



Windley School

E tipu nga rakau iti

2nd June 2021
Week 5 Term 2

Malo e lelei

This week is Samoan Language Week. We had an opening assembly with a prayer, the Samoan National Anthem, and siva. We had 8 students represent Windley School at the Samoan Speech Competition at Porirua College on Tuesday – Adoryah Tuipe’a, Florence Mafuolo, Esther Fretton, Tuvale Afa, Prayton Fiso, Matthew Mafuolo, Janet Fretton, and Shekinah Sofai. Thanks to their families who work hard to support their children. Thanks also to Porirua College for hosting the event. All stood proudly and delivered excellent speeches in Samoan. Florence Mafuolo came 2nd in the Year 5 and 6 category. Congratulations!

Rhys McKinley
PRINCIPAL



Florence

STAFF NEWS

Tutors

We now have a Tongan language tutor for Mondays and Fridays. Windley School is privileged to have Cook Island, Samoan, Tokelauan, Tuvaluan and Tongan language tutors for all our students to learn language and culture. The teachers and teacher aides learn as well. The feedback after just six weeks has been very encouraging.

Farewell

Sandra Findlay has retired from her Windley School Library duties after being the Librarian at Windley School for 23 years. Her farewell was a moving moment for all students and staff. She has had many other librarians come to her for advice and guidance about managing a school library and she has trained hundreds of student librarians during her time as well. Sandra will be back every now and then to train Nicolle who is taking over as librarian. Sandra will be missed dearly by all those who have been through Windley School. It feels very different walking into the library and not seeing Sandra in charge. The whole school wishes her well in her retirement.



STUDENT NEWS

Mud Run

This is a great event for those that like adventure and doing something different. We had 22 students participate this year which is more than we have ever had attend before.



Swimming



Swimming is almost over. This is a life skill that every person in New Zealand should have and 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 as one day they may need to use it to save themselves or someone else.

World Day For Cultural Diversity

The Windley School Cook Island drummers performed at the Greater Wellington Regional Council's **World Day for Cultural Diversity**. According to the organizers, the Windley School Cook Island drummers were the highlight of the day.



VAI Awards

Voice "Everyone has a voice that can change the way things are."

Action "Learners make a difference."

Identity "Know who you are, show who you are, be who you are."

Here are our VAI Award winners from last week.



STAFF ONLY DAY

Windley School will be closed for instruction on Monday 21st June.

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

PAID UNION MEETING

On Wednesday 23rd June Windley School teachers will be attending a Paid Union Meeting from 1.30-3pm. This means Teacher Aides and a couple of teachers will be managing all students for the afternoon. Although the school is not closed, families who want to collect their children can do so from 12.45pm (lunchtime). If you do collect your children please let the teachers in charge or the office know. The older students can go home as long as there is someone at home to care for them. Please fill in the attached form and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Notes
Sunday 30 th May to Saturday 5 th June	Samoa Language week	Whole school activities
Monday 7 th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday	School is closed for instruction
Monday 21 st June	Staff Only Day	School is closed for instruction
Monday 21 st June	Board meeting	5pm in the staffroom
Wednesday 23 rd June 1.30-3.00pm	NZEI Teachers paid union meeting	You can pick up your child from 12.45pm
Tuesday 29 th and Wednesday 30 th June	Goal setting interviews/report back to families	Both are after school events. Notice to come
Friday 2 nd July	Matariki. Māori New Year	Whole school activities. Notice to come
Friday 9 th July	End of Term 2	Finish at the usual time of 3pm

I give permission for my child/children to walk home at 12.45pm on Wednesday 23rd June. There will be someone home to care for them.

Child's name _____ Room _____

Child's name _____ Room _____

Child's name _____ Room _____

Child's name _____ Room _____

Parent/Caregiver's name _____

Signature _____

Date _____