

Upcoming Events**Week 8**

Today Board Meeting
Thurs 7 Sept Life Education Van here
Fri 8 Sept School Photos

Week 9

Tues 12 Sept Year 7 Stewart Island Camp

Week 10

Tues 19 Sept PTA Meeting
Fri 22 Sept Assembly, 2pm
Last Day of Term 3

Term 4**Week 1:**

Mon 9 Oct First Day of Term 4
Wed 11 Oct Board Meeting

Week 2:

Tues 17 Oct Relationships and Sexuality
Education Information Session

**Te kupu o te wiki**

'Stewart Island'
Rakiura

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Roll: 278

First of all I would like to thank everyone for making alternative arrangements last Friday for our Staff Only Day. Teachers and Support Staff were, once again, engaged in a very productive day of professional learning around our current Literacy focus. Thank you also to the parents that came along to one of our Structured Literacy Parent Information Sessions. We hope you found it interesting and now have some helpful hints to support your child/ren at home. If you were unable to make it along and would like to know more about our Structured Literacy approach, please talk to your child's teacher.

From this Thursday, through our Community Survey, you will have an opportunity to provide our Board with feedback about how effective we are in meeting the needs of our students in all aspects of schooling. This will be an on-line survey and will need to be completed by the last day of term - Friday 22 September.

As part of our Health and Physical Education Curriculum, Year 5-8 students will be involved in our annual Relationships and Sexuality Education Programme during Week 2 next term. Information about this will be sent home in two weeks time including a Student and Parent Information Session on Tuesday 17 October, what is covered at each year level, our obligations and your rights as a parent.

Staff and students are looking forward to having Harold and Teresa and the Life Ed van here for the next few days for our Life Education Programme. School photos are taking place this Friday and next week our Year 7's will be enjoying four days on Stewart Island for their Year 7 Camp. Thank you in advance to the group of parents who will be supporting our students on this camp.

Finally, well done to Rose Maguire who made it through to the Central & Eastern Speech Finals that were held in our school hall last Wednesday evening.

Steve Wadsworth,
PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Winton School.....

Ava Young who started in Room 3.

School Photos

The photographer will be here this Friday, 8 September, to take class and individual photos. Sibling photos will be taken at 8.00am so please be at school at this time in order for the photographer to get through them all before school starts at 8.55am. If you would like a sibling photo, Winton School students only, then please return the permission sheet to the office TOMORROW. No permission given then no sibling photo can be taken.

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 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 or enter the absence details directly into HERO.

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

Uniform

Our school uniform is a source of pride for our school. We continue to notice a number of children coming to school in non-regulation clothing as well as jewellery, nail polish and hair not tied back off the face. Please refer to our Uniform Guidelines on the school website and if there is an issue, please discuss this with your child's teacher or the principal.

Winton School Movie facebook Page

Have you checked out the Winton School Movie Facebook Page? Like our page to follow the adventures of the cast and crew as they work on this year long project!

Year 7 Camp

Reminder that all Year 7 student and parent helper camp costs must be paid before this Friday, 8 September. Please check HERO (\$ button) for the total due to be paid. EFTPOS is available at the school office or pay direct into school bank account 031750 0195550 00.

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 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. Could all outstanding amounts please be paid as soon as possible. School bank account number is 031750 0195550 00 or EFTPOS available at the school office.

What's Happening in Room 8.....

Wow! Room 8 are on fire! We are co-designing the ultimate sports games by combining old school sports to create new games for us to play! Watch out for RugSoc and Tball-Cricket, we are critiquing the rules and changing the equipment we need to make this successful.

We have balanced our outdoor pursuits with baking ones inside. Brownie and muffins last week, cakes and pancakes this week but with a twist in our recipes, adding fruit has never been so fun!

We are enjoying our MITEY sessions and are learning that everyone feels differently at different times and that it's ok to feel nervous and scared when we step outside our comfort zones. Next week we look at our strengths and friendships.

