



## WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

*Dear Parents and Caregivers*

*As we near the end of Term 1, it is timely to share with you, how proud we are as a staff and Board, regarding how well each child is striving to be, the best they can be, as per our VISION statement below. The interim reports being sent home on Thursday are a testament to the efforts of each child and their supportive families – thank you.*

*PLEASE read this Newsletter thoroughly as there is a lot of important information contained within!*

*Enjoy the Easter break and have a safe, enjoyable time with your family.*

*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

Kia ora koutou. Many thanks to all the parents who came with us to Willowbank, especially Vanessa and Will who were our official helpers. We had a great day and the children were exceptional in the kiwi house. They were so excited, some claiming to see 5 kiwis. Donna Young spent yesterday with us getting to know the children and they were showing her what they could do in Maths time. We will start organising the Year 3's later this week so they know what to do on the first day back in Term 2.

Our condolences to Lucy Cookson on Ken's passing. Our thoughts are with her.

Have a safe and happy Easter/holiday.

Ngaa mihi. Jane



Room 1 trip to Willowbank feeding the eels!



Who knew that hazard cones have such a great use! Mrs Mac didn't go to school just to eat her lunch!!

"If it weren't for your gumboots ..."

#### **ROOM 2:** Frances: What an amazing term! Well done

Room 2! Remember to keep up with reading for fun over the holidays, and keep a journal of exciting events that happen. Also, some times-tables practise would help along the way too! Make the most of the Easter break with your family and HAVE FUN!!!

## Aoraki Mt Cook – Room 2 Camp March 2017

Fantastic



The words quoted were as described by the Room 2 children.

Heroic

Spectacular

Amazing



Awesome



Camptastic



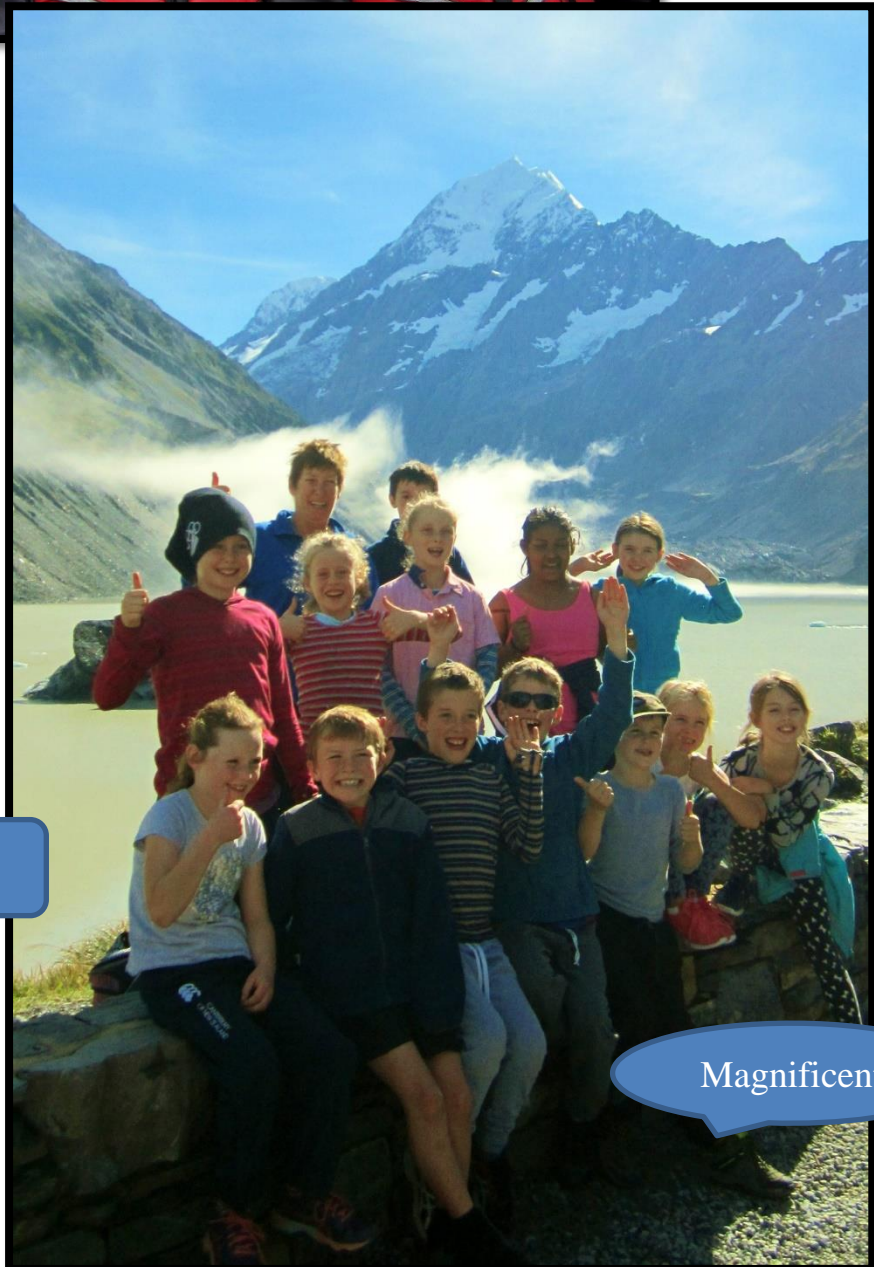
Stupendous

Majestic

Exciting

Remarkable

Incredible



Magnificent

## ***PLAYGROUP NOTICE:***

Windwhistle Playgroup is now running in the afternoons. Our sessions run on **Tuesdays 12.30 - 2.30** during term time. We have outside play with the school children then inside the library for fun activities.

If you have any queries please contact Tania at [taniajjordan@gmail.com](mailto:taniajjordan@gmail.com) or 021 295 6520



## **All School – Please note.**

Please note that we have had a few trips / camps lately and a couple of instances have arisen whereby a child notes down that they have a health issue that requires medication however on the day the day(s) of the outing, this medication has not been supplied. This resulted in a number of chase up calls to contact the caregivers which then delays the whole day. Not to mention what could happen in the event of the said health condition occurring as a health and safety concern. This has been brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees whom have made the following decision:

**In the event of a child being listed on a permission slip that they have a health issue that requires medication, and that medication not being supplied on the day(s) of the outing, then the said child will remain behind at school.**

**This decision is effective immediately – Windwhistle Board of Trustees.**

## **Physical Activity Leader**

Year 6's Rosa and Georgie are this years "PALs", which stands for Physical Activity Leaders.

On Mondays we will be sharing fun, active games with year 1's and 2's, and on Thursdays we will be sharing the games with year 3's, 4's and 5's.

Everybody enjoyed our games this Thursday. Our games were called "Gross the swamp, Dragons' Eggs, and Domes and Dishes.

Our goal is to get our Windwhistle kids to be active to keep their mind and body healthy in a fun way so it doesn't feel like a chore/job.

We will try different games every week to give them more fun opportunities and to test their skills.

From Rosa and Georgie (Your PALs)



## Golf Tournament Fundraising Windwhistle Golf Classic 2017

Wow, the School's major fundraiser is fast approaching! The Windwhistle Golf Classic for 2017 is being held on Thursday 11 May at Terrace Downs. For the benefit of the new school families, this is the School's major annual fundraiser and is held each year at Terrace Downs.

Planning is well under way behind the scenes with invites going out this week. Anyone is more than welcome to play and if you do have any business contacts or know of anyone (including yourself!) who would be keen for a fun golf day out at Terrace Downs then please let me know and we will make sure invitations go to these people. Please contact me if you have any queries regarding what the day involves and what it is all about.

We are always looking for donations of prizes for the day as well as raffle prizes and auction items so any ideas on those areas are greatly appreciated as well and you can contact Kate Guild or Vanessa if you have any ideas here.

As a School we do provide baking and help in preparing the packed lunches for the golfers. This task is organised by Alida Bell and you will have seen her email for helpers and donations of bolar roasts so please help where you can. We will keep you in the loop as planning progresses!

Thanks Lucy Richards (3186804)

### Golf Tournament Fundraiser Catering - 11 May 2017

#### This is our major fundraiser for the year – please help.

Looking forward to the next golf tournament in May, approaching quickly.

We require **bolar roasts** for lunches this year. Last year we made pulled beef and coleslaw buns and they were a success so we plan to do the same this year. We require about **12 bolar roasts** to cook (Tom Kerridge recipe), so if you have any rolling round in the bottom of your freezer we would very much appreciate them. Please let me know ASAP and I will arrange collection. As numbers are increasing ie 130 golfers last year I am proposing to alter how we do things on the day

#### **We require a home and willing Mum/Dad to coordinate the lunch preparation .**

Involves opening the bags into banana boxes and filling them the evening before with home baking from families, fruit, choc bars, fruit juice and a serviette. Then on the morning to coordinate the chirpy prep team who arrive at 6am to fill the rolls wrap them and transport them to Terrace Downs for 9am arrival and registration of golfers.

I wish to coordinate morning tea as this has been done altogether on the day however it is too much. Over the years we realise savouries are what disappear leaving baking etc untouched.

I wish to make club sandwiches and savouries on the day but have been unable to do this as the lunches have taken precedence .

We also require someone to make toasties on the day.

**Big team push.** Would it be possible to have our annual hearty baking from each family and the assistance as above. We need about 6 doing lunch prep. I will email closer to the time re sizes/baking, pickup etc... **Many thanks!!!!**

Alida 03318 6599 or 021 538 616 [richard.alida@clear.net.nz](mailto:richard.alida@clear.net.nz)



With the golf tournament being our major fundraiser of the year we are looking for as many helpers, offers or donations or help from both the community and parents as we can get. The school has a number of things that they are fundraising for this year. With school numbers grown, we need to employ a 3<sup>rd</sup> teacher to ensure that all levels are challenged to their upmost ability so that is a major cost to the school for the next 2 terms initially to see how it works out. This will be reviewed at a later date as to how it continues. Playground equipment such as trampoline need upgrading as well past their used by date.

Another item that the school is looking to purchase alongside with the community help is a defibrillator to have as an access in the area. These cost around \$2000 plus gst.

Solar panelling is to be installed in the school to not only improve the allocation of the heat to the school but also help to reduce costs overall in power.

A small grant has been received by the school to get this process in motion and enable us to get the inverter installed.

**The installers have come back to us with a fantastic offer to help us to reduce costs for the installation of the panels. Please see below:**

Hi Frances/William,

After listening to your conversation last week regarding your on-going funding efforts for the balance of the first solar system, I discussed your quandary with my business partner.

After much discussion we can offer the following,

**If any school parent purchases a 3kW Solar PV system from Renewable Solutions Ltd(RS), RS would reduce the purchase price on the school project by \$1000 which is the equivalent value of 2 solar panels installed on the school roof.**

**But RS would require a minimum of 4 purchases in one calendar month or 6 purchases in two months concurrently.**

This would enable RS to negotiate a discount from our supplier for bulk orders as \$1000 is more than the profit that we currently make on a 3kW system.

The investment for a simple installation of a 3kW solar system is \$12,235 inc. GST with an annual saving of approximately \$1300 per year at current power prices (which increase every year).

On average if the household power cost is between \$200-\$250 per month in the summer, this system would be a suitable size.

For households with larger or lesser costs the system size can be altered to maximise their savings. And the margin for Windwhistle School would change accordingly.

I await your feedback on this proposal.

Regards

Stuart MacWilliam

Renewable Solutions Ltd

0800 687 388 (Our Future)

Mob 027 3522603

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

**So if anybody out there is considering converting to Solar Power to reduce your own**

**power costs and would be willing to take up this offer, it would certainly help the school in making our installation costs a lot less and be much appreciated.**

**Please contact Will Innes if you are interested – 318 6929 or 0274 444237**

You can see how the school is always looking on how it can not only improve to have the best for our students but also the wider community. Any help (big or small) would be welcomed.

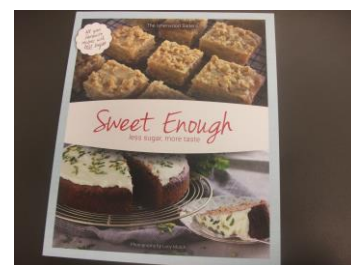
### **Cookbook Fundraiser:**

We have been given an opportunity to sell a lovely kiwi 'less sugar' baking cookbook. This is a wonderful book with great recipes. They will sell for \$40 each and \$15 per book goes back to the school. Each family will be initially given 3 books to sell between 13th April – 22nd May. This covers the holidays and Mother's Day. Families are not required to pre pay for the books.

The money from the sale of these books will be returned to school at the end of the campaign or before if preferred. Mother's Day is coming up so for those with a mother and/or a mother in law.....that's two books sold already :-)

Don't forget about Aunties/Uncles, grandparents, employers/employees and friends. Remember it's a fundraiser so when mentioning it to potential buyers remind them that it helps our school and the education of the students.

Unsold books can be returned but we do strongly encourage you to try your best and sell as many as you can. On the other hand, we will have spare books available if you require more and can order more if we sell out of our allocation. These books will be handed out next week for your children to bring home. Good luck and enjoy baking with some of these 'less sugar' recipes.



## Milk In Schools

**Yes Milk in Schools is coming to Windwhistle School on 17 May 2017 thanks to Fonterra.**

The school will be provided with a fridge to store the milk and a milkman will deliver the milk and pick up the recycled empties. The seniors will be involved as milk monitors and have duties to carry out with this project. I am sure some family members will be able to talk to the children of their memories (nice ones only!) of when they had milk in schools!!!



## Recycle Mufti Day:

Windwhistle School would like to contribute to the Ronald McDonald National Appeal next month.

**On Friday 19th May** we are having a recycle dress up day for the school children and staff. Gosh it will even be our first official mufti day ! Ask your child/ren to find items that we recycle, be creative and make a costume to wear to school.

We are asking for a gold coin donation which will go towards the appeal. We are all familiar with Ronald McDonald House and how important it is for the children and families of NZ so dress up, donate and be apart of a fun day at school. COME ON, let's get behind this amazing charity and see the creativity in our children.

As a wee incentive, prizes will be given to the best dressed/most creative child in each year group.

## NZ Bulbs 2017 school fundraiser - Reminder

Please help with this excellent fundraiser for the school. Happy planting! 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](mailto: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. Please have your orders in by tomorrow. Thanks Cheryl.



## Pea straw for sale

Jen and Ric Daly have kindly offered this fundraiser:

6 string large bales of pea straw for sale at \$30 per bale with \$10 of each bale sold going back to the school. Large bales with lots available.

Please contact Jen Daly on ph:318 6563 to purchase  
Thanks Jen and Rick!



## Mainland Netball

Mainland netball will be running some skill session for any keen netballers in Term 2.

When - Monday 3pm

Where - Hororata

Who - any one that is keen

What - netball skills

Please email Jayde (Malvern Schools' Physical Activator) for more information

[jayde@selwynsportstrust.org.nz](mailto:jayde@selwynsportstrust.org.nz)

## Office Max Easter Colouring In Competition

A rainy day exercise to keep your little cherubs busy!!

<https://www.officemax.co.nz/easter-colouring-competition>

I would love to see a Windwhistle winner!!

## Animates – school holiday free workshops!

With the Easter school holidays coming up, Animates stores nationwide will be hosting free workshops, perfect for keeping the kids entertained!

This is a great way for kids to learn important life skills such as kindness and compassion towards animals. The workshops will teach them everything they need to know about animals small in size (rabbits, guinea pigs, rats & mice).

The sessions will be held on Thursday 20th & 27th April at 11am, at your local Animates store. With best wishes,  
Ellee and your local Animates team



## Selwyn Library April School Holiday programme

Our next holiday programme activities are now open for booking at [www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz).

Springfield Tawera Hall: Create with Lego - Vehicles Tuesday 18th April 10.30-11.30am Free  
Darfield Library: Create with Craft – Autumn Leaves Thursday 20th April 10.30-11.30am Free  
Darfield Library: Science Alive – Crazy Contraptions Wednesday 26th April 10.00- 11.30am \* \$7charge

### **Science Alive: Crazy Contraptions**

*Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 April, Darfield, Rolleston, Leeston and Lincoln*

Explore simple machines that you use in everyday life. Discover how these machines use different types of energy and forces to help them move and work. Children will use Lego® to build levers, gears and pulleys to design their own wheeled crazy contraption. Will they be the next incredible engineer with their enlightening invention? Can their contraption pass the test? Sessions are on Wednesday 26 April: from 10-11.30am at Darfield Library and from 1.30-3pm at Rolleston Community Centre, and on Thursday 27 April: from 10-11.30am at Leeston Library and from 1.30-3pm at Lincoln Library. Suitable for children aged 8-16. Cost \$7, booking essential – visit [www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz) to book.

## Fundraiser for a student's sister

Daniel's sister (Caitlyn) is doing a fundraiser along with her dance group to travel to Paris in November to do highland dancing at Disneyland.

Cheese rolls \$ 6 Doz or 4 Doz for \$22 please text 02102866625 (Wendy) if interested.

Smurf movie, the lost village in Ashburton on 9th April at 2 pm \$20 please text 02102876625 if requiring tickets

## Parent Teacher App – search 'Parent Teacher Calendar'

Just a reminder for those whom have still yet to download on to their phones.



## Colouring competition and NZ Ploughing Championships

Please see attached colouring competition for the school children.

A nice family outing also.



## April School Holiday Programs

Kids Camp at Living Springs - April 18th to 21st

Registrations are now open!

\$240 or only \$220 if registered before March 31st.

Register online at [www.http://www.livingsprings.co.nz](http://www.livingsprings.co.nz)

Watch our promotional video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDBViKkcXQY>

For further details or questions contact Nancy at

[support@livingsprings.co.nz](mailto:support@livingsprings.co.nz) or 03 329 9788

## Give Blood In Darfield

## Hororata Community Trust

Please see the calendar of events below – mark your diaries!



## Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Location	Organisation
21 – 23 Apr 2017	Hororata Pig and Possum Hunt	Hororata Domain	Hororata Primary School
11 May 2017	Windwhistle Golf Classic	Terrace Downs	Windwhistle School
8 July 2017	Tartan Club Ceilidh (all welcome)	Hororata Hall	Hororata Community Trust
28 – 30 July 2017	24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Malvern Hunt	Coalgate Tavern	Malvern Game Hunters Association
13 Aug, 10 Sept, 8 Oct, 5 Nov 2017	Terrace Station Spring Garden Visits	Terrace Station	Terrace Station Charitable Trust
16 Sept 2017	Hororata Swap Meet	Hororata Domain	Swap Meet
23 Oct 2017	Hororata Parish Spring Fair	Hororata Domain	Hororata Parish
11 Nov 2017	Hororata Highland Games	Hororata Domain	Hororata Community Trust

## South Malvern Netball

Player Registrations and Subs are due by the 18th March.

Email: [southmalvern@gmail.com](mailto:southmalvern@gmail.com) or visit our

Website: [www.sporty.co.nz/southmalvernnetballclub](http://www.sporty.co.nz/southmalvernnetballclub)

Call: Secretary 03 3180123

for forms, subs, and information

Club Day is on the 1st April at the Glentunnel School, 12pm.

Next club meeting: is on Friday 10th March at the Glentunnel School 730pm.

SMNC look forward to hearing from any new Coaches, Umpires, and Players.

PASSION, PRACTICE, PARTICIPATION = SUCCESS!!

Na mihi nui

Kara Murray-Olsen

Club Secretary.

<b><u>TERM 1 DIARY 2017</u></b>		
<b><u>Week 11</u></b>	<b>Mon 10/4/17 – Wed 12/4/17</b> <b>Thurs 13/4/17</b> <b>Fri 14/4/17</b>	<b>Room 2 Deep water swimming at Ashburton</b>  <b>End of Term 1</b> <b>Good Friday - Start of Holidays</b>

<b><u>TERM 2 DIARY 2017</u></b>		
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Mon 1/5/17</b> <b>Wed 3/5/17</b> <b>Fri 5/5/17</b>	<b>Start of Term 2</b> <b>Newsletter due out</b> <b>Rugby Fun Day – some Year 4-6</b>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Thurs 11/5/17</b>	<b>GOLF Tournament FUNDRAISER – pp. Fri 12th</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Wed 17/5/17</b> <b>Fri 19/5/17</b>	<b>Fonterra meeting about bringing <i>Milk in Schools</i> to school</b> <b>Mufti-Day – dress up in RECYCLED STAFF</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Wed 24/5/17</b>	<b>Newsletter due out</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Mon 29/5/17</b>  <b>Tues 30/5/17</b> <b>Fri 2/6/17</b>	<b>Cross Country at Glentunnel Domain pp. Wed 31/5/17</b> <b>BoT Meeting – 5:30pm Library</b> <b>NZ Young Leaders Event (Chch) – Years 5/6</b> <b>Teacher Only Day</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Mon 5 June</b> <b>Fri 9/6/17</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday – Holiday</b> <b>Malvern Cross Country – qualifiers - Sheffield</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Wed 14/6/17</b>	<b>Newsletter due out</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Mon 19/6/17</b> <b>Tues 20/6/17</b> <b>Thurs 22/6/17</b>	<b>Windwhistle Speech Competition</b> <b>Mayor – Sam Broughton – Room 2</b> <b>Malvern Speech Finals - Darfield</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Mon 3/7/17</b> <b>Wed 5/7/17</b> <b>Fri 7/7/17</b>	<b>BoT Meeting – 5:30pm Library</b> <b>Newsletter due out</b> <b>End of Term 2</b>

## And Finally!

**The Board of Trustees** would welcome suggestions from our community.  
Please email to Rhonda or contact:

**Governance** = Sam Richards (Board Chair)

**Property** = Blair and Annabel

**Health & Safety** = Jen

**Student Welfare** = Sarah

**Fundraising** = Vanessa

**Special Projects** = Will

