

Welcome to a new format.....that hopefully everybody has the time to read.

The newsletter is a very important form of communication between the centre and families and we are keen to know whether this format makes it easier to take the time to read. Please vote "YES" or "NO" to let us know if you do read the newsletters. If you would prefer we didn't send the newsletter by email then send a request to remove you from the mailing list. Remember to also add us as a "safe sender" OR into your address book. Then there should be no problems viewing any of the content. *Really hope this works!*

It had come to our attention that some families don't read the notices and therefore didn't know what days we were closed during Easter & Queens Birthday. Please make a note that the next date we will be closed is Labour Day on Monday 25th October. Unless of course we get a huge dumping of snow that forces us to close. Our policy regarding closure due to weather conditions is: *"if the other "schools" close then we also close"*. This policy is displayed on the notice board if you would like to familiarise yourself with all the details.

Our Teachers Only Day was really successful. Thank you to Wayne & Mandy Enoka, from Te Wanaka Lodge & Wanaka Selection accommodation, for the use of "The Warren" (which we can highly recommend). Our facilitator was David Spraggs, and he has inspired our creative minds. We look forward to rolling out changes that focus on critical areas of development in your child's learning. *(Please don't be afraid to ask us lots of questions.)*

A big thank you to Pip & Daphne for helping out while Elizabeth was away in Japan. Now that she is back we have lots of new ideas for creative menus. If your child has a preference about what they would like to have for lunch, then talk to Elizabeth. What would 'YOU' like to see your child eating during their day at AB's? Our menu planning is designed around what has been tried and tested and is successful. But we do always have the recipe books out and we want lots of involvement from the families. Remember there is no problem to cater to children's various dietary needs.



This fantastic prize
Has just had to be withdrawn.
Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Committee news

Cheese rolls

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. We sold 546 dozen and made \$2,420-. Feedback from the community has been really positive. We are especially grateful to the wonderful parents who helped on the day. This money will be spent on another drop down shade panel.

The next committee meeting will be on Thursday 14th July. 7.30pm at the centre. You are all welcome to attend.

After the last committee meeting, we can confirm the committee positions are as follows:

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| Chairman...Wayne Chamberlain | Repairs & Maintenance....Phil Pendlebury |
| Vice Chairman...Elanor Herd | Human Resources....Ainslie Gemmell |
| Secretary...Maree McElrea | Grants....Lesley Stevenson |
| Treasurer...Simone Speck | Publicity officer...Kylie Cameron |

Fundraising sub committee...Kelly McLaren, Karen Backhouse, Sandra Tamblyn, Simone & Maree.

After 3 committed years as our treasurer, Karen has resigned to pursue other interests. Karen, thank you so much for all your hard work. We will miss your wisdom and advice at the regular meetings.

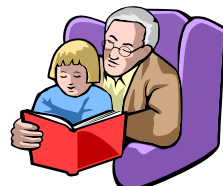
Community news

Thank you to "ALICE" for our new dress ups.



Do you regularly visit the recycle centre? We need a go-to person to be our eyes and ears for resources or to occasionally drop off items.

Do you know about the "grandparenting in schools" program? This is a fantastic community initiative that we would love to support. So many tamariki don't have their grandparents in Wanaka and it would be really nice to fill this void. So, if you know of any grandparent aged adult that could call in once a week to read and tell stories to the children, please encourage them to come and see us. In exchange for their valuable time we would like to shout afternoon tea.



Wanaka Dental Clinic is having an open day on 23rd June, 10.00am – 4.00pm. The clinic is located in the Wanaka primary school grounds at 11 Ironside Drive. The new purpose-build one-chair clinic will provide free dental care for all children, from pre-school age up to 12 years old, who live in Wanaka and the surrounding areas.

What else is news?

This month we said "Happy school days" to Jaime, Evie & Kaia who have graduated to Wanaka Primary school. Welcome to our new children: Daniel, Holly, Celeste & Tadeo and their families. We want our centre to feel like a second home for you and your whanau and have an open door for any queries.

Frankie is still away in France and the children were very excited to receive her postcards. She will have so many wonderful stories to share when she returns in July. Over the next couple of months we have Tash, Tracey, Jen, Jemma & Becca taking annual leave (at different times of course!). Therefore Helen will continue to be a regular teacher and Marijka will be helping out with relieving. It seems to be a busy time for holidays with lots of families also away. Hopefully our whanau boards will be full of snapshots of happy travellers having a wonderful time. Hopefully for those of us that aren't going away, we will have photos of us enjoying the "SNOW"!

Welcome to Rosie the guinea pig, who is our new companion for Bubbles. Rosie is about 6 months old and was kindly donated by an Oamaru breeder.



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Thank you for being a "friend of AB's".

Well done to Tracey & Richard. We are so proud of your 7 awards.



We still require a repairs and maintenance volunteer to help us out around the centre? Even if you can only help sometimes, every little bit is appreciated.



"Community centres can only succeed with community support."

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