



WINDWHISTLE SCHOOL

QUALITY COMMUNITY LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A HUGE Thank You to all our parents and support community! The call went out from Vanessa (our fundraising board member) to provide catering at fairly short notice and once again, the home-baking poured in. The funds raised from this venture will be used to buy some computers, Chromebook tablets, which are urgently needed in Rooms 2 and 3. Currently, the school's network is changing over to work 'in the clouds' using G-Suite (Google documents and apps that can be accessed from anywhere). Thank you to everyone involved.

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.

It's a busy week this week. Lucy Cookson has been teaching Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday we have St Johns at 1pm showing the children basic first aid - I expect to see children wrapped as mummies by the end of the day! On Thursday we have visitors from ASB talking about Financial Literacy to our class at 9am. I also have another release day next Thursday 14th. Lucy will be teaching that day too.
Ngaa mihi. Jane



CONGRATUALIONS TO OUR TROPHY & MEDAL WINNERS FROM SELWYN RUGBY CLUB

ROOM 2: Frances:

Great progress in learning times-tables! This is vital for using to solve problems and the Year 5 and 6s have been thrown a gauntlet - the chance to demonstrate their maths problem-solving skills against some of our Community of Learning (CoL) schools at the end of term. The other inquiry learning includes researching questions the class have about the weather. The children are working either individually or in pairs to answer their questions about: clouds, tornadoes, effects of the Sun, wind, pressure, etc.

The class will share their understandings with other Glentunnel peers during Week 10



Room 2 children sharing their news with room 3

Kathy: Financial Capability – Year 6 students

Financial Capability is a required part of the NZ maths curriculum. Towards the end of each year, we prioritise the Year 6 students being given the opportunity to develop some financial understandings through a “real life” scenario. We also use this learning to provide them with an opportunity to make a “hands on” difference in the lives of other children. We do these two things by putting them in the driver’s seat of raising money, (as we talk about the big stuff: saving, budgets, expenses, profit etc). Part of the money they raise is donated to a children’s charity in the wider community (they personally do the “handing over”). Past recipients have been Ronald McDonald House, Riding for the Disabled, the Make a Wish Foundation and the Champion Centre. They also purchase some fun things for the children of Windwhistle School, as kind of a parting gift from the Year 6s.

The financial capability team (the Year 6 students, mentored by me – Kathy) have had their first planning/brainstorming meeting and are fired up to get some initiatives under way soon! I thank you in advance for being supportive of their wonderful, innovative ideas (...I’ll try and keep a bit of a hand on the drafting gate). If you have any queries, please contact me - Kathy Mehrtens (Rm 2 teacher, 2 days/week).

Learning what I Want to learn – Please see note attached to this newsletter with a form that needs to be completed and returned for all Years 3 – 6 children.

Increasingly, evidence based research is giving the big tick to the benefits of children having a choice in what they would like to learn about. In Term 4, for several years now, Year 3-6 children have been given the opportunity and responsibility to manage their own learning of THEIR choice of topic. They know this as “Learning What I Want To Learn” (LWIWTL). They look forward to it very much each year! Please read the separate sheet for more info and return the reply slip by Thursday 14 September!

Le Quesnoy

I very much enjoyed our visit to Le Quesnoy (the town NZ liberated in WW1) which the Room 2 children had been studying. It was great to be able to email photos directly back to Windwhistle School in week 1 of us standing in the exact spot where the NZ soldiers had gathered in the town after freeing it....the same buildings were there. It was also quite poignant to actually be at the spot where the NZ soldiers initially scrambled up a ladder over the high wall to face the Germans who had held the town for 4 years and also to visit the neatly tended cemetery where our young soldiers have lain for 99 years. No French civilians were killed in the freeing of the town, but 135 NZ soldiers died, with hundreds of other NZ soldiers injured. The town has never forgotten those who came “from the uttermost ends of the earth”. As the local schools were closed for their summer holidays, I have left the children’s letters and gifts at the Council Office in the town for passing onto



Le Quesnoy School when it reopens this month. I am very much hoping to hear something back in due course and develop a link between our 2 schools.

ROOM 3: DONNA

The Room 3 children (and a few Year 4s from Room 2) have been writing to their 'e-pals' at Glentunnel School, using Google Slides. Each time they write, they share something new about themselves, comment on previous messages, and try out a new technique using the slides (e.g. change the layout, insert a picture, change the text font or colour etc.).

The children have enjoyed reading their messages every Tuesday and Thursday and it's been wonderful to see their independence/confidence grow.



Amelia and Kate working together to complete the slides for their e-pals

Double trouble turning 9!

WORKING BEE - Friday afternoon on the last day of term.

If possible, we would love you to come along to school at 1pm on 29th September. We need a hand to clean out the garage again, weed/prune the school grounds, wash down/paint the children's forms, etc. A BBQ will follow - bring what you like to eat/drink. A great chance to wind down after a busy term. Please add the date to your diary :-)



School Uniform

Dear Parents,

It has been noted that some children are NOT wearing the newly adopted regulation school uniform. Term 2 was a phase in period and going forward we wish to remind you of the compulsory apparel adopted by the BOT earlier this year.

- *Black Skorts or Shorts (Postie Plus only)
 - *Green/white Polo shirt (ordered through Vanessa)
 - *Green Polofleece (ordered through Vanessa)
- and/or
- *Green Merino Jersey (ordered through Vanessa)
 - *Black track pants – NO wording, graphics or stripes
- It is preferable for the children to wear black, grey or white under garments or socks.

If you need to purchase any uniform items please contact Vanessa Johnston – vanessa@fourseasons.co.nz or ph 318 6936

If you have any feedback regarding the uniform so far please share your thoughts with us.

Many thanks.



Also please ensure that all school uniform is named. Currently we have a merino jersey and a pair of skorts unclaimed in the office and Rosa has lost her named merino jersey. Can you all please check what uniform you have and name it. If someone finds Rosa's please return it ASAP. Thanks



Happy birthday to Pippa Richards

Playgroup Fun Day

The children were well entertained by Adam Allsorts the clown on Tuesday. Here are some photos showing the delight on the children's faces!



Mufti day - Red Nose Day and Loud Shirt Day

Just a reminder that this is happening on last day of term (Friday 29 September 2017).

Please remember a gold coin donation. The loud shirt day theme is "at the beach" which we have combined with red nose day. Red nose day supports cure kids whom have funded critical projects in child health including: understanding more about the outcomes for very pre-term babies; addressing the challenges of diagnosing autism spectrum disorder; using gene therapy to halt the progression of batten disease; and searching New Zealand's unique flora and fauna for new antibiotics to fight superbugs.

The funds from this year's appeal will be used to continue to support the best science possible to improve health outcomes for our kids.

Loud shirt day Help support deaf kiwi kids.

The proceeds will be split and distributed to each organisation.



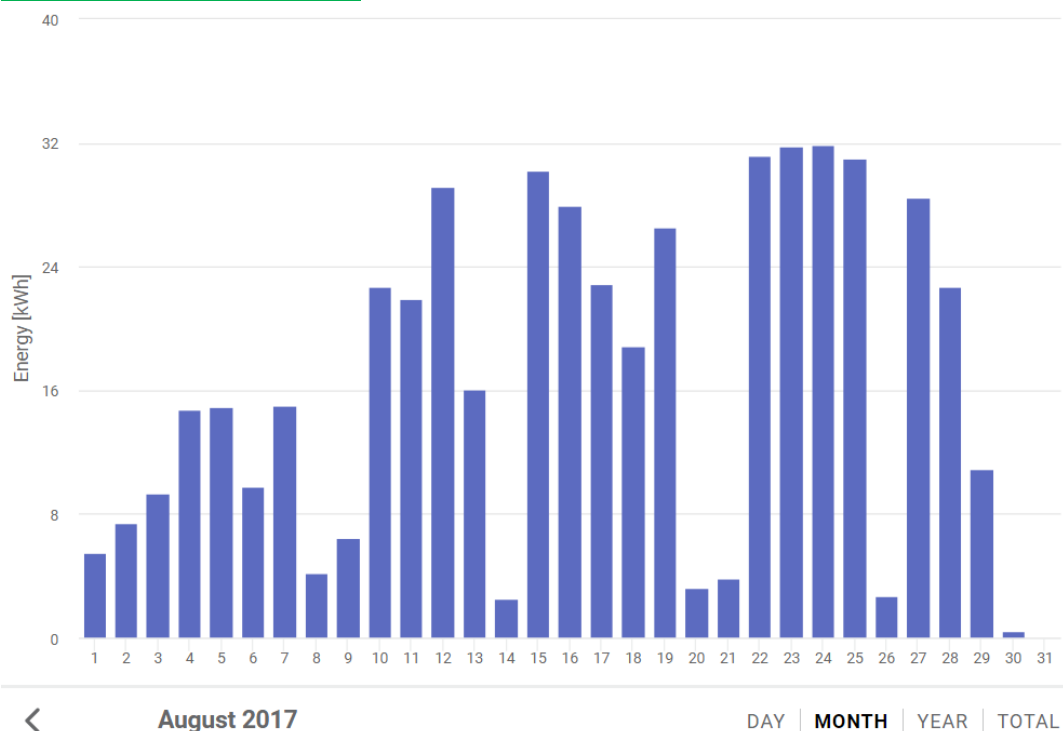
Part – time casual position available – school grounds person

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.



Solar Power – update...



We are up and running on solar! A big thanks to Will Innes, Stuart MacWilliam (Renewable Solutions) Fiona Davidson and Frances Nimmo for all their hard work in making this dream come true. You can see from the graph above already how effective it has been! The children are really buying in to this too. It has been a great investigation for their weather topic! For instance why was 14 August so low? Can you pick the snow and dismal days???

BKT Balls in Schools Photo Competition

Thanks to all who voted for us. Temuka Primary School were the winners of the \$500 for lying down and braving the frost. Well done Temuka Primary. We did however receive a runner up prize and will soon be receiving some monster trucks or back packs for the children to enjoy. Well done guys!



Reefton Area School



St Joseph's School Feilding



Sherwood School



Springbank School



Manchester Street School



Lauriston School



Thanks so much to all the schools who went to the effort of organising & sending in a photo. It was really tough picking just one winner!



Runner up photos:
all of these schools will be receiving BKT goodies for the students.



Windwhistle School



Omakere School



Halcombe School



An enlightening treat for the children

Friday 1 September the children were a little disappointed that skiing was cancelled and they were soon changing out of their ski gear and getting ready for a day in school.

Their spirits were somewhat lifted when just prior to morning tea they were treated to a lovely rehearsal of "The Man From Snowy River" being recited to them by Terry Moriarty (Paddy Guild's Grandad) as Paddy held the book and flipped the pages. They had a quick glance at the picture but then were fixated on Terry as his Australian twang and wonderful actions held their full attention. Thanks so much Terry for making their day and ours!



Heads Up...

Thursday 19 October Fotographix will be here at 8.30am to take the School photos for this year. Anyone wishing to have family photos taken will need to be here first thing at the start of school to have this completed. Please contact Rhonda to arrange a time. If you are coming in for family photos and bringing your child to school, please remember to txt Robyn re bus. Thanks



Parent Teacher App

Please note that this app has been updated. As this is our main form of contact in an emergency can you all please ensure that you have downloaded and / or updated this app on your mobile phone.

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP YET?

NEVER MISS IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION AGAIN!



- * Events
- * Notices
- * Instant school messages
- * Absentee
- * Newsletters



Simple free download:
In the Play Store and App Store search 'Parent Teacher Calendar' and choose our school once installed.



Years 5 & 6 children learning their St Johns Emergency Responder course with Shayne from St Johns.

Hororata Community Trust

Event Calendar

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


Date	Event	Location	Organisation
10 Sept, 8 Oct, 5 Nov 2017	Terrace Station Spring Garden Visits	Terrace Station	Terrace Station Charitable Trust
16 Sept 2017	Hororata Swap Meet	Hororata Domain	Swap Meet
21 Sept 2017	Whisky and Wine Evening	Whisky Galore	Hororata Community Trust
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

Mark your calendars for some family fun!






School Holiday Soccer

Various school holiday programmes available. Please refer to attached website.
<http://www.mainlandfootball.co.nz/holiday-program-futsal/>



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Note your calendars ...



Methven Cricket club

Registration day for players wanting to play cricket for Methven Cricket Club will be held on Monday 25th September 3.30-4.30 at Methven Domain. This is for all Saturday grades as well as "Have a go" cricket (Thursday afternoons). If you are not able to make it please email nagra@xtra.co.nz or call Greta 027 2486928.

GROWING GREAT KIDS

The Selwyn Parenting Network Inc and Rolleston Christian School have teamed up to bring you an evening with parenting guru, Ian Grant.

A night of parenting tips, advice, entertaining stories and a chance to meet and talk to other parents raising kids in Selwyn;

Tickets \$10 per person;

At Rolleston College, Cnr Broadlands Drive and Springston Rolleston Road;

The doors open from 7pm for start at 7.30pm;

TERM 3 DIARY 2017

Week 7	Wed 6/9/17 Thurs 7/9/17	Newsletter due out First Aid training at school for students ASB get wise finance training at school for students
Week 8	Tues 12/9/17 13/9/17	Mayor visiting Room 2 (leadership) Windwhistle ski team to Canterbury competition
Week 9	Sat 23/9/17	Election voting in library
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 Cantamaths Year 5 & 6 Glentunnel Years 3 – 6 Glentunnel Science fair & Sportsstart 10.15am – 2.15pm Red Nose and loud shirt mufti day – gold coin donation Last day of term 3 Working bee starting 1pm with BBQ to follow

TERM 4 DIARY 2017

Week 1	Mon 16/10/17 Wed 18/10/17 Thurs 19/10/17	First day of term 4 Newsletter due out School photos 8.30am - families
Week 2	Mon 23/10/17 Fri 27/10/17	Labour Day Pet Day
Week 3	Mon 30/10/17	BOT meeting
Week 4	Mon 6/11/17 Wed 8/11/17 Thurs 9/11/17 Sat 11/11/17	Athletics @ DHS Newsletter due out Malvern Athletics (twilight) Hororata Highland Games
Week 5	Thurs 16/11/17 Fri 17/11/17	Teacher only day Canterbury Anniversary
Week 7	Wed 29/11/17	Newsletter due out
Week 9	Wed 13/12/17 Fri 15/12/17	Newsletter due out Last day of school



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