

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

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A huge congratulations to Rooms 8, 9 and 10 for their amazing combined Polyfest Art project titled 'Toru Wharenuī'. Their hard work and creative skills were rewarded by taking out first place in the Year 4-6 Polyfest Art Exhibition. Great work team! We look forward to having them displayed back in our school library.

Thank you to our learning community for last week's 3 Way Learner Conferences. The feedback we have received so far about our new approach from students, staff and parents has been very positive. Having your child's growth as a learner at the centre of the conversation is beneficial for all parties in so many ways. We hope you found them informative and have a better understanding of your child's progress, achievement and goals.

You will have an opportunity to provide us with some feedback about, not only the 3 Way Learner Conferences, but a number of other areas when the Community Survey comes home next week. This is a two yearly consultation process which assists the Board and staff to reflect on current strategic goals and plan forward, based on community feedback.

On Monday 26 August the whole school will be travelling in buses to Stadium Southland to take part in this year's Murihiku Polyfest Cultural Festival. Learning about and participating in such events is a part of our national curriculum, so we are once again excited to be able to offer this opportunity to all our students. Winton School and our Kapa Haka group will be performing just before lunchtime. More information in the attached letter.

Steve Wadsworth,
PRINCIPAL

Upcoming Events**Week 4**

Fri 16 Aug Community Assembly, 2pm

Week 5

Wed 21 Aug Board of Trustees Meeting
Sat 24 Aug PTA Ski Trip

Week 6

Mon 26 Aug Polyfest, ILT Stadium

Week 7

Mon 2 Sept WGT Heats begin
Wed 4 Sept Staff PD. **School closing at 12:30pm**
'Building Children's Resilience' Free Parent Evening, Salvation Army Hall, 7-8:30pm

**Te Kupu o te Wiki**

'Homai' - Pass the (something) towards me

Welcome to Winton School.....

Zain McMullen who started in Room 1, Charlotte Glover in Room 4, Georgia-May Dyer Room 5, Hunter Glover & Lucas Colvin Room 7 and Jack Davis Room 13.

Free Parent and Whanau Evening - 'Building Children's Resilience'

Last week, a flier was sent home about a free Parent and Whanau Evening on 'Building Children's Resilience'. This is taking place on Wednesday 4th September, 7pm at the Salvation Army Hall. I encourage you to get along to this free evening to hear what Kathryn Berkett has to say. She talks about stress and anxiety and how we can help children to become more resilient. Colleagues have heard her speak before and she is well worth listening to!

Kathryn will be working with staff from Central schools on the same afternoon from 1-4pm. All of Winton School's teachers and Support Staff will be attending this professional development.

Therefore school will be closing at 12:30pm on Wednesday 4th September. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

2020 Central Bus Routes

A reminder to complete the form and hand to your child's bus driver.

Winton's Got Talent

This popular event is returning to our stage soon! Registration forms are available from the office. If you have a talent that can't be performed on our stage, get someone to video you and enter it in the **video section**. Get practicing, we would love to see you up on stage or on the big screen! Heats begin in Week 7 this term.

**Contact Information**

Reminder that if you have recently changed address, personal or work contact phone numbers, emergency contacts then please let the office know. It is important that we have up to date information in case of emergency situations.

Yr 7/8 Fees

Term 3 Technology fees, \$30, can be paid to the school office or by direct credit into the school bank account 031750 0195550 00. Dragon Maths work books, \$16, are also due for payment.

Student Absences

Reminder to parents/caregivers that you should contact the school office if your child is absent from school for any reason. Please message the school either by phone 03 236 7238, email admin@winton.school.nz or via school Facebook page.

Skool Loop App

Following last week's school closure, a good way to keep informed about emergency situations and messages is to download our School Calendar App. Parents can download our free SchoolCalendar App, join our push notifications and always be informed of our events and cancellations. Search 'Skool Loop NZ' and choose our school from the menu once downloaded. As long as your wi-fi is on then you will get notified of any messages, cancellations etc that may arise.

At this week's Assembly.....

Welcome to new students, RERE Awards, Hi-Viz Vest Winning Class, Room 1&3 Sharing, Year 5/6 & 7/8 Speech finalists, Maths Week prizes.

What's Happening in Room 5

Kia Ora! We have been working super hard in Room 5 this term learning about maze construction, puzzles, following recipe instructions and directing our peers on adventures in the playground. Our new recruits Charlie and Daisy (class dogs) are being well looked after by our Star of the Day people, they are encouraging students to use their Learner Muscles and show their caring and nurturing sides.

Anticipation grows as we gear up for Polyfest and exercising our vocal cords most days to really pack a punch on Polyfest day!

We can't wait to see what Room 5 can achieve in the second half of this term!

SPORTS NEWS

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

Primary Schools Netball Tournaments - Reminder to all those playing in the Years 5, 6, 7 & 8 netball tournaments next week that \$8 entry fee must be paid to the school office before this Friday, 16th August.

Yr 3/4 & 5/6 Miniball - Could all Yr 3/4 and Yr5/6 miniball fees, \$50 per student, please be paid to the school office as soon as possible.

PTA NEWS

2019/20 Entertainment Books - Entertainment books are available again this year. 20% from every book comes back to the school to support all our students. If you would like to order a book or have any queries please contact Jane Campbell 027 347 8926 or ptaentertainmentbook@gmail.com A sample of this years book is available for viewing at the school office. Thank you for your support.

PTA BBQ Sausages - Remember to get your stamps for sausages between 8.30 - 9.00am in the library. Please use the playground library door, not through the office, thanks.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

LUG South Charitable Trust - Gore Brick Event

LUG is a local group of Lego enthusiasts who create these events for no personal gain but to give back to the local community through LUG South to assist sick children and their families.

When: Saturday, 17th - Sunday, 18th August

Where: Gore Town & Country Club, 9 Bury Street, Gore

Time: 10am - 5pm (Sat) & 10am - 4pm (Sun)

Cost: \$2 per person

Visit facebook.com/LUGSouthBrickEvents for more info.

Central Southland College Enrolments

CSC enrolments for all students attending next year MUST be handed into the College office before 31st August 2019, when applications will close.

Your District Needs You!

Are you thinking of standing in this year's local elections? You can make a difference. This is an opportunity for you to help to define the priorities that will make your place a better place to live. As an elected member, the plans you help to develop will connect your community with Southland District Council, and vice versa. Your community board will set the priorities and chart the course for your community. It's an exciting time to be part of local government. Your community needs people to stand up for it. Are you willing to do your bit? For more information about how you can stand in the 2019 local elections, go to www.southlanddc.govt.nz, visit a Council area office or phone deputy electoral officer Clare Sullivan on 0800 732 732.



Room 5 at the Stags game!



Room 8, 9 & 10 representatives at the Polyfest Art Exhibition