Dear Parents / Caregivers,

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What an amazing adventure our Year 5 students had at Camp Columba in Pukerau last week! Their first over night camp experience at Winton School will be something they remember for a long time! A huge thank you to the staff and parent helpers who gave their time to organise and support the trip.

Rooms 6 to 13 have been doing a great job in the CSC pool over the past 2 weeks, learning vital water safety and swimming skills. Rooms 1 to 5 kick off their lessons this coming Monday, so please remember to pack togs and towels every day!

Excitement is building for tomorrow night's Winton's Got Talent Finals Show! We have so much incredible talent in our school and it is guaranteed to be a great night of entertainment. Well done to all the brave children who took part in our lunchtime heats and showing us your talent. Our guest judges are looking forward to seeing and hearing from our amazing finalists. Thank you to our PTA who will be selling refreshments at half time. All the action kicks of 6:30pm in our hall.

Thank you to the families who submitted responses for our 2027 & 2028 Strategic Planning Survey. We had 37 responses, which along with staff and student voice will contribute towards our new look Strategic Plan moving forward. Congratulations to Gemma Ross and the Priscilla Haora for each winning a $100 New World voucher.

Finally, I would like to, once again thank the PTA, in particular Bridgett Hitchens and the Masked Singer Sub-Committee for all of the amazing organisation in the lead up to and on the day of the Masked Singer Show. It was an incredible night of entertainment which ended up raising over $35,000 for our school! This is a phenomenal achievement that will directly benefit all of our learners. We are so lucky to have such an active PTA and a community who supports the school.

Steve Wadsworth

Principal

Upcoming Events

Week 6

Thurs 19 Nov	Winton's Got Talent Finals Evening

Week 7

Mon 23 Nov	Junior Swimming starts. Book Fair Week
Fri 27 Nov	Community Assembly, 9:15am

Week 8

Tues 1 Dec	PTA Meeting
Wed 2 Dec	Board Meeting
Fri 4 Dec	Inter-House Teams Challenge

Week 9

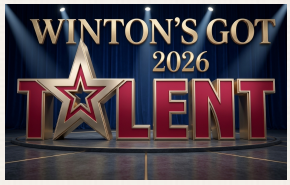
Tues 8 Dec	More FM 'Give a Little Christmas' Mufti Day Year 8 BBQ
Wed 9 Dec	Prizegiving Assembly, CSC Reports home
Thurs 10 Dec	Water Fight
Fri 11 Dec	Last Half Day

The first day back at school for students next year will be Wednesday 3 February.

School Uniform

The Board are meeting tonight to, among other things, finalise our new look Winton School Uniform. This will be based on all the feedback we received from the Uniform Survey last term. Information regarding this will be coming out next week. Thank you for your patience.

Winton's Got Talent 2026



A huge well done to all the children who took part in our lunchtime Year Group heats over the past two weeks and congratulations to the acts that have made it through to tomorrow night's Winton's Got Talent Finals Evening. The show gets under way at 6:30pm with the PTA selling refreshments during a half time break.

Week 2, Term 4 RERE Awards



Room 1 Harriet Kelly & Tahatika Tuhakaraina
Room 3 Ted Leith & Nixon Armitage
Room 4 Maggie Muskett & Quinn Price
Room 5 Ivy Collins & Charlie Fenn
Room 6 Finley Smith & George McKinley
Room 7 Aleeah Turner & Llhyyansmayne Paulose
Room 8 William King & Liné Jooste
Room 9 Larrah Bell & Jordan Payne
Room 10 Blake Roberts & Kayla Preston
Room 11 Meenu Gunasekara & Isabel Rolton
Room 12 Sophie Blatch & Memphis Maloney
Room 13 Lilly Deam & Harlyn Latchford

Week 2, Term 4 MITEY Awards



Room 1 Pixie Burgess
Room 3 Harper Jeffrey
Room 4 Jenaia Haora
Room 5 Rosie Maxwell
Room 6 Harper Caig
Room 7 Hunter Dempsey
Room 8 Noah Te Namu
Room 9 Deena McDonald
Room 10 Amelia King
Room 11 Bayden Clark
Room 12 Lisara Gunasekara
Room 13 Holly White



Week 2, Term 4 Winton Way Awards

Mila Collier, Harper Jeffrey, Mason Fairbairn, Ryder Daly, Lucca Armitage, Ollie Caldwell, Thomas Aimers, Isabel Rolton, Sophie Blatch, Holly White.

Year 5 & 6 Camps

Reminder to please check HERO accounts as there are some parent and student camp fees still to be paid. Unless you have made arrangements with the office, could these please be paid as soon as possible. School bank account Winton Board of Trustees 031750 0195550 00 or EFTPOS is available at the school office.

Some End of Year Dates

Fri 4 Dec	Inter-House Teams Challenge
Tues 8 Dec	Year 8 BBQ
Wed 9 Dec	Reports home Prizegiving Assembly, CSC
Thurs 10 Dec	2027 Class Swap Water Fight
Fri 11 Dec	Last Half Day
Wed 3 Feb	**First day for 2027.**

Scholastic Book Fair - Week 7

We are holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair in the Library before and after school each day starting next Monday 23 November. It's a great chance to purchase books for your family or some extra Christmas presents. EFTPOS will be available. Our school will get a percentage of the books sold to purchase books for our school library.

No Out of Zone Enrolments for 2027

With next year's roll starting higher than in previous years, the Board made a decision at our last meeting to not open up any Out of Zone spaces for next year.

What's Happening in Room 9

Kia Ora from Room 9

What a fantastic term we have had so far with our part of 'Winton On Demand' production presenting "Suzie's World". We loved performing our show and we all excelled with Deena McDonald as an exceptional Suzie, along with our Scientists, Nutritionalist, Mathematicians and Gas Busters. We have just come back from an awesome camp experience at Camp Columba in Pukerau. The weather played its part with everyone challenging themselves to give all activities a go. We especially loved the kayaking, great Zipline and the Flying Kiwi. We are learning about survival skills in open water in the CSC pool last week and this week. Lots of great challenges and fun for us.

SPORTS NEWS

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SPORTS FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE COMPETITION START DATE.

There are a number of sports fees that are now due for payment to the school. Bank account number 031750 0195550 00 or EFTPOS available at the office. Please check your HERO accounts for outstanding payments.

Gymsports - $10 entry fee for all those who took part in the Gymnastics Festival are now overdue and need to be paid before the end of this week please.

Miniball Competition - $45 entry fee for those playing in Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6 Miniball Competition are now due for payment.

Yr 7/8 Basketball - $15 entry fee for those in Yr 7/8 playing in the Basketball Competition at CSC are now overdue for payment.

Yr 7/8 Junior High Basketball Competition - $50 entry fee for those in Yr 7/8 playing in the Junior High Basketball Competition in Invercargill are now due for payment please.

PTA NEWS

Next Meeting - Tuesday 1st December, Staffroom.

Friday BBQ - Sausages ($2) and CookieTime cookies ($1) are available this Friday lunchtime. Please bring the correct change. Remember to get your stamps in the library between 8:30 - 9:00am. Please use the outside library door, not through the office thank you.

PTA 2nd Hand Uniforms - For all 2nd hand uniform requirements please contact Melissa Mckenzie 027 805 2871.

COMMUNITY NEWS









