



# WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

*Dear Parents and Caregivers*

*Our school is indebted to the amazing efforts of this year's Windwhistle Golf Classic committee. Our thanks go to Ric, Lucy, Vanessa, Will, Blair, Shaun, Kate, Richard, Alida and Roy for organising such a successful fundraiser. From the Terrace Downs team, administration, fund raising, golf cart transporting, food preparation, and the sponsors and participants on the day - all the feedback has been very positive. Well done, everyone! Well worth all the effort, with our students benefiting from smaller class sizes and extra teaching hours to meet every child's needs.*

*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. The children have been practicing hard for cross country next week. Once this is over, we will start looking at poems for the Year 1's and 2's to learn for our Speech Competition on the 19th of June. For the Year ones, they will have a simple poem (one stanza) and the Year twos will have a poem consisting of 2 stanzas (unless they bring me one they already know and prefer.) At this age, it is more about getting the children to learn how to stand in front of an audience and speak. We practice this many, many times closer to the date. The poems the children choose will be laminated and kept in their reading bags so they can learn them at home at night (I will have a spare copy with me at school).  
Ngaa mihi. Jane

**ROOM 2: Frances:** The class are busy thinking about how to persuade an audience in preparation for the Speech Competition on 19 June. They have thought carefully about what they are REALLY interested in and are now researching facts and information. In maths, fractions and basic facts dominate, the goal being to achieve a 'Platinum' during their revision time on MathsBuddy at home. Cross country running fitness is also a goal for doing their best when they run with Glentunnel School students on Monday. Please remember to send back the permission slip ASAP to Rhonda. Many thanks, Frances.



Room 2 students proudly painting their locker doors

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

### PARENT SURVEY

Please find attached to the back of this newsletter a survey for parents seeking your opinion on the presentation of trophies at the end of year prize giving. Staff would very much like to have everyone's opinion please and **ask that replies be returned to Kathy at school no later than next Wednesday 31 May.** Thank you.

### ROOM 3: DONNA

What's happening in Room 3...

It's week 4 already! The children have settled in and are working so well together. I am really enjoying their enthusiasm for learning- and we are all loving our new work space. Thank you so much to the parents of the playgroup children, who have been so respectful of the area and have left it so neat and tidy.

Reading: The children (and their parents!) are doing a fantastic job of reading every night, returning the reading materials and having the reading log signed. This term we are looking specifically at non-fiction text and the how the layout enables us to find the information we need. During guided reading time there is plenty of animated discussion about the story or article being read!

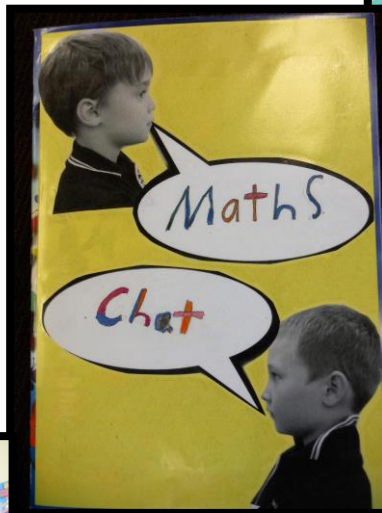
Also this week, I'll be helping each Year 3 child to select a poem to be recited in the Speech Competition, later in the term. We're going to try to find poems that are related to the Transport/Road Safety theme being studied in Room 1. Please feel free to send along any poetry books or poems you and your child have found at home. The poem should be three stanzas long.

Maths: I have introduced 'Maths Chat' in our room. This is a problem solving activity done in pairs/groups of three. The children take turns being the person who records

everyone's ideas on how to solve a maths problem, in their book. Then we come together as a group to compare answers and discuss the strategies used to solve the problem. As the week progresses, the children become more confident and their answers more varied. I think they are really enjoying this cooperative critical thinking time.

The children have also been focusing on achieving 100% accuracy when working on basic facts each day. Last week, Amelia earned 100% every day! Now everyone is working hard to match Amelia's goal!

Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome. It really is such a pleasure to be working with the children (and staff) in your school



Year 3 students  
enjoying  
learning  
through their  
Maths Chat  
programme.

**Happy birthday to Emma Richards**







# WoWW

World of Windwhistle wearable art!





## Cross Country at Glentunnel Monday 29 May 2017

Thanks to those who have returned the permission slips already.

**These must be back in by Friday 26 May 2017 at the latest.**

**Please note due to the event running close to school closure at the end of the day, no bus will be running on Monday afternoon. Please arrange your Childs'(rens') own transport home after the event and inform their teacher of what is happening.**

**Please remember to send any medication that is required for your child.**

**Postponement date is Wednesday 31 July 2017 1pm**



## Important bus notice

Please find attached to this newsletter an important notice re the bus.

**Please ensure that this notice is read and understood and return the slip advising that you have done so to Rhonda by Monday 29 May 2017.**

## Ski Programme 2017

This has been booked again for Term 3. Ski days will be on the first 6 Fridays of term 3 with 2 extra Fridays at the end of the term as a back-up for any cancellation days. More information will be sent out in the next newsletter.

For those ski bunnies amongst us you may be interested in the following available through Mount Hutt. Team Hutt is an outstanding provider of Alpine Ski Race Programs in New Zealand and offer programs from under 8 years of age through to full time athlete programs at FIS level. For the 2017 season they are offering 15 different programs, incorporating more Junior Team Hutt programs, and for the first time a Masters Training program.

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**2017 Mt Hutt Race Calendar**

July 2017	September 2017
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## Windwhistle Golf Classic

A big thank you to all School families for your support of our major fundraiser for our School.

The golf tournament had a great turnout of sponsors with 108 golfers playing on the day. Big thanks to all the parents working behind the scenes on the golf side, the catering side and the auction/raffle/prize side. It is a massive team effort but early indications are another very successful tournament which looks to have raised again a significant amount for our School.

Feedback on the day has been really positive as well so huge thanks from the Committee. The morning tea and lunches were once again a big hit with players.

We will report hopefully in the next newsletter on the funds raised for our School once these are close to being finalised.

Cheers, Lucy



## "Art and Soul 2017" Art Auction and Dinner. Friday 26 May 6.30pm

Hororata Golf Club, Homebush Road, Glentunnel

A delightful evening is promised full of fun, laughter, delicious food and beautiful artworks. Artists include Simon Edwards, Adrienne Pavelka, Merhdad Tehan, Lorraine Natusch, Anna Guild, Mike Glover, Katrina Mitchell, Jess Gunn, Judith Stratford, Rachael Inch, Cathie Bell, and Janice Millington.

Tickets: \$50 per person available from 03 3186802 or 03 3186817 or Email: [geraldee@xtra.co.nz](mailto:geraldee@xtra.co.nz)

Proceeds to Hororata Parish. Some artwork auctioned is donated and some offered at 30% donation of the final sale price.

## Ski suit for sale

Size 5/6 torpedo 7 full ski suit for sale for \$40.00. It has only been worn 4 times for ski lesson.

Please contact Yvonne Hawtin text or phone 021 411 768 if interested.

## Science show for free July school holidays


Royal Society Te Apārangi is delighted to let you know that there will be science show called Dr Graham's 'Blow-Up Science' taking place at 11:30am on Wednesday 19 July (school holidays) at University of Canterbury, Dovedale Campus. Dr Graham who is based in Australia has performed thousands of science shows around the world. Please refer to the following link for more details:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/dr-grahams-blow-up-science-canterbury-tickets-34220652894>

No ticket means no entry.

## Push Notification – parent / teacher app on your mobile phone

Just a reminder to you all to refresh your current app or load on this app to ensure that you receive up to date information ASAP. If an urgent message is needed to be sent out, this is the first process taken and following this an email is sent. Please note for sports coaches I can set up specific groups to send out just to specific contacts, as long as they have the app on their phone. If you have any problems with this, or wish to discuss, please contact Rhonda in the office. Thanks



✓ EVENTS ✓ INSTANT SCHOOL MESSAGES ✓ ABSENTEE

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## New Zealand Guitar Quartet to perform in Darfield

The New Zealand Guitar Quartet (NZGQ) will perform at Trinity Church, Darfield for the first time this July. This exciting guitar quartet plays a diverse range of music from much loved composers like Bach and Rimsky-Korsakov to the Spanish and Latin masters.

NZGQ members Owen Moriarty, John Couch, Christopher Hill, and Jane Curry have not only garnered acclaim as soloists on concert stages around the world, but the quartet has also been praised for its diverse programming, technical brilliance, and polished ensemble skills.

The NZGQ played at the Taranaki Classical Guitar Summer School in 2014, which led to invitations to play in Australia the following year together with the National Capital Orchestra performing Joaquin Rodrigo's Concerto Andaluz for four guitars, a work they have also played with the Nelson Symphony. The quartet continues a busy tour schedule this year, including 18 performances scheduled through Arts on Tour NZ and five performances in Beijing.

The Darfield concert is scheduled for Sunday, 2 July 2017, 2.30pm at Trinity Church, Darfield. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for students, and will be available from the beginning of June at the Selwyn Gallery, South Terrace, Darfield, or at the door.



### **TERM 2 DIARY 2017**

<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Wed 24/5/17 Wed 24/5/17 – Fri 26/5/17</b>	<b>Newsletter due out Frances @ Principals Conference Wellington</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Mon 29/5/17  Tues 30/5/17 Fri 2/6/17</b>	<b>Cross Country at Glentunnel Domain 1pm meet in Windwhistle library pp. Wed 31/5/17 BoT Meeting – 5:30pm Library NZ Young Leaders Event (ChCh) – Years 5/6 Teacher Only Day</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Mon 5 June Tues 6/6/17 Fri 9/6/17</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday – Holiday Library bus visits Malvern Cross Country – qualifiers - Sheffield</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Mon 12/6/17 Wed 14/6/17</b>	<b>Years 4 – 6 Wizard of Oz Darfield High Newsletter due out</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Mon 19/6/17 Tues 20/6/17 Thurs 22/6/17</b>	<b>Windwhistle Speech Competition Mayor – Sam Broughton – Room 2 Malvern Speech Finals - Darfield</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Mon 3/7/17 Tues 4/7/17 Wed 5/7/17 Fri 7/7/17</b>	<b>BoT Meeting – 5:30pm Library Library bus visits Newsletter due out End of Term 2</b>



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*We value your thoughts on how you see aspects of Windwhistle School activities affecting your children.*

*Some recent educational research shows that praising a child's particular academic strength can define them... "this child of mine is the scientist, the other one is the arty one" and can rob them of their zest for other challenges. At the Windwhistle School prize giving we have accumulated over the years a number of awards relating to a single subject area and I do wonder if a child who receives (for example) "the award" for technology, heads to high school thinking they're pretty great at technology, only to feel once they get in this "bigger pond" they've regressed somehow, because now they're no smarter at technology than the next student.*

*As the prize giving is virtually the last item on a Windwhistle School student's calendar, we like their last memory of their education here to be a positive one. We introduced the Year 6 medallions several years back that focused on the child's individual qualities: their perseverance, their sustained effort, resilience, their preparedness to be curious and try new strategies etc., so that each child was rewarded for their individual positive strengths and effort over and above any academic awards, and left the school with a good feeling about themselves.*

*Currently we are reviewing end of year prize giving and would appreciate your feedback. **Please return this page to me at school by Wednesday, 31 May** so that we can discuss this issue at teacher only day. (Your signature is not necessary).*

1. What do you see is the main purpose for giving trophies to selected children at prize giving?
2. What are the positive effects on your child?
3. What are the negative effects on your child?
4. Would you like the giving of trophies at the end of each school year to continue at Windwhistle School?
5. Other comments and/or ideas:

Thank you for your feedback. We will be asking the students what they think also and will let you know whether or not the majority of the parents/students want trophy presentation to continue in the current format.

Any queries, please contact Kathy.

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