



WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Another great year comes to a close. Our students, staff, Board, and community have continually stepped up and embraced the values and culture of Windwhistle School, showing respect and manners, support and encouragement throughout the year. Every student has not only met, but generally exceeded, their goals and targets, and will leave this year knowing that they have worked hard, played fair, and made their family and school proud of them.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your never-ending support, and wish you all a very safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

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. These last few weeks have been a whirlwind of activity. After testing in week 7 it was good to get away on camp in week 8. Many thanks to the parents who gave up their time to come and help us. We have had lots of fun in our room for the last two weeks but the children are ready for a holiday. Please keep up the reading over the holidays. Have a safe, relaxing holiday. Meri kirihimete ki a koutou katoa, me ngā mihi o te tau hou. Ngā mihi. Jane.

ROOM 2:

WOW! What an amazing effort! 138 native plants, dug, filled and watered, all in one day! Oh! Plus, ukelele practice with Kate, and a festive lesson and story about Christmas and giving, with Jenni Carter and Lucy Cookson. No wonder everyone is ready for a break! A HUGE thanks to all of the Room 2s for all their hard work during their learning, in what has been a very busy year. Remember to read for enjoyment, 'paint a picture' in writing about your adventures over the holidays, and enjoy special family times - you deserve them! Good luck to Emma M, Jasmine and George for 2017, we'll certainly miss you - remember to keep in touch! All the best, Frances Nimmo.



Welcome to Paddy Guild – wishing you many happy and wonderful school days

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

Room 2 Social Studies Unit 2017

Early in 2017 the Room 2 children will begin an environment sustainability unit, where we will investigate "how do we treasure our environment at Windwhistle (and beyond)?"

One of the starters for us on this unit will be entering a competition on the www.bothsidesofthefence.org.nz website (photos, drawings, written descriptions of "Top Outdoor Spots"). We have such stunning vistas on our farms in our daily working lives, plus you may get a break away to other top outdoor spots...I've asked the children to please take photos when they can. Also, hard copies of the "away places" are a good talking point for us in week 1 to put around a map of NZ to help us learn our country's geography in a practical way.

Thanks for your help....any queries please contact Kathy.

Robyn – Merry Christmas to you all. Hoping that you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Rhonda – Office

Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy holidays. May you find time to rest and relax and have some quality family time. Look forward to seeing you all again in 2017.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY CONNOR, FERGUS & MRS MAC!!
ALSO HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR JANUARY TO
AMELIA & REY**

Study Leave: Jane has been awarded study leave for one day per week for 2017. She will be attending Canterbury University studying Te Reo: Te Kakano. The course runs for two semesters on Tuesdays (all day) and Thursday evenings. Lucy Cookson will be teaching each Tuesday in Room 1. The study leave has been offered through the Christchurch Earthquake Teachers Training Support Fund.

Prize giving

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Glenroy Hall to celebrate our students' successes for 2016.

Venue: Glenroy Hall

Date: Thursday 15 December 2016

Time: 1pm Please remember to bring a plate to share over a cup of tea afterwards.

As you have all indicated that you will be there, there will be no bus running in the afternoon. Thanks

A big thank you

Many thanks to all the wonderful parents who have given up their time to make our scrumptious Monday hot lunches. Here is us eating our last hot lunch of the year.

Also a special thanks to all who have helped out with fundraising, transport and other events during the year.





Some great memories of our wonderful camp at Onuku Marae
Photo credits – thanks to the parents who sent some in.





Pool keys

Please note that Alida is kindly taking another session on pool testing to allow you all to attend and purchase your key for the pool for the holidays. This will take place on Friday 16 December 2016 at lunch time. Pool keys are available for \$60 plus \$20 deposit which can be either claimed back on handing back the key or given as a donation to the school.



Santa's visit

I've had a phone call from the big man himself just checking in that all children have been behaving and deserve a visit from him. I assured him that at school they have been well deserving of a visit so hope this is the same at home! You can always ring me to advise! He will be here at 11am on Friday 16 December ALL WELCOME including pre-schoolers.

Please note that school finishes at 12.30pm and that the bus will be departing school at 12.30pm on Friday 16 December 2016.



Santa's' Elves in Room 1



Santa's other team of Elves in Room 2

Hororata Parish news

You are invited to a special service for children this Christmas Eve at St John's.
At 6:30pm we will sing some carols and tell you the story of the first Christmas.
If you like you can bring your parents and friends.
May God bless you.
Jenni

14th Dec	Blue Christmas Service	St John's Hororata	7.00pm
18th Dec	Advent 3 Holy Communion	St John's Hororata	9.30am
18th Dec	Advent 3 Holy Communion	St Andrews Glentunnel	11.00am
18th Dec	Carol Service	Home of Gerald & Dee Innes	7.00pm
24th Dec	Children's Christmas & carols	St John's Hororata	6.30pm
24th Dec	Christmas Eve Communion	St John's Hororata	11.00pm
25th Dec	Christmas Day Communion	St John's Hororata	9.30am

Selwyn Library



Refer to <http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz/> for a list of holiday news and activities.

Closure Dates

Rolleston Library and Lincoln, Leeston and Darfield Library and Service Centres will be closed from 25 December 2016 until 3 January 2017 and will reopen with normal hours on 4 January 2017.

The Ange will be hanging up her Mobile Bus keys from Thursday 15th December but will out and about from 9th January 2017

Mainland football holiday programme

Mainland Football Outdoor Holiday Programmes

DECEMBER:-

Age: 7-14 year olds.

Dates: 20th, 21st and 22nd December 2016

Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: English Park

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.

JANUARY:-

Age: 7-14 year olds.

Dates: 25th, 26th and 27th January 2017

Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: English Park

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days)

Mainland Futsal Indoor Holiday Programmes

JANUARY:

Age: 6-12 year olds.

Dates: 23rd, 24th and 25th January 2017

Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: Pioneer Stadium

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days)

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Unity, Pride, Passion, Respect.

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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.

December: 19 to 23 Dec. and 27 to 31 Dec.

January: 9 to 13 Jan. and 16 to 20 Jan. Plus 23 to 27 Jan. Call Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (7873) or register online at www.surfcoach.co.nz

Aaron Lock

www.surfcoach.co.nz Cost \$30 per day or \$135 for five. Bookings essential. Venue: Sumner



**Merry Christmas and
a safe and Happy
New Year from us
all**



TERM 4 DIARY 2016

<u>Week 10</u>	Thurs 15/12/16 Fri 16/12/16	Prize giving at Glenroy Hall 1pm Term 4 ends - ½ day Santa visits 11am All welcome School bus departs 12.30pm
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