



# WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

*Dear Parents and Caregivers*

*Once again, our community rises to the challenges of school and the outside environment. After school on Friday, a lot of keen helpers descended upon the school grounds to help out and clean up wherever they were needed: weeding, pruning, tidying, drain-clearing, earthmoving, equipment-fixing, etc. All took place while the children had supervised fun in the heated swimming pool; efforts were rewarded afterwards with a shared BBQ, ably cooked by Sean!*

*During the week, Alida drummed up support from the community and organised a huge bake-up for the earthquake families isolated in North Canterbury. Sam took up the baton, and arranged to personally fly in all the baking and essentials to many isolated families. What a fantastic effort!*

*No wonder we are so proud of our community.*

*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. We are testing this week in reading, spelling, maths so don't be surprised if your child comes home with a book from their browsing box rather than a new book. On Monday we had some people from the circus come and teach the children some circus skills. Tuesday is a release day for me as well and Lucy Cookson is teaching in room 1. Looks like being a nice week so we will swim each day at 2pm. Ngaa mihi. Jane

### ROOM 2

Revision, assessment, and any questions about learning from the year are the focus just now. Also, preparation for camp and prize-giving are high on the agenda. Mixed in, there are opportunities to have fun, learning circus and swimming skills, and planting natives for the future of Windwhistle School. Reading, writing and maths strategies and tables continue to be the norm on the run up to the end of term, Frances.



**Dads and students at work during the working bee**

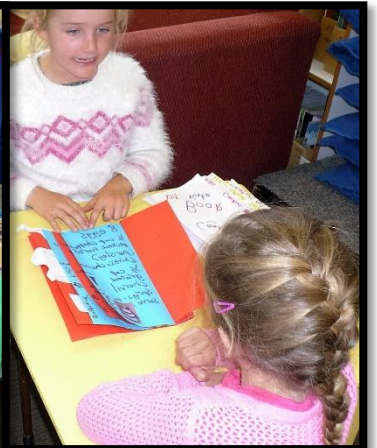


## Room 2 (Kathy's notices) LWIWTL – Learning What I Want to Learn



**Room 2  
sharing their  
'Learning  
What I Want to  
Learn' projects  
with Room 1**

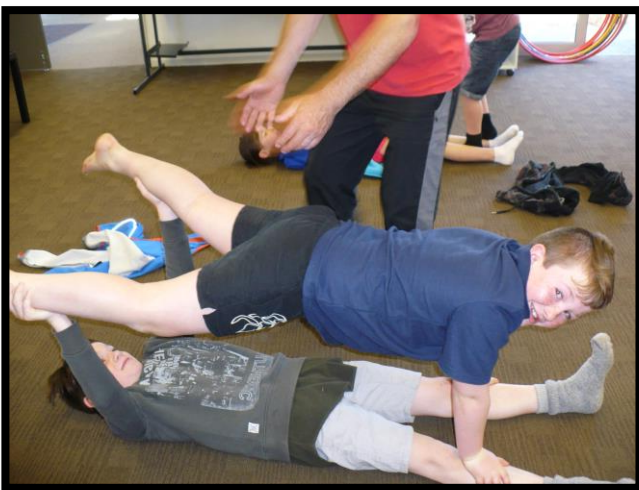




**We learnt a lot and loved seeing the different things that the Room 2s were really interested in, and they shared with us lots of what they had learnt.**



**Circus training  
fun with Rooms 1  
& 2**



## **Congratulations to Georgie and Rosa**

Well done Georgie and Rosa for achieving so well in the Malvern Athletics.

Georgie gained 1<sup>st</sup> 10 year old girls high jump  
2<sup>nd</sup> 10 year old girls' short sprint  
2<sup>nd</sup> 10 year old girls' long sprint  
Rosa gained 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 year old girls' high jump  
3<sup>rd</sup> 9 year old girls' discus

Georgie now goes through to the Canterbury Schools' Athletics on 6 December 2016.

## **Camp update**

Many thanks for returning the food forms. I have collated what we need and will be shopping over the weekend. Can parents who are coming with us please be here ready to leave at 9am once the school bus arrives on Wednesday 29th. It is a 2 hour drive and we will be stopping at Lincoln for morning tea along the way. We are very tight for transport so please let me know if circumstances change. Please ensure ALL your child's belongings are named.

Here is an itinerary of what we will be up to:

### **Activities/Timetable:**

Nov 30: 9-12 am Travel to Onuku Marae from Windwhistle School with a stop at Lincoln for morning tea.

12 – 12.30pm Powhiri; 12.30 – 1.00pm Lunch; 1.00-2.00pm History Talk; 2pm Set up beds; 2.30pm Drive to Akaroa; 3pm Black Cat trip; 5pm return to marae for dinner and evening activities.

Dec 1: Breakfast from 8am. Leave for Okains Bay Museum at 9.15 and travel along the Scenic Route on Long Bay Road if fine; otherwise 30 min drive using XXX. Morning at the museum and lunch on the beach. Arrive at Giants House at 3.30pm for a visit and look around gardens. Return to Marae at 5pm.

Dec 2: Breakfast at 8am. Pack up and clean marae. Morning on the beach. Early lunch and leave for Windwhistle around 12.30pm.

Other activities (evening):

Garden of Tane; Walk around Akaroa looking at historic sites and items around Akaroa; Fishing off the wharf;

**Please remember to send car seats for children under 148cm or 7 years of age.**

Parents are welcome to join us during the day if they wish but will need to pay for the activities and please, no pre-schoolers

**Please also ensure that all fees are paid up by the end of this week**

Jane

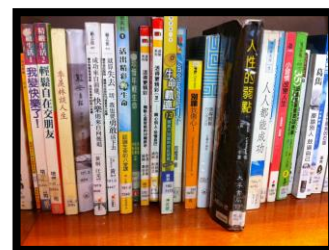
## **Library books to be returned**

Please ensure that all library books are **returned to school asap**. A stocktake of the library is now being carried out on Wednesday 7 December 2015 to ensure all books are back on deck. Thanks



### **End Of Year Prize-Giving**

You are all welcome to attend this year's prize-giving which is to be held at the Glenroy Hall on Thursday 15 December 2016 at 1pm. Please bring a plate to share after the prize-giving for a catch up over a cuppa, afterwards.



**Please return any sports uniform that you still have at home so as a stocktake can be done ASAP.**

**Thanks**



### A Huge Thank You to all that helped at the Highland Games

A big thank you to everyone who was able to help with selling drinks at the Hororata Highland Games, we made around \$730 for the school. It was a great day for selling cold drinks and an easy way to raise some funds. Prime Smoke in Hororata were a great help letting us cool the drinks the night before the games in their big chiller - so thank you to them also. This money has been put towards a new seesaw for the playground. Thanks too, to all the volunteers whom represented the Windwhistle School and Playgroup for the Hororata Community Trust Fund. Through this we were very fortunate to receive \$904.80, which has also been put towards the see saw for the playground.

happy  
Birthday

**PADDY, EMILY**

### Weetbix Tryathlon

Weet-Bix Tryathlon

Sunday 26 February 2017 - Jellie Park Christchurch

Calling all 7 year old + students!

The weet-bix tryathlon is open to all children aged 7 years and above and it would be great to see a big turnout from Windwhistle School for this event in 2017. I have registered our School as a group so that we can be in to win some prizes for School - the more kids we enter the more chances we have to win!

It is a really well run event which the kids love and it is great for their confidence. They get a real sense of achievement when they receive their medal (so worth the early morning start!!). Check out the website ([www.tryathlon.co.nz](http://www.tryathlon.co.nz)) for details of the event and to enter.

On registration Windwhistle School should be noted as a School group so please link your entry to the School. If you are having problems let me know and I can contact them directly and make sure children entered are linked to our School. I have already linked those that I know are registered to our School.

Cheers Lucy

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*ps we could do some group biking and running in the new year!*



### City to surf

Refer website for more information: [http://www.city2surf.co.nz/?mc\\_cid=fe0e3bd409&mc\\_eid=3e4d3d9c99](http://www.city2surf.co.nz/?mc_cid=fe0e3bd409&mc_eid=3e4d3d9c99)



## 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](http://supportyourschool.co.nz) for details.

\*Exclusions & Terms & Conditions apply.



## Give Blood at Darfield

0800 GIVE BLOOD

0800 448 325  
[www.nzblood.co.nz](http://www.nzblood.co.nz)



Come on and help us save lives at:

Darfield Recreation Centre

94 North Terrace

Tuesday 29th November

3pm – 6pm

Make your appointment today



[www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz)

## Cantastic Christmas Tree

From Monday November 7

Put your donation on the **Cantastic Christmas Tree** at your local library and service centre between 7 November – 20 December.

Donations must be in cans, nonperishable, within the use by/best by date, and with original label.

Donations will be given to Ellesmere Food Bank Trust which covers all of Selwyn.



## Football Christmas camp



If the elite camp is not for you, have no fear, we will be running our regular fun-filled football camp too, also from 19-21 December.

Please note that our full day sessions are restricted to ages 9 – 16 years old, otherwise we hope to see your children here for some

Xmas fun. Refer to website <https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=64309> for full details

### Mountain biking fun

Refer attached website for some fun and action

<http://www.cjmsevents.co.nz/>

### Free workshop – Anxiety & depression in youth

Reminder, on tonight Wednesday 23 November at Darfield Community Centre, North Terrace Darfield

6.30pm – 8.30pm



## TERM 4 DIARY 2016

<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 (details to follow) Library stock take</b>
<b><u>Week 10</u></b>	<b>Tues 13/12/16 Wed 14/12/16 Thurs 15/12/16 Fri 16/12/16</b>	<b>BOT meeting – 5.30pm Library Newsletter Prize giving – 1pm Glenroy Hall Term 4 ends – 12:30</b>

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