



WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you for your continued support throughout this busy term. Behind the scenes, there are so many of you beavering away: to raise funds; attend working bees; organise events; cater for this; attend that; provide transport, – all of which helps our amazing, school community to tick along and work! Keep up the great efforts – it really IS appreciated!

The Principles of 'High expectations', 'Inclusion' and 'Learning to learn' continue to be the main focus areas, together with the Key Competencies of 'Managing self', 'Thinking', 'Relating to others' and 'Participating and contributing'. Our students are actually very good at incorporating and auctioning most of these; they just need the occasional boost!

There are several important dates coming up (see Term 1s calendar of events included in this newsletter), please diary these if you can attend.

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. Unfortunately, Mrs Mac has been signed off for the rest of this week. She is still suffering from vertigo and has been advised to stay at home and rest. She really misses everyone and would rather be at school – but, doctor's orders! In the meantime, we are very lucky to have Mrs Young relieving in Room 1 again to provide continuity. She is following Jane's planning, and Robyn and her are doing a great job!

ROOM 2: On Tuesday, Room 2 welcomed Kelsey to our class. She is a lovely, Year 5 girl who will/is fitting in very quickly. She is sports-mad and loves rugby and horses – need I say more! We hope you have a wonderful time at Windwhistle – any questions, please remember to ask☺.

We had 'Harold' visiting our school on Monday for Life Education and he passed on some great messages about Friendship and Integrity. Hopefully, the Room 2s are sharing his ideas with you!

The swimming is going 'great guns' with Yvonne from Selwyn Aquatic Centre every Tuesday, and the children have been faithfully practising their strokes daily (please read Swimming Notice below). We wish **Georgie and Rosa, GOOD LUCK** when they compete at the Malvern Swimming Championships next Monday!

Mrs Mehtens has some VERY important Room 2 information – please read attached.



Come and join us for the final swimming session, and see what amazing, swimming techniques your child/ren have been developing over the eight weeks. Yvonne, our instructor from the Selwyn Aquatic Centre, will explain the swimming developmental stages while each of the year groups demonstrate them to you – 1pm, NEXT Tuesday, 22nd March, Windwhistle Swimming Pool – ALL welcome☺

EMMA & ROOM 2 WITH HER "DID YOU KNOW" - DISSOLVING FAT IN MILK



March BIRTHDAYS: Maggie, Sam Daly, Abhisha



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WORKING BEE – SUNDAY 20 MARCH AT 9AM

Please bring the following items with you if you are able:-

- Hard hats
- Yellow vests
- Gloves
- Sturdy boots
- Any gardening tools
- Something for morning tea

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 (Mrs King) – 022 102 6743

The team who brought you 'The Bitches' Box' & Mel Parsons are back on the road with a brand new show!

(Some shows are close to selling out already, so don't dilly-dally - **BOOK NOW!**)

Weds 30th March - Quartz Hill Station

Sun 1st May - Snowdon Station



To book tickets and for full info click:

<http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/tour/2016/sons-of-bitch-mel-parsons>

'Sons of a Bitch' & Mel Parsons is a brand new show, and promises an unmissable evening of music, theatre and comedy, complete with BBQ and bar - coming soon to a wool shed near you! Each event will start with a fundraising BBQ dinner run by the local school or community group - come hungry and support your local kids!

More about 'Sons of a Bitch': **<http://www.bitchesbox.co.nz>**

More about Mel Parsons: **<http://melparsons.com>**

TERM 1 DIARY 2016

Week 7	Sun 20 Mar	Working Bee – cutting down trees – 9am
Week 8	Tues 22 Mar	All welcome to students' swimming demo – 1pm
	Thurs 24 Mar	Teacher Only Day
	Fri 25 Mar	Good Friday
Week 9	Mon 28 Mar	Easter Monday
	Tues 29 Mar	Easter Tuesday (School Holiday)
	Wed 30 Mar	BOT Meeting – 5.30pm - Library
Week 10	Tues 5 April	Wacky Hat/Hair Day (\$2 donation) in aid of children with leukemia Elgregoe @ Hororata with Greendale – Room 2 “You’ve Got The Power!”
	Fri 8 April	
Week 11	Tues 12 April	Mobile Library – 1pm
	Fri 15 April	ANZAC Ceremony & End of Term & light lunch at Glenroy Monument

TERM 2 DIARY 2016

Week 14	Mon 02 May	Term 2 starts
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