

"GO FOR GOLD"



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

I'm looking out the window and admiring the work that the "polar rodent" has wreaked upon the landscape over the last few days. Talk about a feast or a famine!

The last few days have brought their own little pressures and exciting moments but we seem to have coped well with the ice, snow, delayed starts etc.

Please note that we use the homepage on the website to communicate important messages about delayed starts and school closures, from about 7:30 a.m. onwards.

More details about our "snow day" procedures are included in 'Our School' section on the website (in the a-z)

What's happening

Our next new entrant classroom starts up on the first day of next term with Ms Jess Hall teaching this new class in Room 16 Our 1 July student roll was 437, up from 424 last year, so the roll is still trending upwards..... The Arrowtown Lions are playing in the national finals of the ripper rugby competition in Auckland on 8-9 August. This tournament is being treated as a World Cup with each provincial finalist representing one of the countries in the real world rugby cup. Our team is representing Wales. It might be Wales' best ever chance of winning a world cup! Thanks for the responses to the second survey re after school care. We had a very quick and positive response indicating strong support for this initiative.

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 4-8 midyear reports should arrive home today. Our second round of parent teacher interviews for Y4-8

children will be held early next term on Thursday, August 4 and Wednesday, August 10. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the school code of 8NUJ6 to make bookings. You can also contact the office to make bookings. We encourage you to bring your children to the interviews.

Early school closure

It's going to be a very busy start to the third term with interviews and the extravaganza in the first three weeks. **Please note that school will finish early at 2 p.m. for all classes** on parent teacher interview days this year (Thursday, August 4 and Wednesday, August 10) so that interviews can start at 2:15.

Children who cannot be picked up at this time will be looked after at school. Buses will run at the normal time.

Holidays

I hope that you get a chance to have a nice break with your children over the holidays.

Best wishes.

Robin Harris - Principal

Upcoming Events

Thur 14 July - Mid Year reports Yr4-8
Fri 15 July - PTA School Disco - Rain, Hail or Shine
Mon 1 August - Start Term3
Tue 2 August - Senior Cross Country Yr5-8
Thur 4 August - Parent Interviews
Wed 10 August - Parent Interviews

Dates in Calendar are Closer Than They Appear!

'Thought for the day'

The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds. Think big anyway. ~ Kent Keith.

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?

Sasha Budd & Steph Arrowsmith

This week we have had a lot of 10 o'clock starts due to heavy snow and ice. All the kids have been very pleased and excited by the snowy conditions – lots of snowball fights have been happening around the school! The pathways have been very slippery lately, so remember to be careful when bringing your children to school.

Recently lots of classes have visited the very interesting Anne Frank exhibition at the Arrowtown Museum. This has been an excellent way for everyone to get an insight on Anne's life, and what it was like for Jewish people during that time. One of the highlights of the trip was the bedroom that had been made up to look similar to the bedroom that Anne had had when they were hiding out in the Annex. Thank you to all of the parents who helped to walk classes down to the museum. It was a great experience – surely a lot of kids will now want to read Anne's diary!

Meet the Teacher

Simon Wallace-Blakely

(We interviewed Mrs Kilbride – also known as 'Late Kate', as she was twelve minutes late for her wedding! – So you can get to know more about her!)

Kate Kilbride | Year 6 Teacher | Room 10

What are your hobbies?: Playing with her 3 children, reading, art, exercise

What is your favourite subject to teach?:

Writing

How long have you been teaching at

Arrowtown School?: One year and a term

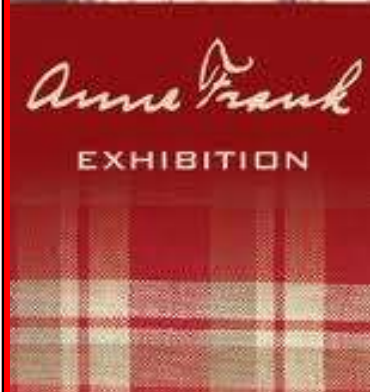
What is your favourite thing about

teaching?: Its different every day, and you can vary the time of arrival, i.e. late and going home late!

How many schools have you taught at before Arrowtown?: 5 years at a permanent school, 3 years relieving and teaching at Kip McGrath.

What is something we might not know about you?: 2 years in Waiouru with the army as an education officer in the National Army Museum and 2 years as a writer for kids TV show - Suzy Cato

What do you love most about Arrowtown School?: That all of the kids have lots of opportunities and the kids make the most of them – and, if I'm late leaving, it's not too far to walk home!



The amazing Anne Frank exhibition.



Weekend Snow



The covered sandpit - always popular



Merit Awards

Week 10 Merit Awards

Jordie Lawn, Sam Campbell, Geordie Philip,
Dominic Smith, Jess Cartman, Connor Paton,
Kate Culling, Logan Noton, Harrison McLean,
Carmen Woodhouse, Sam Harwood,
Bradley McTaggart, Cilla Clarke, Billy Conner,
Charlie Davies, Georgia Hill, Jake Turner,
Jemima Stevens, Annie Fraser, Levi Collins,
Ava Greening, Harriet Neilson, Billy Watts,
Keely Erskine, Thomas Hazlett, Molly
Watherston



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SCHOOL

MERIT CERTIFICATE

Awarded to _____

For _____

Signed _____ Date _____

BORN OF GOLD

Yr4-8 Parent Interviews

Interviews start at 2.15pm and go through to 6.30pm –
dates are Thursday 4 August and Wednesday 10 August.

Extravaganza

16, 17 & 18 August

The Extravaganza is coming up soon. All the kids and classes are working hard on their items and as the excitement builds, so too does the list of jobs!

We need a lot of parent support in the build up to the show and on the performance nights.
If you are able to volunteer some help please look at the list below and contact the teacher indicated.

Please visit our Performing Arts Blog to keep up with all the latest news and information for the extravaganza -

<http://arrowtownschoolperformingarts.blogspot.com/>

Before the show

Builders to help Steve Ebsworth with the stage working bee - office@arrowtown.school.nz

Building props/painting/dressing stage - contact katek@arrowtown.school.nz

Set up hall on 6th and 7th August

At the show

Door work-tickets and ushers - contact sueb@arrowtown.school.nz

Help to put on piupiu - contact sandras@arrowtown.school.nz

Draw moko and tamoko (facial tattoos) - contact sandras@arrowtown.school.nz

Make up/hair - contact nadiac@arrowtown.school.nz

Wardrobe - contact nicole.fawcett@arrowtown.school.nz

Final pack up/clean up - contact robinh@arrowtown.school.nz

Thank you very much- we are all looking forward to this year's exciting show!

School Sport

We have had another busy term on the sporting front with winter sports and cross country training. Unfortunately we have had to postpone the cross country until next term but the kids assure me they will keep training over the holidays - you will, won't you kids??

The Arrowtown Lions team are training over the holidays in preparation for the World Rippa World Cup in Auckland in August. They have drawn Wales as their country so looks like we need to start practising our singing as well!! The Arrowtown Red team are also training over the holidays in preparation for their finals at Carisbrook on the 3rd August.

The ski/snowboard groups for next term will be emailed out soon.

Thanks to **Warwick Jones from Anchor Milk** for sponsoring our sportsmanship awards this term. Have a great holiday and enjoy the skiing!!

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

<http://arrowsports.blogspot.com>

Online

websites of the week

The Scrub Club (<http://www.scrubclub.org>)

A fun, interactive site where you can learn about health and personal hygiene. Created by the National Science Foundation, there are games, activities, stories, and information to show how to prevent everyday bacteria and germs.

Get Arrowtown School Information ASAP (<https://twitter.com/#!/arrowtownschool>)

You can sign up to Arrowtown Schools tweets. We will use this for cancellations, closures etc. To sign up - You have to set up a twitter account, then from your phone text 8987 and write "ON arrowtownschool"

Then it will reply saying to reply to the text with your twitter account username and password, then it will text back to confirm that you are good to go :)

Library News

It has been great to see the children making good use of the library at lunchtimes, It has been particularly busy this past week and I hope that you have been not inundated with too many bookmarks from your little people.

We have senior student librarians on deck to help out and they have been doing a fantastic job.

We ask that all library books issued to junior classes are returned by Friday (currently there are over 100 books outstanding) and that the middle and senior school return their overdues (some 80 books)

Have a happy and safe holiday

Judy Gillan

Student Support

A big thank you to Sue Parnell, Martha Swan, Jane Peasey, Kim Brandon, Karen Greening, Rachel Brennan and Tracey Donovan for their help in the Student Support programme. Our children have really benefited from getting the opportunity to read aloud to these parents.

Shirley Forrest

Parent Information

Fun Languages for Children Now Available THIS TERM AT YOUR SCHOOL!



Give your child a head start

French, Spanish, Mandarin, Italian, German, ESL

Make the most of your child's natural abilities to learn a new language after or before school. We use a professionally designed course involving songs, drama, crafts and lots of lively games, with the emphasis always on FUN!!

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Nathalie@lcclubs.co.nz

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WINTER CAMPS

All activities will be under competent supervision, and may include: canoeing, go-carting, horse riding, crafts, archery, flying fox, etc. Each day there will be a time of Bible teaching presented at the campers level.

The CYC Kids Camping programme has OSCAR approval and subsidies towards fees may be available.

CAMP	SCHOOL YEAR	DATE	PRICE
Snow Camp	Co-Ed Yr 8 - 11	18 - 21 Jul	\$450
Art Camp	Girls Yr 8 - 11	18 - 22 Jul	\$165
Winter Boys Camp	Boys Yr 5 - 8	18 - 22 Jul	\$125
Farm Camp	Boys Yr 9 - 13	25 - 29 Jul	\$165
Winter Girls Camp	Girls Yr 5 - 8	25 - 29 Jul	\$125

www.cycwaihola.org.nz



Email: kidscamps@cycwaihola.org.nz

Phone: (03) 417 7120



ATTENTION: Seeking a 3 bedroom home with a garden and fence for a family to buy who have recently relocated to our lovely town. Close to school would be beneficial. If you have a home and were thinking of selling please call me today - Cash Unconditional Buyer ready to move now!!

Let us also give something back to Arrowtown School. For every exclusive listing with me and successful sale on your home I will **gladly donate \$250.00 back to Arrowtown School** in your name.

This time of year we believe listings dry up. I often think that this is our frame of mind, with the reality being that now is a great time to list, with good buyer demand and a shortage of well-priced properties.

Tasha Boland

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E: tasha.boland@harcourts.co.nz www.harcourts.co.nz



Missing Tea Pots!

The two large tea pots have disappeared from our hall kitchen. Please phone school if you know where they are.



Community Notices & Information

Caregiver Required

Caregiver wanted for a lovely one year old, Thursdays & Fridays during term time starting Term3, ph 4421845/021942821. Also **Wanted:** a highchair/seat that you strap on a normal chair for toddler to sit up at table ph 4421845

Southland Junior Netball Academy - Want some specialist netball coaching? Then join the Junior Netball Academy! Suitable for players from 8 –15 years. Available Term 3 Invercargill, Gore, Queenstown. starting week of Monday 8th Aug2011. For further information, please contact Shan Jensen-Loach – 03 217 1303 or visit our website for a registration form www.netballsouthland.org.nz

Under 12 football fundraiser - Bring out your dead car and truck batteries Just ring and I will pick up. Ph Peter Clarke 442-6228 or 0274 723500

Orphans Aid International Football Festival - Sun.17th July 1pm – 4pm Earnslaw Park. Come down for a day of fun football games & festivities – spot prizes
All for a great cause, we are raising funds for Christchurch. Bad Weather back up is Sunday 24th July 1pm – 4pm

Queenstown Library will be holding free hour long Holiday Programmes - at the Library on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please call us on 441 0600 for more details. Bookings are essential.

Fun Dance Classes In Alexandra - 22nd, 23rd, 24th July. Top Tutors from Auckland. Classes for 4yrs to 14+ & Adult classes. Open to All no Experience Necessary. Ph 03 4488782

Songstars - Memorial Hall, 14 – 16 July.
Tickets at the Events Centre. Or ph. 0800ticketek (You cannot book by phone at the Events Centre!).Online www.ticketek.co.nz. If all else fails, there will always be door sales!

Colouring In Competition - pictures can be picked up from The Warehouse Queenstown from Saturday the 16th of July, pictures due back by Friday the 22nd. Great prizes to be had. Prize Giving Instore Sat, 23rd of July, 11am. If you can't be instore on the day, winners will be notified.

Toolbox Parenting Group 0-6 years -
Tuesday 23rd August, 7pm – 9.15 pm
6 sessions over 7 weeks. Facilitators: Maria Frewen and Maria Hendry. Queenstown Lakes Family Centre, unit 34, 159 Gorge Rd retail park During these six sessions you will be shown ways to develop a strong and magical bond with your child as well as ways to set boundaries when necessary on your child's behaviour. The most important years in your child's development are these early years and, during them no-one will influence your child's future more than you. Never forget that the effort you put into parenting your son or daughter during these years will have enormous pay-offs in the future. To register contact The Queenstown Lakes Family Centre on Ph 441 4331 or email: maria.hendry@qlfc.co.nz

Kid's Kitchen with Helen Reid - 8 – 12 year olds Wed. 27 Jul, 10am – 12noon or 2 – 4pm, Arrowtown School. \$20. SOUTHERN REAP to enrol 0800 111 117 or 03 236 6008

July School Holiday Care Programme - Club QPS at Queenstown Primary welcomes children from Arrowtown School to our July School Holiday Programme. Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm during school holidays for children aged 5 to 13. \$30 per child per day, or \$25 per child per day for families with more than one child. Children are welcome to attend daily or casually and WINZ subsidies are available to those families that qualify. Please email Christina Wilson at clubqps@queenstown.school.nz to enrol, or for further details. Spaces are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment and come along to join in on the fun.

Kinloch Lodge Half Price special in aid of the Christchurch Earthquake -

Weekend of 15th-16th July. Stay at Kinloch Lodge with the family, the first weekend of the holidays and all the room costs go to the Salvation Army in Christchurch. Sat. 16 July is the Glenorchy ball so make a weekend of it. Babysitters are available. Check out these 'doing it for Christchurch' specials: Double rooms just: \$41 to \$80 per room. Family rooms: \$57 per room. Bunks \$16.50 per person Dine in our restaurant and try out our new delicious seasonal menu or enjoy our well equipped self catering facilities. Stay during the rest of the holidays 3 nights for the price of 2. Ph: 442 4900
reservations@kinlochlodge.co.nz www.kinlochlodge.co.nz

For Sale - Corexplorer ski pants and Surfanic 300 series ski jacket size 10 in exc condition. \$80.00 for both. Please phone 027 4422075.

Clyde Mid-Winter Markets - Sunday 17th July 11:00am to 3:00pm Clyde Hall, Fraser & Newcastle Streets **Free admission**. Supporting Clyde Playcentre & Clyde Primary Year 8. Stall information please call Naomi 4492 661

Frankton Playcentre 40th Reunion: Sat., July 16, 8pm, The Waterfront Bar & Bistro, Tickets \$50/head, strictly limited. Available from Abbe, Frankton Playcentre, 442 3354, frankton-playcentre@gmail.com.

Music Lessons - Piano, Guitar, Drums, Bass, Theory. Classical, Jazz, Rock. - Lessons \$25 per 1/2 in full music studio close to town, in Hamilton Rd.
annamareemusic@yahoo.co.nz 0212044687 \$60 hourly rate. Your kids will love it!! Contact Sara (027) 254 9022

Danceworks - Queenstown & Arrowtown. Now taking enrolments for Term 3!!! Call (03) 441 4202 for more information, or email lisamichelledavies@talk21.com
www.danceworksqueenstown.co.nz

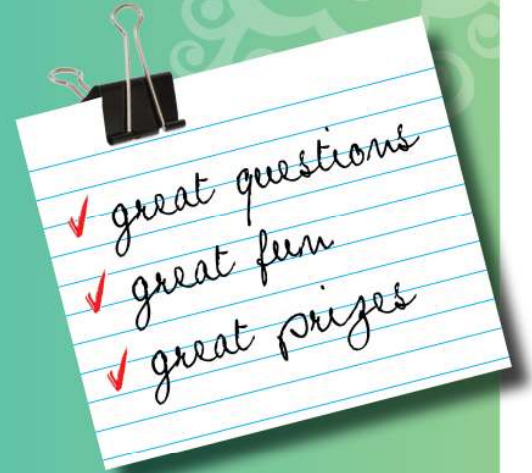
Orokonui Ecosanctuary Holiday Programme – fun activities on most days during the school holidays. Contact them on to find out more or visit the website www.oroikonui.org.nz (03) 482 1755, 021 474 367 The Orokonui Ecosanctuary is open for unguided walking and guided tours. The Visitor Centre and cafe are open daily from 9.30 to 4.30.

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