

"GO FOR GOLD"



**ARROWTOWN
SCHOOL**

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Dear parents and caregivers,

Well here we are again almost at the end of another year. This eight week term feels like the 50m freestyle final at the Olympics – almost over before it has started.

We have had another pretty successful year, thanks to the support of many, many people.

Thank you to all of our school staff. I think we are very lucky to have such a talented and committed staff who work so well together.

Thank you to all parents and caregivers. We have had huge numbers of coaches, classroom helpers, camp mums and dads, cooks, sports officials etc. and we value your involvement greatly.

Thank you to our Board of Trustees – parent reps Don, Mary, Grant, Chris and Nick and staff rep Sue Buckenham. Thanks for a great year; it's a pleasure working with such a positive group.

Thank you to the PTA for your awesome efforts with the fair and all the projects this year. Not many schools have as strong a PTA as we do.

Staff news

There will be very few changes with our staff for next year. Jess Hall in Rm 16 finishes up next week but will be back partway through 2012. Kate Clark in Rm 9 will be on maternity leave next year and will be replaced by Janey Winders, who is returning from maternity leave. Sara Booth is also coming back from maternity leave to jobshare in Rm 12 with Nadine McCulloch.

Survey

Thanks to all who took part in the school survey. This is the greatest amount of feedback I have ever seen in a school survey, so well done. There is a huge amount of positive feedback and that is very satisfying. There are some areas where we will be looking closely at and we will be working on these areas next year. A summary of the main findings can be found at <http://www.arrowtown.school.nz/>

[downloads/parent-survey-summary-2011.pdf](#)

One of our BoT members, Chris Clark, will make contact with those parents who requested this in the survey.

Reports

End of year reports will be sent home with Year 4-7 children next Tuesday.

Arrangements for next year

27 Jan, 2 & 3 Feb - Teacher training days on reading comprehension, numeracy and elearning.

Friday, 3 Feb - Class lists will be shown on the library windows.

Tuesday, 7 Feb - School starts back. (Children go straight to their classrooms.)

Y8 Leavers assembly

This year's Year 8 students have been a lovely bunch. They have set a very good tone at the top of the school and contributed very well to the school in lots of ways. Best wishes for camp and we look forward to hearing of your successes at high school.

Best wishes

On behalf of the staff and board, I wish you all the best for the festive season. Have a great Christmas and a relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

Best wishes to those families who will be finishing their association with the school. We hope that your children have benefitted greatly from their time at Arrowtown School and that they will look back on their days here fondly.

Robin Harris PRINCIPAL

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



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 14 December - Yr5/6/7 Assembly 11.30am
 Wednesday 14 December - Junior Christmas Assembly 1.45pm start
 Thursday 15 December - Yr3/4 Christmas Assembly 1.45pm
 Friday 17 December - School finishes for 2010 at 12.30pm
 - Buses run at 12.30pm

2012

27 Jan, 2 & 3 Feb - Teacher training days on reading comprehension, numeracy and elearning
 Friday 3 February - Class lists displayed on library windows
 Tuesday 7 February - School resumes for children
 Monday 13 February - Yr7 Pukerau Camp
 Term 1 - Tues 7 Feb to Fri 5 April
 Term 2 - Mon 23 April to Fri 29 June

“Lost time is never found again”

Benjamin Franklin

2011



Mr Harris welcomes the English Rugby team



Central Otago Spelling Champions



Distinction Achievers!

ICAS Test Stars



Our School RWCII Opening Ceremony



El Gregoe's anti-bullying show



Speech Finalists

Sports News

Hi all,

2011 has been a great year on the sporting and camping fronts. We have a very active and fit school community and this is reflected in the number of kids playing sport and involved in outdoor activities.

Camps

We started the year with a hiss and a roar with the Yr 6 Macetown camp. It was a great camp, especially with its local history beautiful countryside and being on our doorstep. Thank you to all the parents who helped and provided equipment. It is an intensive week but well worth it and we look forward to next year 6's having a great time as well.

Other camps were the Yr 8's team building camp at school, the Year 7's to Pukerau and next week the year 8's are at Deep Cove. Again, a big thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to help with the camps this year. Also a big thank you to the PTA for their substantial donations to help keep camp costs down.

For camp dates next year please look at the calendar on the sports blog.

Swimming

We had a number of children who represented our school at Central Otago swim sports and the Otago Champs in March. The swimming programme at Aqualand has again been successful in terms 3 and 4 at Aqualand.

Triathlons

We held our school triathlon at the Events centre in March. We had over seventy of our kids represent our school at the central triathlon in Cromwell and we had a number of medals in the teams and individual events. We will again hold our school triathlon next year as a lead up to the Central Otago schools one in March. We have a lot of our kids entered in the Jack's Point triathlon this month. Good luck to them!

Athletics

We had fine days for both our senior and junior school athletics this year and a great parent turnout for both. Over 70 kids represented our school at the Central Otago athletics meeting in Alexandra in November and 12 of our kids went to the Otago champs in Dunedin.

Cross Country

The senior cross country was held in June with 32 kids going on to compete at the central champs in August. 10 of those kids then were selected to compete at the Dunedin champs as well. The junior cross country was also a success showing that we have some great up and coming runners in the school. The future looks bright for our cross country teams!

Skiing

We had another excellent season on the slopes with the weather and snow allowing for some excellent skiing. A big thanks to all the parents who helped with groups on the mountain this

year. We are very lucky and the envy of a lot of schools to be able to include skiing in our sports programme. Our inter school ski exchange was a success too. Thanks to Tim Young and parents for running this.

Sports Exchange

We had our sports exchange with Queens-town primary in June this year. It was a very successful exchange with Arrowtown winning the football and the Yr 7 netball. We plan to include a "Tri - Nations Battle of the Basin", sports exchanges with us, Queenstown and Remarkables schools next year when we all have Yr 7 and 8 kids.

Touch Rugby

Our number of touch teams have grown from 4 to 18 in the last few years. Over 160 of our kids are competing every Monday evening at the Events Centre. The kids love it and have shown progress in skills over the year. Notices will go out early next year for the Term 1 module. Remember to enrol your child by the cut off date as we had to turn away a few players this term. There is no touch for the last day this Monday for the Yr 7 and 8 kids because of Camp.

Rippa Rugby

We had 12 teams that played in the Queens-town tournament in March and from that 6 teams qualified for the Central Otago Schools competition. Our Yr 3/4 team and Yr 5/6 teams went on to win the Otago champs at Carisbrook. Our Yr 5/6 team then qualified for the "rippa world cup" in Auckland where they ended up coming second. A fantastic result considering there were 600 teams that entered the qualifying rounds. Again thanks to all the coaches who gave up their time to help our kids.

Netball

Arrowtown School had 10 teams entered in the Lakes District competition this year. We could be up to 12 teams next year. The teams all performed well in particular the top Year 8 team who overturned their exchange result against Queenstown and won the final tournament. We have got some great little up and coming silver ferns at our school. Thanks to our netball committee for overseeing things this year and all our coaches. We hope to get things up and running with netball in March next year.

Football, Rugby, Karate and Cricket

We had high numbers of kids participating in these sports through various clubs. The clubs do a great job of running and promoting their sports. If you would like your child to play these sports I have the contacts and can give them to you. We had a lot of our kids represent Central Otago in these sports. We have school teams entered in the Yr7/8 Milo Boys cricket competition and girls competition for next year as well.

"Don't practice until you get it right. Practice until you can't get it wrong"



Basketball

We had 4 school teams entered in the local Friday night Basketball competition. It is for Year 7 and 8 kids and is a lot of fun. It will be running again in terms 2 and 3 next year. There is a mini-ball competition also for the Year 5 and 6's.

I hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas and holiday. I look forward to another exciting and action packed year of sport and camps next year.

Paul Winders Sports Co-ordinator.

For sports and camp dates next year check out the sports blog calendar <http://arrowsports.blogspot.com/>

Reminder - any sports uniforms still at home please return washed by the end of next week - thanks

Community Notices

Carer Wanted- 2012 Two days a week

Are you a stay at home mum?
Would you be interested in earning extra income?
Do you live close to school?
Term time only, free support and training.
Phone Janey 03 442 0757 or Oanita 021 734 849

Denise Henderson & Bridget Telfer

Present Musicool Theatre & Dance Summer School 2012

Check out our website
www.musicool.co.nz

DANCEWORKS

End Of Year Show – ‘Dance Circus’
Saturday 17th December, 5pm,
Queenstown Memorial Hall.
\$10 Entry.

Come and join our fantastic students as they showcase their amazing talents performing Modern Jazz, Tap, Ballet & Hip-Hop!
lisamichelledavies@talk21.com
www.danceworksqueenstown.co.nz

Arrowtown Entertainers Family Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk – Fri. 9 Dec, 6.30, Sat. 10 dec. 3.30, Sat. 10 dec, 6.30. Athenaeum Hall Arrowtown. Tickets available at Lakes district Museum & door sales. Adults \$10, children \$5, under 5s free. Family concession, 2 adults, 3 children \$20.

For Sale - 24" Raleigh Eliminator Bike (Black/ green) to suit age 8-11 approx. Great condition \$250 o.n.o + 21" Sony flat screen TV (old style) \$100 o.n.o. Please call Clare on 03 409 8541

Arrowtown Autumn Festival 2012 Art 2 Wear 2012

Unleash your creativity with Art 2 Wear 2012! It's back for its third year and we are now seeking creative wearable art entries for the show to be held on 27 & 28 April 2012 as part of the Arrowtown Autumn Festival.

Entry categories:

- * Pure Gold – This category has no design restrictions but the garment must be gold in colour.
- * Underwater World – Gather your inspiration from the underwater world.
- * Transformation – All is not what it seems. What the eye initially sees transforms to reveal something else.
- * Food for Thought – Challenge your mind, you are only limited by your imagination. \$5000 worth of cash prizes to be won. For an entry form or further information email [in-fo@arrowtownautumnfestival.org.nz](mailto:info@arrowtownautumnfestival.org.nz) or contact Deborah on 027 2101570. Closing date for entry forms is 11 February 2012 and Art 2 Wear garments must be received by 6 April 2012.

Holiday House for Rent – 11 – 25 Jan. Dogs OK. Phone Nicky 442 1061 / 027 443 3215.

Office Manager - to assist with the day to day operations of a locally owned and operated Events and C&I Company. The successful applicant will need to have:

- A sense of humour and enthusiastic outlook.
- Have excellent communication skills (both verbal and written).
- The initiative to work unsupervised with a strong work ethic and a can do attitude.
- The flexibility to work different hours and days.
- Be able to work in a positive way with all people.
- Have general office administrative skills which include, but are not limited to answering phones, organising and filing all office emails and basic bookkeeping duties, knowledge of QuickBooks, ACE Payroll, Microsoft Word, Outlook and Excel.

This position has the flexibility to be a full-time or part-time position. It also presents the opportunity for the successful applicant to enhance their own career development in

Event Management.

Applicants for this position should have NZ residency or a valid NZ work permit.
If this sounds like you please apply now by submitting a covering letter with your CV to Moonlight Country, PO Box 784, Queenstown or sales@moonlightcountry.co.nz

The Wakatipu Swim School's Holiday Swimming Programme will start on Monday 2nd of January 2012, with 5 day blocks of lessons throughout January. Our programme caters for learn to swim and water safety classes for infants from 6 months, pre-schoolers and school children, squad and technique development groups. Adult technique and instruction classes are available on request. Call Jane on 0274511161 or email jane@wakatipuswimschool.co.nz to register for any of the following blocks or to find out any other information.

1a – Jan 2-6th QPS/WHS pools ;
1b – Jan 9-13th QPS/WHS pools ;
1c – Jan 16-20th Alpine Aqualand ;
1d – Jan 23-27th Jan QPS/WHS pools

Theatricks Tuition Holiday Programmes

Performing Arts, Drama, Music
Theatricks will be running several holiday programmes in Performing Arts and Music over the holidays. For information and for contact details for tuition in 2012 please check our website: www.theatricks.co.nz

SWIM, BIKE & RUN! 15 Jan 2012
The Puzzling World Junior Challenge Wanaka Triathlon 2012. Online entries open now. The Age Groups are: 6-7, 8-9, 10-12 -
<http://www.challengewanaka.com/junior>

