



3 February 2016– Week 1, Term1

WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome back to all our students and their families. From the news in class, many of you experienced exciting times over the holidays while others had a more relaxing time. For me, Karamaea and Hokitika beckoned and we were rewarded with a few fish after hours of casting!

Now it is time to knuckle down and get our 'thinking hats' on. Our new entrants are settling into the new experiences of Room 1 with Mrs Mac and Mrs King, while our Year 3s have moved into Room 2 to join the Year 4s and Year 5s with Mrs Nimmo and Mrs Mehrrens – this will help to balance our class sizes in 2016.

All your support: listening to your child/ren, asking questions, helping with revision and reading to/with them, all helps to embed their knowledge and assists them in making sense of new ideas and concepts.

Frances Nimmo (Principal)

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. Nau mai, haere mai ki 2016. It's great to see all the smiling faces back at school this morning. Everyone has heaps to share and the children are enjoying the changes in our classroom. We welcome Molly Miers and Harry Ballagh to our class and next week Pippa Jordan starts school so our numbers start at 15 with five more expected to start during the year. As I need to do a little bit of testing this week, spelling will start next week. Reading books will be sent home today. If you are unsure of anything, please contact me on our new email, or you can ring my home number 3188920 and cell phone 02102503517. Please be aware my 027 number doesn't work at school. Ngā mihi Jane.

**WELCOME TO WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL
MOLLY, HARRY & JAMES!**



ROOM 2:

from Frances: it is SO good to back in the classroom working and learning with our class which this year includes the Year 3s. We also welcomed James Miers, another Year 3, during assembly. They are a lovely mix of gender and ability and they are already forging new friendships through their learning groups and out at play. I have sent home the Room 2 Home Learning Diary – thank you to those of you who have signed your child's homework after they have completed it – this really helps us to know that the student is being supported at home with any questions or revision. Keep up the good work! If you have any questions about anything – please either write a note in the diary or send me an email. PLEASE NOTE – new email address: principal@windwhistle.school.nz

Kathy Back Week 3 Happy New Year....I hope everyone had a great break and that you all got that lovely rain mid-January. Due to family commitments, I start back in week 3. Tammy gets married on our farm at the end of week 1 and Bevan has a shoulder op near the end of week 2, before which we need to have a head start on farm jobs that involve four arms for the following 5 weeks. My first teaching day will be on Thursday 18 February. Spelling homework will start then and recorder later in the term. My first Maths topic will be Measurement – Temperature and Time. In handwriting this year the Year 3 children will be continuing practising their printing and beginning to add “hooks”, the Year 4s will continue with hooks and begin linking and the Year 5s will continue with their linked writing, beginning to apply it to all hand written work and be given the flexibility to develop their own individual style. My main Social Studies topic for the term will be ANZAC. This will include the teaching of several key components of the NZ Curriculum that all schools must teach: The Principles (for this topic Community Engagement; Cultural Diversity) and the Key Competencies (for this topic Relating to Others; Participating & Contributing). The main Social Studies concept is democracy. The culminating event for this topic will be the tri annual ANZAC community service to be held at the **Glenroy Monument at 11am on Friday 15 April.** For new parents, this is where all the Windwhistle School children (both rooms) run a formal ANZAC service complete with Army personnel, wreath laying, singing etc. Parents and anyone in the community attend and the service is followed by lunch back at school for everyone including any special guest speakers. It's a lovely way for the children to be involved in this important NZ commemoration. I'll give more details closer to the time but please keep that day free so you can all join us. Any queries please contact Kathy Mehrtens. Thank you. Looking forward to seeing you all soon :)

January BIRTHDAYS: Amelia



PLEASE NOTE our school emails have changed and are now as follows:

- principal@windwhistle.school.nz
- accounts@windwhistle.school.nz
- office@windwhistle.school.nz
- room1@windwhistle.school.nz
- room2@windwhistle.school.nz

"Snowdon Station Annual Lamb Sale" school FUNDRAISER

Thursday 21st January was yet another typical Nor West day in the high country. Only difference was the wonderful smells of the sausages sizzle, tasty bacon burgers and good ole country baking wafting down the dusty roads of Snowdon Station.

As many of you are aware, Snowdon Station hold their annual 'Lamb Sale' each year during the Christmas school holidays. Annabel and Roy kindly support the school by giving us the opportunity to host a fundraising event and cater food to all those assisting on the day, the agents, auctioneers, farm staff and those just 'taking a peek'. This opportunity is strongly welcomed and we can't thank 'Snowdon' enough for allowing us to be a part of their day.

It's a tough time of the year for a fundraising event but I would like to say a HUGE 'thank you' to all those that helped this year. From baking to set up and cooking on the day, the support from the families of the school was fantastic. The cakes, muffins, slices and cookies were amazing. Actually we have some very talented 'Master Chef's' in our community!

The funds this year will go towards purchasing and replacing two much-needed overhead projectors – one in each classroom.

THANK YOU again for finding the time to make this fundraiser a very successful event. I know Snowdon Station and Windwhistle School are greatly appreciative of your help and support.

Until next time and YES, there will be a next time, take care and enjoy the year.

May 2016 bring success for us all.

Cheers Vanessa

(BOT Fundraising Coordinator)



PRIZE GIVING 2015



Well done everybody!



WORKING BEE & BBQ



Friday 12 February 2016 from 3pm. If you own a shovel, rake, wheelbarrow please bring along. A great afternoon to help the school, and catch up with parents and teachers. Please bring your own food for cooking on the BBQ & something to drink.

Windwhistle Community Survey We had an 85% response from our families. The Board of Trustees (BOT) has started analysing the results (see attachment). These will form part of our strategic planning for this year. Further surveys will sent out to clarify some of the answers. BOT elections will take place in April – please speak to a BOT member if you are interested in finding out more about governing our special school. Board Members call on: Sam Richards (BOT Chair), Jen Daly, Annabel Tripp, Sam Smedley, Vanessa Johnston, Jane McMillan (Staff Representative) and Frances Nimmo (Principal)



DO YOU HAVE an old digital camera lying around you no longer use? If so, could you kindly send in to Frances for use in class – Thank You.

MORNING BUS RUNS

Please ensure that your child/children are at the bus stop **ON TIME** as Robyn is not able to wait for late children. Please remember to txt Robyn if you need to make any changes to drop-off or collection **AND** tell the teachers (note or phone call). Robyn only works part-time and we cannot take the word of a child who says, “No bus today, Mum/Dad is collecting me.”



ETA for the morning bus run:

Coleridge Run

7.45am	Coleridge
8.00 am	Dog box
8.06 am	Veronese stop
8.09 am	Bell stop
8.12 am	Terrace Downs
8.14 am	Innes stop
8.16 am	Ballagh stop

Glenroy Run

8.23 am	Emma's stop
8.34 am	Walter's stop
8.36 am	Sleemans/Leaches Rd
8.41 am	Daly stop
8.43 am	Emily/Martha stop
8.46 am	Copper's stop

Please be at your stop 2-3 minutes earlier than above times to ensure you don't miss the bus!
Thank you for your co-operation. Robyn – 022 102 6743



LIBRARY

See attached list of missing books from the school library. Please have a good look at home and return any found – many thanks.

Lucky Book Club Orders

You can now order books online if you wish. See the order form at the back of the book club brochure and follow instructions for the LOOP system. Easy and convenient!

TERM 1 DIARY 2016

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Week 1	Mon 01 Feb	First Day of Term 1 2016
Week 2	Mon 08 Feb	Waitangi Holiday
	Thurs 11 Feb	Darfield High School Triathlon
	Fri 12 Feb	WORKING BEE & BBQ – 3pm ALL hands WELCOME, please!
Week 3	Tues 16 Feb	Mobile Library
Week 4	Fri 26 Feb	Top Team @ Glentunnel – RM 2
Week 5	Mon 29 Feb	BOT Meeting
Week 7	Tues 15 Mar	Mobile Library
Week 8	Mon 21 Mar	Malvern Swim @ Rolleston
	Fri 25 Mar	Good Friday
Week 9	Mon 28 Mar	Easter Monday
	Tues 29 Mar	Easter Tuesday
	Wed 30 Mar	BOT Meeting
Week 10	Fri 8 April	Elgregoe @ Hororata with Greendale – RM 2 “You’ve Got The Power”
Week 11	Tues 12 April	Mobile Library
	Fri 15 April	ANZAC Ceremony & End of Term

HORORATA PARISH



BIKE RUN WALK

Enjoy a day in the country exploring Middle Rock Farm, on the terraces of the Rakaia River. With formed shingle 4WD tracks ranging in distance from 6km – 20km there is something for all ages and levels of fitness.

**28th Feb
10am-4pm
Middle Rock Farm,
1160 Coleridge Rd,
Windwhistle**

BBQ and
refreshments for
sale. Heaps of
spot prizes.

Entry \$15pp
Children under
15 FREE

Cash only, no EFTPOS. No dogs.

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