

ARROWTOWN SCHOOL ~ WINTER SPORTS

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The children have five options for their Winter Sports Programme in term 3;

1. Skiing (if your child is doing QAST during this time please let us know)
2. Freestyle skiing - ONLY for advanced skiers, mostly off piste skiing, terrain park and jumps.
3. Telemark - must have own gear and could depend upon number of children,
4. Snowboarding – Yr4 children must have their own equipment to participate, Yr5,6,7,8 can rent equipment
5. Golf – lesson & practise session at Arrowtown Golf Course (more information will follow for golfers)

Please discuss these options with your child and indicate their preference. Skiers, snowboarders or golfers can be at any level or ability in order to participate. We generally place children in the same level groups as they finished last year, after checking against the level you indicate on the return form. For new pupils we will group when their ability forms have been returned.

The Dates

Fridays – 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th of August and 2nd September. We have 9th September as our reserve day.

The Equipment

Mountain Clothing - Warm waterproof jacket and pants, warm clothing underneath (eg. merino, wool, layers), wool/fleece hat, ski gloves (waterproof), goggles or sunglasses, hi-vis vest, ski helmet, cut lunch and drink, plus substantial morning tea, sunscreen lotion, warm socks, wrist-guards for snowboarders who have their own gear (Those renting, will have them provided).

Please note that a helmet and hi-vis vest are compulsory.

Costings – Season pass (\$90) + daily cost.

Payments are due BEFORE the first session. Please send money in a named envelope or pay by direct banking – account number 12 3234 0036499 00. If paying the full amount and your child misses a session a refund will be available. We often find that refund cheques are not presented. If you wish to donate the refund to the school, please indicate so on the form. If meeting these costs is difficult, please contact the office.

- Skiing/Snowboarding: \$15 per student per day - \$75 for the 5 days (price will remain the same if children use their own equipment or travel in private vehicles as it is a package deal).
- Golf: Last season each session cost \$23 (\$20 for club members) or \$115 for the 5 sessions. Each session includes gear hire and a lesson.

Parent Help

Parent help is important for the ski programme as we prefer to have two parents with each group for safety reasons. We try to have 10 children, at the most, in each group. We prefer parents who can be at all five sessions, but if you can only assist with individual sessions as an emergency parent, please indicate on the form provided. Parent helpers can join us on the buses up the mountain and home again, or drive yourself and we'll meet you up there at 10.30am. We depart the mountain at 2.15pm and arrive at school by 3pm. The cost is free for parents and includes gear hire. Parent helpers are welcome to take their children up the mountain to ski before the buses arrive; we just ask that you have your child's hi-vis vest for when they join the school group.

Helmets

If you have spare helmets that you are willing to donate to the school, or alternatively organise for it to be sold to another school family, please contact the office.

We do have helmets available for children who require one, a \$20 deposit for this which is returned when the helmet is returned at the end of school skiing.

All information will be available through the sports blog (by using the 'labels', in the right column you can select skiing and view all posts relating specifically to skiing)

<http://arrowsports.blogspot.com>

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