



# WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

*Dear Parents and Caregivers*

*It was a very special moment to see all of our students arrive on Monday morning in their new uniforms. They carried them with pride and were very excited to show them off during assembly. Our thanks to the organising committee, Vanessa, Jen and Tania, for all their hard work - well worth the effort! The children have yet to wear their new sports' tops. They also look great - green and bold with the Windwhistle School logo, with thanks to the sponsorship of Richards' Consulting Engineers. Speaking of sponsorship, our school's major fundraising event happens next Thursday, 11th May at Terrace Downs - The Windwhistle Golf Classic. This fundraising is essential to the running of our school, by providing much-needed funds (not provided by the Ministry of Education until we reach 50 students) to pay for a third teacher, Donna Young, for the middle school. This cohort will now have the opportunity to have their developmental and individual needs met in literacy and numeracy every morning, Monday to Thursday.*

*The Board, staff, students and community would like to thank not only Terrace Downs and all the sponsors who have signed up to support our school, but also the huge efforts of our organising committee (Rio, Lucy, Will, Blair, Roy, Shaun, Kate, Vanessa, Richard and Alida) and dedicated parents who are providing their time, food, and organisational skills.*

*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. We welcome Guy McCarron to our class. Guy turned 5 in the holidays. This brings our numbers to 14 in the morning and 22 in the afternoon. Our topics this term are Things that Go! Food technology with Mrs Cookson; and we will be studying Geometry on Fridays. Our Library day remains on Friday morning as the library will be free. Lucy will also be training the children for cross country on Tuesday afternoons, so can you please remember to send running shoes on that day. The children looked great in their new uniforms but please make sure

all items are named. Please remember I am at Uni all day Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Ngaa mihi. Jane

If any parent wishes to have an interview to discuss their child's report, please email their teacher and we can make a time.

**WELCOME BACK FOR TERM 2.  
ALL REFRESHED AND  
LOOKING SMART IN OUR NEW  
UNIFORMS  
SO PROUD AND HAPPY FOR  
OUR FIRST ASSEMBLY OF THE  
TERM**



In order that your child's uniform doesn't go astray, can you please ensure each item is clearly named. Also ensure that children come to school with the appropriate clothing for the weather forecasted each day.

## **ROOM 2: Frances:**

Next Monday we will be painting the new Room 2 lockers. Can the children please bring old clothes to change into. If any parents are free – please come along at 11am to help.

Place Value revision, fractions and number strategies are the start of term focus in maths. Reading books/journals and writing to persuade the audience will support the class's learning to prepare their speeches for the school's Speech Competition on 19 June. Hopefully, all the 'running' homework over the holidays will have helped the students to build on their goal-setting targets, ready for the afternoon's competition at Glentunnel in four weeks time. Please bring trainers to school each day. Science, technology and health are some of the other curriculum areas being focused on through integrated teaching and learning this term, in class and with our Community of Learning, fellow schools.

## **ROOM 2: Kathy (Wednesday / Thursday)**

**Health:** One of Windwhistle School's 3 targets in this year's strategic plan addresses your child's health under the mental wellbeing curriculum strand. In Room 2 we will investigate "how can we strive to be the best version of ourselves?" and how the way we are thinking about ourselves and others affects this. We will continue looking at developing a 'growth mindset' (the kids seemed to love this last term) plus we will look at what our individual character strengths are and how we can draw on these to deal with life's challenges as positively as we can.

**PE:** We will be playing SportStart Invasion games. The aim of these invasion games is to move with an object from the defending end to the attacking end to score more points than the opposition. The SportStart philosophy is that by developing the skills, knowledge and understandings in these all-inclusive fun activities, they can then apply them to an array of adult versions of invasion games like netball, football, rugby, hockey, basketball, water polo, whatever.

PALS (Georgie and Rosa) will be leading lunchtime fun physical activities most Wednesdays for Year 0-2 children and most Thursdays for Year 3-6 children, beginning Thursday of this week. The PALS will be supported by Jayde (the Selwyn Sports Trust Physical Activator partly paid for by all Malvern Schools) and our school staff. If any parents wish to help with supervision, we'd love to have you those lunchtimes. (Please contact Kathy).

**Social Studies:** Hope you've had a chance to see the neat pictures on the corridor wall designed and sewn by the children as part of our "how do we treasure our WW environment?" inquiry unit last term. This term we will investigate why Le Quesnoy, a small village in France held two ANZAC services last week with our NZDF attending. We will learn a bit of French along the way!

**Maths:** Measurement- we'll be measuring lengths, areas, weights, liquids, volume. Any practical, real life (for a real purpose) measuring you can do at home, would greatly support your child's learning of this at school. Thank you.

**Spelling and Handwriting:** These lessons will normally be on a Wednesday this term.

**Music:** Recorder will begin on the Thursday of week 2 (11 May) for most Year 4-6 children. Everything is at school that they need to begin their recorder learning.

Thank you again to the parents who were able to help with the transport to our deep water swimming lessons...it was wonderful to see the children's confidence develop over the three lessons. I believe there was an instance over the holidays, where a child up north aged 9, was able to save herself by treading water in the sea for 3 hours.

For any queries about the teaching/learning above, please contact me (Kathy). Thank you





Deep water swimming lessons for the Room 2 children at Ashburton.

Look at this fabulous artwork created by our very own Room 2 students



### ***ROOM 3: DONNA***

We welcome Donna Young to the fold. Her wealth of experience will be a tremendous asset to our school. During the meeting with the parents of the Room 3 children last term, Donna focused on communication, and working with the children to meet their needs. More to come from Donna in the next newsletter.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**TO:**  
*BLAKE, ISLA AND GUY*



Happy School days to you all. We know you will have many happy, exciting learning days at Windwhistle School.



Children enjoying their wonderful hot lunches on first day back. Welcome to the Windwhistle School Restaurant!

Mashed tatties, yummy stew, topped with carrot and tomato – YUM!  
Thank you Vanessa and Alida





## Golf Tournament Catering 11 May – next week!!!!

We have such a wonderful community of families we are so fortunate.

Great response with baking and produce that is required and help on the morning. We will also hopefully have enough meat which is wonderful.

We have 5 helpers for the morning plus Jo and Will Innes who have kindly offered their home for the lunch preparation.

7am start or earlier if you are able

Thank you all so much ... Alida 03 3186599

There is a meeting tonight as to what involvement the children will have after school with the tournament and a note will be sent home in the near future to advise.



"I can't, I'm grounded for making divots in the lawn."

## Science Snippets Illusions and Paws for Reading

We are offering a 'Paws for Reading' programme, aimed at reluctant or shy readers, as a trial for Term 2. Reading to dogs programmes are well established in New Zealand and around the world, with studies to show that it benefits children who are reluctant readers or who struggle with confidence when reading aloud. We are supported by the Selwyn Dog Training Club and their obedient dogs who are keen to listen to your readers! Children wishing to join the programme should enrol for each session online, ([www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz)) and should bring a book with them to read aloud for the 15 minute session or arrive at the library in time to choose a suitable book to read.

The schedule for the programme at Darfield Library is as follows:

Wednesday 10th May 3.15-4.15pm  
Thursday 25th May 3.30-4.30pm  
Wednesday 7th June 3.15-4.15pm  
Thursday 22nd June 3.30-4.30pm  
Wednesday 5th July 3.15-4.15pm

Ngā mihi

Isabel Milward

Community Librarian – Services

Selwyn District Council

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## 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!



## Science Snippets: Illusions

FREE



Kids! Join us for a fun, educational workshop exploring the wild and wicked world of illusions.

Lincoln Library	Monday 8 May	3.30-4.30pm
Rollleston Library	Tuesday 9 May	3.30-4.30pm
Leeston Library	Wednesday 10 May	3.30-4.30pm
Darfield Library	Thursday 11 May	3.30-4.30pm

Suitable for 5 to 10 year olds. Free, bookings essential. See [www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz).

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## Rural Canterbury

Darfield; we will be holding a workshop called “Beating the Blues; boosting your communication with others” at the rugby clubrooms on the 12th May from 6.30 – 8.30pm. We will have Mid-Canterbury personality Pup Chamberlain presenting and talking about the importance of communication, talking about up’s and down’s and how we all go through them (with some stories from his personal life, 38 years as a policeman and facilitator of the D.A.R.E programme in schools) and relating it back to that message of looking after ourselves and each other.

We will also have Methven local Sam Robinson as a guest speaker, to sort of back up Pup’s message and talk about some of his experiences and normalising the importance of communication around well-being issues. You may have seen Sam’s story on Stuff towards the end of last year; <http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/farming/advice/85257087/methven-young-farmer-speaks-out-about-depression> . Since then he has been writing articles on Farming NZ, encouraging communication with peers and others around you.

There will also be a gatekeeper training provided by Lee-Anne Tarling from MHERC (practical tools around how to ask others if they need help and where to find supports). This event is suitable for parents, teachers, members of the community, sports coaches and older teens (16+).

**Brenna Russell**

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## Hororata Community Trust

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

### **Event Calendar**

For more details on all of these events visit <http://www.hororata.org.nz/events/>

Date	Event	Location	Organisation
11 May 2017	Windwhistle Golf Classic	Terrace Downs	Windwhistle School
11 May 2017	Malvern Lions Golf Tournament	Hororata Golf Course, Glentunnel	Malvern Lions
7 July 2017	Ceilidh	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
27 Aug 2017	Lois Johnstone and Friends Concert	St Johns Wooden Church	Hororata Parish
16 Sept 2017	Hororata Swap Meet	Hororata Domain	Swap Meet
23 Oct 2017	Hororata Parish Spring Fair	Hororata Domain	Hororata Parish
5 Nov 2017	Hororata Garden Tour	Hororata	Hororata Primary School
11 Nov 2017	Hororata Highland Games	Hororata Domain	Hororata Community Trust

## Learn to Sew

### Creative Edge studio – the art of creating

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- Small classes
- Sewing machines provided
- Adults and kids classes

Come along and meet new people, learn new skills (or brush up on skills almost forgotten) and create things to wear, things to use and things to carry.

BOOK NOW FOR TERM 2 Shona Cottrell

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SPACES ARE LIMITED SO BE QUICK



### LINCOLN

TUESDAY 16 MAY

9.30AM - 3PM

ASHLEY DENE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT STATION  
736 BETHELS ROAD  
SPRINGSTON

#### PROGRAMME

9.30am Registration – tea and coffee

10.00am Introduction - Professor Grant Edwards, Lincoln University.

10.10am Welcome **Dr Tim Mackle, CE DairyNZ**

10.30am Science sessions presented by DairyNZ scientists and staff.  
(Lunch break from 12.45pm - 1.30pm)

#### *Are you making money from milk or milk from money?*

- Marginal milk – when is enough too much?  
**John Roche, principal scientist.**
- Key lessons of intensification over the last decade.  
**Mark Neal, dairy systems specialist.**

#### *Herd efficiency*

- Making it easier for you to get better in-calf rates.  
**Chris Burke, senior scientist.**
- Getting your cows to have healthier, longer productive lives.  
**Claire Phyn, senior scientist.**
- Looking for cows that are the most efficient feed converters.  
**Mark Camara, senior quantitative geneticist.**

#### *Saving on nutrients*

- Water quality, what is the problem?  
**Justin Kitto, water quality specialist.**
- Keeping sediment, phosphorus and E. coli on farm.  
**Angela Harvey, catchment engagement leader.**
- Reducing nitrate leaching from grazing animals.  
**Ina Pinxterhuis, senior scientist.**

#### *Home-grown feed: now and future*

- Today's pastures tomorrow: What we have learned in the last five years.  
**David Chapman, principal scientist.**
- Tomorrow's pastures tomorrow: Exciting new grasses and legumes from novel breeding methods.  
**Greg Bryan, AgResearch.**
- Cropping today and tomorrow: Have we reached peak fodder beet?  
**Dawn Dalley, senior scientist.**

2.15pm "Optimistic, excited and realistic - future technology" **Bruce Thorrold, strategy and investment leader.**

2.30pm Regional focus - **Virginia Serra, regional leader.**

3.00pm Afternoon tea.

3.10pm Optional farm tour.



**Tammy Johnson**

**Admin/Events Coordinator – Canterbury/North Otago/West Coast and Top of the South**

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## TERM 2 DIARY 2017

Week 1	Mon 1/5/17 Wed 3/5/17 Fri 5/5/17	Start of Term 2 Newsletter due out Rugby Fun Day – some Year 4-6
Week 2	Mon 8/5/17  Tues 9/5/17 Thurs 11/5/17	Room 2 & parents – sanding & painting new lockers Library bus visits GOLF Tournament FUNDRAISER – pp. Fri 12th
Week 3	Wed 17/5/17  Fri 19/5/17	Fonterra meeting about bringing <i>Milk in Schools</i> to school Mufti-Day – dress up in RECYCLED STAFF
Week 4	Wed 24/5/17 Wed 24/5/17 – Fri 26/5/17	Newsletter due out Frances @ Principals Conference Wellington
Week 5	Mon 29/5/17  Tues 30/5/17 Fri 2/6/17	Cross Country at Glentunnel Domain pp. Wed 31/5/17 BoT Meeting – 5:30pm Library NZ Young Leaders Event (ChCh) – Years 5/6 Teacher Only Day
Week 6	Mon 5 June Tues 6/6/17 Fri 9/6/17	Queen's Birthday – Holiday Library bus visits Malvern Cross Country – qualifiers - Sheffield
Week 7	Wed 14/6/17	Newsletter due out
Week 8	Mon 19/6/17 Tues 20/6/17 Thurs 22/6/17	Windwhistle Speech Competition Mayor – Sam Broughton – Room 2 Malvern Speech Finals - Darfield
Week 10	Mon 3/7/17 Tues 4/7/17 Wed 5/7/17 Fri 7/7/17	BoT Meeting – 5:30pm Library Library bus visits Newsletter due out End of Term 2



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