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NEWSLETTER NO.6

Hello to all of our newsletter readers,

Hasn't the weather been fantastic? We are so pleased to have our classes out there enjoying it! The Milo Cricket and the Grasshopper Tennis sessions have been a great hit forgive the pun!! We are so fortunate to have such good coaches working with our children to learn those basic skills so essential for these sports. The last session of cricket coaching is this Friday and our tennis coaching continues for another two weeks with some fun matches planned to finish off this coaching block. Please note that due to the rain last Friday, Room 9 students have had their cricket coaching session rescheduled for this coming Friday and, as a consequence, will **not** be presenting at Assembly this week. **The presenters will be Rooms 3 & 4** and parents are most welcome to come along and join us at 2.15pm under the shade sails of the Senior Block.

Our Rippa Rugby coaches are getting our teams up to speed for the Upper Clutha competition next Monday 15th March. This afternoon, Bill Godsall from Sport Central, worked with our year 5 & 6 students who are keen to try out for the Central Otago Triathlon.

Our year 5 & 6 classes had a fabulous visit to the Airforce Museum last Friday. Many thanks to the parents who helped supervise this.

Once again, I would like to record my thanks to the wonderful people from the Wanaka Musicians' Society for their donation of \$2,000 from the 'Stars in Your Eyes' performances. This donation is invaluable as it will enable us to purchase additional ukeleles, guitars and keyboards for our music programmes. **THANKS SO MUCH STARS IN YOUR EYES!!!!!!**

We have not had the positive responses to our online booking for interviews that we had last year and so Katrina has been doing a bit of ringing around as we want to see ALL parents. Next week we have the Junior interviews so please get your online booking for an interview time done. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the school code NUXL5. If you don't have access to a computer, please call Katrina as soon as possible.

Classes have also been focussing on their artwork for the Wanaka Show. Some classes have also put in other entries as well. I am always amazed by the fabulous art our classes present for the Show. It is looking pretty good so far from what I have seen.

A REMINDER THAT THE PRIMARY TEACHERS' UNION MEETING PLANNED FOR WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH HAS NOW BEEN PUT OFF UNTIL EARLY MAY, so there is no need to arrange alternative arrangements for your children as all staff will be on board so it is school as usual. I apologise for this but it is beyond our control.

A meeting is being held at school tomorrow (Wednesday 10th March) from 6→7pm in Room 12A for the Upper Clutha community to meet with the Special Education Manager, Pat Crowley, who will give information regarding the review of Special Education Services so that people feel more informed before they forward their comments for the review. Everyone who is interested is most welcome to attend.

A Parent Forum meeting is also being held tomorrow evening at 7 pm in the staffroom. Members of the Wanaka Primary School's Future Trust are speaking to the group to inform them about the purpose and work of the group and to answer questions about the Trust. The meeting will also focus on the organisation for the upcoming House Tour. Everyone is very welcome

Harold and Pip from the Education Life Trust Mobile Classroom arrive next Wednesday 17th March. Pip will be holding a parent information session in the mobile classroom. If you would like to find out more about what your child is learning during this time, please come along. I am happy to supervise children in the playground so that parents can attend this. It is planned for 3.15pm and is for no longer than 30 minutes.

If you want to purchase a ukulele we are happy to inform you that Selectrix can sell you one at a great price, equal to any school prices we can find.

Have a super week. Let's hope the wonderful weather holds out for the Show over the weekend.

Smiles,

Wendy B.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- 12/03: Assembly 2.15pm. **ROOMS 3 & 4*** PRESENTING. (**Please note change*).
- 15/03: Upper Clutha Rippa Rugby tournament
Junior School goal setting interviews 1.30→5pm
- 17/03 Harold the Giraffe and the Life Education Trust mobile classroom arrive
- 18/03: Junior School goal setting interviews 3.15→5pm
Parents meeting for Harold 3.15pm.
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News from our PARENT FORUM:

A reminder to you all that the Parent Forum is meeting **TOMORROW** Wednesday 10th March at 7pm in the staffroom. There is lots to plan with the A & P Show hamper raffle and the upcoming House Tour on 27th March – so if we can persuade any more newcomers to come along, you can be assured of a **very** warm welcome.



GROCERY HAMPER: The boxes in the school foyer have been filling up nicely with items for our grocery hamper raffles at the A & P Show. Thank you **SO** much to the families who have contributed so far, especially those who have brought in more than the two non-perishable goods per family requested. Please continue to send things in between now and tomorrow, if you haven't already done so. We plan to have 3 draws and the more attractive they look, the more raffle tickets we will sell. **Please check expiry dates on products being donated.**

We are also desperate for more offers of help selling raffle tickets. **We need helpers from 3→4.00pm on Friday 12th March and from 11am→2pm on Saturday 13th March.** If you could give an hour of your time on either of these days, please 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 it to the school office.

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

(so a roster & instructions can be forwarded to you.)

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



A reminder that 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 available from the school office and are priced at \$40 each. 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. Forms in classrooms or email Nick McDonald on gavin.nicola@xtra.co.nz

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE FAMOUS? As part of our House Tour, we will be auctioning pictures of houses sketched by well-known New Zealanders, including a number of All Blacks. If you have any contacts who might be willing to add to our fine collection, please see Phillipa Wilson in Room 4 or ring the school office.

EVERY CHILD will be bringing home a form today, and we would ask that you check the details held on our computer database. It is especially important that information is accurate with the Board of Trustees election coming up. Please note that the **Voting Rights** are allocated to parents and caregivers of the ELDEST child attending Wanaka Primary, so please don't panic if you notice an 'N' recorded against Voting Rights on the sheet printed for your younger child. Please return this form **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**, even if the details are correct, and amend as necessary.

CENTRAL OTAGO SWIMMING SPORTS: Well done to all members of our swim team who represented our school so well last Wednesday, both in the pool and out. A huge thank you to all the parent helpers who organised, marshalled, timed, supported and encouraged our team so brilliantly. What a fantastic day! We will publish results in next week's newsletter. Robyn.

SCHOLASTIC NZ BROCHURES are now available from classrooms. Orders must be to Katrina by 9am **FRIDAY 12TH MARCH PLEASE**. Payment can be made by cheque (made out to *Scholastic NZ* or credit card only. **NO CASH IS ACCEPTED**.

KIWI NETBALL WANAKA: Just a gentle reminder that **FRIDAY 12TH MARCH** is the last day for payment of netball fees.

YEAR 1 & 2 FUN FERNS: Early stages of fun basic netball skills. Girls are required to attend one lunch hour practice per week for **Term 2 only**. **NO SATURDAY NETBALL** for this age group. All girls interested, please register with Katrina at the school office by **FRIDAY 26TH MARCH**. For more info., contact Yvonne Brew 443 5650. Also, any parents interested in learning to umpire primary school-aged netball, please contact Yvonne Brew.

U.C. JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION DAY : THURSDAY 18TH MARCH, 3.00→6.00pm
@ The Rugby clubrooms. Subs are to be paid on this day, \$60 per family; \$35 per player
U16→U7, \$10 for U5s. Enquiries to Mandy 443 6088.



The Wanaka Primary School Future Trust is very excited to be part of a fundraiser with 63B at the Warbirds Over Wanaka air show on Easter Friday, Saturday and Sunday (2nd, 3rd and 4th April).

We know there have been lots of calls for volunteers lately but chances like this don't come up very often. We need two sets of volunteers. The first would work from 7am to 10am making sandwiches at **The Venue** (Cnr. Cardrona & Orchard Rds.) – which is kid friendly. 4 persons per day are required. The second shift is working in the silver pass area of the air show from 10am→4pm. This would entail clearing, selling, kitchen preparation, etc. If you have special skills please let us know. We have the potential to earn in excess of \$7,000 for the Trust if we can fill all the places. Heather Wellman is coordinating the roster. Please call her on 443 7347 to book a time slot. Thank you all in advance for your support.
Sandy Guy, Chairperson.

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

SEASONS FOR GROWTH.

Has your child experienced grief or loss from changes that have happened in his or her life? The loss or grief maybe from the death of someone significant in their lives, parent, sibling or grandparent or it maybe the loss they feel from family separation and divorce.

This programme can also address the loss and change children experience from immigration to New Zealand or other major family change.

Seasons for Growth is an eight session programme that assists a child to understand the changes and feelings they experience because of their loss.

It allows them to work in a small group with a trained facilitator to express how they feel and learn strategies that help them move on with their lives.

Children learn that it is normal to experience a range of emotions connected to change, loss and grief. They are offered the opportunity to talk about what is going on inside them and often find that others feel the same. Children are encouraged to learn positive ways to deal with their various emotions. Each person in the group has a workbook, which follows a set structure to work through.

This programme is available at school and the tutor is Liz Malcuchnig. Your child needs to be between six and eleven years old to be part of this programme. If you are interested in your child being part of this programme, please call at the school office to complete a registration form or, for further information ring Kathi McLean, Seasons for Growth Co-ordinator [03] 448 6115 or 0800 coreap.