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NEWSLETTER NO.3

Kia ora tatou,

It was wonderful to see such strong support for our **MEET THE TEACHER MEETING** last Thursday with over 40 turning up to all 3 sessions. Many of you also took the time to make one to one contact with your child's teacher. We appreciate your support and enthusiasm for your child's learning. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like more information about your child's learning or if you have any queries about school in general.

Teachers had more training in using Mimio Boards on Friday. We have 11 Mimios in use in the school. These have a similar use as interactive whiteboards. We intend to give parents an opportunity to see some technology in action later in the term.

Jennie has sent a note home regarding the swimming sports next Monday. If you are able to help at these, please let the office or your child's teacher know as soon as possible.

As we have a Milo Cricket coaching session on Friday 26th February for many of our staff, **our next assembly is being brought forward a day and will now take place on THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY at 2.15pm. Rooms 13 and 2 are presenting at this assembly so please mark this change on your calendar or term planner.**



TUESDAYS are the **Year 5 & 6** instrumental days and **WEDNESDAYS** are the **Year 3 & 4** instrumental days. Students need to have their musical instruments at school on these days.

A reminder to everyone to update your addresses if you have moved recently as we will be posting important Board of Trustees election documentation out shortly. Also, some of the postcodes may have changed so if that applies to you, please check we have it right.

There is a Board meeting tonight at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

Our **Grasshopper Tennis** programme with instructor Perry Crockett runs over 3 weeks for all students and begins in the first week in March. Each class has 3 'lessons' and then takes part in a fun tournament to apply their newly learnt skills. The cost to take part in this comes out of your school activity fee, as does the Life Education Trust programme which starts on March 17th, so please make sure you forward the \$35 school activity fee as soon as possible. If the school activity fee isn't paid, we will be asking parents to pay for each activity separately before their child can take part. Collecting the activity fee at the beginning of the year means we don't have to collect in bits and pieces as the year's extracurricular activities occur, which saves a lot of time and hassle for everyone. You are most welcome to start paying this off in instalments now – please contact the office to arrange to do this.

Next week I will also be starting the P.A.T (Progress and Achievement tests) maths testing in year 3 to 6 classes. This gives us data as to school wide standards and how each student matched up to the New Zealand norm. This information will be available during our student led goal setting conferences in week 6 of this term. We are also busy with reading and writing assessments over the next few weeks. The results and analysis of all of these will be included in student workbooks which can also be shared at these goal setting sessions.



I have had occasion to deal with some issues involving students having mobile phones at school this year. **PLEASE, NO MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL.** If you need to get in touch with your child and need him/her to have one at school for after-school use, please inform the classroom teacher in writing and ensure that the phone is left in the teacher's care during school hours. We have had incidents that have left children unhappy, phones damaged and lost and conflict resulting. No mobile phones are to be used during the school day without notifying the teacher. Any mobile phones found at school without our knowledge of use will be confiscated. Mobile phones can be great learning tools for older children who can better manage this technology and the associated social issues.

We already seem to have a burgeoning lost property collection. If your child is missing any clothing, especially with swimming at the moment, please come and have a sort through our lost property box which lives outside Room 11. **PLEASE NAME ALL CLOTHING.**

We have just been notified that there is to be a **PRIMARY TEACHERS' UNION MEETING** on **WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH 1→3PM.** As all but two of our teachers are members of N.Z.E.I (primary teachers union) they will be attending this meeting. The Board seeks parent support in making alternative arrangements for children for the afternoon. School is required to be open for instruction, silly I know when we will have only two teachers, plus me, on site to supervise. So we would prefer that children are picked up and taken home for the afternoon. If you are unable to make alternative arrangements, we will provide supervision of children with the number staying ultimately defining what we will plan to do in the playground. Please, if possible, could students be collected at **12.30pm on March 17th.** Because of this union meeting we will also have to reschedule our **JUNIOR GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS** that were being held that afternoon from 3.15 to 5pm. These will now be held on **THURSDAY 18TH MARCH 3.15→5pm.** Nothing in life is meant to be easy!

My thought for the week:

Progress always involves risk; you can't steal second base and keep your foot on first.

Smiles,

Wendy B 😊

SCHOOL WEBSITE, BLOGS & WIKIS: It's time again to update our ICT user agreement register and we ask that you fill in the form below if you do **NOT** wish your child's photo to appear on our school website or in the classroom blogs or wikis.

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I DO **NOT** WANT MY CHILD'S PHOTO APPEARING ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE or on any classroom blog or wiki.

Child's name: _____ Room No. _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

RIPPA RUGBY

I am in the process of organising Rippa Rugby teams for upcoming local competitions and we are in desperate need of coaches. Practice times work best at lunchtime, but team days can be organised to suit coaches. If you can help please let the office know or email me at robyn@wanaka.school.nz Our competition days are: Wanaka area on 15th March and C.O area 29th March. Please we need your help.

Robyn Blennerhassett, Active Schools Co-ordinator.

UPPER CLUTHA SWIMMING SPORTS : MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 9am→12.30pm.

Swim Fun afternoon for those not in the sports in the morning. Parent help required for both events. Please leave your name at the office. More information will follow.

JUNIOR CRICKET starting again. TUESDAYS 5.00→6.00pm Allenby Park.

JUNIOR GOLF : TUESDAYS 4.00→5.00Ppm. Enquiries to Wal on 443 5344.

OUT OF HOURS MUSIC CLASSES:

The following music classes are being offered for Term 1:

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| ★ | Beginners Guitar | Mondays | 3.00→3.30pm |
| ★ | Intermediate Guitar | Mondays | 3.30→4.00pm |
| ★ | Intermediate Guitar 2 | Mondays | 4.00→4.30pm |
| ★ | Beginners Keyboard | Mondays | 4.30□5.15pm |
| ★ | Singing | Mondays | 5.15→5.45pm |



This is a Ministry of Education funded initiative. However, as demand is always greater than available places, there is a part charge of \$25 per child per term to cover additional hours. **ALL CHILDREN LEARNING AN INSTRUMENT MUST HAVE AN INSTRUMENT AT HOME TO PRACTISE ON.** Places are strictly limited. Please phone Gilly Pugh on 443 9226 to register.

News from our PARENT FORUM:



It's that time of year again, with the A & P Show approaching, for our first fundraiser for 2010 on **12TH & 13TH MARCH**. In previous years we have taken wheelbarrows full of groceries around the Wanaka Showgrounds, raffling off tickets at \$2 each or 3 for \$5. This has proven to be an excellent fundraiser. We are once again asking that every family donates 2 non-perishable items for the raffle. These items can be placed in the boxes in the office foyer from now until Monday 8th March.

Please check expiry dates on products being donated as it is inappropriate for us to raffle off goods that have passed their use-by date.

For this raffle to be successful, we will require parent help. Last year we had a wheelbarrow on each side of the show, with volunteers selling tickets.

We will need helpers from 10.00am□4.00pm on Friday 12th March and from 10am→2pm on Saturday 13th March. If you could give an hour of your time on either of these days, please either email your name and contact phone number to Barbara Murphy at twomustangs@xtra.co.nz, phone Barbara on 443 4375 or complete the tear-off slip overleaf and return to the school office.

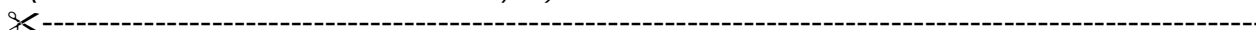
We appreciate your kind support. The tickets are *very* easy to sell.

YES I can help sell raffle tickets for the grocery hamper at the A & P Show.
(Please circle which day and time suits you best).

FRIDAY 12/3/10	10→11am	11am→12.00	12→1pm	1→2pm	2→3pm	3→4pm
SATURDAY 13/3/10	10→11am	11am→12.00	12→1pm	1→2pm		

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____
(so roster & instructions can be forwarded to you.)



IMPRESSIONS BEHIND THE DOOR HOUSE TOUR : SATURDAY 27TH MARCH.



We have 13 homes listed for our house tour and one of the pods at our new school will be open, showcasing a junior classroom. Tickets are starting to sell so be in quick so as not to miss out. We have a limited number.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We need 6 helpers from each classroom to be on security at each house. We will give each helper a free ticket to go on the tour when they are not on duty. The ticket will not include lunch. There is a form in each classroom or email Nick McDonald on gavin.nicola@xtra.co.nz We are raising money for new equipment to go into our new school.

NETBALL 2010: The time has come once again to call all girls interested in playing netball this season. This requires the girls to attend a training session during the week and games in Wanaka on a Saturday morning during Term 2. Can all girls interested, please register their names with Katrina at the school office by **FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY** so that teams can be organized. If any parents are interested in coaching, please contact Bronnie on 021 285 2010 or 443 4241. Any queries, please feel free to contact Bronnie.
 Year 1 & 2 Fun Ferns will be organized shortly.

YACHTING: The South Island Optimist Champs were held in Wanaka last weekend. Sean Dickey and Tom Caulton represented the Wanaka Yacht & Power Boat Club and were placed 7th and 14th respectively in the green fleet competition. Tom had only 2 terms of sailing and one sailing regatta under his belt before this championship. Well done!

WANAKA PRIMARY NEW SCHOOL HALL

The Board of Trustees is in the early stages of planning a school hall at its Scurr Heights site. To help us with design considerations and funding applications, we invite groups and individuals to register their interest in using this new facility, once it has been built. Please state the name of your group, your contact details and the purpose for which you would require to use the hall.
 Expressions of interest to be submitted by **17th March 2010** to The Hall Development Group, Wanaka Primary School Board of Trustees, 71 Tenby St., Wanaka 9305.
 Tel. (03) 443 7687. Email office@wanaka.school.nz

UPPER CLUTHA JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2010 @ THE COLLEGE STAFFROOM AT 6.30PM
Apologies to: Mandy Knight – 443 6088 or Grant Ruddenklau – 443 5064.