



2nd April 2019
Week 10 Term 1

Kia orana,

This term, our teachers are fully engaged with updating themselves with best practice in writing. We have learnt to use a new assessment tool to help us focus on next steps for learning, both for our teachers and students. We have had experts supporting us in the classroom as well as through Professional Development during the holidays and after school. Your children's teachers have been really focused and have worked hard all term to make sure your children have every opportunity to learn new skills and practise them.

Writing is a very difficult skill to learn. There are many complicated ways of putting forward a simple message. The students use writing to convey a variety of ideas. Writing is also a very powerful way of influencing others and telling our stories. The students have produced some pieces of work that are incredibly complex and moving. There are a number of these on walls around the school. Next time you are in school, look for these around the classrooms. Stop and read them. You will be moved too by the work the students have put into their writing.

Rhys McKinley
PRINCIPAL

STAFF NEWS

Welcome to Louise Mammen. Louise is an interpreter who has started working at Windley School. She speaks several languages and has helped us a huge amount with our Spanish speaking families. She is a great asset to have to support our students in their learning and our teachers with their teaching. Thank you so much Louise. Welcome also to Petra Ikenasio. Petra is an ex-pupil who is now working in Room 13 supporting the students and teacher. Please say hello if you see them around the school.



Louise



Petra

FAMILY NEWS

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 3rd April

Time: 6.00pm

STUDENT NEWS

What Now winner

Congratulations to Joshua Wolff. Joshua entered a video competition on 'What Now' about getting to school. He won the competition. Check out 'What Now' and video that Joshua put together. Great job Joshua!

SET For Life Certificates

It is very encouraging to see whanau attend the SET For Life assemblies on Friday mornings. Please join us for a cup of tea in the staffroom after assembly. Here are our last SET for Life students.



Reminders

All students except those who are involved with sport or music practice need to go home straight after school. It is important for all students to get permission from their family before coming back to school to play. The teachers do not supervise the grounds after school. Most of our staff have meetings they need to attend. There have been a large number of students hanging about and causing issues. We cannot take responsibility for your children on the school grounds unless they are in a practice or game taken by our staff.

School Disco



GLOW IN THE DARK

When: Friday 5th April

Time: 5.30- 7.30pm

Entry fee: \$2.00

Windley School Hall

Selling food and drinks

Proceeds will go towards the Year 7/8 school camp



Calendar of events

Date/time/where	Event	Other information
Wednesday 3 rd April	Year 7/8 Immunisation	At school
Friday 5 th April 5.30-7.30pm	School disco	In the school hall
Friday 12 th April 3pm	Last day of term 1	
Monday 28 th April 8.55am	First day of term 2	
Mon 4 th Nov-Fri 8 th Nov	Year 7/8 camp at El Rancho	\$80 per child

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