



12 October 2016 – Week 1, Term 4

# WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

*Dear Parents and Caregivers*

*It was wonderful to welcome all the Windwhistle children back on Monday – so many stories of lovely, family times and adventures!*

*Keep up the great work with helping at home re. reading and maths, it does make a big difference to the children's confidence as well as fluency.*

*You will notice from this newsletter that Term 4 is indeed a very busy term – please read the notices carefully and add the dates to your diary.*

*We look forward to seeing everyone at the uniform presentation this afternoon in the library, and then again the following week on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October during Pet Day. It is always a great afternoon, filled with lots of memories being shared amongst former pupils and grandparents, together with barking dogs and bleating lambs. All welcome!*

*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 whanau. Last term already!! Can I please ask that any portfolios that are still at home are returned to me ASAP. This term is going to be very busy and a lot of notices will be sent home i.e. Pet Day, Camp. **Please read them carefully.**

This term's focus: Weeks 1-2 Caring for Pets; Weeks 3-4 Athletics; Week 5 Teacher Only Day and Show; Weeks 6-7 Marae Protocol and Swimming Starts; Week 7 TESTING WEEK - **please note it is important your child is at school this week**; Week 8 CAMP; Weeks 9-10 Xmas Activities. Yes, it is a very busy term. Ngaa mihi. Jane

**ROOM 2:** See Jane's term focus above, plus the students will be researching their projects on Learning What I Want to Learn (LWIWTL) (See Term 3, Week 9's newsletter for full details); tree planting and planning the walk/bike track; and learning/practising the ukulele, plus tennis coaching – phew! Thanks for the notes in the diaries☺ Great progress in maths and reading – many thanks for your support. Frances.

**School Uniform** - Come and view the proposed uniform displays.

**Reminder today – Wednesday. TIME: 3.30pm**

**WHERE: Windwhistle School library. PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE**





**FRIDAY FUN DAY - DRESS UPS, FOOD AND LAUGHTER FOR END OF TERM**







Even bus driver Sam dressed up for the occasion!



It certainly was Friday fun day and colourful!



Topped off with an ice block treat!

## **School Camp Update**

**Please find attached to this newsletter a permission slip that needs to be returned ASAP to enable your child(ren) to attend camp.**

Many thanks to the following parents for offering to help this year on camp - you brave souls!

- Michael Walker
- Shane Johnston
- Alex Smedley
- Shaun Miers
- Will Innes
- Rebecca Holmwood
- Alida Bell
- Lucy Richards (Wednesday night only)
- Charlotte Scott (Thursday night only).

Attached to the newsletter is a camp gear list. Please keep this in a safe place.

As camp gets closer I will send out a list of foods we need for catering and the activities we will be doing while on camp. Jane

## **School Photos – Please note change of date!**

Please note these will be on **Wednesday 9 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.



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**WHERE: Windwhistle School library**

**PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE**

Come and view the proposed uniform displays.

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](mailto: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.

## **School Accounts due**

The accounts for Terms 3 and 4 will be sent out in the next week which will include stationery, skiing, camp fees and hot lunches. Please ensure that all accounts are paid in full by the end of the year.

Thanks, Cheryl



## **School Bus Notices**

**Please note:**

Wednesday 21 October – Pet Day

If Pet Day is on, there will be no afternoon bus run on this day. Please ensure that you arrange collection of your child/ren after school.

Also please remember to let Robyn and the school know of **any changes** regarding your child/ren with regards to the bus.



### AGM Windwhistle Historical Society - reminder

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

SHOP at Warehouse Stationery and 5% of all purchases goes back to our school. It's that simple!

It's simple, tell all your friends, family, neighbour's to mention 'Windwhistle School' when make a purchase and watch the BizRewards grow.

When you need fax paper, print cartridges, office chairs, birthday cards/gifts or any office needs just head on down to closest Warehouse Stationery store.

### 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

### School Gazebo for hire

Having an event and you need some covered facility?

The school has a gazebo which they are willing to hire out for \$100 per hire. If interested please contact the office. A show of how to assemble and disassemble the gazebo will be shown on Pet Day 21 October 2016 for anyone whom is interested.

### Support the local business and our school



### The Great Race Hororata

**#GreatRaceHororata** is a family event designed to bring teams(1) of adults and children together to compete on a cross country course within the Hororata Domain.

Run in conjunction with the Hororata St John Church Spring Fair on Monday 24 October 2016, teams will complete a short running course as fast as possible, whilst collecting valuable points at Challenge Stations along the way.

Course Information

- Additional information about the event including the course map is available on the Hororata Primary School Facebook website

<https://www.facebook.com/Hororata-Primary-School-PTA>

## Hororata Spring Fair

Please see attached entry form for creative kids. A fun free competition for the children to enter in whilst you enjoy the fair.

# Hororata Parish Spring Fair

## Creative Kids

This year at the Hororata Parish Spring Fair we are again holding a **Creative Kids** competition and you can enter in either one or both of the following categories.

- *Spring in a Step – Flowers in a Gumboot, Sand Saucer in a Shoe or perhaps a Spring Lego creation.*

- *Bake some Gingerbread People – Inspire the judges with your creative decorating.*

All you have to do is fill out the entry card below, attach it to your entry and bring it to the **Creative Kids tent** on the morning of the Fair, **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016, between 9.00 - 9.30 am**, they will be displayed and then judged at **10.00 am**. Items will be required to stay on display at the Fair until **1.00 pm**.

**There will be certificates for the best entries and some wonderful prizes for the ‘best of the best!’**

### **Important entry notes...**

- All materials/ingredients are to be provided by the child entering (if you need something for your entry ask a relative, friend, neighbour or perhaps a friendly teacher!)
- **Age Groups** – Preschool, 5-7yrs, 8-9yrs, 10-12yrs, 13+. Age will be as of the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
- All entries **must** be collected by the child between 1 and 2pm (unless arrangements are made with a committee member) otherwise your entry will be disposed of.
- Be creative... remember you want to attract the judge's attention with your entry.

**\*Please remember to fill out the entry card(s) below and attach to your entry.**

### Creative Kids Competition

### Hororata Parish Spring Fair

#### *Spring in a Step*

Name:

School:

Age:

#### *Gingerbread People*

Name:

School:

Age:

If you have any queries please contact Lucy Cookson, Ph 03 318 071

## Hororata Community Trust calendar

Please see attached calendar of upcoming events and refer to website for further details.

### Events Calendar

For more information on all these events visit [www.hororata.org.nz/events/](http://www.hororata.org.nz/events/)

Date	Event	Location	Organisation
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2016	The Ladies Night	Hororata Café and Bar	Hororata Café
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2016	Terrace Station Open Garden	Terrace Station, Hororata	Terrace Station Charitable Trust
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2016	Hororata Parish Spring Fair	Hororata Domain	Hororata Parish
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2016	Hororata Highland Games Rifle Shooting Championship	Hororata Domain	Hororata Rifle Club
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2016	Hororata Highland Games	Hororata Domain	Hororata Community Trust
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Hororata Parish Bike/Run/Walk	Middle Rock Farm, Windwhistle	Hororata Parish
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Heritage of Hororata and Beyond Open Day	Entire District	Heritage Group

## Support Windwhistle school and Playgroup at Highland Games

Hi All.

After some discussion with Frances, Jen and Tania. I decided to nominate Windwhistle School and Playgroup for the Community Fund. I would like the money we get to be put towards a new seesaw. However the see saw has seen better days and is a health and safety hazard. After some investigating it is very expensive to replace and both groups do not have the spare dollars.

The only real requirement of this fund is that we provide at least 10 volunteers for the Hororata Highland Games (A lot of us help out anyway so this won't be hard!).

Volunteers can help with set up, on the day (with Games related activities) or pack down on Sunday. We are aiming for the big set up day to be Wednesday the 2nd of November, weather permitting but there is also lots to do the Thursday and Friday.

Volunteers need to sign in when they arrive each day and beside their name note they are with our group.

Set up/pack down volunteers receive lunch on the day they help and also a ticket to the Games, we also have some beers and sausages at the end of the day for those still there. Those helping on the day receive lunch, a tee shirt and a ticket to the Games. All volunteers are invited to the Thank You BBQ provided by Prime Smoke following the Games at 5pm in the Tartan Club. All volunteers receive a complimentary drinks voucher to use at the Robbies bar at the BBQ. Kids welcome.

Volunteers will be able to vote for the fund online. They will be emailed a link on Sunday the 6th of November. Each volunteer gets one vote.

So if you are keen to help contact me (Rebecca Holmwood) [theholmwoods@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:theholmwoods@hotmail.co.nz) and what you think you might be able to do. I will pass this onto Cindy Driscoll.

Think it is a great opportunity with some great benefits for you, Playgroup and the School. Rebecca Holmwood



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**ROSA, MARTHA, MOLLY, JED & KATE**

### Weetbix tryathalon

Please see attached link for registration to the Weetbix tryathalon which is on in Christchurch on Sunday 26 February 2017. Time to get training!

[https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/christchurch/?utm\\_source=eDM&utm\\_medium=location-page-christchurch&utm\\_campaign=Christchurch&utm\\_content=CTE-04](https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/christchurch/?utm_source=eDM&utm_medium=location-page-christchurch&utm_campaign=Christchurch&utm_content=CTE-04)

For more information about the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon check out [www.try.weetbix.co.nz](http://www.try.weetbix.co.nz), send an email to [tryathlon@sanitarium.co.nz](mailto:tryathlon@sanitarium.co.nz) or contact us on 0800 WEETBIX (0800 933 8249). Our Registration and Call Centre is open Monday to Thursday 9am – 5pm & Fridays 9am – 12:30pm.

### To brighten your day!





## TERM 4 DIARY 2016

<b><u>Week 1</u></b>	<b>Wed 12/10/16</b>	<b>School uniform presentation 3.30pm</b>
<b><u>Week 2</u></b>	<b>Fri 21/10/16</b>	<b>Pet Day</b>
<b><u>Week 3</u></b>	<b>Tues 25/10/16</b>	<b>BOT meeting – 5.30pm Library</b>
<b><u>Week 4</u></b>	<b>Mon 31 October</b>	<b>Athletics Day @ DHS</b>
<b><u>Week 5</u></b>	<b>Wed 9/11/16 Thurs 10/11/16 Fri 11/11/16</b>	<b>School Photos Teacher Only Day Canterbury Anniversary Day</b>
<b><u>Week 6</u></b>	<b>Wed 16 Nov  Thurs 17 Nov</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Reading Warriors with David Riley @ Darfield High School library Malvern Athletic Sports - finals</b>
<b><u>Week 7</u></b>	<b>Tues 22/11/16</b>	<b>BOT meeting – 5.30pm Library</b>
<b><u>Week 8</u></b>	<b>Wed 30/11/16 – Fri 2/12/16</b>	<b>School Camp at Akaroa</b>
<b><u>Week 9</u></b>	<b>Wed 7 Dec</b>	<b>Pantomime @ DHS</b>
<b><u>Week 10</u></b>	<b>Tues 13/12/16 Thurs 15/12/16 Fri 16/12/16</b>	<b>BOT meeting – 5.30pm Library Prize giving Term 4 ends - ½ day</b>



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## Gear List For Camp – 2016

### Bedding

### Check

Sleeping bag	
Pillow	
Sheet to go over mattress	

*Please note the Marae supply mattresses for us to sleep on but charge for sheets.*

### Toiletries

Towel/face cloth	
Soap	
Toothbrush/toothpaste	
Comb/brush	
Shampoo	

### Clothing (clearly named please)

Shoes (suitable for on a rocky beach)	
Shoes for wearing around marae (no gumboots)	
Weather proof clothing	
Togs	
Hats (warm, sun)	
Active clothing	
Change of clothes	
Pyjamas	
Slippers	

### Eating

Tea towel	
Lunch box	
Drink bottle	

### Food

Breakfast cereals/jam etc (toast will be provided)	
Lunch (first day only)	
Home baking	
Contribution to pot luck dinner	

### Medication

Notified teacher of any medical conditions	
Given teacher back-up medication	
Prepared in case of travel sickness (container or bag etc)	

**Other** e.g. Torch, Board game, book to read, pencil case, hand held fishing line.

## Onuku Marae Camp (Akaroa) Nov 30 – Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016

I do/do not give permission for my child/ren

\_\_\_\_\_

to attend the above camp.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

If your child has any allergies please list below: *use the bottom of the page if necessary.*

\_\_\_\_\_

We will be travelling to the Marae by car. If you are a parent who will be coming with us, please indicate below how many children you will be able to transport.

I can transport

children both **ways/one way**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: any parent is welcome to join us through the day but we can only sleep the 8 parents who are coming on camp with us. A timetable will be sent home later in the term.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO SCHOOL ASAP.  
THANK YOU**