



25 May 2016 – Week 4, Term2

WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I have said it so many times before, but I have to say it again: without our amazing community of parent helpers who work tirelessly to provide opportunities to support our students, we wouldn't be able to resource our school with the extras that are required for 21st century learning. The recent Windwhistle Golf Classic held at Terrace Downs is a prime example. Endless hours of preparation with invitations, sponsorship, catering, securing and transporting sufficient golf carts and prizes, the list is endless. From all the students and staff, we thank you sincerely.

A new chapter in Windwhistle School's history is about to begin at the next Board of Trustees meeting on 30 May. After the recent staggered elections, five parents have been elected as Board members, and two other parents will continue in their positions, to represent and govern our school. We look forward to working with them and valuing their contributions over the next three year term (more information enclosed).

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 are getting to the time of year where mud + water + boys=mess! I am encouraging the children to bring gumboots to school if they want to play in the water. Interchange is now on Friday afternoons and our class will be learning Music with Mrs Merhtens while I take Room 2 for Maori. I have a release/testing day next Tuesday and Lucy Cookson will be teaching the class. Finally and sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Lincoln and Megui on Tuesday. They are moving to Southland. We wish them all the very best. We will miss them very much. Ngā mihi Jane

ROOM 1 RUGBY TEAM (AKA SELWYN WHITE U7'S)



ROOM 2: Frances (Monday – Wednesday)

We have started debating in class in preparation for writing speeches (Speech Competition – see calendar). Patterns in numbers and objects is the focus of our number and algebra learning. Investigating 'Flight' has stimulated lots of different ideas and the students will be researching their questions, culminating in the Education Outside the Classroom trip to Wigram Airforce museum on Monday 4 July. The children have been building up their stamina at home as part of their homework over the holidays, and the class will travel to Glentunnel to participate in a bit of friendly competition before qualifiers take part in the Malvern cross country competition. PERMISSION SLIPS are coming home today in the diaries – these need to be returned to me **BY THIS FRIDAY** – thank you, Frances.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – 2016 ELECTIONS

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, no election is required.

We welcome the following new members to the Board – William Innes, Sarah McCarron, Annabel Tripp and Blair Holmwood, who join Sam Richards, Jen Daly, Vanessa Johnston as the parent representatives on the Board.

We also congratulate Jane McMillan who was re-elected as the Staff Representative on the Board.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held **Monday 30 May 2016 at 5.30 pm in the library.**



Great time playing together – who needs anything else. Tonka trucks, gravel and water RULE!

*****PLEASE RETURN ALL SCHOOL SHIRTS TO THE SCHOOL ASAP*****

WINDWHISTLE GOLF CLASSIC 2016

I thought I would take this opportunity to thank all the people involved in planning and managing another successful golf tournament at Terrace Downs. This was the biggest year yet. The money gained will be a significant boost to the school finances and help support specific projects. This fundraiser is vital for meeting the needs of our children.

Where do I start! A huge thank you to you all for your help with the golf tournament. This is a BIG undertaking and I really appreciate all your input into the event. Thank you to you all for all the baking for the morning tea and golfer lunches, to the group of Mum's meeting early at the Bells to make the lunches, to the parents who collected and returned extra golf carts to Christchurch and other bits required for the day and to the parents who helped sell raffle tickets and with the auction on the day. THANK YOU.



Without wishing to single out individuals I think it is important to acknowledge the efforts going on behind the scenes to make this event happen. Special thanks must go to Ric Daly for co-ordinating the Committee and for his part in getting the huge numbers this year and for organising the much needed extra carts, the Committee (Richard Bell, Will Innes, Roy Veronese, Blair Holmwood and Shaun Miers) for encouraging people to attend the tournament, to Vanessa who has once again gone to great lengths to secure some amazing prizes and auction items which raised a substantial amount for the School, to Alida for organising the fantastic golf lunches and morning tea and to Lucy for looking after the administrative side of the tournament.

The wider Windwhistle Community have also again provided significant support to this event.

Feedback to date has been very positive which is fantastic. It is looking to be another really successful fundraiser and the Committee will no doubt report back on funds raised later once money from sponsorship and the auction is all in.

Sam Richards (BOT Chair)



**THANK YOU SO MUCH -
FROM ALL OF US!**

Congratulations to Sam Smedley for gaining the appropriate licences for driving our school bus. I would like to officially welcome her as my back-up driver for the Windwhistle school bus, congratulations Sam!

Robyn King



Safeguarding Children Initiative
Working together safeguarding children
Tiakeina ngā tamāhine



At a recent seminar on Internet Safety for children, safe Guarding children by John Parson's (Simulate 2 Educate).

One of his key points was that we are not teaching children to value (and protect) their identity in cyber space, keeping in mind the high use of internet access via devices and games that children now use.

Windwhistle School Board of Trustees has an up-to-date Cyber Safety policy that is shared with staff. This website provides some very useful ideas: <http://safeguardingchildren.org.nz>

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 – there is one slot left at the end of lunchtime, please contact Kate Lambarth (Music Teacher) available for tuition in piano – \$15 (email: kate.lambarth@hotmail.com)

TERM 2 DIARY 2016		
Week 5	Mon 30 May Wed 1 June	BOT Meeting – New Board - 5:30pm RM 2 Cross Country - Glentunnel 12.30pm
Week 6	Mon 6 June Tues 7 June Thur 9 June	Queen's Birthday (Holiday) Mobile Library Malvern Cross Country – Russels Flat (Year 5+6 qualifiers only)
Week 8	Wed 22 June	Windwhistle Speech Competition – 1pm Library
Week 9	Mon 27 June Tues 28 June Thur 30 June	BOT Meeting Malvern Speech Competition (finalists) – 1pm Matariki performance – Glentunnel 9.30 am
Week 10	Mon 4 July Tues 5 July Fri 8 July	School trip to Wigram Air Force Museum Mobile Library End of Term – mid-year reports home