

President's Piece

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Wow, we are at the end of Term 1 already! 11 weeks has gone by so quickly. We hope you all have a great 2 week break.

We would like to congratulate all the children who competed at the Southland Athletics a couple of weeks ago, especially our Southland Champions who will be acknowledged at this Friday's Assembly.

On Monday the Year 8's took part in the GRIP (Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, People) Leadership Day in Gore which was attended by over 30 schools. It was great to take on some leadership advice and learn some life skills. We would like to thank the PTA for funding the tickets for this annual event.

Today we had John Parsons come to school to talk to us all about social media and how to use it responsibly. We hope you all take his messages on board and keep yourselves safe on the internet. He is having a Parent Session in our Hall tonight starting at 6:30pm. We hope you can come along.

Next term we look forward to Cross Country, Young Einstein Quiz, Central Cup, Matariki and of course lots of learning.

Can you find a tiny RERE somewhere in this newsletter?

Anahera Schouten - President

Jonty Cubitt - Vice President



Upcoming Events

Week 11

Today	John Parsons visit Parent Sessions, 1:45-2:45 and 6:30-7:30pm Assembly, 1:45pm Last day of Term 1
Fri 12 April	
Thurs 25 April	ANZAC DAY

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Week 1

Mon 29 April	First day Term 2
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Week 2

Wed 8 May	Board Meeting
Fri 10 May	Assembly, 1:45pm

Te kupu o te wiki

Mā te wā
See you next time



Welcome to Winton School.....

Monroe Miller who started in Room 1.

'Internet Health and Wellbeing' Session with John Parsons

Are you concerned about how your child uses the internet or their mobile device?

We invite you to a presentation facilitated by cyber safety expert John Parsons on the issues associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile devices and the internet. Cybercrime is a very real issue facing NZ families in NZ, but there are easy practical steps to reduce the risk.

John, who is NZ's leading authority on safeguarding children online, is visiting our school today to share important internet safety messages to all our students. He will also be holding two Parent Sessions in our School Hall **TODAY**.

1:45-2:45pm and 6:30-7:30pm. Both sessions will be the same and be held in our School Hall.

You will be sure to leave with knowledge that will help you relate and build strong relationships with your child when it comes to their online activity.

ANZAC Service

Winton RSA have extended an invitation for local schools to attend the ANZAC Day service to be held on Thursday 25th April starting at 7am. Schools have been asked to assemble to the side of the Band Rotunda and will help lead the singing of the New Zealand national anthem. Winton School students who would like to be a part of this service are to meet beside the Band Rotunda at 6.45am. All students to wear their school uniform please.



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 non-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.

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.

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.

At this week's Assembly.....

Welcome to new students, RERE & MITEY certificates, Room 11 sharing, Southland Athletics presentation, Inter-House Quiz Challenge results, President and Vice President Winton Way certificates.

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

Wow, isn't it hard to believe that we have been at school for 11 weeks? Room 5 has been humming with daily activity and the children have been getting stuck into some great learning across the curriculum. In Math we have been looking at 3 digit numbers and how to read and write them as well as the value each digit holds. We have also had great fun learning about volume and capacity over the past 2 weeks. We wrote some fun stories recently on how to catch the Easter Bunny and we also sketched some amazing sunflowers with a little inspiration from Vincent van Gogh. The children are now ready for a well deserved break!

SPORTS NEWS

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

Sports Fees

Reminder that ALL outstanding Touch, Volleyball, Cricket, Hockey and Yr 7/8 Basketball fees are now due for payment. Could these please be paid by the end of the term, EFTPOS available at the office or into the school bank account 031750 0195550 00, 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.

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

PTA Oyster Raffle - One raffle card was issued, at the beginning of the week, to every family in the school. If you do not intend to sell the oyster raffle card then it must be handed straight back to the school office, as all cards, sold and unsold, have to be accounted for. All sold cards and money are to be returned to school by Thursday 2nd May.

COMMUNITY NEWS

School Holiday Activities

To help keep the kids occupied this school holidays, Great South and Invercargill City Council have created a School Holiday Activity Guide on SouthlandNZ.com.

Make school holiday activity planning a breeze with this handy activity guide, <https://southlandnz.com/invercargill-kids/>

There are indoor and outdoor activity options included, and an event calendar to make sure you don't miss out on any fun opportunities!

