



2 November 2016 – Week 4, Term 4

WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are nearly halfway through Term 4 already, and as usual the time flies by as we continue with our teaching and learning, intermingled with all sorts of events. One of the highlights of the year is always Pet Day. There's always a drama mixed in with the enjoyment of catching up with parents and grandparents. This year with all the rain, the day was saved by the swimming pool area, where all the lambs, and a young kid, were able to be fed during the lamb-drinking competition! Another highlight was having waves of gumboots thrown at me as the dads tried to outdo each other! But it is always watching the children sharing their stories about their pets to the judges that is the true part of the day, with many well-deserved certificates being awarded.

Please keep up the great support that you give to your children when reading with them, working out maths facts, and listening to their stories.

Frances Nímmo (Principál)

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.

Kia ora koutou. We welcome Henry Guild to our class this week. Henry started school on Tuesday. Paddy Guild begins his school visits this week and will start school shortly after camp. With two short weeks there is currently only reading homework for the children to do. We then begin our testing weeks and we will be writing reports based on this data. If your child has suddenly become quite opinionated, it is because we have begun looking at how we can use our writing to voice our opinions. And the children are certainly doing just that. Pages of it in some cases! Lastly, many thanks for the kind messages over the loss of my mother.

Ngaa mihi. Jane



Welcome Henry Guild. Happy School Days

ROOM 2: It was really good to see the turnout and support for all our young athletes. They all ran, threw, jumped and competed to their best ability (see the list of placings). I was thrilled to hear that the students enjoyed all of the SportsStart events run by Sport Canterbury, and taught by the Darfield High School students. It reinforced the messages and ideas that we teach about physical literacy, where all the PE skills that are learned are transferrable to any sport, i.e. **Think, Move, Communicate!**

We are consolidating our learning in all subject areas this term, and Room 2 learners are asked to question their teachers about any parts of the curriculum they are unsure of.

Room 2 (Kathy's notices) LWIWTL

Thursday and Friday of this week are the final days for the children to complete their Learning What I Want to Learn individual inquiry topics. Thank you parents for your interest and support. Interviews and field trips are optional, not compulsory...they're an additional learning opportunity and a chance for the children to connect with/be inspired by a "real life" mentor (interviews can be done by phone, email etc. if it's too hard to meet face to face). The children have been working hard and have upskilled themselves not only on their topic, but on the crucial skills of how to go about learning. The children will be presenting their new learning to Room 1, in an informal way, on Wednesday 9 November at 9:45am in the library. Parents are welcome to attend.

(Any queries, please contact Kathy).



What a treat to have during the first week back at school! A lovely birthday cake – Thanks for sharing with us, Kate.

Pet Day

Despite the weather we had a great day and the children did some amazing work with their entries. A lot of fun was had with entertainment



Molly getting her dog judged.

Alice checking out Pippa's lamb





Come on Dad show us how it's done

Camp Note

CAMP: Recently the school was given a donation which the Board of Trustees has agreed to put towards the cost of camp. Therefore, the cost has now gone from \$110 per child to \$60 per child. Many thanks to the Board for this. Attached to this newsletter will be the food donations/items needed for camp. Please send these back as soon as possible. Thanks. Jane

Camp Notice – please complete and return attached catering form

Please complete and return the form attached to this notice by **Friday 18th November**.

No form – no food!! See attached to this newsletter a map for your information.

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. Class photos will be arranged first and if parents could arrive at 12pm for family shots.

Dental visit to school

Please note that the dental service will be at the school on 14 and 15 November. Please refer to sheet attached for more information on this.



Return of School Trophies please

Could all school trophies be returned to school, cleaned, by Wednesday of next week please.



Important Notice

REMINDER: Can parents please keep the driveway clear before and after school. For Health and Safety reasons this area must be kept clear for children getting on and off the bus. When dropping your child/ren to school or picking up, please park at the top of the school drive.

Athletics Super stars!

All the children did so well in their events on Monday at Darfield.

The following achieved exceptionally well

Amelia Rose 3rd in 6 year old girls discus

2nd 6 year old girls long jump

James Miers 1st 7 year old boys shotput

Kate Smedley 3rd 7 year old girls long jump

2nd 7 year old girls shot put

Abhisha Raju 1st 8 year old girls shotput

Tahu Walker 2nd 9 year old discus

Georgie Veronese 2nd 10 year girls shotput

1st girls 10 years short sprint

1st girls 10 years long sprint

2nd 10 year girls high jump

Carrie Muir 6 year old girls long jump

Fergus Daly 3rd 7 year boys long jump

Emily Richards 1st 8 year old girls discus

3rd 8 year old girls shotput

Rosa Bell 2nd 9 year old discus

1st 9 year old high jump

Emma Muir 2nd 11 year girls shotput

Hororata Highland

Games

A big weekend this weekend.

See the attached link for what and when.



is on

Support Windwhistle school and Playgroup at Highland Games

Windwhistle School and Playgroup is one of the 4 nominations for the Hororata Community Trust Fund. Should we be fortunate to receive money, we would like to put it towards a new seesaw. The current 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.

Only the volunteers are 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 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, the Playgroup and the School.

Rebecca Holmwood

Help raise funds for Windwhistle School

HELP US GET CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL.

Just mention our school by name when you shop at Warehouse Stationery & 5%* goes back to our school.

See supportyourschool.co.nz for details.

*Exclusions & Terms & Conditions apply.



Working bee at Windwhistle school and Gazebo hire

Unfortunately the working bee earlier in the month had to be cancelled but it has now been rescheduled to **Thursday 18 November 2016 3pm onwards.** Your help at this would be much appreciated. This will also include a show and tell of how to erect the gazebo owned by the school which can now be hired for \$100.

Pet Day Thank you

The weather may not have been in our favour this year but pet day still ran smoothly and was a lot of fun for all.

I would like to thank Rebecca Rose and her team of helpers for providing scrumptious muffins, tea and coffee.

Every little bit helps, so thank you to all who contributed.

Cheers *Vanessa Johnston*



David Riley Evening at Darfield High School

Do you struggle to get your child or teen to read?

David Riley Kiwi author, teacher and Reading Warrior

Tuesday 15th November 7 pm

Darfield Primary Hall - Gold coin donation

Darfield High School in collaboration with Selwyn Libraries invite parents and caregivers of reluctant readers - of all ages - to hear author David Riley discuss ways to inspire young people to read, and how this can lead to success in all areas of life.

David will talk about reluctant readers, and how you can encourage them, support them and help find captivating reading material that they can understand and relate to.

David Riley is a passionate advocate of reading and he shares his "read to succeed" philosophy through

stories of ordinary people who have had success through reading. David, a high school Drama and English

teacher, writes books and teaching materials to help young people with their literacy, to help them learn

more about their cultures and to inspire them with stories of positive role models and achievers.

"It's a special feeling when you connect a book with a 'reluctant' reader. It's almost as if you're contributing to something life-changing for that young person," said David in a recent interview.

A number of students from DHS and the surrounding primary schools will have the opportunity to meet and hear from David at the Darfield Primary School hall on Wednesday 16th November

For more information about David go to his website <https://readingwarrior.com/>

Jasmine,
Jesse & Carrie

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Selwyn running festival

This is to be held in Leeston on 6 November. There is an event for everyone including teams, walking, young children etc ranging from 21km through to the kids dash of 1.3km.

Any Ladies keen to learn golf???

My name is Pip Deans - I am the coaching co-ordinator of the Hororata Golf Club

We have joined forces with NZ Golf to get Women interested in playing or giving golf a go. For the month of November there is National Campaign launch. The Hororata Golf Club is pleased to be able to offer the choice of two coaching sessions for any women of any ability or age to come along and try it out.

The two sessions are

Tuesday 15th Nov - 11pm to 1pm

Saturday 19th Nov 10am to 12pm

Cost is \$10 per session which includes a free goodie pack

Enquiries and registrations by 11th Nov to Pip Deans - 03 3180833, 021 2797857 or email

pipdeans@xtra.co.nz. Register online at www.lovegolf.co.nz and go in the draw to win a fabulous gift basket.

Thank you



Darfield Library Science Alive

Science Alive - 25 Oct 2016

The Earth needs your help. Do you know what to do to save it? Learn how changing your habits and educating others can make an impact. Hands-on learning fun. Create, learn and be inspired. Suitable for 5 to 10 year olds.

Free, but bookings are essential. Book below.

Darfield – Monday 14 Nov 3:30-4:30pm

Leeston – Tuesday 15 Nov 3:30-4:30pm

Rolleston – Wednesday 16 Nov 3:30-4:30pm

Lincoln – Thursday 17 Nov 3:30-4:30pm

Proudly brought to you by Science Alive! and Selwyn District Libraries.



TERM 4 DIARY 2016

<u>Week 5</u>	Wed 9/11/16 Thurs 10/11/16 Fri 11/11/16	School Photos parents and siblings to arrive at 12pm Teacher Only Day Canterbury Anniversary Day
<u>Week 6</u>	Mon 14/11/16 – Tues 15/11/16 Wed 16 Nov Thurs 17 Nov	Dental service visit to school Year 5 & 6 Reading Warriors with David Riley @ Darfield High School library Malvern Athletic Sports - finals
<u>Week 7</u>	Tues 22/11/16	Mobile library visit BOT meeting – 5.30pm Library
<u>Week 8</u>	Wed 30/11/16 – Fri 2/12/16	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 – 5.30pm Library Prize giving Term 4 ends - ½ day



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COMMUNITY 
dental service

Free Dental Care for Children

One of our Community Dental Service preventive mobiles will be visiting your school soon.

- We will be aiming to see that all school age children enrolled with the Community Dental Service have their dental check-up in the dental mobile while it is there
- The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also Xray, clean, and apply protective treatments (including fluoride) if required.
- If your child requires further dental care such as fillings they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care
- **Please let us know ASAP if you do not wish your child to have any of this care, you can talk to the staff in the mobile or phone/email our Call Centre**
- If you wish to be present at your child's check up this will need to take place at our community clinic so please phone/email our **Call Centre** to make an appointment
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email

commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Camp Catering

To help cater for this camp we are asking for the following:

1. **Breakfast** – bring your own. E.g, cereals, jams etc. Bread for toast will be provided. (You can arrange to pool with someone too.)
2. **Lunch** - children (and adults) are asked to bring their lunches as usual on Thursday. Lunches on Friday will be provided.
3. **Family baking** – each family is asked to provide a container of home baking for sharing (morning/afternoon tea/supper).
4. **Dinner** – pot luck (see below)
5. **Nibbles** – children may bring energy food e.g. scroggin, energy bars. (Lollies, bubble/chewing gum, fizzy drinks etc are **not** permitted.)

Dinner Donations

Name _____

Please indicate which items you will be able to provide and return form to school by **Friday 18th November**.

Pot Luck Dinner

Menu	Casserole/ Lasagne	Cold Meat	Salad	Potatoes	Dessert
Choice					

Many thanks for your support.
Jane