



6 July 2016 – Week 10, Term2

WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As usual, our term finished with a 'whizz' and a 'bang'! After all the hard work in the curriculum subjects, and all the end-of-term assessments to make sure everyone's on-track with their goals and determining 'next steps', it all culminated in some wonderful Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC). We are very fortunate indeed that we have staff and parents who are always willing to go the extra mile and organise these events: the celebration of Matariki by the Court Theatre; the music ensemble with a past pupil demonstrating a variety of instruments (Room 2); and the whole school trip to Wigram to immerse and see all the 'Flight' information that has been researched, in action! What great learning moments.

Look after yourselves over the winter holidays, enjoy some well-deserved family time, and we'll see you back at school on 25th July 2016.

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.

Poetry and Speech prize-winners with this year's judge, Reverend Jenni Carter. The overall winner, Georgie Veronese Year 5, qualified and competed in the Malvern Speech Competition.

ROOM 1:

Kia ora kotou. What a great time we had at

Wigram Air Museum. Many thanks to all the parents who came along to help. We are always lucky to go to the areas that aren't open to the public – a testament to how well behaved our students are!

This week there won't be any spelling. I am putting together each child's portfolio and report which will come home on Friday. We will be having parent interviews in week 2 of term 3, dates and times to be advised.

Ngā mihi Jane



ROOM 2: Frances

After all the initial questions about 'Flight' and researching to find answers this term, I think the Wigram trip has stimulated even more interest! On wet days during the holidays, the children might like to find out even more. Please encourage them to read whenever possible, and to write a few, creative sentences about any adventures they have.

Reporting to Parents: when you receive the mid-year reports on Friday, you will notice a different format. As we reported in detail at the end of term one, this report is a follow up regarding your child's progress and achievement to-date in reading, writing and maths against the National Standards. Until a child has been at school for three years, a report like this will go home at six monthly intervals at the end of that term, e.g. if your child started school in March, you would receive a mid-year report, and a report after six months at school, at the end of term three. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment week 2 of term 3, with the child's teacher, to support the teacher, student, home relationship and to determine how to manage the next steps in the pupil's learning. We will email you a timetable for you to choose a time-slot later on.

A really useful website which provides more detail from the Ministry of Education is: <http://assessment.tki.org.nz/Reporting-to-parents-whanau>



A HUGE 'THANK YOU' TO BARRY HARDY FOR THE SUBSIDISED USE OF THE BUS ON MONDAY 4TH JULY WHEN ROBYN DROVE THE SCHOOL TO/FRO THE WIGRAM 'FLIGHT' EVENT. THANKS ALSO TO MRS MAC AND OUR PARENT HELPERS ☺

ROOM 2: Kathy (Wednesdays and Thursdays in Term 3)

As Friday is ski day in Term 3, my teaching days will be Wednesday and Thursday. Spelling will be on Wednesday, recorder on Thursday.

Our trip last Friday to see Chloe playing as part of the Mt Hutt College Music group was amazing...thank you to Alida and Annabel for helping me with transport. There was a collective gasp when the band started playing! Truly inspiring for our children to see someone who was a student here learning recorder a mere two years ago, able to let rip so competently on a saxophone.

We have just completed our Geometry unit on direction (finding our way to somewhere and giving accurate directions to others). It would be great if this new knowledge could be kept up at home....go left/right, walk 4 strides, quarter turn clockwise; or on the way to somewhere by following a map....there's nothing quite as powerful as real life contexts to help maintain the learning at school. Thank you.



JULY BIRTHDAYS: Harry

FUN LEARNING ABOUT FLIGHT AT WIGRAM



BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2016

After the recent Board of Trustee Elections, we take this opportunity to now introduce our Board of Trustee members:



SAM RICHARDS (Chair)

We have four girls, two of which are attending Windwhistle. I also attended Windwhistle and believe Emily, our eldest, is the first fourth generation pupil. Unlike most school families, we don't work on a farm and run an engineering consultancy business out of Rolleston.

We believe Windwhistle School, while small, offers a great start for our kids. The current teaching staff and community offer a supportive environment which give our kids a good grounding of strong values to set them up as they progress through their next stages.



JEN DALY

My name is Jen Daly and I have happily lived at Windwhistle for sixteen years. Ric and I have 5 gorgeous boys who will all attend Windwhistle School for their primary education. In my previous life, I was a Primary Teacher at various schools around Canterbury and Auckland. I feel blessed to be a part of the Windwhistle community and thoroughly enjoy being involved on the school Board of Trustees.

VANESSA JOHNSTON: My husband Shane, son Sam and I have lived up at Terrace Downs for the last 10 years and enjoy being a part of such an amazing community. The Johnston family love to have fun, we love the outdoors, fishing, hunting, hiking and skiing. I personally also like to get my city fix and have barista latte at a nice café in town while strolling around the shops :-). Clearly city girls can live in the country :-)

When Sam started school 18 months ago I had the pleasure of becoming a member of BOT. Understanding more in-depth about the way our educational system works has been quite an 'education' and being able to help support a school that provides so much for our children has been fantastic. I wrote a statement 18 months ago "We are blessed in so many ways to have a school like Windwhistle at our back door and we are extremely lucky to have a fabulous dedicated principal, A grade teachers and support staff" and I can still say the same thing today! The strength of our school board and parent support together with ministry staff help provide the best education available to our children. We are very lucky in so many ways! I'd also like to warmly welcome the new members to the school board.

BLAIR HOLMWOOD: I would like to introduce myself. I am Blair Holmwood. I am a father of three boys, Cooper who is six, Milton four and Reid 16 months. My wife Rebecca and I have been part of the Windwhistle community and the Point Station for ten years now. I decided to become part of the Board of Trustees as I wanted to play an active part in my children's school and education. I believe our school has a wonderful culture of everyone helping everyone and being part of its success. I look forward to working with you all to make our school the best it can be for past and future families, teachers and community.

SARAH MCCARRON: I have two boys, Jed in Year 2 and Guy who will be starting school in April. We moved into the area a year ago when my husband Grant began working at Lake Coleridge Station. I grew up in Christchurch, and Grant and I have lived all over Canterbury and in Westport. Before having Jed I worked for CRT in the Westport farm store. We are loving living here and being part of such a great community.



WILL INNES: Originally from Mackenzie country, I have been in Windwhistle for 31 years. I realise the value and importance of both community and family involvement in supporting our children's education. I look forward to working with the school and other Board of Trustee members to keep our school great.

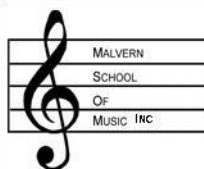
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MALVERN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Lesson Vacancies

The Malvern School of Music have vacancies for lessons in the Flute, Recorder, Violin, Guitar, Ukulele, and Vocals. - *For all ages!*

Please register your interest with
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TERM 2 DIARY 2016

Week 10	Fri 8 July	End of Term
Week 1	Mon 25 July	Start of Term 3
Week 2	Mon 1 Aug	Parent-Teacher Interviews