

"GO FOR GOLD"



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Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

Farewell to winter and hello spring. It's great to have sunny, warm days back.

ICAS

A number of our children have been involved in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) in the last two terms. Overall, our children have done very well and have achieved a pleasing number of distinction and credit certificates. (Refer to separate section in this newsletter for details.) The certificates will be presented at next week's assembly (on Wednesday at 12 noon) and parents are welcome to attend.

Staff news

Donna Fordyce, our executive officer, is finishing up at Arrowtown School at the end of the holidays. Donna has been at the school for three years and has done an amazing job. We wish her all the best and will be very sad to see her go.

Roadworks

Roadworks are happening on Adamson Drive at present. QLDC have been in touch with the school and want us to promote the following messages:

Please talk to your children about safety issues coming to school along Adamson Drive. Ask children to stick to the footpaths, to be very careful when crossing the road and watch out for machines reversing.

Parents are requested to not use Adamson Drive as a through road (e.g. use Centennial instead and avoid delays).

What's happening?

Zebong, a storyteller from the North Island, performed at school last week. He was very entertaining and did an excellent job of involving the audience in his shows.... We are right into athletics training for the school athletics sports which will be held on Thursday of the first week back after the holidays Junior children have had a lovely time making their floral arrangements today... We are holding a World Cup Ripper rugby tournament at lunchtimes at present.

Robin Harris
Principal

Upcoming Events

Friday 7 October - End of Term 3
Tuesday 25 October - Start of Term 4

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

"Great effort from great motives is the best definition of a happy life."

William Ellery Channing

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



Kids' Report -

Term 3 has been a very busy term this year! We had the Senior Cross Country on the 2nd August; our Winter Sports (skiing, snowboarding, ice skating and golf) for five weeks during the middle of the term; the Extravaganza; the Rugby World Cup Opening Ceremony; and we had school photos, just to name a few of the events that have been happening. For the past few weeks a group of children (from Year 6 – 8) have been working on creating movies to enter in a few competitions around New Zealand. This group is called “Digiclass”, and they have split into groups of about three or four, and each group has been working on a separate movie. One group’s movie has already been finished and sent to the Fair Go Ad Awards in Auckland. This group consists of Brigette Hoskin, Sasha Budd, Steph Arrowsmith and Georgia Budd, and their movie was an ad for cheese as that was the theme for the competition. Their movie can be found here: <http://arrowtownprimaryschool.blogspot.com> .

Five Extension Writing students have recently been lucky enough to get their poems published in the New Zealand Poetry Society Anthology, so congratulations to them (Anaru Skipper, Rosa Ellis-Cook, Josie Berliner, Chali Rain Fraser-Guy and Stephanie Arrowsmith).

Also, on the topic of writing successes, Sasha Budd has come third in a News In Education poetry competition. Well done Sasha!

We interviewed Ms. Buckenham so you can learn more about her!

Meet the Teacher

Sue Buckenham | Year 7 and 8 Teacher | Room 17

What are your hobbies?: Tramping, reading, spending time with friends.

What is your favourite subject to teach?: Writing and I love teaching my Japanese class.

How long have you been teaching at Arrowtown School?: Four years.

What is your favourite thing about teaching?: Seeing kids want to learn new things and strive to be the best they can be!

How many schools have you taught at before Arrowtown?: Three in New Zealand and a number overseas.

What is something we might not know about you?: I am related to Captain Blood who stole the crown jewels!

What do you love most about Arrowtown School?: The happy environment and the laughter.



The support continues!



Go Scotland



Gardening Season!



Kids love horticulture -
Rooms 17 & 18

ICAS 2011 - Distinction & Credit Awards

Science:

Nina Johnston - Distinction

Rafe Swan - Credit
Cameron Sanford - Credit

Computer Skills:

Nina Johnston - Distinction

Angus Frew - Credit
Ella Little - Credit

Writing:

Rose Hadley - Distinction
Madeline McLean - Distinction
Lana Stevenson - Distinction

Spelling:

Sasha Budd - Distinction

Georgia Budd - Credit
Thomas Hazlett - Credit

Lana Stevenson - Credit
Natty Raymond - Credit

English:

Patrick Sanford - Distinction
Rose Hadley - Distinction
Nina Johnston - Distinction
Ella Little - Distinction

Georgia Budd - Credit
Sasha Budd - Credit
Josie Berliner - Credit
Madeline McLean - Credit
Abbey Soper - Credit
Lana Stevenson - Credit
Jayden Lapsley Fowle - Credit
Indigo Little - Credit

Maths:

Tama Morris - High Distinction
Jayden Lapsley Fowle - Distinction
Nina Johnston - Distinction

Rafe Swan - Distinction

Finn Cartman - Credit
Indigo Little - Credit
Ben Kunath - Credit
Ella Little - Credit
Cameron Sanford - Credit
Daniel Ho - Credit
Bradley Leydon - Credit

PTA

Art / photo Calendar &
diary fundraiser.
Info and order forms
will go home with every
children tomorrow



**Distinction
Achievers!**

Memories

Intricate icicles fall sharply.
Coating her numb feet,
entwining themselves in her hair.
She swings slowly on the old swing,
blonde hair splayed across the neck of her winter coat.
Occasionally she wearily eyes
the fraying nylon rope that holds the swing,
her mind reliving the times when he would be here, too,
pushing her gently.
She blinks back tears, although they fall anyway.
She absently watches a young fledgling
running through the snow,
over fallen, dead roses
and the gnarled roots of the old willow.
It unfurls its wings,
attempting to fly.
Again she remembers old memories.
Herself, bare footed and running through spring grass,
flapping her arms about and giggling, trying to copy the birds,
as an old, wispy haired man sits on the porch,
smiling,
enjoying his last few days with his granddaughter.

By Sasha Budd

Online - Websites of the Week

Arrowtown School in Motion - <http://arrowtownprimaryschool.blogspot.com/>

A new blog that has been set up as a supplement to the school newsletter. Here all movies and shows created at school will be shown. The digiclass will be making short clips showing what is happening around school and in the classrooms. So far we have a few ski movies, a lunchtime report, the RWC opening slideshow and Room 4 learning to use the compass.

Merit Awards

Week 8 Merit Awards

Miki Williams, Abigail White, Jack Speedy, Stella Stretch, Hugo Heyward, Joshua Hall, Sydney Crawford, James Chisholm, Ansel Williams, Olivia Boland, Thomas Jarvis, Rosa Ellis-Cook, Isla Gourlay, Sean Cartman, Ella Garbutt, Mitchell Read, Reece Collin, Nina Johnston, Gabby White, Molly Richards, Evie Brown, Ben May, Jett Kyme-Harcourt, Nell Watherston, Hugo Allan, Ila Vollmer, Poppy Brinsley, Chali Rain Fraser-Guy, Chai Proctor, Lydia Linton



The image shows a merit certificate form for Arrowtown School. At the top left is the school's logo, a stylized yellow bird or leaf. To its right, the text 'ARROWTOWN SCHOOL' is written in yellow on a blue background. Below this, the words 'MERIT CERTIFICATE' are printed in blue. The form has three main sections: 'Awarded to' followed by a dotted line, 'For' followed by a dotted line, and 'Signed' followed by a dotted line and 'Date' followed by a dotted line. At the bottom of the form is a yellow illustration of a town with buildings and a church spire, with the text 'BORN OF GOLD' written below it.

Extra Information

Neil McKay - International Dyslexia Specialist

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

Please note your child does not need a formal diagnosis for you to benefit from this workshop, any parent who feels their child has learning difficulties will find this extremely informative.



ATTN: PRIVATE SELLERS - There are two types of marketing - passive marketing & active marketing. Passive marketing is holding open homes, sending out flyers or advertising in the newspaper. Active marketing, on the other hand, is literally getting on the phone every single day and personally contacting as many potential buyers as I can 25, 50 even 100 a day. You need both types of marketing to get the job done. As a private seller without a buyer database it is very hard to active market. Do you think you could get the best price for your home selling it privately????

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.

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Community Notices

Kids Martial Arts, Sports And Crafts Holiday

Programme - Daily and weekly enrolments open now. Limited to 20 per day 8.30 - 5.30pm \$30. Phone 4427192 or email jane@queenstownoscar.com for more information.

House wanted for Rent- in Arrowtown school zone, for a family currently attending Arrowtown School. Short or long term, furnished or unfurnished- We can be a flexible. We need to move prior to November 10 and have no pets and are Non smokers. Please call 021 505 423 or 442 1427 to discuss.

Arrowtown Plunket Agm - Do you like free pizza???

We'll come along to our AGM for pizza and a drink!
TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER 7.30 at the Arrowtown Plunket Rooms, Cardigan St. New committee members welcome...

Plunket \$10 portrait Fundraiser - your \$10 entitles you to a free portrait sitting & a 10' x 13' quality portrait in colour or B&W. Sunday 30 October at Arrowtown Plunket, 20 Cardigan St. Contact Lisa 442 7520 or txt 021 558 321. Please support Arrowtown Plunket.

Holiday Swim Programme - with the Wakatipu Swim School from 10th-15th Oct in the mornings and from 17th-21st Oct in the afternoons. These programmes at Alpine Aqualand offer swimmers strong consistent teaching, ensuring fast progress and great technical development from our familiar and passionate teachers Hayley and Miriam. **ENROL NOW** by emailing jane@wakatipuswimschool.co.nz or phone 027 4511161.

Term 4 Swim Programme - with the Wakatipu Swim School from Monday 24th October. We have classes mid-week at QPS, Friday's at WHS and Sunday's at Aqualand. Only 8 short weeks this term so call us now to get your swimmers book in and prepared for a long hot summer with water safety skills and a strong swimming ability under their belt. Email jane@wakatipuswimschool.co.nz or phone 027 4511161.

Scouts Free trial - Scouts New Zealand is offering a Free One Month Trial Membership to anyone interested in joining us in the adventure. Scouts New Zealand has been providing outdoor opportunities for over 100 years. We have a passion for providing young people from all walks of life with new experiences, as well as encouraging personal development and community involvement. To download a free one month trial membership simply head to www.scouts.org.nz, click 'Join Now' and fill out the details or call 0800 SCOUTS to find the local group.

Nanny/Childcare Position Available

We are looking for someone to help with childcare of our 2 year old boy. Car provided, Arrowtown area for about 20 hours per week. Please e-mail hayley@queenstown.co.nz or phone 021 367 945

Danceworks - a huge Congratulations to all Danceworks students on fantastic Modern Jazz Examination results!!! Well done to everyone! A special mention to Honours students, Annabelle Ferguson, Alyssia Nicolson, Annabelle Jones & Molly Richards!
Join Now and take part in our End of Year Show! Modern Jazz

(AJDA), Hip-Hop (BBDS), Ballet (BBO), Tap (AJDA), & Pre-school Dance Classes Exam & Recreational Classes available. All welcome. Call (03) 441 4202 OR 021 210 6124 for more information, or email lisamichelledavies@talk21.com
www.danceworksqueenstown.co.nz

Goldfields School Spring Duathlon 2011 - Sunday 30th October Registration 8am, First Race 9am
Goldfields School, Gilling Place, Cromwell
Registration: \$10 per competitor aged 5 years to 16 years. \$5 per competitor, pre-school age Registrations close: 27th October 2011 (Late registrations will be accepted on the day. Cost will be \$15 per competitor aged 5 - 16 years.)

Guitar, Drums, and Bass Tuition - *Quality teaching for over a decade.* Philip Hartshorn BA (HONS) PGDip Tching 409 8597, 021 075 0927 Email: phil@philiphartshorn.com

Puppies for sale - Beautiful black lab puppies, ready to sell in time for the October school holidays. Are 4 weeks old, 5 girls and 3 boys. Will be happy to let them go at 6 weeks on wards after 1st vaccination. Fantastic with Kids and cats. Price \$400.00 for more info about parents etc and to view call India on 03 441 2173 or 021 208 8139



Arrowtown Golf Club - Junior Training Night - every Wednesday 4pm. Starting Wednesday 28 September to 14 December (11 weeks) 4pm -5pm.
All new and existing juniors of all abilities welcome. We will have clubs available for those that need to borrow. We will also have a regular visit from Teaching Professionals to coach Chocolate Bar Challenge Each week
Junior Weekly Competition - every Sunday 9am Starting Sunday 2 October . 18 December (12 weeks)
9AM Tee off - \$2. All new and existing juniors of all abilities welcome. Come and play Arrowtown Golf Course with other juniors at this set time. Mum & Dad caddies always welcomed
Junior Membership - Full Junior playing rights
To end Dec 2011 - \$20.00. For those that join at the first training night Titleist have kindly offered to provide a new ball to you all! Loan clubs are available subject to numbers for those that would like to borrow.. A Great way to spend the spring, and get ready for the junior programme starting in 2012!

Wanakafest - Labour Weekend 19 - 23 Oct. Check www.wanakafest.co.nz to find out about all the fun activities happening in Wanaka over the weekend.

Vision for the Wakatipu - Hear your mayor, Vanessa van Uden on this topic. Lake Hayes Pavilion, Tuesday 18 October, 2011. 1.45 - 2.45 pm. The meeting is sponsored by Lower Shotover Women's Institute.

Table Tennis Table - For sale, ex. Condition, folds up. Please see Nicole in Rm4, \$100.