



4 May 2016 – Week 1, Term2

# WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

*Dear Parents and Caregivers*

*Welcome back everyone! By the sounds of it, many families enjoyed some special times together, as well as lots of adventures. During assembly on Monday, we shared some of the momentous occasions, and also reflected on the Glenroy ANZAC service. How proud the community must be of our respectful students. We also remarked on the many favourable comments from parents, RSA and the New Zealand Defence Force. A special occasion indeed – lest we forget.*

*A huge thank you to all our parents, and community members, who have been involved in the highly successful fundraising during the recent shows held at Snowdon and Quartzhill Stations, and also to the team who are hard at work preparing for our major fundraising occasion of the year – the Windwhistle Golf Classic. These events do not just 'happen', there are hours of work going on behind the scenes – please continue to support the organisers when they request assistance – it all helps.*

*This term includes cross country and speech competitions together with all the other curriculum areas, please note dates in your diary.*

*2016 is the triennial Board of Trustees Election year. Please see attached information if you would like to consider further supporting our school as a board member.*

*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.

Didn't the holidays go quickly! Although the weather has been beautiful can I ask that the children have a warm top or coat in the bottom of their bags just in case it turns cold. Attached is the timetable for news this term. Please keep this in a safe place. Some of the younger children have spelling words this week. They only need to be returned to me on Friday for testing. Otherwise these can stay in their reading bags for the week. If anyone wants a parent/teacher meeting I am happy to meet next Monday or Tuesday afternoon next week otherwise we can arrange a day and time that suits you better.

On Thursday some of the children will begin a different reading programme with Robyn King, which involves using comprehension cards at school. On these days the children will either bring home a book they have read from their browsing box or a library book to read. Ngā mihi Jane

**ROOM 2 MAKING WREATHS FOR THE GLENROY MONUMENT ANZAC SERVICE – WITH THANKS TO MARY ABBOTT AND BARBARA BRYANT**



**ROOM 2:** We are sharing some of the highlights of the holidays in class and using language features to improve our descriptive writing. Shortly, we will begin some debating which will help the students to persuade their audience when they start writing their speeches (topics not set yet). In maths, we are studying patterns in Algebra. Keep Fit is focused on having fun while preparing for cross country in Term 2, and skiing in Term 3. 'Change' is the continuing theme across the curriculum. Thank you for the great start in supporting home learning and signing the diary, Frances.



**May BIRTHDAYS:**  
**Emma**

**ROOM 2: Kathy (Thursday/Friday)**

I'm starting a Health unit this week with Room 2 around how we hear sounds and protecting our hearing. Mastery of the spelling of basic words resumes on Thursday. Measuring length continues in Maths and then we will extend this understanding to measuring weights and liquids.

Recorder starts this Friday for Year 4-6 students. Recorder is the "vehicle" we use for teaching the elements of music, which the NZ Curriculum requires us to do, and allows the children to begin to learn how to read music. Past students have reported back that the learning at Windwhistle gave them a head start and the impetus for further musical opportunities at high school (eg. forming a boy band, learning several other instruments, being part of an orchestra and choir). At recorder time Year 3 students will each have an individualised programme of

Reading/comprehension activities, Maths Mental and Handwriting....this is an opportunity for them to regulate and self manage their own learning at their own rate, with teacher support.

**Interchange - Music, Dance, Maori, Sign Language**

Starting in week 3, Rooms 1 and 2 will swap teachers one afternoon/week. Jane will teach Room 2 students Maori & Sign Language and Kathy will teach Year 0-2 students Music & Dance.

**ANZAC Ceremony**

Sincere thanks to parents and extended family for taking the time out of your day to attend our Anzac service – great for the children to see that you value and respect this special NZ commemoration. Thank you for supporting all the learning the children had done on this topic which enabled them to present such a successful event for their community. Thank you also for your generous help with the poppy donations, \$460 was

raised which the RSA were thrilled with. We look forward to getting some feedback from Burnham Army Camp regarding Room 2's Anzac Boxes and their letters that went to Iraq. (Any queries, contact Kathy).





## **A NOTE OF THANKS**

I will start by using three words to explain the success of our latest fundraising events.

OH MY GOSH!

Then I will add six more words.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!



As you are all aware, Windwhistle School had the opportunity to cater at the three "Son's of a Bitch" evenings held at both Quartz Hill and Snowdon Station. The evenings were full of fun, laughter and success!

We sold gourmet hamburgers and café quality cakes. We had very positive feedback on the night. Everyone who purchased our burgers and mouth-watering cakes said they were absolutely beautiful and very tasty.

All three evenings were a huge success raising approximately \$3,500.00. This could not have been done without your help. I want to say a huge thank you to all of you who helped on the nights, baked cakes, made chutneys and gave up their time to pick up supplies. A lot goes on behind the scenes to prepare for such events and I am personally grateful to everyone who took the time to assist me during the past few weeks.

One more big event for the month 'Windwhistle Golf Classic' then it is time to put your feet up and take a break.

Take care and keep smiling,  
Cheers Vanessa

### **\*BOARD OF TRUSTEES – 2016 ELECTIONS – 3 JUNE\***

Nomination Forms and information will be sent out today. Please note that Nominations close at **noon, 20 May 2016.**

The electoral roll is available for inspection at the school office during normal school hours (9.00am – 2.45pm).

Please see attached for further information...

## **WINDWHISTLE GOLF CLASSIC 2016**

Wow the Schools major fundraiser is now just around the corner! The Windwhistle Golf Classic for 2016 is being held on **Thursday 19 May at Terrace Downs**. For the benefit of the new school families this is the School's major annual fundraiser and is held each year at Terrace Downs.

Planning is well under way behind the scenes with invites out and registrations trickling in. Anyone is more than welcome to play and if you do have any business contacts or know of anyone (including yourself!) who would be keen for a fun golf day out at Terrace Downs then please let me know and we will make sure invitations go out.

You will have received Vanessa's email over the holidays regarding prizes and auction items. We are always looking for donations of prizes for the day as well as raffle prizes and auction items so any ideas on those areas are greatly appreciated as well.

As a School we do provide baking and help in preparing the packed lunches for the golfers. This task is organised by Alida Bell and she will be in touch for helpers etc. closer to the date.

Finally there is dinner in the evening at Terrace Downs and School families and members of the Community are always invited to come along. Prize giving is at 4.30pm with the meal at 5.30pm. Please if you are able to, join the golfers for a drink and a meal. It is always a good night! I will provide more details on the meal and RSVP requirements next week.

Thanks Lucy (3186804)



**Can all pool keys please be returned to the school – the Pool is now closed.  
Special thanks go to Alida Bell for all her dedicated time every day in keeping  
the pool clean and safe during the 2015/2016 season☺**



**Ukelele & Piano – Kate Lambarth (Music Teacher) available for  
tuition in piano –20 minute lunch and Tuesday afternoon sessions until  
3pm (Room 2) - \$15 (email: kate.lambarth@hotmail.com)**



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TERM 2 DIARY 2016		
Week 1	Mon 02 May	Term 2 starts
Week 3	Thurs 19 May Fri 20 May	Golf Classic - Terrace Downs BOT nominations close
Week 4	Wed 25 May	BOT Voting papers out
Week 5	Mon 30 May	BOT Meeting
Week 6	Mon 6 June Thurs 9 June Fri 10 June	Queen's Birthday Cross Country – Russels Flat New BOT takes office
Week 8	Wed 22 June	Windwhistle Speech Competition
Week 9	Mon 27 June Tues 28 June	BOT Meeting Malvern Speech Competition – 1pm
Week 10	Mon 4 July	School trip to Wigram Air Force Museum