



18<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Term 2 Week 3

E te whānau, nau mai hokimai ki te kura o Winiri.

This term started very well with our usual powhiri for new whānau. Our kaikaranga (callers) and kaiwhaikorero (speakers) were exceptional first up and without practice. I am always impressed with our students knowing what to do and when to do it when it comes to whole events like powhiri as we follow Ngāti Toa tikanga. Our leaders truly show their Voice, Action and Identity when we are welcoming new whānau. This is what Windley School do (our tikanga) as part of our commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi. Te Reo Māori is another Treaty commitment that Windley School does. We have māori karakia, waiata, himene, haka, panui (notices around the school), powhiri and some Te Reo Māori as part of our everyday language.

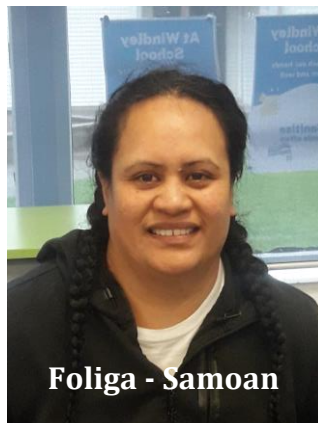
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## STAFF NEWS

This term is also the term that Windley School is trialing our new language programme for Pacific languages. As our response to the Ministry's Pacific Education Plan and National Education Learning Priorities, Windley School has employed Tongan, Tuvaluan, Tokelauan, Samoan, and Cook Island tutors to work alongside our teachers to deliver some Pacific languages each week. If this is successful, then we will apply to the Ministry of Education to continue this through to 2022 and perhaps 2023. We are still looking for a Māori and a Niue language tutor. Please contact me on 0211338707 or the office if you know of anyone who is keen to share their pacific language with our students.



Ana - Tokelauan



Foliga - Samoan



Metua - Cook Island

## STUDENT NEWS

### Lockdown

Windley School practised Lockdown (dangerous intruder) last week. This is a very important practice in case there is a dangerous situation in or near the school. 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.**

## Swimming

This is a life skill that every person in New Zealand should have. Many of our students are either in, on, or near water at some time during the summer. Windley School students are currently involved with water confidence and swimming at Cannon's Creek pool. It is important for all students to learn this life skill. One day they may need to use it to save themselves or someone else.

**Check when your child's swimming times are and encourage them to participate.**

## WHĀNAU NEWS

Thank you to all the families who attended the goal setting evenings at Windley School. Students who have their whānau involved with goal setting and learning tend to do better and be more successful at school. We have report back interviews at mid-year (Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June). It would be great to see how well your children have progressed towards their goals. Goal setting is another important life skill as well. It gives students voice and action, and develops their identity as learners.

## Staff Only Day

**Windley School will be closed for instruction on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June.**

This day is a day when the Windley School staff learn and develop and improve our knowledge and skills for teaching.

## BOARD NEWS

Windley School Board of Trustees had a workshop during the holidays. It was about the Board's rights and responsibilities as governors of Windley School. The workshop confirmed that the Windley School Board of Trustees is strategically focused on improving student success and following the National Administration Guidelines for Education. The Board also learned about National Education Learning Priorities and how strategic plans align to these.

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Notes
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Samoan Language week	Whole school activities. Notice to follow
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Holiday	School is closed for instruction.
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Staff only day	School is closed for instruction.
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Goal setting interviews/report back to families	Both after-school events. Notice to come
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Matariki. Māori New Year	Whole school activities. Notice to come
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 2	3pm finish