



8th February 2018
Week 1 Term 2

Kia ora te whanau

Talofa,

I hope everyone had some family time with your children and grandchildren during Waitangi Day. I saw some of our Windley School families at the foreshore on Tuesday enjoying the Waitangi Day celebrations. It was great to see waka out on the harbour. Congratulations to Porirua City Council for having so many things for our tamariki to do during Waitangi Day. It shows that Porirua City Council is always thinking about our young children. The day reminded me of our own vision;

E Tipu Nga Rakau iti.

“Grow up little trees” refers to the school and community nurturing the young to be strong, participate and contribute to our community. Trees tend to grow in groves. They get their strength from being part of a group of trees. Trees that grow alone will often fall when there is stormy weather. Groups of trees support each other and will stand up to storms better.

Words that can be used when describing our vision - Nurture, care, cherish, healthy, love, aroha, support, holistic view to learning (social and emotional, situational, responding to the needs of all students.)

Rhys McKinley
PRINCIPAL

Student News

During the first two weeks the students have been finding out about other class members and the teachers and teacher aides who work in their class. This is an important part of knowing who you are working with and how others in your class best learn. As part of knowing others in our class we are also finding out where our families come from. This is part of who we are and who the people are that make Windley School what it is today.

Your child may come home and ask about the family. This gives you a chance to talk with your child about who they are. Stories from the past are very important to share with your children so they get a deeper understanding of themselves. Many of you already do this. If you haven't shared a story about your life, now is a good time to do that.

Staff News

This term there will be a paid union meeting for our teachers. This means we will be asking you to collect your child at lunchtime, before 1.30pm. All our teachers are union members so all teachers will be attending the union meeting. We will have the principal, a relief teacher, and some teacher aides at school to look after children who have to stay at school. The date has not been confirmed yet. I will let you know of the confirmed date as soon as we know.

REMINDERS

Family Fun Night - Thursday 8th Feb 5pm

Come along for some fun and games at 5pm. Meet your child's classroom teacher and teacher aides at 6pm. For those who are interested in chromebooks there will be a meeting in the library at 6pm also. New families will have a chance to meet other Windley School families. There will be 3 meat pack raffles, a sausage sizzle, games and music.

Hats

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



Drink bottles

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

Breakfast Club

There is breakfast club everyday from 7.30am to 8.30am in the school hall. Parents or grandparents are also welcome to come to breakfast club and share a meal with your children. Breakfast Club is also a social event for families to sit around a table and eat and talk about family things. If you would like to volunteer at breakfast club please phone Yvonne in the office on 2377095.

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

Calendar of events

| Date/time/where | Event | Other information |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 8-16 March CC Pool | Y7&8 swimming | \$8 per child |
| 5pm 27 th Feb - staffroom | Board of Trustees meeting | |