



24 November 2015 – Week 7, Term 4

WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Week 7 already! Where has this term and year disappeared to? When we are busy and engaged in our learning, the time just seems to fly by. Our Year 6s have started their transition process with guided visits with the Year 7 Dean to Darfield High School. They are also starting to reflect on their time at Windwhistle School and will share their memories during prize-giving in the final week.

This week, we are focusing on keeping ourselves safe, with a planned Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) trip to Darfield. Constable Chris will ensure that the Room 1s are concentrating on safety while walking and the Room 2s when they are biking. Thanks again to parents who have offered to help.

Our Board members will be hearing about the future plans of how Communities of Schools can work together at an evening workshop being held by the Ministry of Education on Wednesday. They will feedback the main points to our community in the next newsletter.

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: This will be our last week for spelling. Beginning on the 7th Dec I will only be sending home reading books that the children have in their browsing boxes. We need to start doing a big stock take so can I please ask you check for any books at home and send them back to school. There are some very overdue library books too. Please remember to send along warm tops for the children to wear after swimming. No matter how warm it is, they still get cold. I have a class policy: No warm top, no swimming. The pool is now at 27 degrees so we will swim every day. Ngā mihi. Jane



ROOM 2: Revision and problem-solving in maths spreads itself across the curriculum this week as we work on our technology challenge – watch-out for the photos in the next newsletter! Re. safety, we are looking forward to hearing Constable Chris's tips. Thanks to Barry Hardy for providing the blue bus to transport our students. Frances



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Fergus, Connor and Lachlan



Room 2's

Day out – Hula Hoops (Body

Energy) and Solar Panels (Sun Energy and Water Wheel (Water Energy)



BOARD OF TRUSTEES: It is with regret that we advise that Sam Smedley is resigning from the Board of Trustees at the end of this year. Sam has been part of the board for the last 5 years and has been committed to ensuring the school is governed appropriately and ensuring the school is meeting its student achievement targets. On top of the governorship requirements of the board Sam has overseen the school's health and safety compliance and managed the fundraising. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Sam for all of her involvement over the last five years. Sam's resignation leaves a vacancy which we would like to fill by seconding another parent or two to the board until the next elections in mid-2016. The primary focus of the Board is student achievement, so if you are interested in ensuring all our kids reach their potential and are well prepared for their future lives, I encourage you to join the board. Anyone is welcome to attend the board meetings, so please feel free to come along and see what is required of the board. If you are interested in joining the board please give me a call. The next Board meeting is on Monday 14th December, 5:30pm in the library. It would be great for a new parent to be there for this meeting to assist in the changeover

Sam Richards
Board Chair.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

We may have just had 'CUP DAY' but Windwhistle has just won a wee TRIFECTA !

*Once again I can't thank you all enough for the help you have provided over the past few weeks. It truly has been a team effort which I am sincerely grateful.
Every little bit helps and this is what we raised from the last 3 fundraising campaigns.*

*Pet Day Coffee Combo \$140.00
Athletic Sports Sausage Sizzle \$380
Highland Games raffle \$845.00
Net Profit of \$1365.00*

*The children and the school will benefit hugely from these funds raised.
Thanks again, Vanessa Johnston*

Athletics Day

Well done to all our students for the wonderful effort they put into the Athletics Day. Awesome manners and sportsmanship shown. We are very proud.
A BIG "GOOD LUCK" to Georgie Veronese, Willy Dempsey and Luke Reeves who are through to the Canterbury Championships.



TERM 4 DIARY 2015

Week 7	Fri 27 Nov	Golf Tuition 1pm
Week 8	Tues 01 Dec Wed 03 Dec Fri 04 Dec Fri 04 Dec	Year 6 trip to Darfield High School Year 6 trip to Champion Centre Xmas Party 3pm All Library books back to school Golf Tuition 1pm
Week 9	Wed 09 Dec Fri 11 Dec Fri 11 Dec	Christmas giving and sharing with Jenni Carter Years 4 – 6 Golf Day Hororata 9am Reports Home
Week 10	Mon 14 Dec Tues 15 Dec Wed 16 Dec Thurs 17 Dec	BOT Meeting – 5.30pm school library Prize giving and BBQ 4pm Last day of Term 4 First Aid Day 8.30am – 4.30pm

Term Dates this Year:

Term Four: Mon 12 Oct – Wed 16 Dec

Public Holidays in term time:

Canterbury Anniversary – Fri 13 Nov

Golf in Schools

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Year 4 and 6 students have a 4th golf session/fun session with our golf lesson provider on Friday 11 December at the Hororata Golf club at Glentunnel. The 8 students and myself will leave Windwhistle School at 9:00am. We play 3 holes so should be well back before lunch. The children can eat their morning tea early in the car on the way to Glentunnel if they wish. (Year 3 students will work in Room 1 with Jane for that morning). The golf provider has been giving lessons to Springfield School as well, which is why the instructors asked us to meet “half way” at the Glentunnel course for the culminating lesson, rather than using our local Terrace Downs course, as I'd requested. So we will be playing with/against Springfield School children, in a fun way. I am needing at least one parent to help me with transport and hands on supervision on the course please. Could you please fill in the permission/reply slip and return to me by this Friday 27 November. Any queries please contact Kathy. Thank you.

A Big Thank You From the Year 6 Financial Capability Team

Two months ago we were thinking of ideas for raising money. We had lots of planning meetings with Mrs Mehrtens to talk about what we could do. In the end we counted up that we had raised \$800, by selling raffle tickets, making Frellies, guessing Wilbur's weight competition, selling drinks and the Windwhistle School's Got Talent competition. We want to thank all the parents and friends that were involved with helping us with the fundraising this year. We couldn't have done it without you. We are going to use \$600 of the profit to help the children at the Champion Centre. We have been invited to their Christmas Party where we will hand over the money. We will also buy gifts for our school for everyone to use...slalom hoops for the swimming pool, a croquet set for the playground and a unicycle! Thank you from Lachlan, Willy, Luke, Ruby, Joe and Kathy :)



Year 6 Visit to the Champion Centre

The Year 6 children have been invited to the Champion Centre's Christmas Party to be held at their main centre at Burwood on Thursday 3 December. As outlined in a previous newsletter the Champion Centre provides multi-disciplinary early intervention services to infants and young children with significant disabilities. Sam Smedley and the Veroneses have kindly agreed to help me with transporting the children to and fro. We will need to leave Windwhistle by 3pm as we are asked to be there at 4:30pm (getting across Christchurch at that time of day is VERY slow). The children will be shown around the facility that their fundraising money will help support and then after handing over their proceeds from fundraising, the party will begin at 5pm. Our children have been



asked to help hand around the plates of food and in this way they will get a natural interaction with the children who attend the Champion Centre and their families. I will get the children to wear their Windwhistle T- shirts so I can keep track of our WW children and people will know who they are. Please ensure their other clothes that they wear are neat and tidy. The Year 6s will need a nutritious, non messy snack and water bottle to have in the car on the 1 ½ journey into town please. I imagine us leaving the party by 6:30pm and your child will be delivered back to your home. I am very grateful to the Champion Centre staff for thinking up such a fun way for our children to “hand over the money”. I'm so proud of all their enthusiastic efforts at fundraising during our Financial Capability maths unit and am hopeful that attending this party will help cement in their minds how being financially capable provides options to help others, as well as themselves.

“Tuia te rangi e tu iho nei. Tuia te papa e takoto nei” = “As the sky joins the earth, so people depend on one another” (from Champion Centre website).

Please fill in the permission slip and return to me by this Friday 27 November.

Any queries please contact Kathy. Thank you.

POOL KEYS

We are organising another “Training Day” for those who wish to obtain a pool key for the summer. Please phone or text Jane McMillan 027 653 7055 or Alida Richards 021 538 616 to express your interest. Thank You



PRIZE GIVING AND BBQ

Its that time of year again. The children will be looking forward to their Xmas holidays. But first we need to honour our children for the wonderful effort they have put in throughout the year. Parents, Grandparents and Community are welcome to our Prize Giving afternoon Tuesday 15 December at 4.00pm. This will be followed by a BBQ at the school. Please bring your food, drinks and cutlery.



‘IT’S TIME FOR A CHRISTMAS TREAT’

What’s Christmas, if you don’t have Turkey & Gravy, Mash Potatoes, Pavlova Strawberries & Cream ! Well, based on this, Christmas is coming to school ☺

No need for lunches because on Wednesday 16th December (last day of the term) we will be providing a Christmas lunch for all the children and staff at school.

A treat to say thank you for all the help and support given the school throughout the year ☺

HO HO HO and MERRY CHRISTMAS





Create a Christmas tree and win

Community groups, schools, pre-schools – get creative, decorate a Christmas tree and bring it in to Darfield, Leeston or Lincoln library. Library visitors will vote for the best tree from Saturday 5 December.

Win prizes for your community group, school or pre-school

Trees accepted from Monday 30 November to Saturday 5 December

Entries open to community groups, schools, pre-schools
Categories: Junior (0-18 years), Adult (18 years +)
Height limit: 1.5 metres



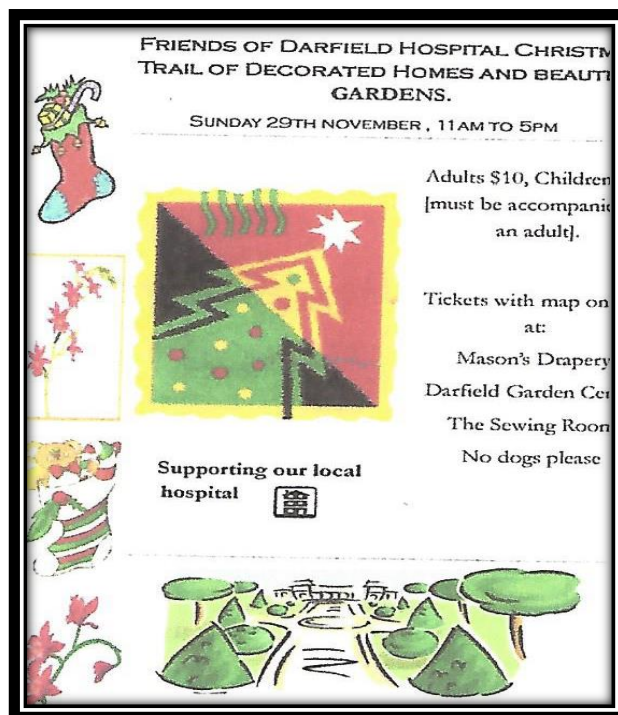
Register by phoning or visiting:

Darfield Library
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Phone: 03 3187780 / 03 347278

Leeston Library
10 Messines Street, Leeston
Phone: 03 3472371

Lincoln Library
22 Gerald Street, Lincoln
Phone: 03 3472376

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PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER

Permission slip for Year 6s to attend Champion Centre Christmas Party Thursday 3 December

_____ has permission to travel by private car and mingle with the children and their families at the Champion Centre Christmas party, leaving Windwhistle at 3:00pm and returning home around 8pm.

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Permission slip for Year 4 and Year 6 students to play at Hororata Golf course on Friday 11 December

_____ has permission to travel by private car and play on the Hororata Golf Course located at Glentunnel, leaving Windwhistle School at 9:00am and returning to school by lunchtime.

I am able to provide transport (with seatbelts) for _____ children and am happy to supervise a small group of children as they play their 3 holes on the golf course.

Parent signature _____ Date _____