



27 July 2016 – Week 1, Term 3

WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Seeing the smiling, happy faces of all of our Windwhistle children arriving at school was the best way to start the term. They were full of news and exciting adventures and raring to go. What a great way to begin the next nine week learning block.

Winter sports in the form of skiing and Winter Tournament come to the fore this term and we're keeping fingers crossed for some settled weather on the first Friday of the six week skiing programme.

We are looking forward to the parent interviews next week – please see below. If the time-slot does not suit you, please arrange a swop with another parent (use the new phone tree, attached) and txt either Jane or myself to let us know.

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.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Emma, Kirsty and Carrie Muir. We are so pleased to have you join us.

ROOM 1:

Kia ora kotou. Nau mai haere mai ki te Term 3! Our topic this term is the Olympics – Tuaumāhekeheke o te Ao. I have Sky Go on our smartboard so don't be surprised if the children come home saying they have been watching TV at school. I hope to have portions of the Olympics running quietly in the background. Attached to the newsletter is the timetable for news this term starting next week. Parent teacher interviews are next week. If any times don't suit, please feel free to change with another family but please remember to let me know. Ngā mihi Jane



ROOM 2: we have been sharing, and enjoying, the journals about holidays written by the Room 2s – lots of fun and excitement! I was very, pleasantly pleased with the children's maths retention this week. The class chose to have their tables timed and have a king and queen appointed! Keep up the great work! Ditto the reading, they were devouring their books and asking/answering good comprehension questions. Our focus will continue with 'Change' and sustainability this term during integrated topic learning – thank you in advance for your support, Frances.

ROOM 2: Room 2 (Kathy – Wednesdays and Thursdays this term)

In our Social Studies programme, we will continue to investigate the differences and similarities of living in a different part of the world from NZ, (building on the children's enthusiasm from last term following Tammy's travels). The children will each choose several countries to investigate, using the Olympic Games as an additional information link. They will compile their learning in a pretend passport. Our new maths unit is Statistics: collecting data, displaying it in a variety of graphs and interpreting the information. A reminder that spelling is on Wednesdays, recorder on Thursdays for this term. I'm not teaching week 3, as Bevan is away, so no spelling or recorder that week. Any queries, please contact me directly. Thank you.

PARENT INTERVIEW TIMETABLE

ROOM 1	Monday	Tuesday	Room 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3.00 - 3.20	Walker	Miers	3.00 - 3.20	Smedley		Bell (Alida)
3.20 - 3.40	Rose	Holmwood	3.20 - 3.40	Walker	Miers	
3.40 - 4.00	McCarron	Daly	3.40 - 4.00		Gannon	
4.00 - 4.20	Ballagh	Gannon	4.00 - 4.20	Bell M	Daly	
4.20 - 4.40	Innes	Jordan	4.20 - 4.40	Raju	RichardsS&L	
4.40 - 5.00	Johnston	Richards	4.40 - 5.00	Veronese	RichardsC&B	

WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL PHONE TREE

Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of the school phone tree. Can you all please check that the details on this form are correct to ensure that we have the correct details for yourselves in the case of an emergency. Please contact Rhonda in the office if there are any amendments to be made. Thank you.

Friday Food Fun: The children who won't be skiing this term will be staying with me for the afternoon. As a treat we will be making the following foods (and eating them at school!):

Week 1: Blueberry Oatmeal Squares

Week 2: Fun Fruit Kabobs

Week 3: Chocolate Sweetheart Parfait

Week 4: Mini Pizzas

Week 5: Ham Pinwheels

Week 6: Cocoa Nut Bananas.

If skiing is cancelled then we will make the recipe the following week. All ingredients are being provided by the school. Please let me know if your child is allergic to any foods or has a dietary requirement. Ngaa mihi Jane



Harry, Walter & Georgie

Golf wrap

Wow what a result for 2016! The golf tournament has continued to grow and this year the net amount raised for the School looks to be approximately \$24,000. Money from sponsorship is almost all in as are the costs. A fantastic result and again huge thanks for all the efforts from the Committee and the School parents for their contributions and support of this key fundraiser for our School. Cheers Lucy

SKIING: Thank you for all the returned ski slips. Drivers, please remember to meet promptly at **10:30am in the Library** for our safety briefing, information, and final transport lists. Please keep an eye on the weather forecast and ensure your children have all the items on the check-list that was sent out; a change of clothing, lots of snacks and water, and sunscreen. Please help out in ski-hire and then meet with Jen on the deck (if dry) or inside the café (if inclement conditions). Please remember to carry chains, or be prepared to hire them on the mountain. If the skiing is cancelled, I will txt you as soon as I hear from Mt Hutt – no news is good news.

TERM 3 DIARY 2016		
Week 1	Mon 25 July Fri 28 July	Start of Term 3 Skiing
Week 2	Mon 1 Aug Tuesday 2 Aug Friday 5 Aug	Parent-Teacher Interviews Mobile Library Skiing
Week 3	Tues 9 Aug Fri 12 Aug	Winter Tournament PP 10/9/2016 Skiing
Week 4	Fri 19 Aug	Skiing
Week 5	Mon 22 Aug Fri 26 Aug	Windwhistle Cricket 12.30pm – 2.30pm Skiing
Week 6	Tues 30 Aug Fri 2 Sept	Mobile Library Skiing
Week 7	Fri 9 Sept	Skiing pp
Week 8	Fri 16 Sept	Skiing pp
Week 9	Fri 23 Sept	End of Term 3

Cut off time for Newsletters

Please note that the cut off time for publication in the newsletter is 3pm Tuesday prior to the newsletter being dispatched. Thanks

The Lake Coleridge Fire Force would appreciate your help

Greetings all, I hope the winter is treating you well, so far it seems to have been pretty mild. Perhaps not good for the snow fields, but I'm sure our local farming community is happy with this outcome to date, long may it continue!

In the last fire we attended, it took us 3 attempts to locate the correct driveway and so I thought I would share a few pointers about calling 111 and the sorts of information that you should pass on and things that you can do to assist if we do need to respond in an emergency.

The first thing is to be clear about what is actually on fire and what the risk of escalation is. For example, a fire in the woodshed alongside your house will potentially draw a different type of response from a fire in a woodlot out the back of the farm, depending on weather and conditions.

The second thing is to clearly identify where the fire is. Obviously the address, farm name, rapid number and references to cross roads are up there, but an indicator to help locate the correct and easiest access to the fire is vital. Posting an indicator on the main road in is extremely helpful, a road cone or better still, somebody with directions is best, especially if at night or if access to the fire is complicated.

The final important thing is access to water. We cannot always carry enough water to extinguish the fire and your familiarity with the area can help us to get more water quickly and efficiently. What can be really useful is for us to meet with you and have a look around your property so that we understand the best access to water when needed in an emergency.

The other thing I would like to ask for is your assistance. Especially if you are over the age of 18, man or woman, and would be prepared to get involved with Rural Fire fighting. We currently have 8 members in the Lake Coleridge team who come from Glenthorne Station, Lake Coleridge Station and within the village. It would be great if others, especially if you live between the village and Windwhistle, were able to get involved. A few members from this area will provide important local knowledge and a good spread of networks in terms of what's going on and who best to communicate with.

The training is not too onerous with a 'Working Safely at a Vegetation Fire' course being the first step in making your way onto the fire ground. After that there are other courses that will enhance your skills if you wish to do so. In addition, the local team meet once a month to hone our skills together. During the summer this has been on Tuesday evenings, but during the winter we have been meeting on Sunday afternoons towards the end of each month.

If you are interested in learning more about what's involved please contact the Lake Coleridge Fire Controller, Mark van der Pyl on 021 2229088 or email mmvanderpyl@xtra.co.nz The next session for the 'Working Safely at a Vegetation Fire' course is scheduled for 3rd and 4th September, so please be in touch before then. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards Mark

A Spectacular Program of Opera Favourites
Mozart, Strauss, Puccini, Verdi, Gilbert and Sullivan

Lois Johnston - soprano
Jeremy Woodside - pianist
Courtney Carter – soprano

When: Tuesday 2nd August 6.30pm,

Where: St John's Church Hororata

\$40 pp, includes mulled wine and a light meal.

Tickets available from Olive Webb at owebbnz@gmail.com, ph 3180880

This is not to be missed – one night only

A spectacular evening of operatic music

Lois Johnston is coming back to Hororata. She became a friend and part of St Johns in Hororata when she brought her singing students out to the church to learn and perform. Their venues in town had been ruined in the Earthquakes.

Lois and her team have given us several concerts and now she is returning to give us a spectacular evening of operatic music. They will be presenting music by Mozart, Strauss, Puccini, Verdi and Gilbert & Sullivan.

Lois' magnificent coloratura soprano and huge range make this concert one that is not to be missed. She is accompanied by Jeremy Woodside at the piano. Jeremy has held posts at the Christchurch and Wells Cathedrals and at Westminster Abbey. He is a pianist, organist and composer.

A special guest at this concert is soprano Courtney Carter, a gifted protégé of Lois'.

What a line-up!

The Earthquakes created many friendships and this one is very special to St Johns and Hororata.

Tuesday 2nd August, 6.30pm. Ticketing details listed above, contact Olive Webb.



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