

"GO FOR GOLD"



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Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

Performing Arts Extravaganza

We hope you enjoyed the extravaganza last week. The children were very keen to perform and showed a lot of confidence on the stage.

Nearly every one of our 450 children got onto the stage in costume in the right place, at the right time. Not bad! We obviously have a lot of talent in the school and it's great that they have an opportunity to "strut their stuff".

A huge thank you to all the parents, staff members and students who worked so hard to make this event go so well. Special mention to Tracey Gieck and Jill Leydon for their superb efforts as stage managers and to Sue Parnell for all her behind the scenes work. Thanks again to our performing arts teacher, Karen Neill, for leading the way and doing a great job of co-ordinating everyone's efforts.

What's happening?

A number of Gifted and Talented programmes are underway or about to start. Mrs Clarke is taking writing courses for Y3-4 and Y5-6 children and nine of our

children have qualified for this programme. These sessions are being held at Remarkables School and are funded by Southern REAP. Mr Young has started a "Digi-Class" for a group of children to extend their expertise in elearning, particularly multimedia Swimming lessons start on 12 September.

Counselling

The Queenstown Lakes Family Centre will be offering a counseling service at the school, starting soon. A counsellor will be available at the school one afternoon a week and families will be able to access this service through the school. Details to follow.

Sickness

There are a number of nasty bugs around at the moment and some children are coming back to school before they have fully recovered. Please keep children at home if they are unwell so that they don't spread their illness.

Robin Harris
Principal

After school care will be starting at Arrowtown School care of a company called SKIDS (Safe Kids in Daily Supervision) from 5 September.

Enrolment forms are now available at the school office. For any questions please contact:

Meryl Stevens
SKIDS

Tel: 021 143 6813

arrowtown@skids.co.nz

Upcoming Events

Friday 2 Sept - Junior Assembly

More dates can be seen on our website - <http://www.arrowtown.school.nz/events/>

Dates in Calendar are Closer Than They Appear!

Thought for the day

'Old age is compulsory, wisdom is optional.' Anonymous

Arrowtown School Vision

'GO FOR GOLD'

Give it a go - be confident, be positive, have a go and make the most of life's opportunities

Others are important - be respectful, compassionate, supportive and fair, communicate effectively and work well with others

Lead by example - be responsible, honest, take pride in what you do, be self disciplined

Do your best - be ready for learning, work hard, give it your best



What's going on?

By Simon Wallace-Blakely & Ella Little

Now that the extravaganza has passed and the school schedule is back to our regular areas of learning, the senior science groups have started up again. Mrs Little, the science teacher, is teaching Year 7 and 8 kitchen chemistry. We are learning what elements make what, for example - salt = sodium chloride, sugar = sucrose. I am sure all kids are having a great time learning kitchen chemistry. We have had only one day so far and we look forward to the experiments coming up.

Yesterday we had our first digiclass session. We learnt how 10 kids could work on one document (hosted in the 'cloud') at the same time. We got our very own google accounts set up for us, this means we can access our work from any computer in the world that has internet access. We are also planning to enter some movie making competitions (now that Mr Young has a macbook we can use!!) such as, the Fair Go ad awards, the MADE awards and Sunsmart awards. Maybe we will win some awesome prizes for our school.

Meet the Teacher

Jess Hall | New Entrant Teacher | Room 16

What are your hobbies?: Tramping, swimming, cycling, playing the piano, reading, movies

What is your favourite subject to teach?: Reading

How long have you been teaching at Arrowtown School?: 8 years (on and off)

What is your favourite thing about teaching?: Seeing children progress

How many schools have you taught at before Arrowtown?: 3

What is something we might not know about you?: I play the saxophone.

What do you like most about Arrowtown School?: Friendly children, staff and community



Group maths using an IWB and personal whiteboards



Rm 18 just before heading on stage



Extension writers enjoying each others work



Levi uses the IWB to share his knowledge of Te Reo



School Sport

We held our sporting assembly yesterday to acknowledge some of our sports teams' achievements over the last couple of months. Thanks to all parents who came along and have been involved in helping our sports teams achieve to their best.

Last day for skiing tomorrow. Thank you to all the parents who have helped with groups this year.

Hopefully we get a good day, but the forecast is a bit dodgy so please check the school website in the morning. We will make the call to postpone by 8.00am if we need to.

Well done to our cross country teams who competed at the Central Otago Champs.

The Yr 5/6 boys came 2nd, the Yr 5/6 girls 3rd and the Yr 7/8 boys 3rd.

For individual results and other notices please check the sports blog.

Can all outstanding sports uniforms please be handed in ASAP.

For sports information, organisation, results, images and more please go to

<http://arrowsports.blogspot.com>

Online - Websites of the Week

Rain Forest At Night -

http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/00/earthpulse/rainforest/index_flash-feature.html

Move around the forest floor or canopy and click on animals you find for interesting facts and photos.

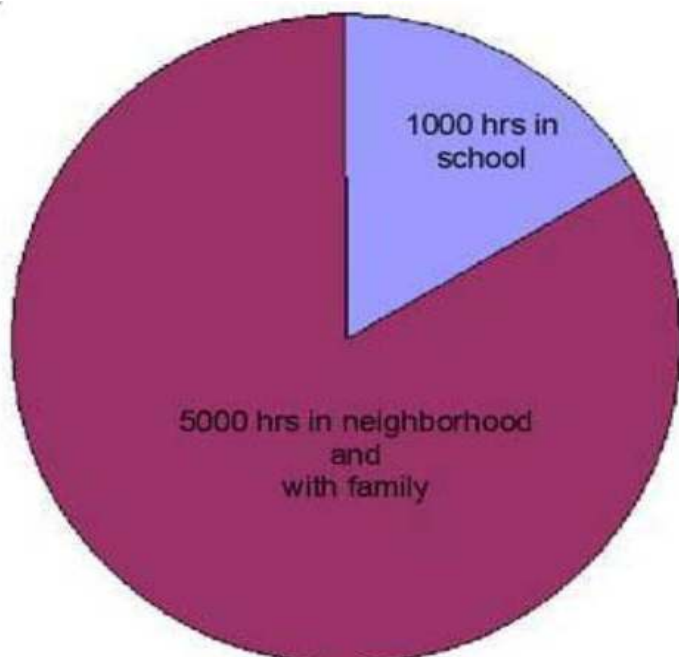
This is a fun and informative way to learn about the rain forest environment.

Snappy words - <http://www.snappywords.com/>

An online visual dictionary & thesaurus. Words are colour coded according to parts of speech. Type a word in the search box and click 'go'.

Arrowtown School is on facebook, just look for Arrowtown Primary School

We are using facebook to share important information with our community. For instance, we used it for advising of snow day closures, start times, bus times, when newsletters have been placed online, to let you know images from sports events are on the sports blog etc



Approximate waking hours, per year, for students in school and in neighborhood and with family.

cf Berliner, D.C. *Our impoverished view of educational reform*. Teachers College Record, August 2005.

Extra Information

Neil McKay - International consultant and author of Removing Dyslexia as a Barrier to Learning

Parent Evening - This is a two hour evening course for parents/guardians.

Staying connected to your child and their learning can be difficult when the challenges of dyslexia or other differences arise - especially when it comes to homework and learning for tests. Focusing on aspects of reading for meaning, spelling tricky words and organising ideas on paper, this unique workshop teaches parents some of the "tricks of the trade". Parents Evening will be held:

Cromwell | Thursday 29th September | Cromwell Presbyterian Church | 7-9pm | \$10 per person
Tickets available from school office

NOTE: Some parents got the chance to see Neil at Millbrook two years ago and were very impressed!



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Ph: (03) 4420075
Nathalie@lcfclubs.co.nz



Community Notices

Arrowtown Horticultural Society

Spring Flower Show

Friday 30th September 2011-08-08

Arrowtown Athenaeum Hall

AGM Thursday 18th August 6pm



Arrow Brewing Co.

All welcome.

Schedule available on www.arrowtownspringshow.com

"Like" us on Facebook - **Arrowtown Spring Show** for regular updates.

Guitar, Drums and Bass Tuition

If you're keen on learning, I'll be keen to teach you.

Philip Hartshorn BA (HONS) PGDip Tching

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Website: www.philiphartshorn.com

Elwing, The 14metre, Liveaboard yacht, sailing, kayaking, snorkelling, trekking and exploring Are Some Of The activities which will happen during this 5 day adventure!. To find out more/make your reservation - Contact us – 0272768817 Email: elwing@clear.net.nz Website: www.elwing.co.nz

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Guitar lessons – Contact Lisa Cruickshank-Ulrich Ph: 021 176 45439.

Danceworks - Queenstown & Arrowtown. Limited spaces still remaining for Term 3! Modern Jazz (AJDA), Hip-Hop (BBDS), Ballet (BBO), Tap (AJDA), & Pre-school Dance Classes Exam & Recreational Classes available. All welcome. Call (03) 441 4202 for more information, or email lisamichelledavies@talk21.com www.danceworksqueenstown.co.nz

The City Impact Church Annual Spring

Giveaway - is back on Saturday 17 September!

If you have good quality items to donate (good working furniture, appliances, clothing), please drop off from Monday 7th and before 11am on Saturday 17th.

Or if you're feeling the pinch, come along from 1pm come and receive much needed goods. Everything is complimentary!

Brings the kids along for a fun filled day including an amazing kids concert, bouncy castle and sausage sizzle!

All enquiries contact 03 442 3025. City Impact church, 3 Hansen Road, Frankton, Queenstown (opposite the Events Centre)

Child Care - I am a grandmother & i am available to look after children of all ages, preferably in your own home. Have been doing so for sometime now. ph Bronwyn 4421678 or 0211266663

Queenstown School of Dance - Reminder, new students joining our junior hip hop classes - we start Tuesday August 30th and Jazz classes start September 7th. Please ring/email to reconfirm your child's spot. anna@queenstownschoolofdance.co.nz / Anna Stuart 441 412

40 kph Speed Limit in Arrowtown?

The council is currently reviewing the speed limits in the Arrowtown area. Proposals include lowering the speed limit to 40km/h (or lower) in Arrowtown, introducing engineering measures to slow vehicles, or increasing enforcement. To help fully define any proposal the council needs to hear from you: any issues you have with the speed of vehicles and your thoughts on what council should do. You can email services@qldc.govt.nz with Arrowtown Speed Reduction in the subject line, send us a letter at Private Bag 50072 or fill in the online survey at www.qldc.govt.nz. A discussion document with more information is also available at the website. **Please let us have your feedback by Friday 9 September.**

Guitar Lessons

All ages Beginner/Intermediate

Also offering Vocal/Songwriting training (Individual & Group Lessons available)

\$25 - ½ hour individual lesson

\$30 - 1 hour group lesson (max 4 students per session)

\$50 - 1 hour individual lesson

Phone or Text: Lisa Cruickshank-Ulrich

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