



21st March 2018
Week 8 Term 1

Kia ora tatou,

Thank you to all families for your co-operation during Monday's teachers' paid union meeting. We would not be able to release our teachers to attend without your co-operation. Thank you again.

One day last week we had only 6 students away from school. This is an exceptional attendance record for our students. The national average for attendance in 2016 for Term 1 was 92.9%. Our attendance last week was 98%. Research shows that students who attend school regularly have a much greater chance of success in the schooling system and gain higher qualifications. Our senior students (Years 5-8) lead the way with our highest attendance across all terms and they often are above the national average. High attendance is a very good habit to get into and prepares our students well for work when they leave school. Employers put a high value on attendance.

Rhys McKinley
PRINCIPAL

Student News

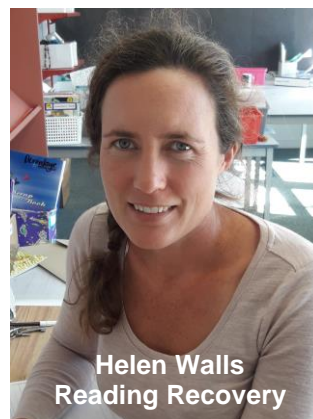
Our students are taking more control of their learning so we are starting to set long term goals with them. The students' families also know their children's strengths and weaknesses. Therefore the school would like to meet with the families and the students to set some long term goals for this year. A notice will come out soon with date and times to meet with the teacher. Talk with your children about setting goals. They will already have some idea about what they need to do to improve their learning.

Staff News

Our school has many part time teachers. They are an essential part of our teaching and learning. You may have seen some of these teachers around our school without knowing what they do.



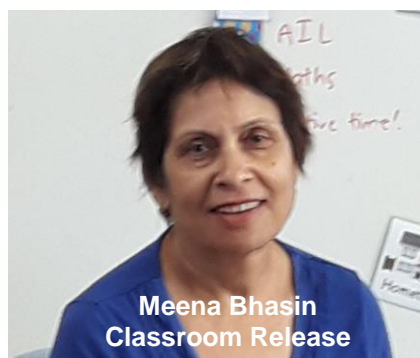
Katie Gill
Classroom Release



Helen Walls
Reading Recovery



Jenny Moylan
Specialist Teacher



Meena Bhasin
Classroom Release



Katrina Paterson
Reading Recovery



Annie Bowden
Classroom Release

Reminders

Easter

A reminder that the Tuesday after Easter (3rd April) is also a school holiday. There will be no school that day or on Good Friday (30th March), and Easter Monday (2nd April). The end of Term 1 isn't until 13th April.

Swimming (Canons Creek Pools)

Swimming is part of the NZ Curriculum and we would like all children to take part. A requirement of our Physical Education curriculum is to provide our students with opportunities to learn basic and fundamental swimming skills. **Cost for juniors:** \$5.00 per child.

Dates

Year 1-4 Wednesday 21st March, Thursday 22nd March, Tuesday 27th March, Wednesday 28th March, Thursday 29th March (half hour each session).

Year 7&8 Immunisation Dates

Wednesday, 28th March 2018 Boostrix – 1 Dose Year 7 Boys and Girls

Wednesday, 28th March 2018 Gardasil – First Dose Year 8 Boys and Girls

Wednesday, 26th September 2018 Gardasil – Second Dose Year 8 Boys and Girls

Please return signed permission forms as soon as possible if you haven't already.

Breakfast Club

There is Breakfast Club every day. It starts at 7.30 and finishes 8.30. Breakfast Club is also a social event for families to sit around a table and eat and talk about family things. Parents or grandparents are also welcome to come to Breakfast Club and share a meal with your children.

If you would like to volunteer at Breakfast Club please phone Yvonne on 04 237 7095.

School Gates

The gates are closed in the mornings just before school starts and in the afternoon just before school finishes. The reason for the closures is to make it a little bit safer for our students walking to and from school. The students often walk along the driveway in the morning and after school.

This newsletter is also available on our Facebook Page 'Windley School – official' and by email. Please contact us if you would like it emailed to you.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

The notices below are not connected to the school. Contact the school office if you would like a notice included in the newsletter.

Youthark Trust runs a successful **after school care program** at our school. Please phone 0800026644 for more information.