

Hello everyone,

Welcome to week 4. The swimming programme has finished and we have been very pleased with this thanks to Tim and his team at the pool and, of course, our very own Jennie who organised it all. The Upper Clutha Swimming Sports yesterday ran smoothly and we are now finalising the team that will represent us at the Central Otago Swimming Sports next Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Whilst on the subject of swimming, well done to **Campbell Russell** who performed so well at the NZ junior national swimming champs held in Christchurch at the weekend, gaining the following South Island successes:

5<sup>th</sup> in backstroke (which places him 18<sup>th</sup> nationally), 8<sup>th</sup> in 100m and 9<sup>th</sup> in 50m freestyle.

We have just received a letter from the Wanaka Primary School Future Trust informing us that they are donating \$5,000 to the school. It is great to be able to start reaping the rewards of the Trust's investments.

Parent, teacher, student 3 way **GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS** are taking place in Week 6, which is only two weeks away. Parents can book their interview times online. Please go to the website [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz), enter the school code NUXL5 and follow the simple instructions.

**INTERVIEW DATES AND TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- **MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** Year 5 & 6 students (Rooms 13, 14, 15, 16,17) 1.30→5pm
- **WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** Year 3 & 4 students (Rooms 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) 1.30→5pm
- **THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 students (Rooms 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17) 3.15→5pm
- **MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** Juniors (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 6) 1.30→5pm
- **THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** Juniors (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 6) 3.15→5pm

If you are unable to book online, please call in and see Katrina and she will assist you.

Enclosed with this newsletter is Pete Bullen's first Board of Trustees report for this year and the 2009 end of year Principal/Board Chair report for your perusal. The latter report goes along with a variance report to our auditors and to the Ministry of Education. Please feel free to talk to either Pete or myself if you have any comments or queries about this.



Assembly this week is **THURSDAY** at **2.15pm**, instead of Friday, with Rooms 13 and 2 presenting.

I have been asked why we have not taken part in the Bikewise programme this year. We have to do lots of 'choosing' each year as there are so many initiatives and special programmes we could opt into. This year, because we have been lucky enough to have a number of quality coaching sessions lined up and we need to grab these people when they are in our area, we decided to forego Bikewise Week as we have been involved each year for the last 5 years. This term alone we will have had swimming, Rippa Rugby, Grasshopper Tennis, Milo cricket, Warwick the Highlander, as well as classroom Phys-ed. and Active Schools stuff! Phew! Add to that; instrumental, singing, choir, Maori, Kapahaka and, of course, the core of what we are about ... reading, writing, numeracy, dance, drama, Social Studies, Science and Technology!!!!

Scottie Opetaiia and Richard Byrne have started working with our Rippa Rugby children to get a couple of teams ready for the upcoming competition. Thanks for your time and commitment with this guys.

Next week we have Milo cricket coaching for all classes and also our Grasshopper Tennis programme starts, so there will be balls flying everywhere! Please ensure all students come with appropriate footwear to be able to take part in both cricket and tennis activities, together with their sunhats.

**A REMINDER THAT THERE IS TO BE A PRIMARY TEACHERS' UNION MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1pm→3pm.** The Board seeks parent support in making alternative arrangements for students for the afternoon as there will only be a couple of us available to supervise children. Please arrange to have students collected at 12.30pm on March 17<sup>th</sup>. School has to be officially kept open for instruction, and we realise that some children may be required to stay at school. So if you are unable to make alternative arrangements for your child we can supervise them at school. Please complete and return the slip below **if your child will be remaining at school** and thus will require supervision.

My child \_\_\_\_\_ in Room \_\_\_\_ will be staying at school during the teachers' union meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> and will require supervision.

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Contact \_\_\_\_\_

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We have recorders in stock for sale now at \$8.50 each.

The fifteen ukuleles the school has purchased have arrived and have been given the seal of approval by Gilly. So, if you want to purchase a ukulele we recommend these and will be happy to put in an order at school prices for any interested families. They are \$47.00 each, inclusive of G.S.T and freight, so if you would like to purchase one please complete and return the slip below **with your cash or cheque** made out to Wanaka Primary School by Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

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### UKULELE ORDER



I wish to order a ukulele. Please find attached payment for \$47.(incl. GST & freight)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Contact \_\_\_\_\_

I hope you are starting to enjoy the strains of a delightful instrument being played in your house, especially those recorders with the holes not quite covered!!!! Remember to keep smiling!!!!



My thought for the week,  
'Spoon feeding in the long run teaches us nothing but the shape of the spoon.'

Have an awesome week and make the most of the great weather ... those Autumnal mornings are not that far away!!!!

Smiles,

Wendy B 😊

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 25/02: Assembly 2.15pm Rooms 13 & 2 presenting
- 01/03: Milo cricket coaching and Grasshopper Tennis Coaching all week
- 03/03: C.O. Swimming Sports
- 08/03: Years 5 & 6 goal setting interviews 1.30→5pm  
Milo cricket and Grasshopper Tennis all week
- 10/03: Years 3 & 4 goal setting interviews 1.30→5pm  
Parent Forum meeting 7pm
- 11/03: Years 3→6 goal setting interviews 3.15→5pm
- 15/03: Upper Clutha Ripa Rugby tournament  
Junior School goal setting interviews 1.30→5pm.

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**MORE ADULT HELPERS** are *desperately* needed for our walking school bus on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY mornings, which leaves the ex-*Big Bounce* building in Anderson Road at 8.15am. Please ring Kath Wilson on 443 7874.

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### **News from our PARENT FORUM:**



Our plea for all families to donate two non-perishable goods for our grocery hamper raffles at the A & P show has got off to a slow start and the box in the school foyer has barely enough items in it to cover the bottom. *Please, oh please*, support this fundraiser for our school and bring along your groceries any time between now and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. **Please check expiry dates on products being donated as we cannot raffle goods that have exceeded their use-by date.**

We also require more offers of help selling raffle tickets and are indebted to those who have already volunteered. **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](mailto: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.

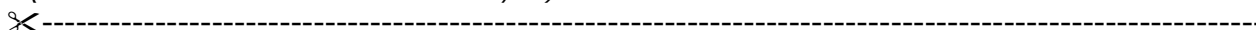
*(Please circle which day and time suits you best).*

<b>FRIDAY 12/3/10</b>	10→11am	11am→12.00	12→1pm	1→2pm	2→3pm	3→4pm
<b>SATURDAY 13/3/10</b>	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 27<sup>TH</sup> 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 selling steadily and we have a limited number. We need 6 helpers from each classroom to be on security at each house. Each helper will be given 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](mailto:gavin.nicola@xtra.co.nz)

**NETBALL 2010:** All girls interested in playing netball this season need to register their names with Katrina at the school office by **FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**. Girls are required to attend a training session during the week and games in Wanaka on a Saturday morning during Term 2. If any parents are interested in coaching, or have any queries, please contact Bronnie (021 285 2010 or 443 4241). Year 1 & 2 Fun Ferns will be organized shortly.

**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](mailto:office@wanaka.school.nz)

**SOCCER/FOOTBALL** training has started on Thursday afternoons @ 3.30pm at Wanaka Primary. Bring your registration form with payment if you haven't done so yet. Ph. 443 9711.

Some items of **LOST PROPERTY** from yesterday's swimming sports are at the school office. A size 6 blue polo shirt named *Aden* was mistakenly worn home after the sports by another 7 yr old. Please check if it's arrived at your house and phone Rachel Cassaidy on 443 8121.

**WESTPAC WANAKA COLOURING COMPETITION forms** are available from the school office. All primary school aged students can enter and prizes will be awarded to each age group. Entries to be back at the school office by lunchtime Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

**Q92 MORE FM IRONKIDS DUATHLON SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**, starting from the Lake Hayes Show Ground @ 11.15am. Entry forms available from the school office or enter online [www.morefm.co.nz](http://www.morefm.co.nz)