



WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was great to welcome everyone back for Term 3 and to hear all the children's news from the holidays – lots of exciting adventures!

We are very pleased to have Yvonne Hawtin on board as our new teacher-aide. Yvonne also trained as a primary teacher and will support students in Room 1, and teach the MultiLit programme. The students were delighted to see her as they all had fond memories of their swimming lessons with her during Term 1.

During the term, I will share with the community what is happening with all our other eight local cluster schools and early childhood providers (Springfield, Sheffield, Kirwee, Glentunnel, Hororata, Darfield, Greendale and Darfield High School. We have evolved into a Community of Learning with a stewardship committee made up of Board of Trustees' chair members.

I trust everyone is coping with all the wild, winter weather and keeping warm. Here's to another great term, full of learning and fun!

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 Yvonne Hawtin as our new Teacher Aide. Many of you will know Yvonne as a swimming teacher and she has worked with many of our students. She is also a trained teacher (many smiles from Mrs Mac). Our topic this term is the Weather and I have a variety of Technology Challenges for the children who are not skiing on Fridays. Please remember the Kirwee Rugby day next week and it is only for children who have pre-enrolled. **Children who are attending this Rugby day and have enrolled must inform the school that your child will be attending this event.**

Lucy Cookson continues in room 1 each Tuesday. Attached is the News timetable for this term. If you haven't had a parent teacher interview and would like one please contact Rhonda or myself to make a time. Library day is Friday and Spelling testing will still happen before children go skiing
Ngaa mihi. Jane

ROOM 2: Frances:

Our class has increased by a third in the afternoons – as all the Room 2s know – MATHS is in EVERYTHING! We welcomed all the Year 3s into Room 2 on Monday and buddied up while sharing our news, in groups – in mime! Our focus will be on developing more descriptive writing, and our topic of learning across the curriculum will be around The Weather – be prepared for lots of questions and observations! Thank you to the parents who booked in parent interviews – some good discussions and goal setting for students/class/home. Home revision includes practising tables/family of facts and revising on MathsBuddy (www.mathsbuddy.co.nz); reading either a chapter book or going online and reading their Sunshine Classics chapters (<http://sunshineclassics.co.nz/>); practising their spelling words; and occasional topic-based research.

ROOM 3: DONNA

Reading:

The children participated in a (voluntary) holiday reading challenge that was set on the last day of Term 2 - some, reading an extra chapter book and adding it to the reading log (bookmark). If the book or books were read, the reading log filled in and then the books returned, the children who participated earned a small prize. On Monday we all sat down and talked about the books that were read and the children gave feedback about the challenge and/or made book recommendations.

I am so thrilled with the children for enthusiastically taking up the challenge and for independently taking responsibility for their learning.

Maths:

A special mention goes out to Kate, Sam and Jed for meeting the 100% Accuracy Challenge during the last week of Term 2. Well done- your perseverance paid off!



Welcome to Yvonne Hawtin

A big welcome to our new teacher aide Yvonne who joined us on Monday 24 July 2017. Being a swimming instructor in the area, Yvonne is no stranger to our school. I am sure you will all, along with your children, enjoy the benefit of having Yvonne at our school and get to know her and see her expertise develop through your child(ren).





**Happy Birthday to
Madisyn, Walter
and Georgie**

SKIING: Please remember to check the website to see if Mt Hutt is open on Friday:
<http://www.metservice.com/skifields/mt-hutt>



– we will be going unless advised otherwise by their ski-school by 9am – in which case I'll ask Rhonda to txt all parents concerned. Drivers and chaperones, please meet in the library at **10:30am** for a full safety briefing, equipment, ski hire, etc. Jen will co-ordinate the parents/drivers carpooling – ANY changes must be advised to her, as the transport costs are created each week and billed out at the end of term by Cheryl. I have all the students ski passes (except for the ones that parents requested for the holidays – REMEMBER to zip them into your child's jacket!) – photos will be taken at a later date. CHAINS must be carried or rented as per my last email.

Remember to sign IN when you arrive and OUT when you leave – I need to know where each child is – any changes, e.g. child sick and swap vehicles – MUST be advised. Your child will be assessed at the beginning of the ski lesson and will be moved up/down a level if necessary – ditto in following lessons – instructors' levelling is their decision. If skiing is cancelled – normal classes will continue. Any children **not** skiing will be taught by Mrs Mac.

Scholastic Books orders

Please see issue 5 attached. Please note that the credit card option is no longer available and that all orders are now to be placed through the loop order on line. Please

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!



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The moon and its relationship with earth is being presented for free.

Suitable for 5 – 10 year olds.

Bookings are essential from the library homepage

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Parent to Parent magazine

The Parent to Parent magazine is now available on line. Please use attached link if interested:

New quarto size magazine out now!

https://issuu.com/parenttoparentnz/docs/p2p_mag_july_2017

TERM 3 DIARY 2017

Week 1	Wed 26/7/17	Newsletter due out
Week 2	Tues 1/8/17 Wed 2/8/17	Mobile Library visit Malvern Carnival of rugby – Kirwee Only for pre-registered families
Week 3	Mon 7/8/17 Tues 8/8/17	Cricket (Years 0-3) at school 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 First Aid training at school for students
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 Last day of term 3



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