



Windley School

E tipu nga rakau iti

24th May 2018

Week 4 Term 2

Salam Alaikum,

Our school is made up of many cultures. We celebrate many of these cultures during language weeks and other cultural events. This is the time of the year that our Muslim families observe Ramadan. For us, this means that some of our students don't eat or drink while at school. At Windley School we are respectful and mindful of this when we are eating our lunch and doing exercise which requires water afterwards. Our diversity is one of our strengths. By understanding and celebrating our diversity we are preparing our students to be SET for Life.

Rhys McKinley

Student News

It is very important that children attend school everyday. Students who have high attendance also have,

- High achievement
- Better relationships with friends
- More contact time with their teacher
- Improved social skills

Families whose children have low attendance, under 85%, will receive letters from the school. The first letter is a warning about your child's absences. If it continues, a second letter starts a process that means, if the attendance is still low, the Social Workers in Schools will investigate why your child is not coming to school. If it is still low after that then Truancy will investigate, then the Police and Oranga Tamariki Ministry for Vulnerable Children.

Visit to Brandon Intermediate



Daymond took our Cook Island drummers to Brandon Intermediate recently so the two schools could share their talents with each other. This was a fantastic opportunity to build positive relationships between them. A big thank you to Daymond, and Whaea Shirley and Whaea Jordan for the experience.

Samoan Language Week

Next week is Samoan Language Week. There will be lots of activities. Fanau involvement is welcomed and encouraged. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

Staff News

Our Deputy Principal, Jacki Newell will be away for the rest of this term. Please see Mrs Kupa or Mr McKinley as they will be picking up Jacki's essential work.

Teacher Paid Union Meetings

On **Wednesday June 27** all teaches from Windley School will be attending a paid union meeting at Te Rauparaha Arena. The teachers will be leaving school at 1.30pm to arrive at the meeting by 2.00pm. Therefore, the Windley School Board of Trustees is asking for all students to be collected **at 12.30pm** on this day. For those who are unable to do this, we will have some teacher aides staying behind to look after your child in the library. A separate notice will be coming home closer to the time.

Parent News

For the safety of our students we close the Hampshire Street gate before school at 8.30am and open it when the bell goes at 8.55am. We do same at the end of the school day from 2.45pm until 3.15pm. This is so our students can walk up our drive without cars driving by them. The same applies to parking on the footpath and in front of the gate. Some of our students are small and are not easily seen when cars are backing or parking.

Be safe by parking on the road

SET for Life

As part of our SET for Life skills we include service/Whakaritenga mahi.

Service is about our students helping out others by;

- helping classmates
- doing jobs when asked
- helping others when they are stuck
- supervising a younger student
- doing jobs for the class, school and community
- Helping others achieve success

Board News

Kia ora Windley Whanau, The Windley Board of Trustees is made up of a group of Windley parents, a staff representative and our principal. Together we help Windley school at the governance level. The board has worked hard on school policies and developing structures that help the principal and staff to do their jobs in teaching our children to be S.E.T for life! This was recognised by ERO in their recent review of our school and the board would like to thank all staff, volunteers and the families that help make Windley School what it is.

Regards

John Wolff, Windley School BoT Chair

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Calendar of events

Date/time/where	Event	Other information
Mon 4 th June	Queen's Birthday	School closed
Weds 13 th June	School photos	Envelopes will go home later
Weds 27 th June	Paid Union Meeting for teachers	Students go home at 12.30pm