

"GO FOR GOLD"



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the third term, which includes crosscountry, skiing, skating, golf, extravaganza, parent teacher interviews, swimming and athletics sports. It's going to be busy. And a big welcome to our new children and our families from Auckland. We hope you have an enjoyable term.

It was great to see so many parents at the crosscountry yesterday. Congratulations to the placegetters. And don't you just love the attitude of the "also-rans" who always give their best effort, even if they are never going to feature in the prizegiving.

After School Childcare

Many parents expressed their support for an After School Childcare service at the school. We have entered an agreement with SKIDS (Safe Kids in Daily Supervision) to provide afterschool care starting from 1 September. We will circulate further information as it comes to hand.

What's happening

Our latest new entrant classroom has started up with Ms Jess Hall teaching this new class in Room 16 ... The Y6 Lions (aka Wales) ripa rugby team is off to Auckland in the weekend for the national finals....The Y3 ripa team won the provincial finals at Carisbrook today.

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews for Y4-8 children are being held 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

We have 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 (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.

Winter sports

It's "all go" for tomorrow for the first day of winter sports for Y4-8 classes. Please note that the Hood Crescent and Chalmers Place intersection gets "coned off" on ski days between 2:45 and 3:15 to allow access for ski buses only. Parents will not be able to bring their cars into the school grounds at these times.

Robin Harris - Principal

Upcoming Events

Thur 4 August - Parent Interviews

Fri 5 August - Winter Sports Yr5-8

Wed 10 August - Parent Interviews

16, 17, 18 August - Extravaganza

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'

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra.

- Jimmy Johnson

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

What's going on?

We are delighted to announce that Anaru Skipper and Rosa Ellis-Cook have had their poems selected in the NZ Poetry Society Competition. Both students were commended and will have their poems published in this year's anthology. Arrowtown School often wins places in this publication. We compete with students (mainly high school students) from around New Zealand. The standard is very high so well done to our soon to be published authors. *Wendy Clarke - Extension Writing.*



Otago Champions!
Yr3/4 Ripa Team



A supportive crowd.



The rush and chaos of a race start.



Prize giving for the Yr7 race.

Tilly

Up in the tree-house;
looking down on her kingdom,
on her golden pillow;
is the queen of all cats.
She loudly purrs,
like a rusty engine.
She shows off to all her feline subjects,
her long bushy tail whips through the warm air.
Her lynx-like ears prick up,
as she hears the familiar rattling sound
of the food bowl being filled,
echoing through the house.
Her rough tongue licks her spear-like teeth.
She springs to her feet
and leaps out of her pristine palace,
and on padded paws,
bounces over the damp,
uneven grass and into the house,
to fill her stomach with crumbling, repulsive cat-food.
She screws up her regal face,
and she proudly pads back to the tree-house
to play in her imagination again.

Rosa Ellis-Cook

The empty streets shake
The sound of falling buildings
Echoing through doors

Anaru Skipper

Meet the Teacher

Simon Wallace-Blakely

Lorraine Woodward | Year 2 Teacher | Room 15

What are your hobbies?: walking and talking.

What is your favourite subject to teach?:

Maths because there's lots of games.

How long have you been teaching at Arrowtown School?: about one year.

What is your favourite thing about teaching?: Having fun with the children.

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

What is something we might not know about you?: I've got a tap dancing teaching qualification.

What do you love most about Arrowtown School?: The people.



Year 7 and 8 Cross Country Champions



Yr4-8 Parent Interviews

Interviews start at 2.15pm and go through to 6.30pm – dates are Thursday 4 August and Wednesday 10 August. Code is 8NÜJ6

Extravaganza - Tickets on sale at the school office

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

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

SENIOR GIRLS KAPA HAKA POI REHEARSAL

Senior Girls Kapa Haka Rehearsal in the Performing Arts Room
SATURDAY, 6 AUGUST
2011 9.00am - 12.00 mid-day

Girls to please bring morning tea and drink please.

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

School Sport

What a Rippa! Congratulations to the Yr 3 and 4 Arrowtown Red team who yesterday won the Otago rippa rugby champs at Carisbrook. They didn't want to be outdone by the Yr 5 and 6 team, who won the Yr 5 and 6 division in June, and produced an emphatic display in the final winning 9-3. It was a fantastic team effort and a great experience playing on Carisbrook before it closes.

We wish the yr 5 and 6 Arrowtown team all the best for the World Cup rippa rugby final in Auckland next week. They are competing against 20 other teams from around the country and have been training hard. They are representing Wales so are practising their singing as well!

Congratulations also to the senior kids who competed in the school cross country on Tuesday. It was a fine day and there were some very impressive performances. The top 8 in each mixed group will represent our school at the Central Champs on 25th August. The results and photos are on the school sports blog.

For sports information, organisation, results, images and more please go to <http://arrowsports.blogspot.com>

Online

websites of the week

Matt Damon Speech

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0kVGsPWoiA&feature=player_embedded

Matt Damon talks about the skills that have helped him be who he is today and his teachers influence.

Did you know? Arrowtown School is on facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/page/arrowtown-primary-school/146958782037586>

We are using facebook to post share important information with our community, for instance - we post when newsletters have been placed online, to let you know images from the cross country are on the sports blog. We also use it for advising of snow day information

Comiclife - <http://plasq.com/>

The kids are enjoying using this programme at school, you can download a free one month trial, and then purchase if you like it after that. A great way for your kids to display family photos of holidays and other occasions in a fun and creative way. Versions for Mac, PC, iPads, iPods, iPhones.

Year 5 and 6 Cross Country Champions



Parent Information

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

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



Give your child a head start

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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!!

Supported by fantastic interactive online activities at Babelzone – for use on PCs or Interactive Whiteboards. Email now to enroll

Ph: (03) 4420075
Nathalie@lcfclubs.co.nz

SCHOOL FAIR

You are warmly invited to come along to a meeting to really get the ball rolling towards the big event!

When: Thursday (4th August)
Where: School staffroom
Time: 7.30pm

All suggestions and ideas much appreciated. Hope to see you!



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



Dearly Beloved but Missing

I am very worried about my missing ukulele. It is dark blue, with a dolphin shaped bar.

If you can help Nina, please contact
timy@arrowtown.school.nz

Help Us Please!

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NEEDED!

- Oversized hoodies yellow, or orange mens ripped punk rock shirt. Michael Jackson clothes, hat, gloves etc Please contact karenn@arrowtown.school.nz, thanks Rm7
- Bow ties any colour any pattern. Please contact joelleh@arrowtown.school.nz, thanks, Rm9



Important Extras

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Sushi Lunches

Don't forget to place your Term 3 sushi order with us at Pannikins café. (we have extra forms at the café- and remember every order goes in the weekly draw to win a famous Pannikins hot chocolate - yummy

Community Health Nurse Visits for Term 3

Karina Anderson will be at Arrowtown School on the following Tuesdays this term – 23 August, 6 and 27 September. You can contact her at other times on 442 0431.

SCHOOL FAIR!

Community Notices

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Lost – special, and very expensive, Irlen reading glasses. They could be mistaken for a pair of sunglasses as they have blue tinted lenses. They have a brown frame with what looks like rugby balls on the arms of the frame. If you have found these please bring them into the school office.

Found – an orange Pumpkin Patch boys jacket – size 8. Phone Sally 409 8188.

Needed – portacot and high chair required. Good condition. Please phone 442 1773.

Arrowtown Pre School Open Day - Friday August 19. from 2.00 – 4.00 at Arrowtown Early Learning Centre 114 Cotter Ave. & Arrowtown Pre School, Cnr Durham & Caernarvon St. Come along and see what your community Early Childhood

Education Centres can offer your child Bring your pre-schoolers, meet our teachers and engage in our environment.

Learn to Skate classes are starting up at the Queenstown Ice Arena on Wednesday August 10th! Both weekday and weekend sessions available. Call Rachel at (03) 441 8000 or email **Music And Drama Tuition** - Individual and solo lessons available in Voice, Piano and Drama (including Performing Arts, Musical Theatre, Speech and Drama, Communication Skills, English immersion) by an experienced and qualified teacher. Phone Jenny 4425226 or 0273007871. Guitar tuition available from an experienced musician Phone Thomas 4425226 or 0277278253 info@queenstownicearena.co.nz.

Kate Moetaua School of Drama

Our teachers have space available on most days for "Explore Drama " Classes for children Age 5 up to Year 8 in Queenstown.

Nurture the performer in your child and help them discover their confidence through Drama.

On Fridays we have space in our Boys Drama Class Age 10 - 12.

Come and Join Us for Term 3!!

Contact Kate 027 355 6729 or

www.katemoetaua.com

Arrowtown Village Association Inc.

To all existing and intending Members :-

It is now time to register your interest and renew your Membership in the ARROWTOWN VILLAGE ASSOCIATION INC. We appreciate your participation in the affairs of Arrowtown and remind you that your annual subscriptions are now due for renewal.

Please contact Committee members Val Couper on : 021 482 984 / valerie.couper@raywhite.com : or Bob Farrell on : 442 0484 / bob.farrell@xtra.co.nz to obtain an application/renewal form.

Help us maintain an active, vibrant community that we can all enjoy.

Arrow Café - 8 am – 4 pm 7 days. Come and try our fresh sandwiches and rolls. Breakfast and lunch served daily from 8 am – 3 pm. Daily specials ranging from scones and muffins, free range chicken soup and gooey Anzac caramel slice. Under new management so watch for our new menu coming soon. Great book swap & Wi-Fi. Flight Centre travel consultant on site Tuesdays & Thursdays.