



22nd September 2015 – Week 10,

WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This winter term has had its fair share of ups and downs. At times, more than half of the students were absent with a dreadful cold and flu doing the rounds which made it very difficult to maintain the planned teaching programmes. Thankfully, that is in the past and everyone can look forward to regaining strength over the holiday period. Please look after yourselves and enjoy some well-deserved family time.

Frances Nimmo

Vision

Windwhistle Students will be self-managing, inquiring and enterprising learners, contributing to their communities, and seizing new opportunities, as they strive to be the best they can be.

ROOM 1: Kia Ora Koutou. The children are ready for the holidays. It's been a hard term with sickness taking most children away from their learning. Thank you to those who have kept up with their Maths Buddy and Sunshine Classics. It does make a difference. I will be sending books home again over the holidays for the children to practise their reading. If your child has a basic facts book, please encourage them to do some each day. Next term we will be holding a Numeracy afternoon in the first week to show all our new parents what the programme is we teach and how you can help at home. Ngā mihi. Jane

ROOM 2: I am absolutely delighted with the progress that the whole class has made in maths. All the hard work and practice is paying off, please use any opportunities to keep up some basic facts with problem solving around the home during the holidays, e.g. how many metres/litres/kilos/grams do you think we'll need for...? It's going to take about 1½ hours to get there, what time will we arrive? Please also encourage your child/ren to read as much as possible and to take notes/keep a journal of their adventures. Many thanks for all your support this term. Frances.

Visit from Senior Constable Chris

As reported by Room 2 students:

On the morning of the 10th of September, we had one of the police officers from Ashburton come to talk to Room 2. Constable Chris spoke to us about risky situations and what he does to protect us. He talked to us about making good decisions and choices in life when we're growing up.

Constable Chris told us what you have to go through to be a good police officer. He reminded us that all the gadgets he uses like batons (which can extend longer or shorter), pistols, tasers, capsicum spray and handcuffs, are not toys to play with. The taser has 50,000 volts...that's ten times the electric fences on our farm! When they use a baton, police officers have to hit the person in a certain place to make them want to stop, like in the stomach. Constable Chris brought his police car with him. He turned his different sirens on for us and his flashing lights and we got to sit in his car! Police have to obey the laws too or they will get in trouble....they can't go too fast over the speed limit and they can go to jail like other people.

We learned that kids are not allowed to ride a motorbike on the side of the road because it's part of the road. You are not allowed to ride in a paddock if the road gate is open.

Cops are always there to help you in an emergency, so it's a very good idea to know your rapid number, your address and phone number for when you ring 111 when there's an accident.



The police help us by keeping us safe from bad people and crimes. You can trust the police to help us and not hurt us. You're safe with cops. They keep the world in balance.

(Any queries about the visit – please contact Kathy Mehrstens).

Reminder: Windwhistle School's Got Talent

- this Thursday, 24 September
- all parents and extended family welcome
- please be seated for a 1pm start
- gold coin entry (Year 6 fundraising)
- full dress rehearsal Wednesday
- please ensure that any necessary speaker systems are sorted for trial on Wednesday (backing tracks being played on tablets are unable to be heard above other library noise).



The children are very much looking forward to entertaining you on Thursday. I am so proud of them for getting up and having a go....they were keen to have another WSGT and they haven't wavered, despite some nerves! We're aiming for a bit of fun...not excellence. I know you'll be very supportive of their efforts.

(Any queries- please contact Kathy).

Raffle

As part of their Financial Capability fundraising (see past newsletters), the Year 6 students are selling raffle tickets. The prize is yummy fish from Theo's and we are very grateful to the Dempsey family for providing this raffle prize. The tickets are \$2 each and the raffle will be drawn on Pet Day 23 October. (Any queries to Year 6 students, or Kathy).



SKIING: Wow! What an amazing ski season. It has been great to watch all of our students progress and go up ski ability levels, some who started on the magic carpet are now capable of skiing from the top! This couldn't have happened if it hadn't been for the dedication and support from parents. All the transporting and skiing with small groups after the lessons really helped to give the children the best opportunity to improve their skiing. Many thanks to all the drivers, and to Jen, for all your help. Sally is collating all the transport costs, and Cheryl will be sending out end-of-term accounts.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:
Happy Birthday to Jed, Martha, Kate, Rosa



MOBILE LIBRARY: Our next visit is during the holidays. The Mobile Library will be at Glenroy Community Hall at the usual time of 11.40-12.10pm on Tuesday 29th October (38 Windwhistle Rd, on the left just before the turnoff for Downs Road/Glenroy Lodge), and Glentunnel Community Hall at the slightly earlier time of 12.30-1pm

NUMERACY: What are 'tidy' numbers? What's the point of 'place value'? "I want to help my child with their maths but I don't understand the 'new' ways." **HELP is at hand! Come along after school on WEDNESDAY 14th October and hear what it's all about. Meet in Room 1 at 3:30pm where Jane (Mrs Mac) will explain the junior stages, followed by the senior numeracy levels in Room 2 with Frances.**

The Windwhistle District Society would like to inform all local residents that the water tanker/fire truck is available for use at a cost of \$150.00 donation per day. A Class two driver's licence is required for all drivers of the truck. To request further information please contact William Innes 0274 444237 or 03 3186929.

Payments can be made to: Windwhistle Fire Group, Westpac Bank 03 1583 0005368 00

Windwhistle District Society AGM = Tuesday 29th September at 7pm

Windwhistle School Library - All Welcome

Term Dates this Year:

Term Three: Mon 20 July – Fri 25 Sept

Term Four: Mon 12 Oct – Wed 17 Dec

Public Holidays in term time:

Labour Day – Mon 26 Oct

Canterbury Anniversary – Fri 13 Nov

TERM 3 DIARY 2015

Week 10	Thurs 24 Sept Fri 25 Sept	Windwhistle's Got Talent – 1pm library – all welcome Last Day Of Term
Week 1	Tues 13 Oct Wed 14 Oct	STOP, DROP, HOLD – Earthquake shake-out with Playgroup Numeracy explanation afternoon – 3.30pm School
Week 2	Fri 23 Oct	PET DAY
Week 3	Mon 26 Oct Tues 27 Oct	Labour Day Holiday BOT Meeting – School Library 5.00pm (guest speaker)
Week 4	Mon 02 Nov Wed 04 Nov	Athletics Day?? – Darfield High School Room 2 – Constable Chris – Bike Safety
Week 5	Wed 11 Nov Thurs 12 Nov Fri 13 Nov	Room 1 – Constable Chris – Road Safety Teacher Only Day Canterbury Anniversary Day
Week 6	Fri 20 Nov	Golf Tuition starts Friday afternoons
Week 8	Mon 30 Nov	BOT Meeting – 5.30pm school library
Week 10	Mon 14 Dec Tues 15 Dec Wed 16 Dec	BOT Meeting – 5.30pm school library Prize giving afternoon Last day of Term 4

ABSENCES: PLEASE REMEMBER TO PHONE SCHOOL, OR TXT YOUR TEACHER, BEFORE 9AM IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK – WE NEED TO KNOW THAT YOUR CHILD IS SAFE – SCHOOL POLICY.



WHAT A WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT BY OUR WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL SKI TEAM (LACHLAN DALY, JOE VERONESE, GEORGE DALY, GEORGIE VERONESE) COMING 2ND IN THE SKI RACING. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU ALL

HANDY WEE HELPERS EAGER TO SORT OUT
THE NEW BARK IN THE SCHOOL
PLAYGROUND. THANK YOU TO FULTON
HOGAN FOR DELIVERING 8M!



Pet Day: FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER. This year we will include a competition for the best decorated SPRING hat. Any material/type of hat can be used. They must be made at home. With the holidays coming on, it might be a good way to keep the kids busy. Here are some photos to give you some ideas. Information about pet day will be in the first newsletter next term. Jane



This year we would love to see the grandparents and local community visit our school to share pet day with the children. Parents if you could please put the word out to those who would like to enjoy the day with our school.- Details in next newsletter

HATUMA GROWING MINDS FUND

Windwhistle School wish to say a BIG “Thankyou” to the above fund for donating \$45.66 to our school. This fundraiser is achieved from the local farmers using the services of Hatuma Growing. Thank you very much for your support.

TRUSTPOWER

The Canterbury Region Triumph Stag Owners Club visited Lake Coleridge last weekend as part of their car rally. The members on the day decided to do a collection as a donation to Windwhistle School in the amount of \$70. Thank you so much for your support



A VISIT FROM CONSTABLE CHRIS WHO TALKED ABOUT MAKING GOOD DECISIONS AND CHOICES IN LIFE AND WHAT TO DO IN RISKY SITUATIONS



Dear Parents

After having such an amazing camp in July (over 300 kids attending) Christchurch Football Academy has decided to keep the format the same by having two day blocks of morning or whole day sessions. We have also added a new grade U16 (exciting times!), so if you wish to be a part of another successful and even more exciting camp - please review the information below and register.

Camp 1 - 28th and 29th of September

Camp 2 - 1st and 2nd of October

Camp 3 - 5th and 6th of October

Camp 4 - 8th and 9th of October

To Register please visit: www.cfa.org.nz/camp-oct



PORSE - *Inhome Childcare - spaces available Coalgate. Please contact Diana on 03 318 2421 for more information*

Trends & Trivia

A Gala Night of Fashion, Trivia & Fun!

Get a team of 4 friends to enjoy
summer fashions on the catwalk &
test your trivia !
*Great music, good food, good
friends, great cause!*



All Proceeds to:



**Saturday
17th October 15**

Darfield High School
7.00pm

Tickets \$35 per person
Includes Continuous Supper
Cash bar from 6.30pm
Proceeds to Darfield High School PTSA

Tickets available from:

Darfield High School
Office

charingcross.redcross@gmail.com

**scarlett
rose**

Are you keen for your daughter to be involved in Guiding, but don't live near a group?

GirlGuiding New Zealand's focus is to provide the most opportunities possible for girls, even when they are isolated by distance or other factors.

If for some reason you are unable to attend a local unit, you can still be involved in Guiding by joining the Aotearoa Region.

The Aotearoa Region provides the GirlGuiding programme and activities in a different way, using a variety of methods i.e. post, email, internet, texting and other social media.

And should circumstances change, it's easy to transfer from the Aotearoa Region unit to a regular unit.

For more information about GirlGuiding NZ's Aotearoa Region contact 0800 449 663 or email southernzone@girlguidingnz.org.nz

Helping girls develop skills, values and a sense of adventure




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"Parenting a Co-operative Family"

Are you struggling with family arguments?
Do you want your kids/teenagers to listen to you?
Would you like to know what's going on with your child and be a part of their life?
Would you like to learn easy and effective skills to build better relationships?

This 25 hour Transforming Communication course is being offered in Darfield in October over two Sundays and three Thursday evenings. Only \$265 - (subsidies may be available).

Anna Dalzell is a qualified teacher, coach and parent, and is experienced in group and individual work for transformational change.

"The flow of your emotions and your management of the group was lovely. Your emphasis on the values behind what you taught us was also inspiring." - Richard

Contact Anna - 0800 2CHANGE or by Email - anna@change.net.nz

The Worry Bug Project –

A unique new resource, to support families/schools with anxiety as the region recovers from the earthquakes.

The Worry Bug Project consists of two books 'Wishes and Worries' (for use in classrooms) and 'Maia and The Worry Bug' that have been written by registered psychologist Julie Burgess Manning and teacher Sarina Dickson who are both Christchurch mothers. They have been illustrated by award winning artist Jenny Cooper and have the support of the Children's Commissioner Dr Russell Wills. Thanks to funding from the Canterbury Community Trust and the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust.

www.theworrybug.co.nz

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FERTILISER THROUGH BALANCE**

