



21 September 2016 – Week 9

WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Another term zooms by! Thank you to all our parents and helpers for your continued support with learning and activities. The ski programme wouldn't happen without your help and transport, and it means a lot to the children; their progress this year was tremendous – even with all the inclement weather!

Please keep up the children's reading over the holidays AND any fitness opportunities – athletics day is fast approaching – week 3!

We are looking forward to sharing ideas for a school uniform and viewing the samples, modelled by some of our students on Wednesday 12 October after school. Please come along and support the uniform committee, and bring the family, grandparents, community members – all welcome.

Enjoy the spring break with your family, and keep safe and well.

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. Friday will really be a Fun Day this week. Children can dress up in their onesies (pj's) or something they really like (pirate, fairy etc). We will also be making our cocoa bananas before lunchtime. Next term is REALLY busy. Pet day is on the 21st of October. Once again we will have a decorated hat competition so children could be making these over the holidays. I will send home information regarding Camp in our first newsletter next term. Have a relaxing holiday. Ngaa mihi. Jane.

ROOM 2: Great learning this term – well done class! Please keep up over the holidays – some tables, reading and a few lines about exciting things that happen over the break. Friday Fun Day this week – dress up as a character, pirate, onesies, etc. REMEMBER your homework = to keep fit for athletics, and get ready for Pet Day. Have fun – I can't wait to hear all about your adventures next term, Frances.

Great Racing – Team Windwhistle!

Fergus Daly, Emily Richards, Georgie Veronese and George Daly recently competed in the Porter Ski Area Primary and Intermediate Schools Ski Championships Local Derby. "We had a great day, it was awesome!"

Well done to all who participated and for a list of results visit

<http://www.skiporters.co.nz/mountain-information/latest-news-2/race-results>



Room 2 - Kathy (mostly Thursday and Friday Term 4)

In Term 4 we give the Room 2 children the opportunity to pursue an interest of their own individual choice, as part of their inquiry learning. The students at Windwhistle School know it as: **Learning What I Want To Learn (LWIWTL)**. They look forward to it very much each year!

- The children take the responsibility of managing their learning themselves....**they** are at the controls.
- The teacher supports, guides and mentors the children in the curriculum principle of “learning how to learn” as they investigate their topic of choice.
- The students themselves **drive** their research, **organise** their collation of new found information, skills and understandings and eventually **present/share their findings** with their peers.
- To give new parents an idea...the children's choice of topics in past years have included taking apart motors, flax weaving, photography, kittens, rafier swords, silage making, knitting, firefighters, making puppet costumes/puppet theatre, high country farming, geology, the NZ army, making up/directing/performing a play, producing an exhibition of water colour painting, pig hunting, motor mechanics, learning to do pencil drawings, designing and sewing items with felt, space inquiry, Jack Russells, the Bentley car, Kaimanawa horses, diggers, designing clothing, bread making, producing a cook book, designing a robot, crystals and agates etc.
- Children are encouraged to get out into their wider community as part of their investigation through emailing a person who could help them to upskill in their chosen topic (examples in the past: photographer, Otago high country station owner, film/play director, NASA employee); planning their own field trip (examples in the past: to a fire station, the garage, a crystal collector, bakery).
- LWIWTL begins on Wednesday 12 October and will run for 4-5 weeks. Children are expected to be all organised on that day to “dive into” their investigation with 1. a very clear idea of their topic 2. what it is **specifically** they want to learn/achieve and 3. have their research resources with them or if using the internet, having the websites written down etc.
- If any child does not wish to partake in LWIWTL, I am happy to direct their topics of learning, as usual. Please let me know by this Friday if this is the case.
- Please fill in the reply slip and return to school by Monday 10 October. Any queries, please contact me directly. Thank you – Kathy Mehrtens

LWIWTL Reply slip Room 2 Due back by Monday 10 October to Kathy Mehrtens

Please fill in with your child/ren:

I am looking forward to “diving into” my chosen topic of _____!

I know I will be planning my own investigation, gathering and organising information (from books, from the internet, from talking to people), exploring new perspectives, coming to conclusions, sharing my findings and considering what I could do next. Yes / No

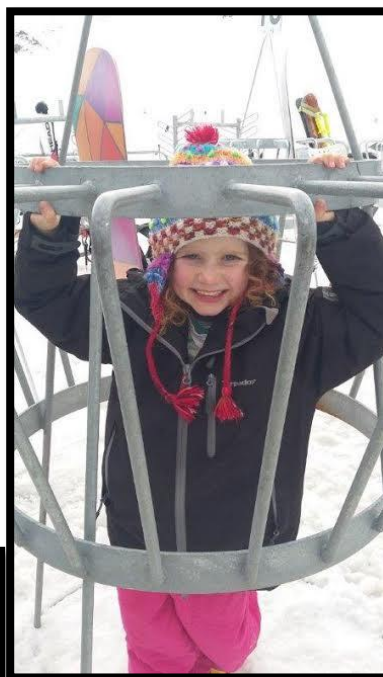
By the end of my independent inquiry topic (LWIWTL), the kinds of things I will have found out or have learned how to do are:

Child's name: _____

Parent Signature: _____



Alex, Emma and Emily having fun learning the ukelele



Pippa Jordan having fun up the ski field.



FRIDAY FOOD FUN!!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SAM J

Bus Notices

Please note that Sam Smedley will be driving the bus for Robyn on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23 September. Please ring Sam on 318 5150 or on her temporary cell 021 025 46872 with any changes for that day.

Please note that the Glenroy bus is now full!!! So, children can't be dropped off at another's stop. Please remember to text Robyn (022 102 6743) if you have any absences or queries about the bus.



School Photos

Please note these will be on Wednesday 2 November. They will be taken by Fotographics with individual, family and class photos being taken. More details to follow but please note date in your diaries.



Malvern Area Superstar Cricket Academy

Please remember to return the forms to Rhonda this week in the office if you wish to register your child. This is for boys and girls aged 5 – 8 years.

School Uniform

Greetings everyone,

Spring is finally here, the beauty of our surroundings, the new born lambs and the fresh country air reminds us how lucky we are to live in such a magical place.

Earlier this year a general school survey was undertaken at Windwhistle School. One of the questions asked, "Would you like to see your child/children in a school uniform?" The results showed that the majority of parents were in favour of a Windwhistle School uniform. Moving forward with this result, a casual meeting was held and all parents of the school were welcome to attend. Following this, a small Windwhistle School uniform committee was formed. This group of four ladies have worked very hard over the past few months researching uniform options. This has been in no way an easy job. The key points that we have kept in mind when discussing options are practicality, versatility, affordability, accessibility as well as looking smart. A uniform is about uniformity, being proud to wear apparel that lets people know you are a part of an identity and in our case a part of Windwhistle School.

The Windwhistle School Board of Trustees would like to invite you to attend a casual afternoon where you can view the proposed uniform apparel options that our children and future generations can enjoy. School children will model the uniform options that have been selected by the committee. Following the presentation you will have access to an online survey. This will be set up allowing you to vote on your preferred style and colour. This survey is only available to the parents of currently enrolled children.

DATE: Wednesday 12th October

TIME: 3.30pm

WHERE: Windwhistle School library

PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE

Your input is valuable so please come along and have your say. Everyone is welcome, including the children.

The school children can stay on after school rather than catching the bus home. We will have a couple of parents at school from 2.45pm to watch the children until their parents arrive.

Feel free to email me on vanessa@fourseasons.co.nz if you have any questions prior to the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there. Many thanks

Vanessa Johnston BOT Fundraising coordinator



AGM Windwhistle Historical Society

AGM for the Windwhistle District Society Incorporated will be held on Thursday 13th October 2016 at 7:30pm at the Windwhistle School Library

All welcome

Help raise funds for Windwhistle School



Purchase Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser from PGG Wrightson this spring to raise funds for your local community.

PGG Wrightson is pleased to partner with Ballance Agri-Nutrients to donate \$1 per tonne of fertiliser purchased. Open to PGG Wrightson account holders only. Terms and conditions apply.

Please visit website for full details: <http://www.cashforcommunities.co.nz/>

Playground sports fun for children

As a way of keeping the community involved with the children, there has been a suggestion that some parents / caregivers / adults may be interested in coming to the school in a lunch hour to take the children for some sport activities. Anyone interested please contact Blair Holmwood on ph:318 6971



Room 2 having unbelievable ukulele lessons and fun with Kate Lambarth

<u>TERM 3 DIARY 2016</u>		
<u>Week 9</u>	Fri 23/9/16	End of Term 3
<u>TERM 4 DIARY 2016</u>		
<u>Week 1</u>	Mon 10/10/16 Wed 12/10/16	Start of Term 4 School uniform presentation 3.30pm
<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 Wed 2 Nov	Athletics Day @ DHS School Photos
<u>Week 5</u>	Thurs 10/11/16 Fri 11/11/16	Teacher Only Day Canterbury Anniversary Day
<u>Week 6</u>	Wed 16 Nov Thurs 17 Nov	Year 5 & 6 Reading Warriors with David Riley @ Darfield High School library Malvern Athletic Sports - finals
<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



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