

**Dear Parents / Caregivers,**

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Welcome back to another new year at Winton School. I hope you all had an enjoyable break with friends and family and are ready for another great year of teaching, learning, celebrations and achievements at Winton School. A special RERE welcome to the large number of new families we have welcomed to our learning community over the past week. A special welcome also to Kayla Hodson, Andrew Reading and Hannah Reading who have joined the teaching team.

You will be able to hear about what's happening in your child's class and across the school through our new look 'Meet the Teacher / Information Evening' next week. This will be held online via Zoom this year for the first time. We surveyed our community last year and with many parents being able to be at home, we are hoping to get an increase in engagement this year. More information below.

The year started off with a bang with one of our 'Agri Kids' teams making the National Final. Well done to all those involved. Check out those smiles!

Over the past year our major focus area has been literacy and language development with a particular focus on oral language. This has shown productive gains in achievement across all curriculum areas. It is a testament to the hard work put in by our teachers and of course the students themselves. We will be holding a Teacher Only Day on Friday 4th March. This day will be used to further strengthen our knowledge with our amazing facilitators. We are looking forward to further improvement in both teacher capability and student achievement this year.

I am looking forward to the term ahead and with such a supportive community, dedicated staff and Board of Trustees, I am sure it will be another fantastic one!

**Craig Tucker,**  
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

**Upcoming Events****Term 1****Week 2**

Wed 16 Feb

Board of Trustees Mtg

**Week 3**

Tues 22 Feb

Team 3 Meet the Teacher

Wed 23 Feb

Team 2 Meet the Teacher

Thurs 24 Feb

Team 1 Meet the Teacher

**Week 4**

Thurs 3 Mar

Assembly

Fri 4 Mar

Teacher Only Day

**Week 5**

Wed 9 Mar

Junior Athletics

Fri 11 Mar

Senior Athletics

**Week 6**

Fri 18 Mar

Central Athletics

**Te kupu o te wiki**

Ata Whakarongo

listen carefully

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

Meila Smith, Thomas Aimers & Ryder Allan who started in Room 1; Aarza Kaur, Bede McFarlane, Xanthe Te-Awe-Awe, Isaac Van Miltenburg, Cooper Walters & Calais Boyer Room 3; Meenu Gunasekara Room 4; Kalia-Rose Boyer Room 5; Alex McFarlane, Lisara Gunasekara & Dani Spijker Room 6; Corbin Spijker Room 7; Keraah Astle Room 9; Cooper North Room 12.

**Meet the Teacher Evenings**

On Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th February, we will be having our Meet the Teacher and Information Evening. Due to the current COVID restrictions these will be held via Zoom. Rooms 11-13 will be held on the Tuesday; Rooms 6-10 on Wednesday and Rooms 1-5 on Thursday. We encourage you to join your child's teacher and hear all about the wonderful things that will be happening in their room this year. Your child's teacher will send you a Zoom invite via Seesaw.

**Teacher Only Day - Friday 4 March**

On Friday 4th March (Week 4) this term, staff will be involved in a Teacher Only Day. After a successful year of Professional Learning and Development in 2021, we have chosen to have one of these this term for Professional Development relating to one of our key focus areas this year. It is a fantastic opportunity for staff to develop their knowledge and further support your children in class. Thank you in advance for making alternative arrangements for your children on this 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](mailto:admin@winton.school.nz) or via the school's Facebook page or Skool Loop app.

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

**School Uniform**

All boys should now be wearing the new boys school shirt. A reminder that polar fleeces and soft-shell jackets with the school logo are also available from UniformNZ. A link is on the school website.

**Hats, Hats, Hats!**

Because we are a sun safe school, hats are to be worn when playing outside this term. School sun hats can be purchased from the office, for \$9, or from The Warehouse. Please note the new price for school sunhats.

**Electronic Newsletter**

The newsletter is produced every fortnight and is sent home to families electronically. In order for us to do this we need to ensure that we have the correct email address for all families. Could you please ensure that the office has your correct email address.

**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.

**Scholastic Book Club**

Reminder that **ALL** Scholastic Book Club orders must be handed into the office by this Friday morning, 18 February. Please note that parents can also order and pay online via the Parent Loop on the Scholastic website.

**What's Happening in Room 6.....**

Wow! What a fantastic start to 2022 in Room 6. We are settling into our class routines and expectations. We have spent the last week getting to know each other and discussed our school values. We are beginning to use Learner Muscles in all areas of learning. We have completed our Super Hero characters and masked selfies, with all the words that describe us, hidden by our masks. This week Miss McAlister is spending time getting to know our tamariki and creating art pieces. We would love you to see our awesome art work when parents are allowed back at school.

# SPORTS NEWS

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

**Central Western Cricket** - Practice starts TODAY for Year 5/6 & 7/8 at Moores Reserve, Winton. 4:00pm for Yr 5/6 and 4:30pm for Yr 7/8. Games are held on Saturday mornings with Term 1 competition commencing on 19th February. Existing and new players welcome. For more information contact Mike Newell (for Yr7/8) 021 331 173 or Nathan Lyall (Yr 5/6) 027 558 7835. Please note that for the Yr 5/6 team to function it will require parents to run practice and be in charge on Saturdays.

## PTA NEWS

**PTA BBQ Sausages/Juicees** - Sausages, for \$2, and Juicees, \$1, will be available this Friday 18th February. 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** - 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 Bridgett Aitken on 0276994718. Please note following on from the COVID information and government mandate issued last year for schools, all volunteers including PTA and BBQ helpers are required to be vaccinated. Evidence of your vaccination status will need to be forwarded to the school principal. All information will be held in line with the Privacy Act 2020.

**PTA 2nd Hand Uniforms** - For all 2nd hand uniform requirements please contact Denise Smith 03 236 1259 or 027 283 6203.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Hockey Turf For Sale

With the laying of the new surface comes your chance to purchase a piece of the old turf at \$20 per lineal meter (strips are approx. 3.5m wide and anywhere from 7m - 12m in length) If you are interested please contact either Graham Balfour (021 790 024) or Carol Tait (021 477 446).

### Winton Football Club Inc

The club's AGM will be held in the Presbyterian Church's lounge on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 7:30pm. All welcome. Enquiries to [wintonfootballnz@gmail.com](mailto:wintonfootballnz@gmail.com)

### Winton Netball Club Trials 2022

Monday 28th February Prens 6:30 - 8:30pm  
 Tuesday 1st March Yr 9-13 & Seniors 6:30 - 9:00pm  
 Wednesday 2nd March Yr 7/8 5:30 - 8:00pm  
 Thursday 3rd March Yr 5/6 3:30 - 5:00pm  
 Monday 7th March Prens 6:30 - 8:30pm  
 Tuesday 8th March Quik 6 Yr 3/4 3:30 - 5:00pm  
 Wednesday 9th March Yr 7/8 5:30 - 8:00pm  
 Thursday 10th March Yr 5/6 3:30 - 5:00pm & Yr 9-13 & Seniors 6:30-9:00pm

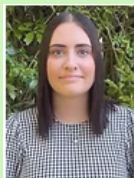
Please ensure you load your vaccine pass if your are 12 years and 3 months.

Year 3's are now able to play netball, so please spread the word and register if you would like to play.

Any issues in regards to registrations or if your unable to attend trials please contact Jo McIlwrack 027 327 5352

Please register via this link <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/191626>

### Meet the Team - Kayla Hodson Room 11 Year 7



Tēnā tātou katoa, my name is Kayla Hodson and I am a beginning teacher in Room 11. This is my first year teaching and I am very excited to be a part of Winton School and the Winton community. I grew up just out of Winton on a dairy farm, where I was lucky enough to be able to work for my parents throughout high school and studying. I now live out of Riverton on another dairy farm and in my spare time I love being creative or getting outdoors to play sport, hunt, fish, hike, or surf. I am really looking forward to a great first year here at Winton School.



Agri Kids Team



Road Patrol Training