

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Roll: 272

It has been a busy end to the term. Last week our Year 7 students enjoyed an amazing four days exploring and learning more about Stewart Island. A huge thank you to Mr Tucker, Mrs Riley, Mrs Brunell and all the parents who gave their time and energy to make this camp such a success. Your support is appreciated.

It was also fantastic to have Harold, Teresa and the Life Education van visiting us for a few days. The students always look forward to seeing Harold, and the interactive lessons provided valuable learning around well-being, health and positive decision making.

Two Sundays ago, our school was proudly represented at the GymSport Festival by five teams of gymnasts. Congratulations to all who took part. Your skill, determination and teamwork was rewarded with some fantastic grades. Thank you to Mrs Flack for all the training and families who supported our competitors.

All classes are working hard rehearsing and preparing their items for our upcoming school production! 'Winton on Demand' promises to be a wonderful showcase of talent. Tickets are now on sale. Please see the information below to secure yours.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Allie Ferris, who took part in the Southland Speech Finals held in our school hall on Monday night. All of the speeches throughout the evening were of an exceptionally high standard and Allie did herself and our school extremely proud with her awesome speech.

Enjoy the two week break.

Steve Wadsworth
Principal

Upcoming Events**Week 10**

Fri 25 Sept

Assembly, 1:45pm
Last Day of Term 3

Week 1

Mon 12 Oct

Term 4

First Day of Term 4.

Week 2

Thurs 22 Oct

School Production, CSC
'Winton on Demand'

Week 3

Mon 26 Oct

Wed 28-Fri 30 Oct

Sat 31 Oct

LABOUR DAY
Year 6 Queenstown Camp
Masked Singer, CSC

Week 4

Mon 2 Nov

Fri 6 Nov

Sat 7 Nov

Winton's Got Talent Heats begin
Community Assembly
Election

**School Production 'Winton on Demand' Tickets.**

For one night only, Winton School students present 'Winton on Demand'. Who will win the battle for the remote control? Come along and watch the story unfold, and be entertained as each class brings their version of various TV shows to the stage. Tickets are \$10 and are available to purchase through iTicket at the following link [Winton on Demand](#). Winton School children do not need a ticket.

The Masked Singer PTA Fundraiser Grocery Item Donation

Just a little reminder, as mentioned in the HERO post and flyer sent home this week, the PTA has requested each child to supply an allocated grocery item(s) to help support the PTA with the catering of our Masked Singer fundraiser next term.

We know there's lots going on, so we just wanted to give everyone a friendly reminder to please send your allocated item(s) along to school the first week back next term. Every little bit helps and we really appreciate everyone getting behind the PTA and helping us make this a successful night for our school community!

Junior School Helping Hands

We're looking for parents and grandparents to support our youngest learners in Rooms 1 & 3 on a regular, scheduled basis (eg, a set 1-2 hour slot daily, weekly or fortnightly). No teaching background required. If you can listen to a child read or encourage a young writer, you have what it takes. Reliable, consistent support helps give our junior students the steady routine they need for success. Interested? Pop into Rooms 1 or 3 for a quick chat or contact the school office to sign up for a regular slot!

Uniform Survey

It has been several years since the Board last reviewed our school uniform. Therefore, in response to community feedback regarding practicality, cost, and comfort, they are conducting a full review for both boys and girls. The goal is to create a uniform that is comfortable, affordable, and consistent across all year levels. The Board is seeking feedback from our school community to help guide them with their final decision. Please head to the link below to review and complete a survey, by this Friday 25th September, on the proposed uniform options.

[Winton School Uniform Review](#)

Please note that changes to the uniform would be introduced from the start of the 2027 school year and be compulsory for all students from 2028.

Winton's Got Talent 2026

Can you sing, dance, play an instrument or have some other type of talent? 'Winton's Got Talent' is returning in Term 4, so start thinking about what talent you might want to share with us and start practising! Registration forms will be available from the start of next term.

**At this Friday's Assembly....**

Welcome to new students, RERE & Mitey Awards, Room 4 Sharing, Gym Festival mention, Year 7 Stewart Is. Camp Video, Classroom Pin Ups, 'Win it in a Minute' Inter-House Challenge results and Winton Way certificates.

What's Happening in Room 12

Room 12 have had a very busy term. We have created an exciting class item for the upcoming 'Winton On Demand' production. The children have worked really hard to learn their lines and have been involved in deciding on important things such as, stage props, positions on stage and adding and changing the script. While we have been practising most days, we had a rather nice interruption last week. Stewart Island Camp was an absolutely unforgettable time. It was so pleasing to see the children in such a different environment, away from the classroom. While some activity and ferry rides were challenging, the children showed amazing resilience through the week. We look forward to Term 4 and all the learning opportunities and usual excitement it will bring.

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.

Riverton Golf Comp - All \$5 entry fees must be paid by the end of the first week next term.

Touch Fees - All \$24 Touch fees must be paid by the end of the first week next term.

PTA NEWS

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

WEKA OSCAR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!
28TH SEPT - 9TH OCT
NUMBER OF DAYS DEPENDENT ON BOOKINGS

Looking for a fun, safe, and engaging place for your child during the school holidays?
Our Wika OSCAR Holiday Programme is back and ready for two weeks of adventure, creativity, connection, and fun!

We have a fantastic range of activities to keep children active, inspired, and entertained. From arts and crafts, baking, games, challenges, outdoor adventures, there will be plenty of opportunities for children to explore their interests, make new friendships, and create lasting holiday memories.

At Wika OSCAR, we value providing a welcoming environment where children feel a strong sense of belonging, can be themselves, and enjoy the freedom to play, create, discover, and relax during their school break. Our experienced team will ensure every day is filled with opportunities for laughter, learning, and fun.

FUN, FRIENDS & GREAT MEMORIES!

- ARTS & CRAFTS
- BAKING
- GAMES & CHALLENGES
- OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
- NEW FRIENDSHIPS

Explore, create, play and grow these holidays!

PROGRAMME DATES
Monday 28th September - Monday 9th October
NUMBER OF DAYS DEPENDENT ON BOOKINGS

OPERATING HOURS
8:30am - 4:30pm

COST
\$50 per day
New enrolment \$45 per day
OSCAR enrolled

SPACES ARE LIMITED and bookings are essential. We encourage families to secure their child's place early to avoid disappointment.
For bookings or further information, please contact Wika Reception 03-2367393

We can't wait to spend the holidays with your tamariki!

A PLACE TO BELONG, CONNECT, CREATE AND THRIVE

Faith & Fun

Monday, 28 September to Thursday, 1 October
9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Central Southland Presbyterian Church
Park Street, Winton
Cost: \$10 per day per child
Register by emailing casoffice@cpa.co.nz or calling 03 236 9792

WEDNESDAY TENNIS

Term 4 2026

Hot Shots Tennis Coaching Pickleball

The very popular Hot Shots for beginners (3:30 or 4:30pm sessions)
Pickleball, tennis & coaching for more advanced players (3:30 to 5pm)

John St Courts, Winton 28 Oct-2 Dec (6 weeks) \$40

To register or for more info, contact Steve Wadsworth 0211543361

Box of Birds
Puppet magio for young tamariki

TE ANAU LIBRARY
Tuesday
29 September
1pm

WINTON Memorial Hall Supper Room
Wednesday
30 September
11:30am

OTAUTAU LIBRARY
Wednesday
30 September
2:30pm

Perfect for children aged 3 to 7 years, this fun-filled puppet show is sure to have little ones chipping with excitement!

Entry is FREE but spaces are limited due to capacity. First in, first served. To Anau please register on 0800 732 542

A Puppet Show by Birdlife Productions
Get ready for a feathery, funny and fabulous adventure!
Birdlife Productions is bringing their delightful Box of Birds puppet show to Southland.

BIRDLIFE PRODUCTIONS



Gym Fest



Year 7 Stewart Island Camp