

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

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Thank you to everyone who booked a Learner Conference with your child's teacher. As I have said previously, Three Way Learner Conferences are designed to benefit all stakeholders - yourselves as parents, the teacher and of course your child. At this time of year, they are all about how they have settled back into school routines, what they have been and are currently working on and any goals they have in terms of their learning, Learner Muscles, etc. It is vitally important that we maintain healthy home-school communication and relationships in the best interest of your child/ren. As of this morning, 82% of students have had a conference time booked. If you are unable to come along this afternoon / evening, I strongly urge you to arrange an alternative time with your child's teacher.

Thank you in advance to those who will come along to the Library today to have a chat about our draft Strategic Plan. Input from all stakeholders, including parents, is needed so we can gather thoughts and feelings about what we should be prioritising as a school over the next 2 years. All those who come in for a chat go into the draw for a \$100 New World voucher.

After all the great practice over the past few weeks, I am looking forward to seeing lots of running, jumping and throwing at our upcoming Athletics Days - Seniors this Friday, Juniors next Tuesday and the Senior Central Athletics up at CSC next Friday 8th March.

Finally, I am pleased to report that our attendance rate for the start of 2024 has improved dramatically from last year. You may recall in our first newsletter this year, I reported that last year's average was 61% of students attending regularly (90% or more of the time). So far this year, we are sitting at 87%. Again, some absences are justified, eg. sickness and some are not, but we are heading in the right direction. Thank you everyone for your support in ensuring your child is attending school as much as they can be.

Steve Wadsworth,
PRINCIPAL

Upcoming Events**Week 5**

Today Three Way Learner Conferences, 1-7pm
Fri 1 Mar Senior Athletics

Week 6

Tues 5 Mar Junior Athletics
Fri 8 Mar Central Athletics, CSC

Week 7

Fri 15 Mar Community Assembly, 1:45pm

Week 9

Wed 27 Mar Board Meeting
Fri 29 Mar GOOD FRIDAY

Week 10

Mon 1 April EASTER MONDAY
Tues 2 April EATER TUESDAY

Te kupu o te wiki

Kia pai tō rā
Have a good day

**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 on HERO.

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

School Uniform

Please note that, after transitioning in new navy crew socks last year, all students need to be wearing these from the start of this year. These replace girls white socks and boys grey socks. Wearing the correct uniform is a source of pride for our school. If your child is not wearing correct uniform, you will be contacted. A reminder that the PTA have a number of secondhand uniforms for sale. Please contact Melissa McKenzie on 027 8052871. Details about our school uniform are on our school website.

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 Lunch Orders

Subway lunch orders can be made on Tuesdays. You can also place orders at Subway or on the Subway app. Bakery orders are on Thursdays. Parents can also order direct at The Bakery before 9.30am. Please use the revised Bakery Lunch Order Price List which was previously posted on HERO.

School Accounts - HERO

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 to be paid.

Year 7 & 8 students have Technology Fees and will also have 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.

Week 3, Term 1 RERE Awards

Room 1/2 Finley Smith & Mason Mills
Room 4 Miley McKenzie & Leo Cummings
Room 5 Thomas Aimers & Olive Ieru
Room 6 Cooper Laughton & Nixon Whitaker
Room 7 Aurelia Maheno & Evie Thom
Room 8 Ava-Rose Te Namu & Adam Jamieson
Room 9 Carter Anderson & Jesse Leslie-Hinga
Room 10 Ashton Kemp & Lily Deam
Room 11 Asha Wong & Sojivy Sim
Room 12 Liam Saunders & Isaac Davis
Room 13 Mitchell Stark & Mackenzie Lyall

**Week 3, Term 1 MITEY Awards**

Room 1/2 Xavier Allan
Room 4 Meika Robertson
Room 5 Carlos Finn
Room 6 Sofia Monteith
Room 7 Grace Chaney
Room 8 Shaun Leslie-Hinga
Room 9 Sophie Blatch
Room 10 Jackson Scobie
Room 11 Ben Johnson
Room 12 April White
Room 13 Robyn Crous

**Yr 5/6 Camp Raffle**

Reminder to get your camp raffle cards into the school office as soon as they are sold. If you are not intending to sell your raffle card then please return it to the office. All cards need to be accounted for.



SPORTS NEWS

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

Sports Fees

Reminder that **ALL outstanding Touch, Volleyball and Yr 7/8 Basketball fees are now due for payment. Could these please be paid to the school office by the end of the week, thanks.**

PTA NEWS

PTA BBQ Sausages/Juicees - Sausages and juicees (both \$2) are available every Friday. Remember to get your stamp between 8.30 - 9.00am in the Library. Please use the playground library door, not through the office, thanks. Please try and bring the correct change.

Friday BBQ Helpers - With a number of families having left the school last year, the PTA are looking for some more volunteers to help with cooking the sausages on a Friday lunchtime. It only takes about an hour of your time from around 11.50am - 12.50pm. 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 Hayley McIlwrick on 027 276 1644.

Second Hand Uniforms - The PTA have a range of 2nd hand uniform items available to purchase. Please check out the Winton School PTA FaceBook page to see what is available. If you are interested in purchasing something please message via the FB page or contact Mel McKenzie 027 805 2871.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Music Lessons

Individual lessons in piano and theory of music, beginner to Grade 5.

Time slots available for 2024.

Contact Gill Hendry 03 236 7413.

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons for children aged 6/7+

Email teresa.adendorff@gmail.com for booking lesson times and further information.

Winton Football Club Have-a-Go Session

Past members as well as anyone new to the sport and club are welcome to join in the fun for 4 – 17 year olds, girls and boys. All enquiries to wintonfooballnz@gmail.com

When: Thursday, 7 March 2024

Time: 4 - 5pm

Place: Moores Reserve, Price Road, Winton

Central Academy Dance School

Sarah from Central Academy Dance School will be at school tomorrow lunchtime. Year 4-8s are welcome to come along to learn a dance and see if they enjoy it and want to join for after school lessons!

Contact Sarah on sarahdancebookings@gmail.com for more information about after school lessons.

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL
FOOTBALL FESTIVAL
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WINTON

- When: 29th February 2024 (Thursday)
- Where: Central Southland College
- Time: 4 pm to 6pm
- For: All age group

ENQUIRIES TO RYAN@SOUTHLANDFOOTBALL.ORG.NZ FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER VISIT WWW.SOUTHLANDFOOTBALL.ORG.NZ

CENTRAL SOUTHLAND OUT OF SCHOOL MUSIC CLASSES 2024

- Guitar
- Keyboard/Piano
- Ukulele
- Sing appreciation
- Drum/percussion TBA

LEARN TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT

Lessons Each Tuesday (school term) for primary School Students between 4pm & 5pm

Registration Day Feb 20th CSC hall 4pm

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