

"GO FOR GOLD"



ARROWTOWN
SCHOOL

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Dear parents/caregivers

Once again the world has been shaken by seismic events. Our thoughts are with all those people in our school with connections to Japan.

Enrolments from Christchurch.

Thanks to John Potts and his zany bikes we were able to provide a fun-filled afternoon for our Christchurch children on Friday. They had a great time. Our numbers of children from Christchurch are now down to around 30 as families have moved back. They are such neat kids we would love to keep them all.

What's been happening?

The Y5-8 triathlon was held yesterday at the Event Centre at Frankton. We are very happy with the high numbers of children who took part and how well they managed the course. And what a magnificent day it was. Mr Winders is on a roll at picking the good weather days for sports days and camps!....

Financial Literacy lessons have been held with Y3-8 classes courtesy of the ASB. We are starting the children young so they can look after you financially in your senior years. You can read about this programme at <http://www.getwise.co.nz/>.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our first round of parent teacher interviews for Y4-8 children is being held on Wednesday, 23 March and Thursday, 31 March. These interviews are about teachers sharing assessment results, parents sharing information about their children and working together to set goals for the children. Interviews are 10 minutes long; if, during the interview, you find that you need

more time, please make an alternative appointment to see the teacher rather than hold everyone else up. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the school code of 85L34 to make bookings. You will receive email confirmation of your times. You can also contact the office to make bookings. We encourage you to bring your children to the interviews so they are well informed and starting to take some responsibility for their learning.

Parents of Y1-3 children, teachers will contact you around the times of your children's interim and anniversary interviews.

Otago Anniversary Day

Wakatipu schools do not celebrate Otago Anniversary day. Historically, the schools in this area were part of the Southland Education Board and Southland's anniversary is in January. The school will be open on Monday.

Robin Harris - Principal

'Thought for the day'

"Friendship makes prosperity more shining and lessens adversity by dividing and sharing it"

Cicero (106 BC - 43 BC)

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



“The time is always right to do what is right.”



Hera tags Ruby to begin the final run stage of the triathlon



Cyclists ready for their leg of the teams triathlon race



A closely fought race

Upcoming Events

Term 1 - Weds 2 Feb to Fri 15 Apr
 Term 2 - Mon 2 May to Fri 15 July
 Term 3 - Mon 1 August to Fri 7 Oct
 Term 4 - Tues 25 Oct to Fri 16 Dec

Mon 21 March - School is open (no Otago Anniversary break!)
 Wed 23 March - Parent Interviews Yr4-8
 Thur 24 March - Rippa Rugby Tournament
 Sat 26 March - Otago Swim Champs
 Wed 30 March - CO Triathlon
 Thurs 31 March - Parent Interviews Yr4-8

For more dates please see - <http://www.arrowtown.school.nz/events/>

Dates in Calendar are Closer Than They Appear!

PTA

Arrowtown School PTA Meeting **Monday 28th March at 7.30pm** in the Staffroom.

NOTE: the change of date due to a clash with the parent teacher evening

Fancy an excellent excuse to get out of the house?

A drink (or two)?

Have some suggestions for the school wish list, a social event or fundraiser or just want to hear about what's in the pipeline

.....Then please come along to a PTA meeting !

We meet once a month (dates posted on the school website) - the more the merrier. No obligations, no requirements, no worries!

Hope to see you there!

School Skiing

It seems very early to be thinking about school skiing, but we do know that some people want to know about childrens ski passes. This year nzski has reduced the price of a primary kids season pass to \$90, these will be available to purchase in May from the Queenstown Snow Centre. To participate in the school ski programme this year every child must purchase a season pass, and pay \$15 per day of school skiing which includes transport, lesson and rental. The price is the same for all children even if they have their own equipment, and is cheaper than last year! Kids season pass purchasing information will be advised in April.

Thank you from Student Support

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help out with our Student Support programme by offering to hear children read aloud. We now have just enough parents for each day but will of course accept any new offers.

Shirley Forrest - shirleyf@arrowtown.school.nz

Rm12's Sound Searches

Thump Thump of the people going upstairs
We could find a bath tub with the water going down the drain burble gurgle
we could find a zipper on someone's jacket zzzzip!
We could find a lion in the zoo
we could find the shizzling of someone's gold pan
we could find the ssssss of the frying pan

By Lily, Josie & Stella

We're sound searchers
It's just what we do
we're looking for sounds
some old and some new
We could find a barbeque
that goes sizzle sizzle
A trampoline that goes bong bong
The rain pitter patter and the washing machine
wishy washy
a person in trouble help help
the crying of a baby waaa waa
and last of all the sound of jelly wibble wobble
The snake goes ssss sssss
The T-Rex goes crunch crunch
Beep Bop all day long on the tramp
Bang bang pop goes the popcorn
the leaves go chitter chitter chatter

By Paddy-Kees & Sarah

Websites of the week

Arrowtown School Blogs

Check out the work being done by children at school, you can watch, read and listen to poetry and stories. There is also some great links to websites to support learning at home.

<http://room12arrowtown.blogspot.com>

<http://rm5arrowtown.blogspot.com>

<http://arrowsports.blogspot.com>

Dance Mat Typing

An introduction to touch typing for children aged 7 - 11 years (from the BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>

Spelling City

With games like HangMouse, Word Search, Unscramble, and Which-Word?, spelling practice might go from being your least favourite activity to something you might even do for fun!

<http://www.spellingcity.com/>

Sports

We had a fantastic day yesterday for the Yr5-8 triathlon. All the results and many images can be found online at our school sports blog (hint: if you click on the collages of photos they enlarge, you can do it twice so you get a full screen view!). All

the Ripa teams and coaches for the Queenstown tournament on March 24 are listed on the blog as well. The blog contains a calendar of all sporting dates we have for 2011, so check it out at - <http://arrowsports.blogspot.com>

Merit Awards

Week 6 Merit Awards

Alexander Turner, Abigail White, Ellie Shuttleworth, Conner McLeod, Harrison Miller, Chloe Jones, Hannah White, James Chisholm, Jak Stevenson, Louisa Ellis-Cook, Elsie Anderson, Louie Tatom-Cross, Loyal Patelesio, Sofie Arhanic, Zoe Hart, Joshua Whittington, Milly Nesbit, Patrick Llewellyn, Luke Bijl, Scarlett Buckenham, Finn Cartman, Evie Brown, Jayden Lapsley-Fowle, Claudia Watts, Kaiya Collins, Max Frew, Sophia Purdon, Louis Allen, Josh Bijl, Brigette Hoskin, Danielle Horrell, Ben Hull



ARROWTOWN SCHOOL

MERIT CERTIFICATE

Awarded to _____

For _____

Signed _____ Date _____

BORN OF GOLD

Parent Information



AT SCHOOL

A reminder that dogs are not allowed in the school grounds. Some children are not comfortable with them and the grass on the fields doesn't like their markings either!

New Entrant children welcomed to our school

Charlotte Ireland
Lola Maglaras



School Accounts

School accounts are now due. You may pay on line or by sending a cheque or cash to the school office. Please contact the school office to discuss other payment options.

Slow Down Please!

We have heard concerns about the use of Kircher Place as a drop off and pick up point. Some of the cars race along Cotter Ave and down Kircher Place at quite a speed. Children and others exit their driveway on this street and several children in the area walk down Kircher Place also.

Scholastic Book Fair

There is a great choice of books for your home library and the school receives a commission to use in our library!

Open today 3 - 4pm and Friday 8.30am - 9am and 3 - 4pm Hurry - last days



Pannikins Café Sushi Lunches

Pannikins Café would like to thank you all for a record number of sushi orders this term! – It's great to see so many kids choosing a healthy lunch option. And the new order form seems to be working very well too!

Thanks again from all at Pannikins Café P.S. did you know that we're now selling coffee beans at the café – 3 great roasts plus decafe from Venus coffee in Wanaka. We can also grind for you. And have you tried our bottomless cup of tea or coffee – only \$3.50. Sit in and have as many cups as you like!

Dining Specials in Queenstown

Early Bird menus for \$19.95
before 6.30 at Tatler and Prime

Loyalty members pay only \$10 for Tatler's \$12 lunch specials and receive 5% discount on other food and beverage purchases at both Tatler and Prime.

Join at tatler.co.nz/vip

Prime: 2 Rees Street ▪ 442 5288
Tatler: 5 The Mall ▪ 442 8372

www.tatlerprime.co.nz

The Japanese Family Society of Queenstown is looking for English books for children in Sendai. We have been exchanging children's books with a non-profit group of Sendai for the past year. And this time we would like to donate a bigger volume of books to those children who are affected by the catastrophe in the area. Donation of early readers picture books in good conditions is greatly appreciated. Books with no writing such as name or tear please. For more information, contact Mitsi 02102436915 / williamsmori-kawa@gmail.com or drop off books in Room I. Thank you for your generosity.

Community Notices & Information

Gibbston Harvest Festival Saturday 19th March - 11am to 5pm at Peregrine Winery. A great day out enjoying the local wines and foods, tickets \$15 adult & gold coin, child. Proceeds this year will go to the Queenstown Swimming Club.

Lost - in playground on Tuesday – a pink / purple Hannah Montana key photo holder which opens up to show a mirror and screen. Please return to Chloe Room 4 or the school office.

Looking for Home based Care - for my 3 year old daughter in a fun and caring environment, one day per week school hours. With some flexibility to provide additional hours occasionally. Ph Kally 027235 8033 or 4411228

Furnished House Wanted To Rent - in preferably Arrowtown or Queenstown area. Time period late June to early August preferably 3 bedroom or larger house. Professional couple in 40's with 3 children who will be joining us for part of the time only. Robynne Ph 09 525 2228 Mob 021 895 909

Queenstown Cat Rescue is an independent non profit registered charity dedicated to rescuing and caring for stray and abandoned cats and kittens in the Wakatipu District. To find out more information about what we do, you can access our website: www.qcatrescue.org.nz or join us on Facebook under Queenstown Cat Rescue.

Music Lessons

Piano, Guitar, Drums, Bass, Theory. Classical, Jazz, Rock. Lessons \$25 per half hour in full music studio close to town, in Hamilton Rd. annamareemusic@yahoo.co.nz 0212044687

Passing Wind

This is a wonderfully mad musical show for families and for school groups. It's a quirky look at how wind instruments work and how they are invented using some pretty unexpected materials.

Linsey Pollak makes bagpipes from kitchen rubber gloves, panpipes from irrigation pipe and a clarinet from a carrot - all done as we watch. Live looping is used to build funky pieces by recording different layers of sound. It's magic!

Linsey Pollak appeared at the 2007 Festival of Colour with his amazing show 'The Lab' which enjoyed sell out show for families and schools. With musical partner Graham Leak these two innovative and inventive scientist-musicians used water, fire and glass to create a symphony of unbelievable sounds.

It's on Weds 13th April at 1pm and 6pm - \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids. Adults accompanying school groups are only \$10.

Tickets are from 03 443 4162 or www.festivalofcolour.co.nz or individuals can buy them from Queenstown I site Clock tower Building with a \$2 booking fee.

Christchurch Artist – looking for temporary work space. Please phone Kim 021 038 8045.

St Peter's College 'Future boarder's Weekend' – April 9 – 10. For more info contact Jon McDowall 03 208 8241 or mcdowall@yahoo.co.nz

REAP Kid's Kitchen Class - 8 – 12 yr olds Tuesday 26 April. 10am - 12 noon or 2pm – 4 pm at Arrowtown School. \$20 for either the

morning or the afternoon class.

Chicken Pie – Roast Veges – Fruit Dessert – Homemade Icecream Theme "Cook a Family Meal"... come along and have some fun learning how to cook a nutritious meal for your family. Create a main and a dessert which are balanced nutritionally and budget conscious.

Kids get to take their meal home!

For more info or to enrol phone Tracey or Janine @ Southern REAP 0800 111 117 or 03 236 6008

New Zealand Marine Studies Centre Presents: "Fishy Iconz" Photo Competition

Why Are New Zealanders Called "Kiwis" And Not "Sharkies" Or "Spotties"?

The Sea Is All Around Us. Our Marine Environment Is 15 Times Larger Than Our Land Area, And Our Exclusive Economic Marine Zone Is The Fourth Largest In The World. No-One In New Zealand Lives More Than 120 Km From The Sea And Often The Sea Is What We Draw On For Inspiration.

Look Around You – Can You Spot Any Fishy Icons In Your Town, At Your School, In Your Home Or Perhaps In Your Wardrobe?

Take A Photo Of The Fishy Icons You See In Your Daily Life, Send Us Your Photo And Go In The Draw To Be The Lucky Winner Of:

A Free Family Pass And An Aquarium Goodie Bag

Email Us Your Fishy Icon Picture, No Later Than The 4th Of April, In A Jpeg File, No Larger Than 3mb.

Send Your Photo To: Marine-Studies@Otago.Ac.Nz And Give Us Your Name, Age, Address, Phone Number And Email. Please Also Tell Us Where You Took Your Fishy Icon Picture.

Queenstown Primary School Fair

Saturday, 26th March 10.00am - 2.00pm

Queenstown Primary School grounds - Robins Road

Guitar, Drums and Bass Tuition

With The Golden Pick & Sticks website:

an exclusive online resource which rewards your practise. Phil Harts-horn BA (HONS) PGDip Tching 03 409 8597, 021 075 0927

Email: phil@philiphartshorn.com

Web: www.philiphartshorn.com;

Web: [The Golden Pick and Sticks](#)

SkyTower Challenge Bingo Evening - Wednesday 30th March

The Arrowtown Volunteer Fire Brigade and Frankton Volunteer Fire Brigade have joined forces to tackle the 51 flights of stairs in the Firefighter Skytower Challenge in May. This fundraising evening will help to get them on their way. Venue Arrowtown Atheneum Hall 7pm Start time. \$10 Registration fee for 25 cards. Email Julie Hughes arrows@xtra.co.nz for more details or if you would like to be a sponsor or donate an item to the fundraising efforts otherwise join us on the night for a fun evening of Bingo.

Home Based Child Care Wanted - Looking for Home based Care for my 3 year old daughter in a fun and caring environment, one day per week school hours. With some flexibility to provide additional hours occasionally.

Lost at triathlon - Black icebreaker jacket, this is an adults jacket and may have been picked up by accident. It has the owners cell phone in the pocket! Please contact school or drop it to the office if you mistakenly took it home.

