



WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers

What an incredible effort from our cross-country runners! Half the school qualified for the Malvern cross-country this year and 18 students ran their hearts out across a challenging course. Congratulations to Fergus Daly for qualifying now for the Canterbury competition, we wish you well!

This term seems to be a particularly busy term, please check the updated calendar for events for all the classrooms: technology – swimming pool roof and solar power, Windwhistle speech competition, travelling to Glentunnel to watch the Court Theatre performers, and to Hororata for Flíp 'n' Tumble!

We look forward to welcoming parents and community members on Monday 19th June at 1pm for our annual Poetry and Speech competition, to be judged by the Rev. Jenni Carter.

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.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of our support staff, Robyn, Rhonda, Cheryl, and Tamara, who all do such a wonderful job of assisting staff, students and the school in so many ways ☺



The children looking very smart in their new uniforms.

Well done to all of our school for their amazing efforts in the Cross Country. Congratulations to **Macsen** = 2nd; **Fergus** = 4th, and **Pippa J** = 8th.

RESULTS OF THE TROPHY GIVING SURVEY ... Thank you very much to those parents who took the time to give such considered responses to the Trophy Giving Survey. The staff went through all your comments on Teacher Only Day.

The majority of parents and students (Room 2 students were surveyed separately) want the presentation of trophies to Windwhistle School children to continue. They felt it rewarded effort and gave a chance to celebrate achievement and improvement. We have noted your suggestions, such as awards for effort being given at other times during the year and trophy recipients being more evenly spread throughout the year levels.

Parents felt that although some children who did not receive trophies may feel as though they'd missed out, most parents also felt "missing out on the top prizes" was part of life, helped build resilience and was a reflection tool. Some felt it could add to motivation in the future and that children shouldn't need to receive a trophy to feel proud of themselves and their individual effort/progress.

Thank you again for your time. Your feedback is always valuable to us to make sure we are on the right track with what the majority of parents want for their children at Windwhistle School. (- Kathy)

ROOM 1: Jane: Kia ora koutou.

We have some busy times ahead of us. This week Lucy will be teaching on Thursday as I have a release day in which I will be testing children for the end of term report. Fergus Ballagh begins his school visits with us this week. Next week we head to Glentunnel for a performance by the court theatre. We will be travelling by school bus. Many thanks to the parents who helped out with transport to DHS for the production Wizard of Oz. I would like to thank Michael Oakley from Ballooning Canterbury for bringing his hot air balloon to school last Wednesday. Lots of interesting questions from the children. Also to Rick Daly and Sam Ballagh for ably assisting! Sadly we farewell Carrie this week. We wish her luck in her new school. Please keep helping your child at home with their poems. We will continue to practise every afternoon this week too.
Ngaa mihi. Jane

ROOM 2: Frances: Students will be practising their speeches this week in time for the competition next week. Please support them as they try to persuade you with their chosen topic. No other homework this week. This Friday will be Kirsty's final day before she goes to Ashburton – GOOD LUCK! The class will be visiting **Long Run Iron Ltd in Ashburton this Friday** to find out about the various types of roofing materials available to recover our swimming pool roof. The children will be interviewing community members who were involved with the original roof building and presenting their findings about the most suitable types to the Windwhistle Community in a bid for funding. The Year 6s will have three shots at Flip 'n' Tumble (SportCanterbury) – one with the senior students at Springfield, one with their own class, and a third opportunity to learn with the Year 5 + 6 students at Hororata – all part of making new friends as they transition to high school next year. Please **complete permission slips and return by Monday**.

Also, the whole school is travelling by bus (and a few parents' vehicles) to Glentunnel next Wednesday as part of the oral language and presentation curriculum. We have been invited to see the Court Theatre in action! – please read the attached and **return permission slips by Friday** – thank you. Busy times indeed! Today, Wednesday, we welcome a new Year 6 boy, **Nicholas**, we are sure you will enjoy learning at Windwhistle School and making new friends.

ROOM 2: Kathy (Wednesday / Thursday) Our Health unit of learning to use our Character Strengths, Growth Mindset and Mindfulness continues. Please see the photos of our "Gratitude Tree" and our B.V.O.M. belts. Our next character strength we are looking at is "Hope". Rather than wishy washy "I hope for a great life", we will be actually be thinking about what the steps are to making our hopes

come to fruition and if some of our hopes inevitably get dashed, what are you hoping for now? i.e. Having an option B that is okay too, (rather than giving into a feeling of hopelessness and self-pity because the preferred Option A is no longer doable). Thank you for agreeing to your child/ren writing to the children of Le Quesnoy (France). These letters are underway.



Kate and Daniel with their 'Toolbelts'



Room 2 with their wonderful Gratitude tree full of beautiful messages on autumn leaves.

ROOM 3: DONNA

In Maths, one aspect we are focusing on is counting by 2's, 4's, 5's and 10's forwards and backwards to a given number. My children are pretty competitive, so I'm looking forward to seeing their skills increase, as well as their confidence.

Well done to Jesse for matching Amelia in gaining 100% accuracy in basic facts calculations four days in a row! He has a couple of children right on his heels, so watch this space!

As you most likely know, the children are working on the presentation of their poem or speech. Having the opportunity to watch The Wizard of Oz on Monday will have been an excellent learning experience- now they know first-hand how important it is to have a clear, loud voice, for the audience to be able to enjoy what they have to share. :-) Donna

MRS KING: After 10 years of amazing service as our teacher-aide, and helping all of our students, Mrs King is leaving the classrooms on the last day of this term. The good news is that Mrs King will still be organizing and driving the school bus – YAY! To celebrate all of her great work, we would like to invite parents to join us in the library for a shared lunch at **12:15pm on Friday 7 July** – please bring a plate. Afterwards, we would ask some parents to stay and help us to move all of Mrs Mac's Room 1 furniture into the library. Room 1's ceiling is going to be insulated during the holidays, hence having to clear the room – big job!!! Please remember to txt Mrs King if there are any changes to your child's bus journey – 022 102 6743

Please note –Absences and changes to bus use

As Jane is away every Tuesday for her studies and Mrs Nimmo has meetings, and Robyn is leaving, it is VERY important that you inform the school **and** Robyn King of any changes. Should your child be absent from school for any reason, it is important that you **ring the office** (3186 828) **and send a follow up txt** to Robyn King (022 102 6743) for the bus. Staff will check for phone messages before the first bus departs – any changes please phone/txt by lunchtime. Please remember that Rhonda only works on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

COOK BOOKS – please return any unsold cookbooks and collected monies to the office asap.

Sports Tops – thank you to those that returned the sports tops in a clean condition – some were returned with mud stains still on the back and had to be hand washed.

Action at Windwhistle School



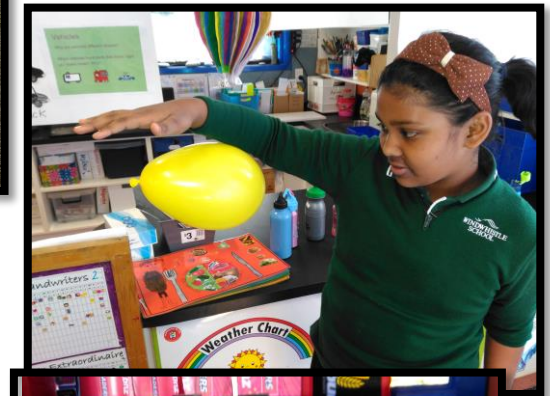
PALS - Physical
Activity Leaders



Look how smart the whole school looked in their Sports uniforms kindly donated by **Richards Consulting Engineers Ltd**



Jesse & Henry & Abhisha (below) demonstrate static balloons during their experiments on Friday Fun Day



Rebecca had the right hairstyle to show static hair!!



Magic Max!

For Sale

9000L fuel tank for a truck, e.g. fire fighting truck

Contact Christo Keizer ph: 318 8192 or 021 0292 1280 for more details.

Mid Winter at Glenroy Hall – June 17th 6pm

It's that time of the year again to celebrate the winter solstice, the return of the sun and lengthening days. Come and join in and celebrate the year turning, with a hearty meal, mulled drinks and pudding around the Yule log. Traditional colours for women – red and men gold or green

Tickets \$10 per person, under 5 yrs free

Please RSVP by 13 June to John Oakley ph: 318 6866

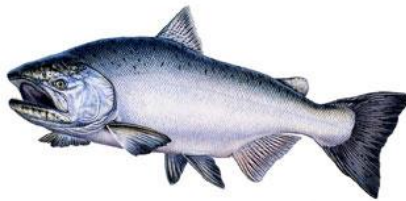
Postponement date – 24 June

'A Celebration of Screen & Stage Concert' to be held Sat 22nd July 7 pm at Lincoln

High School Hall

A major collaborative variety community concert featuring acts such as the Kirwee Players, Selwyn Community Choir, Ellesmere Pipe Band, Lincoln High School Musical Theatre Group + a range of other talented groups, singers and musicians performing a wide selection of songs from well-known musicals, movies and TV series everything from James Bond, Disney, Blues Brothers, Grease, Outlander to classic musicals such as The Sound of Music, Les Miserables.... Tickets, which cost only \$15, are now on sale from Hammer Hardware Lincoln and Rolleston, Lincoln Market and via www.eventfinder.co.nz

Whiskey Creek Chinook Salmon Enhancement Program



Salmon Smolt Release Day!

Sunday 10am 2nd July

Fish and Game are inviting, Lake Coleridge Village residents, Local Landowners, Trust Power, Anglers, and members of the public to celebrate the first Fish and Game Salmon Smolt releases, from the new fisheries enhancement site at Whiskey Creek.

After years of planning by staff and the dedicated team of volunteers, the day has finally come to wish the 1 year old smolts good luck, as they head out to the Rakaia river, and make their way downstream to the sea.

This family day will commence at 10am when the smolts are screened down to the tail end of the races. A brief safety induction will also be held at this time. Initially volunteers will be netting, and passing out bucket loads of little salmon for the children, or adults, to release into the creek themselves. At around 10.30am the main screens will be pulled, and around 40,000 salmon smolts will all be liberated into the creek.

There will be a barbeque sossy sizzle on the day, and gold coin donations for salmon feed costs of future releases are always gratefully accepted. Gum Boots, jackets, and warm clothing is advised. Look forward to seeing you there on this exciting, and most special occasion.

Kind Regards,

Dirk Barr,

North Canterbury Fish and Game Hatcheries Manager

Hororata Community Trust

Mark your calendars for some wonderful events coming up:

Event Calendar

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

Date	Event	Location	Organisation
7 July 2017	Ceilidh	Hororata Hall	Hororata Community Trust
28 – 30 July 2017	24 th 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

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HELP US GET CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL.
Just mention our school by name when you shop at Warehouse Stationery & 5%* goes back to our school.
See supportyourschool.co.nz for details.
*Exclusions & Terms & Conditions apply.



Ride the wilderness Ride

Entries now Open

Ride the Wilderness entries are now open. This exciting new event on the West Coast Wilderness Trail is on Saturday 18 November 2017 (Canterbury Show Weekend) make a weekend of it.

Four Races on the day:

- Ross → Greymouth 131km
- Hokitika → Greymouth 100km
- Cowboy Paradise → Greymouth 64km
- Kumara → Greymouth 26km

Team sections 2 or 4 from Ross and teams of 2 from Cowboy Paradise.

Check out all the details at www.ridethewilderness.co.nz.

School Photos

Just a heads up to say that these have been booked for Term 3 Thursday 10 October with Fotographix.



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.

TERM 2 DIARY 2017		
Week 7	Wed 14/6/17 Fri 16/6/17	Newsletter due out Room 2 Technology - Ashburton
Week 8	Mon 19/6/17 Tues 20/6/17 Wed 21/6/17 Thurs 22/6/17	Windwhistle Speech Competition – 1pm in Library – ALL welcome No Play group Court Theatre @ Glentunnel Malvern Speech Finals – Darfield
Week 9	Mon 26/6/17	Flip 'n' Tumble @ Hororata
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 Reports issued



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