



1 February 2017 Week 1 Term 1

WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back everyone!

"Mrs Nimmo, Mrs Nimmo, Mrs Nimmo. Guess what we did in the holidays? I got a ... from Santa! We went to..." The excited words came tumbling out from the children as they raced in from the bus on Day One of the 1st Term for 2017. The energy was palpable and infectious, and Monday passed in a blur of news, lessons and swimming. It is the students' vitality that spurs us on to help each one to learn and achieve to the best of their ability. That is why our VISION statement (below) is so important, it is what Windwhistle School is all about - and we look forward to our community supporting each child through their learning journey throughout 2017.

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.

Welcome back for 2017



First assembly for 2017 with lots of smiling faces and enthusiasm and stories to share!!!



Welcome to Windwhistle

Welcome to Windwhistle School, Daniel.
We hope your school years are filled with lots of fun and learning.

ROOM 1: Jane

Kia ora koutou. Nau mai, haere mai, ki te 2017. We have a few students absent this week so we will be easing into the year. Reading (all children) & Spelling (Yr2 /3) will be sent home each night. Spelling notebooks don't need to be returned to school until Friday mornings. Friday Fun day is my testing day. Please can I encourage you to make comments in the reading booklets for the children, and I do enjoy the faces that some parents draw in the spelling notebooks!

There is a News timetable attached to the newsletter for this term. Please keep this in a safe place. Our topics this term are: How Waitangi got its name and Saving NZ Native Birds - with hopefully a trip to Willowbank towards the end of the term. Details will be sent home once it is confirmed. Please can I ask that parents wait for the permission slips to come home before volunteering for this trip. We will try to swim each day so please send along togs - and warm tops just in case the air temperature is cooler. **Please ensure all clothing is named.**

We start with 18 students this term, that's a lot of stray socks in our room!

My UC course starts on the 21st Feb and Lucy Cookson will begin teaching each Tuesday from that date. Any concerns please ring me 3188920 home, or 02102503517. I check my emails/texts regularly too.

For the first two weeks of this term we will be studying Financial Capability and setting up a shop. We will begin by working out how much shopping items cost. Children will have a chance to be the shop keeper and they will practice counting out money and giving change. Later on they will be given the chance to earn some money to use to purchase things and pay for charges I will bring into the class e.g. items left lying around! You can help by getting them to help with shopping i.e. go and find me the cheapest soap bar. Get the children comparing prices. No money from school will be going home! Ngaa mihi. Jane

ROOM 2: Frances

News had to be spaced out in chunks over Monday and Tuesday as there was so much of it! However, that helped in their writing as their reflections of their highlights were packed with action words and great descriptions – just what we're aiming for. We welcomed Daniel Stewart into Room 2 where he is quickly making new friends, and playing soccer with the Room 1s and Room 2s during intervals. Home revision of maths 'family-of-facts', reading and spelling will all help to support what the children are learning in class – please, either use the diary or email me to communicate and /or ask any questions. We (Jane, Kathy and I) will be sharing our teaching and learning ideas with all the parents on Friday 17th February from 3pm, followed by a BBQ. We look forward to meeting you all again then, as it is a great opportunity to share, question, socialise and welcome new parents.

ROOM 2: Kathy

Sport Canterbury are running a workshop for Year 6's only. **If your child is in year 6 please find attached a permission slip to be returned to Kathy by Friday 3 February 2017 along with the \$10 payment.**

Year 4 and 5 students will have class as normal with Frances. Thanks



Happy birthday Pippa Jordan, James and Daniel

Snowden Lamb sales

What a fantastic fundraiser!

A big thank you to Snowden Station for giving us the opportunity to raise funds for the school.

The woolshed was perfect and so handy with oven, sink, hot water and tables all on hand. Your team of helpers that helped us with the sweeping, carrying in gear, signs and rubbish just made everything run so smoothly. Annabel, Roy, Nikki and Tony you guys are amazing and so generous!!

Another big thank you goes out to the team of helpers – a great team effort! Thanks to Tania, Jo, Alida, Jen, Sarah, Frances, Lachlan Daly, Richard J, Ric, Blair and Rebecca. Your help was much appreciated.

Thanks too to the others who offered help on the day and also to Lucy and the girls for babysitting!

We raised roughly \$900 and sold out of sausages! We got lots of positive comments about them. Many people ate 4 or more so they must have been good! Thanks Jen for organizing them, Rebecca.

Lost Property

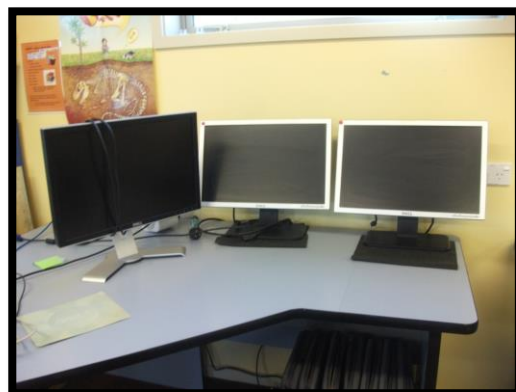
The pile outside my office is starting to make me feel hemmed in!! Please, if you recognise anything in this photo call and collect it so I can see out again! Failure to collect will mean it will be disposed of. Thanks Rhonda



Surplus to requirements



We've had a good clean up over the holidays and have 3 computer monitors and 8 lap top satchels that are surplus to requirements. Anyone interested and willing to make a donation to the school for these would be appreciated. Contact Rhonda if interested. Thanks



Looking for donations – please!

So you updated the camera gear for Christmas and now have a surplus old digital quick snap on hand? I would love it if you could donate it to the school to save my grey hairs of taking school snaps with the current camera and holding my mouth right in the fact that I get the photo to put in the newsletter!

Also Room 2 need cameras for a photography project that they are carrying out.

Call me if you can help.

Thanks Rhonda



Scholastic Lucky Book Club

Issue 1 will be sent home today and orders. Orders are to be placed through LOOP online. Orders to be placed by Friday 17 February 2017.

All orders placed through the 1st issue receive a bonus Lucky book club calendar and give the student a chance to win 20 books for themselves and 50 books for the school. NO PRESSURE!

Uniform update

The Board of Trustees has adopted the uniform as a school policy.

It is to consist of:

Boys

Purchased from Uniform NZ
Green Polo shirt with white trim
Green Polofleece

Purchased from Postie Plus
Black shorts

Trackpants – poly cotton or black cotton
Can be purchased anywhere

No stripes, logos or brandings

Girls

Purchased from Uniform NZ
Green Polo shirt with white trim
Green Polofleece

Purchased from Postie Plus
Black shorts or culottes

Trackpants – poly cotton or black cotton
Can be purchased anywhere

No stripes, logos or brandings

The Board is to adopt this fully **in Term 2** with a phase in period during Term 1.

More to come soon as to when and how much the tops will be available for purchase, from the Uniform committee.

Community BBQ – all welcome

Friday 17 February 3pm onwards at Windwhistle School BYO

Bring your families and their togs and your food and refreshments for a BBQ and a swim.

A meet and greet and a catch up on what is happening is the agenda for this. The teachers will share how and what they teach for learning in Room 1 and Room 2.

All welcome.



Waitangi Day Community Country Picnic

February 6 2017 at the Darfield Domain 10.30am – 3pm. Mark your diaries.

This event is being hosted by Two Rivers Trust and will include something for everyone, including heaps of FUN, FREE activities such as Pedalmania, bouncy castles, pony rides, petting zoo, Lego, gum boot throwing, backyard Kiwi cricket and much more. Our local emergency services will be there and giving rides and a lolly scramble from the vintage fire engine. There will be market and food stalls. Bring a picnic and enjoy listening to local storyteller and puppeteer Liz Weir at lunch time. Darfield Plunket Toy Library will have outdoor and ride on toys and Darfield Library will have books and resources there too. There is also country dress ups and photographs, crafts, ice cream, candy floss, fresh coffee and Devonshire teas. Yes an awesome family day out!

There is also a scarecrow colouring in competition being run. See the Darfield Library for an entry and pop it in the box there to win a prize.

Hororata Parish news

Hororata Parish Bike/Run/Walk, Middle Rock Farm, 5th February 2017

Heritage of Hororata and Beyond Open Day, 12th March 2017

For details on these events and more visit www.hororata.org.nz/events

Hororata Community Trust

Free Entertainment

The Hororata Community Trust invites you to a FREE evening of raucous entertainment for the whole family with Scottish duo Saltire.

Saltire duo, David Vernon and Alex Hodgson, the headline act for the Scottish Military Tattoo, will perform in Hororata for one night only. These lads promise to be heaps of fun and highly entertaining!

When: Thursday 2nd February 2017
Where: Hororata Hall
Time: 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Cost: **FREE!** No ticket required; just come along.

Enjoy a Pork or Lamb Slider for a gold coin donation. Non-alcoholic refreshments will be available.

This evening is brought to you thanks to the **Hororata Community Trust** and the Scottish Military Tattoo (held at the Aurora Centre, Christchurch 4th February, tickets are on sale now through [Ticketek](#)).

For more details visit www.hororata.org.nz/events or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1268091839915556/>

Selwyn Rugby Club

Hey All

So it might seem like its finally summer, but the rugby season is quickly heading towards us.

There are a few things we just wanted to take the chance to let you know about.

Registrations are now open for the 2017 season. You're welcome to register online here:

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/26307> or we'd love to see you at the club on Sunday 5th between 11 and 12pm

We have a new Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/selwynRFC/>. We hope you'll "like" the page, and feel free to upload photos of the kids (an authority to publish photos will be included in the registration pack), and keep an eye on it for postponements, club news, updates, and scores throughout the season.

Before you rush out and buy a new pair of boots, we're hoping to have a Boot Swap day, or an online event with a chance to sell/borrow/buy/use kids boots, as a lot of boots barely get one seasons use!

If you're considering getting more involved, coaching, assistant coaching and managers are always welcome.

Even if it's to help out on a Thursday at training, or to carry in the water bottles to a match. Please let us know!

Finally – There have been a few changes to grades this season, see below might help you to answer the question of which grade to sign up for:

U14.5 Born between 01.07.2002 and 31.12.2002 or in 2003

U13: Born in 2004 or between 01.01.2005 and 30.06.2005

U11.5 Born between 01.07.2005 and 31.12.2005 or in 2006

U10: Born in 2007

U9 Born in 2008

U8 Born in 2009

U7 Born in 2010

U6: Born in 2011 (Preferably school age)

Good luck with the 2017 season, let's hope for warm mornings, good coffee, and winning games!

Thanks

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<u>TERM 1 DIARY 2017</u>		
<u>Week 1</u>	Wed 1/1/17	Newsletter due out
<u>Week 2</u>	Mon 6/2/17	Waitangi Day – no school
<u>Week 3</u>	Thurs 16/2/17 Fri 17/2/17	Room 2 Year 6 PALS workshop Community BBQ Meet and Greet 3pm onwards
<u>Week 4</u>	Wed 22/2/17 Thurs 23/2/17	Newsletter due out & Life Education Room 2 Top Team @ Glentunnel School
<u>Week 5</u>	Mon 27/2/17	BOT meeting 5.30pm School Library
<u>Week 6</u>	Fri 10/3/17	Teacher Only Day
<u>Week 7</u>	Wed 15/3/17 17/3/17	Newsletter due out Pool closing
<u>Week 8</u>	Mon 20/3/17	Malvern Swimming Competition
<u>Week 9</u>	Sunday 26/3/17 – Wed 29/3/17 Fri 31/3/17	Room 2 Camp to Aoraki Mount Cook Room 1 visit to Willowbank
<u>Week 10</u>	Mon 3/4/17 Wed 5/4/17	BOT meeting 5.30pm School Library Newsletter due out
<u>Week 11</u>	Mon 10/4/17 – Wed 12/4/17 Thurs 13/4/17 Fri 14/4/17	Room 2 Deep water swimming at Ashburton End of Term 1 Good Friday

<u>TERM 2 DIARY 2017</u>		
Week 1	Mon 1/5/17	Start of Term 2
Week 10	Fri 7/7/17	End of Term 2



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