



20th March 2019

Week 8 Term 1

Salam alaikum,

Our hearts go out to the families who have been affected by the terrorist attack in Christchurch last Friday afternoon leaving 50 people dead and many critically injured.

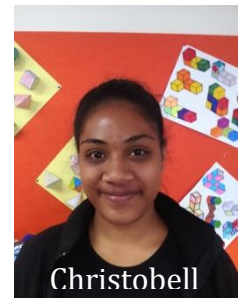
We had a special assembly on Monday in remembrance of the loved ones that died from our Muslim community. We send our thoughts of love and peace to the families who have been affected by this tragedy.

This may have affected your child. Some children will want to talk about the way they feel and others won't. For those who do want to talk, please listen and reassure them that they are safe.

Rhys McKinley
PRINCIPAL

STAFF NEWS

Welcome to Christobell Paulo. Christobell is a teacher aide at Windley School. She mainly works with the teachers and students in Rooms 5, 6 and 7.



Christobell

STUDENT NEWS

All schools are considering how to support students after viewing disturbing video footage from the Christchurch terrorist attack on social media e.g. Facebook. It is illegal for anyone to share videos such as the Christchurch terrorist attack. If students have viewed the video and are struggling with what they have seen it is likely they will require additional support. Agencies that can provide free support include Youthline, Need to Talk and Kidsline. Netsafe encourages parents to proactively discuss with young people what they should do if they come across distressing content online. Further information is available at netsafe.org.nz/upsetting-content

If parents have questions relating to this incident or other distressing online content they can contact Netsafe for free and confidential advice at netsafe.org.nz or call 0508 NETSAFE.

Windley School has some agreements in place through the Kawa of Care agreement to prevent viewing disturbing online videos among our Chromebook students and their families.

Student commitment:

- I will only use my Chromebook in a kind, positive and helpful way, respecting others, especially when on social media sites.
- I will make sure my parents know what I am doing and what sites I am on when I am at home.
- I will only use my Chromebook where my caregivers can see me.

Family commitment:

- I understand the recommended age to open a Facebook account is 13 years old. I will oversee my child's Facebook account. Any issues that may arise with my child, I will be responsible for.

FAMILY NEWS

It concerns me that some of our under 13 year old students are on Facebook. **The statement below was taken from Facebook:**

“Facebook requires everyone to be **at least 13 years old** before they can create an account”

This statement was taken from the Fortnite game:

“It is **not suitable** for persons **under 12 years of age**”

There are other playstation games that have age limits. Please check the games your child plays.

There is a seminar about keeping your child safe on the internet for all families. I recommend that someone from your family attends.

Venue: Corinna School Hall

Date: Wednesday 3 April

Time: 6.00pm

Lockdown

The tragedy in Christchurch is a reminder that when our school is in lockdown, all students and all adults at the school have to remain at school until the police or the Ministry of Education lift the lockdown. We cannot release students or staff until after the lockdown has been lifted.

Even if parents come to pick their children up during the lockdown we cannot release them.

THANK YOU TO OUR NEIGHBOURS

We have cameras around our school for security reasons. The footage has helped us and the police solve issues around people hurting each other, burglaries and vandalism. The best security though is our neighbours. Many times they have contacted me to let me know that there is suspicious activity at school. Thank you to the people who watch out for our school and care for our community.

Calendar of events

Date/time/where	Event	Other information
Monday 25 March 5.00pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Held in the staff room
Wednesday 3 April	Year 7 and 8 Immunisation	At school
Friday 12 April 3pm	Last day of term 1	
Monday 28 April 8.55am	First day of term 2	

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.
- Barnardos Early Learning provide high quality education and care for children from 6 weeks to 5 years. If you would like to become part of their team, and work from home as an Educator, please text or call Claire Pavitt on 0272014165 or email claire.pavitt@barnardos.org.nz