

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

Today	Reports home Prizegiving Assembly, CSC
Thurs 14 Dec	Class Swap, 10:30am Water Fight, 2pm Year 8 BBQ
Fri 15 Dec	Last Half Day School finishing at 12:30

**The first day back at school for students next year will be Wednesday 31st January.**

**There will be a Staff Only Day on Monday 5 February (4 day Waitangi weekend)**

**Te kupu o te wiki**

'Kirihimete'  
Christmas

**Dear Parents / Caregivers,**

Roll: 284

Well done to all our tamariki for the way they participated in last Friday's Inter-House Teams Challenge. It was a great day of teamwork, sportsmanship and competition. A huge thanks to Brenda Mee for organising the day and well done to Waiiau 2 and Hokonui 4 for being the top teams on the day. Final standings for the Ryder Shield will be shared at tonight's Prizegiving Assembly!

Your child's End of Year Report will be posted on HERO today. Included is next year's teacher and classroom. Plenty of discussion went into the placement of your child with many factors taken into consideration. Thank you for your support with this. Students will get to spend some time with their 2024 class tomorrow morning.

Tonight we are holding our End of Year Prize Giving Assembly in the CSC hall, beginning at 6pm. We look forward to celebrating another fantastic year, acknowledging the efforts of many and farewelling our Year 8 students. Our PTA will be selling refreshments during the break and the evening will be live streamed on our school Facebook page.

With this being the last newsletter for the year, I would like to thank everyone in our learning community for another productive year at Winton School. We are able to offer plenty of wonderful opportunities and experiences for our students because of the efforts of so many. Thank you for your continued support!

A reminder that school finishes at 12:30pm this Friday and will be a Mufti Day. Please note that buses will not be running at lunchtime, therefore students will need to be picked up from school.

On behalf of all the staff and Board, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday break with family and friends.

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

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

Ometh and Yenuli Welengoda who started in Rooms 7 and 3.

**2023 End of Year Prizegiving Assembly - TONIGHT, 6pm**

We are holding our End of Year Prizegiving Assembly in the Central Southland College Hall **tonight**, starting at 6pm. The evening will include speeches, class awards, visual presentations, Year 8 graduation, awards and a Year 8 skit. **There will be a half time break for those wishing to leave after all speeches and class certificates have been presented.** Our PTA will be selling refreshments during the break. The evening will be professionally live streamed, a link to this will be posted on HERO.

**Outstanding Library Books**

Unfortunately, there are a number of school library books unaccounted for. Notices regarding these have been sent home. Please have a good look for these books and return to the school by the end of this week, thanks. Students will be billed for any unaccounted books.

**2024 School Stationery**

We are excited to have teamed up with Warehouse Stationery for our 2024 stationery requirements, helping make stationery ordering a breeze by integrating with the Hero Parent App. Soon, you will see the new 'Order Stationery' icon appear on the landing page of your Hero App. This will direct you straight to your child's school stationery list for 2024. Stationery list orders can be made at any time, however to get the best deals, Warehouse Stationery's **Back-to-School pricing will go live on Wednesday 3rd January 2024**, with both delivery and click and collect options available.

**Winton School Movie**

A reminder that our school movie is available online to rent or buy at the link below. Thank you for all of your support. If you are interested, there are still some cards, posters, t-shirts and hoodies for sale at a reduced price in the office.

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/thegreatswordofisthugul>

**Uniform**

A reminder that last term the Board ratified that socks, for both boys and girls, will be short navy crew ones. These were phased in this term and will be compulsory from the start of next year. The Board also ratified a new optional black sports hoodie. This is to be worn at sporting events only, i.e. athletics, touch, cross county, hockey, etc. **NOT** general day to day school wear. Hoodies are available for order through Uniform NZ and have been added to the Winton School Uniform options on their website <https://www.uniformnz.com/shop/wintonprimary/uniforms/515>

**School Accounts on HERO**

**There are a number of students accounts still outstanding. Reminder to all parents to please check your school account on HERO (the \$ button). This is where all fees due to be paid to the school can be found ie sports fees, Technology fees, uniform items and school camp costs. ALL outstanding amounts need to be paid by the end of this week. School bank account number is 031750 0195550 00.**

**Some End of Year Dates**

Wed 13 Dec	Prizegiving Assembly, CSC. Reports sent out.
Thurs 14 Dec	Water Fight
Fri 15 Dec	Last Half Day

**Wed 31 Jan First Day of School for students next year. Please note buses will not be running on this day. Parents will have to transport students for this day.**

Mon 5 Feb Staff Only Day (before Waitangi Day - 4 day weekend)

**2024 Classes**

Room 1	Janelle Gentle	Year 0/1
Room 3	Jo Gilliland	Year 1
Room 4	Debbie Riley & Brittany Guise (nee McAlister)	Year 1/2
Room 5	Carolyn Eade	Year 2/3
Room 6	Bev O'Neill	Year 3
Room 7	Andrew Reading	Year 3/4
Room 8	Rachel Davis	Year 4/5
Room 9	Vicki Collett & Mel Brunell	Year 5
Room 10	Fiona Flack	Year 6/7
Room 11	Kayla Hodson	Year 7
Room 12	Catherine McKenzie	Year 7/8
Room 13	Rachel Gill	Year 8

Nicole McLiskey will not be returning as she will be the new Deputy Principal at Bluff School. Catherine McKenzie will be the Senior Team Leader next year. Kelly Shaw will be a Release Teacher and Maryse Varaine will be Literacy Leader / Support.

Ian Rogers - Hard Materials and Hildamae Munro - Soft Materials.

**What's Happening in Room 11 .....**

Tēnā koutou from Akomanga 11. Wow, what a busy Term 4 we have had! We participated in the NZ ShakeOut earthquake drill, went to Technology and made some tino pai creations. Travelled down to CSC for senior swimming to learn essential water safety skills. Some of us went down to the Adventure Southland Ropes Course to push our limits, face our fears, challenge ourselves and learn key leadership skills. We dressed up for the Book Fair week and brought lots of tu meke books and fun stationery. Had a blast dressing up in our house colours last Friday for our final Inter-House Challenge of the year. Room 11 is looking forward to the water fight, prize giving, class swap, final day of Year 7 and the holidays.



# 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 (the \$ sign) as there are still some outstanding sports fees that need to be paid to the school as soon as possible. These include Touch, Triathlon, Hockey, Yr 7/8 Adventure Race, Yr 3/4 Miniball, Yr 5/6 Miniball, Yr 7/8 Invercargill and CSC Basketball competitions. School bank account number for payment is 031750 019550 00.

# PTA NEWS

### PTA 2nd Hand Uniforms

Currently we have a good supply of polar fleeces available, 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 Melissa McKenzie via the PTA Facebook page or phone 027 805 2871.

### PTA Friday BBQ

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped cook the Friday sausage BBQ this year.

We have a number of families who are ending their association with Winton School so we would love to have some new helpers for the BBQ roster. It only takes an hour of your time on a Friday lunchtime. If you can help then please message the PTA via their Facebook page or contact Haley McIlwrick 027 276 1644.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**SDC SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
Get #ActiveAS with our #FunAS Holiday Programmes

**LOCATIONS**

- Te Anau - Wednesday 17th January
- Mosburn - Friday 19th January
- Wyndham - Tuesday 23rd January
- Tuatapere - Thursday 25th January
- Riverton - Friday 26th January
- Winton - Monday 29th January
- Riverdale - Tuesday 30th January
- Rakura - Friday 2nd February

**\$6 PER CHILD**

**5-12 YEARS**

**10AM - 3PM**

To register, visit our event page on our website: [www.activesouthland.co.nz](http://www.activesouthland.co.nz)



### Music Lessons

Individual lessons in piano and theory of music. Beginner to Grade 5. Times available for 2024. Contact Gill Hendry 03 236 7413

### Piano Lessons

Piano lessons for children aged 6/7+ Email [teresa.adendorff@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.adendorff@gmail.com) for booking lesson times and further information.



Inter-House Teams Challenge



Teams Challenge Winners