

Tena katoa katoa

This is our final newsletter for the year. There is a lot of Christmas excitement around the school this week as the children are preparing for the end of year activities.

The children took part in the final of **Launchpad** (Bible in Schools) last Friday with their breakup. Thank you to the teachers that come along to teach this values based programme each week. If you are in the office area you will see the beautiful star that Shelia Smith made with the senior class.

On Thursday night we have the **Year 8 Leavers Dinner**. I always enjoy this special time where the staff who have worked with these children, spend the evening with them in a formal occasion. This is an opportunity to learn some formal etiquette and to treat these leavers as the responsible young adults that they are. They can be relied upon to step up to the occasion and behave with respect. We always have lots of laughs listening to their speeches which are an interesting review of their time at Tokanui School. This year's inspirational guest is an athletic young lady that I am sure many of you will know.

On Friday we have the **Final Assembly** where we farewell Miss Taylor. Everyone is welcome to join us from 1:30pm. The children will be bringing home their school **reports** on Friday also.

On Monday next week the children will get to experience their **class for 2021** with next year's teacher, for the afternoon. Those not here in 2021 will be with Miss Taylor. The purpose of this is to help the children to know what to expect when they come back next year and to help reduce any anxiety about the changes ahead for each individual. The teachers will use this opportunity to get to know the students and learn a little about them.

You are all welcome to the **Break Up** on Tuesday night starting at 7pm. All classes will perform an item on the stage and we will farewell our Year 8 students.

In 2021 the newsletter will be online. We are an Enviroschool and the responsible option is to reduce the amount of paper that we use. This will be less restricting around the space available and it will save us money. I believe that you will find the format more user friendly. If you don't have internet and want a paper copy, contact the Office and talk to Marylyn.

On January the 27<sup>nd</sup> there is an **evening session for parents** from our Kahui Ako, following the Teacher's Only Day at Wyndham Primary. Our theme is **"Growing Great Kids"** and topics covered in the day for the teachers will have sessions at night for parents. Topics will include: Cyber Safety, Building Resilience, Eating for Life, and Learning Dispositions (e.g. dyslexia). Look out for information on the school app nearer the time.

Another great opportunity for parents is on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, **Nathan Wallis** will be presenting in Owaka. He is an excellent speaker with so much scientific knowledge and experience with child development. He is an entertaining speaker and very worthwhile to listen to. Get some tickets and take a carload up for the evening.

Enjoy some special times with whanau. Have a Happy Christmas and travel safely.

Regards  
Kate Stevenson  
Principal

*Play is the natural vehicle through which children practice the skills and values of their culture and learn how to get along with others, solve their own problems, regulate their emotions and impulse, and generally take control of their own lives." Peter Gray*

#### Calendar of Events:

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  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Book bus  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Waitangi Day observed  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March – Year 7 & 8 Camp  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Agrikids

*The Staff would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year Have fun and enjoy this time with your children.*

#### 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.

As we are an Enviroschool and aware of how much paper is used to produce our weekly Newsletter and with rising costs we have decided that today will be the last paper copy of the Newsletter to be delivered. This will now go to digital, so if you do not already receive an electronic Newsletter via email, let the Office know [office@tokanui.school.nz](mailto:office@tokanui.school.nz) and we will pop you on the mailing list. Advertisements/community news are all still welcome and charges will be advised. If you don't have internet and still wish to receive a paper copy to be posted, please let Marylyn know. This will cost \$70 per year (p&p) Adverts/notices can be emailed to [office@tokanui.school.nz](mailto:office@tokanui.school.nz)

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Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

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Big Dig 1.00pm

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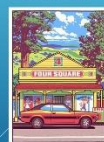
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
to  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
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Christine 03-2468894 [southerndistrictarts@gmail.com](mailto:southerndistrictarts@gmail.com)

Dinner with Guest artists  
Niagara Café 27<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Bookings essential Ph Janice 0211670110



Guest Artist  
Ross Murray





Robbie Burns night 30th January  
Good music, addressing of the Haggis  
8.00pm BYO Drink and a supper plate  
\$5-00 admission

Nathan Wallis, New Zealand's favourite Neuroscience Educator (and host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret life of Girls") is coming to Owaka for another of his sell-out talks about brain development from childhood to adulthood. He will be presenting at the Owaka Community Centre - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - 7.30-9.00pm.

Nathan's talks are very popular with parents, teachers, coaches, leaders and anyone else who is interested in learning about the workings of the brain. Nathan has a profound reputation as a lively and engaging speaker. He uses humour and plain language to condense 25 years of neuroscience research into his unique 'tell you how it is' style. You'll be absolutely captivated and walk away jam-packed with more than a few "ah-ha" moments.

More information can be found by following this link

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2021/the-developing-brain-catlins/south-otago>

#### Tokanui Bistro

We would like to wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

We will be closed Christmas day Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, but open other normal hours  
Thursday/Sunday 5.00 – 8.00pm

Friday/Saturday 5.00 - 9.00pm



#### Tokanui Medical Centre - Phone 2468 850

Merry Christmas from the SDHB Tokanui medical centre and the team of clinical nurse specialists/PRIME responders

It's been an unusual and unprecedented 2020 health wise in regards to Covid 19 and the subsequent lockdown not to mention the flooding's. In 2020 we had over 600 presentations come through the doors of Tokanui Medical Centre (not including GP day, Plunket or district patients!)

We coordinated with the District Health Board the Covid swabbing and isolation plan of the region.

We completed 120 flu vaccinations via the drive in method during lockdown! We vaccinated 46 children

We attended 29 emergency 111 call outs – of which one case will be published next year in a book. Organised four helicopter retrievals and had a great turn out for the bowel cancer awareness night as well as the health challenge

A big thanks to the Lions/Ambulance society too whom are always so generous in supporting the Medical Centre

Jony Lawson RGN dip/hsc

**Doctor Days 2021: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January - Abraham**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February - Abraham**

#### Gardener Wanted

Someone to do gardens for approximately 6 hours per week.

Could be split to suit School hours etc.

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#### New Years Eve Dance Niagara Hall

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Otara Anglican Church service on  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December, beginning at 2.00 pm.  
Afternoon tea to follow. All welcome,  
Any inquiries phone Barbara 2468 403.



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**DATES & DESTINATIONS**

15 <sup>TH</sup> JAN TOKANUI	18 <sup>TH</sup> JAN OTAUTAU (bus from Otaia via Nightcaps)	20 <sup>TH</sup> JAN RIVERTON (bus from Turotopene)	22 <sup>ND</sup> JAN WYNDHAM
25 <sup>TH</sup> JAN WIMSDEN (bus from Mossburn)	27 <sup>TH</sup> JAN WINTON	29 <sup>TH</sup> JAN STEWART ISLAND	1 <sup>ST</sup> FEB TE ANAU



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#### Christmas Boxes

We will be delivering Christmas boxes around the Toi Tois 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.

#### Niagara Falls Café

#### Bluegrass Festival

6th and 7th February 2021 - starts 11am both days.

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#### Combined Community Carol & Reflection Service

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All welcome.

Contact: Barbara Morrison 2468 403 Betty Fox 2469 822

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