



WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are into Week 4 already! The teaching staff have been busy working with the pupils to review each student's current level of achievement compared to the end of 2015 – it is amazing what differences there are after the summer break. For some, quite a bit of revision is required. Parents, please keep up your good efforts with reading, spelling and maths home learning. Maths Buddy is again available online for each student and they all know their passwords. At our next Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting, realistic targets will be set for the school's annual planning based on last year's data and the evidence to-date. As we will be holding triennial elections this year, please feel free to attend any BOT meetings (see Term's Diary) and talk to current BOT members.

Finally, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families, and to thank all the parents who gave up their time to work like beavers during our working bee – the school looks great!

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. We have welcomed Rey into our class last week. His previous teacher aide from Darfield Primary School, Rebecca, spent two days with us last week settling him in. He seems to love our playground and has a fascination with bugs. Robyn has taken on extra hours in our room so will now be working 9.30am to 2.30pm Monday to Thursday. And we love having her!

You may have noticed a slight change with our spelling programme. Last year I found it frustrating that the children learnt words all week, I tested them, and then they spelt the same words wrong in their writing the following week. So this year I am having a blitz on the essential words. If they get them wrong during the week then they will be back in their spelling notebooks the following week. They also know they have to write the word out 10 times for me on the spot. 20 if they've done it earlier!! I will send home the essential word lists for each family to keep at home.

Ngā mihi Jane.



WELCOME TO WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL! JASMINE, JAMES, HARRY, PIPPA, MOLLY & REY!

ROOM 2: Kathy (Mrs Mehrtens) and I have just completed all our beginning-of-year assessment in Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Listening and Maths. We have analysed the data and are setting goals and next steps with each child for the term and overall year. We would like our parents to be involved in these goals and invite you to another 'meet-the-teacher' session in two weeks' time: **Thursday 10th March from 3.30 to 4.30pm**. Please make an appointment with your child's teacher, if you wish to speak about your child's specific goals.

Maths Buddy is up and running – a great tool to support learning, as it provides a visual/oral model of each strand and level in maths, in number, measurement, algebra, statistics, etc. right across the curriculum. Ask your child to show you how it works; challenge them to a speed or problem-solving test – it's fun!

Home revision: thanks for signing your child's diary when they have completed their reading, spelling and family of facts; and for the notes when we need to know of any changes. Expectations: reading = 20mins/night; spelling words; alternate family-of-facts / Maths Buddy / basic facts (three columns per week). Any questions, please either phone or write in their diary. Many thanks, Frances & Kathy.



February BIRTHDAYS: Pippa, James



The children hard at work emptying wheelbarrows full of wonderful new sand!



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THANK YOU - MT SOMERS SANDMINE AND WEBB TRANSPORT

Just a reminder that 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

MORNING BUS RUNS

ETA for the morning bus run:

Coleridge Run

7.54 am	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
8.41 am	Daly stop
8.43 am	Emily/Martha stop
8.46 am	Cooper's stop



Please be at your stop 2-3 minutes earlier than above times to ensure you don't miss the bus! AND TXT ME ANY CHANGES WHEN YOU LET THE SCHOOL KNOW! Thank you for your co-operation. Robyn
– 022 102 6743



PIANO LESSONS

We have had an offer from a local piano teacher, Kate Lambarth, who teaches at Mt Hutt College. She is willing to come to Windwhistle School and teach students, if there is enough interest. There is also the offer of a piano, again, dependent on interest. Please email Frances asap with names – I have to let her know next week. principal@windwhistle.school.nz

FOR SALE!

PEA STRAW

\$30.00 per bale – big bales

Contact: Jen Ph (03) 318 6563



TERM 1 DIARY 2016

Week 5	Mon 29 Feb	BOT Meeting @ 5.30pm in library
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