



# Windley School

E tipu nga rakau iti

10<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Week 2 Term 1

Tēnā koutou,

Ngā mihi o te tau hou. Happy New Year. I hope all families got to have some whānau time over Christmas and New Year. Last year finished very well with our VAI assembly acknowledging progress and improvement from our students. There was a large number of whānau there as well which really lifts the event and gives it mana.

The same happened at the pōwhiri on Monday. Many whānau came to support our students who were stepping up to be leaders at the pōwhiri for the very first time. I was so proud of the effort our students had made, and the support you gave them. Thank you.

Rhys McKinley  
PRINCIPAL

## STAFF NEWS

Ngā mihi nui ki ngā kaiako hou. Welcome to our new staff. Please introduce yourself to our new staff if you get an opportunity.



Kelly Hamilton



Nineta Nimo

**Kelly Hamilton** has been working in early childhood and has a young family. She will be working alongside Sharee in Room 17 and will be moving with a number of children when Room 17 student numbers grow. This makes for a much smoother transition for the students.

**Nineta Nimo** has worked as an assistance teacher in Samoa then moved to New Zealand a few years ago. She has worked as a reliever at Holy Family where her children attend school. She is in Room 16 with Year 1 and 2 students.



Melissa Miller



Repeka Kome

**Melissa Miller** has returned to this area after working overseas and has taken up a new career in teaching. She has strong family connections to Porirua East. Melissa is teaching Year 1 and 2 in Room 15.

**Repeka Kome** has worked in our school before as a tutor in Ko Wai Au. Repeka is an ex-Windley student and many of her whānau have attended or are still attending Windley School. She is teaching Year 7 and 8 in Room 3.

## STUDENT NEWS

### Sun Smart

Although wearing sunhats at Windley School is not compulsory, it is highly recommended by Windley School and the Cancer Society to wear a hat that covers the face, ears, and neck when out in the sun. Windley School has shade areas and sunblock for all students and we also open the library most days for students so they don't have to stay outside in the sun.

### Camp

The Year 7 and 8 camp is from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March at El Rancho in Waikanae.

### Lockdown

This 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 a lockdown we cannot release them.**

## WHĀNAU NEWS

### School Picnic

**All families are invited to come to a picnic and swim on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February at the Waikanae Pools.**

The Windley School Board of Trustees is paying for the whole school and our families to travel on buses to the Waikanae Pools. The buses will be leaving at 9.30am from Windley School on the day and we hope to return by 3pm. Come along and join in. There will be a free bus for parents and whānau. We will have a free sausage sizzle and the students will have their usual free lunch. It should be fun. This is also a time to get to know your child's teacher.

### Staff Only Day

**Windley School will be closed for instruction on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

This day is a day when the Porirua East Kāhui Ako staff from all schools meet to learn about ways in which we can improve teaching and learning for our students. The school will be closed on this day for all students.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole school trip to Waikanae Pools	Whānau can come on the bus
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Next Board of Trustees meeting	5pm in the staffroom
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Kāhui Ako staff only day	School closed for instruction
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April to Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays	School is closed.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term 1	School finishes 3pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	First day of Term 2	School starts 8.55am
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Queens's birthday	School is closed
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Staff only day	School is closed for instruction.

# 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