



# Windley School

E tipu nga rakau iti

27 September 2018  
Week 10 Term 3

Salam Alaikum,

It has been a very eventful term. Students have been experimenting with a variety of science ideas. They have been testing theories and are making conclusions around what they know from the science work they have done. It is important to challenge your children about their thinking and learning. This gets them thinking about learning and how they can improve.

The term break starts at the end of this week. I hope you get some time to enjoy something special with your children - perhaps a walk, a play at the park, a day at the beach or a visit with family. Families are busy places and it is difficult at times to find enough time to relax with children.

Rhys McKinley  
PRINCIPAL

## Student News

The Year 7 and 8 students had a sports day on Wednesday. They were all put into mixed teams and played a number of games. It was great fun and enjoyed by all. They were great SET for Life role models for the other students at our school.



## Waka Ama

Waka ama is a popular program that our Year 7 and 8 students enjoy. It teaches them about themselves and builds confidence in who they are and what they can achieve. Thanks to Ora Toa for all their hard work with our students. Here are the recent graduates.



## WATER ONLY SCHOOL

A reminder that water and plain milk will be the only drinks we can have at school from Term 4 onwards. The school will actively discourage all other drinks.

## SWIMMING

Don't forget that Year 1 to 6 students will be swimming in Term 4. Please pay the \$5 per child towards this as soon as possible. A timetable will be sent home at the start of next term.

## Staff News

Congratulations to Jay Fisher (Rm 2 teacher). Jay and his wife Crystal have had a baby boy. The family are well and enjoying their newborn. We wish the family well and hope to see Jay back at school soon. Jay's class is excited about the new baby and have been writing cards of congratulations as well.

## Parent News

### Affordable wifi. 30 gigs of data for \$10 a month

Spark Jump is an arrangement where chromebook families can have internet access of 30 gigs for \$10 per month using a top-up card system. The first 2 months is free. The children will have their chromebook linked up and other devices in the home can also use it.

Te Mana o Kupe Trust is a partner to this deal so the school has modems available for you to have. The first preference is for families who don't have internet at all but if you are paying too much and you don't need unlimited data then this is a great deal for you. Inquire at the office.

## Reminders

- Check out the lost property displayed in front of the office
- All students must wear a hat when outside during Term 4

### *Board News*

*Kia ora Windley Whanau,*

*During the year our Principal, Mr McKinley, presents reports to the Board on student achievement across the whole school in the 3 important subjects of reading, writing and maths.*

*Though there are challenges, the data in these reports show steady improvements overall this year and the Board want to acknowledge the work of the school staff and students.*

*Kids' learning doesn't stop at 3pm and we encourage families to engage tamariki with their reading, writing and numbers at every opportunity.*

*Regards*

*John Wolff Windley School BoT Chair*

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