



17 August 2016 – Week 4

# WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

*Dear Parents and Caregivers*

*We might have missed out on some of the ski programme due to weather but we cannot complain about the beautiful, crisp, Canterbury days that are lengthening. For the children to be able to eat and learn outside together again must mean that Spring is on its way.*

*The Malvern Community of Learning (COL) of which we are a member, together with the early childhood group (ECE), other seven primary schools and high school, is meeting once a month to determine community goals for learning. All the National Standard data has been shared and analysed and the goals will be around writing and ensuring smooth transitioning from ECE to primary to high school. This will not only benefit our students, it will provide opportunities for staff from all the schools to collaborate and learn with/from each other. I will keep you posted as we progress through the meetings.*

*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.***



**MAX AND JESSE'S IGLOO!**

can children please bring a pair of sneakers to school. We also have Sport Start the following week on Wednesday. Also next Tuesday we will be taking part in a music session with Lucy Cookson. So we have a lot on! Ngā mihi. Jane

**ROOM 2:** The Room 2s have to be congratulated, and their parents, on the great improvements of maths basic facts and tables – well done! The children's technology challenges have been amazing! I'm constantly blown away their ideas and creations – this time, using any material (wood, plastic, fabric, paper, etc.) and designing a new use for it – photos will be in the next newsletter, once they've finished and reflected on their project. Hockey is the flavour of the month, some great skill sharing after the Winter Tournament – great to see. Some learning over the next few weeks will include: tree planting and the environment; braided rivers and wildlife; more technology; and further music lessons on the ukulele with Kate. We are having great fun learning new chords and tunes – even singing in FOUR-part harmony to Frere Jacques!

**ROOM 1:** Kia ora koutou. We still have lots of coughs and colds lurking in our classroom. We are encouraging the children to wash their hands and use the sanitiser (gunk!) after being in the toilet. With the weather warming up the children are tending to leave coats at home but can I please ask they still keep one in their bags. The children who aren't skiing this week will be making Chocolate Sweetheart

Parfait! Next week we have Cricket training on Monday so



**Room 1 eating their kebabs YUM!**

**BUS:** If your child is getting on a different bus in the afternoon can you please check with Robyn first. One bus is full and if an extra child is to travel on this bus, there is no seat OR seat belt for them. Please don't assume a child can automatically change buses.



**WALTER AND JED – FUN IN THE SNOW!**



*Room 1 - Having fun displaying their gold medals that they made.*



**Alex & Max**



Tahu showing great concentration and keeping his eye on the ball during the recent Winter Tournament!

### **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 Rhonda



## Parent teacher App

Thanks to the parents whom have loaded the above on to their phone already. This is going to make contact with the school a lot easier for both yourselves to have all the information on your phones at the ready and allow the school to be able to contact you at any time.

For those whom have not added this app – here is the instructions:

This app is very simple to download and is free.

How to do it:

In Play store and app store on your mobile phone search "Parent Teacher Calendar" and choose your school.

Also if you simply like their page on facebook by the 19 August 2016 you go in the draw to win a \$500 grocery voucher and the school gets \$500 too.

Facebook link = [facebook.com/parentteachercalendarapp](https://facebook.com/parentteachercalendarapp)

Please support this to enable things to flow a lot easier in times such as school closures due to snow as you will simply just check your app.

The app will also include the school google calendar so you can instantly check what is on each day at school.

<b><u>TERM 3 DIARY 2016</u></b>		
<b><u>Week 4</u></b>	<b>Fri 19/8/16</b>	<b>Skiing – meet 10:30 in Library</b>
<b><u>Week 5</u></b>	<b>Mon 22/8/16 Tues 23/8/16 Fri 26/8/16</b>	<b>Windwhistle Cricket 12.30pm – 2.30pm BOT meeting Skiing – meet 10:30 in Library</b>
<b><u>Week 6</u></b>	<b>Tues 30/8/16 Fri 2/9/16</b>	<b>Mobile Library Skiing – meet 10:30 in Library</b>
<b><u>Week 7</u></b>	<b>Fri 9/9/16</b>	<b>Skiing – meet 10:30 in Library</b>
<b><u>Week 8</u></b>	<b>Fri 16/9/16</b>	<b>Skiing pp</b>
<b><u>Week 9</u></b>	<b>Tues 20/9/16 Fri 23/9/16</b>	<b>BOT meeting End of Term 3</b>

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