



Lochiel School News



From the Principal

The Lochiel School community ran a fantastic Mihi Whakatau on Monday, welcoming 28 new students since it was last completed, as well as two new staff and numerous new families. As a guest being welcomed in, I would like to thank on behalf of the group, the way it was conducted. We all felt very accepted into the community and for many of us it was the first time we had experienced a Mihi Whakatau. The children - Charlie Sowman (on behalf of the visitors) and Ian Hudson (on behalf of the Lochiel School Community) spoke exceedingly well at this event. We were all very proud of them.

Touch Rugby begins this week. A huge thank you to the parents that have put their hand up to coach. We still require a coach/manager for the Year 7 and 8 team. If you can help us out that would be great. If you have a child in touch who you believe is strong enough to trial out for the U11 and U13 Central Southland representative grade, there are trials occurring on Friday, 29 March 2019, 5pm at Moores Estate. If you wish to register your child for these trials, please go to this link <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/91392> to read more about it.

We are very happy with the children wearing their sun hats, especially in this weather. The staff are reminding children that they must have a sun hat on if they are out playing.

We are also looking at the wearing of the yellow vests. Could you please ensure your child has a yellow vest, as there are up and coming activities that the children will be required to wear these at. We also expect children to wear their vest to and from the Lochiel hall and home after school.

Bible in Schools is going to start again on Wednesday, 20 March 2019 from 9.00 a.m. until 9.30 a.m. A huge thank you to our volunteers that come in and take Bible in Schools.

A reminder to return children's cybersafety agreements so they can have access to GoogleDocs. Also please remember that camp forms for Dunedin are due back in tomorrow, Friday, 15th February 2019.

We have goal setting meetings coming up for parents, students and teachers on Monday, 25 February 2019. We are aiming for 100% attendance at these. If you are unable to make it on the day we have set aside, please just contact your child's teacher to organise another time and day. This is a really important meeting to work together for the betterment of your child's education. Thank you for supporting us. The information to book your time for the goal setting meeting is in this newsletter.

Good luck to our seven AgriKids teams competing in Milton this weekend. We know you will make Lochiel School proud.

Have a fantastic week.

Mary Miller
Acting Principal - Lochiel School

Term 1 Dates

FEBRUARY

- 15 - Assembly Rm 1, 2.30pm
- 16 - AgriKids Milton
- 22 - School Athletics
- 25 - Football - Girls Have-a-go Day
Goal Setting Interviews

MARCH

- 1 - Tent Out
Eastern Zone Athletics
(Postponement Day 4th March)
- 5 - LSN AGM, Top Pub 7pm
- 8 - Privilege/Pre-schoolers Fun Friday
Assembly Rm 2, 2.30pm
- 15 - Central Athletics
Assembly Rm 4, 2.30pm
- 19 - BOT Meeting 7pm
- 22 - Privilege/Pre-schoolers Fun Friday
Assembly Rm 5, 2.30pm
- 28-29 - Yr 3-5 Camp, Dunedin

APRIL

- 3-5 - Yr 6-8 Camp, Stewart Island
- 8-11 - Technology Yr 7&8
- 12 - Privilege/Pre-schoolers Fun Friday
Assembly Rm 1, 2.30pm
End of Term



We extend a warm welcome to Sophia Anderson & Braxton Van Warmerdam who have joined the children in Room 1, and also to Cedar Valeroso who joined the children in Room 2. We hope Sophia, Braxton, Cedar and their families enjoy their time in the Lochiel Community.

SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Please follow the instructions below to book your interview time with your child's teacher/s. The School Interviews are on 25 February 2019. Sessions will last for 10 minutes. This is the day that the girls are heading away to Football in Invercargill. We are making the most of this by offering some time for teachers to also meet parents during the day. We have strategically released teachers for this to be able to occur (we have 3 teachers and 49 boys remaining at school from 12.45 a.m. to 2.45 p.m.) If you make an appointment between 11.50 a.m and 2.45 p.m. please note that this would only work for parents who are wanting appointments for their sons, as all the girls are away. We have set up School Interviews to be booked online for this term. If you do not have access to a computer this can be done at school.

The website to book your conference time is <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

When you are on this page, use the Event Code **jcf4w**

Then just follow the instructions.

We look forward to an easy booking system for you and an informative meeting.

If you require further time with your child's teacher please contact them directly, or if this date doesn't suit, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an appointment after school on another date. We are here to work with you.

If your child works with Mrs Norah Thomson she is also able to be booked through this booking system. Norah would love to meet with you and your child.

We hope to achieve 100% attendance at goal setting meetings so please help us to do this.

The Big Tent Out

We will be holding our annual Tent Out on **Friday, March, 1st starting at 5pm.** The



Tent Out is an opportunity for families to get to know each other, relax, eat and play games with your children. The gate to the school field will be open so you can set up your accommodation. You can bring your tent, caravan, bivvy, bus, truck - anything you feel comfortable using in the outdoors. Children will organise games and activities for the night. Toilets in the back of the junior classes will be open all night. The school will provide a BBQ if you wish to use it, but you are welcome to bring your own. It is a bring your own event where the only thing the school will provide is toilets and the BBQ. We will pack up in the morning and aim to be away by 9am.

SuperStar Cricket

Lochiel School hasn't got a full team in each of the three SuperStar sections, however, the children will still play and be placed into another team on the first day of competition. Please arrive at Moore's Estate just before 4pm and Mark Reid will organise this. They have been registered.



Fun at reading time in room 2



The Lightning Lambs getting ready for AgriKids



Ian & Charlie speaking at the Mihi Whakatau we held to welcome all our new students, staff and families last Monday. Thanks to everyone who came along to share this with us.



Remember to wear your hi-viz vest



We will be continuing with Subway lunches every Tuesday this term. You can order online at www.subwayexpress.co.nz or grab an envelope from in front of the office. If you would like envelopes sent home, just let Juliet know.



From the LSN

Hi there, The LSN is holding their AGM and a short meeting on Tuesday the 5th of March at the Top Pub Garden Bar, Winton at 7pm. As Simone and I are both stepping down, the positions of President and Treasurer are up for grabs. It's not a huge job but takes organisation and the ability to delegate. If you think this interests you give me a call. Come along for tea, a drink and some fun company. Raising extra funds for school is our main role, but we also organise events for school and have social get togethers. Hope to see you there.
Lisa Coveney 0272210474

INCREDIBLE YEARS IS COMING TO WINTON

Parenting is one of the most important jobs adults can do. Incredible Years provides practical step by step suggestions for parents of children 2 ½ - 8 years old to help manage not only everyday family situations, but also the more challenging behaviours such as tantrums, whining, answering back and aggressiveness.

Over 14 weeks we add extra tools to our parenting kete, as well as have a lot of fun.

START Tuesday, 19th February 10am -12.15pm
Senior Citizens Centre, John Street, Winton.

For more information contact Margaret Whittington
03 211 8240 OR 027 567 0174.



LAMB DRIVE

- Central Pirates Rugby Club is running a fundraising lamb drive to help us with general running of the club
- Pick up scheduled for Sunday 03 March 2019
- If you have a lamb that you would like to donate, please contact Phil Collinson on 027 448 0270

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR CLUB

Winton Football Club Inc

We welcome players from 4 – 17 years of age, male and female to our club junior teams, no experience necessary. There is a 'have a go session' organized for anyone who wishes to try out football as a sport but past players are most welcome to come for a kick round as well. Senior men's and women's teams are also in training. Any adults interested please make contact or come along too.

Date: – Thursday, 28 February 2019

Time: – 4 – 5pm for football activities.

Place: – Moore's Reserve, Winton.

Exercise your Mental Muscles! INVERCARGILL ZONE Chess Power Regional Chess Tournament

Venue: Southland Boys High School

School Address: 181 Herbert Street, Invercargill

Date: Wednesday, 22 May, 2019

Time: 9:00am - 2:15pm (aim to arrive at the venue at 8:45am)

Divisions: Intermediate and Secondary divisions

Format: 7 round Swiss (everybody plays 7 games)

Time Control: 15 minutes per player.

Check out all the details online (including the entry form) at <https://www.chesspower.co.nz/event/346473> so you don't miss out.

Tomorrow's Schools Review: Consultation update



The report by the Tomorrow's Schools Independent Taskforce *Our Schooling Futures: Stronger Together \ Whiria Ngā Kura Tūātinini* was released in December 2018. The Independent Taskforce is now very keen to receive feedback from as many people as possible to help complete their final recommendations.

Public consultation on the report is now open and we really encourage school staff, board members, PTA members, parents, whanau and the wider school community to have their say on the future of our schooling system....

- The Taskforce will be holding public consultation meetings around the country, starting on Thursday, 14 February and finishing on the 27th March. We really encourage everyone to come along to these events and find out more about the report and its proposals. The full schedule is now available on the website (venues will be added for events as they are confirmed)
<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/tsr>
- An online survey which canvasses opinion on each of our 32 recommendations is now available and will remain open until 31 March 2019
<https://consultation.education.govt.nz/tsr>
- Postcards: for students, families and anyone that just wants to briefly 'have their say' on a recommendation or the full report. Postcards will be available at the public meetings.
- An 0800 for Oral submissions will be available from 11 Feb. Call 0800 FOR TSR to leave your thoughts on the future of our schooling system.
- Formal written submissions about our report can be sent to: tomorrows.schools@education.govt.nz

Consultation closes 7 April 2019. We want everyone to have their say and we want to do our very best to listen carefully to what is said.

From the Independent Taskforce

Bali Haque (Chair), Barbara Ala'alatoa, Mere Berryman, John O'Neill and Cathy Wylie