



30th June 2020

Kia ora te whānau,

Kei te tata mai te wā o Matariki. Ka puta mai nga whetu o Matariki i te rangi. He tohu nga whetu o te tau hou Māori.

The time is near for Matariki to appear in the sky. This signifies the start of the Maori New Year and a new beginning. It is a new beginning for school as well. This term has been very long and had many interruptions during the Lockdown. The students and staff have had lots of changes that they have had to adapt to, often with very little warning. Thank you for being so co-operative during this time.

Matariki is a new beginning for us as a school as well. We will start our Term 3 rested and ready to start fresh.

Student news

There is more and more online engagement with students. Online is where you can get lots of useful information and catch up with friends and whānau. It is also the place where our students can get into lots of trouble. The Department of Internal Affairs with Netsafe and the Office of Film and Literature Classification is about to launch a 'Keep It Real Online' campaign. The campaign will support parents and caregivers to reduce the risks of online harm such as cyber-bullying, inappropriate content, pornography and grooming. Parents and caregivers can find information including tips on how to have conversations with their kids at www.keepitrealconline.govt.nz.

Skinny Jump

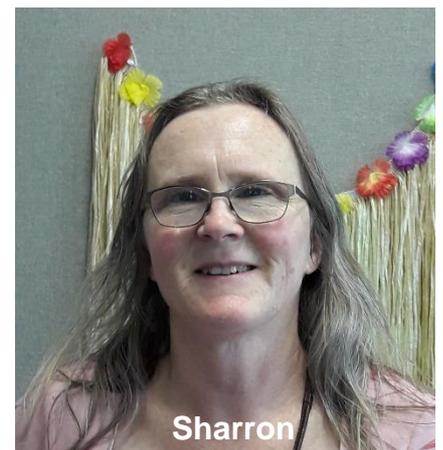
These are a great way of getting some internet without paying lots of money every month. It is limited in so far as it is prepaid (like phones). You get 30Gb for \$5 and you can prepay up to \$25 per month for 150Gb. Just see Kay at school to find out how to join.

Chromebooks

Windley School encourages all Year 5 to 8 students to buy their own chromebook through Te Mana o Kupe Trust. If you are Pasifika and have not used Whānau Ora to buy one yet, you might be able to get a chromebook for free. Just see Yvonne at the office. She can help you apply for a free chromebook if you are Pasifika and have not used Whānau Ora to purchase one yet. These chromebooks would be yours to take home every night and you can keep these when you leave school. Great deal. The Ministry of Education chromebooks that have arrived (and are still coming), belong to the school and are only for use at school now we are out of Lockdown.

Staff News

Windley School has had a large number of unexpected enrolments recently. This means we have had to employ a Fixed Term Teacher until the end of the year. Welcome to Sharron Bowers. Sharron is employed in the Year 1 and 2 area of the school to cater for the increased enrolments. Sharron works closely in a team of teachers with Sharee MacDonald and Helen Walls. Sharron, naumai, haere mai ki waenganui a matou. Welcome to the Windley School whānau.



Whānau news

If you are already connected to the internet, good. If you are not connected, you will be soon. Someone from an internet company will be in touch with you to make a time for you to be connected. Windley School is receiving wireless modem routers to be given out to our families who don't have them. Each one we get has a family name on it. When we get your wireless modem router we will contact you and make arrangements for you to install it in your home. You will also receive free internet for 6 months. We expect to be issuing these next week.

Puberty Education for Year 7 and 8 students

There is a meeting at Windley School on Wednesday 1st July at 5pm for all families of Year 7 and 8 students. At the meeting you will find out what your child will be taught and be able to ask questions about puberty education.

Sickness

Please remember to keep your children at home if they are unwell. This is the time of the year when flu, coughs and colds are about. School is a great place to spread these, so please keep your child home if they are unwell. Just remember to contact the school to let us know your child is sick.

Free COVID-19 tests

All COVID-19 testing is free. There is no charge.

Term 2 break

During the term break there will be lots of construction happening at Windley School. There is safety fencing around the construction site. Please remind your children that the fenced off construction area is out of bounds.

Facebook

We have had several students ask to join our school Facebook group but, as Facebook requires everyone to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account, we decline any requests from students under this age. Some classes have their own separate Facebook pages for whānau to work with their children but the adults need to be the ones logging in.

If you haven't joined our Facebook group yet, please search "Windley School – official" and one of our Administrators will add you. It is a great way of keeping up with what is going on at school.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui

Rhys McKinley
PRINCIPAL

Calendar of events

Date/time/where	Event	Other information
Friday 3 rd July	Last day of term 2	Finish at 3pm
Monday 20 th July	First day of term 3	Start at 8.55am

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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VAI

Next term, Windley School will be using our VAI graduate profile to recognise students' efforts and give students certificates in our assemblies.

PORIRUA EAST GRADUATE PROFILE

Tangatawhenuatanga is our respected foundation. Support connects the learning between schools and homes in our place, Porirua East.



VOICE "EVERYONE HAS A VOICE THAT CAN CHANGE THE WAY THINGS ARE"

- Have the courage to have your say
- Believe in yourself to fight for future generations
- Make changes in the family, community and world
- Communicate with others and hear their opinions
- Give back your learning to others

ACTION "LEARNERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

- Surround yourself with supportive adults and friends
- Take control of your learning
- Achieve useful skills in useful subjects
- Adapt to different environments and ways of learning
- Feel confident to participate within your group, team or pair
- Think critically
- Let others expand your learning
- Put yourself in a safe environment

IDENTITY "KNOW WHO YOU ARE. BE WHO YOU ARE. SHOW WHO YOU ARE"

- Know your roots
- Keep the culture strong
- Know where you stand as a learner
- Keep healthy in well-being
- Use all your languages
- Respect everyone else's beliefs
- Have strong mana