

**Dear Parents / Caregivers,**

Roll: 291

Talofa Lava. This week is Samoa Language Week with the theme being 'Lalaga le si'osi'omaga mo se lumana'i manuia' - 'Weave an environment for a better future'. As a school, we believe it is important to acknowledge and celebrate the many different cultures we have in New Zealand.

As I'm sure you are aware, Winton School teachers, along with Primary and Secondary teachers throughout the country, are participating in what is being called a 'Mega Strike' tomorrow. As the majority of our teachers are Union members and obliged to join the planned industrial action, there will not be enough staff to safely open the school for instruction. **Therefore, the Board have decided to close our school tomorrow.** Striking teachers do not get paid tomorrow as they, along with colleagues, fight for better working conditions, smaller class sizes and increased pay. Unfortunately, there are too many teachers and Principals leaving and people not entering the profession, because of workload, stress and lack of support. Conditions within the profession need to change to make teaching a more attractive profession for the long term. Thank you once again for your support.

Well done to all junior and senior students who took part in last week's Cross Country's. It was great to see all the effort that was being put in and the huge sense of accomplishment that was so obvious on faces. A huge thank you to Mrs Mee for organising two successful events.

Thank you to those parents who are standing for the Board of Trustees Election. Going to vote means that there is a healthy interest in the governance and direction of our school.

Steve Wadsworth,
PRINCIPAL

Upcoming Events**Week 5****Wed 29 May****School Closed - Teacher Strike**

Fri 31 May

Community Assembly, 2pm
Year 8 National Young Leaders Day, Dunedin**Week 6**

Mon 3 June

QUEENS BIRTHDAY

Fri 7 June

School Trustee Election
Voting closes, 12 noon
Junior and Senior Discos**Week 7**

Tues 11 June

PTA Meeting

Wed 12 June

Board of Trustees Meeting

Fri 14 June

Central Cross Country

Week 8

Wed 19 June

Young Einstein Quiz

Fri 21 June

Community Assembly, 2pm
Southland Cross Country**Word of the Week**

Talofa
'Hello' in Samoan

Board of Trustee Election

Voting papers have been sent out to parents on the voting roll. Could these please be returned, in the envelope provided, by 12 noon on Friday 7th June. Please ensure that there is only one voting paper per envelope.

Bus Parks

A reminder to parents to **not park** in the bus parks at the end of the day.

School Account Payments

Many families have technology fees and school camps 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 or by direct credit to the school bank account 03 1750 0195550 00.

Zebra Crossing

Could all parents please use the crossing when you are dropping off and collecting your children from school. Children learn from the actions of adults and their peers, so if we all get into the habit of using the crossing, it can only benefit and ensure the safety of our children.

ICAS Online Exams 2019

Students have the opportunity to take part in the ICAS exams again this year. All exams are online, subjects on offer are Digital Technologies Yrs 4-8; English, Mathematics, Science, and Spelling Bee Yrs 3-8; Online Writing Yrs 6-8. If your child wishes to sit any of these tests please collect a form with further information from the school office. Please note all entries and payment must be handed into the office by next Friday 7th June.

Inter- House Challenges

At this Friday's Assembly we will be finding out how our five Houses have fared at our two most recent Inter-House Challenges - Cross Country and Kahoot Quiz. Which house will be 'on top' after three challenges so far this year?

**At this week's Assembly.....**

Welcome to new students, RERE Awards, Room 5 Sharing, Hi-viz vest winning class, Cross Country certificates, Inter-House Challenge results.

What's Happening in Rooms 1&3

Talofa from Room's 1 and 3. This week we have been celebrating Samoan Language week at school. Both Juniors and Seniors enjoyed the school cross country last week, well done to all the children. We are enjoying our Mahi from Papa Jerome and we are learning lots of Te Reo. We love practicing our waiata for Polyfest in Term 3, we can't wait to perform on stage next term. We are getting really good at using the learner muscles Mahi Tahī - working together and Whakaaro, thinking when we are working. Faafetai Lava

Thank you from Room's 1 and 3





SPORTS NEWS



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

Junior & Senior Cross Country - Well done to all the senior students who took part in the Winton / St Thomas' Cross Country event last Friday at Browns Domain. You all competed well and gave it your very best effort. Congratulations to all those runners who have qualified for the Central Cross Country event on Friday 14th June.

PTA NEWS

PTA Raffle - Please note that all raffle cards sold or unsold should have been returned to the school office last week. If you still have a raffle card at home then it **MUST BE RETURNED** to the school office **TOMORROW**. By law **ALL** raffle cards need to be accounted for.

2019/20 Entertainment Books - Entertainment books will be 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

Kids Fun Day

When: Wednesday 29th May 2019

Where: The Salvation Army, De Joux Road, Winton

Time: 8.30m - 3.30pm

Who For: Children aged 5 years and up

Cost: \$10 per child (BYO lunch box)

For more information or to register, private message Sarah-Ann Grove or phone 027 776 1407.

ILT Kidzone 2019

Kidzone runs from 10th - 15th July 2019. Tickets on sale now at www.iltkidzone.co.nz ; Invercargill i-SITE and ILT Stadium Southland.

Programmes will be available in June with further information of events.

Invercargill Musical Theatre - 'Wicked'

Invercargill Musical Theatre production of 'Wicked' - The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz will be held at the Civic Theatre, Invercargill from 12th - 27th July. Tickets available from ticketdirect.co.nz

Number Works'nWords - Ngai Tahu Tuition Grant

Are you aware of Ngai Tahu's Learner Support Fund which will fund at least one term of tuition per year to school aged children who are registered with the iwi? Number Works'nWords Invercargill is an accredited provider of Maths & English tuition for school aged children, whether it be catch up, boost or confidence. Contact Ngai Tahu Out of School Administrator Hara Adams 0800 524 8284 or email hara.adams@ngaitahu.iwi.nz or apply at <https://webapps.ngaitahu.iwi.nz/learner-support-fund>. Applications for Term 3 tuition close on 8th July. Phone Raewyn at number Works'nWords Invercargill 03 218 6804 to arrange an evaluation to get the ball rolling.



Junior Cross Country



Room 13 at the basketball



Senior Cross Country