

**Dear Parents / Caregivers,**

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Can you believe we are now exactly half way through the first term and what an awesome start to the year it has been. Classes are up and running with their routines and systems, students are flexing their Learner Muscles within our teaching and learning programmes and we have had our first lot of Three Way Learner Conferences. Once again, our theme for the year is 'Putting Our Best Foot Forward' and we have certainly seen plenty of that over the first five weeks.

Well done to all our athletes for the way they conducted themselves at either our Junior or Senior St Thomas and Winton School Athletics Days last week. Plenty of effort, determination and support was displayed in amongst some fantastic running, jumping and throwing. Thank you to our House Leaders and of course, Mrs Mee for organising these events. Good luck to all the senior athletes who will be representing Winton School at the Central Athletics event tomorrow up at CSC. Thank you also to the PTA who will be selling refreshments at tomorrow's event.

This Friday we are excited to be holding our first of three Friday Afternoon Electives Sessions this term. Thank you to the parents, who along with teaching staff and support staff, will be working with a group of students on a fun activity / project / pastime, etc. We are looking forward to seeing lots of collaboration and productivity.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of accompanying Miss Gill and our Year 8 students to the GRIP Leadership Conference in Gore. Focused on the core pillars of Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People, the day provided our school leaders with insights into what it truly means to lead. Our students engaged with a variety of inspiring messages and practical strategies, returning with a clear vision of how they can make a positive impact within our school and the wider community.

**Steve Wadsworth**  
Principal

**Upcoming Events****Week 5**

Thurs 5 March Central Athletics, CSC

**Week 6**

Fri 13 March Community Assembly, 1:45pm

**Week 7**

Sat 21 March Southland Athletics

**Week 8**

Tues 24 March PTA Meeting  
Wed 25 March Board Meeting

**Week 9**

Wed 1 April School Discos  
Thurs 2 April Community Assembly, 1:45pm  
End of Term 1

**Term 2****Week 1**

Mon 20 April Start Term 2

**Week 2**

Mon 27 April ANZAC Day Observed

**Year 5/6 Camp Fundraising Raffle**

Reminder that ALL raffle cards whether sold or unsold must be returned to the school office before Monday 20 March please.

**Arriving at School in the Morning**

A reminder that students should be arriving at school between 8:30am and 8:55am. It is important that all students are in class by 9am to hear what is in store for the day. Missing this is a source of anxiousness and uncertainty. We appreciate your support in having your child/ren at school at the right time for a great start to the school day.

If students arrive late or are picked up early for any reason, they must be signed in or out on the VisTab tablet in the school office.

If your child is going to be absent, **please message the office** to let us know, phone 03 236 7238, email [admin@winton.school.nz](mailto:admin@winton.school.nz) or enter the absence details directly into HERO.

All un-notified absences are followed up with a phone call home.

**Contact Information**

If your contact details have changed, ie new address, cell phone number, work number, emergency contacts etc could you please contact the school office to update your child's school records. It is important that we have up to date information in case of emergencies.

**School Accounts - HERO**

A reminder to parents to please check your child's account on HERO (\$) and make sure they are paid up to date. There are still some outstanding payments from last year that need to be paid.

For students who have technology fees and school camps coming up this year, a good practise would be to set up a direct credit and pay a small amount each week/fortnight/month into the school bank account for crediting against your child's account.

Please note that sports fees for all students must be paid before the competition begins.

**Hats, Hats, Hats!**

Because we are a sun safe school, red bucket style hats are to be worn when playing outside this term. School sun hats can be purchased from The Warehouse and Uniform NZ or the school office has a small supply, cost \$15. The plain red bucket style hat is part of our uniform. Children are not to wear caps or other styles / colours of hats.

**Week 3, Term 1 RERE Awards**

Room 1 Susanna Prasad  
Room 3 Kennadi Sloane  
Room 4 Marshall Hayward & Maggie Muskett  
Room 5 Cohen Boyer & Heidi Nicholson  
Room 6 Lucca Armitage & Aubree Parker  
Room 7 Charlotte Clark & Amy-Kate Haines  
Room 8 Zion Prasad & Indi Beck  
Room 9 Ezra Harimate-Wairau & Rachael Peseta  
Room 10 Toby Jones & Beau Marshall  
Room 11 Lucy Aitken & Grace Chaney  
Room 12 Kalia-Rose Boyer & Charlie Hutton  
Room 13 Holly White & Jesse Wilson

**Week 3, Term 1 MITEY Awards**

Room 1 - - -  
Room 4 Layton Barker  
Room 6 Finely Smith  
Room 8 William King  
Room 10 Mischa Hayward  
Room 12 Indi Laughton  
Room 3 Nixon Armitage  
Room 5 Charlie Fenn  
Room 7 Xavier Allan  
Room 9 Sofia Monteith  
Room 11 Meenu Gunasekara  
Room 13 George Rolton

**Week 3, Term 1 Winton Way Awards**

Willa Walsh, Jayda Baird, Kalia-Rose Boyer, Ila Livesey and Hunter Dempsey

**At Next Friday's Assembly....**

Welcome to new students, RERE and MITEY Awards, Room 10 sharing, Athletics certificates, Inter-House Athletics Challenge results and Winton Way certificates.

**What's Happening in Room 8?**

Room 8 has been buzzing with learning this term! 🐝  
Our classroom has been humming (and singing) while we learn about the fascinating world of bees. Did you know bees perform different dances to communicate? The famous "waggle dance" helps them show other bees exactly where to find food! Just like worker bees, Room 8 has been learning how to be great collaborators by supporting one another, sharing ideas, and working as a team.



# SPORTS NEWS



For all sporting inquiries, please contact Brenda Mee at [sport@winton.school.nz](mailto:sport@winton.school.nz)

**Yr 7/8 Basketball:** The Yr 7/8 Junior High School Competition has started - reminder that ALL entry fees must be paid to the school as soon as possible please.

**Athletics:** Well done to all junior and senior students who competed at our school's athletics events with St Thomas' last week. Congratulations and good luck to all students who qualified and are competing at Central Athletics tomorrow.

**Monday Touch Competition:** Please note that ALL players must be wearing shoes when playing Touch. No shoes then sorry don't get to play.

# PTA NEWS

**Office Bearers** - The following positions were filled at the recent AGM. President - Tash Allan; Vice President - Jane King; Secretary - Toria Cummings and Treasurer - Marielle Baxter.

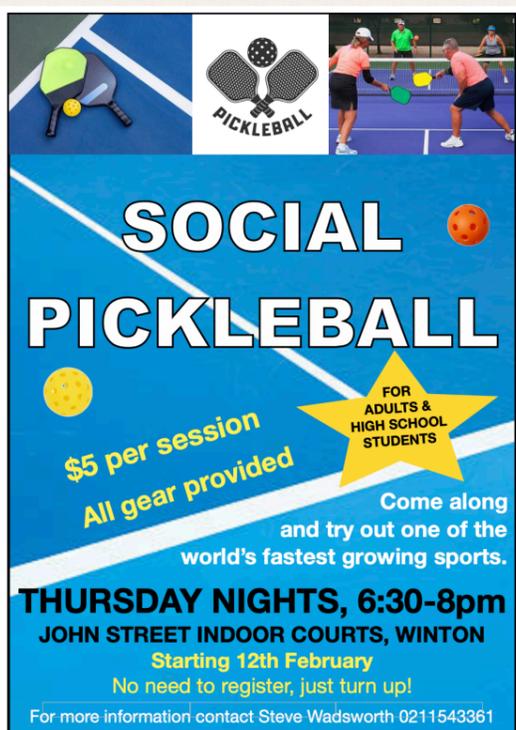
**Central Athletics** - The PTA will have their tent and BBQ at CSC for Central Athletics tomorrow, selling sausages, drinks and chocolate bars. Cash only please. If any parents are available to lend a hand from 10:30am - 2pm selling these goods, then that would be much appreciated.

**Oyster Raffle Fundraiser** - The PTA are once again doing their annual Oyster Raffle fundraiser. Each family will receive an Oyster Raffle Card to sell. If you do not wish to sell these raffles, then please return the card straight back to the school office. All raffle cards need to be accountable for the draw so all sold and unsold must be returned to the school by Wednesday 25th March. Please note that this is a PTA fundraiser - do not pay raffle money into the school bank account. Thank you for your support with this fundraiser.

**Friday BBQ** - Sausages (\$2) and Juicies (\$1) are on sale Friday lunchtimes. Please bring the correct change. Remember to get your stamps in the library between 8:30 - 9:00am. Please use the outside library door, not through the office thank you.

**PTA 2nd Hand Uniforms** - For all 2nd hand uniform requirements please contact Melissa Mckenzie 027 805 2871.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



**SOCIAL PICKLEBALL**

FOR ADULTS & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

\$5 per session  
All gear provided

Come along and try out one of the world's fastest growing sports.

**THURSDAY NIGHTS, 6:30-8pm**  
JOHN STREET INDOOR COURTS, WINTON  
Starting 12th February  
No need to register, just turn up!

For more information contact Steve Wadsworth 0211543361



SAVE THE DATE  
**DIPTON SCHOOL TRAILRIDE**  
SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026

MORE INFORMATION COMING OUT SOON

**Music Lessons**  
Piano and Singing lessons available.  
Please contact Gill Hendry - 03 236 7413

**Winton Football Club**  
Registrations are now open for the winter season; go to <https://www.sporty.co.nz/wintonfc> and click on 2026 Registrations.  
The club caters for all players, 4 year olds upwards, male and female.  
Adults have already started trainings, women can contact Steph [fraser.steph.wilson@gmail.com](mailto:fraser.steph.wilson@gmail.com) and men contact Cody [kinraidcody@gmail.com](mailto:kinraidcody@gmail.com)  
Juniors 4-16 years will start trainings in March but we will have a Juniors Have-a-go Session for those who may interested in trying football.

Have-A-Go-Session  
When: Thursday 12 March  
Time: 4-5pm  
Where: Moore's Reserve, Winton.  
General enquiries can be made to [wintonfootballnz@gmail.com](mailto:wintonfootballnz@gmail.com)



Junior Athletics



Senior Athletics



GRIP Conference