

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

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Welcome back. I trust you all enjoyed the holiday break with friends and whanau. Students and staff have come back refreshed and ready to get stuck into another productive and exciting term at Winton School. A special welcome to the new families who have joined our learning community!

As explained in last week's posts, we continue to strongly encourage the wearing of face masks inside for students Year 4 and up. Parents and visitors are able to go inside buildings, but if doing so, we ask that you wear a face mask. Thank you.

In Week 3, this term, we have our 3-Way Learner Conferences taking place. These are a great opportunity for you to sit down with your child and their teacher to discuss their learning. It is also a chance to share successes, goals and next steps in their learning. There is a link provided in this newsletter and through Seesaw / HERO for you to book a time.

Thank you to the parents who have downloaded and logged into HERO, our new on-line School Management System app. Currently we have 80% of households who have joined. For this to work effectively school-wide, we need everyone to be engaged. From the start of next year, HERO will be our main source of communication.

This Friday we will be supporting the Southland Charity Hospital by holding a gold coin Red, Black & White mufti day. It would be great if everyone comes to school dressed in the Blair Vining Sports Foundation colours - red, black and white for this fundraiser.

Well done to our amazing Agrikids, Maddi, Brodie and Hunter (Winton Shepherds) who represented Winton School and Southland at the Agrikids National Finals in Whangarei at the end of last term. A huge thanks to Mrs Flack and parents for coordinating the trip and supporting the team.

In the final week of last term we took our largest group ever of students and parents into Deep Cove in Doubtful Sound. This final camp for our Year 8's is always an exciting time in breathtaking surroundings. Thanks to Miss McLiskey and the amazing parent helpers who helped make our four days at camp so memorable.

Steve Wadsworth, Principal

Upcoming Events

Week 1

Thurs 28 July PTA Meeting
CSC Open Night
Fri 29 July Red, Black & White Day

Week 2

Wed 3 Aug Board Meeting
Board Nominations close
Fri 5 Aug School Assemblies:
Junior 12pm
Middle / Senior 2pm

Week 3

Wed 10 Aug Learner Conferences, 1-7pm
(School finishing 12:30)
Thurs 11 Aug Learner Conferences, 3-6pm

Week 4

Fri 19 Aug School photos

Week 5

Fri 26 Aug Staff Only Day
PTA Ski Trip

Te kupu o te wiki

'hōhipera'
hospital



Welcome to Winton School.....

Grace Fitzsimmons in Room 6, Christian Fitzsimmons Room 7 and Tyler Mansell Room 10.

Term 3 Three Way Learner Conferences (10 & 11 August)

Three Way Learner Conferences are taking place in Week 3:

Wednesday 10 August, 1-7pm (school finishing at 12:30pm)

Thursday 11 August, 3-6pm



Book School Interviews Online

Online bookings can be made at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
Please enter the school's access code **8y8kn** to book your time.

As these are our first formal face to face meetings this year we are expecting a 100% turn out at these very important learner conferences to discuss your child's progress, achievement and goals.

We ask that you please wear a mask during the conference.

If you have not booked a time, we will be contacting you closer to the time to either book a time or arrange an alternative and convenient time to meet with your child's teacher.

Please note that school will be finishing at 12:30pm on Wednesday 10 August with the bus running as normal. **Please notify the office if your child will be staying at school that afternoon.**

So students and teachers have enough preparation time, bookings will close on the evening of Tuesday 9 August. Thank you in advance for your support.

Teacher Only Day - Friday 26 August

On Friday 26 August (Week 5), staff will be involved in a Teacher Only Day. This Professional Development will once again relate to our key focus area in Literacy and is a fantastic opportunity for staff to strengthen our programmes and further support your children. Thank you in advance for making alternative arrangements for your children on this day. **This is the same day as the PTA Ski trip.**

Absences from School

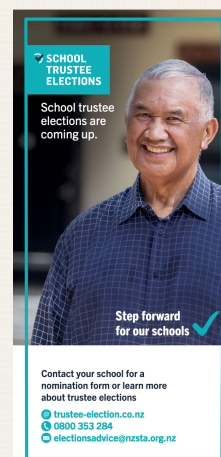
If your child is going to be absent for any reason, **please message the office.** Phone 03 236 7238, email admin@winton.school.nz or enter directly onto the new HERO app. All un-notified absences are followed up with a phone call home. If students arrive late or are picked up early for any reason, they must be signed in or out on the VisTab in the school office.

HERO - School Management System

There are still some parents who are yet to download the parent app for HERO. Here is the link for it <https://hero.linc-ed.com/parents/>
If you have any problems downloading this, please contact the school. Once downloaded you will be able to notify the school of student absences/lateness, view student accounts, read school notices, read posts relating to your child's learning, view term dates & calendar of events. We would appreciate if all parents could please download and use this new app as we will be looking to use this as our main way of communication with families.

Board Elections

Triennial Board elections are being held on 7th September. Information and nomination forms were sent out to parents on HERO. If you would like to stand as a board member, you can nominate yourself, or if you would like to nominate someone else, then please complete a nomination form and return to the school office by next Wednesday 3rd August. If you would like further information or a nomination form please contact the school office.



What's Happening in Room 9

Kia ora from Room 9 where it has been an exciting start to Term 3. This term we will be busy writing our speeches on a range of different topics we are passionate about. We will be planning and writing our own speeches before perfecting our presentation skills. Our Inquiry learning is all around the solar system and beyond. We have had lots of interesting discussions (and questions!) about space already and the prior knowledge of the students is impressive. We will be using our Researcher Learner Muscle when making our own information posters about the planets. In maths we are learning some new strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems. We are enjoying our class novel which is The Demon Dentist by David Walliams - a funny read and it will promote good dental health I am sure! Ka kite ano.

SPORTS NEWS

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

Hockey

Central Southland Junior Hockey Tournament to be held on Friday 5th August at Invercargill hockey turf. Reminder to hand in your permission slips to the school office.

PTA NEWS

Friday BBQ Helpers - If you are able to help with cooking the sausages on a Friday lunchtime and would like to be added to the BBQ roster then please contact Bridgett Aitken on 027 699 4718 or Jo McIlwrick 027 327 5352.

PTA 2nd Hand Uniforms - For all 2nd hand uniform requirements please contact Denise Smith 03 236 1259 or 027 283 6203.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Winton School Ski Trip

When: Friday, 26 August (same day as Teacher Only Day)

Where: The Remarkables Ski Field, Queenstown

Time: Need to be at mountain 8:00am sharp

Cost: \$99 Child, includes day pass, rental, 1 hr lesson

\$180 Adult, includes day pass and rental

Please collect a form from the office and return by Wednesday, 3 August with payment. All children must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver over the age of 16 years. Transport is via personal car. Please ring Megs Mitchell 027 423 8720 or email megsandbert@kinect.co.nz if you have any queries.

Winton School Board Elections Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of **5** parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **noon** on **3rd August**. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4pm** on **7 September 2022**.

Signed Jacalyn Reid
Returning Officer



Year 8 Deep Cove Camp



Agrikids