

Upcoming Events**Term 1****Week 3**

Wed 14 Feb Meet the Teacher & Information Evening
 Fri 16 Feb Assembly, 2pm
 Touch Rugby Starts

Week 4

Wed 21 Feb Board of Trustees Mtg
 Fri 23 Feb Yr 7/8 Triathlon, CSC

Week 5

Fri 2 Mar Assembly, 2pm
 Sun 4 Mar Winton Fun Run

Week 6

Tues 6 Mar Junior Athletics
 Fri 9 Mar Senior Athletics

**Te kupu o te wiki**

'Hui-tanguru'
 February

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Roll: 277

Welcome back to another exciting new year at Winton School. I trust you all had an enjoyable holiday with friends and family and are ready for another great year of teaching, learning, celebrations and achievements at Winton School. As you can see below, we have welcomed a large number of new families in to our learning community. A special welcome to these families and a welcome back to Georgia Holt who is teaching in Room 10. Georgia was once head student at Winton School.

Staff have been busy planning an exciting term and year ahead. You will be able to hear about what's happening in your child's class and across the school this year at our **'Meet the Teacher / Information Evening'** next Wednesday 14 February. More information below.

Just as we have done for the past two years, as a learning community we continue with our 'Winton Way' journey and the strengthening and shared understanding of what it is we are trying to achieve. This, among other things, includes our school vision, values, whakatauki and Positive Behaviour 4 Learning focus. Of course, this year, we have our good friend RERE to help us celebrate all that is great about Winton School!

It is important that we have up to date contact information for all students. Contact / Medication forms were sent home last week. Could these please be completed with up to date address and contact telephone numbers and returned to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Thank you very much to our school sponsors (on the back of this newsletter) for their continued support of our school. Please consider using their services where you can.

Have a great year everyone!

Steve Wadsworth, PRINCIPAL

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

Blake Henry, Ryan Walker, Jackson Scobie, Annabelle Rae, Sophie Mitchell, Blake Warren, Mackenzie Lark, Lucas Rampersaud who started in Room 1; Sasha Jamieson Room 5; Dylan Officer Room 6; Tara Simpson & Tatiana Rawiri-Malcolm Room 7, Emma Hopkins & Te Amohanga Mackie Room 9; Keely Hogg & Ashton Simpson Room 11; Ben Bryan, Alex North, Jessica Coley, Keegan Stratford & Tahana Owen-Cooper Room 12.

Meet the Teacher Evening - Wed 14 February

Next Wednesday 14 February, we are having our Meet the Teacher and Information Evening. We encourage you to come along to meet your child's teacher and to hear all about the wonderful things happening in their room this year. Between the two meeting times (see below), there will be an Information session held in the hall. This will be an opportunity to hear about what, we as a school, have planned for 2018 and how we can work together to improve the outcomes for all our students.

Rooms 1,3,4,5,6,7 at **6:00pm**

Information Session in the hall (for everyone) **6:30pm**

Rooms 8,9,10,11,12 and 13 at **7:00pm**

Bakery Orders

Bakery orders as usual from tomorrow. Please note the new prices that were sent home last week. All orders to be in a sealed envelope and clearly labelled with name, room number, order and the correct money. Please note no change is given by The Bakery.

School Donations

School donations are unchanged again this year; \$80 per student or \$200 for a family of 3 or more. 10% discount if fully paid before 31st March. Remember you may be able to get a rebate of up to one third of the voluntary school donations you have paid. Donations can be paid by direct credit / instalments into the school bank account 031750 0195550 00.

Walking School Bus

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

This year we are starting up a Walking School Bus along Great North Road for Winton and St Thomas Schools. This is a safe and fun way for our students to walk to and from school with other children, supervised by parents. It will help to ease congestion around the school gate making it safer for our students.

The proposed morning route with times:

Start Corner of Welsh Rd and Great North Rd	7:50am
Night 'N' Day	8:00am
Subway	8:15am
The Bakery	8:25am
Arrive Winton School	8:30am

The Walking School Bus will leave at 3pm in the afternoon.

Our Walking School Bus will be starting next Monday. Children with scooters are welcome to join the group. Parents wearing hi-viz vests will be at the front and rear of the group. Children will need to be wearing a hi-viz vest and meet the group at the right time using the above approximate times. For those interested, an information sheet is available at the office.

What's happening in Room 8

Welcome to Room 8 for 2018! There are 27 fantastic children in our class this year. We have already started our learning journey with a "Building Relationships" unit where we are learning about ourselves and the others in our class. We are continuing to learn about RERE and 'The Winton Way' of Respect, Effort, Responsibility and Empathy. Our focus this term is Empathy and you can see some of our learning on the walls in Room 8 with a special korowai (cloak of feathers) we have created for RERE. We look forward to the rest of the term working together and growing into an amazing class.

**Meet the Team - Georgia Holt. Room 10, Year 5 & 6**

I am extremely excited about 2018 and beginning my teaching career at a school where I was once a student. I grew up and lived just out of Winton all of my life until I recently relocated to the University of Otago, where I was able to achieve my childhood dream - teaching. I am thrilled to be a part of Room 10 and can not wait to see what the year brings us!

SPORTS NEWS

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

Touch - Starts Friday 16th February. To ensure prompt registration of teams, could all permission forms and \$14 fees please be handed into the school office by the end of school the day on Friday 9th February. No late entries will be accepted.

Football Festival - For students in Years 0-4. To be held on Wednesday 21st February from 12.00pm -2.30pm. Permission forms with further information are available at the school office. If you wish to take part then forms must be handed into the office by Thursday 15th February.

Superstar/Girls Smash Cricket - Starts Wednesday 21st February from 4.00-5.00pm and runs for 6 weeks. Entry forms are available at the school office. Please note that they must be returned with the appropriate fee by Thursday 8th February.

PTA NEWS

PTA BBQ Sausages - Sausages will be available from this Friday, 9th February. Remember to get your stamp 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.

HELPERS @ WAIMUMU PLEASE - We need some more parents to help cook in the Ravensdown tent on 14, 15 or 16 February from approx 10am-2pm. Great fundraiser for the PTA which we have been doing a long time. Text Louise 021 058 7835 if you can help please.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Music Lessons

Lessons available for 8 year olds and up in piano/keyboard and guitar. Lessons are at Winton School 12.30pm - 1.00pm piano/keyboard and 1.00pm - 1.30pm guitar. Please contact Sara-Jane 021 250 7796 if interested.

Winton Wide Garage Sales

To be held on Sunday 25th February from 9.00am - 3.00pm. Maps available, for a gold coin donation, on the day from 9.00am on Great North Road, Winton (outside Winton School). Also on the day is a Car Boot Sale at Anzac Oval (register on the day for \$10).

If you want to have a garage sale or table site at the Drill Hall please get a registration form from either Hair Razor or Crimson or phone 0274 622 123 or email

wintonareapromotions@gmail.com Registrations to be received by close of business on 21st February.

Wanted - Old Shirts

Do you have any old, mens shirts lying around that you would like to get rid of? If so, Ms Munro in the technology department would be most grateful for any you may have. Please hand in to the school office, thank you.

120th Browns Sports Day

When: Saturday 10th February

Where: Browns Domain (8km east of Winton)

Time: From 12 noon

What: Fun filled family day with athletics for all ages, bushcraft, cycling, guess the weight of the sheep, slow motor bike event, baby show, hole in one golf, sheaf tossing, shearing and lots more entertainment. All day food and refreshments.

Cost: Adults \$10, primary school children free (No EFTPOS)

Winton Fun Run

When: Sunday 4th March

Where: Central Southland College, Winton

Time: 10am

What: Walk, Run or Bike... 2.5, 6 or 12km
Food & refreshments available (cash only), entertainment, spot prizes. Entry forms available from Winton New World, The Local, Winton Night 'n' Day and Sport Southland.
Fundraiser for Central Southland Community Swimming Pool.
All competitors can enjoy a free swim.

