



18th October 2018
Week 1 Term 4

Fakalofa lahi atu,

Welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to our new families. I hope you all had some family time with your children during the term break. The teachers were busy with new learning in Literacy, Maths and Digital Technology during their term break. Our teachers work hard to make sure we are delivering the most up to date strategies and knowledge so our students are getting the best from our teachers. It is important that students get the best learning so they can grow up to be SET for Life.

Rhys McKinley
PRINCIPAL

Student News

Each term the teachers choose two students from their classes who have worked hard on the SET for Life skills all term. These students are often very good role models for others to follow and be inspired by. It seems that choosing just two students from each class is becoming more and more difficult because there are so many of our students who are becoming SET for Life in each class. This is a good problem for us as these students are our leaders across the school and help support others who are still learning the SET for Life skills. Here are the term 3 SET for Life students.



Several Windley girls were in the team that represented Porirua in the BBNZ U13 Central Regional Championships held at the Walter Nash Centre. The Porirua team played Wellington in the final and won!

Congratulations to the team including Windley girls Saydez, Alexis, Alice, Reaneeta, Eevana, Chelsea, Jhardia and Jaidyn.



Staff News

Welcome back to Yvonne. Yvonne has had a knee operation and is now fit and well back in the office. It is great to have her back.

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 and 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.

NILS and Step UP Loans

Vaka Tautua is a Charitable national "by Pacific for Pacific" health and social service provider operational since 2007. They have since partnered with The Good Shepherd, BNZ Bank and MSD offering people living on a low income access to affordable loans that will not hinder their financial stance but more to help them get out of debt as they progress. Like many loans there are criteria to apply for one. **There will be a meeting for families who are interested in Step Up loans at 6.30pm Wednesday 24th October in the Windley School Hall.** This will only take 15-20 minutes with a window of 10 minutes for questions should you have any.

RAAYS

This is a process that all Porirua East Schools use to encourage students to attend school. The RAAYS process sometimes means that you will receive a letter about your child's attendance if it is low (85% or less). Most of the time it says in the letter to come in and talk with whaea Hoki or myself about ways of improving your child's attendance. Usually the child's attendance improves. If it doesn't improve then the Truancy Services will visit and work with you to improve attendance. If it still doesn't improve then Oranga Tamariki become involved.

School/Class Trips

Almost all the extra activities and trips your child goes on are partly paid for by the school. This means when we ask for \$2 for an activity, it usually costs \$4 or \$5. We might charge \$8 for swimming but the real cost is \$20. Sometimes we get funding but not often. Sometimes the school subsidises all of the cost, such as the hangi meal. Please try to pay for trips and swimming to help us cover costs.

Break in

Thanks to the Police for arresting the young people who broke into our school. It was also caught on camera and the young people were easily identified. Thanks again to the police for their quick response. Thanks also to the neighbor who reported it to the police. This shows that our community cares for our school during out of school hours.

Reminders

- All students must wear a hat when outside during this term.
- We are a water and plain milk only school.
- Monday 22nd October is a public holiday (school is closed).

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