



WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We can't thank you enough for all your support this term. We had lots of class and outside learning activities for students this term, and many ended up taking place in a short time-frame – enjoy the photos of some of the events.

We are very sad to have to say farewell to Robyn King, our teacher-aide. She has served this school so well over the past 10 years and we will miss her very much. We look forward to seeing many faces from our community at her farewell on Friday, 12pm. Please bring along a lunch plate to share.

Look after yourselves over the holidays and enjoy some quality family time.

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.

This week we welcome Fergus Ballagh who starts school on Thursday. We bid farewell to our Year 3's who will now be moving into Room 2 in the afternoons next term. And finally, we sadly say goodbye to Mrs King, our teacher aide extraordinaire. Robyn has been working in the Junior Room for 10 years. She has been my right hand man and we will all miss her dreadfully. We wish her the very best and look forward to hearing about her new ventures.

Lastly, as our room is having new ceilings put in over the holidays, we have to move everything (and I do mean everything) out into the library. We are currently putting books away until next term. There will be no reading books sent home over the holidays. We also have many library books that needed to be returned by last week. Ngaa mihi. Jane

ROOM 2: Frances: What a full-on term! What with speeches, cross country, technology, Flip 'n' Tumble, Wizard of Oz, Court Theatre – Matatihi, Fonterra Milk in Schools, PALs, Young Leaders Day, the Golf Tournament, and the Hot-Air Balloon – it's a wonder we managed to fit in any of the three Rs! The Room 2s have managed to come up trumps repeatedly and we are very proud of them! To add to everything else, the senior students unpacked the VISION statement of our school and discussed in groups what it meant to them. They had read it in every newsletter but had not taken much notice. So, they set about creating mottos using acronyms, similar to the style of their acrostic poems. The results are a credit to all of the students. Please read through them, and if you have any ideas of your own, they would love to see them, as they are going to try to come up with ONE that reflects the culture of our amazing school – Good Luck Room 2s!



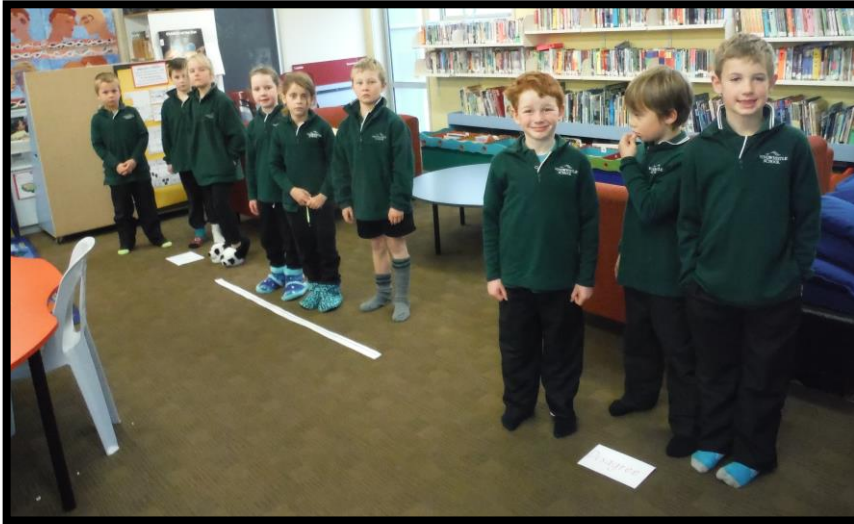
Congratulations to Georgie Veronese for placing 3rd in the Malvern Speech competition. Well done Georgie!

ROOM 3: DONNA

This term has sped by! Thank you to those who have supported our classroom, either by respecting the classroom space/materials, or by following up on responsibilities the children have had to work on at home. This makes everything run smoothly and that is very much appreciated. :-)

This week, we'll be continuing with the learning activities that are linked to Matariki (which officially started on Sunday 25), incorporating the three themes of this celebration: Storytelling, Celebration and Forward Planning/Looking Ahead. The farewell to Mrs. King dovetails nicely (& sadly) with this theme.

Well done to Walter for making the Four in a Row Accuracy Challenge, last week! Your perseverance paid off, Walter! ☺



The children are participating in a discussion starter activity (From the Court Theatre education pack, linked to the performance 'Matatihi')

Message from Robyn:

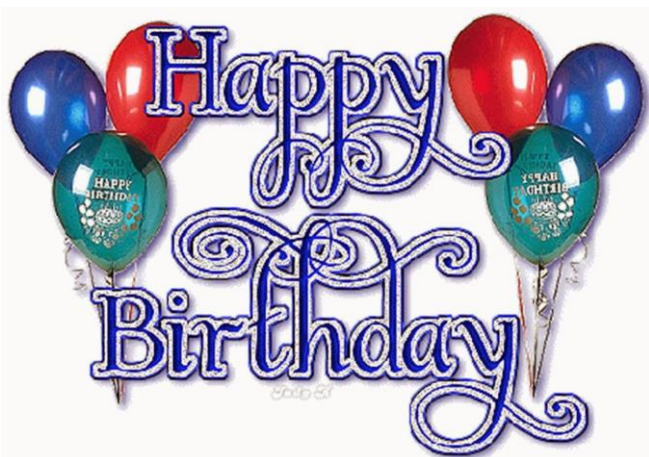
Hi all

Can't believe this is my last few days as Teacher Aide at school. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 10 years here. Over the years I have had the privilege to work with many children. I have had great satisfaction seeing them flourish and working to the best they can be. Even though I will miss the children in the classroom I will look forward to seeing them each school day on the bus run.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Frances, Jane and Kathy. Thanks for your guidance, support, friendship and laughter over the years. Not forgetting all the other fantastic staff members, current and resigned, it's been great to have worked with a great bunch of ladies!

Robyn

Best wishes Robyn we will certainly miss you but are blessed that we can still see your friendly face each day on the bus



***Happy Birthday for June -
Cooper & Macsen***

***Happy Birthday for July -
Fergus B. & Harry***

Fun with the hot air balloon!

We are so lucky to have so many wonderful experiences offered to us that are right on our door step. Recently we were treated to a visit from Michael Oakley (Ballooning Canterbury) who showed the children how the hot air balloon inflated and the 2 helpers on the day (Ric Daly and Sam Ballagh) were also treated to an uplift in the balloon. This visit tied in well with the topic of transport for the Room one children.

Thanks to Michael for this enlightening visit for the children.



Flip & Tumble

Thanks to Sport Canterbury for a wonderful day of fun and learning on Monday at Hororata. Here are some photos of the school in action! Many thanks to Marty Gameson of Hororata Primary School for the transport provided to and from the event.



Years 4 – 6 practise their skills at the Hororata Hall



Years 1 – 3 show how flexible they are and we once were!!!!





Thanks to BKT & Bridgestone

The children were delighted to see these visitors turn up with a donation of rugby and netballs.

Thanks BKT and Bridgestone for your kind donation.

Golf Tournament Update

The numbers have been crunched (thanks Cheryl!!) and we are pleased to advise that the golf tournament has once again been a huge success. We look to have raised approximately \$23,800.00 net for the School so a fantastic result. There is still some money to come in which is included in this amount but we are just about there. Thanks again to everyone for all your support and help with this event. Looking forward to another great day in 2018! The monies raised from this year's tournament are being used towards helping fund the part-time third teacher in terms 2, 3 and 4 this year. Being a decile 10 school means that we receive less funding and therefore are reliant on so much extra fundraising. We are very fortunate to have such a supporting community who will roll up their sleeves to help out in so many ways.

Pea straw for sale

Jen and Rick Daly still have pea straw bales for sale
6 string large bales at \$30 per bale with \$10 of each bale sold going back to the school.

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



Special thanks to:

Recently the school received a \$10 000 grant towards the installation of solar panels from Rata Foundation. Although the initial outlay of costs for this project are costly the savings in the future for the school and the community will be immense.

Special thanks to Rata Foundation for their generosity.

Special thanks also to Fiona Davidson Funding Solutions for her work in obtaining this grant for us. It is much appreciated.



Also the school has recently received the following grants:

\$5000 from Pub Charity

\$5000 NZ Community Trust

\$3000 from the Windwhistle Community

Without the help of these wonderful contributions, the school would not be able to afford the transfer to Solar Power which is greatly appreciated.

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

Many thanks to all those who have purchased / sold these books for this wonderful fundraiser. Special thanks to Vanessa to for all her help and effort put in with this fundraiser which has raised over \$1000.

BOT news

The Board of Trustees are always interested in hearing your views in helping to create the best for the students of Windwhistle School. Just a reminder that the meetings are advertised in the Term diaries at the end of each newsletter and with prior arrangement of contacting the Board chairperson anyone can attend. For your information the members of the board and their relevant duties are as follows:

Sam Richards – Chairperson
Jane McMillan – Staff Representative
Blair Holmwood – Property
Vanessa Johnston – Fundraising
Annabel Tripp - Property

Frances Nimmo – Principal
Jen Daly – Health & Safety
William Innes – Special Projects
Sarah McCarron – Student welfare



Montrose Estate Salmon Release

Annual Salmon Smolt Release

Open Day - 23 July 2017

592 Blackford Road, Rakaia Gorge

Gates open from 9am

Salmon release 10 - 10.30am

\$20 per vehicle (cash only)

5km Scenic drive on farm tracks

Not suitable for low clearance vehicles

A fundraiser for the Methven Care Trust

Dress warmly, it's winter!

Sausage Sizzle

www.methvencastrust.co.nz



School Photos – correction!

Just a heads up to say that these have been booked for Term 3 Thursday 19 October with Fotographix.



Amnesty – return of swimming pool keys & Library books

Just a reminder if you have a key for the swimming pool, please can it be returned. There are still a few outstanding from not only this year but previous years so we would appreciate your return of these ASAP. Thanks

Also now is the time to clean out your bedrooms and book shelves and return all those library books that you find. We would appreciate your cooperation with this.

Reminder:

Drag out your kilts and keep warm with this wonderful night of food, dancing and fun with the Scottish!

Friday 7 July Hororata Hall 7.30pm till late

Join us for a wonderful evening of Scottish dancing, food and fun at the Ceilidh (Scottish dance). Colin Forsyth is coming from Scotland especially to call this Ceilidh for us (he and his family decided to have a holiday at the same time!). This will be an amazing night for all the community; children are welcome.

Tickets are available from Eventfinda. You will be treated to a complimentary drink and nibbles on arrival, address to the Haggis and a delicious Scottish supper later in the evening. A cash bar will be operating offering a selection of Auntsfield Estate wines, beer and of course Hororata Whisky.

Tickets are selling fast, don't miss out.

Any questions please contact Tish Ballagh 03 3186 847 or Karen Meares 03 3186 959 or 021 147 1824.

Date info on the Hororata Highland Games

11 November 2017

<http://hororatahighlandgames.org.nz/>

School holiday fun

Looking for some fun events to keep your lovelies busy over the holidays? Here are some options that I have been advised of:

Discover a parking meter with a difference these school holiday's

A repurposed parking meter in the middle of Cathedral Square will be issuing tickets of a different kind these school holidays.

The parking meter will issue free inner-city adventures suggested by other Cantabrians. Examples of activities suggested so far include an awesome tree to climb in the Botanic Gardens, an interesting courtyard within a new building, some quirky street art, or a great place to feed the ducks.

The parking meter already contains heaps of free great secrets to explore, and more are being added all the time. So if you are looking for a free, fun school holiday activity for the whole whanau, look no further

Animates

School holidays are just around the corner, and Animates has the perfect activity to help keep the children entertained and informed.

Your local store will be hosting free workshops at 11am on Thursday 13 & 20 July. The sessions will introduce children to the skills they need to be a nurturing pet owner.

Although bookings aren't necessary, the events are usually well attended so it's advisable to arrive early.

With best wishes,

Your local Animates team

Selwyn Library kidsfest

Selwyn Libraries have some great activities this holidays, including craft sessions, engineering with K'NEX® (with Science Alive! & suitable for ages 8-16), fun writing workshops with the School for

Young Writers (suitable for ages 8-16), and explore with LEGO®

Check our website for more details www.selwynlibraries.co.nz



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Please refer to the following website for full information if interested.

<http://www.mainlandfootball.co.nz/whole-of-football-plan/holiday-football/>

TERM 2 DIARY 2017

Week 10	Wed 5/7/17 Fri 7/7/17	Newsletter due out Mid-year reports issued 12pm Farewell to Robyn and a shared lunch
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TERM 3 DIARY 2017

Week 1	Wed 26/7/17	Newsletter due out
Week 2	Wed 2/8/17	Malvern Carnival of rugby – Kirwee Pre-registered by families
Week 3	Mon 7/8/17 Tues 8/8/17	Cricket (Years 0-3) Malvern Winter Tournament
Week 4	Wed 16/8/17	Newsletter due out
Week 5		Mrs Mehrtens back
Week 6	Mon 28/8/17	BOT meeting
Week 7	Wed 6/9/17	Newsletter due out
Week 10	Mon 25/9/17 Wed 27/9/17 Fri 29/9/17	BOT meeting Newsletter due out Red Nose and loud shirt mufti day – gold coin donation

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