



7 September 2016 – Week 7

WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Teaching at Windwhistle School is not only a pleasure, it is a privilege. At the end of every day, we share what we call 'lightbulb' moments, when students suddenly 'click' and/or share their understandings – that's what makes being a teacher so special.

The teaching staff have been fostering further learning and understanding around inquiry learning and, earlier in the year, attended an excellent professional development workshop with Kath Murdoch. She believes that, "we are indeed at our 'learning best' when engaged in the powerful act of inquiry – be it challenging, playful, individual, collaborative, closely guided or independent." (*The Power of Inquiry*, (2015) p.11). Our job is to support the children as they increasingly learn where and how to look, question, challenge (and deal with challenges), and how to do it independently or with a peer or a group.

Frances Nímmo (Príncípál)

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. With the introduction of National Standards also came a set reporting times to parents for children in Years 0 -3. Children in this age band are to be reported on at six month intervals (i.e. birthdays and then half year e.g. 6.0 and 6.5). This reporting is usually done at the end of the term that the child's birthday or anniversary falls in. Confused? Me too. So I have opted to send each child home with a report that gives parents an overview of where your child is at in Literacy and Numeracy at the end of each term. Then in term 4 your child will bring home an end-of-year report and their portfolio of work. I am more than happy to discuss your child's progress at any time so please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns. Progress reports will be sent home on the last day of Term3.

Reminder – School Camp Please remember to complete and return your forms asap to enable plans to be finalised for camp. Ngaa mihi. Jane.



ROOM 2: Learning about endangered birds on the braided Rakaia River with Toni Barlow from Coleridge Trust



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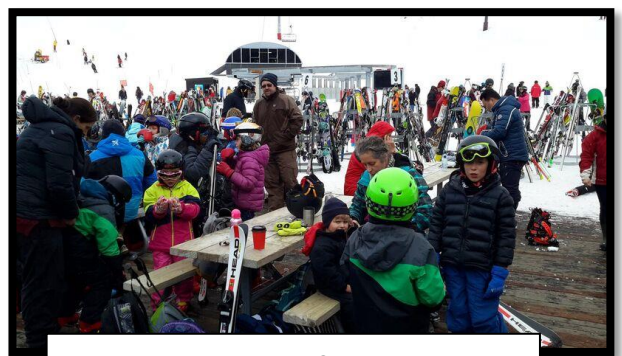
Room 2 – learning about changes in TECHNOLOGY is fun!



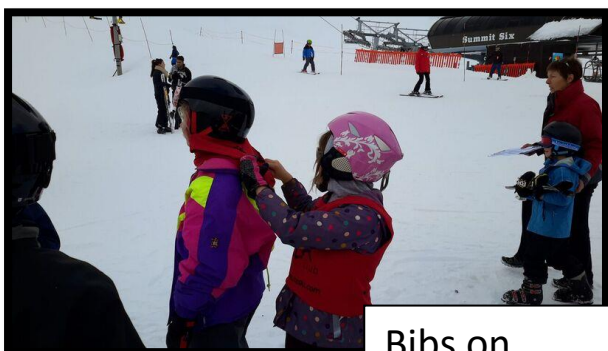
FUN LEARNING ON THE SKI FIELD AT MT. HUTT!



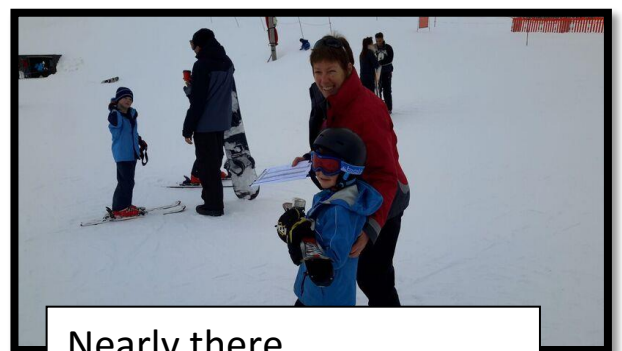
Emma and Kelsey



Getting ready for lessons



Bibs on



Nearly there



Meeting our instructor!

Friday Fun ski learning day!



Methven Cricket - ALL WELCOME

Registrations: 19 September 3.30pm - 5.30pm @ Methven Domain

Any queries please contact Mark Wareing ph: 0274 334539



Our Rugby Champions



Malvern Area SuperstarCricketAcademy

Please remember to return the forms to Rhonda in the office if you wish to register your child

Bus Notice

Bus: Please note that as of next week the Glenroy bus will be full!! Please text Robyn if you have any queries about the bus.

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

Yes, we have had a few teething problems with this but hopefully you all received the trial notification about the mobile library?

For those who didn't, or are having trouble here are the instructions again.

If you need help with this please contact Rhonda in the office.

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.

Facebook link = 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.



Baby sitter available

Babysitting wanted in the Windwhistle area by a 15 year old. Please txt Caitlin Muir (Emma, Kirsty and Carrie's sister) on 0278903151 after 4pm. Thanks



Ex Windwhistle School pupil, Rhys King, sharing his expertise and teaching the children hockey skills.



Holiday Programmes – Look at what is available:

Science Alive

Science holiday programmes

Designed to inspire, excite and challenge - students interested in Astronomy, Robotics, Computer Science and Engineering will love these classes!

Introductory Robotics (Ages 8 - 13 years) - \$11 per child

Cultural Constellations (Age 5 -13 years - children must be accompanied by an adult) - \$5 per child and adult

For more details and for booking tickets, simply hop over to

<http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/user/sciencealivenz>

Learn to surf

SURFKIDS

Children's Surfing Programme.

Learn the skills of Surfing in a fun, safe environment. All equipment provided and professional instruction from Aaron Lock and team. For kids 8 - 14 years.

School Holidays 10 am -12 pm. 26, 28, 30 September 3 - 7 October.

Sundays 10am -12 pm from 30 October.

Cost \$30 per day or \$135 for five. Bookings essential.

Venue :Sumner.

Call Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (7873) or register online at www.surfcoach.co.nz

Family fun

Please see attached link for some fun events happening in the Selwyn area.

<https://drive.google.com/a/windwhistle.school.nz/file/d/0BwZeYrNL3cJU24xMUFqX2o4UGs/view>

Christchurch Football Academy

<http://www.cfa.org.nz/cfa-holiday-camps-2016/>

Mainland football holiday programme

www.mainlandfootball.co.nz

Hororata Community Trust

Please see attached event calendar

Events Calendar

For more information on all these events visit www.hororata.org.nz/events/

Date	Event	Location	Organisation
3 rd September 2016	Amateur Heavy Events Training Day	Hororata Domain	Hororata Community Trust
7 th Sept 2016	The Ladies Night Night	Hororata Café and Bar	Hororata Café
11 th Sept/9 th Oct 13 th Nov 2016	Terrace Station Open Garden	Terrace Station, Hororata	Terrace Station Charitable Trust
17 th September 2016	Hororata Swap Meet	Hororata Domain	Hororata Swap Meet
24 th October 2016	Hororata Parish Spring Fair	Hororata Domain	Hororata Parish
5 th November 2016	Hororata Highland Games	Hororata Domain	Hororata Community Trust
13 th November 2016	Homebush Stables Open Days	Homebush Stables, Coalgate	Homebush Stables

<u>TERM 3 DIARY 2016</u>		
<u>Week 7</u>	Fri 9/9/16	Skiing – meet 10:30am in Library
<u>Week 8</u>	Fri 16/9/16	Skiing – last one - meet 10:30am in Library
<u>Week 9</u>	Tues 20/9/16 Fri 23/9/16	BOT meeting – 5:30pm - Library End of Term 3
<u>TERM 4 DIARY 2016</u>		
<u>Week 1</u>	Mon 10/10/16	Start of Term 4
<u>Week 2</u>	Fri 21/10/16	Pet Day
<u>Week 3</u>	Tues 25/10/16	BOT meeting
<u>Week 4</u>	Mon 31 October	Athletics Day @ DHS
<u>Week 5</u>	Thurs 10/11/16 Fri 11/11/16	Teacher Only Day Canterbury Anniversary Day
<u>Week 7</u>	Tues 29/11/16 Wed 30/11/16 – Fri 2/12/16	BOT meeting School Camp at Akaroa
<u>Week 9</u>	Wed 7 Dec	Pantomime @ DHS
<u>Week 10</u>	Tues 13/12/16 Thurs 15/12/16 Fri 16/12/16	BOT meeting Prize giving Term 4 ends - ½ day



Please see attached invite link for the launch of this on Friday Friday 9 September 3pm – 5pm at Rangiora

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&ik=8173f15a7d&view=att&th=156f6ff844370592&attid=0.1&disp=safe&realattid=f_isp23hv70&zw

Windwhistle School helps to create *The Flock*



Windwhistle School Room 2 children and Toni Barlow (Coleridge Habitat Enhancement Trust Coordinator) with their artistic braided river birds which will join *The Flock*.

Windwhistle School recently got creative to help a public art and education project called *The Flock*.

Throughout Canterbury, schools and community groups are making artistic versions of birds that use the region's braided rivers.

Gradually *The Flock* is building and will be on display in high profile locations, including at Christchurch Airport. Over the coming months it's also expected to land locally at the Methven iSite and Salmon World in Rakaia.

"The idea is to create awareness of rare and threatened birds that use our braided rivers," says Coleridge Habitat Enhancement Trust Chairman Councillor Sam Broughton.

"Birds start arriving in August and are on rivers throughout summer raising their chicks."

"We need to protect river habitat because many birds only breed on these rivers and they're having less and less success," says Sam.

The Flock is being coordinated in Canterbury by the charity BRaid (Braided River Aid). The concept started at the Miranda Shorebird Trust on the Firth of Thames, southeast of Auckland, where some birds seen on Canterbury rivers spend autumn and winter. The project is being supported by numerous businesses, including Resene Paints.



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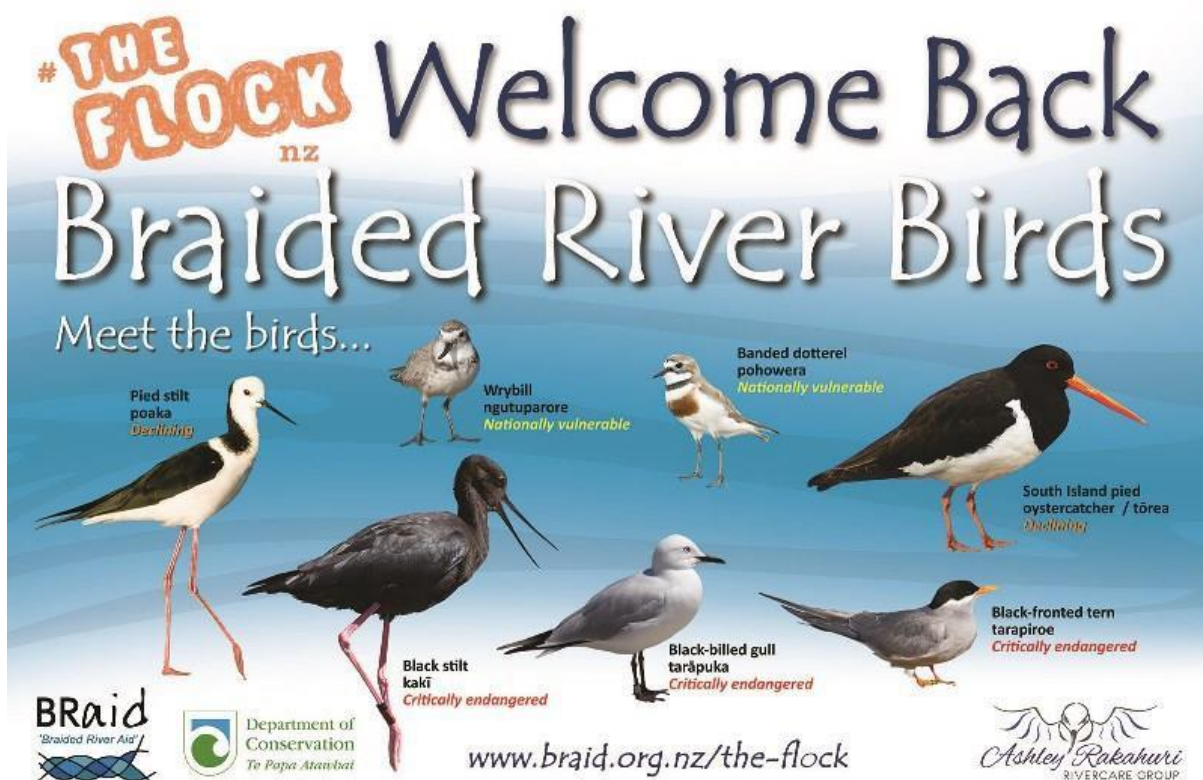


BRAIDED RIVER CARE CODE

When birds are breeding (September - January):

-  **Avoid driving on riverbeds.** Birds nest on the ground with eggs and chicks well camouflaged and almost impossible to spot from a vehicle. Park on a bank and walk or make your trip after January when most chicks have fledged.
-  **Move away from birds that are swooping, circling or calling loudly.** Their eggs and chicks can die if they cannot return to their nests.
-  **A dog running loose can wreak havoc** in a nesting colony. Keep your dog under strict control during the breeding season.
-  **Jet boats disturb birds and can wash away nests.** The speed limit for boats is 5 knots within 200 metres of the bank on many rivers.

Check out BRaid.org.nz to learn more and discover groups reducing weeds and controlling pests around nesting sites.



#THE FLOCK nz Welcome Back Braided River Birds

Meet the birds...

- Pied stilt poaka *Declining*
- Wrybill ngutuparore *Nationally vulnerable*
- Banded dotterel pohowera *Nationally vulnerable*
- South Island pied oystercatcher / tōrea *Declining*
- Black stilt kaki *Critically endangered*
- Black-billed gull tarāpuka *Critically endangered*
- Black-fronted tern tarapiroe *Critically endangered*

BRAID "Braided River Aid" Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai

www.braid.org.nz/the-flock Ashley Rakahuri RIVERCARE GROUP

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