

**Upcoming Events****Week 10**

Tues 27 Jun - Yr 8 Deep Cove Camp  
 Fri 30 Jun  
 Fri 30 Jun End of Term 2

**Term 3****Week 1**

Mon 17 Jun First day of Term 3

**Week 2**

Wed 26 July Board Meeting  
 Thurs 27 July Three Way Learner Conferences, 1-7pm.  
 Fri 28 July Assembly, 2pm

**Te kupu o te wiki**

'hararei'  
 Holiday

**Dear Parents / Caregivers,**

Roll: 272

This week it is 'Support Staff Appreciation Week'. As I have said many times, we are extremely fortunate to work alongside such a dedicated and committed team of Support Staff. A huge thank you to Jacalyn Reid, Judy Allison, Brenda Stirling, Sue Drake, Bex McKenzie, Rachael Harding, Sera Hubber, Shari McIntosh-Stodart, Debbie Wallace, Brenda Mee, Lyn Martin and Trevor Dyer.

Yesterday morning, our Year 8's headed off to Deep Cove in Doubtful Sound for their four day camp. I'm sure they're making the most of this once in a lifetime experience!

Well done to those students who competed in the Southland Cross Country Champs in Waimumu. Four came home in the top 10 with Charlotte Glover finishing third in the 10 Year Old Girls race!

Well done also to all our Year 5-8 students who took part in last week's Central Cup at the ILT Stadium, Invercargill. Their behaviour, sportsmanship and teamwork was top class. Congratulations to the Winton Kea team who won the Year 7&8 division!

Mid-Year Progress and Achievement Reports are being sent home via HERO tomorrow with Three Way Learner Conferences scheduled for Thursday 27 July. Booking info below. With HERO as our Student Management System and preferred choice for communication between home and school, we continue to roll out new features. At the beginning of next term we will be introducing 1:1 parent communication and the sharing of your child's learning through their learning page. The most effective way of using HERO is through the free app. If you have not already downloaded it, we recommend you do so.

The staff and Board have recently discussed the use of smart phones during school hours. Please ensure you read the statement below about some changes from the start of next term.

Have a great break!

**Steve Wadsworth,**  
**PRINCIPAL**

**Welcome to Winton School.....**

Finn Moodie who started in Room 3.

**3 Way Learner Conferences**

Three Way Learner Conferences are taking place in Week 2 next term:

**Thursday 27 July, 1-7pm (school finishing at 12:30pm)**

Bookings are now available on HERO - just click on the school bookings button and select a time slot.

Although school is finishing at 12.30pm on the Thursday, buses will be running as normal at 2.45pm. For supervision and safety reasons, you must inform the school office if your child will be staying at school on the Thursday afternoon please.

**Use of Smart Phones at School**

As a school we have made the decision to change our school policy regarding the use of smart phones during school hours. As you may be aware, research shows that New Zealand children overall are spending an increasing number of hours on mobile devices. Although, we have allowed personal devices to support learning through our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) agreement, we are finding that they are source of distraction and anxiety. From the beginning of next term students will still be able to bring their device to school, but must hand it in to their teacher when they get to school. It will be securely stored away and returned to them at the end of the day. For urgent messages, please contact the school office.

**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](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.

**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.

**Inter-House Competition**

Well done to Waiiau house for winning the last two Inter-House challenges - Cross Country and Kahoot Quiz. With half of this year's challenges complete, they are out in front on 34 points!

**2023 Points Board**

HOUSE	Athletics	STEM Challenge	Cross Country	Kahootz Quiz	Win it in a Minute	Tug o War	Teams Challenge	TOTAL
Aparima	5	5	5	5				20
Hokonui	10	3	3	5				21
Oreti	3	1	1	5				10
Takitimu	1	10	7	1				19
Waiiau	7	7	10	10				34

**What's Happening in Room 5.....**

Another busy term has come to an end in Room 5. We put in a huge effort at the Cross Country and showed our perseverance in running such a long distance. Rere would have been proud to see the Winton School Values demonstrated so well.

Dinosaurs and extinction have been hot topics in class during our Science Inquiry into "Change" which then lead onto learning about the changes in state from liquid to solid to gas.

The past few weeks we have been learning about fractions of sets and shapes in Maths as well as sharpening our skip counting skills in 2's, 5's and 10's.

The best end of day treat this week was to play Kahoot in teams using the i-pads. We even beat Mr Tucker in a fractions Kahoot challenge. Phew, time for a well deserved rest and recharge.





# SPORTS NEWS



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

### Outstanding Sports Fees

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

### Congratulations to....

Charlotte Glover who came 3rd at the Southland Cross Country event at Waimumu.

Winton Keas who won the Year 7/8 Central Cup competition at Invercargill last Thursday.

# PTA NEWS

### PTA 2nd Hand Uniforms

Currently we have a good supply of polar fleeces available if you need more for the upcoming colder months, 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 Denise Smith 03 236 1259 or 027 283 6203.

### PTA Ski Trip

Where: Remarkables Ski Field

When: Saturday, 26 August 2023

Cost: \$109/Child - includes Day Pass, Rental and Lesson for 1 hour

\$200/Adult - includes Day Pass and Rental

Forms available from the school office. These must be returned by Wednesday 2nd August with payment.

Your children will be your own responsibility. All children MUST be accompanied by an adult/caregiver over 16 years.

Transport is via personal car.

Please ring Megs Mitchell on 027 423 8720 or email [megsandbert@kinect.co.nz](mailto:megsandbert@kinect.co.nz) if you have any queries.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

### Central Southland College Variety Show

When: Thursday 29 June 2023 (Tomorrow)

Where: CSC School Hall

Time: 7:00pm

Cost: Adults \$10, Children/Students \$5

Tickets available from the College Office plus door sales also available on the night.

### Invercargill Musical Theatre Presents the SBS Bank Season of 'Jersey Boys'

The story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

When: Friday 7th - Saturday 22nd July 2023

Where: Civic Theatre, Invercargill

Time: Mid week shows 7:30pm; Sat 4:00pm; Sun 2:00pm

Tickets on sale now from <https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/>

**LET'S PLAY SOUTHLAND Holiday Tour**

ALL WELCOME

3-13 JULY FROM 11 A.M. TILL 1 P.M.

ACTIVE SOUTHLAND WILL BE IN YOUR LOCATION WITH THE PLAYERS AND FUN GAMES

SKIPPING, YOYO, HOOLA HOOPS... FREE PLAY AND LOTS MORE...

TAMARU CAN COME JOIN US. PLAY AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

**DATES & LOCATIONS**

3RD JULY	RIVERSDALE - PLAYGROUND
5TH JULY	ATHOL - TENNIS COURT
6TH JULY	TUATAPERE - MEMORIAL PARK & PLAYGROUND
11TH JULY	TOKANUI - RATA PARK
12TH JULY	RIVERTON - TARAMEA BAY
13TH JULY	OHAI - PLAYGROUND

**CONGRATULATIONS, YOU HAVE DYSLEXIA!**

*Great Minds Think Differently*

FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS & WHANAU

**WINTON:**  
 DATE: Wednesday 19 JULY  
 TIME: 7pm - 8:30pm  
 VENUE: Southern REAP - 224 Great North Road

**GORE:**  
 DATE: Thursday 20 JULY  
 TIME: 7pm - 8:30pm  
 VENUE: RSA Gore - 12 Bowler Avenue

COST: FREE OF CHARGE

When intelligent people struggle with reading, writing, and spelling they may be dyslexic. Dyslexia refers to differences in how the brain decodes language and number sequences. It is more common than we think.

How do we know if we are dyslexic? What practical steps can we take to understand what works best in our learning?

This is a free informative and interactive session for parents/caregivers, whanau and others who live with people with dyslexia. This session will inspire dyslexic people and their families to achieve their full potential.

Author / Facilitator: Mike Styles

For more information, or to enrol in this class please phone Southern REAP on 0800 111 117 or email [info@reap.co.nz](mailto:info@reap.co.nz)

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