templeton, 880 Niagara-Tokanui Hwy  
2468 466

### Tokanui Memorial Hall

Thank you to Kieran from KD Spraying for spraying our carpark free of charge. It is most appreciated.

Family coming for Christmas? Need more tables, chairs or cups?

Contact Sandra 2468 520 to hire from the Tokanui Hall.

*If you bought tickets for the Improv Comedy night from the Tokanui Shop then please contact Jan for a refund as this is now cancelled.*

### Garden Group Revival

#### Calling gardeners in our Southern District.

We are wondering about reviving the garden group which existed for many years in this area. It was formed in 1976 by the late Mrs Nellie Buckingham and the late Mrs Edna McEwan and sponsored by Rural Women NZ. It was well supported by a bunch of enthusiastic gardeners who visited many gardens in the district and further afield. This group went into decline when we lost Jean Stratford and her daughters, Leeanne and Vicky, as they all gradually moved out of the district around 2002-2012. These ladies contributed much to the group. Apart from the companionship, we gained lots of ideas and learned heaps.

If you are interested, contact me -phone 2468 499 or email [thickthorne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:thickthorne@xtra.co.nz). We'll see what sort of response we get, and take it from there.

Cheers Janette Buckingham, Waikawa Valley



### Fortrose Cemetery Trust

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

At Scott McKenzie's Home

Apologies to Philip Golden 027 436 9743

### Combined Community Carol & Reflection Service

Get in the real spirit of Christmas by joining in singing your favourite Christmas carols at the Tokanui Hall on Monday, 21 December 2020 at 7.30 pm. Bring a plate for supper. Donation to Hospice Southland. All welcome.

Contact: Barbara Morrison 2468 403 Betty Fox 2469 822

Tennis coach Emma White is running a few Tennis Camps before Christmas. If any kids are interested the link to register is below.

<https://forms.gle/SquadTfWyFQ9bLMDC8>

Dates: Gore - 15th and 16th December

Winton - 17th and 18th December

Invercargill - 21st and 22nd December

Wyndham A & P Show – Saturday 5th December

Come and join us for some fun at the Show – Some of the entertainment we have on offer this year includes Pony Rides, Magician Shows, Kids Big Dig, Stock Judging, Face Painting, Bouncy Castles, Scavenger Hunt Challenge, and a Petting Zoo. ALL ENTERTAINMENT FREE. You can also enter Kids Hunting Competition, Children's Craft Sections, Colouring Competition, Best Pet Competition, Pet Lamb classes, Mr Muscles and Show Queen Competition, Baking, Photography, Flower Show and Terrier Race. Lots of Crafts and Stalls and Amusement Rides. Show entry is free for Children, \$10 Adults. For more details and colouring competition page, head to [showday.online](http://showday.online) or find Wyndham A & P Association on Facebook. See you there!

**WARNING:** The Tamariki have decided that since it has been a trying year they would like to share a little bit of happiness by spreading some Christmas Cheer/Spirit

We have been busy putting the lights up and doing the Christmas room so don't be shocked if the house is all lit up at night soon.

We will have the upstairs room open for viewing for a gold coin donation.

Please come up the driveway and round the round-about to see the lights. This DOES NOT disturb us and is the same as looking at the lights in town from the street

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas :)

Kathryn, Johnny, Shianna, Charlee and Aaron Templeton  
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