

Upcoming Events**Week 8:**

Fri 1 Dec Book Fair Week
Book Character Dress Up Day
Community Assembly, 1:45pm

Week 9:

Wed 6 Dec Board Meeting
Fri 8 Dec Inter-House Teams Challenge

Week 10:

Tues 12 Dec Year 8 BBQ
Wed 13 Dec Reports home
Prizegiving Assembly, CSC
Thurs 14 Dec Class Swap, 10:30am
Water Fight, 2pm
Fri 15 Dec Last Half Day

**The first day back at school for students
next year will be Wednesday 31st
January.**

**Te kupu o te wiki**

'pukapuka'
book

President's Piece

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

First of all, we hope you enjoyed watching *The Great Sword of Isthgul* at the Invercargill Christian Centre. Starring in a movie is something not many people get to participate in. I'm sure we will all remember this experience for years to come. Thanks to everyone who helped in some way.

Well done to all those who have participated in our swimming programme. Because of all the water around us, swim safety should be a priority for all NZ children.

This week is Book Fair Week. We hope you have checked out the amazing display of books in our Library. A reminder that this Friday is 'Book character Dress Up Day'. We look forward to seeing lots of different characters.

This is our last President's Piece for the year. We have enjoyed sharing with you what's been happening in our school over the course of the year. We are looking forward to the last few days of our Primary School years, especially the End of Year Prizegiving Assembly at CSC in two weeks time. Enjoy the last two and a half weeks!

Maddy Dodds - President and Brodie McIlwrick - Vice President



We are currently in the process of working on next year's classes. Many factors are taken into consideration when placing students in certain classes with your child's wellbeing being of utmost importance. Your child's classroom and teacher for next year will be included in their End of Year Report and on Thursday 14 December, all students will be spending time with their new teacher and class. Our 2024 staffing picture is almost complete and is listed below.

With only two and a half weeks to go, the end of another school year will be here before we know it! There are still a number of events and happenings to tick off, so make sure you are aware of what is happening over the last few days.

Steve Wadsworth,
PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Winton School.....

Finley Smith who has started in Room 2.

Scholastic Book Fair - THIS WEEK

We are holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair in the library before and after school each day this week. It's a great chance to purchase books for your family or some extra Christmas presents. EFTPOS will be available. Winton School will get a percentage of the books sold to purchase books for our school library. We will be celebrating the end of Book Fair Week with a Book Character Dress Up Day this Friday 1 December.

Inter-House Teams Challenge Day

Next **Friday 8 December**, we are holding our last Inter-House challenge for the year. House teams made up of all ages will battle it out against other teams in a number of exciting events. All the action will begin after an earlier morning tea at 10:30am and go through till the end of the day.

2023 End of Year Prizegiving Assembly

Our End of Year Prizegiving Assembly will be held in the Central Southland College Hall on **Wednesday 13 December, 6pm**. The evening will include speeches, class awards, visual presentations, Year 8 graduation, awards and a Year 8 skit. **There will be a half time break for those wishing to leave after all speeches and class certificates have been presented.**

Our PTA will be selling refreshments during the break. The evening will be live streamed on our school Facebook page.

Winton School Movie

Thank you to everyone who came along to one of the screenings last week at the Invercargill Christian Centre. Including visiting schools over 1500 people have now watched 'The Great Sword of Isthgul'. The movie is now available online to rent or buy at the link below. Thank you for all of your support. If you are interested, there are still some cards, posters, t-shirts and hoodies for sale in the office. We will be screening the movie tomorrow morning, for the last time, for all those students who would like to see it again.

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/thegreatswordofisthgul>

Uniform

A reminder that last term the Board ratified that socks, for both boys and girls, will be short navy crew ones. These will be phased in this term and compulsory from Term 1 2024. The Board also ratified a new optional black sports hoodie. This is to be worn at sporting events only, ie. athletics, touch, cross county, hockey, etc. **NOT** general day to day school wear. Hoodies are available for order through Uniform NZ and have been added to the Winton School Uniform options on their website <https://www.uniformnz.com/shop/wintonprimary/uniforms/515>

School Accounts on HERO

Reminder to all parents to please check your school account on HERO (the \$ button). This is where all fees due to be paid to the school can be found ie sports fees, Technology fees, uniform items and school camp costs. ALL outstanding amounts need to be paid as soon as possible. School bank account number is 031750 0195550 00 or EFTPOS available at the school office.

Some End of Year Dates

Fri 8 Dec Inter-House Teams Challenge
Tues 12 Dec Year 8 BBQ
Wed 13 Dec Prizegiving Assembly, CSC. Reports sent out.
Thurs 14 Dec Water Fight
Fri 15 Dec Last Half Day

Wed 31 Jan First Day of School for students next year. Please note buses will not be running on this day. Parents will have to transport students for this day.

Mon 5 Feb Staff Only Day (before Waitangi Day)

2024 Classes

Room 1	Janelle Gentle	Year 0/1
Room 3	Jo Gilliland	Year 1
Room 4	Debbie Riley & Brittany Guise (nee McAlister)	Year 2
Room 5	Carolyn Eade	Year 2/3
Room 6	Bev O'Neill	Year 3
Room 7	Andrew Reading	Year 3/4
Room 8	Rachel Davis	Year 4/5
Room 9	Vicki Collett & Mel Brunell	Year 5
Room 10	Fiona Flack	Year 6/7
Room 11	Kayla Hodson	Year 7

Catherine McKenzie will be teaching in either Rm 12 (Yr 7/8) or Rm 13 (Yr 8)
Nicole McLiskey will not be returning as she will be the new Deputy Principal at Bluff School. Catherine McKenzie will be the Senior Team Leader next year. We are currently advertising for a new teacher to teach in either Room 12 or 13. Kelly Shaw will be a Release Teacher and Maryse Varaine will be Literacy Leader / Support.
Ian Rogers - Hard Materials and Hildamae Munro - Soft Materials.

What's Happening in Room 6

Kia ora koutou from Room 6. Wow, what a busy term we've had so far. We have really benefited from our swimming sessions over the last two weeks and are more confident in the water, learning skills so that we can be safe in or near water. We have learnt about how plants grow from seeds and what they need to survive. After measuring their growth, we planted them in the school vegetable garden. We are looking forward to the next couple of weeks, particularly the Interhouse Challenge and the water fight.
Ka kite ano



SPORTS NEWS



For all sporting inquiries, please contact Brenda Mee at sport@winton.school.nz

Outstanding Sports Fees

Reminder to parents to check your HERO accounts (the \$ sign) as there are still some outstanding sports fees that need to be paid to the school as soon as possible. These include Touch, Triathlon, Hockey, Yr 7/8 Adventure Race, Yr 7/8 Invercargill and CSC Basketball competitions. School bank account number for payment is 031750 0195550 00.

Miniball & Touch Fees

Reminder that \$40 entry fees for all students playing in the Yr 3/4 & Yr 5/6 Miniball competitions and \$21 Touch fees for this term are to be paid to the office now. School bank account number for payment is 031750 0195550 00 or EFTPOS available at the school office.

PTA NEWS

PTA 2nd Hand Uniforms

Currently we have a good supply of polar fleeces available, however we are running low on other items. If you have uniform items at home that you no longer need that are still in good condition, we would love to have them. Uniform items for donation can be dropped into the school office. If you want to know more about purchasing or donating uniform please contact Melissa McKenzie via the PTA FB Page or phone 027 805 2871.

PTA Friday BBQ

There are a limited number of Cool Change drinks, left over from the movie viewings, which are available for sale along with the sausages on Friday. Cost \$2 each and are on a first in first served basis.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SDC SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
Get #ActiveAS with our #FunAS Holiday Programme

LOCATIONS

- Te Anau - Wednesday 17th January
- Mosburn - Friday 19th January
- Wyndham - Tuesday 23rd January
- Tuatapere - Thursday 25th January
- Riverton - Friday 26th January
- Winton - Monday 29th January
- Riverdale - Tuesday 30th January
- Rakura - Friday 2nd February

\$6 PER CHILD

5-12 YEARS

10AM - 3PM

To register, visit our event page on our website: www.activesouthland.co.nz

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Winton
TOOT FOR TUCKER

8th December
From 7pm

You will hear our sirens and see our flashing lights, As we go around Winton collecting for our Foodbank.

All you need to do is share an item of food (non perishable) And leave it by your mailbox or give to the collectors.

Help us, so we can all enjoy our Christmas. Thank you so much for sharing.

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IN THE INTEREST OF STUDENT SAFETY
COULD ALL PARENTS PLEASE REFRAIN
FROM USING THE STAFF CAR PARKS
WHEN DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP
CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL. PLEASE PARK
ON EITHER CLYDE STREET, EGLINTON
STREET OR GREAT NORTH ROAD.

Music Lessons
Individual lessons in piano and theory of music.
Beginner to Grade 5.
Times available for 2024.
Contact Gill Hendry 03 236 7413



Adventure Race



THE GREAT SWORD OF ISTHGUL



Tough Kids