



WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our weekly winter ski programme really helps our students develop many of our Windwhistle qualities and key competencies; these are as essential as the core curriculum subjects. Not only do the children work hard on their physical skills, they have to work on perseverance, determination, goal setting and striving to achieve. The key competencies they develop include: thinking, managing self, cooperation, participation and relating to others; and participate they do – full on! Every pupil gives their all while having fun learning – not a bad way to spend six Friday afternoons! Oh – and the parents tick all the boxes too!

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.



THANKS TO B.K.T. AGRICULTURAL TYRES & DARFIELD BRIDGESTONE TYRES

The children were so happy with the kind donation from B.K.T. Agricultural tyres and Darfield Bridgestone tyres of the soccer and rugby balls that they donated, that they took some up to Mt Hutt to celebrate and show the whole of the Canterbury Plains their appreciation!

ROOM 1: Jane: Kia ora koutou.

Kia ora koutou. This weather is certainly helping our current topic What's the Weather Like? Great to see the children bringing along all their wet weather gear and staying warm and dry. Lucy is focusing on how we can be kind to each other (manaakitanga). Sadly we farewell Madisyn today. We are sorry to see you go. We have loved having you as part of our class. Please remember I am not at school on Tuesdays and I don't check my school email as I'm at uni from 8.30am
Ngaa mihi. Jane

ROOM 2: Frances:

Well done to all the children who took part in the recent Winter Tournament. It was great to see the netball team in action and winning all their games! The hockey participants weren't far behind either, and the SportStart participants had a really good time honing their ultimate Frisbee, touch rugby, rats and rabbits chasing game and tapuae ball game skills. "Awesome fun!" seemed to sum up the day.

Writing and identifying the purpose and audience are the focus areas this term and we look forward to seeing the effects on motivation when working online with some Glentunnel students - another of our local Community of Learning schools. In science, we are studying weather, identifying cloud types and looking at the effects on our environment. Home revision continues with practising times-tables, spelling and reading for enjoyment.

ROOM 3: DONNA

Reading:

In an effort to discover where the rain comes from, during reading time in Room 3, we have been reading poems, stories and non-fiction about The Weather.



To illustrate what the children have learned, the children have been 'building a painting' of a landscape that shows elements of nature that contribute to the water cycle...and in turn, causes it to rain.

Maths:

Well done to Kate, Walter and Jed for making the Four in a Row Accuracy Challenge last week!



[Look at some of our beautiful landscape examples!](#)





What a beautiful day on Friday 11 August up at Mount Hutt. We are so lucky to have such wonderful opportunities for learning on our doorstep!



REMINDER – ALL CHILDREN MUST WEAR THEIR BUS VESTS ON SKI DAYS.



Happy Birthday to Alex & Max

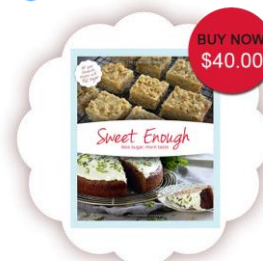
Windwhistle Playgroup

Just a reminder that the playgroup runs on a Tuesday afternoon from 12.30pm – 2.30pm. Please contact Tania Jordan ph 318 6601 if you have any questions about this.



Cookbooks to sell

I have 6 of these lovely cookbooks sitting on my desk that are the last to sell for our fundraiser. Anyone who can sell these or purchase them for \$40 each would be appreciated. Please contact Vanessa Johnston if you can. Thanks Rhonda



SCHOOL BUS: A timely reminder after the snow event – please keep the school and Robyn updated with any telephone/mobile/emergency phone numbers. There were a couple of families that we could not reach on the phone tree and had to ask neighbours to take the children in. Also, as long as you are waiting for the bus two minutes before it is due, then you will not miss it if it is running late due flooding (Monday morning) or snow (Monday afternoon). If there are any changes Robyn will txt you – please wait for 20 minutes before contacting Robyn or the school. Thank you.



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Part – time casual position available – school grounds person

An opportunity has become available for a part-time grounds person at the school. This will involve mowing lawns and general maintenance around the school grounds.

For more information, please contact Frances on principal@windwhistle.school.nz.



Hororata Community Trust

Event Calendar

For more details on all of these events visit

<http://www.hororata.org.nz/events/>



Date	Event	Location	Organisation
13 Aug, 10 Sept, 8 Oct, 5 Nov 2017	Terrace Station Spring Garden Visits	Terrace Station	Terrace Station Charitable Trust
19 Aug 2017	Mt Olympus Curling Day	Mt Olympus Ski Field	Windwhistle Winter Sports Club
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

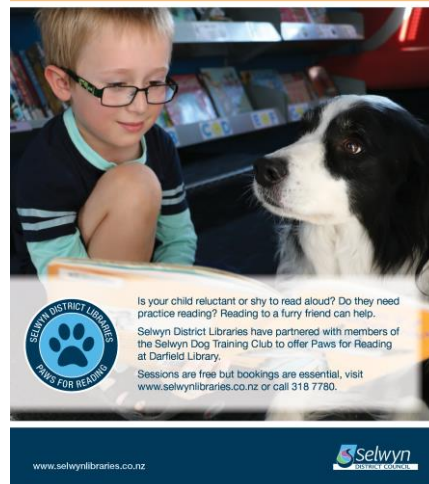
Selwyn Library News

Paws for Reading:

- Come and practice reading to a dog!
- Increases confidence and competence in reading.
- Highly trained and loveable dogs from the Selwyn Dog Training Club.
- Bring your current school reader or choose a library book beforehand.
- Bookings online via the library homepage



Paws for Reading!



https://www.selwynlibrary.co.nz/__data/assets/pdf_file/0019/220933/Paws-for-ReadingT32017-WEB.pdf

TERM 3 DIARY 2017		
Week 4	Wed 16/8/17	Newsletter due out
Week 5	Mon 21/8/17	Mrs Mehrtens back BOT training 5.30pm
Week 6	Mon 28/8/17 Tues 29/8/17	Hearing and vision testing at school BOT meeting Mobile Library
Week 7	Wed 6/9/17	Newsletter due out First Aid training at school for students
Week 8	Tues 12/9/17	Mayor visiting Room 2 (leadership)
Week 10	Mon 25/9/17 Tues 26/9/17 Wed 27/9/17 Thurs 28/9/17 Fri 29/9/17	BOT meeting Mobile Library Newsletter due out Years 4 – 6 Glentunnel Science fair 10.15am – 2.30pm Red Nose and loud shirt mufti day – gold coin donation Last day of term 3



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