

**Upcoming Events****Week 5**

Fri 6 Mar Assembly, 2pm

**Week 6**

Tues 10 Mar PTA AGM

**Week 7**

Wed 18 Mar Board of Trustees Mtg

Fri 20 Mar Community Assembly

**Week 8**

Tues 24 Mar Junior Athletics

**Week 9**Wed 1 April 3 Way Learner  
Conferences (school  
finishing 12:30)Thurs 2 April 3 Way Learner  
Conferences

Fri 3 April Community Assembly

**Dear Parents / Caregivers,**

Roll: 281

We are now five weeks in to the school year and what a great start it has been. Classes are now up and running with their routines and systems and students are flexing their Learner Muscles within our teaching and learning programmes. Thank you to the parents who came along to our Meet the Teacher and Information Evening in Week 3. This is one of the ways we strive to establish healthy communication lines between home and school at the beginning of the year. As we have stressed many times before, your child's education and wellbeing benefits from a strong home-school partnership. Another way we achieve this is through Seesaw. So we appreciate you keeping that home-school communication positive and healthy.

Well done to all the Year 7 and 8's who took part in the Southland Secondary Triathlon Champs at CSC. Not only did Winton School do well on the medal front, but the behaviour and attitude of our Senior students was outstanding. One supporter even took the time to email the school to comment on the behaviour, support for each other and the pride our students had in their uniform and school. Wonderful feedback indeed! Well done team.

Well done also to all the children and staff who took part in Sunday's Winton Fun Run at the Midlands Rugby Grounds. It was great to see so many red Winton tops either walking, running or biking different distances. Congratulations to the staff 'dominoes' team who, for the second year running, won the 'best dressed' award.

In three weeks time the Juniors will be having their Winton / St Thomas Athletics. A reminder that, due to the Surrey Park upgrade, Senior Athletics Meets will be taking place in Term 4.

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

**Te kupu o te wiki**

'pātai' - question

**Coronavirus Information**

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, we have been in constant contact with both the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health. Although New Zealand now has its first case, the chances of community outbreak remains low. At this time we remind everyone about good hygiene practices.

- Wash hands often with soap and water before and after eating as well as after going to the toilet.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or your elbow (as opposed to your hands or into the open).
- Put used tissues in the bin.

Staff and students who are feeling unwell should stay at home and seek medical advice.

If you are concerned that someone is showing symptoms of fever, cough or shortness of breath, encourage them to first ring Healthline (0800 358 5453) or contact their GP by phoning ahead of their visit to explain symptoms and travel history.

**Ministry of Education Donation Scheme**

Last year the Ministry of Education introduced an optional Donations Scheme for all Decile 1-7 schools. Our Board of Trustees opted in to this scheme which means the Government has paid our school \$150 per student. This also means that the school can not ask you for any donations except for overnight camps.

The school will not charge you for anything involved in the core learning programme which is our school curriculum, e.g swimming, curriculum related materials / resources or day trips. The school will, however, still seek donations to cover the cost of our Year 5-8 overnight camps as this is an exception to the Donations Scheme.

This year the Board of Trustees will be contributing \$50 towards every student's camp cost.

For more information, please follow the link on the homepage of our school website.

**Milk in Schools Programme**

Children who have opted in to this programme will be drinking milk on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please let your child's teacher know if your child's situation has changed.

**2020-2022 School Charter**

A draft of our updated Winton School Charter is available to view on the school website. The Charter outlines our Strategic goals, Annual plan and targets for 2020. Every year our revised Charter is sent to the Ministry of Education so they are kept aware of our goals and plans. Therefore, we would appreciate any feedback you have regarding this important document.

**Electronic Newsletter**

The newsletter is now being produced every fortnight and we are encouraging families to have this sent home electronically. In order for us to do this we need to ensure that we have the correct email address for all families. Could **ALL FAMILIES** please complete and return the slip, that was sent home at the start of the year, to the office as soon as possible.

**Vision/Hearing Screening**

A Vision/hearing technician will be at the school this Monday 9th March for all Year 7's (Please note: Your child will not be screened if he/she is under the care of a specialist and /or optometrist). Parents/ caregivers will be notified if further assessment is required by an optometrist. If you do not wish your child to be screened, please notify the School office by this Friday, 6th March.

**At this weeks assembly...**

Welcome to new students, RERE Awards, Room 13 sharing, Inter-House Competition launch, House Leader badges, Principal Pin Ups, Swimming ribbons.

**What's Happening in Room 10**

Kia ora koutou from Room 10.

Week 5 already, Wow! We have had a great start to the year with swimming and settling into our new class. We have been getting into our new routines and have been working on our School Values and Learner Muscles. We have been doing some STEM activities where we have to work together as a team. We are reading 'Holes' as our class novel and have been completing a different range of activities around this book, such as a quiz on Fridays in groups. Feel free to come in and see what we are doing.

# SPORTS NEWS

For all sporting inquiries, please contact Brenda Mee at [sport@winton.school.nz](mailto:sport@winton.school.nz)

**Touch** - Touch started 2 weeks ago. Please note that weekly draws will be posted around the school, on the main school noticeboard and on the Touch Southland website, under Central Primary link.

**Year 7/8 Basketball** - Reminder that \$55 entry fee must be paid to the school office as soon as possible please.

## PTA NEWS

**PTA AGM** - AGM will be held on Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm in Top Pub Dining Room. All parents welcome to attend, would be good to see some new faces. Please see information flyer which went home with students today.

**BBQ Sausages and Juicies** - Sausages and juicies are available to buy every Friday. Remember to get your stamps 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

### Out of School Music

Out of school music lessons, held at Central Southland College, has spaces in recorder, flute, ukulele and singing appreciation. For more info contact Tania on 027 210 1811.

### Johnston Waters Swimming Competition

When: Wednesday 18 March  
Where: Central Southland Community Swimming Pool  
Who For: Children aged 5 - 12 years  
Time: Warm up 3pm; Starts 3.45pm  
Cost: \$2 per event  
Entry forms available from the school office.

### Winton Football Club Inc

We are having a have-a-go and club information session along with second hand boot sale on Saturday 14 March 2020, 2pm at Moore's Reserve Winton. All interested junior players (4-16 years, girls and boys) are welcome to attend or contact Wendy Boniface [wendyboniface@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:wendyboniface@slingshot.co.nz) or 027 427 0447.  
Senior player contacts are: Grant Campbell, for men, 027 503 4257 email [grant.bron@velocitynet.co.nz](mailto:grant.bron@velocitynet.co.nz) and Martina Lips, for women, 021 037 5695 email [bartandmartina@gmail.com](mailto:bartandmartina@gmail.com)

### Winton Netball Club Trials 2020

All girls must register before the trials via <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/115180>

#### Year 6-8

Tuesday, 10 March from 6-8pm & Wednesday, 11 March from 6-8pm

#### Quick6 (Year 4 & 5)

Wednesday, 11 March from 3.30-4.30pm

Please contact Heidi Middleton for any inquiries 027 499 6653 or follow Winton Netball Club on FB for the senior trial dates & times.

### Kapahaka for Everyone

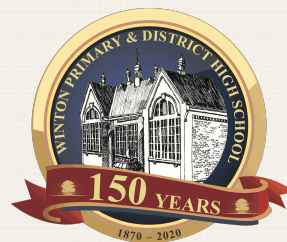
No prior Kapa Haka experience required. Everyone welcome, come along and join the fun in a friendly and relaxed environment.  
With every fee paying adult two children (under 16) may also attend free of charge. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 March & 7 April from 7pm - 8.30pm at Winton Presbyterian Hall, 11 Meldrum Street. \$20 per person. To register phone Southern REAP on 0800 111 117 or email [enquiries@reap.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@reap.co.nz)

### Te Reo Māori Pronunciation for Beginners

This 6 week course is designed to kick start you on your Te Reo Māori journey covering basic everyday use of Te Reo Māori pronunciation.  
5, 12, 19, 26 March & 2, 9 April from 6.30pm - 8.30pm at Southern REAP, 224 Great North Road. \$40 per person. To register phone Southern REAP on 0800 111 117 or email [enquiries@reap.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@reap.co.nz)

**Winton Primary & District High School 150th Jubilee**  
Jubilee celebrations will be held during Labour weekend, 23rd - 25th October 2020. Pre-registrations can now be made via the link on the school website or at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LUW7LfXeD8KIKr9v-kRv\\_z\\_C2XKQR7k2yE89KHg4U3g/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LUW7LfXeD8KIKr9v-kRv_z_C2XKQR7k2yE89KHg4U3g/edit)

Registration forms also available at the school office.



Secondary Triathlon Champs



Winton Fun Run