

Upcoming Events

Week 2	
Fri 5 May	Assembly, 2pm
Week 3	
Tues 9 May	PTA Meeting
Wed 10 May	Board Meeting
Week 4	
Fri 19 May	Assembly, 2pm
Week 5	
Tues 23 May	Junior Cross Country
Wed 24 May	Staff Only Half Day
Fri 26 May	Senior Cross Country
Week 6	
Tues 30 May	Year 8 National Young Leaders Day, Dunedin.



Te kupu o te wiki

'Taonga'
Treasure

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Roll: 272
Even though we have been back at school for a week, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to school and a special welcome to all the new families who have joined our learning community. As you can see below, a number of new students has meant our roll has climbed rather quickly into the 270's.

This term we look forward to Cross Country events, two Inter-House Challenges, Year 8 National Young Leaders Day, Year 5-8 Young Einstein Quiz, Central Cup, Junior and Senior Discos and Mid-Year Reports. The Year 8's will also be heading off into Fiordland National Park in Week 10 for their Deep Cove experience. Your child's teacher will be sending home, through HERO, a notice about the term ahead this Friday.

We will of course be getting stuck into plenty of teaching and learning, remembering our Winton School values and flexing those Learner Muscles!

Like all schools across the country, one of the challenges we are faced with is decreasing attendance rates. The Ministry of Education's minimum target for attendance is 90% which translates to no more than one day per fortnight of non-attendance. Unfortunately, we have a growing number of students whose attendance rate is far below this. While we appreciate that sickness plays it part, we are seeing an increasing number of unjustified absences which can be regarded as truancy. We need to work together with families and whanau to ensure your child can make the most of their learning opportunities by attending school regularly. We have also noticed a growing number of children who arrive at school well after 9am. Please ensure your child is here before 8:55am everyday so that they can have a great start to the day. We are committed to supporting all families in any way possible. If you have any concerns or need support, please contact the school.

Steve Wadsworth,
PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Winton School.....

Leo Cummings, Jayden Gutschlag, Lexie Harper, Nate Jones, Miley McKenzie, Holly Ferris and Jed Holmes who all started in Room 3, Noah Te Namu Room 4, Ava-Rose Te Namu and Quade White Room 5, Bailey White Room 8 and Robyn Crous Room 12.

Staff Only Half Day - Wednesday 24 May

In Term 3 we will be introducing the Mitey programme. Mitey is an evidence based, school wide approach to teaching mental health education, helping students build the necessary and age appropriate skills, knowledge and understanding they need to nurture their own emotional wellbeing and those of others.

So that we can learn more about this programme and effectively introduce it into our daily learning, we have planned a half day of Professional Learning Development. This will be taking place on **Wednesday 24 May (Week 5) from 1-4 pm.**

We would appreciate it if alternative arrangements could be made for your child/ren on this afternoon. Because Support Staff will also be involved in this PLD, we will have no staff available to supervise students. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

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 myself.

At This Week's Assembly.....

Welcome to new children, RERE certificates, Room 10 sharing, Principal Pin Ups.

What's Happening in Room 7....

It has been an exciting start to Term 2 in Room 7. We have created some amazing artworks to mark Anzac Day, which are on display outside our classroom. In Writing, we have been using our senses to describe Autumn and we have been crafting our ideas into sentences with lots of powerful adjectives. In Maths, we are learning all about multiplication and division. We are explaining our reasoning in lots of ways to prove our answers. We have started our new Inquiry topic by developing our questioning skills and researching extinct and endangered animals. This term we will be building up our fitness and stamina, and enjoying the outdoors, by doing cross country running.



Meet the Team Debbie Wallace - Teacher Aide

Hi, I'm Debbie and I am excited to join the Winton School team as a Teacher Aide. Already, I recognise familiar and friendly faces from Swim Safe tutoring for Southern REAP and volunteering at Central Southland Swimming Club. After school, I am Head Swim Teacher for Southland Swim School at Makarewa Pool. I am really enjoying assisting teachers with student's learning.



SPORTS NEWS

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

Fun Sticks / Mini Sticks Hockey - Reminder that \$20 entry fee should be paid to the school office as soon as possible please.

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.

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting - The next meeting of the PTA will be held on Tuesday 9th May at 7:30pm in the lounge bar meeting room at Winton Top Pub. All parents welcome to attend.

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 Masked Singer - Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for this show. The PTA is looking forward to presenting this to the community. There are very few seats left, contact Suzan 027 726 0907. You don't want to miss out on this show!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Southland Ski Club Ski Weeks 2023

Registrations are open to attend the Southland Ski Club Camps in 2023. Ski weeks are held during the July school holidays (3-7 July, 10-14 July). Participants arrive the night before.

- All ski week participants must;
- be aged 10 - 18yrs
 - still be attending school
 - reside in the Southland region or prove a close affiliation to the area

To register please contact southlandskiclub@gmail.com for a registration form and further information.



ANZAC Day Service



Super Hero Fundraiser