



# Windley School

E tipu nga rakau iti

29 January 2018  
Week 1 Term 1

Kia ora te whanau

Nga mihi koutou o te tau hou. Naumai haere mai te whanau hou. Naumai hoki mai te whanau tawhito. Happy new year everyone. A special welcome to our new families and welcome back to our old families.

This year will be about consolidating our work from last year. Our teachers worked hard building work habits and expectations with the students. We are building further on these to consolidate the work from last year. Some of our teaching systems and processes have changed as we adapt to the changing world of education. We will no longer be reporting student achievement in relation to National Standards. We will still be reporting at least twice per year but in relation to year levels.

**Example;** Your child is a year 3 working successfully at year 4 then we will say your child is above year level and working at year 4. If your child is working at year 2, then we will say your child is below their year level and working at year 2.

All of the assessments and the gathering of evidence to show where your child is working is still the same.

Rhys McKinley

## STAFF NEWS

Welcome to Kathryn Bradley and Gina Pearson. Kathryn has returned to teaching after two years of working with teachers in the Cook Islands about catering for special needs students in their classes. She will be teaching year 7 and 8 in Room 4.

Gina has had many years teaching at Levin East School. She comes with interest and skills in Digital Technology. She is teaching year 5 and 6 in Room 3. Both are very experienced teachers. Please introduce yourself to them when you see them. We will have a powhiri for them tomorrow at about 11am in the school hall.



Gina



Kathryn

## STUDENT NEWS

It was great to see the students arriving this morning. Again a special welcome to our new students, Zahleen Turua, Arona Willis, Ryan Macdonald, Exodus Chappell, Renaye Bradley, Brooke Ngatupuna, Gafua Taaau, Jah-zarne King-Cameron, Theodore Taing, Tyromeson Leota, Savannah Papalii, Jordan Heke, Lara Wan, Evan Tui, and Omar Alkak These students will also be welcomed tomorrow at 11am.

## **REMINDERS**

### **Visitors**

All visitors are to come to the office to sign in.

### **Hats**

Each child needs a hat to wear during term 1. No hat, no outside play. We have sunblock as well available for arms and legs.

### **Drink bottles**

The days have been very hot. Your child needs a drink bottle so they can have water when ever they like. All classes have access to water and we have water breaks to keep your child hydrated and alert during these hot days.

### **School gates**

The Hampshire Street gate is closed to vehicles from **8.30am to 9.00am** every morning and again from **2.45pm to 3.15pm** every afternoon. This is for the safety of our students. If you find the gate locked after you have entered please be patient and wait until it is reopened before attempting to go out. The Mungavin Avenue gate is closed from **2.30pm to 7.30am** every day.

### **Absences**

Last term was our best term for attendances. It was the highest attendance we have ever had. The year 5 to 8 students in particular had very high attendance. Let's make this term even better. Research shows that the students who attend school the most do better in their learning than others.

### **Term dates 2018**

Term 1 starts Monday 29 January ends Friday 13 April

Term 2 starts Monday 30 April ends Friday 6 July

Term 3 starts Monday 23 July ends 28 September

Term 4 starts Monday 15 October ends Wednesday 12 December