



WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It was great to have the opportunity to speak to so many interested parents, grandparents, aunts, and older and younger siblings, during the 'Meet and Greet' get together last Friday after school. Having the opportunity to sit down face-to-face and ask questions about class learning, and how to support at home, was also an excellent time to introduce 'new' parents and put faces to names, and the icing on the cake was receiving two mini-iPads from SouthFuels (see article below). The community BBQ that followed certainly helped everyone to have a well-deserved catch-up afterwards.

It's a busy time with swimming, Kapa Haka, ukulele lessons, and EOTC trips coming up, namely, Top Team, the Washpen Falls walk, Aoraki Mt Cook senior camp, Willowbank for the juniors, and the deep water swimming lessons for Room 2 – so, please keep an eye on the diary! Thank you for all the offers of transport, etc. – very welcome!

Lastly, the BOT, staff and students would like to wish Mrs Mac all the best for her studies in te reo at the University of Canterbury, every Tuesday and after school on Thursdays!

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: Jane Kia ora koutou. Many thanks to those who came to our meet the teacher on Friday afternoon. Anyone who missed the session is more than welcome to come and have a chat to me after school on Mondays or Friday afternoons. Heads up: We have an upcoming trip to Willowbank on the 31st March. Permission slips will be sent home closer to the date. I will need 3 parents to help supervise children and they will be given free entrance. Parents with pre-schoolers are welcome to come but will have to pay their own way (\$14.75). Ngaa mihi. Jane

ROOM 2: Frances: I am delighted with the learning and progress each student is making – they have set sound goals and are taking steps to take ownership of what they need to work on, and how they are going to achieve them. The children are enjoying having the extra swimming lessons twice a week with Yvonne from Selwyn Aquatic Centre – great to see all the improvements! Over the next few weeks, we will be unpacking our school's VISION (above) – what does it mean to the Room 2s? And how can we word it so that everyone will remember it and feel proud? Very interesting ideas to-date! Watch this space!

Room 2 children signing their own treaty after studying the Treaty of Waitangi. The children have made up their own class rules that they have agreed they will abide by.



ROOM 2: Kathy

Deep Water Swimming Lessons at Ashburton – Room 2. (Kathy).

A heads up that during the last week of this term, Room 2 students will be having deep water swimming lessons at the EA Networks Centre in Ashburton: a one hour lesson each day for three days: Monday 10 –Wednesday 12 April 12:30 -1:30pm. Trained tutors take the lessons. This is part of Windwhistle School's Swim to Survive programme. Further details closer to the time. Please contact me if you have any queries meantime. Thank you. (Kathy)

Washpen Falls walk – Room 2 Wednesday 8 March

As part of our Environment/Sustainability Social Studies unit which I have entitled: “How Do We Treasure Our Windwhistle Environment?” Room 2 are investigating a local conservation/bush enhancement project. On Wednesday 8 March, we are going to Washpen Falls to talk with the McElreas and then walk their track.

Please see attached to this notice full details and an authority form that needs to be completed and returned to myself no later than Wednesday 1 March. Thank you Kathy

Thanks to the wonderful parents support and South Fuels

Thanks to our amazing sponsors we had a lovely surprise delivered personally to us by South Fuels - TWO mini-iPads including cases and screen protectors! This is just wonderful and so beneficial for the students. We would particularly like to thank the following sponsors who helped to make this possible:

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If you would like to support our school by using **Southfuels**, please ask Rhonda for the account manager's phone number.

Rod Frewn (SouthFuels accounts manager) presenting the mini-iPads to the staff and pupils at the Windwhistle School community gathering in the library.



Medicine to be administered at school

We appreciate that a child may need to be given medicine during school hours. Please note however, that unless a written note is given to the teacher concerned with an explanation and signature, no medicine will be administered at school. Thank you.



Athletics Club

Jason Dickens at the Darfield High School is running an athletics training/club on Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30/5pm. This group will be affiliated with the Rolleston Athletic Club.

A big thank you to our painters of the PE shed

Thanks to Sarah, Tania and Jo for the fabulous painting of the inside of our new PE shed. It certainly brightens it up, and the children are so happy to have the extra room to organize their sports equipment.

Qualified / Professional Nanny

Qualified, professional nanny now starting Home Educating in Hororata. I am open Monday-Friday, 7am-5:30pm. Please phone Nicki on 0212111605 or 033180093, for enquiries.



Hororata Parish - Bike/Run/Walk

Sunday 5th March 2017

Enjoy a day in the country exploring the private Middle Rock Farm, on the terraces of the Rakaia River.

With formed shingle 4WD tracks ranging in distance from 6km to 20km there is something for all ages and levels of fitness. This is a recreational event where participants can bike or run or walk. There is no briefing, start anytime between 10am and 2pm, participants must be off the track by 4pm.

Entry is \$20.00 per person, \$5 for a child, under 5 years free, family price (2 adults and up to 3 children) \$45.00

BBQ and refreshments will be for sale. Cash only

Please leave your dogs at home as this is a working farm. Held wet or fine.



Mount Olympus Ski Club

W.W.S.C. Club Picnic Day

Where: Mt Olympus - Top Hut

When: Saturday 25th February

Time: Meet at Middle Rock at 10.30am - if you need a ride let Karen Meares know.

Details: Please bring a picnic lunch to share and your own cold refreshments. Tea and coffee will be provided.

We have had a wonderful response to this event and it is looking like being a great day. So much so there are people wanting to make a weekend of it! If you would like to stay the Saturday night, please contact Karen Meares.

BYO dinner, refreshments and breakfast.

Present and past members, friends and family are all welcome. We have confirmed some past members are even travelling from Australia for this. Many of you will know Bob and Liz Butler. Contact Karen Meares with any questions - 03 3186 959 or karen@idadowns.co.nz

Selwyn – free event

Come and help celebrate the precious young people in our lives at Children's Day 2017!

The Selwyn Parenting Network is delighted to bring Children's Day 2017 to the wonderful families that make up our Selwyn communities.

Children are our treasure! Children's Day is a chance for all of us to get together and celebrate our wonderful children and young people

Please see link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6wutYFDe0m2VGNqcWZySUoyTGM/view>

Open Day – Heritage of Hororata

Refer : <http://www.hororata.org.nz/heritage-open-weekend/> for full information.



SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2017

Rolleston Community Centre and Reserve

12:00pm – 3:00pm

FREE EVENT



Travel through time to Canterbury's pioneering past, visit heritage properties in Hororata, Homebush, Whitecliffs, Gientunnel, Glenroy, Windwhistle and Lake Coleridge. View homesteads and museums, discover vintage machinery, wander through gorgeous gardens and enjoy unique activities that will take you back in time.

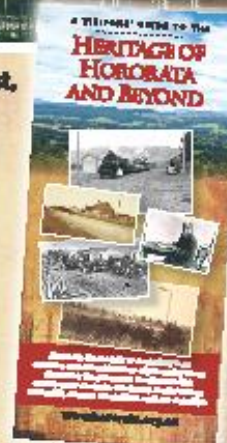
This is a unique opportunity explore these wonderful properties at your leisure as most are normally only available to group tours.

Purchase tickets at the Hororata Domain from 9am - 4pm.

\$35.00 for three properties per person or \$15 for a per property per person. Groups are welcome.

For more information visit www.hororata.org.nz

Enquiries to:
reservations@gunyah.co.nz 03 318 6800
or Karen@ldadowns.co.nz 03 318 6858.



NZ Bulbs 2017 school fundraiser

Believe it or not it's that time of the year - bulb planting time!

Last year we earned 20% of the \$ amount of the bulbs ordered through the school. \$535, which is great despite the fact we had such a small time to get orders in by.

This year we have a bit more time and with that in mind I would appreciate the support of the school families by passing the catalogue around family and friends to help raise more funds for the school in 2017.

Please find attached the catalogue with Order forms on the back page. Please photo copy this order form once completed and send to myself along with a cheque made out to Windwhistle School.

If anyone else would like to receive a catalogue for family and friends please can you advise me at accounts@windwhistle.school.nz

Remember, not only does the school receive 20% rebate on the total amount ordered, but there is no delivery charge as it is bulk posted to the school for one fee. Your support of Windwhistle School is greatly appreciated. Thanks Cheryl.



Rangi Ruru Free Concert


ORCHESTRAL EXTRAVAGANZA

FEATURING ORCHESTRAS FROM RANGI RURU GIRLS' SCHOOL, CHRIST'S COLLEGE AND ST MARGARET'S COLLEGE


Wednesday 22 March 22, 7.30pm • Christ's College Assembly Hall
Free admission. No bookings required.



Selwyn Library News:

**Selwyn District Libraries**
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Science Alive: Colourful Chromatography




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Learn about the science of colour.
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Lincoln Library	Monday 6 March	3.30-4.30pm
Leeston Library	Tuesday 7 March	3.30-4.30pm
Darfield Library	Wednesday 8 March	3.30-4.30pm
Rolleston Library	Thursday 9 March	3.30-4.30pm

Suitable for 5 to 10 year olds.
Free, bookings essential
www.selwynlibraries.co.nz

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<u>TERM 1 DIARY 2017</u>		
<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 Wed 1/3/17	BOT meeting 5.30pm School Library Washpen Falls walk permission slip due back for Room2
<u>Week 6</u>	Wed 8/3/17	Room 2 Washpen Falls walk
<u>Week 7</u>	Wed 15/3/17 Fri 17/3/17 Sun 19/3/17	Newsletter due out Teacher Only Day 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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