

"GO FOR GOLD"



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Dear Parents and Caregivers.

School Fair

What an amazing day! Gorgeous weather, entertainment, food, a chance to catch up with people... what more could you ask for? The fair was a resounding success thanks to all the parents, staff, children, community members and businesses who supported the event in so many ways.

We have raised the very impressive amount of \$24,000 from the fair which is earmarked for improvements to the performing arts room next year.

I know just how much work went into organizing this event. A huge thanks to the PTA and the Fair Committee for doing such a great job.

Survey

Thanks to everyone who has completed the school survey. We are getting some very helpful feedback. It's still not too late to do your bit as the survey is still live at <http://www.arrowtown.school.nz/parent-survey-2011.php> until Sunday. The more feedback the better.

Class sizes

One issue that has come up from the survey is class size. It's no surprise that parents would like lower class sizes. The teachers do too. However, there are some obstacles to achieving this.

Staffing ratios are determined nationally. So we are in the same boat as other schools (except for small schools which do get some extra staffing). You can't improve much on this ratio unless you have additional classrooms and also the money to afford more staff.

In our case, we haven't got any extra classrooms so we can't make class sizes any smaller. However, we do invest as much money as we can prudently afford to employ additional part-time teachers. For example, this term we are employing the equivalent of two extra staff members to provide extra learning support for children.

Looking ahead, we are building two extra classrooms for next year. This will help us to reduce class sizes a little at most levels next year if our numbers remain as projected for the start of 2012.

Congratulations

12 of our athletes went to the Otago Athletics Championships in Dunedin on Tuesday. Standout performers were George Cameron who won the U11 high jump event and Chai Proctor who won the U12. The girls U10 relay team of Alice Robinson, McKenzie Galbraith, Nell Watherston and Isabella Jones came second in their event.

Robin Harris
Principal

Upcoming Events

Friday 25 November - Junior Assembly
Thurs 1 December - Junior Athletics
Monday 12 December - Yr8 Deep Cove Camp

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

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant." ~~

Robert Louis Stevenson

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? - SCHOOL FAIR!

Beatrice Onions & Ella Reuss



Fun at the fair.



Great to see Year 8 students getting involved



Lots of sugar to be had!



The kids products were extremely popular.

Candy floss, ice cream, face painting, horse rides and bouncy castles- Yes! That sounds like the Arrowtown School Fair! On Saturday the 19th of November 2011, Arrowtown Primary School kicked off with the most amazing fair in history!

Were you there? I bet you were!

The fair was bustling with people running from stall to stall, and children running crazy around in circles- it must have been that candy floss! The band was playing while people gathered around to listen. Because the Fair was so busy when the helicopter came there nearly wasn't enough room for it!

Congratulations to all of the children and adults that won prizes, everyone did great!

Thank you to all who helped with the fair by donating plants and seeds to the sustainability stall, clothes to the second hand stall and their skills to the face painting stall.

All in all, we raised over \$24,000!

It was a fun day for everyone- I hope you were wearing your sun screen!

P.S. Mr Harris would like to thank all of you that lined up to sponge him!

Meet the Teacher

Chai Proctor, Jamie Sage & Tess Allan

Kate Clark | Year 6 Teacher | Room 9

What are your hobbies? : Sport, Running, Reading and Socializing.

What is your favourite subject to teach? : PE and Maths.

How long have you been teaching at Arrowtown School? : My 5th year (maternity leave, 2 times).

What is your favourite thing about teaching? : Getting to know the kids, watching them learn and grow.

How many schools have you taught at before Arrowtown School? : Five.

What is something we might not know about you? : I am about to have my 3rd child (Obvious when you see me).

What do you love most about Arrowtown School? : I love the setting of the school, the staff and the kids.



Sports Report

We had some great results from the Otago Champs athletic meeting in Dunedin on Tuesday.

Chai Proctor and George Cameron both won the high jump for their age groups, Alice Robinson finished 5th in the 60m final and Harry Rodger 4th in the 100m final.

The Under 10 girls (Alice Robinson, McKenzie Galbraith, Nell Watherston and Isabella Jones) were just pipped in the relay final coming second. Well done to them and all the athletes who took part from our school.

The junior athletics is on next week, Thursday 1st December, at school. starting at 10am.

Please feel free to come and support the kids and have a picnic lunch with them afterwards. It should be a great event.

Camp dates for next year have been finalised. Please check the calendar on the sports blog for the dates of camps and other sporting events. Check it out at <http://arrowsports.blogspot.com/>

Dyslexia Support

T.A.L.K is an education/advocacy/support group, designed initially for the parents of children with dyslexia, symptomology, and the various behavioral side effects. The intention of the group is to lessen a sense of isolation amongst parents, brainstorm interactive ideas, be exposed to further educational remedies and theories, and hopefully have a good laugh at a situation that is indeed stressful!

We often bring in a guest speaker to present their theory/methodology on what they apply to the dyslexic child, in order of making headway - and have found these evenings invaluable, with the speaker being presented with a myriad of questions. Next year the group will also have some meetings where the parents are sharing what works for them, what they would like to hear about, and air some frustrations in a confidential and supportive environment. The group is open to all in the Wakatipu Basin, and currently meets once a month in the QPS Community Room - which is under the school hall. Meg Holt 442 7004 (we'll keep you informed of upcoming meetings).

Student Councillor

Since the beginning of Term 4 - Queenstown Lakes Family Centre has offered a school-based, brief intervention service to children attending Arrowtown School. Our goal is to work in partnership with the community to provide an inclusive service which strengthens children, young people and their families/whanau. Ideally, the reason for referral to this service would relate to an issue that is affecting your child's enjoyment of school, and/or you feel concerned about your child's wellbeing.

This service has been well utilised this term and it is a way of providing extra support or helpful strategies to children and families so that they can feel better about themselves and what they do. This service will continue next year.

Referral to see me can come directly from you as the child's parent, or your child's teacher may make a referral to see me with your permission.

I welcome any questions about this service. Thank you, Sarah Deering - (Phone: 03 441 4331)

School Information

"JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CERVICAL CANCER"

HPV (Human PapillomaVirus) Vaccine is offered FREE to Year 8 girls at our school. "Gardasil" is the HPV vaccine used for the New Zealand programme. Gardasil protects against the most common types of HPV that cause cervical cancer and genital warts (HPV types 16 and 18 cause around 70% of all cervical cancers and HPV types 6 and 11 cause around 90% of genital warts).

There is evidence that younger girls develop a stronger immune response than older girls.

The vaccine continues to be available FREE to older girls and for those who choose not to participate in the school based programme from their family doctor, practice nurse, Number 10 Youth Health Centre and Family Planning. Consent forms and information will be sent home February 2012.

The school based program will commence at school in late February/March 2012.

For more information please view the following websites:

www.moh.govt.nz/immunisation

www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz

Phone the HPV Team (03) 2146436 or 0800 800 249 or the Southland Immunisation Coordinator 2181949 ex 9539



Extra Information

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www.swphotography.co.nz



Community Notices

Kate Moetaua and Lisa Moore School of Drama are proud to PRESENT:

The much loved story of "THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE."

November 25th and 26th November 6.30 pm
City Impact Church, Frankton. Tickets \$15.00 adults, \$6.00 children (aged 5 - 13 inclusive), Under 5's FREE
Door Sales Available.

For Advance Bookings please contact Kate: 027 355 6729 kate@katemoetaua.com

Arrowtown Autumn Festival

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 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.

Book keeper required - for medium business in Arrowtown. Flexible hours to suit. Please phone, 0274 966 801.

Accommodation Wanted - A friendly and clean living kiwi family from up north (kids aged 5 and 7 yrs) would love to spend Christmas in Arrowtown from 24th Dec for a week. If you are willing to rent us your home whilst you are away, please call Lee-anne on 02102288678. Much appreciated!

SWIM, BIKE & RUN!

The Puzzling World Junior Challenge Wanaka Triathlon 2012 - Online entries open 7th November The Age Groups are: 6-7, 8-9, 10-12, 13-15. For more info and to enter online please check out: <http://www.challenge-wanaka.com/junior.html>

Kids Duathlon

Sunday 4 December 2011, Wanaka Waterfront 11.15am start. See <http://www.morefm.co.nz/Subway-and-MORE-FM-Kids-Duathlon-20112012/tabid/231/articleID/860/Default.aspx> for entry & details

Photo Competition

The Queenstown Lakes District Council has launched a photo competition open to all pre and school aged children in the district. They will be selecting some 20-30 shots from those sent in to feature in the three volumes of the plan including the front

covers, so it will be very exciting for the children. Even more exciting was the opportunity to win a brand new digital camera, Mayor van Uden will select the single best illustration that represents what's great about where we live. More details on how to enter the competition were available on the Council website. The competition would close on Friday 21 December 2011.

Parenting Through Separation

This is a free four (4) hour group programme for parents who are separated or considering separation. It is to help parents support their children through the difficult time of separation and highlights the advantages of parents reaching agreement for themselves in the arrangements for their children. Topics include: How separation affects children, What children need during separation, Talking with children, Talking with ex-partners about arrangements for the children Keeping children away from arguments, How the Family Court works

QUEENSTOWN: Saturday 10th December 2011, 9:30am – 1:30pm

Please Phone or Text – Julie 027 603 9931 or Email: julesq@xtra.co.nz to register. Bookings are essential

Guitar, Drums and Bass Tuition

Phil Hartshorn BA (HONS) PGDip Tching
03 409 8597, 021 075 0927

Email: phil@philphartshorn.com

Play like you've never played before.

House wanted – country or town house in or around Arrowtown for Christmas 19 – 29 December. A doctor or family from Tauranga. Would be happy to mind pets or mow lawns. Please ph Jan 442 1949

House to rent - 4 bedroom fully furnished sunny warm home (with no TV), Arrow Junction. Available 6/12/11 to 30 January 2012. \$550pw neg. Contact Mark 0274 649 161"

For Sale – Specialised Dolce girls road bike in excellent condition 27 gears. Women's XS frame. Suit young triathlete. \$300 Call 442 1773. Kid's 2 seater sofa with storage \$30 Call 442 1773

Water Polo - After a successful trial Queenstown waterpolo is now running club nights at Alpine Aqualand from 6.30-8pm every Sunday. The six week term is \$30 plus pool entry. We have U14, U17 and Adult teams formed and training. Great fun and social exercise.

The Toys Story2

Celebrate Christmas this year with a Christmas play for all the family to enjoy!

FREE ENTRY - ALL WELCOME

Saturday 3th December 6.30pm and Sunday 4th December 6.30pm. Where: City Impact Church, 3 Hansen Road, Frankton. For more info: Phone 442 3025 or email queenstown@cityimpactchurch.com