

Upcoming Events**Week 6**

Thurs 9 March Senior Athletics

Week 7

Tues 14 March Central Athletics, CSC

Week 8

Tues 21 Mar PTA AGM

Week 9

Wed 29 Mar Learner Conferences, 1-7pm
(school finishing 12:30pm)
 Thurs 30 Mar Learner Conferences, 3.15-6pm
 Fri 31 Mar Community Assembly, 2pm

Week 10

Thurs 6 Apr Last Day of Term 1
 Fri 7 Apr **Good Friday**

Term 2**Week 1**

Mon 24 Apr **Teacher Only Day**
 Tues 25 Apr ANZAC DAY
 Wed 26 Apr First Day of Term 2

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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Roll: 256

We are now half way through the first term and what a great start to the year it has been. Classes are up and running with their routines and systems and students are flexing their Learner Muscles within our teaching and learning programmes.

Well done to all our Junior athletes for the way they conducted themselves at our St Thomas and Winton School Junior Athletics yesterday. Plenty of effort, determination and support was displayed in what was a great afternoon of running, jumping and throwing. Thank you to our House Leaders and Junior team for supporting our students and to Mrs Mee for organising the event. The next two events are our St Thomas and Winton School Senior Athletics tomorrow and the Central event being held at CSC next Tuesday.

It was great to acknowledge some of our Senior Leaders at last Friday's Community Assembly. Our House Leaders, Magazine Team, PALs, Techie Team, Librarians, Ambassadors, Drama Club and Beyblade Club leaders are now proudly wearing their new look badges and have made a great start in their respective roles.

Last week I posted on HERO an article that has been written about the success we are having with our Structured Literacy approach, both in terms of strengthened practice and improved student outcomes. To learn more about Structured Literacy, how the brain learns to read and the strategies that best support that process, there is a Parent Session being held at Lochiel School on Saturday 25th March. Details below in Community Notices.

Please take note of the information in this newsletter about our upcoming Three Way Learner Conferences in Week 9 and a Teacher Only Day planned for straight after the school holidays on Monday 24 April.

Steve Wadsworth,
PRINCIPAL

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

Melody Keil who started in Room 13 and Rose Keil in Room 8.

Three Way Learner Conferences

Term 1 Three Way Learner Conferences will be taking place in Week 9:

Wednesday 29 March, 1 - 7pm (school finishing at 12:30pm) and
Thursday 30 March, 3:15 - 6:00pm

Bookings will be available on HERO from next Wednesday. More information will be sent out next week.

STAFF ONLY DAY - MONDAY 24 APRIL (First day of Term 2)

The Ministry of Education has made available 4 Teacher Only Days (2 this year and 2 next year) for all schools to engage in some PD around what is known as the Curriculum Refresh (a re-design of the NZ Curriculum).

The first needs to be taken in the first 2 weeks of Term 2, so we have decided to have ours on **Monday 24 April**, meaning the first day of Term 2 for students will be Wednesday 26 April (After ANZAC Day). For this PD, we will be hosting staff from all Central Schools. Thank you for your support.

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.

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

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.

Hats, Hats, Hats!

As we are a sun safe school, hats are to be worn when playing outside this term. School sun hats are available for purchase from The Warehouse or the School Office.

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.

Subway/Bakery Lunch Orders

Subway lunch orders can be made on Tuesdays. Orders can be dropped off at the school office before 9am or ordered direct via the school lunches link on the Subway app.

Bakery lunches are now available every Thursday. Orders can be dropped off at the office before 9am in a named, sealed envelope with the correct money or order direct at The Bakery before 10am. There are some changes to The Bakery prices and options. Please see the attached list for reference.

Student School Accounts

Student school accounts are available for viewing on HERO. Could parents please check these and make payment to the school for any outstanding items. Many families will have technology fees and school camps coming up this year. An ideal way to budget and cover the cost of these payments is to pay instalments into your child's school account. This can be done at the school office, EFTPOS available, or into the school bank account 031750 0195550 00.

Week 5, Term 1 RERE Awards

Room 3 Carlos Finn
 Room 4 Hugo McDowall, Connor Millar & Emily-Rose Fitzsimmons
 Room 5 Wyatt Kelly, Jordan Payne & Emersyn Bradley
 Room 6 Meenu Gunasekara, Kayla Preston & Cooper Laughton
 Room 7 - - - -
 Room 8 Ashton Kemp, Lilly Maguire & Josiah Van Miltenburg
 Room 9 Sojivy Sim, Joe Johnson & Charlotte Glover
 Room 10 Lucas Rampersaud, Kahn McMullien & Sophie Mitchell
 Room 11 Ezekiel Mackie, Lily Ashburn, & Ava Millar
 Room 12 Maddox Whitaker, Robbie Batt & Poppy White
 Room 13 Phillip Irwin, Shayla Pink & Zack Leask

What's Happening in Room 8

Room 8 has had a fantastic start to the year. We have 28 fabulous learners that have started to bond really well with each other. Did you know that Room 8 has a kitchen attached to their classroom this year? So far we have made Zucchini Fritters and Fried Marrows. We are getting used to different flavours and trying foods we have never tried before. We have been practising hard for Athletics and we are really looking forward to Athletics tomorrow. We can't wait to see if we can reach our personal goals. Feel free to pop in to see us anytime.



SPORTS NEWS



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

Touch - Please remember to check the Touch Southland website for the weekly draw. There are still a few players who have yet to pay for Touch. Could ALL outstanding Touch fees please be paid to the school office or into the school bank account, 031750 0195550 00, as soon as possible.

Yr 7/8 Triathlon - Reminder that ALL entry fees for all those who took part in the Yr 7/8 Triathlon are now overdue and must be paid to the school office as soon as possible.

Yr 7/8 Basketball - Could all Yr 7/8 students playing in the basketball competition in Invercargill please pay their entry fee to the school office as soon as possible please.

PTA NEWS

Friday BBQ - Sausages and Juices are on sale this Friday. **Please note Juices are now \$2, sausages remain at \$2.** Please bring the correct change. Remember to get your stamps in the library between 8:30 - 9:00am. Please use the library door, not through the office.

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 for next term then please contact Bridgett Aitken on 027 699 4718 or Jo McIlwrick 027 327 5352.

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

PTA AGM - Will be held on Tuesday 21 March at 7:30pm at Winton's Top Pub Garden Bar. All parents welcome to attend. Would be great to see some new parents get involved.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Winton Football Club

Winton Football Club will be holding a 'have a go' session for juniors (4-16 year olds, male and female). Previous and new players are welcome.

When: Thursday 9 March 2023

Where: Moore's Reserve, Winton

Time: 4:00pm

Enquiries can be made to wintonfootballnz@gmail.com or via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/113443465355509/> Past players can just register with MyComet <https://mycomet-oceania.analyticom.de/> using their username and password from last year.

Drummond Netball Club 2023 Junior Meet

When: Thursday 16 March 2023

Where: Drummond School Courts

Time: 4:00pm

Who For: Boys and girls in Years 3-8

All past, present and new players welcome.

Any queries please contact Bridgette 017 307 0813

Piano / Music Lessons

Piano and music theory lessons, beginners to Grade 5. Limited time slots available for this year. Contact Gill Hendry 03 236 7413.

Lochiel School Fundraiser



Saturday, March 25, 2023

Lochiel School Network Presents

EMMA NAHNA

Emma is a literacy-focused speech-language therapist with a passion for sharing learning with others. She is an incredible public speaker, focused on supporting others to understand and embed evidence-informed, effective literacy and oral language teaching for all students. Emma has worked overseas and all-around New Zealand – but this is her first trip to Southland!

SESSION 1: 9 AM TO 10 AM

The day kicks off from 9-10 with a 1-hour parent focused session, where Emma will discuss the basics and benefits of a Structured Literacy approach. This session is strongly recommended for parents of children attending a structured literacy school, as well as parents with a child who may be struggling with learning to read and spell. This hour costs \$25 and is sure to support you in understanding how the brain learns to read and what teaching strategies best support that process.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/Invercargill-March-2023-Parents>

SESSION 2: 10:30 AM TO 4 PM

There will then be an in-depth professional development session available to everyone, parents and educators alike. Emma will walk us through 'sound walls' – what one is, and how to use one. Emma will discuss phonological awareness, and how to teach spelling patterns to support reading and writing in a Structured Literacy approach. This session costs \$150 and will be engaging, informational, and practical.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/Invercargill-March-2023-Sound-Walls>

Emma has noted there isn't a lot of cross-over between the two events – so if you're super keen, you are welcome to attend both! This is a great way to support a local school, and a really exciting learning opportunity for the region.

Please contact Lochiel.school.network@gmail.com with any questions.



Year 7&8 Triathlon



Junior Athletics