



Windley School

E tipu nga rakau iti

30 January 2019

Week 1 Term 1

Kia ora te whanau

Nga mihi koutou o te tau hou. Naumai haere mai te whanau hou. Naumai hoki mai te whanau tawhito. Happy new year everyone. A special welcome to our new families and welcome back to our old families.

The start of our school year has been very hot with little cloud and lots of sun. I saw several students arrive at school with sunburn. When it is very hot, we make sure the students are;

- Wearing their hat outside
- Drinking plenty of water
- Sitting or working in the shade where possible
- Inside as much as possible
- Covering themselves with sunblock

Drinking water regularly helps the body cool down and activates the brain for learning.

Rhys McKinley

Staff News

We have been very fortunate this year with staffing. We have started the year with no new staff. All of our staff are already familiar with the school and students and their families. It has made for a very smooth start to the year.

Student News

We will be having a powhiri for new students and their whanau on Monday at 9.20am in the school hall. Although we follow Ngati Toa tikanga, we use students for the karanga and whaikorero. We try to support students to lead as much as possible. Supporting students to be leaders is part of our SET for Life skills at Windley school.

Swimming

We are lucky to have swimming lessons every year for all students. It is a life skill. New Zealand has many rivers, lakes. Most of us are either in or on the water over the summer time. Please encourage your child to participate in the swimming lessons.

Family News

All families are welcome to **Meet The Teacher on Tuesday 5 February at 5pm.** This is a great opportunity for families to meet the teacher and each other. Find out what sort of things your child will be doing this year. It is also a good opportunity to ask some general questions about the schoolwork and class organization. There will be a sausage sizzle and cool drink for families.

**Meet the teacher
5pm Tuesday 5 February
Windley School**

Reminders

Hats

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

Drink bottles

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

Visitors

All visitors are to come to the office to sign in.

School gates

The Hampshire Street gate is closed to vehicles from **8.30am to 9.00am** every morning and again at **2.45pm to 3.15pm** every afternoon.
Mungavin Gate is closed at 3.00pm

Stationery

It is cheaper to buy stationery from the Warehouse or similar places than to purchase it through school. Therefore we will not be selling the starter packs of stationery but will sell replacement stationery during the year. Stationery lists are available from the office.

Term dates 2019

Term 1 starts Monday 28 January ends Friday 12 April
Term 2 starts Monday 29 April ends Friday 5 July
Term 3 starts Monday 22 July ends Friday 27 September
Term 4 starts Monday 14 October ends Wednesday 11 December

Calendar of events

Date/time/where	Event	Other information
Monday 25 Feb	Board of Trustees Meeting	Held in Staffroom
Wednesday 6 March	Goal Setting evening for teachers and families	Time to be decided